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In our next Diverse City Edition, there will be an article on kites and its history, the Rodeo weekend in Lethem Guyana, some simple dishes including a fish stew and some curry dishes from Neisha.

Editor

‘YOUR FEAR IS THEIR DESIRE’

By F. Ally

As I returned home on Thursday, January 19, 2018 around 4:30pm, the day for garbage pickup, I found a DVD cover near the garbage and recycling bins, but just off the sidewalk. There were no other debris with it and I picked it up; the DVD for the movie, The Flock, was missing, but the writings caught my attention.



The back cover says, **‘Your Fear is their desire.’**

The front cover says: **How will you recognize the evil you cannot see.**

Okay, I thought. This movie is obviously about instilling fear in one of the character to silence him or her and to control them. Part of the description on the back says: **...his unorthodox approach has rubbed his superiors the wrong way and he is being forced out of his job...**

What I have learned in life is not to live in fear, and to rise above fear. I have been presenting many tools in these editions, such as meditation and breathing techniques that millions of people across the world uses throughout their life’s journey.



SHE’S OFF LIMIT,
KEEP AWAY AND STAY AWAY,
KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF ...
Lyrics from the song ‘She’s off limit’ by F. Ally

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Sexual Harassment - She was threatened and feared for her life because she stood up

In recent months, many sexual scandals have been exposed to the public. Hollywood actors and politicians have been exposed heavily.

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In the Edmonton Journal, January 28, 2018, it was reported that a woman was facing death threats since she reported sexual harassment by a politician. She was afraid to go home. She found a threatening note of violence that was shoved under her door telling her to shut up else they are going to come after her. According to the article, Prime Minister Trudeau's office said in an email "It is crucial that every person who comes forward has a safe space to tell their story. We have advised the appropriate security agencies on these matters."

Reference: Edmonton Journal; Edmonton woman faces death threats after alleging sexual harassment...

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South Korea 2018 Winter Olympics are off to a great start...

South Korea have once again made it on the world map, hosting the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea, from February 9 to February 25, 2018. The Summer Olympic Games were held in Seoul, South Korea, from September 17 to October 2, 1988. The South Korea 2018 Winter Olympics are off to a great start with Norway leading with 9 metals on February 12, 2018, and they continue to lead in metals. Having the Olympic games in your country will always be memorable even with all of the complaints on the over budget expenses.

Islamophobes prevented the Multi-Faith prayer room from being built at PyeongChang

The Olympics bring people together and bridge nations, as people have been divided for too long, for hundreds and thousands of years. The people of South Korea had a great opportunity to show the world what togetherness is by championing diversity with the Multi-faith Prayer Room which was already planned for people of many faiths, such as Buddhists, Hindus, Christians and people of other faiths. But the Islamophobes had chosen to target Muslims and Islam, even though people of the other faiths would have been in larger numbers in that part of the world as compared to Muslims. Why target innocent people? If the Islamophobes have problems with religion and politics then it's best to deal with politics, politicians and the ones involved, instead of aiming to harm and destroy practitioners of faiths that carry out their religious practices for a better life? There's only .2% Muslims in South Korea with a population of 53 million. There are lots of Buddhists and Hindus that are engaged in daily prayers / meditation for probably long periods, and maybe even more than Muslims pray / meditate a day. The Islamophobes had come up with 53,000 electronic signatures targeting Muslims and the religion of Islam - and not the other faiths - to have this multi-faith prayer room squashed at the PyeongChang South Korean 2018 Winter Olympic Games.

70% of all converts to Islam in the West are females and there are thousands upon thousands

Let's face the facts. Islamophobia is in Canada, America, Europe and across the entire Planet Earth and we hear of it every single day. But the fact remains that many people across the planet are being drawn to Islam as they learn the truth about Islam and Muslims. Practitioners of Islam, and people hijacking Islam for politics and terror, are two different practice and experiences. I'm certain this has happened to all religions in the past, where those religions were also hijacked. Some even tries to deny that Islamophobia exists, but I know very well that it exists in Alberta, Canada, and no doubt across Canada, America, Europe and many other places. Unfortunately many have misconceptions about Muslims and Islam because of their hate for others, and they're also getting their knowledge through propaganda websites and false articles, instead of searching for the truths. Regardless, Islam continues to be the fastest growing religion on Planet Earth, where 70% of the converts in the West are females where many do not even have connections to Muslims, but were looking for the truth or for their truth and for a better way of life for themselves and found that in Islam and amongst Muslims. Many priests have also become Muslims as they find their truth in Islam. The list continues to grow by the day or minute.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By Don Silva



Black History Month educates people on many 'Blacks' and their contributions to the world.

Black History Month 2018 in America and Canada began on Thursday, February 1 and continues to Wednesday, February 28. ASALH (Association for the study of African American life and History) says that the Black History topic for 2018 reflects on 'African Americans in Times of War.' This theme reflects on and brings about many discussion on 'African American soldiers and sailors, veterans, and civilians. In the United Kingdom this celebration will begin on Monday, October 1 and ends on Wednesday, October 31.'

Carter G Woodson

Carter G Woodson had started the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASALH) back in 1912 to recognized 'Black Scholars, Historians and son's of former slaves.' On February 12, 1962, he started Black History Week, which later, in the 1960s, became Black History Month.

Many 'Blacks' such as Martin Luther King, Jessie Jackson, and recently the former President of the United States, Barack Obama, have made an everlasting impact on history. Throughout the centuries, many 'Blacks' have made great contributions. Not only are many 'Blacks' educated and are lawyers, doctors and teachers, but the United States have benefited due to their creation in music, and from many of them being some of the greatest athletes in the world and representing the United States and countries like Canada to the rest of the world.



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Lewis Latimer, the electrical pioneering genius

Back in the 1800s, Lewis Latimer had worked with inventors such as Alexander Graham Bell, and Thomas A. Edison. He had invented the carbon filament light bulb in 1897, where he had spent hour after hour and day after day carrying out thousands of tests that led to the use of the electric light across the globe. He had also worked in New York, Philadelphia, Montreal and London supervising the installation of public electric lights. He had worked with Bell and had also drawn up the diagrams for the patent of the telephone. He was on Edison's research team and was a witness in court for Edison's patents. He had contributed greatly to the development of the United States with his many inventions. His patents were: Water closet for railroad cars, improvement on electric lamp, process for manufacturing carbon filament, arc light globe support, patent for apparatus for cooling and disinfecting, device for locking hats, coats, and umbrellas on hanging racks. He also wrote 'the first book on electric lighting called Incandescent Electric which was a technical engineering book and thus became a guide for lighting engineers.

