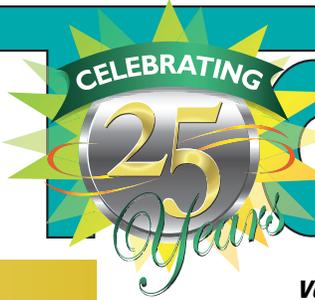


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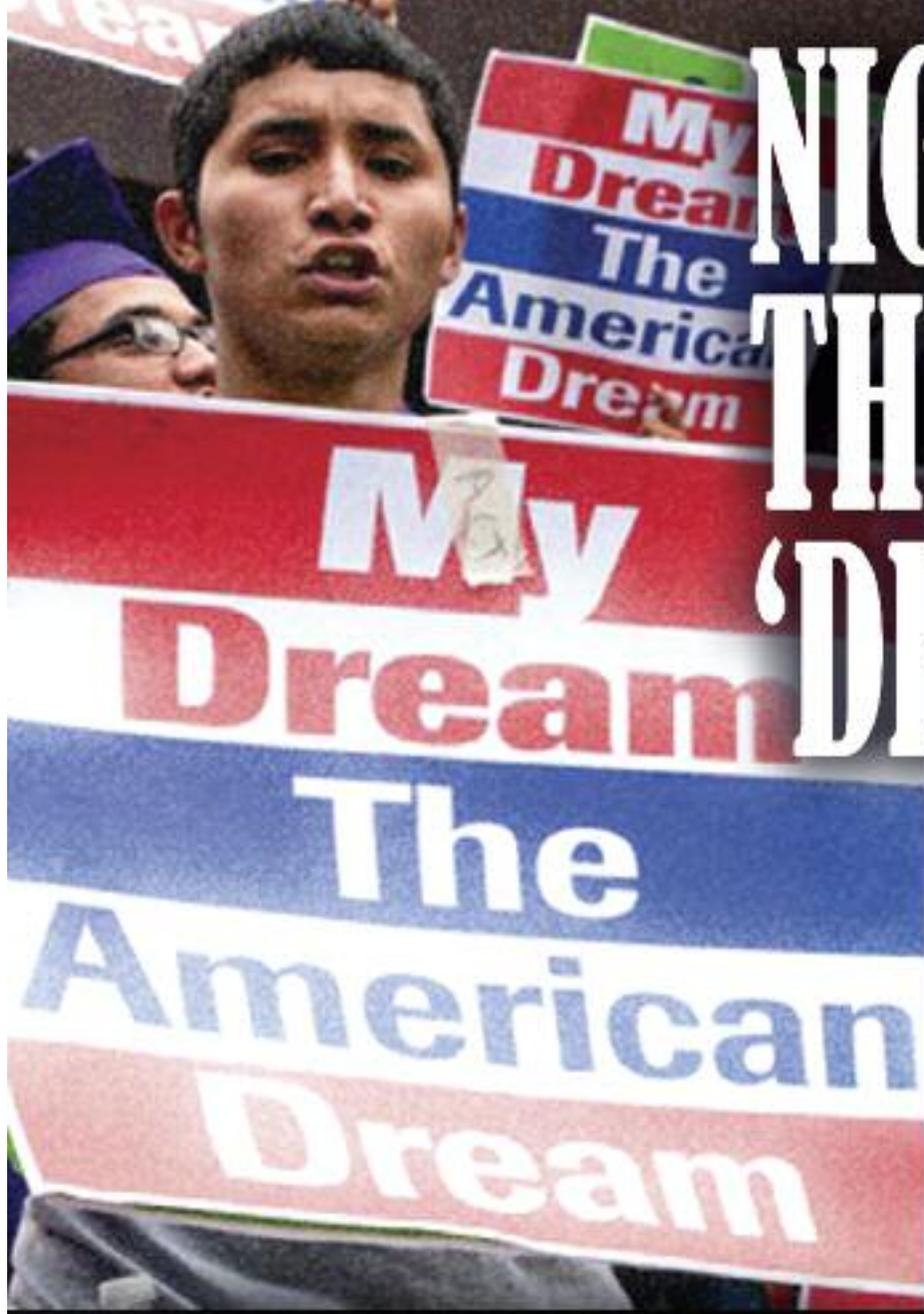
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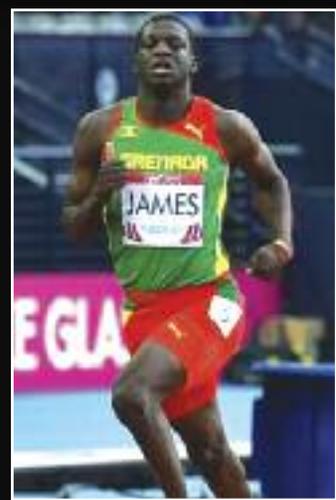
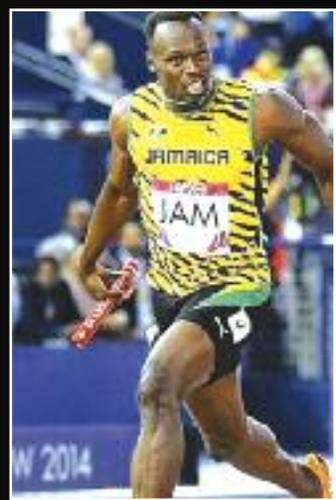


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NEWS



Bitter political battle brings threat to deport Caribbean 'Dreamers' from U.S.

A fierce debate over the flood of children illegally crossing the United States-Mexico border spawned a plan to deport half million undocumented immigrants - many from the Caribbean - brought to the U.S. to pursue the "American Dream".

Some observers believe reaction to the plan by Republican lawmakers, which exposes "Dreamers" to deportation risk, could dramatically shape the way Caribbean Americans make their decisions at future polls, starting with this year's primary elections and culminating with the 2016 presidential ballot.

"(Republicans' plan) is an onslaught on any form of immigration reform in the U.S.," said Irwine Clare, Jamaican-born managing director of New York-based Caribbean Immigrant Services.

"... These (Dreamers) are people who are obvious contributors to the social and economic systems of the U.S."

On Aug. 1 members of the Republican Party, who hold the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, voted overwhelmingly to take deportation risk protection from the so-called "Dreamers". The final tally was 216 to 192. Four



Clare

Democrats supported the bill and 11 Republicans voted against the measure that would end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy and make over 550,000 undocumented

youth already in the U.S. vulnerable to deportation.

EXEMPT

"Dreamers", including Caribbean nationals who came to the U.S. as children through no fault of their own but were made exempt from deportation as long as they meet certain criteria, were among those targeted by House Republicans. According to Clare, it confirms Republicans continuing rejection of immigrants from the region.

"First and foremost, understand the Republicans are consistent," said Clare. "This has been their mantra - unapologetic and consistent."

The move to eliminate DACA, counted among key

policies implemented by U.S. President Barack Obama, was added to a House Republican bill which the party claimed would address the border problem that has resulted in some 57,000 unaccompanied minors, mostly from Central America, illegally crossing the border since Oct. 2013. The final Republican \$694 million funding bill earned the wrath of Democrats, especially since it was passed late Aug. 1, just before House members were scheduled to leave Washington, D.C. on vacation.

"Only cowards scapegoat children and only those who are ashamed of themselves do it after hours on a Friday

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Caribbean investment advisors plead guilty to laundering, concealing funds offshore ~ U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) says two Caribbean-based investment advisors and an attorney have pleaded guilty to laundering and concealing funds in offshore bank accounts.

The DOJ said Joshua Vandyk, a U.S. citizen, and Canadians nationals, Eric St-Cyr and Patrick Poulin, pleaded guilty to conspiring to launder monetary instruments in the Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands.

The DOJ said Poulin, 41, Vandyk, 34, and St-Cyr, 50, were indicted by a grand jury on Mar. 6, and the indictment was unsealed six days later after the defendants were arrested in Miami.

According to the plea agreements and statements of facts, Vandyk, St-Cyr and Poulin conspired to conceal

and disguise the nature, location, source, ownership and control of property believed to be the proceeds of bank fraud, specifically \$2 million. Vandyk, St-Cyr and Poulin assisted undercover law enforcement agents posing as U.S. clients in laundering purported criminal proceeds through an offshore structure designed to conceal the true identity of the proceeds' owners.

'COMMITMENT'

"This investigation highlights the Justice Department's commitment to worldwide enforcement of federal laws designed to ensure that U.S. taxpayers fully disclose and report all foreign income and assets," said Deputy Assistant Attorney General Ronald A. Cimino of the Justice Department's Tax Division.

"The Tax Division is com-

mitted to using every tool available to hold these wrongdoers accountable," he added.

U.S. Attorney Dana J. Boente, for the Eastern District of Virginia, said the three defendants "played a shell game by creating offshore entities designed to help their US clients evade taxes and other legal requirements, and they used that same shell game to launder purported criminal proceeds.

"We are committed to working with our law enforcement partners to penetrate and combat these schemes wherever they occur," he added.

The three men were scheduled to return to court at a later date for sentencing.

- Edited from CMC.



U.S. arrests 'most wanted' Antiguan in Florida

MIAMI, Florida - The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) agency says its Enforcement

and Removal Operations (ERO) officers last month arrested an Antiguan national who was one of their most

wanted fugitives.

Dorn Vacklyn Webster, 53, was arrested when police in Florida identified a vehicle and found him inside.

ICE said Webster is a convicted felon, with a 1985 second-degree murder conviction in the U.S. Virgin Islands and two convictions in Florida - one in 2001 for fraud and one in 2002 for burglary.

Webster had been on the ERO's most wanted fugitives list since January.

"A convicted murderer and one of our most wanted fugitives, Mr. Webster is in custody awaiting removal from the United States," said Michael Meade, acting field office director for ERO Miami.



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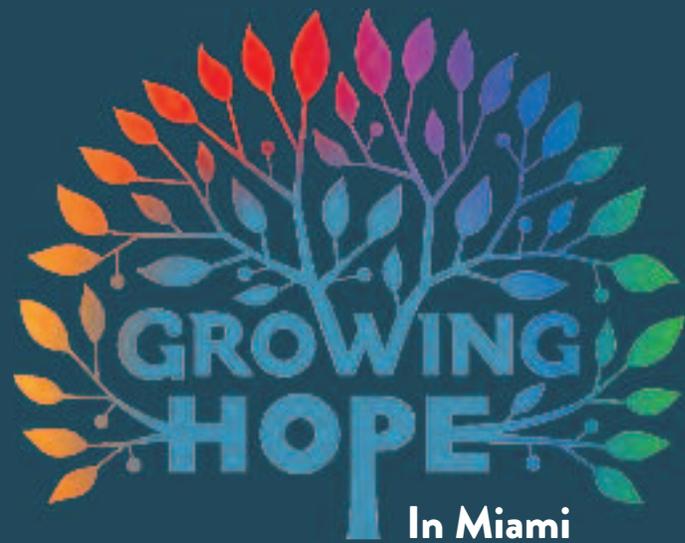
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U.S. nabs Jamaican American with cocaine in her underwear

NEW YORK – A Jamaican national faces federal narcotics smuggling charges after she was detained last month at the John F. Kennedy International Airport with cocaine with a street value of more than \$30,000.

The United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) said the drugs were seized in the handrails of a suitcase and in the underwear of the passenger, identified as Taneshia Walker, who is also a U.S. citizen.

CPS officers said when they searched the luggage on July 13, officers noticed that the handle rails were not operating properly and that on closer examination found a white powdery substance that tested positive for cocaine. Officers then conducted a personal search revealing an oval-shaped object wrapped in

latex concealed in Walker's underwear.

PROSECUTION

They said nearly four pounds of cocaine were seized during the investigation.

Walker faces federal narcotics smuggling charges. She will be prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in the U.S. Eastern District Court of New York.

