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One of the many beautiful pirates in Roy Pierre and Associates "Jolly Roger" band. Keith Getter

# VOTERS DUMP KAMLA

## Another government falls in Caribbean

By Bert Wilkinson

In at least four general elections held in the 15-nation Caribbean trade group so far this year, the electorate has chosen to vote out all but one government with the latest being a change in administration in Trinidad and Tobago, easily the region's largest economy.

On Monday, nearly a million eligible voters picked the main Afro-dominated People's National Movement (PNM) to run the prosperous island nation off Venezuela for the next five years, dumping Prime

Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar and her multiparty, Hindu-led, People's Partnership (PP).

The grouping had faced voters with a very comfortable 29 of the 41 parliamentary seats but new Prime Minister Keith Rowley, a volcanologist by profession, will run the country with a 23-18 majority, not the two-thirds that Persad-Bissessar had enjoyed since mid 2010.

Stunned and depressed at the loss, the outgoing prime minister opted to immediately

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## Adams to convene emergency meeting

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams says he will be convening an emergency meeting of key stakeholders, including law enforcement and J'Ouvert organizers, in the wake of the pre-J'Ouvert shooting of a legal

aide to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

In what police have described as a wild hail of gunfire flying between rival gang members, Carey Gabay, 43, was struck in the head by a bullet as he stood on Bedford Avenue near

the J'Ouvert route. Gabay is still in critical condition at Kings County Hospital.

"The J'Ouvert celebrations, which are separate from the larger parade, have raised legitimate concerns about safety

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Masqueraders in Dingloy Mas.

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## Picture perfect West Indian American Carnival

**By Nelson A. King**

In picture perfect weather, with temperatures in the low 90s, more than three million people converged on Brooklyn's sprawling Eastern Parkway on Labor Day Monday for the 48th Annual West Indian American Day Carnival Parade.

Under the ubiquitous eyes of officers from the New York Police Department (NYPD), tens of thousands of masqueraders and revelers gyrated to the hypnotic soca rhythms of the Caribbean, emerging from humongous speakers mounted atop huge flatbed trucks.

Masqueraders — big and small, old

and young — adorned in elaborate and skimpy costumes and outfits, displayed the culture of the region.

"I love it! Wonderful!" exclaimed Berna Blaize, of Brooklyn, portraying Pieces of a Dream's "Splendor in Paradise."

"Spectacular! Amazing!" added Blaize, who was born in Aruba to Grenadian parents and who, in the last two years, won the Individual category in the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA)-organized parade, considered the largest in North America. Blaize is also the three-time winner of Atlanta's Caribbean Carni-

val.

Nearby, Jamalia Phillpots, 12, who was born in Brooklyn to Jamaican and Grenadian parents, portrayed Giselle Fritz and Associates' "Life in the Rain."

"I'm enjoying it," she said, as his dad stood by. "I feel free. I'm enjoying it. I've been doing this for five straight years."

"We look forward to the Labor Day celebration — the last hurrah of the summer," said Tobago native Indi Gottsleben, flanked by compatriot Iona Thomas. Both played with Suga Candy Productions.

Trinidadian Ashley Blake, who was born in Brooklyn but now resides in Queens, said she was "excited" to participate in the annual spectacle.

"This is a great time for everybody to get together and unite — all different cultures," said Blake, playing with Ramajay.

St. Lucian Tyshia Alphonse, 14, portrayed Tropical Fete's "Going Green: Loving the Earth."

"This is good," she said. "It's fantastic. I'm having a good time."

As she portrayed Kaios International's "Goddess of Carnival," Trinidadian Calya McLean said she was having a "wonderful" time, adding that she was



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Masqueraders in Fritz Mas.

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**1.** Calya McLean represents Kaios International. **2.** Roz Chinwing portrays Back Yard Mas. **3.** Jamalia Parke (L) and Ketty Paul in Greenz United "Enchantress."

Photos by Nelson A. King

# WEST INDIAN DAY CARNIVAL '15



**1.** "Jolly Roger" masqueraders. **2.** Roy Pierre leading his band of pirates and mermaids on the Parkway. Come out to Roy Pierre and Associates appreciation party on Sept. 13, 204 Parkside Ave., Brooklyn. **3.** Another masquerader in Roy Pierre and Associates "Jolly Roger" band. **4.** Roy Pierre (left) and masqueraders of the "The Jolly Rogers" band. Photos by Keith Getter

# WEST INDIAN DAY CARNIVAL '15



1. Belmont Mas Queen Deborah James in a Tarantula Spider costume. 2. 1199 Presents band portrayal "Courts of Grandeur" with Jaliah Joseph wearing costume Burmese Dancer. 3. Rhianna Snell from Sherzel Productions, band portrayal "Jewel of an Empire" wearing costume entitled Rainbow Pirate. 4. Michael Green of "Belmont Mas" in a Jumbi Scarecrow costume. 5. Shakira Beckles of "New Horizon" in a Paradox of the Night costume.

Photos by Kevin Bollers



## Picture perfect

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“a Goddess myself.”

After being a spectator for “years,” Pat Cottle could not resist playing mas.

“I’m enjoying myself,” said the Trinidadian, portraying “Sani” for perennial band leaders Sesame Flyers. “This is my second year, and I’m having fun.”

Close by, Barbadian Kedia “Keys” Gaskin portrayed “Kaos” with Sesame Flyers, saying that she, too, “went from being a spectator to a mas player — all because of Sesame Flyers.”

While swaying with a huge costume, Mikel Francis of D’Midas International, exclaimed that he was “ecstatic, excited!”

Jamaican Lola Valentine drew extraordinary attention in carrying Globe-athon’s “Globe.”

“I love it!” she said, adding that “women in the Caribbean need to take care of down there,” as Globe-a-thon sought to address different types of cancer afflicting women.

Kyendrah Constantine, 15, said she has been playing mas since she was nine months old.

“I’m happy,” said the Trinidadian, play-



ing with New Horizon. “I’m going for the Queen of the band.”

Katie Miranda, of Point Fortin, Trinidad and Tobago, helped designed her costume, with Rodney Duncan, in Back Yard Mas of Richmond Hill, Queens.

“I feel excited, I feel comfortable,” she said, as her grandmother Roz Chinwing, also playing for Back Yard Mas, looked

on.

“Fantastic!” Chinwing chimed in. “I love it. God’s willing, I’m here next year, with my granddaughter (Katie).”

Despite the gaiety, the extravaganza was, unfortunately, marred by predawn violence that left one man dead and an aide to Gov. Andrew Cuomo in critical condition.

Police said that Cuomo’s staffer, Carey Gabay, 43, a first deputy general counsel at the Empire State Development Corporation, was walking with his brother close to the parade route, at about 3:40 am, just before J’ouvert began, when he was caught in the crossfire between two rival gangs.

Police said Gabay was struck in the head by a bullet.

“I’m the governor of the state of New York, and there’s not a thing I can do,” Cuomo, who participated in the parade, told reporters after visiting Gabay at Kings County Hospital. “There’s not a thing I can say, and there’s nothing I can do. And sometimes it just hurts.” New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio told the pre-parade breakfast at the Lincoln Terrace court, at the start of the spectacle, that the unnecessary violence must stop.

“A young man is fighting for his life because of senseless violence,” he said, flanked by his wife Chirlane McCray, who traces her roots to Barbados and St. Lucia. “I want to convey my thoughts and prayers for this young man and his family.”

Police also said a 24-year-old man was stabbed to death at 2 am, near Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn, in the pre-parade hours.

1. 2015 Queen of Carnival Kay Mason, of Sesame Flyers, portraying ‘Mythical Birds of Peace love and Understanding’ crossing the Dimanche Gras stage, Sunday night. 2. Pagwah band members parading on Flatbush Avenue at J’ouvert festivities early Labor Day morning. Photos by William Farrington

## Caribbean

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently held a two-day forum in St. Kitts on "Financing Growth" in the Caribbean.

The forum, which was held in collaboration with the St. Kitts-Nevis government focused on issues critical for growth and competitiveness; reduction, energy costs and financing national energy strategies, and banking sector issues, such as improving access to credit for the productive sector.



The forum brought together Caribbean prime ministers, finance ministers, central bank governors and other high-ranking officials, as well as senior officials of the IMF, the Caribbean Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank and donors.

## Antigua

Antigua and Barbuda has opened one of the most modern international airports in the Caribbean.

The new terminal more than doubles the capacity of the adjacent previous terminal, making way for an increase in passenger use of the V.C. Bird International Airport as an all-important airline hub and the largest gateway to the Eastern Caribbean.

There is a unique state of the art baggage sorting and scanning system. With faster immigration processing time, the near US\$100 million terminal that opened for operation recently, will greatly improve the visitor experience, allowing travelers expedited access to Antigua and Barbuda and maximum sun times on the destination's 365 beaches.



There are three brand new lounges - a VVIP lounge, a VIP lounge and an Airport Executive Lounge.

The modern facility was funded by China EXIM Bank and by a Chinese government interest free loan.

For the upcoming winter season, JetBlue Airways will begin direct service to Antigua's new international airport, from New York's JFK International Airport on Nov. 5.

## Barbados

Newly-appointed criminal justice adviser for the U.S. Embassy and British High Commission assigned to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean said the implementation of criminal procedure rules will be on the agenda of proposed national stakeholders when they meet to discuss the issues.

Barbados is among several countries in the region to benefit from the expertise of Sirah Abraham, who recently



## Dominica gets a bashing

A river overflows, affecting some homes along its banks, due to Tropical Storm Erika in Roseau, Dominica, Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015. Streets across Dominica turned into fast-flowing rivers that swept up cars as the storm pummeled the eastern Caribbean island.

Associated Press / Carlisle Jno Baptiste

paid a curtesy call on Barbados Attorney General Adriel Braithwaite.

Abraham said these rules, already in place in other countries, including St. Lucia and Belize, automatically reduced delays in the court.

According to Braithwaite, the backlog of cases in the courts continued to be of concern and he welcomes any initiative which would introduce best practices with regard to this use.



He added that other planned initiatives aimed at improving the court system were at improving the court system were the abolition of preliminary enquiries, slated for year-end and the introduction of prison video links, and scheduled to start in October.

AG Braithwaite also said Barbados would also seek assistance, including the training for police prosecutors and the setting up of a separate family law division.

## Dominica

The Dominica government has ordered the evacuation of the entire village of Petite Savanne, south east of Roseau, where five more bodies were found following the recent passage of Tropical Storm Erika.



Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit, in

a radio broadcast, said Petite Savanne had been declared an unsafe area and that more than 100 people had already been evacuated from the village.

He said the exercise would continue and appealed to relatives of those being evacuated to assist in providing accommodations. More than 400 houses were damaged by the Erika.

Skerrit said the international community has responded well to the situation and that a number of countries have responded well.

The storm left more than 25 dead and 50 missing.

## Guyana

Guyanese are lobbying through Facebook and other social media outlets for JetBlue to enter the Guyana market especially since the airline commenced services to Trinidad.

Airfares from New York and Florida to Trinidad are as low as US\$300 round-trip from New York City.

A very large Guyanese community exists in the east coast of the United States, who has been faced with "fly-by-night" airlines and exorbitant airfares to their native country for the past three decades. However, if JetBlue adds Guyana to its extensive Caribbean network, it could be a game changer.