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SPRING FESTIVALS

By Don Silva

CHINESE NEW YEAR - YEAR OF THE DOG

While some cultures have recently celebrated New Year in January 2018, Chinese New Year celebration for 2018, The Year of the Dog, will be celebrated on February 16, 2018. With world diversity upon us, not only will Chinese in China, be celebrating, Chinese in many countries around the world will be enjoying this celebration. Chinese New Year also marks the Arrival of Spring for the Chinese, celebrating the arrival of the warmer spring weather as the colder weather drifts away.



Taboos

Taboos are a part of the Chinese culture. As New Year approach, the Chinese are sure to stay away from anything that will jinx their family reunion celebration. During the days leading up to the celebration, the Chinese refrain from certain actions. They have a day for cleaning to 'sweep away bad luck.' During the celebration, many avoids sweeping so they 'do not sweep away good luck.' If some sweeping must be done during the celebration, it's best to tie the garbage in a bag and discard it five days later.

Also during the celebration, they refrain from the use of bad words such as: kill, death, sick, pain, ghost, poor etc...to avoid misfortune.

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Food and Alcohol

The New Year holiday celebration, is also a festival for the arrival of spring which continues after the New Year celebration, where the Chinese will be saying adios to the cold weather as the warm spring weather arrives, which goes back in history all the way back to the Shang Dynasty as a celebration. There will be lots of fireworks and street parades. Not only is mass food consumed during the New Year Eve's reunion dinner celebration, but mass alcohol is also consumed as the Chinese had discovered alcohol about two thousand years ago.

The benefits of green tea after the celebration

As the world knows it, China is one of the top producers of tea. With all of the consumption of greasy food, especially today with fast foods also, it is stated that to Pu'er tea is a good source to help lower cholesterol and to help with digestion. Green tea and oolong tea are excellent for taking after consuming greasy foods. And also it is said that for the hangovers, which some will have, that tea will helps this also.



Chinese around the world

Chinese are a part of this world diversity and you can bet that the Chinese New Year festival with the New Year reunion dinner and the Arrival of Spring celebration will be celebrated worldwide.

Chinese in Guyana

And in places like Guyana, back in the 1800s, the Chinese laborers were celebrating by flying kites in the field, and when their bosses tried to stop them from flying their kites, a new tradition was born into the Guyanese culture, which started by the Chinese laborers when told their bosses that kite flying symbolizes the rising of Jesus Christ. Upon hearing those words their bosses allowed them to fly their kites, and today kite flying is one of the biggest tradition in the Guyanese culture amongst all people and takes place during the Easter long weekend. For some kite flying is throughout the year.

Chinese in Jamaica

Jamaica has a Chinese population, and one of the most famous Jamaican musicians was Byron Lee whose father was Chinese. One of Byron Lee's dreams were to start the Jamaican carnival and it all began back in 1990 through his talent and hard work. *(Updated on March 14, 2018, changing 'Byron Lee whose mother was Chinese' to 'Byron Lee whose father was Chinese.'*

For more reading

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WHICH TEA TO DRINK FOR THE CHINESE NEW YEAR?; Feb 16, 2018

HOLI 2018 - FESTIVAL OF COLORS

By Don Silva

The Hindu celebration, Holi, also known as the Festival of Colors, is on Friday, March 2, 2018 with the arrival of spring in India. With a diverse world today, Holi will be celebrated world wide, and amongst many. This celebration commences on the evening of March 1, which is known as Holika Dahan or Chhoti Holi and the following day on March 2, the day of the festival, the vibrant celebration takes place by tossing color powder known as gulal and spraying color liquid on each other. It's best to dress in white where you will be decorated in colors, from head to toe. Many will also be dressed in their traditional and colorful attires.



It's origin in Hindu Mythology

Holi has its root in Hindu mythology where Holika was ordered by her wicked brother, King Hiranya Kashipu to partake in a hostile event where she was killed in a fire that was intended to kill the king's son, Prahlad, because the boy was devoted to Lord Vishnu (other myths states that Prahlad was devoted to Lord Narayana). Thus Holi celebrates the burning of Holika, the triumph of good over evil. Legend also has it that Holi has its roots in the love story Radha and Krishna, and also in other stories.

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Holi is celebrated across India, and during this celebration in Uttar Pradesh, rituals are carried out where people light a fire, and the ashes are kept to protect them.

This celebration arrived in the Americas back around 1838, and in the past few decades have become very popular in England America and Canada

Although, today this celebration is grand in places like New York, California, and London due to these countries cultural diversity, this celebration was being celebrated in the Americas back in the 1800s. The indentured laborers from India, arriving in Guiana (Guyana), South America in 1838, as sugar cane laborers would have been celebrating Holi back in those days, which became to be known as Phagwah in Guyana. Holi is also celebrated in places like Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean where the first Indian laborers from India arrived in 1845. A group of Indians from French Guiana in South America also went to work in Rio, Brazil back in the 1800s and thus Holi could have been celebrated in Brazil back in the 1800s also. Many Indians also went to places like Jamaica in the Caribbean and Dutch Guiana (Surinam) in South America taking their cultures.

Below are the dates for the celebrations in London and New York

LONDON

Holi - Festival of Colors 2018

Saturday, April 21st 2018 (1:00 pm to 4:00 p.m)

Victoria Park, in downtown London.

NEW YORK

Holi in the city - Festival of colors brunch party

605 West 48th Street, New York, NY

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Saturday, March 31, 2018

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RIO, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CARNIVAL EXTRAVAGANZA

By Don Silva

Rio and the Trinidad and Tobago carnivals always send vibrant waves across the world, spreading carnival fever across the world, with upbeat samba music, calypso and many other flavors.

Like valentines and other celebrations, carnival also has its root in paganism. While this celebration is taking place and ends on Ash Wednesday or just before, Christians world wide are beginning to focus on a special practice for this time of the year, where Ash Wednesday is the beginning of lent, which is a period of fasting commemorating the forty days which Jesus had spent in the wilderness.



