Official Program for the State Memorial Service for Nelson Mandela

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STATE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE FORMER PRESIDENT

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

Date: 10 December 2013

18 July 1918 – 5 December 2013
Nelson Mandela’s greatest lesson to world leaders was the need for selflessness, the renouncing of power for its own sake and the seeking of peace and harmony within their societies, encompassing all races, creeds, and beliefs. A really tall order!

He stressed the need for peace and justice and most of all, that peace was not the continuation of war by other means. It did not mean a truce or even an armistice. Peace meant living together in harmony. One has to work for it, invest in it, wage peace as one wags war. It is a “Work In Progress”.

Reconciliation is usually more difficult if there has been civil war and bloodshed. Mandela realized that South Africa could self-destruct and, therefore, he changed from warrior to peacemaker to promote a win-win strategy for all South Africans.

He had to convince the White apartheid regime that their policies were unsustainable in the long term and that continued repression of Black South Africans was not in their best interests. Sanctions helped!

Peace means reconciliation, a genuine willingness to understand the other side, the readiness to get over old grievances, the slow growth of a new relationship, economic, social, personal. Most of all it means equality in the sharing of the natural resources and wealth of the country. This takes commitment.

Peace is only sustainable if there is true honesty and integrity and transparency whereby the populace feels that there is hope and the possibility that their aspirations could be fulfilled.

Working for peaceful solutions is not an automatic process. Nelson Mandela worked for years to achieve it. That’s why the entire world was transfixed, reading and viewing videos of his life, his incarceration and philosophy. He had a long walk and at 95 his journey ended. May his Soul Rest In Peace.
Guyana Berbice Association Toronto - New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

GUYANA BERBICE ASSOCIATION (Toronto) Inc.

2013 ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE

Ambiance With A Caribbean Style

Tuesday, December 31st, 2013

HILTON TORONTO / MARKHAM SUITES

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TIME: 7:00 pm - 2:00 am. Dinner at 8:30 pm

Donation: $95.00/person - Cash Bar

Music by: DJ Rockin Roxy

Fruit Punch from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. and complimentary Pop all night

1. SALAD BAR

2. HOT ENTREES

Honey Maple Glazed chicken Breast with Cranberry Infused Jus

Broiled Atlantic Salmon with Caper/Parsley Butter Sauce

Cheese and Spinach Cappelletti with Rose Cream Sauce, Roasted Mini Potatoes,

Rice and Peas, Medley of Fresh Market Vegetables, Baked Rolls and Butter.

3. DESSERT

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Saturday, December 28, 2013
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At the Exquisite Grace Church Hall
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FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The New York Tutorial Support Group

Annual Twelfth Night Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Fri. January 10th, 2014
10:00 pm - 3:00 am

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

A “Caribbean Style” Family Christmas Party
Sponsored by the Northern California Guyanese American Community

Saturday, December 21, 2013
2:00 – 8:00pm

Palo Alto Senior Center
560 Bell Street
East Palo Alto, CA 94304

We’re also asking that in the spirit of Christmas, please bring non-perishable items for donating to a local food bank

Let’s begin to spread the light and the magic of Christmas, as we look forward to another fabulous year of celebrating the season.

More information in this attachment

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY
BHS and QC - 12th Night Dance Gala - January 4, 2014  Toronto

Bishops' High School & Queen's College (Guyana) Alumni Associations, Toronto Chapters

Cordially invite you to our

12th NIGHT 2014
DINNER & DANCE GALA

Saturday, January 4, 2014
7:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Sts. Peter & Paul Banquet Hall
231 Milner Avenue, Searborough
(West of Markham Rd., just North of Hwy 401)

Music by the latest, hottest Guyanese band:
JAHRUSALEM & Popular D.J.

Tickets: $60.00
(Includes Sit-down Dinner & Wine on table)


***Ticket sales will be limited, so place your order EARLY to avoid disappointment***

Download Flyer: BHSAA-QC 2014 Twelfth Night flyer
Guyana’s High Commissioner to Canada & Wife visit British Columbia

- Report by Clyde Duncan

Fort Langley, BC visit:
Front L-R: Mike Starr, Sita Nawbatt, Bob & Bays Blackhall, Melissa Banovich. Back L-R: Aubrey Bacchus, Clyde Duncan; Glenda Bacchus; Mau-reen Simon; Camille Metzger; Wilma King-Bennett; Harry Nawbatt; Garrison Duke; Marilyn Moseley; Michael de Nobrega; Mrs. Lynn Roberts

Guyana’s High Commissioner to Canada, His Excellency, Harry Nawbatt and his wife, made a hectic, whirlwind tour to British Columbia on the weekend of 06-08 December 2013.

Their first stop in British Columbia was Fort Langley National Historic Site, birthplace of British Columbia, where Guyanese-born James Douglas was sworn in as First Governor in 1858. In his address, His Excellency expressed regrets and solemnly recognized the 1989 Montreal Massacre where 14-women were slain; and the recent death of Honorary Citizen of Canada, Nelson Mandela in South Africa.

He also thanked everyone for the invitation, warm welcome, and the opportunity to meet and greet the community - even though the temperature is normally around plus 8°C and was more like minus 8°C on the Friday at the Fort.