Currently only Caribbean Airlines flies the Guyana-New York route. Air-

fares are now as high as US\$900 round trip and may increase further for the upcoming Christmas season.

CAL, which is owned by the T&T government, is one of a few reliable carriers serving the Guyana market for the past 50 years and effectively controls the Guyana market. The airline operates about 12 flights a day in and out of Georgetown.

In a response Jetblue said, "We are always looking to expand and fly to the places people want to go. We have made no decisions regarding Guyana to announce."

## Jamaica

Jamaica is set to pass its ninth consecutive review under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

This, after successfully surpassing all the key economic targets set by the IMF for the April to June quarter.

A team from the IMF was recently on the island reviewing the country's performance for the quarter under the four-year EFF.



Co-chair of the Economic Program Oversight Committee (EPOC), Richard Byles told journalists that the country will be given another favorable review by the IMF team.

He said that the news on the eco-

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# Trinidadians elect new government



Former Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar.

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dismiss state security guards and also chose to ride home in the back of a private car without security at her side. She also abandoned plans for a victory rally at her party headquarters, angering supporters and putting herself in a tenuous position to win support to become opposition leader.

Meanwhile, President Anthony Carmona on Wednesday afternoon made it official by swearing in Keith Christopher Rowley, 65, as the twin island's seventh prime minister at a simple ceremony in Port of Spain.

The loss for the partnership means that voters in the bloc of nations from Guyana and Suriname on the South American mainland to Belize in Central America have now dismissed governments in Anguilla, neighboring St. Kitts, Guyana and now Trinidad.

Only Desi Bouterse in Suriname has so far survived a year of voter discontent, after he won a second five-year term in general elections in late May trouncing a multiparty opposition and now being able to run Suriname without some of the key partners in the previous administration.

All eyes therefore now turn to St. Vincent in the Eastern Caribbean where Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves is seeking a third consecutive term in office and is counting on completion of a new airport, large enough to take commercial jet planes to bolster his flagging fortunes in the polls.

As PNM supporters celebrate the departure of a government which had been bogged down by widespread and credible allegation of corruption and nepotism, Prime Minister Rowley got down to naming a cabinet and assuring investors that a healthy climate will be in place during his tenure.

He immediately named retired army chief, Brig. Gen Edmund Dillon, as his security minister and trusted confidant Faris Al Rawi as his attorney general.

# Making carnival safer for all

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for participants and passersby alike," Adams said. "Even with efforts that have been taken to make these marches and parties safer, we cannot tolerate a single person getting injured or worse."

He said his meeting will review the J'Ouvert celebration that precedes the annual massive West Indian American Day Carnival Parade on Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway, to determine "the best course of action for next year."

"The celebration of J'Ouvert is not inherently violent, so we must work to remove every violent element from this otherwise festive celebration of cultural pride," Adams said.

"We must also remind ourselves of the larger crisis that gun violence continues to pose to our city, our state, and our nation," he added. "Left unchecked, bullets will continue to carve highways of death in our communities, whether on Eastern Parkway during J'Ouvert or at another place and time."

Adams, however, noted that Brooklyn is "extremely proud of its Caribbean culture, highlighted every Labor Day by the West Indian American Day Carnival on Eastern Parkway, New York City's largest parade of the year."

He said the leadership of the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA), organizer of the parade, has worked "diligently" in recent years, alongside the New York Police Depart-

ment (NYPD) and local elected officials, "to make sure the experience can be a safe and joyous one for everyone that attends."

New York Police Commissioner William J. Bratton told reporters on Tuesday that the parade and surrounding events are "our most violent public

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event in the city," stating that "some of it has to do with the fact that it's an overnight event."

Since there is no political or community interest in ending the celebrations, Bratton said, "we will work to the best of our ability to deal with the elements in that community that engage in that violence."

But Thomas Bailey, the Trinidadian-born president of WIADCA, and others said the celebrations are incorrectly being linked to the violence.

"We have not experienced any violence, other than what happens on a daily basis in New York City or all over the world," he told reporters. "I don't think the carnival celebration should be linked to the violence."

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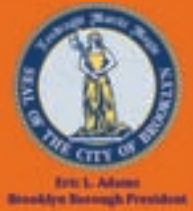
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# From inequality to inclusion

By Jomo Kwame Sundaram

ROME, Sep. 8, 2015 (IPS) - Recent years have seen a remarkable resurgence of interest in economic inequality, thanks primarily to growing recognition of some of its economic, social, cultural and political consequences in the wake of Western economic stagnation.

The unexpectedly enthusiastic reception for last year's publication of Thomas Piketty's "Capital in the Twenty-First Century" underscores this sea change.

New thinking on social protection recognises that most of the poor and vulnerable in developing countries are outside the formal economy, with almost four-fifths of the poor living in the countryside.

Piketty has correctly renewed attention to the connections between the functional and household/individual distributions of income as well as to wealth inequality. Clearly, the distribution of wealth (capital, real property) is the major determinant of the functional distribution of income.

And by textbook economics' definition, profit maximisation involves capturing economic rents of some kind - from finance, monopolistic intellectual property rights (IPRs), 'competitive advantage', producer surplus, etc., presumably thanks to successful rent-seeking, by influencing legislation, regulation, public policy, public opinion and consumer preferences.

As is understandable and the norm, Piketty's focus is on inequality at the national level, rather than at the global level.

But Branko Milanovic and others have shown that about two-thirds of overall world inter-personal or inter-household inequality is accounted for by inter-country inequality, with the remaining third due to what may be termed class and other intra-national inequalities.

## International inequality

There are many competing explanations for international inequalities. Historical differences in capital accumulation, including public investments, and productivity are commonly invoked to explain different economic capacities, capabilities and incomes.

But frequently unsustainable foreign investments also lead to significant net outflows, greatly diminishing the net benefits from additional economic capacities. Financial flows to the settler colonies from the late 19th century were exceptional in this regard. Generally, a small share of foreign direct investment actually enhances economic capacities, instead mainly contributing to acquisitions and mergers.

Financial globalisation in recent decades, especially capital market flows, have not ensured sustained net flows from capital-rich to capital-poor economies, but has instead worsened financial volatility and instability, increasing the frequency of crises with traumatic effects for the real economy, and growth sustainability.

Contrary to the conventional wisdom that international trade lifts all boats, it has general-

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# Protecting lives must come first in law enforcement

By Dr. Anja Bienert

LONDON, Sep. 7, 2015 (IPS) - Everyone has the right to life. This principle is enshrined in Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and appears in numerous international treaties and national laws.

Yet this notion was sorely absent the day police fatally shot Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old boy, in a public park in broad daylight.

From the streets of Ferguson, Missouri to the favelas of Brazil, police use of force and firearms often makes global headlines when it turns fatal.

On Nov. 22, 2014, police in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S., responded to an emergency call about an unidentified male standing in a local park and pointing a gun at people. It is unclear if the responding police officers were aware of the caller's tip that the weapon was "probably fake", or if they knew the alleged gunman was only a child.

Within two seconds of stepping out of his police car, one of the officers shot Tamir Rice from just metres away. A surveillance video later released by police shows how the young boy was fatally wounded in the blink of an eye. He died later in hospital.

A judge who reviewed the actions of the two police officers involved wrote that, having watched the surveillance video of the incident several times, he was "still thunderstruck by how quickly this event turned deadly". He found probable cause for the officer who pulled the trigger to face murder charges.

Nobody is disputing that police are faced with challenging, and often danger-

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ous, situations. The power to use force is indispensable for police to carry out their duties, but that does not mean it is an inevitable part of the job - in fact, the underlying principle of the international standards for policing is not to use force unless it is really necessary.

Those standards, the UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms, spell out for police when force can legitimately be used.

What the Tamir Rice case shows is that in the U.S., as in many other countries, police often fall short of this mark. This tragic reality has been highlighted time and again, including the fatal police shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and the series of protests it unleashed.

From the streets of Ferguson, Missouri to the favelas of Brazil, police use of force and firearms often makes global headlines when it turns fatal.

In countless other cases, including in response to demonstrations, police are too quick to use force instead of seeking peaceful conflict resolution. They deploy tear gas, rubber bullets and other weapons in arbitrary and abusive ways or use excessive force, causing serious casualties, including killing and maiming people, often with little or no accountability.

Killings by police in Brazil have disproportionately impacted young black men. Numerous police shootings in the U.S. have resulted in the death of unarmed people, likewise with a disproportionate impact on African American males. In Bangladesh, special police forces have carried out heavy-handed police operations with lethal force, resulting in the deaths of many people.

And in countries including Bahrain, Burundi, Cambodia, Greece, Spain, Turkey, Venezuela and Ukraine, serious casualties have resulted from police use of tear gas, rubber bullets and other means of force, sometimes even firearms, during public assemblies.

In cases such as these, governments and law enforcement authorities frequently fail to create a framework to ensure that police only use force lawfully, in compliance with human rights and as a last resort. Killings and serious injuries are frequently the price of this failure.

This is due to a variety of reasons, including domestic laws that contradict international human rights obligations, deficient internal regulations, inadequate training and equipment, lack of command control and the absence of accountability for police who act outside the law.

To tackle this problem head-on, Amnesty International has published a new set of Guidelines on police use of force, timed to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the UN Basic Principles being adopted. Drawing on examples from 58 countries in all regions of the world, their detailed conclu-

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# Trinidad & Tobago's contagion of evil is no more

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

**S**o Gaston, my friend, we probably should begin with apologies to you if, upon reading this, you do a double-take at “contagion of evil” which, in recent communication with you, was my choice of label for the now deposed government of Trinidad and Tobago, led by Kamla Persad-Bissessar. Honestly, I didn't know that descriptive would have stuck with me since our exchange of notes, but it did. And now that the reign of a blood-sucking posse masquerading as government has been terminated, Trinidad and Tobago will hopefully be able to exhale. Even as, up ahead, the going figures to be challenging, following the recklessly corrupt ways of those who previously walked the corridors of power, as Dr. Keith Rowley, the new prime minister, intoned in accepting the country's mandate.

Among the traits exhibited by the Bissessar government during its five-year term was a certain classlessness. And the ex-prime minister was evidently determined to adhere to habit when the bell tolled Mon-

day night. In a “concession” speech and remarks to reporters, Bissessar could not summon the grace to congratulate Dr. Rowley, preferring instead to point out a few times that her party had secured more of the popular vote than Rowley's People's National Movement (PNM).

Bissessar has fine-tuned the art of seeing and knowing truth and calling it false; and proffering falsehoods as truth. She continuously demonstrated this during her tenure and was once again true to form in post-election remarks. Asked to respond to what many had characterized as a brutal campaign run by her party — a campaign which seemingly had as its core objective the personal savaging of Dr. Rowley — Bissessar insisted the party ran a good campaign that “focused on the issues.” Asked about the future of the People's Partnership coalition she led — a coalition which everyone knows has latterly been a “partnership” in name only — she replied that the Partnership is “very strong.”

The larger number of overall

votes garnered by her party (which may not be accurate), to which Bissessar alluded probably speaks to rigidly tribal voting patterns in areas that comprise the base support for Bissessar's predominantly Indo-Trinidadian party, United National Congress (UNC). The Jack Warner storyline is illustrative of the tribalism factor in the country's voting. Primary “sponsor” of Bissessar's ascendancy to the party leadership and becoming prime minister in 2010, by 2013 when Warner and Bissessar parted ways, he was able to resign his seat and win it again overwhelmingly in a special election as head of his own party. But by this year's general election, with the UNC's continuation as ruling party at stake, and with Warner by then even more vituperatively anti-Bissessar, he got blown away by his Indo-Trinidadian opponent.