RIO CARNIVAL

The famous Rio carnival is the world's biggest carnival celebration which began on Friday, February 9 and continued until Ash Wednesday, February 14, where the streets were crowded with floats and people dressed in vibrant and exotic costumes as they move and dance to the beats of the intoxicating samba music.

Shootings at the carnival

Although Rio Carnival is making waves across the world, it's also making headlines world wide for its violence during the fete which had tarnished the celebration with shootings, and unsafe conditions for the participants.

Reference: Brazil is taking an 'extreme measure' to confront crime in Rio — the first time it's done so since the country's dictatorship fell, Christopher Woody, Feb. 18, 2018, 6:01 PM



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CARNIVAL

Trinidad and Tobago Carnival is also one of the most famous carnivals on Planet Earth that takes over the island with masqueraders dancing down the streets to its loud and vibrant music. Its street parade began on Monday, February 12 and continued the following day, ending the day before Ash Wednesday. The streets were jam-packed with colorful floats, dancers and masqueraders boasting its diversity. On the island you will find Africans, East Indians that began to arrive in 1845, Chinese, Portuguese, Syrians and others.

This carnival has its origin in calypso music, but in recent decades loud and vibrant soca music and its addictive dance beats have taken over the scene, although calypso and other genres are still famous during the celebration. The music competition is grand as bands compete for 'Band of the Year Title.'

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**THESE FEELINGS
(ESTOS SENTIMIENTOS)
VALENTINES GIFT OF THE HEART**

By F. Ally - *Estos Sentimientos (These Feelings)* is a song written by F. Ally, along with songs like 'A Kiss Goodnight' and 'True Love' and makes good valentines lyrics...



Valentines is a time for romance. But it's much more than romance. It's a time where people spend time together and share precious moments, whether its over lunch, dinner, or even at the movies. Cards, flowers, chocolate and diamonds are often given as a sign of this love and friendship. Although valentines has its roots in pagan traditions, most people are not aware of it, nor think of valentines as a pagan celebration, but as another celebration.

This year, valentines fell on Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of lent for Christians, and thus some may not celebrate valentines because during lent many do give up chocolate and other foods, whereas valentines encourage giving chocolate, so there's a contradiction here.

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ROMANCE ACROSS THE GLOBE



On February 14, around the globe, couples celebrated their love for each other. Romance was in the air, everywhere. And if your celebration is about friendship instead of romance, a yellow rose signifies friendship, and a red rose signifies love.

Valentine's for everyone

The best gift for valentines is your kindness, thoughtfulness and most of all your heart. Valentines' for everyone. It's important to give to the elderly, your parents, and people that have nobody. Kind words are important, or you can give a hug and or a kiss to the ones in your lives.

Whether it's a kiss goodnight or a kiss goodnight, valentines should be everyday and not just one day out of the year.

ROMANCE IN THE MALL

It was during valentines' week, as I headed for my favorite café in West Edmonton Mall for a latte - and for me they have the best latte in the city of Edmonton - romance was blossoming for some. As I passed by the music store, a couple kissed each other, not that I was looking, but they kissed in front of me. If I had to guess, I would say they were East Indian teenagers. I continued on, and on the couch, another couple were kissing - a young couple of mixed backgrounds. A few days later, as I sat in the café doing some editing and having a latte, the same couple was at the café cuddling and they probably sneaked a kiss in as they waited for their order.

As I recall, it was probably during valentines week, about a year ago at the same café, as I sat watching the soccer game on the TV at the café, like others were doing, a mixed couple got on the stool right in front of the TV and began to kiss in plain day light around lunch time - lips locked - I was too embarrassed and turned away looking at the papers on my desk, missing the plays on the screen. The café is designed in a way that the three stools at the counter in front of the TV are right next to the tables lining the border of the café and the hall. The couple was obviously celebrating their love for each other and wanted to show the world their love for each other because this café is an open cafe in the hall, where many eyes passing by may have been glued on them. For me, gladly, about fifteen minutes after, the romantic couple hopped off their stool and left holding hands, and my eyes along with the other people's returned to the games. Maybe next year, the fever will catch on and more valentines' kisses will spread throughout the mall from people of all backgrounds sending their love vibrations across the city. Valentines may have its root in paganism in the way many celebrations do, but valentines is no doubt a time for romance, and to renew love and friendships, but most of all on valentines, remember to give your heart, and better yet give your heart every single day, as valentines should be everyday and not just once a year, whether you call the practice valentines or simply 'love and compassion' or some other beautiful name, don't forget to celebrate this love every minute and day of your life, and not just once a year on valentines day.

Reference: www.allymedia.ca; Cariwave Magazine, 2017 Valentines Edition, p.3 by F. Ally

SYRIAN AMERICANS

Syrians arrived in America before the 1880s by F. Ally

Some famous people of Syrian Heritage

Steve Jobs - Co-founder of Apple, and also the Chairman and CEO

Moustapha Akkad - Film director and producer, having produced the Halloween films and directed movies such as Mohammad, Messenger, and Lion of the Desert

Jerry Seinfeld - American comedian, actor and producer

Paula Abdul - Singer, actor.

Paul Anka - Singer and songwriter

There are many more Syrians that have influenced American culture and world cultures.

Introduction

Today, over six million Syrians have been displaced from their homeland of Syria, and thus the Syrian refugee crisis, and a new wave of Syrians across the globe in recent years. Although there has been a backlash against Muslims, and Islam which is the fastest growing religion world, Syrians have been laced into the framework of American society and many societies across the Americas and the world for decades and centuries and have made many contributions to America and the world.

Syrians have made ever-lasting contributions to the American culture

People such as Steve Jobs, Moustapha Akkad, Jerry Seinfeld, Paula Abdul and many well-known people are of Syrian heritage that have made great contributions to the United States and the world.