"CBP remains ever vigilant in protecting the United States from the distribution of these dangerous drugs, our officers are constantly adapting to various concealment methods employed by these smugglers," said Robert E. Perez, director of CBP's New York Field Operations.

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An oval-shaped object wrapped in latex (was) concealed in Walker's underwear.

Woman charged in death of Guyanese mother of four in New York

NEW YORK – Prosecutors here have charged a 42-year-old Brooklyn woman with killing and dismembering a Guyanese mother of four who was a tenant in her uncle's building.

Late last month prosecutors charged that Leah Cuevas, 42, who lived in the same Brooklyn apartment building as the victim Chinelle Latoya Thompson Browne, 27, scattered her remains across Long Island, a New York City suburb. Cuevas was ordered held without bail.

Prosecutors said Cuevas stabbed Browne in the neck and torso repeatedly during a



Browne



Cuevas being led away by cops on July 24.

her fight with Cuevas. Three days later, her remains were found in Long Island. Her legs and torso, which bore a tattoo that helped police identify her, were found in a municipal parking lot less than a mile from Cuevas's sister's home, prosecutors said.

heated argument in her apartment in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn on July 5. Cuevas reportedly killed Browne because the young mother refused to pay her \$200 for electricity.

Browne, who migrated to the U.S. a year ago, was reported missing July 5 after

Suffolk County Homicide detectives nabbed Cuevas with the help of the U.S. Marshals' New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force.

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'Unconscionable' Haitian fraudster arrested for stealing Florida funds for cancer screening

TALLAHASSEE, Florida – The owner and operator of the Haitian American Association against Cancer in Miami has been arrested for stealing nearly \$300,000 intended to help screen Haitian American women for cancer.

Florida's Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater said between 2011 and 2013

Jacques Albert Calixte provided fraudulent bank statements and payroll checks to the Florida Department of Health in order to receive payments. He also said Calixte provided information about clients who never received treatment, complete with fabricated healthcare clinic reports.

Calixte, doing business as the Haitian American

Association Against Cancer, was found to have spent as little as \$16,000 for client screenings in 2011, Atwater said.

"Stealing state funds intended to help prevent a vulnerable population of Floridians from suffering the consequences of cancer is unconscionable," he said in a statement released July 23.

Jamaican woman faces five years in prison for marriage fraud

TAMPA, Florida – The United States Customs and Enforcement (ICE) agency says a Jamaican woman has been found guilty of marriage fraud by a U.S. federal jury.

ICE last month reported that Nerene Erica Harrison, 32, of St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. Her sentencing hearing is scheduled for Oct. 23.

Harrison was indicted on Nov. 13, 2013, along with Robert Kenneth Scott Cruz.

According to testimony and evidence presented at trial here, Harrison came to the U.S. in 2007 on a temporary work visa. After her visa expired, Harrison offered Cruz, a U.S. citizen, \$6,000 to marry her.

They were married Aug. 15, 2011 and subsequently

petitioned for Harrison to receive lawful permanent resident status based on the marriage. Cruz, who pleaded guilty Mar. 27, also faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. A sentencing hearing has been set for Nov. 11.

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Judge denies police union intervention in stop-and-frisk

NEW YORK – A United States federal judge has denied a bid by police unions to intervene in the stop-and-frisk case involving minorities, including Caribbean immigrants, paving the way for New York City's settlement over the controversial practice to proceed.

In a 105-page ruling on July 30, Judge Analisa Torres found the 11th-hour bid by various police unions to get involved in the long-running litigation was "untimely." She said the groups didn't have the standing to get involved in the court fight between the city and the plaintiffs, who said their constitutional rights were violated by the New York Police Department's (NYPD) use of stop-and-frisk tactics in its policing.

The unions' challenge was the biggest roadblock to enacting a settlement reached between the plaintiffs and the Bill de Blasio administration earlier this year, overhauling the way the police use the tactic and agreeing to a court-



de Blasio

appointed monitor to make sure those reforms stick, according to the New York Daily News.

'MAJOR STEP'

de Blasio said the judge's decision to formally approve the settlement to resolve the stop-and-frisk litigation is "a major step in our efforts to repair police-community relations." The bitter court fight between the plaintiffs, minorities who'd been stopped by cops, and the previous city

administration of Mayor Michael Bloomberg resulted in a blistering ruling by Manhattan Federal Court Judge Shira Scheindlin last August.

Scheindlin found the NYPD had abused the practice, resulting in an unconstitutional "policy of indirect racial profiling." An appeals court later booted Scheindlin off the case, but her ruling was used as the basis for the settlement by the de Blasio administration that was announced in late January.

The deal calls for retraining officers on the use of stop-and-frisk, and a pilot program for officers in some precincts to wear body cameras.

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NYC approves ID cards for Caribbean immigrants

NEW YORK – New York City Mayor, Bill de Blasio, has signed legislation to create a municipal identification card for Caribbean and other immigrants living in the city, including undocumented persons.

"Even for those who already have IDs, we're going to make sure that this card brings a lot to the equation, a lot of benefits that will go with it," said deBlasio, whose wife Chirlane, traces her roots to Barbados.

"But for those who don't have ID, it's going to be crucial," he said when signing the new law last month.

Although de Blasio originally wanted the ID card law to roll out before the end of the year, it's now scheduled to launch in January, the New York Daily News reported. The mayor assured undocumented Caribbean applicants for the new ID card that they will not be asked about their immigration status.

'COMFORTABLE'

"We want all New Yorkers to feel very comfortable working with the police," deBlasio said. "We want them to be very able to identify themselves to the police and do it in an atmosphere of safety."

"This is going to play a crucial role in deepening the relationship between police and community, including a lot of our immigrant communities," he added.

City Councilmen Carlos Menchaca and Daniel Dromm, who sponsored the measure, said it would allow a large section of the city's marginalized populations to receive benefits and access to simple services like opening a bank account or renting an apartment.

Officials said the ID card will be free of cost during the first year, adding that there will be walk-in enrollment centers, along with online applications.

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'We have a responsibility to demonstrate compassion toward these children' ~ Clarke

NEW YORK - Caribbean American Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke has urged colleagues in the United States House of Representatives not to eliminate basic legal protection for children in attempting to resolve the humanitarian crisis in which more than 50,000 children are currently detained.

"I believe we have a responsibility to demonstrate

compassion toward these children, who are entitled to due process of law in their immigration hearings," said Clarke, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, who represents the 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn, New York.

"Many of these young women and young men might be eligible for asylum, available to anyone who has suffered per-

secution or has a legitimate fear of persecution," added Clarke.

"These children should have access to legal advice and an opportunity present their claims for asylum," she continued.

"I am prepared to support President (Barack) Obama's plan to improve security at the border and to expedite the processing of the unaccompanied children before immigration judges, with the protections that our Constitution requires."

DUE JUSTICE

Clarke said most of the children are from Guatemala,

Honduras and El Salvador, where hundreds of children have died as a result of gang violence in recent years. Under a law intended to prevent human trafficking, children who arrive at the border of the U.S., from nations other than Canada or Mexico, are allowed to have a hearing with immigration enforcement authorities to apply for asylum.

Clarke said the supplemental appropriations package proposed by Republicans, would weaken – and in some instances eliminate – basic protections for child victims of trafficking.

She made the call as the

international human rights group Human Rights Watch (HRW) last week urged the U.S. Congress to support greater due process protections for migrant families rather than increasing funding for facilities to detain those crossing the U.S. southern border. HRW warned that if the U.S. Congress approves additional funding, it would only increase the number of families and children who could be detained for prolonged periods.

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Bitter political debate battle threat to deport Caribbean 'Dreamers' from U.S.

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night," Representative Luis Gutierrez (Democrat-Illinois) said on the House floor. "In the end, the Republican position on immigration can be summed up as 'deport 'em all,'" Gutierrez added.

'DEPORTATION CAUCUS'

The Wall Street Journal, in an editorial, chastised the Republican "Deportation Caucus", admonishing the part "whose preoccupation is deporting children is going to alienate many conservatives, never mind minority voters."

However, the Republican bill had no chance of becoming law. Needed support from the Democrat-controlled U.S. was not forthcoming and Obama, who called it

"extreme and unworkable," threatened to veto it. The border issue is being viewed as a humanitarian crisis. The Republicans' vote signified their intention to prevent Obama from acting unilaterally in making certain decisions to benefit the undocumented in the U.S.

"In other words, Mr. Speaker, we will put a handcuff on one of the president's hands," said Republican Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann on the House floor.

Obama's White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest shot back: "It is extraordinary that House Republicans are demanding that we reverse that prioritization as a price for getting the resources needed to deal with the urgent humanitarian situation at the

border, reduce the immigration court backlog, and address the root cause of child migration."

Clarke believes the Republicans have sent an unmistakable message.

"They are saying to Caribbean Dreamers 'you are illegal, go back. You're not welcome here'," he said.

Come election time, Clarke added, that message will not go unheeded by Caribbean Americans.

"It will have significant impact," he said. "Caribbean people already know Republicans' feeling towards them in other situations. This only cements it."

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Caribbean Americans seek office in Aug. 26 South Florida elections

Local primary elections on Aug. 26 in South Florida have attracted several Caribbean American candidates.

Among those set to appear on the ballot are Miramar City Commissioner Alexandra Davis, who is seeking election for District 8 of the Broward County Commission. United States Congressman Alcee Hastings, Broward County officials Commissioner Dale Holness and Property Appraiser Lori Parish are among those supporting Davis, who is contesting the seat currently held by Barbara Sharief.

Realtor Francis "Dave" Rago is seeking election to the City of Miami Gardens Council, Seat 6. Rago has secured the endorsement of South Florida AFL-CIO. He is a member of Unrepresented People Positive Action

Council (UPPAC) in South Florida.

Haitian Americans are also on the ballot this month. Dr. Smith Joseph and Councilman Jean Marcellus are seeking the post of mayor of the City of North Miami. Commissioner Jean Monestime is running for reelection in District 2, Miami-Dade County.

Meanwhile, Dominican American attorney Jahra McLawrence will make a second bid for Broward County judge.

Voters can cast ballots through absentee, early voting and at their registered precincts on Aug. 26. For election deadlines and other information, contact the Supervisor of Elections.

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Jamaica marks Independence with August events in U.S.

Jamaica's culture will be on show this month across the United States as the Caribbean nation marks its 52nd year of Independence with several events.

In Florida, the annual Jamaica Independence Street Dance will be held Aug. 9 at Truck Stop (Café 27), 4690 U.S. Highway 27, Weston. For more information, call 305-814-0344.

On Aug. 10, a 52nd Anniversary Independence Church Service will be held at 4 p.m. at the Church of Ascension Church, 11201 S.W. 160th St., Miami. For more information, call 954-733-1663.

On Aug. 16, a Jamaica Independence Black Tie Ball will begin at 7 p.m. at Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr. in Orlando. For more information, call Jamaican-American Association of Central Florida at 407-697-6269.

GRAND BALL

An "Independence Grand Ball" will be held on Aug. 16 at the New York Marriot Marquis hotel in Manhattan, New York.

The ball, to be hosted by Jeff Barnes, is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Guest and honorees include former Jamaica Prime Minister P.J. Patterson, music band The Skatalites, actress Sheryl Lee Ralph and Carib News publication.

For more information, call

212-935-9000, 646-399-5235 or 718-802-8301.

In Atlanta, Georgia on Independence Day, Aug. 6, a cultural concert will be held at St. Timothy's featuring artists, including Lady Genius, Anthony Malvo, Orion and Fyah. On Aug. 16 with an Independence ball, scholarship awards and black tie gala is scheduled for the Marriott Gateway Hotel in Atlanta. Scheduled guest speaker will be Richard Byles, president and chief executive officer of Cigna Group and co-chair of the Economic Program Oversight Committee (EPOC).