As we said last week, though, it would be the Bissessar administration's accumulative notoriety — rampant corruption and flagrant abuse of governmental authority — that would guarantee its collapse.

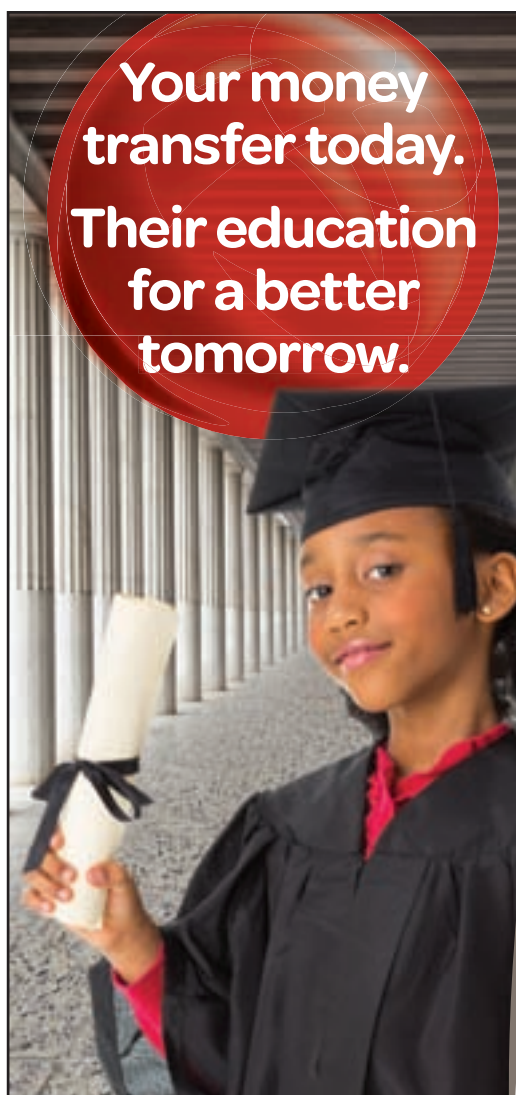
The taint of institutionalized skullduggery that dogged the government from rather early in its term was the kind of giant-sized blemish to which only base support would typically turn a blind eye. The upshot was that almost all of the seats won by the UNC beyond its heartland in the Patrick Manning repudiation vote that was the 2010 election, were lost by the UNC this time around.

Even so, success for the PNM would not have resulted without a well planned and executed campaign and without the leadership presence Dr. Rowley has come to represent. Indeed, not only with respect to the just concluded election campaign but over the five years preceding it, Dr. Rowley has made significant strides as head of the party, leading the PNM in the process to four consecutive electoral victo-

ries. Trinidad Express columnist Raffique Shah commented a few days ago that the one aspect of the 2015 election season he found noteworthy was the emergence of Dr. Rowley as a leader and orator.

The rise of Rowley cannot but dial up a flashback to the man he succeeded as PNM leader. The out-of-control locomotive Patrick Manning obstinately chose to steer right into the 2010 debacle he created for the PNM was already on course for things going awry when Manning planned and effected a totally unwarranted humiliation of Dr. Rowley. Regretfully, Manning, who has been ill, apparently continues to harbor a vindictiveness, where Dr. Rowley is concerned, that puts him in much the same league as Bissessar and her aforementioned lack of grace.

If only for the unusual fortitude and tenacity he has shown in the face of a battering from sources both presumably friendly and openly hostile, Dr. Rowley, it would seem, has earned his prime ministerial shot.



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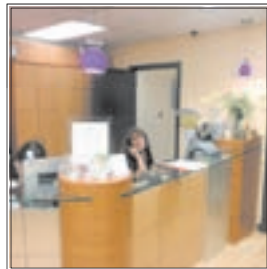
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# OP-EDS

## Inequality a crucial challenge

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ly favoured the richer countries at the expense of their poorer counterparts. For well over a century, except during some notable periods and some rare minerals more recently, the prices of primary commodities have declined against manufactures.

This has been especially true of tropical agriculture compared to temperate products, as productivity gains have accrued to consumers more than to producers. In recent decades, cut-throat competition has meant a similar fate for developing country manufactured exports compared to the large marketing margins of manufactures from developed economies.

### Social protection

As the deadline for the Millennium Development Goals approaches, the call to address inequality as a crucial challenge for development has emerged as an issue to be addressed in the post-2015 development framework.

Inequality gradually came back into development debates after the United Nations, the World Bank and the IMF focused flagship publications on this issue a decade ago, with the publication of the UN 2005 Report on the World Social Situation entitled The Inequality Predicament, the World Development Report 2006, and the 2007 World Economic Outlook on Globalization and Inequality.

The ongoing effects of the global financial and economic crisis since 2008 have reinforced recognition that inequality has been slowing not only human develop-

ment, but also economic recovery. But this has not led to any fundamental change in economic policy thinking or a major commitment to redress inequality at the global or even national level, except perhaps by improving taxation.

Instead, it has led to a consensus to establish a global social protection floor, recognising not only that poverty and hunger in the world will not be eliminated by more of the same economic policies, especially with the currently dim prospects for sustained economic and employment recovery and growth.

Historically, the welfare state emerged in developed countries to address deprivations in the formal economy – retirees, retrenched workers, military veterans and mothers among others. Social protection and other fiscal interventions do not fundamentally challenge wealth or income distribution, and current thinking is mindful of the potentially unsustainable burden of a welfare state.

New thinking on social protection recognises that most of the poor and vulnerable in developing countries are outside the formal economy, with almost four-fifths of the poor living in the countryside. The new interventions thus seek to accelerate the transition from protection to production, for greater resilience and self-reliance.

*Jomo Kwame Sundaram is the coordinator for Economic and Social Development at the Food and Agriculture Organization and received the 2007 Wassily Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought.*

## Human rights compliant policing

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sions and recommendations are meant to support government authorities to implement the UN Basic Principles and ensure good, effective, human rights-compliant policing.

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*Dr. Anja Bienert is with Amnesty International Netherlands' Police and Human Rights Programme*

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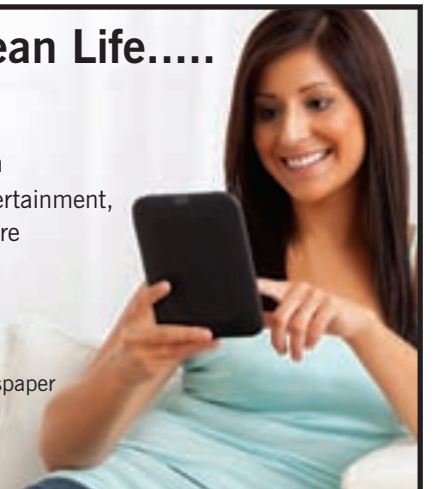
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# Mayor honors former NYC councilmember



New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio (c) presents proclamation to former New York City Council Member Dr. Una S.T. Clarke, flanked by Clarke's husband, Leslie. Nelson A. King

By Nelson A. King

A day after the massive West Indian American Day Carnival Parade on Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio bestowed special honors on the first Caribbean-born woman to be elected to the City Council.

De Blasio, flanked by First Lady Chirlane McCray, who traces her roots to Barbados and St. Lucia, honored Jamaican-born Dr. Una S.T. Clarke on Tuesday at a grand Caribbean American heritage celebration at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM).

"I want to recognize Una Clarke. Una Clarke is great not because of who she is — she always believe in the grassroots, always believes in the immigrant community," said the mayor before conferring the honor in the presence of elected and other officials, and members of the Caribbean and other communities, including the entertainer extraordinaire, movie star and political activist Harry Belafonte, and Clarke's Jamaican-born hus-

band Leslie.

"Una, you do so much," added de Blasio, who first met Dr. Clarke 24 years ago in City Hall, when they served in the City Council, and who recently appointed the trailblazing Caribbean-born woman to the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York (CUNY). "You also gave birth to a great congresswoman (Yvette D. Clarke, who represents the Ninth Congressional District in Brooklyn). You taught her right.

"Una, you never gave us a dictionary that has the word 'retirement' in it," the mayor continued. "I called on Una a few weeks ago and said 'I need a strong voice, and I need a great person to the CUNY Board'; and without hesitation, she accepted."

Clarke told Caribbean Life briefly after the reception: "I'm deeply honored that the mayor has honored me.

"This is the highest honor," she said. "Nothing I do is about me; it's about us, the Caribbean community — our growing

influence in the United States."

Born in the rural parish of St. Elizabeth in Jamaica, Clarke migrated to the United States as a foreign student in 1958.

She was elected in 1991 to New York City Council; and, during her 10-year-tenure, she sponsored more than 300 pieces of legislation on a wide range of issues. These included child welfare, education, health and mental health issues, economic development, public safety and transportation.

Her portfolio in the Council included committees on Aging, Youth Services, Economic Development, Health and Mental Health, and General Welfare. She also chaired the Council's committee on Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and was an active member of the Council's Black and Hispanic Caucus.

Clarke said she directed millions of dollars for education, health and mental health, eco-

nommic development to her 40th Council District in Brooklyn, and pursued the implementation of critical projects and programs through her ability to win help and support from labor, government, community and business leaders.

An educator by profession, Dr. Clarke has leveraged millions of dollars to upgrade

schools in her district, and have made them technologically ready for the 21st century with computer labs in every school and a model program for multi-media instruction.

Clarke said she also fought to expand services for the elderly, rebuild parks and playgrounds and increase quality childcare programs.

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# Bronx charity group donates EKG machines to SVG

By Nelson A. King

President of the Bronx-based St. Matthias Charities, Inc., Pastor Robert Mc Barnett, will be arriving in his homeland, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, weekend to hand over two EKG machines to the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital in Kingstown, the Vincenian capital.

Mc Barnett told Caribbean Life that he expects to arrive home on Saturday to deliver the equipment, as well as to distribute school supplies to several of the nation's schools.

Mc Barnett said the machines were donated to his group by Ramon J. Rodriguez, president and chief executive officer of Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, on the border of Brooklyn and Queens. Mc Barnett works in the hospital's Environmental Department.

"Mr. Rodriguez contribution will allow St. Matthias Charities, Inc. to continue to fulfil its mission and further its cause to provide healthcare

**"Mr. Rodriguez contribution will allow St. Matthias Charities, Inc. to continue to fulfil its mission and further its cause to provide healthcare to the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines."**

to the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines," Mc Barnett said.

He said the EKG machines and the school supplies have been shipped by the group's "official shipper," the Brooklyn-based Square Deal Shippers & Movers.

Mc Barnett said most of the school supplies were purchased through proceeds from the St. Matthias Charities, Inc.'s recent Fourth Annual BBQ at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn. Ruby Wood, owner

of Square Deal Shippers and Movers, was also on hand assisting with the BBQ.

Mc Barnett said the handing over of the EKG machines and the distribution of school supplies are "just some of the organization's short-term goals," adding that, among the group's other prospective objectives, is the donation of a bronchoscope to "the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

"We encourage you to continue supporting St. Matthias Charities, Inc.," he said. "Our goal is to reach the least fortunate and to touch many lives in whatever way we can."