Arrival of the Syrians to the Americas began around or before 1880

The arrival of Syrians in the Americas goes back to the 1800s. Before the year 1920, the borders of Syria were different from what they are today. At that time the area was known as Greater Syria, where for example the area of Lebanon was a part of Greater Syria. Thousands of Syrians were leaving from ports such as the Port of Beirut, heading to America for the American dream in the way many Europeans and other nations were also doing the same. Many ended up in other parts of the Americas, as in South America, the Caribbean etc....F. Ally

Rene, Ronald, Famie, Brian (Fisal) - Ages 1 to 3 or just over; our smaller brother, Anthony, was not born as yet, or he may have been a baby at the time. I was not able to license a picture of the early Syrians to America for this magazine, which I have seen on the Internet of Syrian children living in New York in the 1900s, but I had still needed a picture for this article, so I decided to post this picture of my family, as my grandfather is of Syrian background and this picture portrays some of his grand children that were born in the Americas, as in South America...Fisal Ally

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Like many Syrians that arrived in the 1800s and early 1900s and assimilated into the fabric of our societies, so did my grandfather on my father's side who was of Syrian background, and would have most likely left Syria through the Port of Beriut heading to Marseilles, France and from France to South America. I have read some articles on the Syrians in Guyana, and I had learned that around the early 1900s many Syrians and Portuguese in a town called New Amsterdam in Guyana were very successful in commerce. And from what I was told, the Syrians in Guyana used to go door to door peddling, selling clothes, threads, cloth and other items, similar to what they were doing in America. Some Syrians remained in Guyana while other may have moved on to places that have more Syrians, and while others also returned to Syria, whether they were actually from the area of Damascus, Aleppo, Lebanon, or other places in Syria...Fisal Ally

People from Greater Syria

The Syrians from Greater Syria began their journey to America before the 1880s in small numbers. From around 1880 onwards, they began to arrive in large numbers where most had settled in New York, Detroit and Boston. Many became peddlers and sold dry goods. Whether they were from Damascus, Aleppo, the country called the Republic of Lebanon today, or other areas that were a part of Greater Syria, they were often identified as Syrians, and because Syria was a part of the Ottoman Empire, some could have also been labeled as Turks upon their arrival, as stated in the article 'Syrian Americans' by J. Sydney Jones.

200,000 Syrians in America before 1920

According to the article, between 1899 and 1919 there were approximately 90,000 Syrians from Greater Syria in America. This article also states that according to the book 'The Syrians in America', the author Philip Hitti, stated that there were around 200,000 Syrians in America that were born in America or that were immigrants. According to the article, many of the early Syrians were orthodox Christians, and amongst them were also Muslims, Jews, Druze and some Protestants. Many of the Christians came from the area known as Mount Lebanon during those days.

The American Dream and making America their homes

Many Syrians came to America because of the American dream. It was an opportunity for them to work, earn money and return to their homeland and families with their savings. Many also made America their home. The ones that returned to Syria had returned with their wealth and many stories that entranced their relatives and friends about the American dream, and after hearing those captivating success stories, many more Syrians would venture out to America.

The Syrians were contributing to the development of America like anyone else

The Syrians ended up living in most states across America carrying out their work. Many Syrians became successful in America. According to the article, by 1910, a Syrian had become a millionaire in America. Over time they progressed and entered many fields such as the medical field becoming doctors, bankers, lawyers, engineers and many other professions.

Immigration decreased

Due to the "Immigration Act of 1924" immigration from Syria to America had considerably decreased.

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A new wave of Syrians in 1965

Forty one years later, in 1965, with “The Immigration Act of 1965” a new wave of Syrians arrived in America, where most were Muslims. At this time, Lebanon was not a part of Syria as Syria had new borders and Lebanon was its own country, and the people now coming from places like Damascus and Aleppo were Syrians where most were Muslims. The ones now coming from Lebanon were mainly Lebanese Christians, Muslims and Druze.

Syrians across the entire Americas

Most Syrians had set out for the American dream, but Syrians did not only land in America, many went to most of the countries in the Americas. They were working and living in places like Brazil, Columbia, the Guyanas (British Guiana (now Guyana), French Guiana, Dutch Guiana (Surinam), Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and many countries in the Americas. Many remained in these countries, while many returned to their homeland with their savings.

Little Syria in America

In America, you will find ‘Little Syria’ in Brooklyn, New York where the environment gives you a feeling of Syria. The Syrian cuisines can be found in many restaurants and in homes of Syrians and the descendants of Syrians from the 1800s and 1900s. Places like Detroit and Boston also have large Syrian communities, and today you will find many Syrians in all states across the United States.

SYRIAN CULTURE

Music

The Arab world have lively and vibrant music that’s very unique and have different categories, from folk music that tells stories of their cultures, classical, and religious songs using phrases from the Quran, and today has modern music. Different string instruments are used such as the spike-fiddle also known as rabab, and the ud, which has a short neck; drums are also used.

Dishes

Dishes from Syria are very similar to the other areas that were part of Greater Syria. Pita bread is always one of the favorites that are used to create many dishes such as donairs which are very popular today. Hummus and eggplant spreads are very popular. Tabouli which is a salad is also very popular, and so is baqlawa.

Celebrations

While Syrian Christians celebrate Christmas and Easter, Syrian Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr, which is the celebration after the month of fasting called Ramadan. Muslims also celebrates Eid al-Adha after the pilgrimage to Mecca.

Many Syrians became successful and famous in America

The list of successful Syrians (Syrian/Lebanese) is long. Many in America became successful. Steve Jobs biological father was a Muslim from Syria. The singer, Paula Abdul is of Syrian background. The famous songwriter, Paul Anka, is said to be Syrian but he’s most likely from the area of Lebanon. Others are Frank Zappa (famous rock musician), F. Murray Abraham an Oscar winner, Casey Kasem a famous disc jockey, Moustapha Akkad who was the director for the movie Lion in the Desert, the Message, and the Halloween thrillers. The list continues and it is long.

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QUICK & SIMPLE COOKING

Four vegetarian dishes from Neisha's Kitchen

Karela, Baigan, Bagi, Bora...

These dishes are often prepared with rice, or roti know as Indian bread. Roti can be replaced with pita bread as seen in the pictures below, and rice can be replaced with quoina or something else.

The dishes are prepared as a simple vegetarian dishes. Any or all of the following can be added to the dishes below: Garlic, onions, tomatoes.

Add meats if required such as beef, chicken, shrimp or others while cooking.

Some of the dishes have potatoes. You can add potatoes to any, if required.

