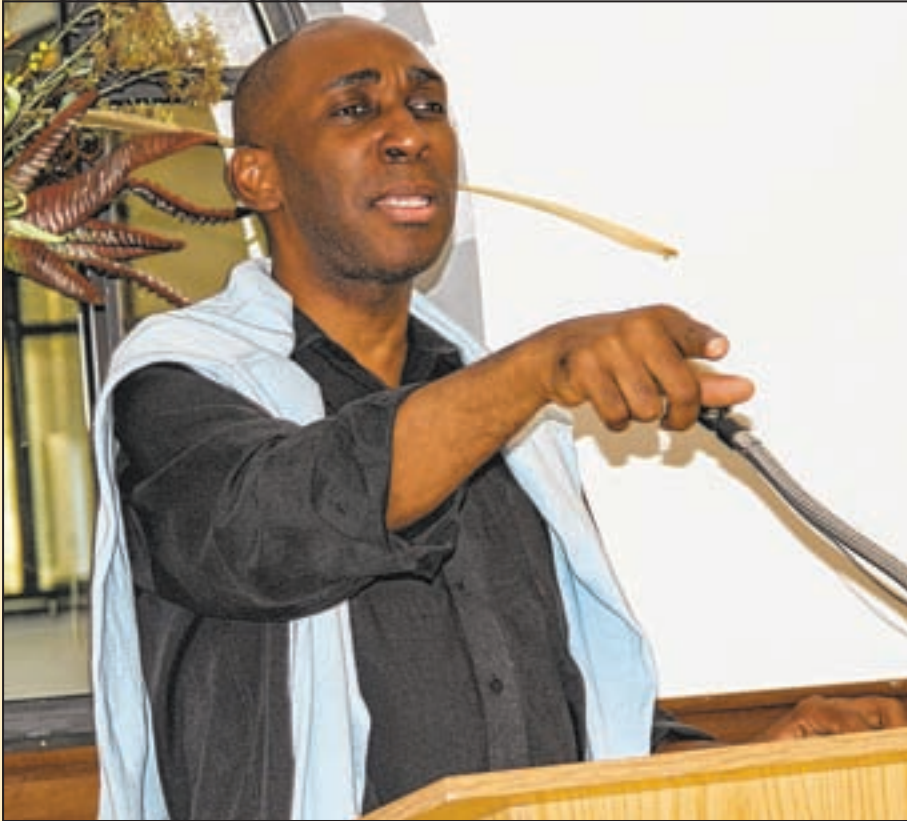


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Tequila Minsky

GANJA DEAL CLOSE

Jamaica hits gold with US medical firm

By Bert Wilkinson

Jamaica’s age-old quest to begin legally exporting large amounts of marijuana for medicinal purposes seemed to be closer than ever to reality with reports this week of a major partnership between a U.S. company which wants to use weed from the island as a base for its medical products.

Officials said that the Colorado-based firm of Timeless Herbal Care, one of the largest and well

known players in the industry, is planning to team up with Jamaica’s world class marijuana growers to obtain supplies from the island. The project is being billed as one with a potential to rake in about \$100 million over 10 years and will be one of the first efforts by an American company to source such large amounts of weed for commercial purposes from foreign soil.

The announcement which **Continued on Page 6**

Urgent need for action: UN

By Nelson A. King

As Caribbean leaders and diplomats get ready to address the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in the days ahead, the President of the 193-member body says a major priority for the session is

to ensure that all actors move swiftly to deliver on the promises being made for sustainable development.

“In less than 10 days’ time, our leaders will gather in this hall to adopt the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,”

said Mogens Lykketoft as he opened the session on Tuesday.

The Agenda, which will be adopted during a special summit at UN Headquarters, consists of 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets that

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Borough President Eric Adams convened an emergency meeting following the violence that occurred Labor Day weekend.

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Adams: Jouvert here to say

By Alley Olivier

Borough President Adams defended the pre-dawn parties that each year precede Brooklyn's West Indian American Day Carnival Parade, claiming violence associated with the events — including a shooting that killed a man and injured five on Labor Day — has more to do with gun control than out-of-control partying.

The Beep said that Monday morning's shooting during the controversial Jouvert celebration— which injured Carey Gabay, an aide to Gov. Andrew Cuomo — is not a reason to cancel a cultural event that has been happening for years despite calls from others to do just that.

"For those who are calling for the end of Jouvert we are saying 'No,'" Adams said on Thursday. "This is not a Jouvert problem, this is a public safety problem."

Instead, Adams proclaimed after a meeting with police and community leaders that he wants to create a task force to take to the streets the day of celebrations to ensure the safety of all participants.

"Our goal is to educate the public that it is more than just the parade that takes place," he said.

Adams also stressed that promoters of Jouvert parties — who host parties without getting permits from the city — be included in the conversation.

"We want to bring in all of the promoters that are hosting events at bars, restaurants, and nightclubs — they have been left unquestioned in their participation in creating an atmosphere that often leads into some form of violence," he said.

This task force will be established the first week of October, according to Adams. He also mentioned involving faith leaders and youth ambassadors to teach the community about cultural celebrations like Jouvert.

Mayor hosts post Labor Day reception at BAM

By Tangerine Clarke

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio was full of praise for the Caribbean community when he welcomed nationals to a post Labor Day reception at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Sept. 8, stating that the compatriots have proud family values that they believe in, and fought for.

The mayor referenced his wife, First Lady Chirlane McCray roots to Barbados, and spoke of her great grandparents who followed Marcus Garvey, and who understood what they were fighting, and what they believed in, like Chirlane, who stands on the shoulders of many, and speaks up for justice.

"We celebrate everyone here tonight who has a story of what your heritage has done for you," said de Blasio adding that a strong heritage is what made the nationals who they are today.

"We saw the carnival on Eastern Parkway, it was something beautiful, one of the great events each year in this city, a powerful expression of culture," said the mayor noting that the more than 600,000 people from the Caribbean who live in the city, "make us who we are."

During the spirited evening of steelpan music provided by Mustafa Alexander, and festive fare, Mayor de Blasio acknowledged the politicians of Caribbean heritage present, and took time out to express solidarity with Dominica citizens uprooted after a recent hurricane.

The politician also expressed the sadness he felt for Governor Cuomo's aide Carey Gabay who is in a coma after being shot on Labor Day, and asked for prayers to heal the young lawyer.

Mayor de Blasio also honored Dr. Una Clarke, one of the region's brightest stalwarts who became the first Caribbean-born woman elected to serve in the New



Grammy Lifetime Achievement Honoree Harry Belafonte and wife, Julie.

Tangerine Clarke

York City Council.

"I would like to recognize Una Clarke. She is great not only because of her skill and drive, but for her vision, and the power she used to organize people. She believed that the immigrant community deserved a powerful political voice beyond what anyone in the mainstream said was possible," said de Blasio.

"I watched her all the way as she rewrote the rule. She said this city is changing to include immigrants and ensured that they came into their own," said de Blasio, adding, that the activist talked to people about their own power and possibilities.

He praised Clarke who turned 80-years last December, for the many legislation she proposed, the resources she brought to the community, and the organizations she built, all the while nurturing a

great congresswoman, Yvette Clarke.

The mayor went on to say that his administration borrowed some of Clarke's ideas such as the pre-kindergarten initiative that has enrolled 65,000 children. He also praised the Municipal NY ID Card issued to half a million New Yorkers in every borough.

Noting that Clarke has no plans to retire anytime soon, de Blasio named the stalwart to the CUNY Board, because he needed a strong voice for young people, especially immigrant youth to help them achieve their dreams through the City University.

"I honor Una with this Proclamation, and a day named after her," said the mayor, who was joined by international superstar Harry Belafonte and his wife, Julie to congratulate Dr. Clarke.