In its continuing fundraising drives to help the nation, the St. Matthias Charities, Inc. will conduct its Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 at the Friends of Crown Heights, 671 Prospect Place, Brooklyn.

For more information, contact Mc Barnett at (917) 407-0385 or (929) 265-9872.



Pastor Robert Mc Barnett with an EKG machine.

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Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke introducing Mayor Bill de Blasio, with First Lady Shirlaine McCray looking on.

# Caribbean parade reigns supreme for politicians

By Nelson A. King

Over the years, the West Indian American Day Carnival Parade on Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway has been used by New York politicians — prominent and not so prominent — to get the word out to constituents or for photo opportunities ahead of Democratic Primaries, or to better position themselves with the public.

And so, this year's massive parade was no exception, with many legislators speaking at the pre-parade breakfast, at the Lincoln Terrace Court, at the beginning of the 3 ½-mile-long route, or marching and greeting spectators along the entire route.

Leading political and other figures — Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Mayor Bill de Blasio, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke and Brooklyn District

Attorney Kenneth Thompson — were among speakers at the Lincoln Terrace Court.

Other local legislators such as State Assemblyman Nick Perry, Assemblywomen Rodneyse Bichotte and Diana Richardson, Senator Kevin Parker and former New York City Councilwoman Una S.T. Clarke were on hand.

In introducing Mayor de Blasio and First Lady Shirlaine McCray at the breakfast reception, Congresswoman Clarke noted that McCray is the “first woman of Caribbean descent” at City

Hall. McCray traces her roots to Barbados and St. Lucia.

“I always say there’s no health without mental health,” McCray said. “Being here today is very good mental health. I just want to thank you for everything you’ve done.”

De Blasio said the city “wouldn’t be as great without Caribbean Americans,” adding: “Our hearts are very heavy. Our hearts and prayers are with the people of Dominica.”

“I remember what we did for Haiti after the earthquake (on Jan. 12, 2010),” he said. “So let’s us be there for the people of Dominica.”

Almost two dozen people were killed and more than that amount missing from Tropical Storm Erika that devastated the largest of the English-speaking Windward Islands just over a week



Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke introducing Mayor Bill de Blasio, with First Lady Shirlaine McCray looking on.

ago.

De Blasio also lamented the pre-carnival violence in which one man was stabbed to death and an aide to Gov. Andrew Cuomo shot in the head in a crossfire of bullets by two rival gangs.

He noted that “a young man” — the governor’s legal aide — was “fighting for his life because of senseless violence.”

The mayor, however, said the Carnival Parade is “a time to celebrate, but also for what our community needs and what our children need.

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## CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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conomic front has been positive.

"The current account has been good, inflation has been within target, gross domestic product (GDP), is at least positive, and of course, the debt to GDP, that reduction is quite significant and the primary balance, we have achieved the target." Byles said.

He said from April to the June quarter the country achieved a primary surplus balance of J\$20.4 billion, which is \$3.4 billion more than the target of \$17.0 billion set by the IMF.

This, he said, was mainly due to an improved performance in tax revenues for the quarter, which exceeded the budget by \$3.4 billion or 3.7 percent.

"The main taxes that did well were Company Tax, up by Ja\$1.5 billion; Sales Consumption up by \$1.6 billion; General Consumption Tax, up by \$1.1 billion; and tax on interest by \$1.0 billion," Byles said.

### St. Kitts

The St. Kitts and Nevis government has pledged an EC\$1 million (US\$370,370) relief package to assist Dominica in its recovery from damages suffered by the passage of Tropical Storm Erika.

The announcement was made by Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris at the completion of a special session of the St. Kitts and Nevis Cabinet last week.

St. Kitts and Nevis' assistance to its fellow Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) member state came after talks between Harris and Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit of Dominica, who indicated that damage done to his country was monumental, resulting in significant loss of life and infrastructural damage that has isolated several communities.

Erika left more than 25 people dead and over 50 missing in Dominica after torrential rains that caused mudslides and widespread devastation.

The government of Antigua and Barbuda also donated US\$100,000 towards the Dominica relief fund.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), through its Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) is also providing disaster relief assistance to Dominica.



### Suriname

Suriname Airways (SLM) will end its trial run to Orlando, Florida, from Paramaribo via Georgetown, Guyana, on Oct. 1 and recommence service on that route in December.

SLM initiated the route as a trial run to ascertain the market and plan future expansion if it is profitable. The state-owned company is under pressure to end the financial losses.



The government of Suriname recently appointed Andy Rusland minister of transportation, communication and tourism. Following that move, Faizal Baam will now head Suriname's civil aviation department.

The Orlando weekly flights will resume in December during the high season, according to SLM officials.

### Trinidad

Two government ministers in the ruling People's Partnership (PP) government were awarded the nation's highest award — the Order of the Republic Trinidad and Tobago (ORTT) — when the country celebrated its 53rd anniversary on Monday, Aug. 31, 2015.

They were among 41 other prominent people who received awards in the other categories - The Chaconia Medal (Gold), The Chaconia Medal (Silver), The Humming Bird Medal (Gold), Humming Bird Medal (Silver), Humming Bird Medal (Bronze), Public Service Medal of Merit (Gold), Public Service Medal of Merit (Silver) and Medal for the Development of Women (Gold).



Dookeran's award is for distinguished contributions in economics, while McLeod's award is for outstanding service in trade unionism and industrial relations, according to a government release.

Dookeran is the former leader of the Congress of the People (COP) party, which he founded in 2006. He was a former Central Bank Government and was the minister of foreign affairs.

McLeod was political leader of the Movement for Social Justice (MSJ), a labor party that formed in early 2010 to form a coalition with the United National Congress (UNC) led by Kamla Persad-Bissessar.

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# EDUCATION



Parents can follow a few tips to make sure their children are ready for a new school year.

## Help your child start year right

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"As parents, it's so easy to focus on our kids and what they need that we forget to consider what we need," says Donna Hunt O'Brien, an expert in early child development and Director of Training, Curriculum & Program Innovation at Parents as Teachers, an organization devoted to supporting families and young children. "It's important to prepare yourself for your child's transition too. You are your child's first and best teacher and that role will expand as your child starts

her journey through school. The more confident and prepared you are the more confident and successful your child will be."

To help make your child's school year as successful as possible - and to help you enjoy the ride, as well - here are five things you can do to create a strong partnership between your family and your child's school:

- Open the lines of communication with your child's teachers and adult friends. You're not the only teacher in your child's life any more. Now she has other adults who

are there to help. Introduce yourself, give out your contact information and make it clear you're happy these new teachers are a part of your child's world. After all, you both already have something in common -- you like watching your child learn new things. Establish a positive relationship with these other adults right away and you'll feel more comfortable coming to them when you need support.

- Involve your child's fan club. By the time your child is 3 or 4 years old, she will have many adults in her life who care about her, includ-

ing grandparents, babysitters, and relatives. They are her loudest cheering section, so keep everyone in the loop about her triumphs and challenges as she enters that next grade level.

- Let teachers know what makes your family tick. What's the free time passion in your household? Do you read books together, play music, or do you love to spend time outdoors playing games? Share what your family likes to do with your child's school. This will give teachers an inside look at what your child

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### Morale remains high

The modern teacher shortage can be tied to many things — including a wave of retiring educators and national education funding challenges — but teacher morale does not appear to be an issue. Research shows that 88 percent of teachers are satisfied with their choice to become a teacher, according to a recent University of Phoenix College of Education survey of more than 1,000 K-12 teachers. Additionally, 68 percent of teachers, who entered the field in the past 10 years, say they would recommend the profession to others. Recent federal data supports these findings as well. Eighty-three percent of teachers who entered the field in 2008-2009 were still working in education five years later, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Higher education's role in preparing the next generation of teachers

Efforts to grow the teaching ranks must focus on teacher recruitment,

particularly in STEM subjects. Research also shows that expanding access to teacher preparation programs and providing prospective teachers with experience that will help them navigate the critical first few years in the classroom is essential.

Higher education institutions play a vital role in ensuring potential candidates understand the opportunities that exist in education. Today's teacher preparation programs must be able to accommodate modern student schedules and meet unique education needs.

Teacher preparation programs that offer flexibility and relevance to the dynamics of today's classrooms are a must for student success. In addition, the curriculum offered by higher education institutions should also provide today's teacher candidates with real-world scenarios that encourage critical thinking and decision-making skills. These lessons will be vital when managing their own classrooms in the years ahead.

### Inspiring tomorrow's teachers

As most teachers will attest, they did not join the profession to get rich, but rather to inspire children and young adults to learn, set ambitious goals and achieve them. The University of Phoenix survey found that past generations of teachers were quite successful at this. Nearly half of respondents were inspired to join the profession by a teacher they had when they were young, according to the University of Phoenix survey.

Recruiting, retaining and supporting the individuals who are so critical to the future of today's children, takes a team effort. But the efforts are worth it as the successes of today's teachers will ultimately translate into the victories of tomorrow's leaders.



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• Share what makes your child special. If you're the parent of multiple kids, then you know better than anyone that every child is different - each has his or her own strengths and needs. As your child's first teacher and parent, you're the expert on everything to do with your kid. Take the time to listen to her thoughts and concerns and make sure you pass along this information to your child's school. It can help teachers know what to look for and how to lend a helping hand when

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• Take the time to find your team. As parents, you're all on this roller coaster ride together, so don't be afraid to introduce yourself and share some stories with your fellow passengers. Learning that other parents have the same concerns or issues you do can make you feel better about your own situation.

These first school years are a big step, not only for your children, but for you as well. Make them amazing and don't forget to celebrate your child's victories.

They grow up fast, so enjoy the ride together. For more tips and to find helpful programs, visit [www.ParentsasTeachers.org](http://www.ParentsasTeachers.org).

# Citizenship granted to Antiquans, Barbudans

By Nelson A. King

More than 300 nationals from around the region and internationally on Tuesday became citizens of Antigua and Barbuda, fulfilling a promise made by Prime Minister Gaston Browne.

An Antigua and Barbuda government statement said the new citizens had “legal status gaps within their time while living in Antigua and Barbuda over the past seven years and beyond.”

Browne, who spoke to a group of the new citizens during the ceremony, said that his party during the 2014 election campaign, promised to “correct the injustice facilitated” by the previous United Progressive Party of Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer administration.

Browne claimed that the



Hundreds receive Antigua and Barbuda citizenship. Gov't of Antigua and Barbuda

Progressive Party had “deemed those gaps within their residency period of not being eligible to become citizens of Antigua and Barbuda even after living and making meaningful contributions to Antigua and Barbuda for over seven years

and beyond.”

The Gaston Browne administration introduced citizenship amnesty legislation, Immigration and Passport (Amendment) Act 2015, to facilitate the granting of citizenship to those affected, the statement said.

# Brits: Ok if Jamaica nixes Queen rule

By Azad Ali

The British Government has given Jamaica the green light to go ahead if the country decides to replace the United Kingdom-based Judicial Committee of the Privy Council with the Caribbean Court of Justice as the final appellate court, and removed the Queen as the country's head of state.

Britain's Department for International Development, Grant Shapps, who oversees the Caribbean and Africa, said the position of the British government is that “it is entirely up to Jamaica and the Jamaican people to decide” whether they want the Court of Justice.