The Jamaica Nationals Association (JAM) will stage its annual Independence Gala and Awards ceremony on Aug. 9 at Martin's West ballroom in Baltimore, Maryland starting at 8 p.m. Jamaica's Ambassador to the U.S. Stephen Vasciannie will deliver the keynote address. On Aug. 10, JAM will have a service of thanksgiving at the Baltimore Central New Testament Church of God at 5 p.m. to mark Jamaica's Independence. The scheduled guest speaker is Reverend Stanley Murray.

On Aug. 15 the Washington, D.C.-based Jamaica Nationals Association (JNA) will host its Independence dance at the Silver Spring Civic Center beginning at 8 p.m.

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Why blacks should vote in important Aug. 2014 U.S. primary elections

No group of Americans has suffered more than African Americans in their struggle for voting rights. Thousands of African Americans have been lynched, beaten and killed for trying to register to vote in the United States.

Vote in this primary election because today blacks can vote. The 1965 Voting Rights Act was passed when 600 African

Americans began the five-day, 51-mile walk from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965. On what is known as "Bloody Sunday", state troopers attacked unarmed peaceful marchers with tear gas, bullwhips, and nightsticks.

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this primary election?

Vote to give honor to the millions of African Americans who could not vote because either recite parts of the U.S. Constitution, pay a voting poll tax or provide proof they owned land. Vote today because of their struggle yesterday.

CHANGE

Vote in this primary election because today we stand on the shoulders of those who were beaten, lynched and killed; for the African Americans who faced burning KKK crosses and the churches which were bombed because activists tried to change unjust voting laws. Rosa Parks tried to register three times because of these unjust laws.

Have you noticed that complaining about the criminal justice system with your friends and family has not really changed anything? When you vote, your vote counts and the right legislators

decide on policy and how to spend our tax dollars.

Vote for candidates who are more sensitive to Caribbean American issues - immigration, the economy, the criminal justice system. Most people vote by ethnicity and gender. Generally, Hispanic voters go for Hispanic names, Irish voters select candidates who have Irish names, Jews vote for Jews, women vote for women and men vote for men. This way, candidates get elected based on their ethnicity and gender.

Vote for candidates based on their position on issues important to you. It's easier than you think to vote when you use the Caribbean-American Voters' Guide.

Although every registered voter can vote, some groups are more likely to vote than others. Supervoters - people who vote in both primary and general elections - are usually older adults, more educated, white and earn more than \$50,000 a year.

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CELEBRATING GARVEY: Florida exhibit highlights Jamaican National Hero

BROWARD COUNTY, Florida – This month the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARL-CC) here will feature a gallery dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of Marcus Garvey's Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League (UNIA-ACL).

This mixed-media exhibition, mounted by the Rootz Foundation, Inc., focuses on Garvey's life and modern day legacy and that of the UNIA-ACL.

The centennial exhibit features a collection of public and private Garvey family photographs; photographs of UNIA members marching and attend-



ing various events; posters and handbills promoting the 1920s Black Star Line shipping endeavor; press clippings, books and magazines related to the Garvey movement; quotes by Garvey and about him by others; historical data and time-

lines; plus looped audio visual displays.

LEGACY

The exhibit is geared towards students and those interested in learning more about Garvey's life and achievements, the global impact of his organization and efforts to continue his legacy.

Among the exhibition are photographs and documents detailing the existence of the UNIA-ACL in 21st century America and a showcase of the

organization's membership and current activities.

The Rootz Extravaganza is staged annually by the Rootz Foundation Inc. to observe

Garvey's birth. This year marks the 127th anniversary of that milestone.

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Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States Stephen Vasciannie displays a citation presented by President General of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) Senghor Baye and Assistant President General Akili Nkrumah, to his immediate left and right respectively, in commemoration of UNIA's centennial celebrations during a reception at the Embassy of Jamaica in Washington, D.C. last month. Vasciannie is flanked by members of the UNIA and Marsha Coore Lobban, fourth left, deputy chief of missions at the embassy.

Vasciannie noted Marcus Garvey's heroic status in Jamaica and other parts of the world, and explored reasons for Garvey's iconic standing. He suggested that Garvey's prominence and overall impact are to be explained by the "special combination of vision and commitment that Marcus Garvey presented to the world during his 52 years, between 1887 and 1940."

DECIDING POWER: 7 reasons to register, vote in primary elections

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- **It's our neighborhood** - The elected officials and judges you vote to retain make daily decisions about crime prevention, laws and law enforcement, safe and affordable



homes, traffic patterns, where to put schools, parks and recreation.

The primary election will cost taxpayers millions of dollars, whether three percent vote or all vote.

Young should vote because they have the most to gain - and lose - in any election. They are the ones who have to live with the consequences longer than anyone else.

- Edited from an article submitted by Dr. Marcia Magnus, caramervoter@gmail.com.



Why blacks should vote in Aug. 2014 primary election

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Because supervoters vote for people who are like them, it is easier for people to win elections just because of their first and last names. Supervoter condo dwellers in east Broward County have notoriously high voter turnout in every election. Don't let anybody wipe out your interests because they are supervoters and you didn't bother

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The opinions expressed in this article are those of Dr. Marcia Magnus, chairperson of Caribbean American Politically Active Citizens - caramervoter@gmail.com.



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Quick action needed to resolve border crisis

The following is an edited version of one in a series of letters addressed to United States President Barack Obama.

Dear Mr. President,

I was pleasantly surprised to receive from you and the White House a response to my personal immigration story and open letters calling for immigration reform.



FELICIA PERSAUD

The letter reiterated your support for immigration reform even though it comes in the midst of the latest immigration battle at the borders, as thousands of Central American children and women seek to add to the undocumented population of the United States.



Undocumented children entering U.S. should be dealt with quickly.

Unfortunately, Republicans, instead of finding a real solution, are again blaming you, even though it is a law a Republican Congress passed under their own Republican president that has resulted in border agents being unable to send back these Central Americans as soon as they show up at the border.

Still Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein of California, the author of the provision in the human trafficking law, is right, in noting that change in regulations, not the law, can and should speed these migrants return to their homeland. The law already allows the Health and Human Services and the Homeland Security Department to write regulations to deal with "exceptional circumstances" that would allow officials to return the children more quickly to their home countries, Feinstein said on July 11 at a hearing on a \$3.7 billion emergency budget request from your White House to deal with the growing crisis on the border.

ACTION

These children and their mothers must be dealt with immediately instead of being given safe haven in the U.S. and placed with friends or family members. As the data from the Justice Department's

Executive Office for Immigration Review proves, about a quarter of immigrants facing deportations hearings don't show up as ordered. Worst the court process can take years and the no-show rate for the juvenile immigration court docket is about 46 percent.

This means all we would have done is expanded the undocumented population in the U.S. and made it harder for those who have been living here for years, paying taxes and being moral citizens, to get any form of relief.

Right now, most of the polls have shown a thawing of Americans' attitudes about immigration, regardless of race. For instance, in 2002, only 46 percent of blacks polled labeled immigration a

"good thing" for the country. By last year that number climbed to 70 percent. In 2002, 51 percent of whites labeled it a "good thing." Last year the number stood at 71 percent.

With Congress doing nothing, even your moves towards some executive relief will go over well with most Americans especially for those "Dreamers" who have grown up American and their parents too. Let's not blow it now by taking in these border kids and placing them into systems where they will be hard to deport. It will only encourage more and more to show up at the border.

A clear message must be sent – detain them, pass them through the court system and send them home sooner rather than later.

Respectfully,
Felicia Persaud

The writer is CMO of *Hard Beat Communications*, which owns the brands *News Americas Now*, *CaribPR Wire* and *Invest Caribbean Now*.



CODE OF CONDUCT: Breaking unwritten vows

What's a vow but a contract. Whether written and signed or spoken with a handshake, it's still a contract. Your word is your bond. At least it should be.

A marriage is a contract, as both parties repeat vows at the altar. Some are traditional - to love, honor and obey - while others are made up to suit the participants. It's sealed not with a handshake, but a kiss...and consummated later.

But in contracts, the devil is in the details. A relative mentioned that a friend became fat after a few years of marriage. She said, "That's so sad, and it's really breaking unwritten vows when people do that."

When couples take vows at the altar to love, honor and obey, they should also add other stipulations to that contractual agreement. Even if they aren't written down and recited, they should be understood as a part of the marriage contract. He may have chosen a woman who was educated, loving, maternal, slim and trim. She may have chosen a man who was athletic, hard-working, dependable, generous, honest and ambitious. Those things were never spoken, but constituted the terms of the contract before they sealed the deal. If either party reneges on any part therein, then the agreement is broken.

BREACH

Clearly the wedding vows could not have all of those stipulations, but any lawyer worth his or her salt would tell you that a breach would be committed if anything changes.

My family member was correct when she said that a woman who got inordinately obese after a few years of marriage was breaking her vows.

"I married a slim, shapely, curvy, sexy woman ... not a hippo."

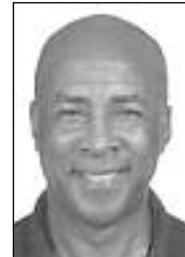
Now please do not get me wrong, for there are men who love fat, full figured women. But that is not the issue here. If the man married a full figured woman and after a year she shed the weight and turned into a Skinny Minnie, it would be the same breaking of vows.

CHOICES

Of course, people must be allowed to bend and flex - to evolve. But a complete about face and change is a serious breaking of unwritten vows. Most men will expect a moderate weight gain in their wives, especially after child-



bearing, but to double or triple her weight is a HUGE problem.



TONY ROBINSON

The same applies to men who used to be athletic but, after a short time, put on a paunch worthy of a Sumo wrestler. Women also expect men's fortunes may change, for life can be fickle. But to just quit a job then start to live off her is breaking unwritten vows also.

There are men who

will marry a woman because he expects a wild vixen every night. She will play the part during the courtship, and on the honeymoon, but after a few months she draws the brakes and becomes as sexy as a potato. He could divorce her for not living up to the unwritten vows.

People will change and people should be allowed flexibility. But when either partner does a complete shape shift, a U-turn, a chameleon-like change, then that's breaking the unwritten vows.

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VIEWPOINT



Jamaica marks 'Emancipendence' season in August

The following is an edited version of a message from Franz Hall, consul general of Jamaica to Florida, the southern United States, The Bahamas and the Cayman Islands, in recognition of Jamaica's anniversary of Independence this month.



Hall

Once again, Jamaicans at home and across the world will celebrate that signal moment in our history when we gained our Independence from Great Britain.

Many persons who fought for and observed that glorious transition on Aug. 6, 1962, are no longer with us. But the passing of time and generations has not diminished the significance of that date to all Jamaicans. We will be celebrating the 180th anniversary of Emancipation, marking the end of slavery.

As we mark these two milestones, we reflect solemnly and thankfully on the road travelled and the experiences that have shaped us as a people and a nation. We have established a record of political stability and democracy in the Western Hemisphere; we are highly respected in the international arena for our principled foreign policy stance on issues of regional, hemispheric and global impor-

tance; and we have continually demonstrated to the world that we are a great country capable of achieving the pinnacle of success through the hard work and achievements of our people in sports, entertainment, politics, business, the arts and academia.

CHALLENGES

While it is recognized that there is much work to be done to raise the living standards of all our people, and to achieve socio-economic development commensurate with targets articulated in the National Development Plan Vision 2030, we rise to the challenges ahead, looking forward assuredly with determination, hope, and pride to a brighter future, always with the triumphant colors of the "black, green, and gold" representing the aspirations of our nation.

On behalf of the government of Jamaica, I am pleased to acknowledge, with sincere gratitude, the contributions made by many organizations within the area of jurisdiction of the consulate-general to the celebration of this defining instant in Jamaica's history. Through your actions, we are reminded of the indomitable spirit of an independent Jamaica which serves to inspire all Jamaicans, whether at home or abroad.