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Comptroller takes issue with assets recovery firm

By Alley Olivier

No good deed comes without its challenges. In an effort to connect 1,056 New York City workers to an average owed amount of \$3,576, the comptroller's office discovered another organization attempting to do the same thing.

That organization, Metrosearch Recoveries, LLC is an assets recovery firm specializing in connecting persons with their assets. According to the comptroller's office, an individual entered their office with a form informing them that they were owed wages from Metrosearch Recoveries. The form offers to aid individuals in receiving their owed funds; upon receipt, Metrosearch Recoveries will receive a 20 percent commission fee of the recovered funds.

According to Comptroller Scott



New York Comptroller Scott Stringer gestures while speaking to protestors and pro-tenant activists at Foley Square to call on the state legislature to strengthen rent laws this year Thursday, May 14, 2015, in New York. Associated Press / Frank Franklin II, file

Stringer, Metrosearch Recoveries is misleading workers by requiring them to pay a commission fee and has since

issued a cease-and-desist letter.

"Let me make it clear. My office has zero tolerance for anyone who tries to cheat workers out of their wages," Stringer said. "This is your money and you can get it from us for free, no strings attached."

David Schwartz, Metrosearch Recoveries' attorney, finds the cease-and-desist letter to be faulty and intends on issuing a response.

"Metrosearch operates a legal business in New York. The idea of the cease-and-desist I find to be very faulty in its basis in the law," Schwartz said.

Schwartz affirms that Metrosearch Recoveries is operating within the regulations and its requirement of a fee is valid as they are doing the leg work to ensure workers are connected with

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Caribbean

A senior official of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) says while economic growth in the region continues to strengthen, it remains fragile and uneven.

In an address to the opening of the 2015 High Level Caribbean Forum, Deputy Managing Director of the IMF, Min Zhu, said the region faces, among other things, possible consequences from the impending rise in U.S. interest rates, the slowdown in China and South America, the opening of Cuba to U.S. tourists and other challenges.

"Although the recovery in the United States looks robust, growth prospects have deteriorated in many parts of the globe compared to a year ago," he said.

He said in several emerging markets, such as Latin America, Canada and Europe, the economy "still looks fragile."



"It is good then that the 2015 Caribbean Forum keeps the focus on growth, this year in particular on financing growth," the IMF official added.

Concerning the role of the international lending agency, Zhu said the aim is to boost economic resilience in members as they seek to improve growth objectives.

The lending agency will also enhance technical assistance to strengthen domestic revenue potential; build capacity and institutions and address the special needs of fragile and conflict-affected states.

Antigua

Antigua will host a two-day seminar as part of a project aimed at strengthening the environment and building resilience to climate change in the sub-regional Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

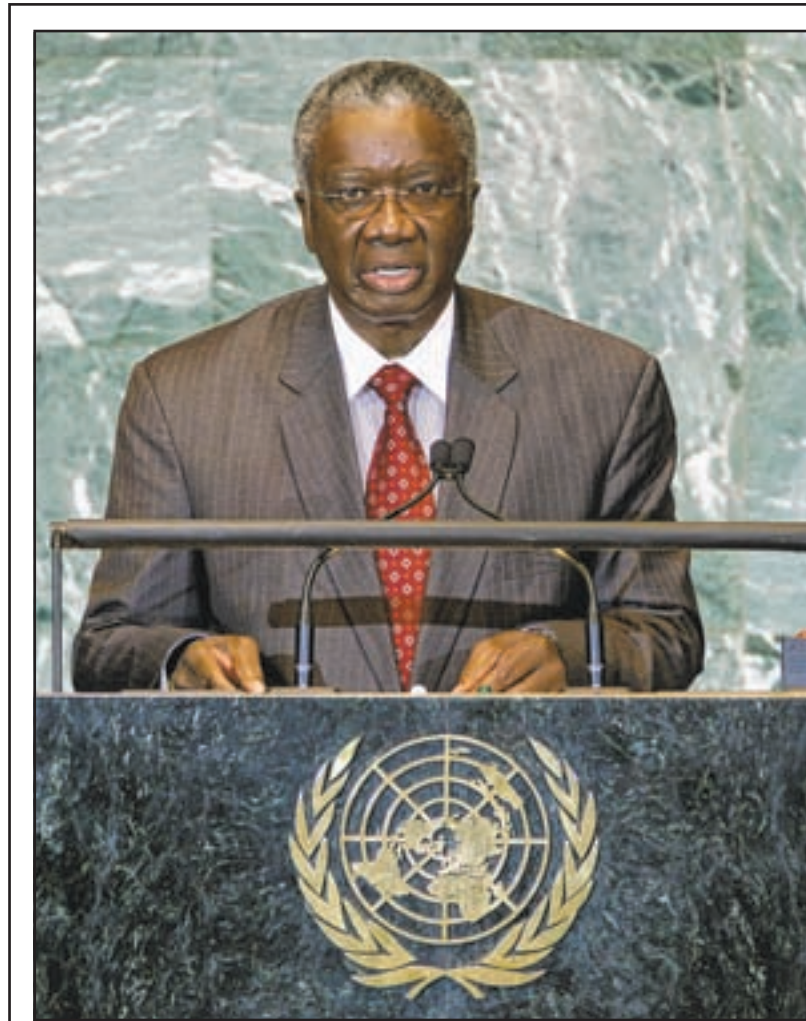
The St. Lucia-based OECS Commission said the Sept. 9-10 seminar will include presentations from several stakeholders including the Water and Sewerage Company (WASCO) of St. Lucia, and the Ministry of Health and Environment in Antigua.



The Commission said that the seminar will see to do a stock-taking of the Reduce Risks to Human & Natural Assets Resulting from Climate Change (RRACC) project as it prepares to enter its finale year.

Some of the areas of focus during the seminar will include discussions on the policies, the climate change adaptation measures employed, the public awareness campaign, human resource development and capacity building initiatives.

The Commission said that so far



Fishing agreement

Barbadian Prime Minister Freundel Stuart. Associated Press / Mary Altaffer

six OECS member states — Antigua, Barbuda, Bequia, Dominica, Grenada, Nevis, St. Kitts, St. Lucia and St. Vincent — have benefited from the RRACC project in reducing risks associated with climate change in relevant sectors, by putting in place 11 projects that demonstrate various measures to build resilience,

The RRACC Project is a five-year development project funded by the United States Aid for International Development (USAID) to the tune of US\$9.5 million.

Barbados

Barbados and St. Vincent and the Grenadines recently signed a fishing agreement between both countries.



Barbados Prime Minister Freundel Stuart and St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, signed the treaties in Bridgetown.

Stuart and Dr. Gonsalves signed the document, which established a maritime boundary based on equidistance between the two countries, and which is the first of its kind between Barbados and a member country of the Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), marked "a truly historic moment."

The Barbados prime minister also pointed out that St. Vincent and the Grenadines was one of Barbados' key strategic partners in the Caribbean region and that both countries were committed to the pursuit of Caribbean integration, based on a conviction that a strong Caribbean Community was underpinned by strong bilateral relationships, which promote the social and economic interest of their respective states and peoples.

Stuart also praised Barbados' Ambassador to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Robert "Bobby" Morris, who led the Barbados team in the negotiations, as well as the Commonwealth

Secretariat, which provided technical advice.

The St. Vincent and Grenadines prime minister agreed that the treaty was a testament to the excellent relationship between the two countries.

Dominica

More than 400 people are now in shelters across Dominica following the destruction of 270 houses across the country with the vast majority from Petit Savanne, which has been declared one of the nine special disaster areas caused by Tropical Storm Erika.

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) said about 405 persons are staying in eight shelters across the island.