KARELA



BAIGAN (EGG PLANT)



BAGI (SPINACH)



BORA (STRING BEANS)



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STEPS FOR PREPARING FRIED KARELA (BITTER MELON)



*Preparation time
10 minutes.
Cooking time 20
minutes to half
hour. Can also
serve with rice.
Serves four.*



1) Fresh karela



2) Remove seeds



3) Cut into slices



4) Complete cutting



5) Add salt to taste if required



6) Add garlic and onions.
Can also add tomatoes



7) Add oil to pan for frying karela



8) Add karela to pan



9) Cook on medium



10) As karela becomes slightly burned. Turn over with a spoon



11) Removed cooked ones (a little burned) and place in bowl



12) Continue frying, and removing the ones that are cooked (slightly burned)

STEPS FOR PREPARING FRIED BAIGAN (EGGPLANT)



Preparation time 10 minutes. Cooking time 20 minutes to half hour. Preparing baigan using a microwave. Can also serve with rice. Serves six.



1) Cut into eggplant about six inches long with a knife. Place two cloves of garlic in each cut.

2) Place eggplant in microwave for approx. 3 minutes. It will be steaming hot. Turn over. Microwave for another 3 minutes

3) Take a spoon and remove the inside and place in a bowl. Discard the outside skin.



4) Use masher to mash up eggplant



5) Pour oil into frying pan



6) Add onions, garlic, tomatoes etc...



7) Add onions and fry on hi



9) Let onions fry until burned a little



10) Place baigan in pan and fry



11) Stir every few minutes



12) Baigan dish completed

STEPS FOR PREPARING BAJI (SPINACH)



Preparation time 10 minutes. Cooking time 20 minutes to half hour. *Can also serve with rice.*
Serves six.



1) Wash spinach



2) Place spinach in bowl



3) Add oil to pot



4) Set stove to hi



5) Add spinach to pot



6) Stir spinach



7) Add onions and cloves of garlic



8) Let it cook



9) Add salt to taste



10) Stir



11) Cook on hi and liquid slowly goes down



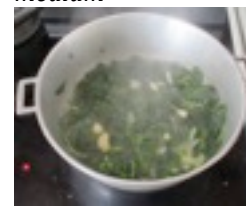
12) Cover and continue cooking on medium



13) Keep for approx 10 minutes cooking so liquid boils down



14) Take cover off and continue cooking on hi for about 5 minutes



15) Baji complete

STEPS FOR PREPARING BORA (STRING BEANS)



This dish takes longer where the first step is to boil the potatoes and the string beans together, and the second step is frying the string beans and potatoes together.

Preparation time 10 minutes. Cooking time approximately 1 hour. *Can also serve with rice.* Serves six.



1) Cut into pieces. Also peel and cut up two potatoes.



2) Place in bowl



3) Add string beans and potatoes into bowl with approx.. 2 cups of water



4) Beans and potatoes in water



5) Add to pan and let beans and potatoes boil in the water



6) Approx. 1/2 hour later, water dries down



7) Add oil to pan for frying



8) Add beans and potatoes to frying pan and fry for approx. 20 minutes on hi



Upcoming editions will have Nisha's fish stew, peppercorn, some curry dishes, and deserts such as Chinese cake, Salara and many more.

LIFE'S JOURNEY
Perception



Excerpts from Cariwave, The Caribbean Magazine, Fall 2002 edition, p.23

An old Sikh saying is, “You learn 25% of what you know from your teacher, 25% from yourself, 25% from your friends and the other 25% comes with time.

If we change our perceptions (the way we see things) then we can change our experiences in life where we can become more fulfilled and satisfied. To change our perceptions we must have new interpretations of events with an open mind in the present and not with frozen patterns, hurts and memories of the past. The important thing to realize is as we process new information, we can have new perceptions (views) based on present moment awareness and thus we can learn new habits and patterns, which can become dominant over time, even when our past memories still exist.

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PEPPERPOT CLUB

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UPCOMING DOMINO TOURNAMENT, COOKOUT AND KITE BUILDING COMPETITION

On Saturday, May 26, 2018, the Pepperpot Club in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada will be having its pepperpot cookout and domino tournament. One may choose to cook something other than pepperpot during the cookout, as the Guyanese tradition is rich in tastes, flavors and cuisines. Like in Guyana, this may take place in backyards, people's homes or at a hall, keeping the Guyanese traditions alive.

The Chinese laborers of Guyana have made kite flying popular in Guyana at Easter. To enter our

KITE BUILDING COMPETITION, please forward an email to allyproduction@yahoo.com

A CHINESE CHECKERS AND CARD COMPETITION may also be included.



*The Guyana Canadian Pepperpot Club,
The Pepperpot Book Club
The Pepperpot Domino Club
The Pepperpot Arts and Craft Club*

PEPPERPOT CLUB - ARTS & CRAFT

KITE BUILDING COMPETITION

See p. 25 for a quick design of the Singing Engine Kite frame. The next edition of this Magazine will have the complete kite with colored kite paper, ears, frills etc...

EASTER WEEKEND KITE FLYING THE SINGING ENGINE KITE

**ON SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018
THE PEPPERPOT CLUB IS PLANNING
A PEPPERPOT COOKOUT, GUYANESE STYLE,
AND HAVE YOUR KITES READY**

GUYANA IS KNOWN FOR ITS EASTER WEEKEND KITE FLYING FESTIVAL

By F. Ally

As far as I'm aware, Guyana in South America is probably the only country in the world that is known for flying kites on Easter, which is actually a cultural celebration. In 1853, the Chinese Indentured Laborers arrived in Guyana (formerly Guiana) and brought their kite flying tradition with them, as China is known for its history in kite flying. While the Chinese laborers were in the fields flying their kites, their bosses had tried to stop them, but a new and everlasting tradition was born into the Guyanese culture when the Chinese laborers had told their bosses that kite flying symbolized the rising of Jesus Christ, words that would please their Christian bosses. Upon hearing those inspirational words from the mouths of the Chinese laborers, their bosses smiled at the thought and told them to continue flying their kites. Today kite flying is one of the biggest traditions in the Guyanese culture amongst all people of all faiths and takes place during the Easter long weekend. For some Guyanese kite flying is all year long. Although Easter is a Christian celebration in Guyana, kite flying during Easter is a cultural celebration with lots of events and competition surrounding kites for people of all faiths and background, and its event as such that brings people together.