At the same time, I take the opportunity to acknowledge the many expressions of friendship extended to our people in the United States of America, where the cordial and respectful relationship between our nations and peoples continues to flourish.

I encourage all of you, to continue to pay homage to our nation's forefathers and to the land of our heritage, not only during this "Emancipendence" season, but throughout the year. By so doing, we renew and reinforce our identity to the world as a sovereign people, proudly reflecting the sentiments expressed in the theme for this year's celebration "This is Jamaica, my Jamaica".



CARIB Comments

"Let us acknowledge that we have made much progress but AIDS is far from over" – Dr. Denzil Douglas, prime minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, expresses caution last month even as he hopes the Caribbean becomes the first region to end AIDS.



"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'" – Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States Stephen Vasciannie paying tribute to National Hero Marcus Garvey. The Jamaican Embassy in Washington D.C. last month commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Negro



Improvement Association formed by Garvey.

"I heard children's education is free and the BSc is free. This is how it should be - 100 percent education should be free" - Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani education activist, praises Trinidad and Tobago for its stance taken on free education after her arrival in the twin island republic late last month. Malala achieved international renown after she was shot by the Taliban for campaigning for education rights for girls and women. She said her ultimate goal is to ensure education is free.



"We could not reasonably describe a person who has incurred a parking ticket as a 'criminal'" - Caribbean American Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke expressing dismay over a published report that significant numbers of Caribbean nationals have been deported for committing minor violations or did not have any criminal record.



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TOP RANK: Jamaican gets U.S. president's award for military service

A commendation from United States President Barak Obama was among accolades received by Jamaican-born Colonel Jacqueline Motherselle Payne-Borden following her retirement as chief executive nurse from the US Air Force Reserve after serving for 28 years.

Col. Payne-Borden served in the 779th medical group at the Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. The current president of the Washington-based Jamaica Nationals Association (JNA), also received citations, letters of commendation and proclamations from Lieutenant Governor of Maryland Anthony Brown; the Maryland House of Delegates; Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States Stephen Vasciannie; Chief Nurse of the U.S. Air Force Major General Dorothy Hogg; and County Executive Rushern Baker, of Prince Georges County, Maryland.

Col. Payne-Borden was honored at a retirement ceremony attended by just over 200 military officials, dignitaries, friends and family at the Fort McNair Officer's Club in Washington D.C. on July 18.

THANKS

President Obama's commendation was read by Major Nattasha Sutton, clinical systems nurse assistant. It extended the president's

"(Payne-Borden has) helped maintain the security of the nation during a critical time in its history, with a devotion to duty and a spirit of sacrifice in keeping with the proud tradition of military service"

— U.S. President Barack Obama

personal thanks and appreciation of a nation for Col. Payne-Borden's contribution of honorable service to the United States.

"You have helped maintain the security of the nation during a critical time in its history, with a devotion to duty and a spirit of sacrifice in keeping with the proud tradition of military service," the commendation read.

The president's message also noted that her commit-



Photograph by Derrick Scott

ment and dedication had been an inspiration to those who would follow her footsteps.

Lt. Gov. Brown praised Col. Payne-Borden for her dedicated and outstanding service in the U.S. Air Force and for her high standard of professionalism and commitment to duty.

Vasciannie congratulated Col. Payne-Borden for her service.

"Through your hard work and exemplary performance you have risen to the rank of colonel in this noble and vitally important institution, where your career began as a flight nurse caring for the wounded, ill and injured," he said. "It is commendable that in your quest to continue excelling in your chosen field, you have demonstrated commitment to the assigned task and dedica-

tion to duty."

TRIBUTE

The ambassador also extended congratulations on behalf of the government and people of Jamaica.

In paying tribute on behalf of the U.S. Air Force, Col. Sandra Tynes outlined Col. Payne-Borden's career, where she started out as a flight nurse assistant then moving through the ranks to become a medical crew director on various missions.

"Jackie was the quintessential professional in seeing to the recovery of a former American hostage," Col. Tynes said.

"... Through your service you have been an exemplary nurse corps officer whose passion has been to provide exceptional care and compassion to our heroes, past and future."

Col. Payne-Borden said she was honored to have served her country and implored young Americans to look to the U.S. Army as a career option.



Jamaican-born businessman, philanthropist dies in Canada

Jamaican-born, Canadian business leader and philanthropist Raymond Chang died last month in Canada - his



Chang

adopted homeland - after a long illness.

Jamaica's Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller expressed sadness at Chang's passing, saying both countries lost of one of their most accomplished sons in the areas of finance and philanthropy.

"The nation mourns the passing of this accomplished and outstanding son of the

soil," Simpson Miller said. "Ray Chang was an inspired business leader with a heart who gave distinguished and diligent service to the land of his birth and his adopted homeland.

"He has left a void of immense proportion in the field of fund management, having headed one of Canada's largest investment fund management company - C I Financial Corp, while also investing meaningfully in businesses in Jamaica and extending his generosity to supporting areas of social and community development."

'SELFLESS'

The Opposition Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) said the nation will miss Chang for his "selflessness, love and kindness of his homeland."

Chang was a Jamaican whose business acumen, experience and skills made him a most highly regard-

ed entrepreneur in Jamaica, Canada and the rest of the diaspora, Opposition Leader

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Vin Martin, former Jamaica honorary consul to Atlanta, dies

Attorney Vin Martin, former Jamaica honorary consul to Atlanta, died after a long illness last month at Emory University Hospital in the Georgia capital, a week shy of his 71st birthday.

Martin was born in Jackson Town, Trelawny, Jamaica, on July 31, 1943. He was installed in the consular post in 1997 by then Governor General Sir Howard Cooke and served until his retired in April 2013.

“Vin Martin, who was honored with the national award of Order of Distinction, the Prime Minister’s Medal of Appreciation, and the Governor General’s Achievement Award for Contribution to the Diaspora, served as honorary consul in Atlanta for 16 years. He demitted office in April 2013 as honorary consul, but he continued to give service,” said Jamaica’s Ambassador to the United States Stephen



Martin

Vasciannie.

“Mr. Martin played a key role in the life of the Jamaican community: not only was he

“Mr. Martin played a key role in the life of the Jamaican community: not only was he the driving force in the Atlanta-Montego Bay Sister Cities Health Mission, he was also instrumental in arranging special events such as Jamaican Independence activities”

— Ambassador Stephen Vasciannie

the driving force in the Atlanta-Montego Bay Sister Cities Health Mission, he was also instrumental in arranging special events such as Jamaican Independence

activities.

“Honorary Consul Martin was a morally upright, kind and thoughtful attorney-at-law whose love for Jamaica

remained with him throughout his life.”

‘STALWART’

Franz Hall Jamaica’s Consul General in Miami, described Martin as a true stalwart, who “served with distinction, selflessness and unmatched dedication as Jamaica’s honorary consul in Atlanta for over 16 years.”

Hall explained that it was through Martin’s efforts that Atlanta and Montego Bay were twinned as sister cities, fostering closer commercial relationships as well as philanthropic activities between the two cities.

“Perhaps his greatest contribution was in the area of service to the Jamaican diaspora, as he exhibited an unparalleled drive in advocating for the interests of his fellow Jamaicans and an unshakeable passion for the development of Jamaica,” Hall added.

“He has made an indelible mark on the Jamaican community in Atlanta and further afield in the southern United States of America and, indeed, Jamaica. He will be

truly missed by the persons whose lives he has touched.”

Martin is survived by wife

Hazel, and sons Cory and Kieron.

Jamaican-born businessman, philanthropist dies in Canada

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Andrew Holness said in a statement.

“His support of academic and social institutions in Jamaica and Canada was a manifestation of his generosity in giving back in appreciation for those who had assisted him along the way,” Holness said.

“His was a life of inspiration to all Jamaicans. We shall miss him. We will always remember him for his selflessness, love and kindness of his homeland.”

HONOR

The University of West Indies, where Chang was a major donor, announced it would fly flags at half-mast at Caribbean campuses.

Ryerson University in Canada also mourned Chang’s passing. He served as Ryerson’s chancellor from

2006 to 2012 and donated \$5 million to the school for life-long learning. Chang’s name appears on its school of continuing education.

Chang migrated to Canada from Jamaica in 1967 and graduated from the University of Toronto as an electrical engineer. He became a chartered accountant and joined with partners in a tiny investment fund company that over a 20-year period morphed into C I Financial, which now manages more than \$60 billion.

Chang who was conferred with the Order of Jamaica in 2011. He was also named as an officer of the Order of Canada just weeks before his death.

— Edited from CMC.

FAREWELL: Life of C.T. publisher’s sister celebrated

DAWN A. DAVIS

They came to send her off in style. Hundreds of friends, and family said goodbye to Donna Marie Webley, beloved sister of Caribbean Today’s Publisher Peter Webley, who died last month in Florida.

South Miami’s Church of The Ascension was packed beyond capacity on July 23 with well-wishers and loved ones, overcome with emotion, celebrating Donna Marie. Although relatively short – she died at age 58 – her life touched those who knew her and brought healing to the many she served before yielding to cancer she fought so valiantly.

Reminiscing about growing up with his sister and brothers in Jamaica, Peter Webley told the assembly of the times he walked long distances with his older sister in her pursuit of music, which filled her heart. He understood her passion and willingly shared the journey.

“These are the memories that will sustain me,” he said.

Paying homage to that spirit, the gathering at the church, filled with sweet organ music, rose to its feet, eulogizing Donna Marie in song with some of her favorite hymns, including Amazing Grace, It Is Well With My Soul.



Donna Webley

PASSION

She was a devout Christian, active at Church of The Ascension, attending even during her illness. Donna Marie’s religious foundation is what rooted her in her life and career pursuits.

Born in Manchester, Jamaica, she was the only girl among four siblings, Rupert Jr., Michael and Peter. Commanding attention, she charmed her older brothers who protected her fiercely. She guided Peter, who looked to her as a mentor.

The family moved to Kingston in the 1960s and she excelled at Meadowbrook and St. Hugh’s high schools. During this time her interest in music, especially piano peaked. She pursued her heart’s desire. Yet the well balanced young woman decid-

ed to study management science at the University of the West Indies, graduating with a bachelor’s degree. By this time some of her family hopped across the Atlantic, ending up in Miami, Florida. She later joined them.

Donna Marie built a new life for herself and eventually met and married Donald McCorkell. The union produced beloved daughter Danielle, who inspired Donna Marie to explore her many talents. She unearthed her passion for the medical field and pursued a nursing degree at Miami-Dade College. She worked in the Intensive Care Unit at Kendall Regional Medical Center, later at Jackson South, then on to Baptist Hospital.

She cared for the sick until she became ill in 2012. Yet her spirit was always lifted, even until the end. Among the activities which kept her on a “high” was tennis. She was an avid fan. She watched tournaments and knew the players and the statistics.

Donna Marie’s match in this life is over, but she has left cherished memories with those who knew her.

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Cicely Tyson, daughter of Nevisian immigrants, up for Emmy

LOS ANGELES, California - At age 80, daughter of Nevisian immigrants, actress Cicely Tyson, could receive her fourth Emmy Award on Aug. 25.

Tyson is among the nominees at the 66th annual Emmy Awards for outstanding lead actress in a miniseries or movie for her role as Miss Carrie Watts in "The Trip to Bountiful" on Lifetime television. The Broadway show from which the movie was made won her a Tony Award last year.

"The Trip to Bountiful", by Horton Foote, involves a "woman who has to live with a daughter-in-law who hates her and a son who does not dare take her side." While the unhappy family lives in a Houston apartment, Carrie Watts dreams of returning to Bountiful, where she was raised. She eventually runs away and embarks by bus to her destination. She meets several people along the way and upon arrival she is whisked back to Houston by her son and daughter-in-law.