CDEMA said 709 people had been evacuated from Petit Savanne — a village on 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.



Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerit reported recently that preliminary assessments indicated that Dominica suffered more than EC\$500 million (US\$185 million) in damage to its infrastructure.

He said there was more than EC\$612.7 million (US\$227 million) in damage to the country's main roads and bridges alone.

The prime minister said it would take EC\$39.5 million (US\$14.6 million) to get the main airport, the Douglas-Charles Airport, back into operation and the cleanup is estimated to cost EC\$12 million (US\$4.4 million).

A total of 35 people are still missing, including 14 from the storm-ravaged Petit Savanne.

Guyana

Guyana Finance Minister Winston Jordan has disclosed that two "reckless" investments by the previous PPP / Civic government have left the National Insurance Scheme (NIS) facing problems paying pensioners.

And with NIS now dipping into its own capital to pay even the minimal benefits to its contributors, he said the money from government's Consolidated Fund will have to be used to meet the shortfall.



Jordan said the previous Donald Ramoutar administration had done the scheme a disservice by investing in insurance company CLICO, which collapsed in 2009, and the bridge which was opened across the Berbice River in December 2008, linking the country's Region 5 and 6.

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Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars



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been there from the very beginning and we will continue to play a leading role in establishing Jamaica as the medical marijuana hub of the world," the announcement said.

Most other CARICOM member states have yet to even decide on how to treat small amounts of marijuana for personal use and are still jailing nationals but Jamaica says it is pressing ahead while the others take their merry old time in coming up with a harmonized strategy to deal with a major revenue earning opportunity.

Additionally, with the decriminalization of possession of less than two ounces, growers see a ready legal market for their product as more than a million Americans and hundreds of thousands of nationals from other countries descend on the island each year and could use the narcotic openly without fear of arrest or prosecution.

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was carried in the Jamaica Observer Newspaper this week comes as regional leaders who had two years ago put the world on notice that they were ready to review criminal penalties for simple marijuana possession continue to dither on the way forward.

The leaders had also asked for a brief from experts on the merits and demerits of developing a regulated medical marijuana sector to allow member states to cash in on one of the world's newest cash cow industries.

Since then, Jamaican legislators have approved new laws allowing for legal possession of no more than two ounces of the drug for personal purposes and authorities are throwing their full weight behind the development of the industry.

Several Jamaican scientists have also moved to patent key research in this area as the island of nearly three million people raises its profile as a leading operator in the medical marijuana sector globally.

"Timeless Herbal Care planted the first legal cannabis plant alongside the Jamaican Minister of Justice Mark J. Golding on April 20, 2015 on the University of the West Indies campus. Timeless has

Sustainable development

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aim to be a charter for people and the planet in the 21st century.

The USN said they will stimulate action over the next 15 years in areas of "critical importance" towards building a more equitable and sustainable world for all.

"The summit, of course, marks only the beginning," Lykketoft said. "There is an urgent need for action right across the three pillars of the UN and ample opportunities to do so during this session."

"An ambitious and universal climate agreement is an absolute must and the first real test of the world community's ability to deliver the necessary policy tools for sustainable development," he added.

Not long after the summit and the annual General Debate, the UN said leaders will come together in Paris for the UN climate change conference — or COP21.

At the same time, Lykketoft warned there will be no sustainable development without peace and security and respect for human rights.

"The UN and its Member States have a strong obligation to work together to end the catastrophic wars and conflicts — not least in and around Syria," he said. "And we will have to act here and now to address the huge and explosive refugee crises resulting from ongoing conflicts

— and to protect the human rights of all refugees."

In addition to several high-level meetings and thematic debates he will hold over the course of his one-year tenure, the new President said he plans to continue efforts to revitalize the General Assembly's work and to reform the Security Council.

"I will conduct all activities in as transparent, inclusive and open a manner as possible," Lykketoft assured. "Where it is relevant I will also engage with and involve civil society representatives and others, such that a multi-stakeholder approach becomes a hallmark of my presidency."

Also addressing the meeting, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon recalled that this new session of the General Assembly marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Organization.

"The Charter's principles have stood the test of time, and the United Nations can look back on a record of achievement," he said. "At the same time, we know that suffering remains widespread across the world."

"My thoughts today are especially with the people of Syria — those inside the country facing terrible violence, and those who have fled, desperately seeking a safe haven and a better life", added Ban calling on the 70th General Assembly session to be one of "compassion, prevention and, above all, action."

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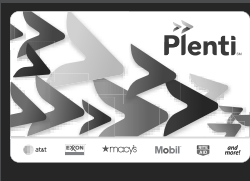
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Newly elected T&T PM sworn in

Caribbean still most popular tourist destination

By Azad Ali

Dr. Keith Christopher Rowley, political leader of the People's National Movement (PNM) was sworn in as Trinidad and Tobago's seventh prime minister on Wednesday, Sept. 9 during a ceremony at Queen's Hall, Port of Spain.

President Anthony Carmona also swore in the country's new Attorney General Faris Al-Rawi and National Security Minister retired Major General Edmund Dillon. The rest of the Cabinet will be sworn in on Friday.

Dr. Rowley, 70, who has been in politics for more than 25 years, led his party to victory in an election battle in the 2015 general election.

He is the second Tobago-born prime minister. The first was the late ANR Robinson and Dr. Rowley is the fourth PNM Prime Minister to be elected since the country gained Independence in 1962.

The PNM won 23 seats, while the People's Partnership (PP) led by former Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar took 18 seats in the 41-member House of Representatives.

In the 2010 General Election the PP won 29 seats, and the PNM 12 seats.

The fall of the PP was blamed on rampant corruption, and escalating crime which the PNM campaigned against.



Prime Minister Dr. Keith Christopher Rowley. <http://www.pnm.org.tt>

In his victory speech to supporters at the party's Balisier Headquarters in Port of Spain just after midnight on Monday, Dr. Rowley pledged to engage in a campaign to make citizens more patriotic.

He said the election victory marked the culmination of a very grueling campaign adding at times it was not easy, but he always held the belief that the PNM would emerge victorious.

Dr. Rowley said while he was leader of the PNM he was now assuming the responsibility of serving not only PNM members but all of Trinidad and Tobago.

The newly elected prime minister

was quick to remind the nation of the serious challenges it would confront in the months and years ahead.

"There are difficult times ahead. There is rough water ahead but if we navigate them successfully, there is calm water ahead," he told a cheering crowd.

He said the success was also dependent on people "at the individual level taking responsibility for ourselves and saying that we are our brother's keeper."

Former Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar in her concession speech to UNC supporters at her constituency office in Siparia, South Trinidad, said she had no regrets about her journey as T&T first female prime minister.

She said she would never stop serving the people of Trinidad and Tobago who placed their trust in her stewardship.

Dr. Rowley took over leadership of the PNM after party lost the 2010 General Election when Prime Minister Patrick Manning called a snap election after two years in office.

Manning a few days later tendered his resignation as political leader of the PNM. He remained a MP for his constituency San Fernando East until Parliament was prorogued three months ago to make way for the general election.

By Nelson A. King

The United Nations says the Caribbean continues to be among the most popular tourist destinations, despite global concerns about safety and security.

According to figures released by the U.N. World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Oceania joins the Caribbean in being the most popular regions.

The Madrid-based UNWTO said tourism rose in those regions by seven per cent last year, compared to Central and Eastern Europe and Central America, which rose to six per cent.

International tourism figures on a whole grew by four per cent in the first half of 2015, an increase of 21 million when compared to the same period last year, UNWTO said.

Besides safety and security concerns in some regions, UNWTO said the recovery of advanced economies and the slowdown of emerging ones have also affected tourism figures.