THE SINGING ENGINE

Although there are many types of kites flown during Easter, such as the Box kite, Bird kite and many others kites, the 'Singing Engine' kite is no doubt the favorite and is unique in its design, as it soars the Atlantic Ocean, buzzing and singing and throughout this South American country.

KITE FLYING IS BIG AROUND THE GLOBE

Kite flying is also big in many countries around the world such as in Afghanistan and many cities across Canada, America, but these places do not celebrate Easter with kite flying in the way Guyana does. The President of Guyana calls it a **GUYANA INVENTION - FLYING KITES DURING EASTER**. For example Trinidad, which is near Guyana, has their kite flying festival in December and not during Easter like Guyana does.

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KITE FLYING IN CANADA, AMERICA AND OTHER PLACES

Like Guyana, many countries around the world have their own kite flying festivals, but in places like Canada, these festivals DO NOT take place during Easter like it does in Guyana, but often takes place during the summer when the days are warmer. Kite flying festivals are held in Trinidad in December, New York Kite Festival in July, Brampton Ontario (Canada) in June, Vancouver in June, Edmonton (Alberta, Canada) in September (Kites over Callingwood). (These dates are also subject to changes for these locations mentioned, where as in Guyana it's always during Easter.) IN GUYANA AND MAYBE ONLY IN GUYANA, KITE FLYING TAKES PLACE DURING EASTER, UNLESS OTHERS ARE ADOPTING TO THIS GUYANESE TRADITION, as a way of showing the 'rising of Christ.' BUT IT'S UNIQUE TO GUYANA.

PROMOTING OUR KITE BUILDING COMPETITION IN THE DIVERSE CITY MAGAZINE - WILL EASTER KITE FLYING CATCH ON IN EDMONTON?

Our Diverse City Magazine has been promoting our Kite Building Competition and the Easter Kite flying that takes place in Guyana. Immediately after edition 1.0 of the Diverse City Magazine was released on February 22, it began to feel more like Easter Kite Flying in Edmonton, when on March 2, 2018 and a few times after that, I noticed an advertisement with a kite on the big bulletin board on 170 St exiting off to Yellowhead Trail showing a kite. (I take this route all the time). We know that no one fly kites on Easter in Edmonton because it's a 'Guyanese Thing' and it can be cold to stand out there in Edmonton during the month of March or at the end of March not to mention there can be lots of snow, but during Easter in Guyana, kites are hovering above the Atlantic Ocean and soaring the sky in the scorching sun for hours upon hours. Will it catch on in Edmonton? Maybe, maybe not, but it may catch on for fun and for sales by using the Guyanese theme about kite flying symbolizing the 'rising of Christ.'

One of my goals is to have some of our Guyanese traditions and dishes such as our pepperpot cookout, Chinese cake, salara cake and our Easter kite flying cultural celebration become a part of the Canadian culture and cultures around the world by writing more on kite flying during Easter. Some of us in Edmonton hopes to fly our kites on Easter, but it may be very cold and with lots of snow. But for sure on May 26, 2018 during our Pepperpot cookout, we will take out kites with us. In the novel, SIGNATURE WITH LOVE a novel I wrote on cats, published back around December 2012, kite flying is a part of the story of Mustapha, Salima and their cats.

THE MEDIA AND SPREADING THE JOY AND THE CELEBRATIONS

In the way this Diverse City Magazine is spreading these joys and the celebrations of cultures, I know for a fact that writers of the media and other sources, including musicians and songwriters, have been scouring through the pages of the Diverse City Magazines and combing through my songs for ideas because of the unique and original independent contents. Hopefully they will also spread the joy and the celebrations of some of the Guyanese traditions as I have been doing through this DIVERSE CITY MAGAZINE and also for many world traditions.

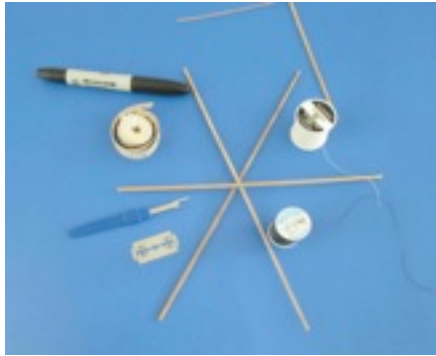
NEXT PAGE - ALLY BUILDS THE FRAME FOR HIS KITES

The wood should be light, yet sturdy enough to withstand the wind as the kite soars the sky, singing and dancing. For the small 1-foot kite, I used the thin wood from a broom. For the 2-foot kite, I purchased the light wood from a store called Michaels.

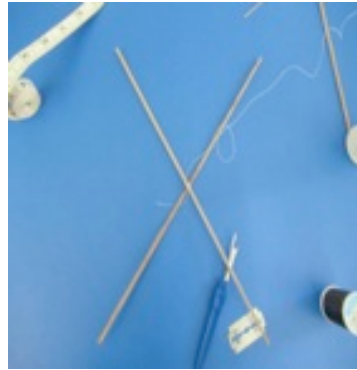
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Steps in making a kite frame

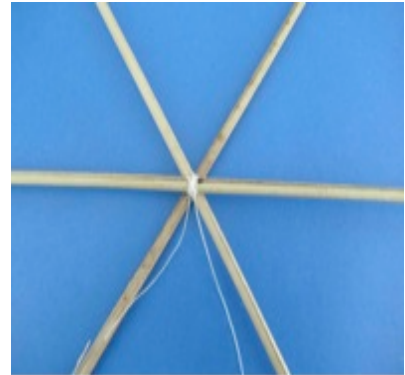
Some steps in building a 1-foot singing engine and a 2 foot singing engine kite



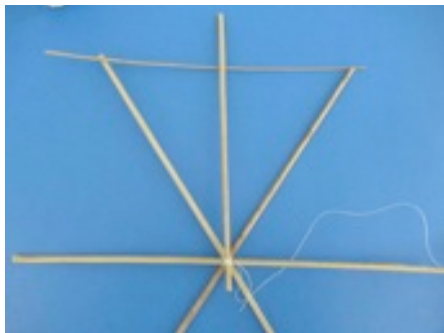
1) This is a simple 1-foot kite made by using the wood from a broom.