He was on a one-day visit to Jamaica recently.

Three bills for the abolition of appeals to the Privy Council and for Jamaica to join the Court of Justice in its appellate jurisdiction have been passed

by the House of Representatives.

The bills, however, have been sitting on the table of the Senate as the government appears unable to secure the support from at least one opposition senator.

“The United Kingdom is not going to stand in the way of or judge, one way or the other, the domestic division,” Shapps said.

The parliamentary opposition has been insisting that the matter of the final court but put to the people in a referendum, but the Portia Simpson-Miller government said that it is unwise to subject matters of the judicial to the political hustings. In addition to the abolishing appeals to the Privy Council, Simpson-Miller said that she intends to make the island a republic, removing Queen Elizabeth as the head of state.

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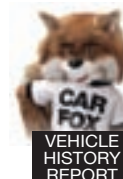
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# Guyana Day honors nationals in New York

By Tangerine Clarke

Now in its second year of bringing live entertainment to the Borough of Brooklyn, H.U.G.E LLC has proven that it has what it takes to put on a show-stopping concert, and last Saturday's

presentation was proof of that.

In addition to packing a warehouse yard now known as the Brooklyn Arts Center with thousands of fans, the entertainment company took time out to honor a group

of Guyanese professionals whose contributions were as part of a day of music, dance, food, and a Children's Village.

At about 10 pm just after a heavy downpour that almost abruptly ended the energetic party,

President of H.U.G.E, Daune Campbell presented plaques, trophies, and certificates, mid-show with honoree Gordon Moseley on hand to help with the honors.

Set against the backdrop of Guyana's Gold-



From left, honorees, Sharma Solomon, Tangerine Clarke, Minister Semona Broomes, Alliann Pompey and Wayne "Big Truck" Braithwaite.

en Arrowhead flag, loud applause greeted honorees. Tangerine Clarke, correspondent of this publication, Minister within the Ministry of Social Protection of Guyana Semona Broomes, Gold Medalist Alliann Pompey, politician Sharma Solomon, former boxing champion Wayne "Big Truck" Braithwaite, humanitarian Melissa Garner and athlete, Christopher Jones.

Absent were community activist, Sherod Duncan and volunteer Chris Bassoo. Dr. Faith Harding received a posthumous honor.

The event attracted a mélange of great artists who provided non-stop pulsating music throughout more than six hours of performances from crowd pleasing duo Jumo Primo and Adrian Rappin Tate Da Great," and Marian Porlett Williams, who performed her "Guyana Rise" anthem.

Fans, many who crowded the fence in front of the stage, screamed, waved flags and twirled into the wee hour of 2 am with Terry Gajraj and Big Red and many other artistes who thrilled the

crowd with sensational Soca, and Rap hits.

Guyana's 13-member band which was flown into New York at short notice, thanks to Capt. Gerry Gouveia of Dynamic Airways International - wowed the crowd with Deejay Cabbage at the helm.

In addition, costume-clad masqueraders Rudiana Bunbury and Joelle Harmon shook their tail feathers bringing the Labor Day Carnival into focus.

The H.U.G.E. Entertainment Committee of Shoan Sampson, Brian Roberts, Marc Wallace, Oneal Alexander, Damian Wallace and Dexter Wallace thanked the Guyana government who they said gave them tremendous support.

"We would like to thank the NYPD and Ms. Sherif Barker Fraser and her team who worked tirelessly for the success of the event.

"Thanks to all the honorees who traveled from near and far, and to our fans, we love you all," were the words expressed by the group who acknowledged the media for the full coverage they provided.

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Tyran Williams of Pinky Sez Fashion fame is pictured second from right, while Valerie Stevens and Jackie Love pose in the back row with little fashion models.  
Tangerine Clarke

## Designer unveils 'Back To School' fashion trends

By Tangerine Clarke

Fourteen-year-old Tyran Williams' collection has already graced the runway of Fashion week's "Young Fashionistas Stepping out on the Runway Uptown."

Her Pinky Sez line of children's clothing has become one of the top selling brands for all ages, making her a success story at a very young age.

Just recently, Williams partnered with the Jamaica Center Business Improvement District, to showcase her Back to School line of chic outfits for girls and boys on the Jamaica Colosseum Mall in Queens.

"I wanted to design a collection that is unique and different from the usual uniform, so I jazzed up the pieces in a style-appropriate collection and added accessories to compliment outfits.

The collection was superb, befitting the little ones who had lots to choose from as they make their way back to school for the new semester.

Sponsored in part by Jackie Love of the JLove Fashion School, the kiddies and teens strutted down the runway in eye-catching dresses, matching separates, skirt, jackets and shoes, that were accessorized with sunglasses, and hair decorations.

The fashion maven who launched her first collection at age eight after being inspired by her older siblings whose runway shows she attended, designs the cutest, most creative ensembles.

She likes to work with plaids and playful fabrics to compliment kids and youth stylish choices, said Williams who has a pink motif in many of her collections,

that are embellished with bows, stylish sleeves and capes.

The Pinky Sez band that wowed audiences at Fashion on the Hudson, and Brooklyn Fashion Week, empowers youth through positive fashion couture,

while using a platform for young girls and teens to raise awareness of social ills.

Her line of whimsical creations spread messages of positivity. In addition, Williams created the PS Dolls to discourage bullying, and plans to unveil her first book to inspire youth through fashion.

"I inspire youths by telling them that the more you push yourself, the better you become at whatever you are passionate about," said the

couturier.

Tyran Williams is a fashion model, fashion designer, and performer who at this tender age has achieved greatness in the fashion industry and no doubt will continue to impress the world with her innovation and sense of style.

Williams is a four-time winner of Pageant Queen creations and was featured on the TV shows "Law and Order: SVU" and "A Gifted Man." She has also worked alongside stars Quvenzhané Wallis and Jamie Foxx as part of a musical number in the hit show "Annie."

The JCKids BTS Fashion show — "Kidz with Style and Confidence" which was organized by Valerie Stevens, executive director of the BID office, for the stores of Jamaica, showcased back to school outfits and accessories from Cookies, Gap, Careers World, Claire's Jewelry and many others.



The little back to schoolers lit up the runway in trendy outfits.

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# Cayman Islands send aid to Dominica



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce



People look at sink holes in the road next to the capital's main market, caused by Tropical Storm Erika in Roseau, Dominica, Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015. About 80 percent of the island was without electricity, and water supply was cut off, authorities said.  
Associated Press / Carlisle Jno Baptiste

There was a time when New York's only Black-owned radio station focused on the Caribbean community. In times of struggle, pageantry, or political strife, through good times and bad WLIB-AM proved more than a flagship radio station for the Inner Cities Broadcasting Corporation but the source to rely on for news and information.

Now with not a single Black-owned radio station to turn, fragmented programming on a myriad of brokered radio stations seem inept at disseminating information pertinent to listeners yearning for news from the region.

Case in point is the recent travesty that beset Dominica when Tropical Storm Erika struck the Nature Island last month.

A major television news outlet referred to Dominica as the Dominica Republic.

It is an error easy enough for anyone to make but unforgivable for a reputable news channel. Yet it was repeated through several broadcast reports.

In addition, except for a few video images shown, the plight

of the people has not been revisited by major media or the many Caribbean outlets purported to offer a One Caribbean approach to communication.

Truth be told, a great many programmed more news about Pre-Labor Day activities and the main day parade along Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway some even over-saturating the media landscape with more carnival coverage than Dominicans and concerned citizens might appreciate.

Were it not for social media, a great majority might not have known that Dominicans are hurting.

The government of the Cayman Islands government recognizes the void and need and recently sent \$500,000 to aid the island from the ravages wreaked by Tropical Storm Erika.

The storm left at least 31 people dead and dozens more

missing and caused significant damage to infrastructure — approximately totaling \$370 million.

Cayman Islands Premier Alden McLaughlin said he hoped his territory's donation would assist in the recovering effort that is underway.

"I really do think this is something we must do. We know devastation first-hand. They are our brothers and sisters too," he said, with memories of the death and destruction of Hurricanes Ivan and Paloma caused to the Cayman Islands in mind.

McLaughlin has been in regular contact with Dominica's Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit who reported that more than 370 homes in the island were partially damaged or destroyed and two communities were evacuated because of instability of the soil and risk to homes.

"There is little doubt that the past few weeks have perhaps been some of the most challenging times in Dominica's modern history. However, as Caribbean people, resilience

is embedded in our DNA and as your forbearers did on many occasions before, you too will rebuild. Regrettably, we have been there too," McLaughlin

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## Keeping the BEAT diverse

By Alley Olivier

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## Hot 97 blasts Reggae, Soca

By Alley Olivier

Labor Day weekend is over but in its wake there are memories worth a lifetime.

Kicking off some of the Labor Day festivities, Hot 97 left a Caribbean impression on Governor's Island with their annual Hot 97 On Da Reggae and Soca Tip music festival.

Attendees boarded a ferry to experience the island featuring Caribbean foods, two fully stocked bars, clothing vendors, and plenty opportunities to grab epic photos with New York City as the backdrop.

Aside from the other attractions, all in attendance were undoubtedly there for the music. There was hardly a dull moment as high energy acts like Ding Dong and Kranium took the stage.

Ding Dong encouraged us all to strap

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Damian Marley performing Summerstage.

Toni Dubois

# 'CATCH A FIRE'

## Best of reggae in Central Park Summerstage

By Toni Dubois

Thousands of reggae music lovers congregated for the summer's biggest Reggae Tour "Catch a Fire" (named after Bob Marley and Wailers 1973 album) in Central Park Summerstage, N.Y. on Aug. 30. Many came to bear witness to Reggae royalty Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley and Stephen "Ragga" Marley kick off the most anticipated tour of the year in what would have been Bob Marley's 70th birthday.

Catch a Fire concert lineup of acts included Bob Marley's grandsons

Skip Marley and Joe Mersa, the Royal Family of Reggae- Morgan Heritage and one of the leading ambassadors of modern day Reggae-Tarrus Riley, rounded out the line-up.

Looking around the crowd, there was an exceptionally diverse group of people that you can tell truly enjoyed their music. While waiting for the performances to start at 6pm, couples, families and friends were either lounging on the grass or patiently waiting on the long lines for food while enjoying the one love vibe that was in the air.

Tarrus Riley who opened up the show with "Promise me Love" and a crowd favorite "She's Royal" which brought the crowd to a fever pitch. A touching moment was when Tarrus brought out his wheelchair-bound father, the legendary Jimmy Riley on stage as the two performed together. Royal Family of Reggae Morgan Heritage who have established themselves as the premiere live group on the reggae circuit showcased their musical virtuosity repeatedly throughout their set. They per-

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# Parable focuses on Christian couple in crisis

**"War Room"**  
 Good (2 stars)  
 Rated PG for  
 mature themes  
 Running time:  
 120 minutes  
 Studio: Provident  
 Films  
 Distributor: TriStar  
 Pictures

**By Kam Williams**

In 2011, Pastor Alex Kendrick produced, directed, wrote and starred in "Courageous," a very compelling, action-oriented, faith-based drama. With "War Room," he's opted to play only a supporting role in the flick, thereby freeing himself to focus more on his duties behind the camera.