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The demand for transparency on trade negotiation

By Patrice McDermott and Jesse Franzblau

The president's pledge issued on his first day of office to usher in a "new era of openness" stands in stark contrast to his administration's secretive approach to trade negotiations. Most alarmingly, the public has been denied critically important information on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations while representatives from over 500 business interests have had direct access to the texts and the ability to influence the agreement.

The administration has carried out the TPP negotiations behind closed doors for more than five years. In 2012, more than 20 organizations concerned with openness and accountability sent a letter to President Obama urging him to increase transparency in the TPP negotiating process. Now, on the eve of Labor Day 2015, U.S. workers and everyday citizens are still being kept in the dark as the TPP negotiations between the United States and 11 Asian nations are in the final stages.

Despite the fact that, if passed, the TPP would directly impact 40 percent of the world economy, labor unions and representatives have been shut out of the process. The issues negotiated also extend well beyond traditional trade matters, and will have a direct impact on

the cost of prescription drugs, the state of our environment, and our government's ability to protect the public from tainted food.

The TPP process has failed to meet the most basic standards of transparency, and, indeed, has backslid in trade negotiation transparency. Even the Bush administration made public the text of the proposed Free Trade Agreement of the Americas. It is not coincidental that the FTAA ended up failing due to public pressure. In contrast, there has been no public access to even the most fundamental draft agreement texts and other documents related to the TPP negotiations. Nobel-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz has argued that these agreements have been carried out without input or accountability through democratic institutions.

Our lawmakers are permitted to view the text of the agreement, but can only bring staffers who have a security clearance and they are not permitted to take copies or even notes with them when they leave.

In March of this year, open government proponents sent another letter urging Congress to stop TPP fast track legislation. The letter called for new trade authority legislation to provide public access to draft

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The CCJ as a court of first instance for intellectual property; revisiting the idea

By Abiola Inniss

In January 2010 this column first proposed the idea of the CCJ as a court of first instance for intellectual property (IP) matters. In the years following its publication, there has been a little movement in the area of IP in the Caribbean including the common usage of the term Caribbean Intellectual Property which was also introduced through this column. There has been some growing attention to IP and some movement at the level of CARICOM to create a Caribbean Patent Convention with the intention of harmonizing the Patent laws in those CARICOM countries which become signatories to it. There are still some areas which remain unclear such as how disputes will be resolved quickly and efficiently and whether there would or should be a choice of forum for disputing parties.

It was the conclusion of this column in 2009 after considerable research, that there needed to be a dispute resolution forum which would handle IP matters outside the local jurisdictions and within the context of a legal and regulatory framework for Caribbean Intellectual Property, and which would provide expert and swift adjudication on matters before it. Following is the text of the article as published with Caribbean-Netnews, the predecessor of CaribbeanNewsNow, in January of 2010.

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While it is the responsibility of governments to create structural framework for the economic advancement of its citizens, it is posited that (CARICOM) holds the responsibility for the creation of a general mechanism which will supervise the regulation of IP laws.

Intellectual Property: The CCJ as a court of First Instance

It is common knowledge that Intellectual Property issues have begun to envelope the Caribbean region at an increasing rate. One can be randomly exposed to discussions on this subject in almost every sphere of Caribbean activity, especially in the market places where the talk ranges from where the product is made, its quality and suitability and most importantly whether it is a copy or fake (in Guyanese the term is 'caunter' or 'kawnter' according to your taste) as against an original. This is among other things, the result of increasing consumption of goods and services that originate from developed countries and which have strict regulations attached to them under various agreements, alongside goods that come from other developing countries and which are sometimes shamelessly inferior but which are branded as the well known articles.

Most Caribbean countries are members of the World Trade Organisation, which has instituted the

Agreement on Trade related Aspects of Intellectual Property (TRIPS) as compulsory for participation in WTO programmes. The minimum requirements for TRIPS include the enactment of laws in each participating country that will ensure that mechanisms are in place to deal with regulation and enforcement of the law. In many Caribbean countries, however, there is a significant problem of enforcement where there has actually been enactment of the law because of the lack of financial and intellectual resources, in others there has been no enactment at all nor even an attempt to formulate such laws (see the Guyana Copyright Bill of 1999). This is further compounded by the issue of basic economics in which many families survive by peddling and otherwise dealing in bootlegged goods, from clothing, to DVDs, to electronic equipment and of course books, especially school texts.

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A relentless push by social conservatives

Chalking up another 9/11 anniversary last week brought to mind that it's been a few years since we've had the right flank making like true monarchs of all they survey in America. Talking about those warfare-obsessed super hawks, the blinders-wearing social conservatives and such. That set last felt emboldened to strut the landscape in the manner of designated signal callers for all of the body politic during the reign of George W. Bush, confident that imposing on the social order a severe rightward shift would be easy enough to accomplish.

The Bush administration's resort to a "cowboy" brand of foreign policy following the 9/11 attack, as exemplified in the bone-headed invasion of Iraq, gave impetus to the ideologues framing not just foreign but domestic policy. The country was clearly at a place, they figured, where a hard pull to the right was the way to go. They would likely have had an easy time of it too, had the stubbornly potent Iraqi resistance not made the right-wing masterminds appear not too

smart after all. Had the Iraq misadventure turned out to be the three-week walk in the park the "experts" guaranteed, Lord only knows what other dumb ideas for incursions elsewhere would have emanated from the macho interventionist bluster then influencing U.S. policy.

While increasing popular awareness of the senselessness of an Iraq quagmire put a crimp in the designs of authors of that flawed undertaking, on the domestic front the very fact of a sitting president and some key administration (and congressional) figures who were of ultra conservative bent lent assurance to efforts to keep that pot boiling. Bush's deliberate move to embrace the religious community, the so-called faith-based initiative (probably the support sector most responsible for his 2004 re-election), served as a major infusion of power among social conservatives. And although they may not always be riding high as the element really calling the shots in our space, we're constantly reminded that hardly

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

are they going away.

Certainly, during a period like the Bush tenure, the forces on the far right had good reason to believe the stars were lined up in their favor. They considered the president to be of their ilk. And in Congress, they could desire no more devoted champion of the cause than a Tom DeLay, the Texas Congressman who was a big noise among Republicans in the House, including serving as Majority Leader. In flashpoints like the famous Terri Schiavo case in 2005, or one anti-abortion push after another, it was a time when we wondered whether the point of view on that side would prevail. In the Schiavo imbroglio, a legal fight between the husband of a woman several years lying in a vegetative state and her family, both the president and his brother Jeb, then governor of Florida, weighed in...

to no avail eventually, as the court nullified the legislation passed to prevent Schiavo's feeding tube from being disconnected.

Another nemesis on the right has been Grover Norquist who, with his "no tax increase" advocacy has virtually held Capitol Hill Republicans over a barrel, with the celebrated pledge not to raise taxes that Norquist has required of them. Albeit he perhaps more properly belongs under the rubric of fiscal rather than social conservative, Norquist's stranglehold on Republican lawmakers remains one of the truly confounding developments of current-day politics in America, and must rank as probably one of the conservatives' top chest-thumping boasts.



In truth, there seems never to be much of a respite from some conservative-rooted issue breaking into the headlines. We continue to be treated to news morsels about the county clerk in Kentucky who had to be thrown in jail because of her refusal to obey the law and issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. How prepos-

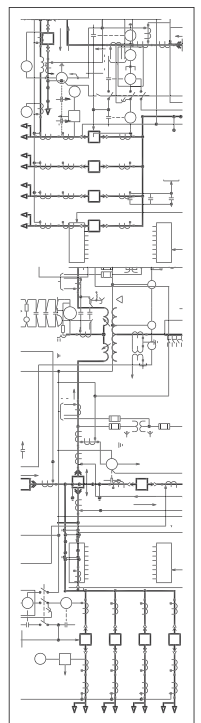
terous is it of an individual to think to cease issuing licenses to anyone because she disagrees with the law as laid down by the Supreme Court! Very troublingly have we learned, too, that in her law-defying antics in Kentucky, Kim Davis has quite a bit of company in places where the conservative ardor holds strong. We shouldn't be surprised if news breaks of a Davis copycat scenario elsewhere. Whatever happened to the fierce law-and-order stance with which we normally associate forces on the right?