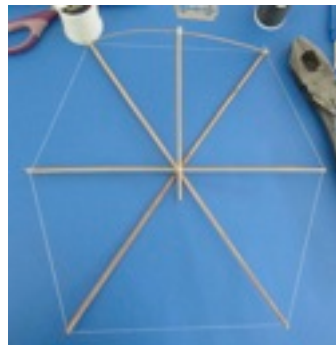
2) Make an X with two of the 1-foot stick. Then add the middle stick which is about 10 inches long.



3) Use a string, tie the middle together.



4) Make a nose as demonstrated. Later, under the nose, a strip of paper will be placed that spins and makes a buzzing sound, thus the name Singing Engine



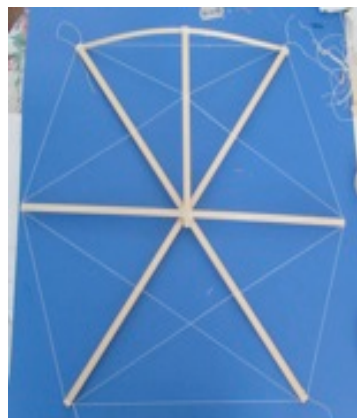
5) Run the string around the frame. This is a simple 1-foot kite made by using the wood



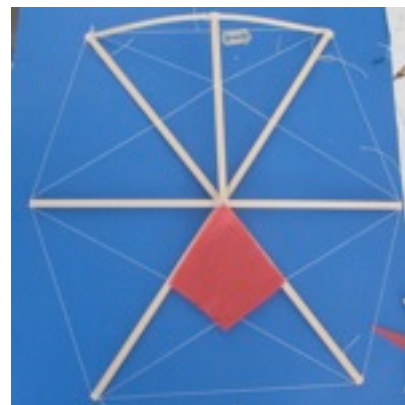
SHOWS A 2-FOOT KITE FRAME. A design is made using the string.



Shows the 1-foot and 2-foot kite frames



Design completed with a design



The next step is to add kite paper, ears, frills and a tail.

THE FUN NOW BEGINS WITH THE FINISHING
THE UPCOMING DIVERSE CITY MAGAZINE EDITION
WILL HAVE THE COMPLETE KITE DESIGN

INFORMATION ON ISLAM by F. Ally

Since I wrote on Islam and the History of the Syrians in America in the Diverse City Magazine (February/March 2018) Edition 1.0, a few people have asked me some questions on Islam and I was engaged in a few short discussions. I am not an expert in any of the faiths, but I'm always learning as each day goes by. Books are great to learn from, but I find that a person can also learn by watching some short Youtube videos. I personally find that some of the best videos to learn from are from the ones on the converts to Islam, to see why they were searching for a new way of life and have gone through many or all of the faiths and found Islam, when they were trying their best to avoid Islam because of the bad press on Islam and Muslims. I have also done some translation on some of the short surahs from the Quran through my own research and have written two small books in 2015 and a bigger (a draft) on Islam in the year 2009.

Below, I have listed some of the Youtube videos, which I think are inspiring. You can go to Youtube and do a search for the titles, which I've listed below. It's important to understand that there are many Youtube videos and websites that are filled with wrong information, hate speech and propaganda against the Quran, Islam and Muslims, and that you must also seek information from the experts in Islam. It's important to realize that when you are practicing any faith that it's very important not to mix faiths with politics and political agendas, and to be a true practitioner of your faith through mindfulness and by cultivating your practice that will lead you towards a better and satisfying life, enlightenment and making this world a better place for all.

New American Brother Converted To Islam

Posted January 4, 2010

There are some discussion about the purifying the soul and listening to the Quran as a form of feeling secure and calm.

Canadian Man Converts to Islam 2010

January 14, 2010

An Aboriginal man who understood the first two commandments in the Bible later found his new way of life through Islam, where he gave up habits such the addiction of alcohol, and is raising his child with Islamic knowledge so his child can choose to have a good healthy life.

The Character To Paradise, Yusha Evans

January 3, 2012

Evans speaks on Good manners and Bad manners

French Artist Convert Never Wanted to Become Muslim

February 22, 2015

He states that he had always felt something empty in his heart, until he became a Muslim.

How The Haram Led Me To the Halal - Mathew Joseph Martin

January 26, 2015

He discusses Jesus in the Bible and other areas of the Bible, and how the remembrance of Allah is important to our hearts.

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From Islam to Atheism Then Back To Islam

July 20, 2016

The speaker speaks of being held accountable for our actions, and asked 'who created all things' and brings some understanding of creator and creation and why there has to be a creator.

American University Professor Converted to Islam

February 12, 2009

This speaker speaks about the beauty of creation and why she would want to submit to God.

50 Year Baptist Missionaries now a Muslim in Islam - The DeenShow

September 25, 2011

The speaker speaks about making 'God central to your life' and speaks of the message, which all the prophets have taught.

Islam is the True Religion - Yousef Estes

June 2, 2015

This Sheik who is a well versed in Christianity discusses the Bible and the Quran, and how Islam is 'A Way of Life'

Disclaimer: There may be some mistakes in the above, as I copied the information from notes made while watching these videos...F. Ally

Below is some information on prayers and symbols by F. Ally

The two sections below were slightly modified on March 16, 2018

On prayers

Some words in the Quran, which is written in classical Arabic and not modern Arabic, are not easily translated to English and have different meanings in the way an English word also have different meanings. When it comes to Islam, we often hear about the five daily prayers. Using the word, prayer, is not fully correct because the classical Arabic word, 'salah' does not only translate to the word prayer, although prayer is a part of 'salah.' Connecting to the creator and focusing on the inspirational verses and phrases are one of the main goals of 'salah.' During salah, there is prayers which is known as 'dua', there is also worshipping where you only praise Allah (the creator of the Heaven, the Earth and all things), then there's dikr (zikr) which is actually closer to a meditation practice where worshippers repeats a phrase such as 'subhannallah' over and over during salah and this is rejuvenating in the way meditation is - in fact, salah purifies the heart and soul where worshippers should attain calmness, release stress, quiet their busy minds etc... and that's healthy for the body, soul and mind, and the goal is to become an enlightened being. It's also important to be aware that in Arabic speaking countries such as Iraq, the word, Allah, is also used by the Christians.