Others nominated in the category are Jessica Lange, "American Horror Story:



Tyson

Coven" (FX); Sarah Paulson, "American Horror Story: Coven" (FX); Kristen Wiig, "Spoils of Babylon" (IFC); Helena Bonham Carter, "Burton and Taylor" (BBC America) and Minnie Driver, "Return to Zero" (Lifetime).

ROOTS

Tyson was born on Dec. 19, 1933 in Harlem, New York to Theodosia, a domestic and William Tyson, who worked various jobs, including as a carpenter and painter. Both her parents were immigrants from the island of Nevis in the Caribbean. Her father arrived in New York City at age 21 and was processed at Ellis Island on Aug. 4, 1919.

Tyson was discovered or found by a photographer for Ebony magazine and became a popular fashion model. Her first acting role was on the NBC series "Frontiers of Faith" (as "Tony") in 1951. Her first film role was in "Carib Gold" in 1956. She did other television work, such as the series "East Side/West Side" and the soap opera "The Guiding Light".

Tyson was nominated for the Academy Award for best actress, and the Golden Globe Award for her performance as Rebecca Morgan in "Sounder" (1972). She also won the NSFC best actress and NBR best actress awards and was nominated for a BAFTA Award for the same role. On May 21, 2014, she was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Columbia University.

This is Tyson's tenth Emmy Award nomination. She has won three in the past, including two for "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman" (1974).

- Edited from News Americas.



'Jamaican Mafia' film set for August release

ATLANTA, Georgia - "Jamaican Mafia", a new independent film, is set for release this month.

The movie is the brain-child of Jamaican-born screenwriter Mykal Fax, who also plays the lead character Zoolian Anderson.

According to the script, Anderson, who after learning about his mafia boss uncle, decides to quit his car salesman job to join uncle "Soljie" (played by Jamaican actor Paul Campbell). The film chronicles Anderson's life as a member of the notorious "Jamaican Mafia" gang, which desires to outdo the world famous "Shower Posse".

The cast also includes dancehall artiste D'Angel, who plays "Robin"; dancehall artiste Nardo Ranks, who plays "Jankro"; Caribbean media and entertainment executive Bobby Clarke, who plays Anderson's employer; vocalist Martina Startina, who plays "Picharie"; Roger Williams, who plays "Skelo"; Caribbean media, entertainment businessman and radio personality David "Squeeze"

Annakie, who plays "Lance"; and Stokely Brown, who plays "Massop".

The movie's executive producer is Italian businessman Dale Foti, who also doubles as production manager and makes an appearance in the movie as well.

"Jamaican Mafia" is produced by Orville Matherson, who's also an executive producer and shares the producer credits and duties with Nyte Life TV and fellow film/Jamaican television producer Elvis Griffiths. It is directed by Vafambo Donzo and is being presented by Yaad Boiiz Productions, Donzo Productions and Kingston 11 Films.

The film, according to its officials, will be released in cinemas and be available for downloads as well from August through September.

- Edited from News Americas.



GUARD CHANGE?: Non-Jamaicans dominate reggae charts

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Reggae, the musical genre first developed in Jamaica in the late 1960s, is back on the Hot 100 chart, but the group singing the "irie" vibe is hardly Jamaican.

The song that has jumped to number one on the Hot 100, dislodging "Fancy" by Iggy Azalea featuring Charli XCX, is done by the Canadian reggae fusion band Magic, which has hit gold with debut single "Rude" from its debut studio album "Don't Kill the Magic".

Released on Oct. 11 last year by Sony Music Entertainment, "Rude" peaked at number one on the Billboard Hot 100 in the United States, number six on the Canadian Hot 100, and peaked within the top 10 of the charts in Australia, Denmark and New Zealand.

Now it seems Magic is set to become a summer hit with the "Rude" tune becoming the first reggae-shaded hit to reach the top spot on the Hot 100 chart since Sean Kingston's "Beautiful Girls" spent four weeks there in the summer of 2007.

"Rude" entered the U.S.



Reggae band Magic.

Billboard Hot 100 at number 97 on May 10, and by July the song reached number one, marking the band's first number one single. Magic's "Rude" is also the ninth reggae song to reach the summit, the last being Sean Paul's "Get Busy" in 2003.

"Magic" also returned to number one on the Hot Digital Songs list after being bumped down to number two on that chart last month by Sam Smith's "Stay With Me".

RUDE BOYS

"Rude" was named after the reggae term "rude boy" and originally based on a real-life situation. The Magic band is composed of songwriter and record producer Nasri Atweh on lead vocals and Mark

Pellizzer, Alex Tanas and Ben Spivak.

Meanwhile, topping the Billboard reggae chart is another non-Jamaican group. Rebellion's "Count Me In" topped the chart ahead of reggae icon Maxi Priest's "Easy To Love" and Ziggy Marley's "Fly Rasta". Even

Snoop Lion, whose reggae transition has seen him dominate Billboard since his 2013 release of "Reincarnated", was forced into the fourth spot by Rebellion.

Rebellion is a rock, world and reggae band formed in Santa Barbara, California. Its current members are Eric Rachmany, Rory Carey, Wesley Finley, Marley D Williams, and Khris Royal.

The two bands are just the latest non-Jamaicans to dominate the musical genre. Jewish reggae singer Matisyahu and German musician Gentleman are other white reggae singers who have gone global with the genre.

- Edited from News Americas.



BRIEFS

• **Ziggy, JTB launch 'Fly Rasta'**
Grammy Award-winning artiste Ziggy Marley has joined forces with the Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB) for his "Fly Rasta" North American tour.

Marley's "Fly Rasta" album, mixes Jamaican reggae with elements of rock, funk, soul and pop. The tour is scheduled to run through **Aug. 24**.

• **'Afro Roots' festival in Miami**

African music and culture will be the focus of an **Aug. 9** celebration in South Florida.

The "Afro Roots World Music Festival", presented by Community Arts and Culture, will feature acts including headliners Suenalo Miami Street Band (Miami), The Resolvers (Deerfield Beach), Morkieba Kouyate (Senegal), Ephniko (Colombia) and DJ Le Spam (Montreal/Miami).

The event, open to the public, will be held at 7th Circuit Studios, 228 N.E. 59th St. in Miami. Showtime is **8 p.m.**

For more information, call **305-757-7277** or visit **www.7thcircuit.tv**.

• **Caribbean jazz on WDNA**

Jamaican Eddy Edwards is hosting a new "Caribbean Jazz Riddims" on radio station WDNA 88.9 FM in South Florida.

The weekly program is aired from **3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays**.

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TRACK GLORY: Caribbean athletes shine at 2014 Commonwealth Games

The Caribbean, missing a few reigning global stars competing in their pet events, still managed to grab a healthy medal haul at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Led by Jamaica's impressive tally of 22, the region secured a total of 35 medals at the event staged from July 23 to Aug. 3 in Glasgow, Scotland.

Jamaica won 10 gold, four silver and eight bronze, to finish 10th in overall standings led by England with 174 medals. The Caribbean's second best finisher was Trinidad and Tobago with eight medals (three silver and five bronze) for 22nd place, followed by The Bahamas with two silver and a bronze in 24th. Barbados and St. Lucia, each with one bronze medal, finished tied for 35th.

Jamaica asserted some dominance in track and field, especially sprinting. Despite the absence of reigning world champion Usain Bolt (restricted to relays) and former world champion Yohan Blake (injured) from their favored event, Jamaica still won the men's individual 100 meters title. Kemar Bailey-Cole took gold in 10 seconds. Teammate Nickel Ashmeade (10.12) finished third behind England's Adam Gemili (10.10).

"It feels pretty good because we are number one in sprints, and I wanted to keep the trend going," Bailey-Cole

said after the race.

SWEEP

Jamaica hammered home that point by sweeping the first three places in the men's 200 meters. Rasheed Dwyer won gold in 20.14 seconds. Warren Weir was second in 20.26, with Jason Livermore third in 20.32.

Livermore joined Bailey-Cole, Ashmeade and anchorman Bolt to win the 4x100 meters relay gold for Jamaica in a games record 37.58 seconds. Trinidad and Tobago finished third.

In the women's 100, Jamaica's veteran pair of Veronica Campbell-Brown



From right, McPherson, Williams-Mills and Day, swept the 400 meters medals and helped win the 4x400.



Dwyer, right, won gold in the 200 meters. Weir was second and Livermore third.

(11.03) and Kerron Stewart (11.07) finished second and third, respectively, behind gold medal winner Blessing Okagbare of Nigeria who clocked 10.85. Campbell-Brown and Stewart were joined by Schillonie Calvert and Olympic and world champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, who like Bolt didn't compete in individual events, to win

gold in the 4x100m in 41.83 seconds, another games record.

Grenada's Kirani James, the reigning Olympic champion, won the 400 meters in a games record 44.24 seconds. T&T's Lalonde Gordon earned bronze in a final featuring five Caribbean runners.

The Jamaicans also swept the top three places in the women's 400 meters. Stephanie McPherson won gold in 50.67 seconds, ahead of Novlene Williams-Mills (50.86) and Christine Day (51.09). The trio, with the help of Anastasia Leroy, won gold in the 4x400 relay in three minutes, 23.82 seconds, another

er games record.

JUSTIFIED

In the women's 400 meters hurdles, Jamaica's Kaliese Spencer justified her world number one ranking in the event, winning in 54.10 seconds. Teammate Janieve Russell earned bronze in 55.64.

In the men's event, reigning Olympic champion Jehue Gordon (48.75) of T&T settled for silver in a race won by Cornel Fredericks of South Africa in 48.50. Jeffrey Gibson of The Bahamas (48.78) was third.

Gibson helped his country to silver in the men's 4x400, finishing in 3:00.51, behind winners England (3:00.46). T&T placed third in 3:01.51. Grenada's Kurt Felix finished third in the 10-event decathlon, while St. Lucia's Lavern Spencer also earned bronze, in the women's high jump.

Andrew Riley also won

gold for Jamaica in the men's 110 meters hurdles, clocking 13.32 seconds. Barbadian Shane Brathwaite finished third in 13.49.

OFF TRACK

But the Caribbean scored success off the running track as well. Jamaica's O'Dayne Richards won the men's shot put in a games record 21.61 meters, beating New Zealand's Tom Walsh (21.19) and Canada's Tim Nedow (20.59).

"This feels great," Richards told reporters. "I hope that this will inspire the next generation of Jamaican throwers to do great things."

Jamaica's Kimberly Williams also won gold with a leap of 14.21 meters in the women's triple jump. Ayanna Alexander of T&T finished third with 14.01 meters.

T&T's Cleopatra Borel earned silver in the women's shot put, while Jamaica's Jason Morgan won bronze in the men's discus. T&T's Keshorn Walcott finished second in the men's javelin. St. Lucia's Lavern Spencer won bronze in the women's high jump.

In the pool, Jamaican swimmer Alia Atkinson excelled in the breaststroke. She earned silver in the 50 meters and bronze in the 100 meters events. Arianna Vanderpool Wallace of The Bahamas earned silver in the 50 meters butterfly.

Grenada's Kurt Felix finished third in the decathlon, which features track and field events.

Jamaica beat England 52 to 48 to win bronze in netball.



Region's rising stars win 13 medals at IAAF World Junior Championships

The young stars of Caribbean track and field shone on the global stage last month, winning 13 medals at the IAAF World Junior Championships held in the United States.

Close neighbors Cuba and Jamaica led the region's medal haul, securing 11 between them. Cuba finished ninth in the official table, winning gold and four silver. Jamaica was 11th with gold, two silver and three bronze.

Barbados and Trinidad and

Tobago tied for 15th place, each winning a single gold medal.