And we haven't run the table yet on conservatives trying to mess with the mainstream flow. A congressional battle royal supposedly fixing to happen is conservative Republicans' determination to block passage of any appropriations bill that includes funding for Planned Parenthood — a battle with government shutdown potential. Which is to say, even if it is at times more muted, that drumbeat we've heard from the conservative quarter keeps right on going.

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New approach to trade negotiation

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trade agreement texts and U.S. proposals throughout negotiations, and to ensure that only agreements developed through such processes be allowed expedited congressional consideration. Nonetheless, the controversial fast track legislation ended up passing in June, giving unprecedented secrecy for trade deals through the TPP.

While the President has asked the public to trust his Administration to act in good faith, leaked parts of the text have at times contradicted the Administration's statements on the process. One of the leaks, for example, showed the U.S. proposed measures to empower corporations in their capacity to overturn domestic regulations, despite the public claim that none of the trade participants wanted to lower health, safety or environmental standards. Other parts of the trade pact that have come to light have also raised alarm, such as the creation of private tribunals that would allow corporations to sue governments for obstructing future profits. AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka noted in March that this provision would tilt the playing field away from democracy, from workers and consumers, and towards big business and multinational investors.

Despite the popular demand for more information, the secretive TPP negotiations march on. Trade ministers

met behind closed-doors at a resort in Hawaii at the end of July to finalize the terms of the TPP in the first formal round of talks since fast track legislation in June.

Negotiators fell just short of a deal in Hawaii, however. This creates the opportunity for the American public to demand our lawmakers and the Administration answer to issues of concern in the TPP. The Administration has the opportunity to provide the public with the most relevant draft agreement texts and other documents that other governments and hundreds of business representatives have already seen.

Public trust erodes when the government keeps its citizens in the dark about matters relevant to our health, public safety, and basic workers' rights. In the wake of the American Revolution, protests erupted after a copy of a secretly negotiated U.S.-British treaty was leaked to the public in 1795. Public anger was fueled by the belief that secrecy was being used to hide dark dealings, and the affair was emblematic of the early demands for information on issues that impact citizens' daily lives. As the TPP deal grows more controversial, the public has the right to know what is being negotiated in our name, but without our knowledge.

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Caribbean Intellectual Property

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posited that the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) holds the responsibility for the creation of a general mechanism which will supervise the regulation of IP laws or/and, provide a regulatory framework for the subject matter within the context of the Caribbean Single Market and Economy; since one ought reasonably to ask the question "How are my IP rights to be protected in a common marketplace where there are no policemen?"

This question has not been adequately or at all addressed by the authors of the CSME who seem to have preferred not to visit the Intellectual Property issue in any but an ad hoc manner. It is useful to look to the European Union model of the regulatory framework, which deals with the creation of regulations on regional issues that are then enacted into the national laws of its member states, though at times these regulations may be directly applicable, meaning that the take effect in every member state upon ratification and without need for enactment in the various states.

Such a system would be most efficacious in the context of the CSME and would enhance the working of

the Community as a whole. This would, however, require longer term planning and, in the consideration of our current regional hesitancy and self-deprecating attitudes towards regional establishments, may not be implemented in a timely manner that can benefit the CSME aspirations. The solution to this conundrum can be in the use of the already established Caribbean Court of Justice as a court of first instance for Intellectual property matters, which decisions may become subject to review at two other levels (commonly known as appeals in the regular court system). In its original jurisdiction the Caribbean Court of Justice applies the rules of international law in respect of the interpretation of and application of the Treaty which established the Caribbean Community.

It is intended that the CCJ should operate in much the same manner as an International Tribunal and in some ways similar to the European Court of Justice, which is part of the regulatory body mentioned above.

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Above: Pannists entertain the audience at St. Paul's Church in Flatbush.
Nelson A. King

Left: Vincentians at the Third International Day at St. Paul's Church in Flatbush.

St. Paul's Church stages very successful International Day

By Nelson A. King

With the colors of their respective nationalities on display and adorned, hundreds of Caribbean and other nationals on Sunday attended and participated in what organizers said was the Third International Day at St. Paul's Church in the Village of Flatbush.

The Episcopal (Anglican) Church, which is located at

157 St. Paul's Pl. in the heart of the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, also observed "Homecoming" on Sunday.

Parishioners intermingled with family, friends and supporters, and participated in a host of cultural events in the 179 year-old church's auditorium.

Patrons also sampled a variety of national dishes, includ-

ing Jamaica's achee and saltfish, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines' breadfruit and saltfish, washing them down with mauby and ginger beer, among other local drinks.

Emceed by Vincentian "Sir" Denaro Liverpool, the cultural package comprised folk songs by St. Lucian and Vincentian nationals; steel pan performances by Trinidadians; poems

by Jamaicans; dances by Africans and African Americans; market skit by Barbadians; skit and dancing by Guyanese; Indian Dance by St. Paul's Dance Ensemble; and drumming, among others.

"Homecoming and International Day at St. Paul's Church in the Village of Flatbush, Brooklyn is an opportunity to welcome back members from the summer hiatus," the church's Barbadian-born pastor, the Rev. Sheldon Hamblin, told Caribbean Life. "It is also an occasion to celebrate the cultural diversity at St. Paul's."

This year's celebration began on Saturday, Sept. 12, with an inaugural "Homecoming Lecture," entitled "Oppression in Caribbean Societies 1838-1938," presented by Dr. Henderson Carter, professor in history at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados.

The next day, congregants gathered in the morning to celebrate the blessed Holy Eucharist, followed by the multi-cultural celebration.

"This weekend was truly amazing and awe-inspiring – to God be the Glory!" Rev. Hamblin said.



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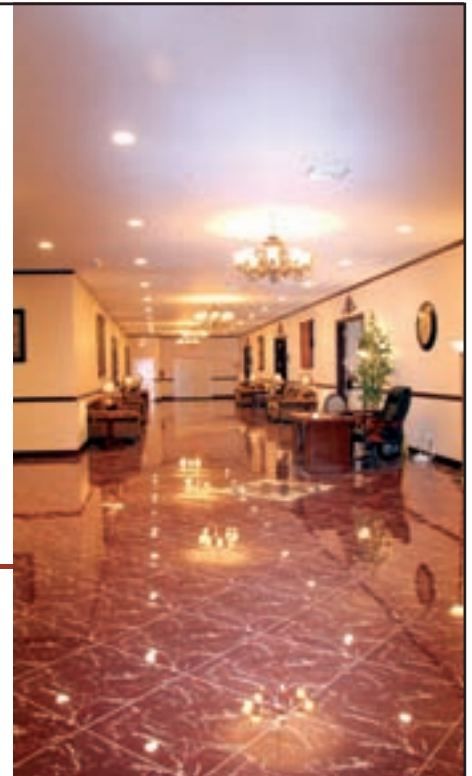
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He said between 2009 to now, NIS had lost Guy\$1.8 billion (US\$8.7 million) and, as if this was not criminal enough, NIS again made another rather suspect investment in the Berbice Bridge — nearly Guy\$1 billion (US\$4.8 million) — for which it is still to collect income.

The minister insisted that action has to be taken so that Guyanese who have contributed to the scheme are able to get benefits when they need them.