His Excellency insisted that we address him as Harry and his wife as Sita, which put everyone at ease throughout the weekend. The official business of the High Commissioner for the weekend was to interview candidates for the position of Honorary Consul for Guyana in British Columbia.

About 20 of us had lunch at the Full Barrel Café inside the Fort, which included the Fort administration: Mike Starr, Nancy Hildebrand, and Melissa Banovich; Fort Langley Legacy Foundation VP, Bays Blackhall and Secretary, Lynn Roberts; Honorary Consul for Barbados, Marilyn Moseley; and Honorary Consul for Jamaica, Wilma King-Bennett.

On Saturday, Harry was on a tour of Metro Vancouver with Guyana-born William “Bill” King, which essentially included a tour beyond the boundaries of the City of Vancouver. While Harry was pre-occupied with his tour - our Caribbean community spirit kicked-in, when the women stepped-up and invited Sita along for their idea of a tour of the area. A huge ‘Thank You’ goes out to Maureen Simon of Trinidad & Tobago [Maureen’s Natural Foods]; past President of the Jamaica association, Maryann Payne; and Guyanese-born, Camille Metzgar for taking care of business, the way women do!

On Sunday, we had the pleasure of meeting Sergeant Damian Searwar of the Vancouver Police Department, a nephew of Lloyd Searwar, a Guyana career diplomat. Then it was on to the Community Brunch organized by the Guyanese Canadian Cultural Association of British Columbia at St. Anne’s Anglican Church in Richmond, B.C. There were about 60-members of the community from Guyana and the Caribbean there to meet and greet the High Commissioner and his wife. We also celebrated the birthday of 92-year old Sylvia Bourne. If I may add, Sylvia is in better dance-shape than some 30-year olds. Then it was on to the airport for their departure.

A brief history lesson: Sir James Douglas was born in Mahaica, British Guiana to a white man from Scotland who owned several sugar plantations in the area; his grandmother, Rebecca Ritchie, and his mother, Martha Ann Telfer, were black women who were born in Barbados, but emigrated to British Guiana in the early 1800’s. Sir James was born on 15 August 1803. It is said – after losing the State of Oregon and the State of Washington by the stroke of a pen from a couple of disgruntled Chief Fur Traders - that if there is one man who could be credited with keeping the province of British Columbia in Canada, it is James Douglas. [Read more on James Douglas]

Read about the Mahaica Statue unveiling..

Adding a mission in British Columbia will go a long way to further increase educational, economic and cultural linkages between B.C. and Guyana.
Diplomatic Minutes in Making of South American History by Odeen Ishmael

“The Trail of Diplomacy” is Odeen Ishmael's illuminating, educational and exciting reading – vital to understanding international diplomacy as a mover of history.

Boston, MA (PRWEB) December 13, 2013

Author Odeen Ishmael's contribution to international diplomacy and South American history comes in the form of a book on the Guyana-Venezuela border issue that started in 1840. Guyana today is much less powerful than its neighbor Venezuela, but not at the time of the boundary dispute. Guyana was then British Guiana, a colonial territory of Great Britain.

In “The Trail of Diplomacy,” Dr. Ishmael shows the behind the scenes diplomatic negotiations, the historical thrill of official documents and how they translate into history, and even intrigue on the international level, one that involved not only Venezuela, Guyana and Great Britain, but also the United States during the then penultimate arbitration in 1899.

“The Trail of Diplomacy: The Guyana-Venezuela Border Issue,” the first volume of a three-part documentary of the Guyana-Venezuela border issue, gives a general overview of the early history of the colonization of the Essequibo region forming the large western part of Guyana. It presents the background to the origin of the territorial dispute which developed from 1840 and examines the opposing views of proposed boundary lines and the long trail of diplomatic exchanges between Venezuela and Great Britain. It concludes with the involvement of the United States in support of Venezuela, eventually leading to the international arbitration for a “full, perfect, and final settlement” and the arbitral award which delineated the territorial boundary in 1899.

Odeen Ishamel's book shows that history is an exciting and thrilling process as supported by diplomatic minutes. The trail of diplomacy is interwoven with the trail of espionage and international intrigue, and the trail of war and violence. In the boundary dispute between Guyana and Venezuela, it is “The Trail of Diplomacy” that prevails over sensitive events that continue to define a significant part of South America.

For more information on this book, interested parties may log on to http://www.Xlibris.com.

About the Author

Dr Odeen Ishmael, a veteran Guyanese diplomat and widely published author, is currently Guyana’s ambassador to Kuwait and Qatar. He previously served as ambassador to Venezuela (2003–2011) and to the United States of America and the Organization of American States (1993–2003). He has written extensively on Guyanese history, education, and culture and is internationally recognized as a premier analyst and commentator on the political integration movement in South America. In 1997, his country decorated him with the Cacique Crown of Honour for his diplomatic work, and in 2002 in the United States, he was honoured with the Martin Luther King Legacy Award for international service.

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"SEE MORE POETRY": readings of some of the best poems by Arthur James Seymour.

This is to excite lovers of good poetry - especially the poetry of AJ Seymour.