Gold medal winners included Cuba's Lazaro Martinez, in the men's triple jump; Jamaica's Jaheel Hyde in the men's 400 meters hurdles; Akela Jones of Barbados in the women's long jump; and Machel Cedenio in the men's 400 meters.

Silver went to four Cuban women: Yorgelis Rodriguez, heptathlon; Sahily Diago, 800 meters; Gilda Casanova, 400 meters; and Liadagnis Povea, triple jump.

Jamaica earned silver in the men's 110 meters hurdles, courtesy of Tyler Mason, and the women's 4x100 meters relay. Michael O'Hara in the men's 200 meters and the men's 4x100 meters and 4x400 meters earned Jamaica's bronze medals.

The United States topped the medal table with 21 - 11



Cedenio

gold, five silver and five bronze.

PRIDE

However, the Caribbean had plenty to be proud of in Eugene, Oregon. Hyde raced to the fastest junior time in the world this year to win in 49.29 seconds.

"My aim was to win the World Juniors," he said after his victory. "I started training back in January with this goal ... I'm very happy with the vic-



Jones

tory."

Cedenio was also joyous after crowning himself world champion. He too raced to a junior world-leading 45.13 seconds.

"This win is especially good because I was injured earlier this season," Cedenio said. "Honestly, I did know I had a 45.13 in me because I trained for this ... I just executed my own race."

Jones, 19, measured 6.34



Hyde

meters on her second jump to win at Hayward Field.

"It's amazing to be the best in the world," she said. "I've been training for this for the last two years, longer than that."

"It's an epic moment. That's the only word for it: epic. Hayward Field has a good atmosphere. The fans are so into the competition and so knowledgeable. It's amazing."



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RIGHT ANSWER: Make breakfast more fun

For most parents, weekday mornings before school are like a challenging math problem: pack backpacks and lunches, plus get yourself ready for work – minus the luxury of unlimited time. But skipping breakfast should not be part of the equation.

And, really, it can be fun! Especially when you keep a few go-to breakfast recipes up your sleeves and stay well-stocked on morning favorites – such as whole grain cereal, fresh fruit, rolled oats, yogurt and flavorings.

Layer on the love by helping your early risers make their own breakfast parfait, such as the Fruit and Yogurt Parfait with Trix Granola. Start with a see-through glass or container so everyone can admire their parfait progress. These super-stacked beauties are also customizable so every family member can choose his or her favorite ingredients – and top them up as they see fit.

Just a few minutes set aside for that first family meal of the day will help to start things off with a dash of fun – and flavor.

RECIPE

Fruit and Yogurt Parfait with Trix Granola



Fruit and Yogurt Parfait with Trix Granola.

Ingredients for granola

- 2 cups rolled oats (not instant)
- 3 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 cup lightly crushed Trix cereal
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/4 cup coconut oil (or vegetable oil)
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 cup flaked sweetened coconut
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Ingredients for the parfaits

Sliced fruits of your choice

such as kiwi, mango, blueberries, raspberries or strawberries

Vanilla flavored yogurt Directions

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.

In a large bowl combine the rolled oats, brown sugar, crushed cereal, cinnamon and salt. In a separate bowl combine the honey, coconut oil and vanilla. If the coconut oil is hard, microwave for just a few seconds to soften it. Pour the liquid mixture into the oats mixture and use your hands to incorporate, and coat evenly.

Pour onto a lightly greased, rimmed baking sheet and spread into an even layer. Bake for 15 minutes, stir, then add the flaked coconut and sliced almonds. Bake for an additional 10 minutes. Granola will harden when cooled.

Layer the fruit, yogurt and granola in parfait glasses and enjoy!

Crunched for time? Prepare the granola ahead of time.

- Edited from StatePoint. Recipe and photograph created by Shawn Syphus, "I Wash... You Dry".



Tasty, tote-able snack ideas

During back-to-school season, many families will find time is at a premium. However, there are plenty of quick, convenient and healthy foods to keep everyone on schedule and kids properly fed.

Make a mini-wich - Sandwiches are a classic, portable meal, but when your kids just need a snack, try a "mini-wich".

Making one is as simple as quartering a PB&J or grilled cheese sandwich into a bite-sized, pop-able snack. Add in a few baby carrots or a handful of raisins on the side.

On-the-go snacks - Sometimes, all it takes is a squeeze and a slurp to enjoy a snack that's nutritious and delicious.

For a no-spoon, no-mess solution, give GoGo squeeZ squeezable fruit pouches a try. They are 100 percent natural and come in a variety of flavors. They're gluten-free, Kosher certified, GMO-free and made without high fructose corn syrup.



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Make snacks simple.

At only 60 calories, it's a snack you can feel good about sharing with kids. More information is at www.gogosqueez.com.

Leftovers - Try dicing up last night's chicken and broccoli and mixing them in a small Tupperware container. Throw in a side of ranch dressing and a colorful safety fork and voila: your kids have an instant, bite-sized snack ready for spearing.

When school starts back up, it's hard to carve out time for healthy food preparation, but when the going gets hectic, imaginative parent can fall back on these snacks.

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PAHO warns Caribbean nationals to reduce salt intake

UNITED NATIONS –The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has urged Caribbean nationals and others in the Americas to decrease salt intake to help reduce hypertension - the leading risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

“Salt reduction is recognized as the most cost-effective intervention for population-based prevention of hypertension, and it is one of the WHO (World Health

Organization) best buys,” said PAHO’s Dominican-born Director Dr. Carissa F. Etienne last month.

Stating that reducing salt consumption could save 8.5 million lives globally over 10 years, PAHO urged more countries to launch national salt reduc-



Etienne

tion initiatives to prevent hypertension and cardiovascular disease. PAHO launched a “Salt-Smart Americas” initiative based on research showing overconsumption of dietary salt contributes to high blood pressure, which is the leading risk factor for death and the second-leading risk factor for disability worldwide.

- Edited from CMC.



FIT FOR LIFE: Tips to make summer slim down simple

The irony of summer is that for many people, it’s the most important time of year to stay fit, but it can actually be the hardest time of year to stick to one’s diet.

“Too many weight loss plans are not designed for the reality of everyday living, especially in summer when there can be extra challenges like vacations, family barbecues and a general change of pace,” says Dr. Anthony Fabricatore, vice president of research and development at Nutrisystem.

But dieters can stay on track no matter where life takes them with these simple tips.

Make time to exercise - Daily exercise is important for weight maintenance, weight loss and general health. So don’t let your exercise routine take a vacation when you do.

Skip the shuttle bus at the amusement park and walk from attraction to attraction. At the pool? Take breaks from lounging to swim laps. Whenever there is a choice between the elevator and the stairs, take the stairs. Squeezing in just ten minutes of physical activity here and there is beneficial.

Eat right, all the time - The best-laid plans of dieters are often scuttled by unexpected temptation. But you can avoid being a victim of your circumstances with technologies that can help you pace



File photograph

Working out helps keep weight down.

your calorie intake throughout the day.

For example, dieters can turn to digital weight loss programs like NuMi by Nutrisystem. Via its “Responsive Dieting” technique, NuMi looks at an individual’s food preferences, lifestyle, metabolism, activity and weight loss goals and then takes real life into account.

NuMi adjusts according to the information you provide it, so if your spouse surprises you with chocolate chip pancakes when you were all set to whip up an egg white omelet, the rest of your day is adjusted on the fly to meet your weight loss goals.

NuMi also customizes its recommendations based on your personal quirks or circumstances, such as what’s in your fridge that day or certain dietary limitations you have. Say you want one meal of the

day to be bigger than others, or you want Mexican food, Asian, or Italian, NuMi has recommendations for your palette and your weight loss goals ... smart right?

“A focus on lifestyle versus dieting alone is crucial for success,” says Fabricatore, who was involved with development and testing of the product.

Start at NuMi.com and then download the app.

Get support - Support is invaluable when you’re attempting to lose weight. Whether that means a running partner, a dieting buddy or a professional expert like a personal trainer, having someone cheer on your successes can motivate you to work harder.

Since you can’t take your traditional support network with you everywhere you go, consider seeking one-on-one feedback in the palm of your hand from the Numi Squad, a dedicated team of counselors available via live chat to provide real-time, personalized advice and encouragement seven days a week.

This summer, don’t let your lifestyle throw a monkey wrench in your long-term health and wellness goals. By making adjustments as you go, you can stay fit, healthy and happy.

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Florida confirms first cases of chikungunya fever

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health recently confirmed the first cases of locally acquired chikungunya (chik-en-gun-ye) fever, one in Miami Dade County and the other in Palm Beach County.

Chikungunya is a disease spread by bites from infected *Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes. If a person is infected and bitten by a mosquito, that mosquito may later spread the infection by biting another person.

Chikungunya is not contagious from person-to-person, is typically not life threatening, and will likely resolve on its own, according to a press release issued by the Department of Health last month.

“The department has been conducting statewide monitoring for signs of any locally acquired cases of chikungunya,” Dr. Anna Likos, state epidemiologist and disease control and health protection director, explained in the release.

“We encourage everyone to take precautions against mosquitoes to prevent chikungunya and other mosquito-borne diseases by draining standing water, covering your skin with clothing and repellent and covering doors and windows with screens.”

Aedes mosquitoes are day-biters which can lay eggs in very small water containers. Early detection of the symptoms and preventing mosquitoes from multiplying and biting will help prevent the disease.

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of chikungunya include sudden onset of high fever (>102 F), severe joint pain, mainly in the arms and legs, headache, muscle pain, back pain and rash.

Symptoms appear on average three to seven days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Most patients feel better after a few days or weeks. However, some people may develop long-term effects.

Complications are more common in infants younger than a year old; those older than 65; and people with chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension.

If you experience symptoms of chikungunya fever, consult with your health care provider immediately and protect yourself against further mosquito bites.

A person infected with chikungunya should stay indoors as much as possible, until symptoms subside, to prevent further transmission. Avoiding mosquito bites while

you are sick will help to protect others from getting infected. Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than two months.

PREVENTION

Chikungunya fever does not often result in death; however, some individuals may experience persistent joint pain. There is currently no vaccine or medication to prevent chikungunya fever. But the following steps can help reduce the number of cases:

- Drain standing water to stop mosquitoes from multi-



Mosquitoes carry the chikungunya disease.

plying.

- Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where sprinkler or rain water has collected.

- Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren’t being used.

- Empty and clean bird-baths and pet’s water bowls at least once or twice a week.

- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don’t accumulate water.

- Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

- COVER skin with clothing or repellent.

- Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long-sleeves.

- Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing.

- Always use repellents according to the label.

Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus and IR3535 are effective.

- COVER doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out.

- Keep mosquitoes out of your house. Repair broken screens on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

To learn more about the chikungunya virus, visit www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/chikungunya.html.



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U.S. issues new customs forms for Caribbean travelers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency has issued a new customs declaration form "in print and online" that expands the definition of family members for arriving Caribbean and other travelers.

CBP said the definition expands to "members of a family residing in the same household who are related by blood, marriage, domestic relationship, or adoption." The agency said it has accepted this family definition since the final rule became effective on Jan. 17.

It said the new form - CBP Form 6059B - provides

the expanded definition in the first paragraph.

CBP said the recent regulation change allows more returning U.S. citizens, residents and international visitors to file a joint customs declaration for items acquired abroad. Air and cruise lines also will hand out the declaration forms for travelers to complete before disembarking in the U.S.

In addition to clarifying the definition of family members, the final rule also clarified the term domestic relationship, which includes foster children, stepchildren, half-siblings, legal wards, other dependents, and individuals

with an "in loco parentis or guardianship relationship."

The definition also includes two adults who are in a "committed relationship including, but not limited to, long-term companions and couples in civil unions or domestic partnerships where the partners are financially interdependent, and are not married to, or a partner of, anyone else." CBP said "domestic relationship" does not extend to roommates or other cohabitants not otherwise meeting the above definition.