Jamaica

A Jamaican woman was arrested by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport with 2.7 pounds of cocaine in the bra she was wearing.

CBP officers found a white, powdery substance tested positive for cocaine inside the bra after noticing abnormalities during an inspection. A total of 2.7 pounds of cocaine was seized and she was turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HIS).



CBP Office of Field Operations is the primary organization with Homeland Security tasked with anti-terrorism missions at the nation's ports.

CBP officers screen all people, vehicles and goods entering the United States, while facilitating the flow of legitimate trade and travel.

Their mission also includes carrying out border-related duties, including narcotics interdiction and enforcing immigration and trade laws.

Montserrat

The British overseas territories of Montserrat and the British Virgin Islands have both mobilized support for Dominica following the passage of Tropical Storm Erika.

The government of Montserrat, with the UK Department for International Development support, has decided to deploy a contingent from the Royal Montserrat Defense Force (RMDf) to Dominica to carry out disaster relief work and support Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) in their work on that island.

The government of the British Virgin Islands has joined the international community in a demonstration of solidarity for Dominica and has pledged US\$100,000 towards relief effort.

British Islands, Premier Dr. Orlando Smith stated that, while the BVI was spared, the government wanted to reach out in a tangible way to the government and people of Dominica.



St. Kitts

Grenada's Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell, who is chairman of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

(OECS) says Caribbean governments need to make structural and behavioral changes to the operation if they want to continue receiving assistance from friendly countries.

He was at the time speaking on the margins of an International Monetary Fund (IMF) meeting in St. Kitts. The two-day meeting examined growth in the Caribbean.

It was attended by IMF officials, Central Bank governors from across the region and ministers of finance.

"Look some of the embassies that we have abroad, (we are like) like little mini states, not sharing diplomatic relations together as small states, and wanting people to give you aid while you are spending in those areas. It does not make sense," Mitchell told journalists.

"We have to understand that people would not give us help if we continue this way. Britain has one embassy in Barbados for the entire Eastern Caribbean and they have billions of pounds but each of us, little mini states, has an embassy in the most costly places in the world. So that's the sort of thing I am talking about," he said.

Mitchell pointed to the importance of the citizenship by investment program as an innovative way for the country to help itself.

He said the program in Grenada is now an improved one and lessons have been learnt.

Trinidad

The CARICOM Observer team has declared that voters in Trinidad and Tobago's General Election were able to cast their ballots without intimidation or harassment and that the elections results reflected the will of the people of Trinidad and Tobago.

Chief of Mission of the 12-member team Orette Fisher congratulated the staff of the Elections and Boundaries Commission, poll workers, political parties, their candidates, the security forces and the people of Trinidad and Tobago for the maturity and disciplined displayed in the conduct of the elections.

However, he told the media, the mission noted the concerns expressed about text messages sent out on the morning of polling and the use of social media websites advising electors how to vote.

Fisher, who is also director of elections of the Electoral Commission of Jamaica, said, "the use of social media, tweets, text messaging and Facebook posts in politics, strictly speaking are not in keeping with the traditional definition of campaigning. In the days we defined campaigning, they were not part of the landscape."

Noting that social media was being used in other countries in more recent times, he said, he was not aware of anything being done to regulate or monitor.



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SORREL FOR SALE, INTERNATIONALLY

By Alley Olivier

Caribbean people are known for owning mom-and-pop eateries, not so much for owning national businesses.

Bottling a famed, cultural drink, Jack Summers — known as Jack from Brooklyn whose parents are from Barbados and St. Kitts and Nevis — has turned everyone's favorite Christmas drink, sorrel, into just that.

Jack left 25 years of corporate America in the media industry to pursue his passion of bottling his culture to be enjoyed by the general populous beyond the Caribbean communities in Brooklyn.

"I tell Caribbean people all the time, if you drink wine you're drinking French or Italian culture; if you drink whiskey you're drinking Scottish culture; if you drink sake you're drinking Japanese culture; why would you not drink your culture," he said.

Jack's decision to leave his corporate position did not arrive overnight. Faced with a life-changing cancer scare, Jack's doctor told him "to get his affairs in order" after they discovered a golf-sized ball in his spine five years ago.

Beating cancer, Jack decided to make Christmas all year-round with the creation of Sorel Liqueur in 2012.

"It was lots of failure. Every single day, wake up and brew, and then torture it," he said.

With a background in advertising and media, Jack entered



Above: Sorel Liqueur is sold in 500 locations in New York.

Jack from Brooklyn

Left: Jack from Brooklyn' bottles Christmas time to be enjoyed all year. Steve Hansen

"I'm able to remove all of the insoluble material, it is not only shelf-stable, it will last for years, and it is crystal clear and beautiful," he explained.

Located in 500 different bars, restaurants, stores in New York alone, Sorel Liqueur is being sold in 22 states as well as in Canada and Australia.

Ultimately, Jack wants to lead the charge in influencing the Caribbean to create businesses that showcase the rich culture to be celebrated beyond the islands.

"I think that Caribbean people are very good at the mom-and-pop thing but incorporating and really taking it to the masses is something that we have to learn to be better at," he said.

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Sir Hilary to receive humanitarian award

By Nelson A. King

Vice-Chancellor of The University of The West Indies (UWI), Prof. Sir Hilary Beckles was expected to be specially honored at the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus Conference in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 17, 2015, according to the New York-based Institute of the Black World 21st Century (IBW).

IBW, a major black organization in the United States, said on Sunday that Sir Hilary was expected to receive the Global Community Healer Award, a humanitarian award from the Community Healing Network (CHN) — a global grassroots movement aimed at uplifting black communities.

Sir Hilary is the second recipient of the award; the first being the late American poet Maya Angelou, who was also the founding chair of CHN's Board of Advisors, IBW said.

Vice-Chancellor Beckles will be in the U.S. from Sept. 13 to 19 on a visit, which aims to strengthen UWI's global presence and impact, IBW said.

It said his visit begins in New York City with a meeting



Prof. Sir Hilary Beckles.

with the Board of Directors of the American Foundation of The University of the West Indies (AFUWI), the principal link between the institution and its alumni and the Caribbean Diaspora community in the United States, as well as American foundations and corporations with Caribbean business interests or Caribbean markets.

As part of his AFUWI-related itinerary, Vice-Chancellor Beckles — accompanied by Pro Vice-Chancellor and

Principal (Ag.) Open Campus, Dr. Luz Longworth; Executive Director Central Office of Regional and International Affairs, Dr. David Rampersad; and Honorary Distinguished Fellow of UWI and former Chancellor of the New York Department of Education, Dennis Walcott — will meet with Chairman H. Carl McCall, Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher and other lead members of the State University of New York (SUNY), the largest comprehensive university system in the United States.

The talks are aimed at advancing dialogue on new and ongoing areas of collaboration with UWI, IBW said.

As his first official introduction to the wider New York community in his new role as Vice-Chancellor, Sir Hilary will also be a guest of honor at AFUWI's Golf and Tennis benefit, IBW said.

The event, hosted at the Hampshire Country Club, in collaboration with New York Giants Legend and Super Bowl Champion, Sean Landeta, is organised to raise scholarship funds for UWI students.

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During his U.S. visit, Vice-Chancellor Beckles is also expected to meet with executives of the Ford Foundation — an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization, headquartered New York, as well as with the NY Chapter of The UWI Alumni Association.

IBW said Sir Hilary's schedule incorporates several meetings and speaking appearances in his capacity as chairman of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Reparations Commission.

These include meetings with a cross-section of labor movement and civic leaders New York City.

On the Washington, D.C.

leg of his trip, Sir Hilary will meet with U.S. civil rights leader, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, deliver a special address at the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Conference (CBC), and be honored with the Global Community Healer Award.