On Sunday January 12, 2014, the National Library in Georgetown, Guyana, will stage "SEE MORE POETRY", a programme of readings of some of the best poems by Arthur James Seymour.

It is to commemorate the Centenary of the birth of the celebrated Guyanese poet, who died 25 years ago on Christmas day, at age 75.

Some of the best Readers will be on stage at the Theatre Guild’s Playhouse on Parade Street in Kingston, Georgetown, reading such poems as "Over Guyana, Clouds", "Tomorrow Belongs to the People", "Name Poem", "Sun is a Shapely Fire", "The Lover Speaks", "There Runs a Dream" and many others.

Lal Balkaran – “Bibliography of Guyana and Guyanese Writers

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Dear Readers,

I am a Toronto-based Guyanese author specialising in compiling reference books on Guyana.

One such book of mine “Bibliography of Guyana and Guyanese Writers” with a by the late Professor Jan Carew was first published in 2002 and revised in 2005 and 2009. Professor Carew insisted that his be used in future editions as he found the book to be “an invaluable literary reference covering a full spectrum of scholarship; from novels, poetry, and other literary anthologies, to scientific work.” Over 5,000 copies have been sold worldwide.

This last (Third edition seen in this book cover) contains 2000 titles and 1100 authors with the titles categorized into 73 subject areas

It is indeed astonishing that a small country like ours can produce so many authors on such a wide range of subject matters. No other Caribbean country has come close to this literary accomplishment.

I am now collecting information for a fourth edition to be out in mid-2014. Through this letter, I am asking readers to send me any information on books on Guyana or by Guyanese (regardless of where they live) on any subject published since 2009 and about to be published.

It does not matter whether the book is self-published or co-published or whether the author or publisher is obscure. It is literature that needs to be captured and showcased. Books that contain a few pages or whole sections on Guyana are also welcomed.

More information is available in the attached PDF document: Lal Balkaran letter
ON November 19, 2013, Guyana lost another literary luminary: Cécile Nobrega. She died at age ninety-four, five years after the ‘Bronze Woman Statue’ was unveiled in Stockwell Memorial Gardens, South London, and four decades after the poem that inspired the statue was written by Nobrega in Guyana.

The poem titled, ‘Bronze Woman’, was published in Nobrega's first book of verses, 'Soliloquies'. ‘Bronze Woman’, the first poem in the book, was about the “stalwart woman-man/strength in your heart/and love in your limbs” who prevailed and continues to achieve against great odds.

The Bronze Woman Monument, a seven-foot statue of a woman holding a young child aloft, is the physical manifestation of that poem, paying tribute to women of Guyana and the Caribbean who suffered ‘massa-day’.

The effects of ‘massa-day’ was still wreaking havoc when Cécile Nobrega was born in 1919 in Georgetown, British Guiana. Born to Imelda andCanon W. G. Burgan, they managed on a ‘limited stipend’. Her father used to write articles on life in the countryside for the Argosy newspaper under the pseudonym, ‘Rusticious’. Her mother, who learnt music while attending St. Rose’s High, was a popular singer of her day, and a hit at music festivals.

The influence of music on the life of young Cécile goes a generation back to her maternal grandmother, Husbands, who used to import classical gramophone records through Pradasco Bros. on Hinck Street, Georgetown.

Cécile used talk about one of the records her grandmother brought for her because she was named after the singer: It was ‘Autumn’, by Cécile Chaminade.

Cécile went on to write and compose songs, winning a few awards along the way. Her most popular song was ‘Twilight’, which opens in the following manner: ‘I dance upon the brink of day/And try to keep the night away’.

She has covered much ground leading to her twilight years, having been formally educated at The Bishops’ High School, British Guiana; Hockerill College of Education, UK; the Institute of Education, London University; and informally through one of her hobbies, which is travelling.

As a past member of the Women’s League of Social Service, Cécile represented this country at the Conference of Caribbean Women’s Association held in Trinidad. Incidentally, she was married in Trinidad (1943) to Romeo Anthony Nobrega, a born Guyanese who was attached to the Caribbean Forces during the Second World War. She was also a member of the International Alliance of Women, UK, and was a member the Guyana Women Artists Association, UK as well.

As a writer, Cécile Nobrega falls within that first wave of Guyanese women writers which included Sheila King; Syble Douglas; Rajkumari Singh; Celeste Dolphin; B. Zorina Ishmael; Jacqueline DeWeever; Joy Allsopp; Margaret E. Bayley; Edwina Melville; Evadne D’Oliveira; and Doris Harper-Wills.

Some of those women were active in the very robust Guyana Writers’ Group. Many of them were talented in more than one genre of writing, but, importantly, most of them produced children’s literature, and quite a few were playwrights.

The Guyana Writers’ Group produced ‘Voices of Guyana’, a collection of poems edited by Donald Trotman, in commemoration of International Human Rights Year, 1968. Cécile was also featured in the first Guyanese anthology of stories, ‘Stories From Guyana’.

While she was a member of the Guyana Chapter of International PEN, Cécile represented this country at the PEN Congress in Oslo, Norway.