The film revolves around protagonists Elizabeth (Priscilla Shirer) and Tony Jordan (T.C. Stallings), a couple we meet already in the midst of



A scene from the film "War Room." AFFIRM Films / Sony Pictures Entertainment and Provident Films

a relationship crisis. Most of their marital woes are of the iceberg, since terribly-flawed Tony proceeds to put both his job and marriage in jeopardy by embezzling funds from his company and dating a colleague when he's away on busi-

ness. Nevertheless, the lout should thank his lucky stars that instead of leaving him, realtor Liz heeds the advice of Miss Clara (Karen Abercrombie), a sage, elderly client of hers.

Clara is a Christian who believes in the power of prayer. Furthermore, she suggests that Liz ought to love and respect rather than try to fix her philandering hubby. Together, they come up with a "battle plan" to resurrect the relationship, which helps explain the picture's militaristic-sounding title.

In this critic's opinion, "War Room" is a movie that's way too heavy-handed in its treatment of the material to find much of a mainstream following. That's too bad, since the modern morality play could've just as effectively delivered its valuable message without wearing religion on its sleeve.

Consequently, its appeal is apt to be pretty much limited to Evangelicals with an appetite for incessant sermonizing. This represents an unfortunate step backwards for Pastor Kendrick who had previously demonstrated an uncanny ability to serve up Jesus fare ever so subtly.

## Independent & Foreign Films

**Breathe** (Unrated) Homoerotic romp, set in Herault, France, about a straitlaced 17 year-old (Josephine Japy) who finds herself attracted to a free-spirited, newcomer (Lou de Laage) with a dark secret. Support cast includes Isabelle Carre, Claire Keim and Roxane Duran. (In French with subtitles)

**A Brilliant Young Mind** (Unrated) Coming-of-age dramedy about a nerdy math prodigy (Asa Butterfield) who develops enough confidence with the help of a mentor (Rafe Spall) to compete in the International Mathematics Olympiad. With Sally Hawkins, Eddie Marsan and Jo Yang.

**Coming Home** (PG-13 for mature themes) Romance drama, set in China during the Cultural Revolution, about the frustrations of a former political prisoner (Daoming Chen) who returns home to his wife (Li Gong) from prison only to discover that she's suffering from amnesia and can no longer recognize him. With Tao Guo, Ni Yan and Chun Li. (In Mandarin with subtitles)

Meet the Patels (PG for mature themes, suggestive images, and smoking) Dysfunctional family documentary chronicling the pilgrimage from the U.S. to the subcontinent undertaken by 29 year-old bachelor Ravi Patel to find a Ms. Right from the same Indian caste with the help of his traditional parents. (In English and Gujarati with subtitles)

Paul Taylor: Creative Domain (Unrat-



### Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

ed) Prestige biopic offering an intimate peek into the life and 50-year career of one of the world's most highly-regarded choreographers.

**Sleeping with Other People** (R for profanity, drug use, sexual references, and graphic sexuality) Romantic comedy about the love which blossoms between a womanizer (Jason Sudeikis) and a serial cheater (Alison Brie) despite an agreement to have a platonic relationship. With Amanda Peet, Jordan Carlos and Adam Brody.

**Time Out of Mind** (Unrated) Unlikely-buddies drama, set in a Manhattan, about a mental patient (Richard Gere) inspired to reconcile with his long-estranged daughter (Jena Malone) by a homeless jazz musician (Ben Vereen) he befriends at Bellevue hospital. Featuring Kyra Sedgwick, Steve Buscemi and Colman Domingo.

**Welcome to Leith** (Unrated) Neo-Nazi documentary chronicling a notorious white supremacist's attempt in 2012 to take over the government of a tiny town in North Dakota.

**Wolf Totem** (PG-13 for disturbing images, animal cruelty and brief sensuality) Culture clash drama, about a student (Shaofeng Feng) sent to modernize the shepherds who instead ends up appreciating their nomadic way of life.

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Can't Feel My Face**  
The Weeknd
- 2 **Lean On**  
Major Lazer & DJ Snake ...
- 3 **Cheerleader**  
OMI
- 4 **Photograph**  
Ed Sheeran
- 5 **Good For You**  
Selena Gomez Feat. ASAP Rocky
- 6 **Locked Away**  
R. City Feat. Adam Levine
- 7 **Fight Song**  
Rachel Platten
- 8 **Shut up & Dance**  
Walk the Moon
- 9 **Cool For The Summer**  
Demi Lovato
- 10 **The Hills**  
The Weeknd

### TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Beauty Behind the Mad..**  
The Weeknd
- 2 **Badlands**  
Halsey
- 3 **Brand New**  
Ben Rector
- 4 **1989**  
Taylor Swift
- 5 **Start Here**  
Maddie & Tae
- 6 **Depression Cherry**  
Beach House
- 7 **Compton**  
Dr. Dre
- 8 **Kill The Lights**  
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- 9 **Blurryface**  
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- 10 **Straight Outta Compton**  
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# 'CATCH A FIRE'

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formed "Strickly Roots" "Don't haffi Dread" (VP records) and fan favorite "She still in love with me."

Around 8:30 pm one of the members of the Marley crew was waving the Rastafarian flag while another unveiled a golden lion sculpture that was on the stage. The crowd instantly knew that Stephen "Ragga" Marley was about to perform. When he finally made it on stage the crowd erupted with a loud cheer. Stephen opened up with his father's anthem "Lively Up Yourself," which had the crowd swaying to the music and singing with such enthusiasm. He covered many of the classics such as "Roots, Rock, Reggae" and "Iron Lion Zion." As he was about to perform another one of his father's classics a fight broke out in front of the stage, it was quite obvious he was displeased with the interruption the fighting had caused. Stephen paused for moment and had the band stop the music, he asked the audience or rather it was more of a statement "This is the wrong house, it is not the house of Rasafaria" the crowd agreed in harmony and the performance

continued without a hitch.

The youngest son of Reggae legend Bob Marley, Damian "Jr. Gong" (first ever artist to win a Grammy outside of the Reggae category) bought a different vibe to the stage, he had a commanding rockstar swagger about him, the energy in the crowd was contagious. Coined as the "spiritual revolutionary" he opened with "Confrontation" which has vocal samples from Haile Selassie, Bunny Wailer and Marcus Garvey. Marley's reedy, accented voice as he added his rapid-fire, dancehall-style bursts danced around the stage as he performed his 2010 collaboration with hip-hop artist, Nas "Distant Relatives" brought the crowd into a frenzy. Before thanking New York (by then it had started raining) Damian brought out a special, tiny guest. His son Elijah took the mic and called out, mimicking his dad and uncle, "Are you ready? Are you ready?" and then gave a rapid-fire rap before surrendering the mic back to his father. Damian jubilantly sent fans home with "Get Up, Stand Up," "Road to Zion," and his monster hit "Welcome to Jamrock."



Tarus Riley performing some of his hits at Summerstage.  
Toni Dubois

## BEAT

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"We step back and take stock of what's happening in diverse communities around the borough from an artistic, social and economic perspective," Stephen Shelley, artistic director and executive producer, said in a press release. "Then we digest the way we see things evolving, and use it to inform the performances. We try to capture the essence through the artists' work, and push those boundaries further in real time."

Performances take the audience on a journey from the islands to New York and even Asia. Representing the Caribbean in various forms, performances by Keisha Gaye-Anderson from Jamaica and Cheryl Boyce-Taylor from Trinidad are a few to mention who will be making an appearance at the festival.

Performing alongside Anderson at FiveMyles, Taylor will play the character of a newspaper reporter.

"I will be sharing oral history from 1840 up to the 1900s –



Keisha Gaye-Anderson and Cheryl Boyce-Taylor will take the stage at FiveMyles for a riveting performance during the Brooklyn BEAT Festival.  
Brooklyn BEAT Festival

from time to time I'll come in and share with the community the news," Boyce-Taylor said.

Another popular performer to mention is Brooklyn's favorite dancer, Blaca di Danca. Coming off of a high experienced at Hot 97's On Da Reggae and Soca Tip last Friday, Blaca is excited to perform on his own turf.

The Brooklyn BEAT Festival opens at the Brooklyn Museum Sept. 10 and will roll out creative pieces in various locations until Sept. 19. There are several free events though some could cost at most \$20; there is a general festival pass

available for \$50.

Brooklyn BEAT Festival (One Metro Tech Center in Downtown Brooklyn, [www.beatbrooklyn.com](http://www.beatbrooklyn.com)) Sept. 11, 12 noon, Free.

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Brooklyn BEAT Festival (Sunset Park 7th Avenue between 42 and 43 streets in Sunset Park, [www.beatbrooklyn.com](http://www.beatbrooklyn.com)) Sept. 13, All day, Free.

## Hot 97

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on our dancing shoes as he blazed the stage with popular dances like "Wacky Dip." The marrying of old and new was a consistent theme throughout the show as nearly every performer played oldies that are always goodies.

Bringing the most energy to the show was headliner Machel Montano backed by a full band and gorgeous background dancers. Performing hits like "Like Ah Boss," the feel to fete was hypnotizing as the crowd danced and sang along with Soca artist.

Montano increased the energy when fellow soca artist, Angela Hunte, joined him on stage to perform "Party Done." He also revealed to the crowd that new music is available on iTunes featuring Sean Paul and Major Lazer.

Hot 97's On Da Reggae and Soca Tip was sponsored by MetroPlus and Nutrament; attendees took photos with "Fuel Your Now" towels that they later waved along with their fans during the musical acts.

# INSIDE LIFE

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wrote in a letter to Skerrit. "The powerful images and heart wrenching stories that have been shared with us bring to mind hurricanes Ivan and Paloma and our own vivid memories of the struggle to recover."

Hurricane Ivan hit the Cayman Islands at Category 5 strength in 2004, killing two and causing about \$2.86 billion — almost double the territory's GDP — in damage.

Hurricane Paloma, which passed directly over Cayman Brac and Little Cayman late in the 2008 Atlantic hurricane season, caused tremendous damage to those islands.

Grand Cayman was practically unscathed but the hurricane caused a total of \$154.4 million in losses.

In late August, Erika dumped about 10 inches of rain on Dominica in only a few hours, turning rivers on the mountainous island into torrents and hillsides into deadly mudslides.

In addition to the aid from the Cayman Islands government, McLaughlin urged Cayman's residents to help in the effort to get dry food items and other necessities, and cash donations, to assist those in need. He said if enough goods were collected, Cayman Airways would fly them to a nearby island for transportation to Dominica, since the only operating airport, Canefield, cannot support the landing of Boeing 737s.

The island's main airport, the Douglas-Charles Airport, was significantly damaged and requires major reconstruction.

The CARICOM Youth Ambassadors (CYAs) have also launched a two-month 'I am CARICOM' drive to raise money for Dominica.

"This drive has been named 'I am CARICOM' as we declare as one single Caribbean Community to be each other's keeper," the CYA said in a release.

"The pain and suffering caused by the occurrence of this natural disaster continues to ache the hearts of the members of our Caribbean Community. The role of this community is to help our sister island restore her brokenness and to give her a sense of hope in such trying times," it added.

Through the drive, the CYAs will seek monetary contributions from respective country district youth councils, schools, community groups and churches of the member states where Youth Ambassadors are present and make those funds available to the two Youth Ambassadors in Dominica to assist young people there in need.

The effort officially began on Wednesday and ends on October 31.