He will also be the featured speaker at an event hosted by the National African-American Reparations Commission (NAARC), where he will sign copies of his book, "Britain's Black Debt."

IBW said UWI is on a "strategic growth agenda", focused on partnership building with other universities, governments and institutions, international agencies, and public and private sectors worldwide.

Prof. Beckles, who took up his tenure as the university's Vice-Chancellor in May 2015, has begun "zeroing-in" on this area of UWI's strategic plan.

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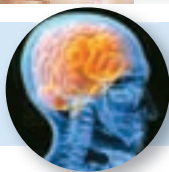


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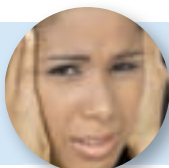


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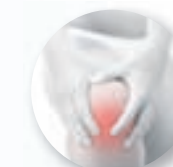
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3. ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO THE US:

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4. ILLEGAL REENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION:

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5. WORK PERMIT AND GREEN CARD FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS:

- Are you less than 21 years old?
- Are you living in the US dependent on someone other than your parent?
- Is your natural parent dead or lack viable means to take care of you?
- Do you think it is not in your best interest to return to country of birth or citizenship now?

You may be entitled to work permit and or green card whether you entered with visa or not. You may still be approved even if you entered without inspection, entered with fraudulent document or overstayed your visa or have certain criminal record.

6. CRIMINAL RECORDS: WAIVERS AND PARDONS:

If you are convicted or pled guilty to a crime in the past it can generate complexities and be a nightmare but waivers and various special actions and legal procedures are available to relieve immigrants with past criminal records.

7. REMOVING 2-YEAR CONDITIONAL GREENCARD:

Many immigrants have found it difficult to remove conditions on their 2 year green cards either because they are not able to convince

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Left: Lloyd Hollis Crooks holds his "Grenada Ghost."
Tequila Minsky

By Tequila Minsky

On Sunday, Sept. 20, Brooklyn celebrates the written and printed word in and around Brooklyn Borough Hall in one of the borough's year's best events.

It's Brooklyn Book Festival time again! The winding plaza outside of Brooklyn Borough Hall — pushed west because of construction — will again be filled with a myriad of booksellers, publishers and members of literary organizations. From 10 am - 6 pm outdoor stages and nearby indoor venues with host author programs for children, teens and adults.

This is the second year that the Caribbean Cultural Theatre; Poets and Passion will have a booth / tent. This year its booth -#121- is near the north stage (and Korean War Memorial), nearer to the High Street subway station. It's west of Tillary Street due to the construction.

"We will have 12 authors in the tent," says CCT Director E. Wayne McDonald. Last year was the first year CCT had a tent in



the festival. "This was a tremendous hurdle for them to get to the Festival on their own."

McDonald grapples with how to share resources, knowledge and a wider community of work of Caribbean authors. The tent's authors have works that are independently or self-published or come from small presses.

CCT partnered with Read Jamaica that was created to promote Jamaican writers and books and their great diversity. Three

writers, Kellie Magnus, Tanya Savage, and Owen Blakka Ellis, will be on-site to sign books. Also in the tent will be writers Joanne Hillhouse and Carol Mitchell, part of CaribbeanReads, a small publishing company serving talented Caribbean authors. "We will have access to dozen of titles from the region, for all ages," says McDonald.

In addition to the Sunday's Book Festival schedule, dozens of "Bookend" events featuring writers take place around town before and after the Festival.

Caribbean Cultural Theatre is hosting a welcome party for Read Jamaica featuring six visiting and local authors, Friday, Sept. 18, 7 pm, 138 South Oxford Place, Brooklyn. Jamaica's Marlon James, one of six finalists for the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction with his "A Brief History of Seven Killings," which centers on the attempted assassination of Bob Marley will be on-hand.

There will be a display and sale of Jamaica and Caribbean books by Read Jamaica.

Haiti Cultural Exchange is presenting on Saturday, Sept. 19, 1 pm, "Why Haiti Needs New Narratives" with Gina Athena Ulysse at the Dweck Center, Brooklyn Public Library-Grand Army Plaza.

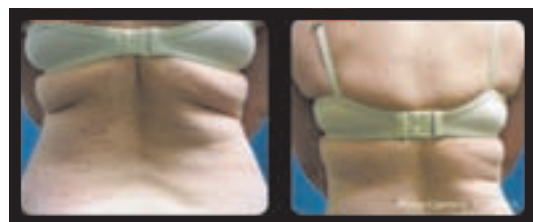
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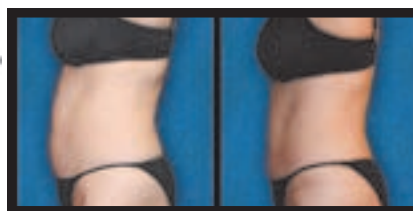
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Choreographing four distinct performances threaded by these themes, Lambert provides audiences with another chapter in each of his quarterly performances.

Performing the third installment this Sunday, Lambert’s next chapter includes music by Eddie Kendricks – an original member of the famed Temptations.

“I’m closing out is with Eddie Kendricks’ “My People Hold On.” I stumbled upon it and thought this was a great way to tie it together,” Lambert, who is of Haitian descent, explained.

Lambert started his four-point project series, titled “Rise, January 1” in partnership with FiveMyles gallery. Acting as a springboard location for the work, Lambert has layered his performance with the inclusion of spoken word and sounds by Antonio Humphrey, also known as DJ T Lyfe.

Each performance includes the mechanics of the show preceding it, opening with Beethoven’s “Moonlight Sonata” — as seen in the very first performance — and now including improv by Lambert.

“In the second point, I created an improvisational element to the work where I didn’t know what he was going to play but I just went for it,” he said.

Each quarter of Lambert’s “Rise” is choreographed organically, only organ-

izing the next performance at the conclusion of the last performance. This allows for the work to be influenced by anything and manifest on its own.

“Every quarter, something new is being added to the work. It’s about bringing the truth out of whatever this piece is and allowing it to mature on its own,” he said.

While Lambert is open to adding new layers including spoken word and singing, he is still weary of ensuring the audience has the necessary context and that there is a recurring thread tying each piece together.

Through inviting members of his industry and allowing for their critique, Lambert is able to tweak his performance as necessary.

“I have certain people that are showing up to this concert to give me feedback because it’s very important to me that there’s a thread where you can look at it and it makes sense to an audience member,” he said.

Lambert will complete “Rise” early 2016 and will then stage the series in other locations.

“What you’ll see on Sunday is something fluid. It’ll be three chapters all together. When I do the fourth point, which will probably happen early 2016, I don’t know what’s going to come about,” he said.

Rise #3 (558 St. Johns Place between Franklin and Classon avenues in Crown Heights, www.gelanlambert.com) Sept. 20, 5:30 pm. Suggested donation.

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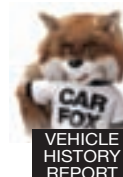
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their funds. While a list of 1,056 names are publicly available online via the comptroller's website, Schwartz states that Metrosearch Recoveries goes the extra mile to locate the addresses, bring it to the individual's attention, and successfully connect persons with their assets.

"This is a business that works with banks, attorneys, finding assets for people on a daily basis and doing a lot of work to find the actual addresses of people so that the money can be returned. Whether it's the comptroller or even on the state level or any other state, they don't really go out of their way to find the people," Schwartz added.

The comptroller's office is not interested in requiring any worker to pay for

their wages owed and hopes to continue connecting with workers through their own efforts.

"Metrosearch Recoveries is nothing more than a bunch of hustlers trying to shake down hard working New Yorkers," Stringer said.

Whether Metrosearch Recoveries has complied with the cease-and-desist has not yet been disclosed but Schwartz believes the issue of payment is not a good enough reason considering this is a state regulated service.