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New book reveals a compilation of poems on various facets of life, political, pedagogical, moral, social and sexual issues

MONTREAL, Canada – (Release Date TBD) – Poet Yvonne Sam’s believes in people and hopes for a world where everyone can dwell in harmony and the fact that life is only one end of the fulcrum. In her new publication, *Life’s Many Faces*, she shows the many aspects of life. She addresses many crucial issues that society face today, using humor and her strong moral convictions to drive her point home.

This book is a seemingly humorous satire on the various faces worn by humans as they navigate the shards of life. The poet’s wit and intelligence is prevalent in the way she explores life in a variety of depths. Each poem is addressed to the person using languages and themes, attitudes and ideas familiar to anyone who had the ability simply to read. When it comes to sexual issues, she injects the ordinary with her own special insights that gives it dignity and authority. Her chief claim in the readers’ attention is moral rather than aesthetic. She retains her keen honesty and directness, poetic sense and ironic intelligence.

Laced with satire and sharp, humorous wit, *Life’s Many Faces* teaches an ultimate lesson that one should learn in their journey towards the end. Life has many facets and people should live it with harmony, and live it well because they will never leave it alive.

Born in Guyana, South America, she now resides in Montreal, Quebec. To her literary accomplishments she has won the Editor’s Choice Award from the National Library of Poetry, and has publications in Quill books of Harlingen, Texas. She is also a regular columnist for a Montreal based community newspaper – Montreal Community Contact. [Read more]

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In tribute to Cecile Nobrega (1919 – 2013) continued

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She was also a good ambassador of Guyana on other occasions, including representing the country at the International Children’s Theatre Conference held in London in 1964.

As one of the few women playwrights at the time, her play, ‘Stabroek Fantasy’, was quite an achievement. It would be useful to bear in mind that theatre was always struggling, despite the exploits of the British Guiana Dramatic Society, the Georgetown Dramatic Club, and the feats of Norman E. Cameron.

As an educator, Cécile was President of the Kindergarten Section of the Guyana Teachers’ Union, and editor of ‘You’ magazine for the Parish of St. Sidwell’s in Lodge. She also taught Music and Language.

Apart from her first collection published in Guyana, Cécile had published other books of poetry including, ‘Japan, The Butterfly’, an ode to that country with which she fell in love through one of her hobbies, which was studying the history of Japan. She revealed that that was another of her visions, “…in the light of what we know today of Japan, the Ode can be regarded as a prophesy, written, as it was, over 25 years ago!” Cécile was a member of the Japan Society, London.

When she migrated to London in 1969, she took with her a solid foundation in various fields of endeavour on which to build. But it wasn’t easy; not that she ever had it easy. Her philosophy could be found in her poem, ‘Right to Life’, where she points out, ‘however great the hurricane/the smiling grass/bobs up its head again’.

The poem, ‘Bronze Woman’, contributed to the shaping of our literature, and ‘Bronze Woman Statue’ is a monumental way of preserving our literary heritage.

Rest in Peace, Cécile. (To respond to this author, either call him on (592) 226-0065 or send him an email: oraltradition2002@yahoo.com)

More on Cecile Nobrega " -Guyanese Online blog: The Bronze Woman – by Cecile Nobrega
Hergash launches book on Indian-Guyanese Words, Phrases

Harry Hergash (left), presenting a copy of his publication to Dr. Frank Anthony, Guyana’s Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports in his office in Georgetown

In this year of the 175th Anniversary of the arrival of Indians in Guyana, Harry Hergash, president of the University of Guyana Guild of Graduates, Ontario, and a member of the Canada Guyana Forum, has just released in Guyana and in Toronto a publication titled “A Collection of Indian-Guyanese Words and Phrases and Their Meanings”.

He points out that historians now refer to the language of the majority of the Indian immigrants who came to Guyana (then British Guiana) to work on the sugar plantations during the period 1838 to 1917 as Bhojpuri. However, Bhojpuri was one of many Hindi dialects that were spoken by these north Indians and their descendants, and they called their language Hindustani.

Hergash believes that language is an integral part of a people’s culture and this aspect of cultural preservation is the main reason for the book. According to him, Guyanese Hindustani is now almost extinct as a spoken language and his publication is intended to provide a record of the many words and phrases used by the immigrants and their descendants.

Harry Hergash, a former science teacher in Guyana and retired senior manager of the Ontario Public Service, holds degrees from the University of Guyana and the University of Windsor, Ontario. He was taught Hindi by his parents and later studied the language under the tutorship of Mrs Ratna Dixit, Indian Cultural Council Representative to Guyana in the 1960s. In putting together this collection, he has relied on his personal knowledge and also the knowledge of his ninety-three year old father, a speaker of Guyanese Hindustani, as well as a few other members of a now fast depleting generation of Indian-Guyanese to provide the meanings of the words and phrases.

[Read more Hergash launches book on Indian-Guyanese words, phrases]
Diwali motorcade dazzles thousands

The Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha’s Annual Deepavali Motorcade saw thousands of persons lining the East Coast Demerara (ECD) seawall to observe the dazzling spectacle, which ushered in the Festival of Lights.

Saturday evening saw motorcades gorgeously decked with representations of Mother Lakshmi and other depictions from the Scriptures, devotional music, intricate designs and much more.