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18 Caribbean hotels in Expedia.com's top 100

Expedia.com, one of the world's largest online travel sites, has named 18 accommodations in the Caribbean amongst the world's best-reviewed hotels.

The Expedia 2014 Insiders' Select rankings, an annual crowd-sourced list, recognizes the top-ranked hotels available worldwide on Expedia.com, as judged by nearly two million annual guest reviews and in-house experts.

According to the site, hotels that consistently deliver value, in the form of competitive pricing, pristine amenities and superior customer service, are rewarded for their commitment rewarded in the ranking.

SELECT

The top Caribbean hotels in this year's ranking include:

1. Yepton Estate Cottages (St. Johns, Antigua)
2. Battaleys Mews (Speightstown, Barbados)
3. Round Hill Hotel & Villas (Montego Bay, Jamaica)
4. Grande Bay Resort (St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands)
5. West Bay Club (Providenciales, Turks and

6. Bleu Emeraude Residence (Grand-Case, St. Martin)
7. Secrets St. James Montego Bay (Montego Bay, Jamaica)
8. Rondel Village (Negril, Jamaica)
9. The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman (Seven Mile Beach, Cayman Islands)
10. Ladera Resort (Soufriere, St. Lucia)
11. Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort (Oranjestad, Aruba)
12. The Royal Sea Aquarium Resort (Willemstad, Curacao)
13. Iberostar Grand Hotel Rose Hall (Montego Bay, Jamaica)
14. The Buccaneer (Christiansted, U.S. Virgin Islands)
15. One & Only Ocean Club (Paradise Island, Bahamas)
16. Iberostar Grand Hotel Bavaro (Punta Cana, Dominican Republic)
17. Seven Stars Resort (Providenciales, Turks and Caicos)
18. The Fairmont Southampton Hotel (Southampton, Bermuda)



Barbados to host major tourism conference Sept. 3-4

Barbados is to host the 22nd Inter-American Congress of Ministers and High-Level Authorities of Tourism next month.

The Sept. 3-4 event will be held under the theme "Tourism Competitiveness: An Essential Element of Sustainability".

"For the greater part of the last century, tourism had transformed itself into one of

the most powerful and dynamic industries in the world," said Tourism Minister Richard Sealy Sealy. "As a result of this growth, the industry increasingly has the capacity to maintain or transform the economic fortunes of every country that it impacts as a significant generator of employment, income and foreign exchange."

The congress, which was

established in 1939, brings together ministers and high-level tourism authorities from the hemisphere, as well as other representatives from the private and civil sectors. The forum serves as a platform for the exchange of experiences to strengthen communication between government agencies and the private sector.



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HELPING HAND: U.S. offers counsel for Caribbean kids facing deportation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The United States says it will be starting a program to provide lawyers for Caribbean and other children facing deportation.

Under the plan, the U.S. federal government will issue \$2 million in grants to enroll about 100 lawyers and paralegals to represent immigrant children making their way through the immigration court system.

"We're taking a historic step to strengthen our justice system and protect the rights of the most vulnerable members of society," said U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr.

"How we treat those in need, particularly young people who must appear in immigration proceedings, many of

whom are fleeing violence, persecution, abuse or trafficking goes to the core of who we are as a nation," he added.

SURGE

U.S. administration officials have been trying to cope with a surge of unaccompanied children that has overwhelmed border officials as well the nation's family and immigration court systems. They say the initiative is aimed at helping children under age 16 who have already received a court notice to appear for deportation proceedings but are not in the custody of the federal government.

Since October, more than 47,000 children traveling without parents have been caught trying to cross the southwest border, a 92 percent increase



Holder

over the same period last year, according to news reports. It said the administration of U.S. President Barack Obama has ordered federal emergency authorities to co-ordinate a multiagency response to the relief effort, adding that officials have opened two emergency shelters on military bases to house as many as

be immigrants on the path to citizenship.

"We still see no way to apply the concept of automatic conversion to the respondents' children and others like them," wrote Justice Kagan, adding that courts had to defer "to the board's (immigration) expert judgment about which interpretation fits best with, and makes most sense of, the statutory scheme."

- Edited from CMC.

1,800 youths.

According to a report by Kids in Need of Defense, a nonprofit group that matches unaccompanied minors with volunteer lawyers, and the University of California Hastings College of the Law,

a majority of minors who appear in immigration court do not have lawyers representing them.

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No special priority for Caribbean children ~ U.S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The United States Supreme Court has ruled that Caribbean immigrant children who lost their places in the slow-moving immigration system because they turned 21 before their parents received their immigrant visa could not be given special priority.

"Whatever Congress might have meant, it failed to speak clearly," wrote Justice Elena Kagan for the majority in a recent five to four decision referring to the 2002 law that permits "aged-out" children to hold on to their child

status or their initial "priority date" for consideration in the immigration system, after they turn 21.

"The two faces of the statute do not easily cohere with each other," she added in her 33-page opinion.

PRIORITY

Kagan said the solutions suggested by the immigrants who were respondents in the case "would scramble the priority order (U.S.) Congress established, by permitting "aged-out" children to be considered ahead of other would-



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JOB FAIR

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson will join the 7th Avenue Transit Village complex developer, Atlantic Pacific, to host a job fair for residents in the area at **11 a.m. Aug. 15** at the proposed site of the 7th Avenue Transit Village complex, N.W. 62 Street and 7th Avenue.

For more information, call Commissioner Edmonson's district office at **305-636-2331.**

AA TO CAP-HAITIEN

America Airlines said it will begin daily flights to Cap-Haitien in Haiti starting **Oct. 2**, subject to government approval. The airline currently flies to Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. The new route will be from Miami to Cap-Haitien. The schedule of AA's daily flights includes a 9:50 a.m. departure from Miami, arriving in Cap-Haitien at 11:50 a.m. Scheduled return flights leave the Haitian city at **2 p.m.**, arriving in Miami at **3:59 a.m.**

JET SERVICE TO BAHAMAS

Vacation Express and Bahamasair, in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism and the Grand Bahama Island Tourism Sector, has introduced weekly 737-400 non-stop jet service from eight United States cities. The service, scheduled to run through Oct. 31, welcomes the return of major gateways in the New York tri-state and Washington D.C. areas, with flights from Newark, New Jersey; Baltimore, Maryland; and Richmond, Virginia. Other gateways will include Birmingham, Alabama; Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio; Memphis, Tennessee; and Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina.

DELTA DOES BARBADOS

Barbados and Delta Air Lines have announced collaboration on new nonstop service this winter to the Caribbean island. Travelers from the eastern and central regions of the United States will have access to non-stop flights, beginning Dec. 4. That includes twice weekly between Grantley Adams International Airport in Bridgetown and both New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, where connections to cities across the U.S. are available.

- Compiled from various sources.

10 receive Jamaica's community service awards in South Florida

Ten persons have been recognized by Jamaica's Consul General Franz Hall for their contributions to community development in South Florida. Those receiving the consulate's Diaspora Community Service awards for 2014 are:

- **Suzette Rochester**, Victoria Mutual Building Society corporate executive – business leadership;
- **Patricia M. Lee**, South Florida entrepreneur – Public Service;
- **Dr. Fidel Goldson, Jr.** – philanthropy;
- **Rupert Rhodd**, educator – education;
- **Howard Duperly**, radio broadcaster – media;
- **George Crimarco**, attorney – law and justice;
- **Leary Mullings**, accountant and community activist – entrepreneurship;
- **Lavern Deer**, president of Jamaica International Female Football Development – sports development; and
- **Adam Azan**, student and community volunteer – youth leadership.
- **Lloyd Finlay**, owner of Finlay's Shipping, received a special merit honor for his commitment and humanitarian efforts to community enrichment in South Florida and Jamaica.

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Wyvoly Gager, left, a former editor of The Gleaner Company and Westwood High School class of 1971 member, receives the South Florida chapter of the Westwood Old Girl's Association 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award from Mrs. Devon Bramwell during the association's annual dinner dance last month in Sunrise, Florida. After 38 years of inactivity, Westwood, located in Stewart Town, Trelawny, Jamaica, will reopen its sixth form to students at the beginning of the new school year next month.

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DOLLARS & SENSE: Getting college ready - more than tuition

SYLVIA JONES

For millions of high school students, graduation is right around the corner. They are faced with college planning and new financial responsibilities. While taking the SATs/ACTs and campus visits are an important part of the preparation process, college financing is just as critical.

College can be expensive. According to the College Board, the average tuition cost and fees in 2013-2014 were \$22,203 for out-of-state residents and \$8,893 for residents at public colleges. But what about the non-tuition college expenses and financial considerations like books, meals, housing, campus events/activities, cell phone plans, home visits and insurance? These are important considerations for both students and parents and Wells Fargo can help.

There are many resources available for parents and students to learn about college planning, but few paint a comprehensive picture of financing and how it works. Wells Fargo launched a new, interactive platform, the "Get College Ready" website, to help parents and students estimate what their financial needs might be as they begin their planning journey.

A college education can be expensive and there are several financial factors to consider. It is important for parents and students to understand their financial situation, options and needs. The "Get College Ready" website offers a holistic approach to help parents and students understand a realistic outlook of how much college can cost and how to cover expenses.

This website includes interactive and informative features, including an online quiz, a step-by-step video series and the "CollegeSTEPS" magazine. Among the interactive tools, the site includes a College Cost Calculator that helps calculate and determine how much money students may need to borrow annually for college.

Establishing and managing credit for the future - There are many things students need to consider as they transition to college, including how to build and responsibly manage credit - both are key in creating a healthy financial future. Responsible credit



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College can be expensive

management today can help secure financing for big ticket items or achieve other financial goals in the future.

One way to start building credit is by putting their apartment and utilities in their own name and regularly paying bills on time. Students who have credit cards should pay their bill on time and not exceed their credit limits. Access to credit cards can be very convenient when making payments online and over the phone. However, students who are just starting their credit history need to carefully manage payments. To manage good credit, it's important not to go over the limit and make at least the minimum payments on time each month.

"Having good credit is an important part of building a strong financial future," explained John Rasmussen, head of Wells Fargo's Education Financial Services. "Our hope as a responsible lender is to provide college-bound students and their families with a holistic view of the small pieces that make up planning for college - including providing financial education to help them make responsible credit decisions."

Sylvia Jones is assistant vice president and account executive in the Educational Financial Services Division for Wells Fargo Bank. This article has been prepared for informational purposes only. The accuracy and completeness of this information is not guaranteed and is subject to change. Since each individual's financial situation is unique, you need to review your financial objectives to determine which approaches might work best for you.



Raising grades with online tools

Unfortunately, the pace of classroom learning can't be tailored to every student's individual needs — particularly these days, as class sizes are growing and funding for special enrichment programs becomes limited.

Many children will need to spend some time outside the classroom, going beyond their regular homework to keep up or get ahead in school. No matter what your child's education goals are, there are great ways you can help make this school year



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Computers are big help to students.

the best one yet.

- Math practice - Square roots, polynomials, quadrilaterals. Learning these terms and concepts can get dicey quickly. Keeping up at home is important, and sometimes requires more than just doing the day's take-home assignment.

Consider supplementing homework with online tools. For example, Shmoop, an online learning and test prep provider, provides free study guides for review and courses for remedial work in many

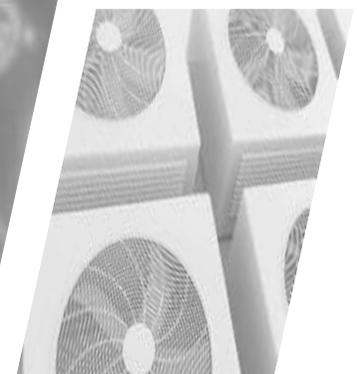
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CALCULATION: Tips to make math kids' favorite subject

Mathematics may not sound like fun to everyone, but there is fun to be had when learning mathematics.