"The CARICOM Youth Development Action Plan (2012-2017) outlines six major goal statements of which Protection, Safety and Security, and Health and Wellbeing are highlighted. It is not always easy to protect a nation from natural disasters but, as a Caribbean unit, the mandate is to ensure that security is restored when it has been broken down and that the health and wellness of its people are take care of,"

the CYAs said.

CYAs are young Caribbean nationals mandated by CARICOM Heads of Governments to advocate for and educate young people about regional priorities such as HIV and AIDS and the CARICOM Single Market and Economy.

They perform a dual role, addressing youth issues at the national level within a regional strategic framework, as well as bringing national issues to the attention of the region's policy makers and planners.

More than 400 people are now in shelters across Dominica following the destruction of 271 houses across the country — the vast majority from Petit Savanne which was evacuated after being declared one of nine special disaster areas — by floods and landslides caused by Tropical Storm Erika's heavy rains.

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) says approximately 405 persons are in eight shelters across the island.

In its latest situation report on Dominica, they said 709 people had been evacuated from Petit Savanne — a village in the southeast of the island that was the worst affected by the storm, and from which most of the more than 25 who died came.

Skerrit said as far as he was concerned, there was no way to rebuild Petite Savanne.

The government will build new homes in a completely different area for residents of Petite Savanne. It is one of nine communities in Dominica that has been designated special disaster areas. Residents had to be evacuated from that area by sea, after flooding and landslides buried houses and made the area unstable.

Residents of Dubique will also be given homes at a new site.

Of the houses destroyed, most were in Petit Savanne while the others were located in other parts of the country. As for the damage caused to the infrastructure, CDEMA said several communities remain cut off as a result of damage to roadways and bridges and the clearing of roads blocked by debris is ongoing; efforts to restore mobile and Internet services are underway; all FM stations and two television stations are operational; three hospitals and 43 health centers are operational; the Douglas-Charles Airport remains closed; the Canefield Airport is open to helicopters and small aircraft; all sea ports are open; 22 of the island's 75 primary and secondary schools are either unreachable or damaged, resulting in the postponement of the opening of the school term to September 21; and some early childhood centers are also damaged, although the extent and number are yet to be ascertained.

PM Skerrit reported that preliminary assessments indicate that Dominica suffered losses in excess of \$185 million in damage to its infrastructure.

He said there was more than \$227 million in damage to the country's main roads and bridges alone; it would take \$14.6 million to get the main airport, the Douglas-Charles Airport, back into operation; and the clean-up cost is estimated at \$4.4 million.



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# Brooklyn Borough President crowns Patty King

By Vinette K. Pryce

Thanks to a Jamaican businessman Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams can add another paragraph to his storied listing of accomplishments since becoming the leader of Kings County.

He crowned the first king of a patty eating contest during the 48th annual West Indian American Day Carnival Association Labor Day revelry.

"I am proud to host the first annual Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery & Grill National Jamaican Patty Eating Contest, partnering with the small business that has elevated the patty to the heights of the Big Apple itself," he added.

"Experiencing Caribbean culture on Labor Day weekend, one of the most vibrant elements of Brooklyn's diversity, deserves a celebration of all the senses and sensations that make this community one-of-a-kind, including our proud culinary tradition," Adams continued.

He crowned 30-year-old Wayne Algemio, king for a year.

**"Experiencing Caribbean culture on Labor Day weekend, one of the most vibrant elements of Brooklyn's diversity, deserves a celebration of all the senses and sensations that make this community one-of-a-kind, including our proud culinary tradition,"**

Algemio swallowed seven and a half Golden Krust specialties in less than five minutes.

Ironically, Algemio hails from Jamaica.

Not the Caribbean island, but the New York borough alternative in Queens.

"My tummy takes me places," the winner said before leaving the stage.

The fast-chewing champ beat out his all-male contenders to win the impressive trophy handed to him by the BP.

"The Jamaican patty is to Labor Day what the hot dog is to the Fourth of July, and it's time that this staple of New York City street food culture has a top-flight competition of its very own," Adams said.

Adams emceed the pre-Labor Day weekend 2015 event held on the grounds of the Brooklyn Museum and prior to fulfilling his duties said: "This is one Brooklyn battle you won't want to miss!"



Wayne Algemio with his trophy after eating seven and a half patties. Golden Krust

Jamie Andejar, 38, of East Flatbush and Crown Heights resident David Caicedo, 28 could not out-chew or out-swallow the medical technician who easily won the challenge.

Jamaica-born Lowell Hawthorne, CEO of Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery & Grill did not reveal whether or not his collaborative participation with the BP and WIADCA included all the most popular varieties of ground beef, chicken, seafood and vegetable.

But said "Brooklyn is home to almost 30 Golden Krust restaurants" and that he was certain each bite was "enjoyable."

Allegedly an average 54.8 million

Jamaican patties are consumed from Golden Krust every year.

The following day, Labor Day, Jamaicans who usually interject their home-grown reggae genre into the mix of soca/calypso sent their flag flying using drones that hovered over a number of floats.

Although reggae seemed absent from the parade this year, enterprising Jamaicans used the mobilized hover-craft to register presence and creativity.

To add to the spectacle, one of the operators wore a black, green and gold T-shirt, marked by a borrowed logo from a recent hit film which read "Straight Outta Jamaica."

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Beverley Olivacce readies her upcoming fashion presentation showcasing career and evening wear for women. Beverley Olivacce

## Fashion for the career woman

By Alley Olivier

Women shouldn't sacrifice good fashion at the cost of their careers.

Women's wear designer Beverley Olivacce is bringing the party to New York Fashion Week with a dual-themed runway show that will be followed by a reception.

"We basically have a line specifically for career women and we also have an evening, holiday line," said Olivacce, a London native and Montserrat descendant.

Catering to both aspects of women's lives, the show will feature her Spring 2016 designs though the career collection is available and showcased all-year-round.

The seasoned designer aims to balance both the glamor and work of women's lives distinguishing both with two labels: Beverley Olivacce for the line of evening gowns and B-Olivacce for the line of career dresses.

"Women have another part of their lives — it's the career, everyone works. I'm catering to both parts of her lifestyle," she explained.

Though the focus is undoubtedly on the runway show, Olivacce aims to capture the fashion celebration in an informal cocktail reception. Opening the floor for all in attendance to mingle and discuss their favorite pieces.

"It's a time when all of those who love fashion have a chance to come together, to view it, celebrate it and dream of the future of what they'll be wearing, and just have fun because fashion should be about fun," she said.

This is not Olivacce's first rodeo at New York Fashion Week nor is her grasp on career and eveningwear new. Earlier this year she hosted a women's empowerment brunch featuring two runway shows, career and eveningwear.

# Caribbean Impact Awards

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

At a gala this November, Caribbean Life will present its first Caribbean Impact Awards which will recognize outstanding New Yorkers of Caribbean Heritage. These individuals will represent the best of the Caribbean diaspora working in a diversity of fields: from education, finance, and non-profit to manufacturing, media, and retail and everything in between.

We will honor Caribbean Americans who, through perseverance and hard work, have realized the American dream and who have brought a sense of Caribbean pride along with them.

If you want to nominate a Caribbean American who has shown outstanding achievements in his or her field, and who resides or works in New York, please fill out the form here and fax or mail to us before **September 30, 2015**. You can also submit your nomination online at [CaribbeanLifeNews.com/nominate](http://CaribbeanLifeNews.com/nominate).

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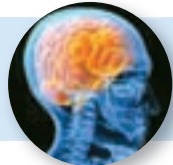
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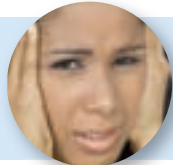
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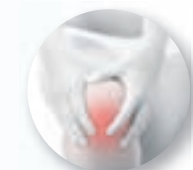
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Boyd Carrington displays some of his awards.

## Carrington takes Island Race

By Robert Elkin

Competing in road races, and at the same time doing so well, including coming out victorious, is nothing new for Boyd Carrington, who can test any distance, even as long as a marathon.

Presently residing in Amityville, New York, Carrington is a native of Barbados, where he attended Cobinere School. His main sport was that of running, but not

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## Dwayne Bravo receives award

By Azad Ali

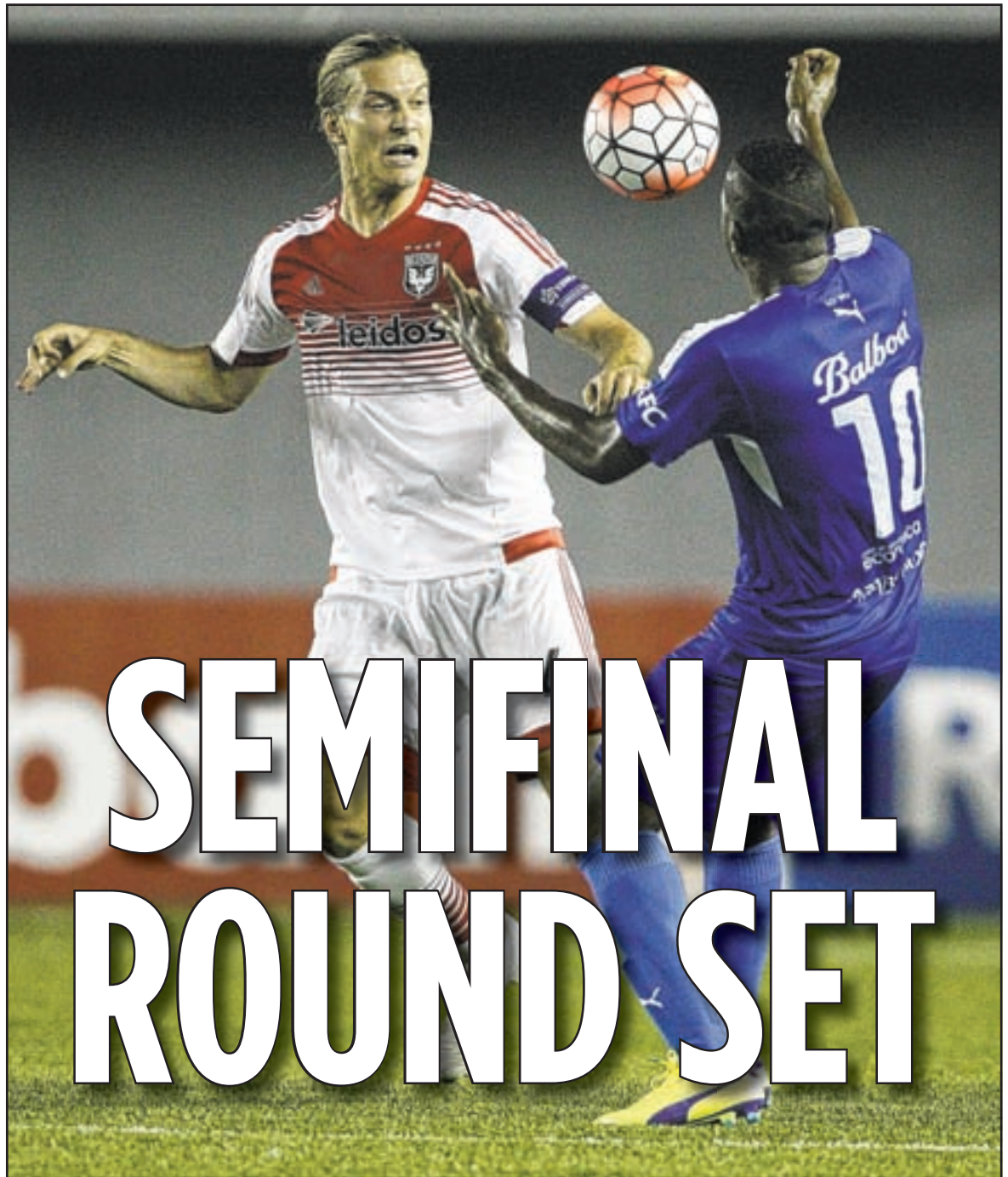
West Indies and Trinidad and Tobago all-rounder Dwayne Bravo was given the gold Humming Bird Medal for his outstanding contribution to the game of cricket in the 53rd Independence Day awards ceremony held at Queen's Hall, Port of Spain, Trinidad last Sunday night.