Most floats sat atop pick-up and Canter trucks, while the more elaborate ones were astride 18-wheel trailers. Apart from the many lights, and colourful costumes, some floats were supported by dancers and singers, accompanied by the beats of the tassa drums, while some lucky spectators were able to catch sweets thrown into the crowd.

The fabulously decorated floats assembled at the Shri Krishna Mandir, Campbellville and then moved west along Campbell Avenue into Sandy Babb Street, north into J.B Singh Road and east along the Rupert Craig Highway to the LBI Community Centre Ground, ECD.

The motorcades have grown over the years to include artistic depictions of Hindu Gods and Goddesses, namely Mother Laxhmi, hailed as the Goddess of light and wealth. The motorcade also comprised of children dressed as the God Vishnu and the Goddess Laxhmi. The event also displayed the creativity of Hindu believers, as marvelous pieces glided through the streets.

The motorcades commenced in 1974, after the Sabha’s President, the late Reepu Daman Persaud, thought that the festival of Diwali was too significant an occasion to just be restricted to the lighting of diyas on Diwali night.

While Diwali is popularly known as the “festival of lights”, the most significant spiritual meaning is “the awareness of the inner light”.

In Hinduism, across Guyana, Diwali is the homecoming of Lord Rama after a 14-year exile in the forest and his victory over Ravana. In the legend, the people of Ayodhya (the capital of his kingdom) welcomed Rama by lighting rows of lamps.

Also see Blog entries on Diwali here:

Diwali: Seeking the true light within
Georgetown - The blame will continue

There was a time when the council was equipped for garbage removal in the city. It had a fleet of garbage trucks and it had its incinerator. Nothing lasts forever. The council had a mechanical section but no money to buy spares. The trucks went the way of the garbage, in the compound of the incinerator.

The government may have a case in point when it says that City Hall is responsible for its own predicament. It lags behind in its rate collection. The Ministry of Local Government says that the council collects about thirty per cent of the available revenue. But having said that, the council cannot do much to collect the collectable. If it opts to move to the courts the ratepayers have options. They can hire a lawyer who would stall the process. The very court process is so slow that by the time the case comes around the litigant may not even be around.

City Hall has tried from time to time to regularize the rate collection but at each turn the government has moved to keep the rate at the existing levels. On Monday the Local Government Minister said why. The council cannot collect the money at its disposal so it should not be gifted more.

When all is said and done the government keeps the council in check by making it impossible for the council to even try to be independent. The Town Clerk sacked a garbage disposal unit at a time when there was a crisis, when garbage piled up. The government approved and City Hall was in a bind. It had to remove the garbage with what it had, because the government said so. …..

And so the flood came.
President refuses to sign one of four Local Govt bills into law

November 6, 2013 CMD - President Donald Ramotar on November 6, 2013 assented to three of the four Local Government Bills which were passed in the National Assembly three months after they were passed by the National Assembly, the Government reported.

Head of the Presidential Secretariat Dr. Roger Luncheon during his post-Cabinet media briefing said that the President assented to the Bills: the Fiscal Transfers Bill 2012, Municipal and District Councils (Amendment) Bill and the Local Government Commission Bill.

The Local Government (Amendment) Bill which engendered a lot of controversy during enactment, and which has not been resolved, was not assented to. The HPS expressed the hope that time would resolve the issue of this particular Bill.

Using its majority in the Select Committee, the opposition has stripped the Local Government minister of the right to hire and fire Neighbourhood Democratic Councillors and handed them to the Local Government Commission. Government's desire to give the minister the right to appoint Regional Executive Officers to the Neighbourhood Councils was also struck down by the opposition. Government has, however, argued that it should play a major role in local governance since it is central government that spends the bulk of cash in locally governed areas. The opposition has countered by saying accusing government of attempting to dilute the local government system through ministerial diktat.

The Bills had seen strong debate in the National Assembly with arguments from both sides of the House before being eventually passed in early August.

The Local Government Commission Bill No. 13/2012 seeks to establish the Local Government Commission, as provided by Article 78A of the Constitution.

The Fiscal Transfers Bill 2012 seeks to enhance the autonomy of local authorities in Guyana, and assist in their quest to become financially viable.

The Municipal and District Councils (Amendment) Bill 2012 seeks to amend the Municipal and District Councils Act, Chapter 28:01 so as to revise the provision for municipal councils.

Berbice Bridge Company bows to pressure, lowers tolls

December 14, KNEWS

The Berbice Bridge Company INC (BBCI) has announced that it will be lowering the toll and freight charges for four-wheel drives/ SUVs/ pickups; Pick-ups pulling trailers with boats, jet skis and other items for recreational use; and 50-seater buses, 30-seater buses and large trucks.

BBCI, in a release, established that “no freight will be charged for vehicles carrying pleasure/tourism goods items such as coolers, barbecue grilles, tents, tarpaulin, tables and chairs, food and drinks in the trays of Pick-Ups /4WD/ SUV.”

The company said that the reason for making the decision is because it is celebrating being in operation for over five years. However, the decision comes in the wake of the political opposition putting pressure on the government with A Partnership of Natural Unity (APNU) executive member, Joe Harmon, advancing a motion in Parliament for the reduction of the Berbice Bridge toll for all the vehicles crossing.