The symbol of the moon and star that's seen on the Masjids (prayer halls), flags and books

The symbol of the moon and the star has nothing to do with Islam and Muslims, since Islam has no objects or images. These symbols used together predates Islam, but was adopted by the Turkish Empire. In the way places like Canada and America have symbols on its flags but does not represent Christianity or any other faiths, the same goes for the moon and the star, which are often found on flags in countries where there are large Muslim populations and other faiths such as Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism etc, yet have nothing to do with Islam. For whatever reason(s) the star and moon are place on Masjids (prayer halls), books and flags its important not to judge Islam and Muslims according to what or and who these symbols may represent, as practitioners of Islam enters a prayer hall to carry out their 'salah' and 'salah' has nothing to do with these symbols.

PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

KETCHUP ON RRSPS AND KETCHINGUP ON THE TIMES by F. Ally

I love ketchup, but a few days ago a youtube video about ketchup popped into my view and I decided to watch it. I was not happy with what they were saying about ketchup because I love ketchup. I have the same brand at home. A few days after seeing this video, I went to the bank on Thursday, February 22, 2018, and as I entered the bank, the identical bottle of ketchup was standing at all of the stations. I was not surprised at all. I asked the Teller about the ketchup, and she said 'Ketchup on your RRSPs'. I asked, "Is this a yearly thing?" Her response was "no." She said something like it seems to be new. I love ketchup and I cannot see myself giving up ketchup, but I will now have to do some more research on it, as health is a big concern for many today, and not only seeing it being advertised at the grocery stores, but also at the bank.

Why wasn't I surprised about seeing the ketchup at the bank a few days after seeing the video? Well, while I was writing a short book called 'Standing up against racism' I kept using the words 'To make a long story short.' I do not even remember using this phrase in a long time, but I was using it because I was writing about my experiences. Then a few days later, I entered the same bank, and on the cover of the small Metro newspaper in big letters on the front page were written 'LONG STORY SHORT.' I was not surprised and I thought that I could use a short phrase like that instead of writing 'to make a long story short.'

Just recently I was also writing an article and I was deciding which names to use for my family picture and one of the names were 'Hans', a short version of a family member's name, which I wrote down on a piece of paper as I sat at my computer. Then, a few days later, on a youtube channel a new video came up by the same person - a very odd video as compared to his other videos and it was on a different topic - and it had the name 'Hans,' a name which I had not seen anyone else using in a long time, except that I was deciding if I should use the name and that spelling, but a few days later, I decided to use a different name, as we have multiple names in our family.

Another story about a month ago is when a friend, his 10 year old son and I were going to a store to buy something. And in my friend's car, he was asking Siri a question. I didn't even know that Siri existed. Siri is a computer system that answers questions. His son then asked Siri a question, and Siri answered calling out the boy's name. We were surprised that Siri had called the boy's name and even knew the boy's name. That same evening as I was watching some youtube videos, a video on Siri appeared, but I didn't watch it. The following day, I told my friend about the video on Siri appearing. We laughed a little wondering about Siri and my friend said, "Oh, continuous surveillance." Well, what else could it be in this day and age? Surrounded by cameras across the city, in the malls, devices in our homes and devices we carry 24 hours a day, I think we know we're under continuous surveillance, and perhaps harassment.

On February 26, I updated this article with these few lines. A few days after releasing this edition of the magazine, as I sat at the café on Sunday, Feb 25, watching some of the Olympics, a line for Coke, which I had never seen before, came up on the TV screen saying 'Taste The Feeling' so I thought, oh yes, how about Taste These Feelings, like the words on the cover of this magazine and my song called Estos Sentimientos (These Feelings); how about Catch the Feeling or Catch These Feelings. *Continued on p.24...*

‘YOUR FEAR IS THEIR DESIRE’

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Many are beginning to understand that according to Muslims (a person that submits to the One God) that Islam (submission to the One God) was the religion of all the prophets and where all the prophets conveyed the same message which is Islam, and that the prophets were all Muslims. People are waking up to the truth that they are being fed lies about Muslims and the teachings of Islam with many false translations of the Quran, and this all has to do with politics.

RIO, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CARNIVAL EXTRAVAGANZA

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Loud noise that affects small children

The loud noise can cause serious damage to children during the loud, exotic and vibrant celebration. For some such as Ronnie McIntosh who is the five-time band of the year winner, he is against having babies and small children as a part of his band due to the damage loud noise can cause. He says it's okay for teenagers to play mas but is accompanied by their parents or close relatives so accountability is taken for these youngsters. He has also invested in security for his band to protect the teenagers and others during mas.

Kiddies Carnival

Aaron Kalicharan, mas producer, is against young children under age thirteen participating in adult bands due to the loud noise and security. He tells parents that younger children should instead take part in the ‘Kiddies Carnival.’

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LIFE’S JOURNEY

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While on my journey of life, I know my brain is constantly making decisions for me even when I'm not consciously aware, therefore, by doing positive things, forming good habits and behaviors, my body at a subconscious level will automatically make wise decisions when new situations arise, even when I'm not aware. As we learn new behaviors and habits, it becomes dominant even though memories of the past still exist.

KETCHUP ON RRSPTS AND KETCHINGUP ON THE TIMES

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Ketchingup on the times and the changes with time and technology are real, and maybe are getting out of control with all of the surveillance. And this is freedom? I do feel the urge to get some ketchup, but since I have seen the video on ketchup, I have not touched ketchup, and may look for a different brand of ketchup or even start making my own ketchup.

EYES ON THE SKY PHOTOS

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Although I have not watched any videos on the trails in the sky, immediately after publishing this magazine, a video on chem trails popped up in my view for me to watch, since I, like many others, are already aware of weather modification taking place, but in the video, people were cursing and questioning what's taking place in our skies.

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NOTE: These pictures were taken in the winter starting in January 2018. The first picture shows the clouds as having colors of purple, green, pink. Green? You may magnify to a close up view to bring out the colors. Spring is on its way, and more 'Eyes on the sky' photos to come.

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