Bravo, 31, led Trinidad and Tobago Red Force to the Caribbean Premier League title in 2015, producing outstanding performances with the bat and ball.

He was part of the Mumbai Indians team that won the 2015 Indian Premier League title in 2015.

Bravo, is the cousin of legendary West Indies batsman Brian Lara and the half-brother of West Indies player Darren Bravo.

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Renan Addles of Panama's Arabe Unido, right, and Captain, Markus Halsti, left, of USA's D.C. United fight for the ball during a CONCACAF Champions League match in Panama City, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015.

Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco

## Twelve nations battle in CONCACAF matches

By Patrick Horne

The groupings for the semifinal round in CONCACAF qualifying for the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia is a done deal. Twelve nations battled for six berths to the semifinal stage, and as those two-game series ended on Tuesday night, Sept., 8, there is

a clear picture of which nations will battle on the semifinal field. The previous six seeded teams in the semifinals will now take on the newly qualified six nations.

In this semifinal round, 12 teams are slotted into three four-team groups; they will play a round robin

format within their groups, a guarantee of six games each team, and the top two teams in each of the three groups will advance as the six finalists for last stage. Another round robin battle among the six finalists will ensue when each team plays 10

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on a competitive basis.

After high school, he advanced to Drexel University, where he blossomed and set some records on the track, including the 800 and 1000 meters.

"I have a lot of records," said Carrington, who can compete at various distances, and is a versatile runner. And he prepares well for them, trying to be among the tops in his age category at the time.

At press time, he competed in three road races back-to-back during the Labor Day weekend. He didn't have much rest between them. Overall, he wound up among the top five in the trio of races — Farmingdale Mile on Saturday, Jericho 10K on Sunday, and then climaxed his weekend on Labor Day by winning the race on the streets and boardwalk of Long Beach in a time of 29:52.

Carrington, who ran at a 5:59 pace over the five-mile course in a field of 289 finishers, mostly from New York City and Long Island, was indeed satisfied with his performances.

"I took the lead about one mile into the race or at the end of the boardwalk," said the 42-year-old runner who tries to enter into as many races as possible, leading up to the big one, the New York City Marathon which is set for the first Sunday of November. Actually the Long Beach race was a training distance for the New York City Marathon, which draws thousands of runners and their friends and families seeing them in action.

He is now preparing for the Cow Harbor Race in Northport, Suffolk County on Saturday and then the Fifth Avenue Mile in Manhattan the following week.

Carrington is physically feeling fine after suffering from Achilles Tendonitis which sidelined him for seven months.

"I'm coming back slowly," he added after winning the Long Beach race. "Running makes me happy. I'm getting back into shape."

He started running in 2007 when at the time his weight read 205 pounds when he decided to make a change in his life.

In preparing for a race, he puts in about 70 to 80 miles a week, almost daily from the Long Island Rail Road Train Station to the Massapequa Trail. He works as a project manager in lower Manhattan.

His big race is the New York City Marathon and he would like to better his clocking of 2:41. He also was clocked in 2:39 in the Boston Marathon. He goal is to complete the course in 2:38 in New York City.

Actually he doesn't like to run the marathon grind but prepares for the mile.

In the five mile race in Long Beach, Brian Rogeen of Long Island City finished in a close second covering the course in 29:57, one place ahead of Immanuel Wineman of Brooklyn, who was timed in 16 minutes flat.



Mexico's goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa (13) stops a shot on goal by Costa Rica's Joel Campbell (12) during the overtime period of a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match Sunday, July 19, 2015, at MetLife stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. Mexico won 1-0.

Associated Press / Mel Evans

## Jamaica wins Caribbean Cup title

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games in a home-and-away series to determine the three automatic qualifiers for World Cup Russia 2018; the fourth-place team will go into a playoff with a fourth-place finisher from the Asian Confederation for a fourth berth to the tournament.

Previously seeded in Group A were Mexico and Honduras, which are now joined by El Salvador and Canada. El Salvador overcame a gallant effort by the Patrick Kluyvert-led Dutch country of Curacao to get a 2-0 aggregate score in their two games, while Canada had an easier time against Belize to win 4-1

Trinidad and Tobago, which will battle St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Guatemala. St. Vincent got a scare in Aruba, when the home team tied the aggregate score at 2-2, but a late goal from Tevin Slater saw the Vincentians through. Guatemala overcame a 1-0 deficit in Antigua and Barbuda and righted the situation at home with a 2-0 victory.

Semifinal play kicks off in November and one date has already been finalized as the USA will host St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Friday, Nov. 13, at Busch Stadium in St. Louis (MO). Other schedules are yet to be finalized.

### Jamaica wins Cup

Team Jamaica defeated Team Haiti, 3-2, in a penalty kick shootout to win the 2015 Caribbean Cup title on Sunday, Sept. 6 at Jefferson Sports Complex in Flatlands, Brooklyn. After a close battle, the game end in a 1-1 draw; Javid Morris scored to put Jamaica ahead in the early stages, but Alfred Sonthonax's penalty in the second half evened the score. Jamaica has won its eleventh Caribbean Cup title in the past 14 years. Team St. Kitts and Nevis beat Team St. Lucia, 1-0, on Alister Warner's goal to take home the third place trophy.

In tournament awards, Haiti's Sonthonax won the trophy for most goals (7); Jamaica's Devon Houghton won the most outstanding goal keeper award and the MVP of the final was Jamaican midfielder Jermaine Hue.

### MLS

In a limited schedule last weekend in MLS, New England Revolution defeated Orlando City FC, 3-0; Seattle Sounders topped Toronto FC, 2-1; Montreal Impact knocked off Chicago Fire, 4-3; Philadelphia Union over San Jose Earthquakes 2-1; and FC Dallas routed Columbus Crew, 3-0. There were two international friendlies on Tuesday, night, Sept., 8, and Brazil routed the USA, 4-1, at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro (MA); while on the same night in Houston (TX), Mexico led Argentina until Kun Aguero and Lionel Messi came up with late goals to tie Mexico, 2-2.

## Dwayne Bravo

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He has played 40 Tests and 164 ODI for the West Indies. He also played 11 first-class matches and more than 300 T20 matches.

T&T Cricket Board president Azim Bassarath said the honor given to Bravo was well-deserved and will help to motivate other young cricketers to work hard and establish themselves.

In June, Bravo became the first international player to receive an ESPYs nomination in its "Best Play" category.



West Indies' Dwayne Bravo celebrates after catching out New Zealand's Nathan McCullum for the final wicket during a Twenty20 cricket match in Lauderhill, Fla.

Associated Press / Lynne Sladky

# Jason Holder is new Windies Test captain

Barbados and West Indies all-rounder Jason Holder, 23 years old, has been promoted to Test captain of the West Indies Cricket Team. He is the youngest player ever to be Test captain of the West Indies Cricket Team. He has so far played eight Test matches, scored 380 runs with one century and two 50's and has taken 16 wickets.

Holder will captain his team against Sri Lanka the West Indies face to them starting Oct. 14 to Nov. 12. West Indies will play two Tests, three one-day Internationals and two Twenty 20's. The players will start an eight-day camp in Barbados on Sept. 20. The West Indies team is scheduled to be in Sri Lanka by Oct. 1.

## WEST INDIES SQUAD FOR SRI LANKA

Jason Holder (captain), Kraigg Brathwaite (vice captain), Devendra Bishoo, Jermaine Blackwood, Carlos Braithwaite, Darren Bravo, Rajindra Chandrika, Shane Dowrich, Shannon Gabriel, Shai Hope, Denesh Ramdin, Kemar Roach, Marlon Samuels, Jerome Taylor and Jomel Warican.



## Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte



## BRATHWAITE AND HOPE MUST PUT ON PARTNERSHIPS

West Indies young openers must take up the challenges in Sri Lanka and put the West Indies in a commanding position. Kraigg Brathwaite and Shai Hope must rotate the strike and avoid being bugged down. Brathwaite will have to correct his flaws including the way he plays the bouncer with-

out covering up properly. Shai Hope is aggressive and he is not afraid of going after the bowlers.

West Indies batsmen are capable of scoring runs against their opponents but they have to get out of the Twenty20 style of play and focus on the duration of the innings that Test cricket demands. Maintaining a reasonable time at the wickets assists in building the



**Above:** West Indies player Kraigg Brathwaite, bats during the first day of the third Test cricket match against India in Mumbai, India. Associated Press / Rajanish Kakade, File

**Left:** West Indies' bowler Jason Holder reacts after Australia's Steven Smith, not in photo, played a shot off his bowl during the opening day of their first cricket Test match in Roseau, Dominica, Wednesday, June 3, 2015. Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco

structure of the innings. This It is hoped that Kemar Roach gets back his rhythm to boost the West Indies' attack.

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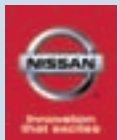
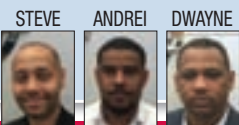
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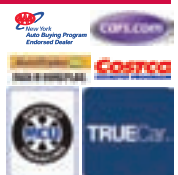
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**ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, explore a new way of thinking and keep an open mind. Maintain energy and enthusiasm about a new project. Your energy will inspire others to get moving.

**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
You may need to get a little pushy to get what you need, Taurus. Don't overdo it, but don't hesitate to insert yourself into certain situations this week.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
This is a good week to share your positive thoughts and hopes with others. It's advantageous to have as many people on your side as you can.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, you have many things to do in the coming days, but you can still manage to have fun along the way. Schedule some rest and rejuvenation once the week has passed.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
If you learn something new this week, it very well may be something important, Leo. Stay attuned to the things going on around you, so you know when to act.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Getting your point across will be difficult this week, Virgo. Take a patient approach and give others the time to explain their points of view before sharing your own.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
You are still in love with that special someone after all of these years, Libra. Share your good fortune with others and you may inspire some new relationships in the process.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, it may be difficult to avoid conflict this week, but do your best to smooth over the situation. Try not to escalate any encounters and add fuel to the fire.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, give something frivolous a try this week. You may find it takes your mind off of other things and restores some of your natural joviality.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, someone is proud of all you have accomplished. Don't feel badly about bragging a little about the things you have done. It's good to also be proud of yourself.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, your generosity knows no bounds this week. All that you do unselfishly will come back in spades. Keep up your charitable efforts.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, if things seem a little bit confusing this week, take some time to sit and reflect. The answers will come to you eventually.

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