Harmon is requesting that the National Assembly call on the government to instruct its representative on the Board of Directors of the Berbice Bridge Company Inc. to demand an immediate reduction in tolls charged for crossing the Berbice River.

Harmon’s position was that a reduction in the Bridge toll was necessitated since many Berbicians and commuters are complaining about the high costs required to travel across the bridge.

His reasoning behind the reduction was that; if the BBCI could reduce the toll by half for vehicles during the “holiday season” last August (which he felt was really done to facilitate PPP/C congress that was held in Berbice) then it could be done across the board. [Read more]
Guyana identiﬁes lands for Trinidad's agri investors

24 November 2013  -Demerara Waves

Guyana is providing thousands of acres of land in the Canje Basin for farmers and investors from Trinidad and Tobago to engage in large-scale agricultural development.

The Government Information Agency (GINA) on Sunday reported that Trinidad and Tobago's Agriculture Minister Devant Maharaj was told by Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, Robert Persaud about the availability of land in the Canje Basin.

Speaking to the media, Maharaj pointed out that there will be scientiﬁc and empirical data regarding the potential for farming in accordance with the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) before it is offered to investors.

"It's not farmers, but we want investors to come in to farm with their primary function to invest," Maharaj emphasised.

Earlier this year, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago whereby lands were to be made available for the TT investors and farmers.

Up until, November 21 these lands were still unidentified, but what was determined was “the what” would be produced.

This project follows through on the Jagdeo Initiative proposed to CARICOM for countries to collaborate with Guyana and expand its underdeveloped agricultural lands. This strategy is geared towards reducing food import bills from countries outside the region, increase inter-regional food security, and reduce food inﬂation.

Trinidad and Tobago is currently looking at ways and means through which it can reduce its import of food from outside of CARICOM. However, it does not have the availability of land at its disposal to grow more of its own food.

GuySuCo bringing Indian experts to rescue industry

- production unlikely to reach 200,000 tonnes

With poor weather further compounding its woes, the state-owned Guyana Sugar Corporation (GuySuCo) is unlikely to meet an adjusted target of 203,000 tonnes of sugar.

This bad news comes even as ofﬁcials conﬁrm that a number of consultants out of India have been hired to run the eight estates operating in Demerara and Berbice.

At least two of these consultants are scheduled to fly in this week for the Enmore estate, union ofﬁcials disclosed yesterday. It is unclear what would happen to the current estate managers as GuySuCo’s senior ofﬁcials remained unavailable yesterday for comments.

Last year, production plummeted to a 20-year low. It seems much more likely that that gloomy outlook would continue its downward spiral this year, eclipsing the 218,000 tonnes of 2012.

Government, with little answers to the under-performance of its US$200M flagship project at Skeldon, East Berbice, has been examining a number of measures, including hiring a number of consultants from Tate and Lyle, its largest European customer.

However, despite placing one of them, Richard Orr, at the Skeldon estate some nine months ago, there has been no reversal of fortunes. Five others are reportedly here. There have been no announcements in the press about this move and no word as to what exactly the Tate and Lyle workers are doing.

However, this newspaper has been told that the Tate and Lyle consultants have been paid US$25 per tonne of sugar and with that company contracted to buy 190,000 tonnes annually, more than US$4M would have been owed by GuySuCo for the services. GuySuCo's Board is now contemplating ending the management contract with Tate and Lyle. [Read more]
Tourism awards 2013

November 21, 2013 - Stabroek News

Entrepreneurs and companies were among those recognised for the development of the tourism industry, on November 20, as the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce in collaboration with the Guyana Tourism Authority (GTA) hosted their 7th annual tourism awards ceremony.

GINA said that eleven awards were presented at the ceremony held at the Guyana International Conference Centre (GICC,) at Liliendaal. New Guyana Pharmaceutical Corporation/LIMACOL won the President’s Award for Investment in Tourism, namely the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) venture.

Spend gold royalties on environmental repair - THAG

Sunday 24 November 2013 (CND)

The Tourism and Hospitality Association of Guyana (THAG) plans to lobby government to spend gold royalties on repairing the environment for the long-term benefit of the tourism sector.

THAG President, Christopher ‘Kit’ Nascimento announced his organisation’s intention at the Guyana Tourism Authority’s annual award ceremony held at the Guyana International Conference Centre (GICC).

The association plans to engage the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment (MNRE), Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association (GGDMA) and the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC) to spend some of the gold revenue on environmental repair.

“We could take the billions of dollars from the royalties and fees from mining paid to the GGMC to repair the damage that is done by mining when it is done with,” he said. Nascimento expressed concern that in Guyana’s quest for gold, the country was in danger of threatening the preservation of resources that sustain Guyana’s tourism attraction.

The THAG President reiterated the need for all stakeholders to “join hands” in finding a workable solution to balance that extractive industry with the maintenance and preservation of the rainforest.
Qualfon’s multimillion-dollar building expansion moving forward

December 3, 2013 – KNEWS

Almost three months after the sod turning ceremony at the site for the Multi-million-dollar state of the art Qualfon call centre, works are moving forward. Qualfon Guyana is one of the leading business processing outsourcing providers.