If you can convince kids of that basic principle, getting them to focus in school and do well on their tests will be the easy part. After all some of today's most downloaded apps involve math — maybe you've heard of the popular app, 2048.

Nearly three-fifths of United States middle school students believe that math will be important to their future, according to a recent survey conducted by the Raytheon Group. However, the same study found that physical education was the overwhelming choice for children's favorite subject.

With that in mind, here are several ways to jazz up math for children so they develop an affinity for the subject from an early age:

Personalized problems - Math touches everything that we do in life, which

makes it all the more important to master. Luckily, it also makes it easy to tailor a lesson plan to suit a child's interests.

You can make math problems less of a problem by substituting the names, places and activities referenced in their homework with things your child cares about.

Is your child on a sports team? Teach him or her how to analyze the statistics that came out of the latest game. Does your child love movies?



A teacher's style can help kids learn math.

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Make up math problems about the latest box office numbers. The possibilities are endless.

Stylish tools - Students want to have the freedom to embrace their own sense of personal style. Fortunately, opportunities for self-expression can even be found in

math class. Most portable electronics today come in a variety of colors, so why not calculators too? Take

school supplies to the next level with tools like Casio's new line of scientific and graphing calculators, which come in pink, black, blue, gray and white. Their easy to use, durable calculators offer high-resolution screens, enhanced technological features and icon based menus. More information can be found at www.CasioEducation.com.

Extra credit - Make sure your kids know just how important their success in

math class is, by rewarding their good grades and extra time spent learning. Some might call it bribery, but you can think of it as positive reinforcement. And remember, extra time spent with math doesn't have to be boring. To get kids motivated, look for fun supplemental lessons on the Internet as well as computer games that employ math skills.

Some school subjects, for some children, will need a bit of creative packaging to motivate them. Whether your kids struggle with math or are natural whizzes, take steps to make the subject more personal and more fun.

- Edited from *StatePoint*.



School supplies giveaway in Hialeah

aining school supplies will be offered on a first come, first served basis during an event on **Aug. 7** in Hialeah, Florida. Miami-Dade County Commissioner Esteban Bovo Jr. is scheduled to join Florida State Senator Rene Garcia

and Gus Machado Ford to host a "Get Back to School Ready" event from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Gus Machado Ford, 1200 West 49th St.

"This is a great opportunity for parents to get their kids ready for the upcoming school

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academic topics, including social science, arts and music, science and English. Their math tutorials cover everything from pre-algebra to calculus and the step by-step explanations that the program offers can be helpful to any student looking for an extra edge.

READING

- **Read the classics** - Kids

who read for pleasure can improve their grades. Not only will the exposure to literary giants like John Steinbeck, Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe build vocabulary and improve reading comprehension, there is much to be learned about history and culture from picking up a great book, such as "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn".

Be sure to use tools that can help clarify some of the

denser material. Online learning guides can be a great place to get synopses and analysis.

- **Use flashcards** - It may sound quaint, but there is really no substitute for quizzing yourself with a flash card. Even the act of creating the flashcard can help reinforce concepts and facts.

- **Extra help** - A little extra academic help after school can sometimes mean the difference between struggle and success. But between

school and soccer practice, ballet lessons and getting dinner on the table, adding a tutor or after school class to the list might be a logistical impossibility.

Consider online courses that can be completed from the comfort of home and are common core aligned. For example, Shmoop's offerings are diverse, ranging from 7th grade math to second semester 12th grade British Literature. For those students taking

own tuition fees, while the government continues to fund economic costs. Sinckler said the tuition fees range from BDS\$5,625 to BDS\$65,000 (one Barbados dollar = US\$0.50 cents) and that the new policy would reduce the transfer to UWI by an estimated BDS\$42 million a year.

Though borrowings under Government's Student Revolving Loan Fund attract lower repayment rates, the complaint here has been that surety requirements are difficult to meet, and the maximum BDS\$100,000, does not meet all study needs of some Barbadian students, especially those at campuses in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

RELIEF

Jones said that relief will also be directed at those students in the UWI sister campuses.

"We have been very conscious of the students at Mona and St. Augustine," he explained. "We know that in order to study you still have to carry something to help with accommodation, to get meals, books and transport, we are aware of that so those bursaries will also impact on them."

"I have further said that those persons who are studying law who go to Trinidad to do the certificate, there will be no charge of tuition fee on them. It is only in relation to the LLB done here at Cave Hill. I am not saying in the future there will not be adjustments but now nothing."

- Edited from *CMC*.



year while saving money on supplies," Bovo stated in a recent press release to announce the event.

For more information, call the commissioner's office at **305-820-8424**.



Advanced Placement courses this fall, check out their AP test prep courses. These courses help students nail the important, for-credit, year-end exam. More information can be found at www.Shmoop.com.

With a bit of extra effort and the use of savvy learning tools, kids can gain a competitive edge this school year.

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Back-to-school tech tips to get kids organized

When it's time for the kids to head back to school they'll often find themselves buried in binders, folders and enough loose-leaf paper to transcribe "War and Peace".

Your son or daughter might be able to keep these supplies neat and tidy for a couple of days, maybe even a week or two, but eventually, organization is going to fall by the wayside. Unless, of course, you were to find a way to store it all in a space the size of say, a hard drive.

Remember, it's 2014 and technology rules the day. So stop treating back to school like they did last century and take a look at some techno-savvy tips that can keep your kids organized year-round.

Apply yourself - A variation on a familiar parental refrain. We're not talking about effort, however, we're talking about the power of applications. Sure, when you were in school, you'd write your assignments down in your notebook — but you also walked to school uphill, both ways.

There are plenty of great mobile apps that can help your young student keep their ducks in a row, and the most basic is an iteration of a classic: the to-do list. While your son or daughter might lose that sheet of paper they wrote their assignments on, they won't be so cavalier about the phone that connects them to their friends and to the world at-large.

Digitize - We've established that sheets of paper can disappear, but notebooks and binders can vanish as well. Problem is, to lose one of those, is to lose much more than just a day's homework. Luckily, it's a little more difficult to lose a computer.

If you decide to digitize, look for something that's both portable and durable. Consider HP's Next Generation PC and Print Portfolio, which has some great choices for students. The HP ENVY x360, for instance, is a convertible PC offering up to a terabyte of storage and a unique hinge that shifts from notebook to tent or tablet mode; it's powerful enough for work and versatile enough for play (not during class, of course). The HP Split x2 is another option. A sleek, lightweight model, this 2-in-1 detachable PC enables users to easily switch from notebook to tablet and back, and its fan-less design allows it to run quietly, meaning it won't disturb the rest of the class.

Before going this route, just be sure to find out whether your local school dis-



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Technology can make organizing easier.

trict allows such devices in the classroom.

Ink and paper have a purpose - While having all your course materials in one place is convenient, most teachers don't accept assignments sent as e-mail attachments.

A multi-functional printer is a staple in any modern household, so you'll want to make sure your kids have

access to one. Try the HP ENVY 5530 e-All-in-One printer if you're in need. It doubles as a copier/scanner and features HP Instant Ink, a monthly service that automatically orders replacement cartridges before your ink runs out, saving you time and up to 50 percent on ink. Plus, it can print from most smartphones and tablets.

For more info, visit <http://www.shopping.hp.com/> Staying organized the old-fashioned way can be cumbersome, so why not use all the technological tools at your disposal? When your son or daughter heads back into the classroom, make sure they're well-equipped and that they can never use the excuse: "my dog ate my homework."

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Miami-Dade board member to meet parents, students on Aug. 13 in District 9

Parents and students of District 9 will be able to meet and discuss a variety of issues with Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Miami-Dade County board member for the district, during several meetings to mark the sixth annual "Back-2-School With Your Board Member" on **Aug. 13**.

The event will also provide information on the school district's ongoing services, programming updates and opportunities for community meetings.

"Back-2-School with your Board Member" is the signature kick-off event for the District 9 Office and will be followed by monthly in-school PTSA Coffee and

Conversations, town halls and community outreach opportunities.

The event will be take place at the following times and South Florida venues:

8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. - Pinecrest Community Center, 5855 Killian Dr., Pinecrest.

10:30 a.m. to noon - Village of Palmetto Bay Conference Room, 9705 East Hibiscus St., Palmetto Bay.

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Cutler Ridge Park, 10100 S.W. 200 St., Cutler Bay.

2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Phichol Williams Community Center, 951 S.W. 4th St., Homestead.



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BACK TO SCHOOL



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Easy steps to protect kids' costly gadgets

The sensitive electronic devices your family now owns no longer sit safely in the den. Your laptops, phones and tablets are in kids' backpacks, the schoolyard and even the tree house. And these devices are certainly worse for wear.

More than half of American parents say their kids have damaged a mobile phone, laptop, tablet or other portable device, costing more than \$2.8 billion in repairs and replacements, according to research from SquareTrade.

"As more kids use tablets and other devices for games, videos, research and homework, these devices are at greater risk than ever before," says Ty Shay, CMO of SquareTrade.

TIPS

Whether the kids are using their own devices or yours, you'll want to protect your family's electronics. Here are several steps you can take to

avoid accidents entirely and protect yourself financially when they do happen to occur:

• Guard against fumbles -

It's nearly impossible to avoid slips, drops and fumbles, especially for small hands, so always keep devices in protective cases and covers. This small investment can protect

Back to School Gadgets



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Gadgets are expensive.

your bigger one.

• **Don't cry over spilled milk** - About one-third of kid-caused accidents involve food and drink. Breakfast may be especially dangerous, as half of all kid-caused food accidents involved milk. You can limit these types of accidents by setting a rule in your house that no one can use devices during

meals and snack time.

• Save it for later -

Bathrooms and sensitive electronics don't mix, as it's all too easy to drop that smart phone in the toilet, or even the bathtub. Encourage kids to save their text conversations for later.

• **Pack smart** - Help kids pack their bags for the school day in a smart way that ensures their tablet and other devices won't be crushed by a load of books or have a run-in with a melted chocolate bar.

• Buy a protection plan -

While manufacturers' warranties cover malfunctions for reasons beyond users' control, the reality is that accidents are just waiting to happen, especially when kids are involved. So find a protection plan that will cover accidental damage.

Rather than opt for costly insurance through your mobile carrier, check out more affordable options. More information on protection plans can be found at www.SquareTrade.com.

Life is full of mishaps, especially during the busy school year. Take steps to protect the useful tools you and your family use every day.

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UVI adopts teacher prep program

The University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) is adopting a teacher preparatory program aimed at increasing student success.

UVI is developing UVI Teach – a secondary science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) teacher training program. It's adapted from the UTeach Program.

UTeach was developed at the University of Texas, Austin, United States, in 1997. The UVI College of Science and Mathematics has partnered the UVI School of Education and the Virgin Islands Department of Education (VI DOE) to adapt the program to the education system in the territory.

PIVOTAL STEP

Conducting the UVI STEM Teacher's Workshop was a pivotal step towards launching the UVI Teach program. Robyn Carlin, a teacher from the GeauxTeach Program at Louisiana State University, taught inquiry-based teaching in mathematics. Lynn Kirby, a teacher from UTeach at Austin, taught science. They alternated teaching on UVI's St.



Teachers seek new ways to help students.

Thomas Campus and Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix, switching campuses one week into the training.

Inquiry-based learning is an approach to teaching and learning that places questions, ideas and observations of students at the center of the learning experience. Educators play an active role throughout the process by establishing a culture where ideas are respectfully challenged, tested, redefined and viewed as improvable. This moves children from a position of wondering to a position of understanding and further questioning.



Sometimes standing out in a crowd doesn't require a crowd.

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