Kaieteur News visited the site at Providence, East Bank Demerara, yesterday and spoke with several workers. The building is being constructed by S. Nabi and Sons Construction Company. Kaieteur News was told that the curb wall is about 90 percent completed. It is being built to retain the sand. Afterwards the floor would be completed. Come January it is expected that the work in this phase will be completed. Phase two will begin early next year Kaieteur News was told.

6,000 New Jobs

The campus which is being built is expected to expand Qualfon’s capacity in Guyana and bring an estimated 6,000 new jobs over the next five years. President Donald Ramotar at the sod turning ceremony in September pledged his full support for the project. Ramotar had dubbed the investment as “technologically important” for Guyana. The President had noted that he was pleased that such a venture has come during his tenure.

According to the President, information technology is now an important component in the world. He explained that IT has now penetrated every sector and trade; it is important for Guyanese to have this new and large investment by Qualfon.

He said that the investment will bring new ratings which would definitely broaden Guyana’s economy. “Government always wants to broaden the economy so that we are not just dependent on a single product” Ramotar stressed. With this in mind the President said that is why his government continues to strive to make the country more investor friendly.

Finance Minister Ashni Singh also gave his full acceptance of the project. Singh told the gathering that this new investment shows that the diversification productive basin of Guyana has moved. He said that before this the Guyanese economy was driven by the three major sectors, rice, sugar and bauxite.

He said that if any of those three sectors did not have a good year, Guyanese would have felt it. He said that government has recognized the intrinsic vulnerability of the situation excessive dependence on one or two of these sectors.

The new building will also house an Art and Culture Centre, an accredited University, and Medical Service.

There will also be a milk subsidy programme for employees. Qualfon is a global provider of call center back office and business outsourcing services. Since 1996 Qualfon has delivered a strategic advantage for billion- dollar companies around the world.

Qualfon picks up regional award

November 27, 2013 – STABROEK EDITOR

The inaugural Regional Investor of the Year Award was held at the Radisson Fort George Hotel & Marina before a host of invited guests, including members of the private sector from Belize, a release from Caribbean Export said on November 26, 2013.

Receiving the award for Foreign Investor of the Year was Qualfon Guyana Inc., a business process outsourcing and call center service provider based in Georgetown, Guyana. Vice President of Marketing and Product Management, Brian Kearney accepted the award on behalf of Qualfon, the release said.
President hails contributions of pilot Debbie Gouveia

Georgetown, GINA, November 30, 2013

The successful career and example set by Captain Debbie Gouveia were lauded by President Donald Ramotar as he delivered the feature address at the unveiling of a stamp to honour her contributions to the aviation sector on Saturday November 30, 2013.

The President congratulated the Guyana Post Office Corporation for honouring several women for their outstanding contributions to the sector and described the pilot and businesswoman as a pioneer. “It shows that in Guyana we have broken the barrier, and that women and men are equal in our society”.

The occasion was also a celebration of her husband, Captain Jerry Gouveia’s 58th birthday and the 21st anniversary of Roraima Airways.

The contributions of Mr. Gouveia were also highlighted by the President, particularly in the area of eco-tourism. “Apart from that, I want to thank the company for the many, many medivacs that they have flown. They have been saving many lives”.

Remarks were also made by Guyana Defence Force Chief of Staff Brigadier Colonel Mark Phillips, Assistant Commissioner George Vyphuis, both of whom thanked the Gouveias for their contributions and assistance to their respective services.

Former Private Sector Commission Head, Ramesh Dookhoo and Former Director of the Civil Aviation Authority Paula Mc Adam also congratulated the family on their achievements.

Replying to well wishers Captain Debbie Gouveia, recalled her career and how her love of flying began after a short visit to an airstrip. She offered this message to all young women, “There is nothing you cannot achieve in life, if you set your goals and you work very hard….always stay focused and remember nothing comes without sacrifice and hard work”.

The stamp was officially unveiled by President Ramotar and Post Master General Henry Dundas at Duke Lodge in the presence of many well wishers and special invitees.

Also read:
- **Guyana: Female pioneer aviators honoured**
- **CAPTAIN DEBBIE GOUEIA – The ‘other half’ of the Roraima partnership**
- **The Story of Roraima Airways - History**
More technical skills available as...GTI churns out 500 graduates

The Government Technical Institute (GTI) has churned out 500 graduates equipped with technical skills that would help develop the various sectors in Guyana, particularly building and construction, which have been expanding in recent years. Among the graduates stood Colin Quintyn, valedictorian of the class of 2013. He graduated with a distinction in Technician Diploma in Building and Civil Engineering.

Addressing colleagues and the gathering of education officials and proud parents and friends at the National Cultural Centre yesterday evening, Quintyn provided a synopsis of his tenure at GTI. He stated that hard work, determination and play were critical ingredients for his recipe for success. He reminisced on the stumbling blocks that allowed him to climb.

Quintyn thanked God, his parents and lecturers, particularly Mr. Ruel Alleyne, for his achievement. Referring to Alleyne, he said “I stand before you today an individual equipped with more knowledge and the morals you instilled in me.”

In expressing continued gratitude towards Alleyne, he recited a powerful inspiring poem, “Our Deepest Fear” by Marianne Williamson. The poem speaks volume of the influence Alleyne had on Quintyn and other students. The first stanza reads:

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.”

He charged his colleagues to “emancipate yourself from mental slavery” referring to the lyrics of the late Bob Marley’s ‘Redemption Song’.

The task of delivering the keynote address at the ceremony was entrusted to Melcita Bovell, Co-ordinator of School Boards, in the absence of Education Minister Priya Manickchand.

She reminded the graduates that GTI’s training prepares them to be entrepreneurs rather than employees. The skills gained at GTI, she said, would contribute to the continued growth of Guyana, where not only the skills of architects and large builders are required but plumbers and tile layers.

Bovell emphasized that the world is recognizing the need for technical education and Government is making strides in this regard. Already, efforts are being made to have Technical Education introduced at Grade Seven in secondary schools.

Though the graduates have departed the institution they would still have an opportunity to get their Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ). Bovell explained that graduates could approach GTI next year, present their certificate, and request to write an exam for to have their CVQ.
Digicel hands over new Mahaica Children’s Home

The Ministry of Human Services and Social Security on Thursday received the new, elegantly designed Mahaica Children’s Home from telecommunications company, Digicel Guyana.

The building was commissioned by Minister of Human Services and Social Security, Jennifer Webster and Digicel’s Marketing Director, Jacqueline James, who pioneered this project.

The ‘L’ shape concrete, two-storey building will house children who have been neglected, abused or abandoned before the Human Services Ministry rescued them.

“When we turned the sod on the 25th July, 2012 with Digicel Guyana, we, on the perspective of the Government of Guyana looked forward to changing and making a difference in the lives of many children that we have in our care,” Minister Webster said.

The project originated in 2011, after a Digicel team visited the home during the Christmas season to spread cheer and observed that the conditions under which the children were living could be improved.

The project was initially meant to refurbish the building, but after consulting an architect, the team was advised that the better option was to rebuild, and in July, Digicel signed a contract with R&D Engineering Services to construct the building. Patterson & Associates Quantity Surveyors was also on the job while layout of the building was designed by Marcel Gaskin and Associates.

The construction of the building commenced in August 2012 and was completed in May 2013, shortly after which the children were able to move into their new home.

Minister Webster expressed President Donald Ramotar’s appreciation to Digicel for this undertaking. She said the magnificent edifice is a warm and homely place and can accommodate 80 children. However, 62 are currently living in the facility that comprises two dorms, a study area equipped with computers, books and tables, a kitchen, complete washroom and bath facilities, a recreational room and a kitchen.

The Ministry will be implementing measures to have a management system to ensure proper maintenance of the building. She also said that the Child Protection and Services Act indicates that all children’s homes throughout the country must have a minimum standard, and the Child Care and Development Services Act 2011, formally addresses the standards in care facilities. Therefore, the Ministry is working to ensure the standards are maintained.

She also extended her gratitude to Digicel, which she referred to as a good corporate citizen and expressed her hope for the continuation of their dedication to Guyana.

The company’s Chief Executive Officer, Gregory Dean highlighted that the Digicel has engaged in several similar projects that will be completed within the next three months, and in the New Year, it will engage in other projects. He said that Digicel hopes to refurbish all the children’s homes across Guyana within the next five years.
How Republicans Can Benefit From Immigration Reform

By Lanhee Chen  Dec 5, 2013  Bloomberg.com

President Barack Obama’s suggestion that he’d be willing to entertain piecemeal efforts at immigration reform is a devilish trap for Republicans. The best way to avoid it is to agree to a comprehensive set of reforms to fix our broken immigration system.

From a policy perspective, some reform would certainly be superior to the status quo — basic changes, such as better tailoring guest worker and visa programs to the needs of our economy and improving border security, are sorely needed. But such partial change is a dangerous political trap for Republicans.

In my view, Republicans are therefore left with two alternatives: passing nothing at all, or embracing a complete set of reforms that addresses the legal status of those who came to the U.S. illegally. Between these two, Republicans should embrace comprehensive reform. It’s good policy and good politics.

That entails a significant shift in direction. The Senate passed comprehensive immigration reform legislation last summer, and the bill has subsequently languished in the House, where its prospects are grim at best. Now, with President Obama’s approval ratings in the tank because of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’s horrific rollout and congressional Democrats desperate for a win going into 2014, there is newfound interest in trying to jumpstart the stalled effort for immigration reform.

Higher Bar

From a policy perspective, Republicans can accomplish a lot for our economy by acting, even if they fail to address the legal-status question broadly. Republicans are in a position to pass into law efforts to improve temporary worker programs for low-skilled labor; increase the number of visas for highly skilled workers; bolster efforts to enforce immigration laws at our borders and in our workplaces; make it easier to reunify immediate family members stuck overseas; and pass some pathway to citizenship for immigrants who were brought here illegally as kids.

All of these reforms would significantly improve the really broken system we have now. But politically, it’s hard to imagine how Republicans benefit from passing reforms that do everything but address the legal-status question. So they should be wary of President Obama’s apparent invitation to do just that, for a few reasons. [Read more]
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