"I understand that's their issue but it's a completely legal business. Whether they comply or not is a whole other story but legally there's no basis in the law for the cease-and-desist," Schwartz said.

Thus far, the Comptroller's office has matched 11 workers with funds; eight have received their money.

BAM

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President of BAM Katy Clark was on hand to welcome the nationals, while First Lady Chirlane McCray paid tribute to Dr. Clarke who was born on the island

of Jamaica.

Other dignitaries present included Senator Kevin Parker, Assemblyman Nick Perry, Fire Commissioner Daniel A. Nigro, Deputy Mayor Richard Buery, Assemblywoman Yvette Clarke, NYC Councilmember Andy King and Assemblywoman Rodneyse Bichotte.

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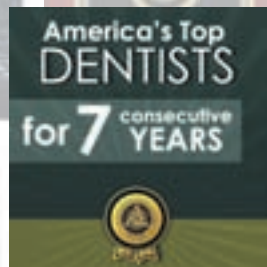
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They called him the Marvelous Cornelius because, well, he was! People looked forward to seeing him on the back of his garbage truck, waving and calling "Mornin'!" to everyone near Jackson Square.

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Chances are, though the child to whom you'll read this book will hear news stories about

the tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's landfall, he won't remember it. She might even be too young to understand – which is why you'll want this wonderful slice-of-life on your shelf.

Based loosely on the real Mr. Washington, "Marvelous Cornelius" is lively and colorful, just like its setting. Author Phil Bildner's story is good, made better with illustrations by John Parra; together, they give kids a sense of Big Easy

charm in the first half, followed by unmistakable devastation in the latter half. Beware that that could cause a minor scare for sensitive kids, but it'll also help them clearly understand what happened, and the meaningful afterward.

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National of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan hugs civil rights activist Dick Gregory, right, at the Metropolitan AME Church in Washington to announce plans for the Millions for Justice march to be held in Washington on Oct. 10, during a news conference Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

Associated Press / Glynn A. Hill

One year after taking the Million Man March commemoration ceremony to Kingston, Jamaica, the Nation of Islam is mobilizing for the 20th celebration of a Day of Atonement for Black men to return to the nation's capital.

Last year for the first time, Minister Louis Farrakhan took his franchise outside of the United States for an anniversary unity engagement.

Oct. 19, 2014, a public conference commemorating the 19th anniversary was held at the National Arena in Kingston, Jamaica.

On arrival to the Caribbean island, he expressed gratitude to the government and people of Jamaica, "for the warm and gracious reception (extended to) myself and (my) family, and members of the Nation of Islam."

"Our visit in celebration of the Million Man March is... to get us to see (among other things) that no one can fight a battle when you are at odds with one another."

While there, he addressed key issues related to the welfare of Jamaica and other Car-

ibbean islands; regional unity, and matters affecting the youth.

Imam David Muhammad, Eastern Caribbean representative of the leader and the NOI, said Jamaica was chosen because of its importance to the NOI.

"The Caribbean region is recognized by the honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan as being a beacon of consciousness for the global black liberation struggle, and most of the literature, for example, that has offered guidance to Black America has come from the Caribbean."

"Minister Farrakhan's father is from Jamaica and his mother is from St Kitts, and you even have great scholars like J.A. Rogers, who was born in Jamaica, and Walter Rodney, who was from Guyana ... All of these came through the Caribbean region and spread

through Black America."

On Labor Day, I noticed a delegation of uniformed members of the NOI walking along Eastern Parkway during the annual West Indian American Day Carnival Association's cultural parade.

Some passed out palm cards announcing the 20th anniversary commemoration of the MMM.

This time, the focus is 'Justice...Or Else!'

Slated for Oct. 10 at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. the event continues significant commemoration activities held since the first MMM.

Following that inaugural holy day of atonement, another convened the following year on Oct. 16, 1996 with a scaled-down event held at United Nations Plaza.

Since that time there has been unheralded anniversaries held on the fifth and 10th and

last year outside of U.S. borders in the Caribbean.

The major themes of the anniversary have been consistent and this time it is no different, they are atonement, reconciliation and responsibility.

First organized by Minister Louis Farrakhan, the Oct. 10, 1995 endeared more than

one million to congregate on the National Mall in Washington D.C. to apologize for wrongdoings and atrocities against women.

On that historic date, thousands traveled by cars, trains, buses and airplanes in order to demonstrate commitment to the cause.

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Kevin 'Ray' Owens.

Ray Owens to star at Jamaican Gala

Kevin 'Ray' Owens, the lead singer from the legendary R&B group Ray, Goodman & Brown will headline a Jamaican fundraising gala, concert and awards ceremony in New York City on Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center in Queens.

The black tie event is being hosted by the critically acclaimed New York-based

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Gay Carib pageant brings community together

By Alley Olivier

Recently, we have witnessed the LGBTQ achieve equality that in many respects elude the Caribbean community in terms of tolerance.

Creating a safe place for Caribbean born or native homosexuals to be proud of their culture and sexual preference, Hemish Gervis created the Gay Caribbean USA Pageant – now in its seventh

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Oliver Samuels (left) and Maylynne Walton-Lowe in a scene from Basil Dawkins' "Divorce Papers."

Oliver Samuels gets served

"Divorce Papers," the most popular and hilarious play of the 2015 Caribbean theatre season starring Oliver Samuels, Barbara McCalla, Maylynne Lowe and Dennis Titus will be staged this weekend and next weekend, in Brooklyn, Bronx and Queens. The star studded cast includes Dennis Titus who appeared in Denzel Washington's blockbuster movie, "The Mighty Quinn."

The New York City venues and dates are:

Brooklyn Center at Brooklyn College, Saturday, Sept. 19, 8 pm; Leh-

man Center at Lehman College, Bronx, Saturday, Sept. 26, 8pm; York Performing Arts Center at York College, Queens, Sunday, Sept. 27, 4:30 pm.

"We can only do two weekends in New York," says playwright Basil Dawkins "since we are booked in the USVI and England in October thru early November."

Although the famed Oliver Samuels and Barbara McCalla lead the cast in the suspenseful comedy-play, Maylynne Lowe and Dennis Titus are sheer fabulous. The late Miss

Lou of Jamaica and the aging Saint Lucia and Trinidad & Tobago Nobel Laureate, Derek Walcott, upon seeing the brilliant acting of Lowe and Titus in "Divorce Papers" may proudly proclaim, "The future of Caribbean theater is in good hands."

Actress Jean White says, "These days Jamaican theater and comedy fans don't only see Oliver Samuels in an Oliver play, they also see young and brilliant stars ... And, the creativity of the award winning playwright, Basil Dawkins." White is con-

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Celebrate 45 years of Tio Pepe with delicious cuisine

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Once in a while, you need to leave Brooklyn — and dining at Tio Pepe restaurant makes it worth your while.

The fact that it is owned and operated by the same family that runs beloved Casa Pepe restaurant in Bay Ridge means you can still be Brooklyn proud.

This authentic Spanish and Mexican eatery is located on W. Fourth Street in the Village, a sombrero's throw from the W. Fourth Street subway station, where all trains stop. Dining at tables close to the floor-length open windows provide you with the perfect opportunity to people-watch while you sip sensational sangria or a magnifico margarita.

The restaurant is celebrating its 45th anniversary, and one of its recipes for success is that the chefs remain loyal to cooking genuine Spanish and Mexican fare, with no fusion concepts. Paella is prepared with Valencian Bomba rice, as it would be in Spain. This short-grain rice is known for its ability to absorb water without becoming mushy. The result is a dish with flavor and consistency, true to its roots. Tio Pepe offers clams, mussels, shrimp, chicken, chorizo, rabbit, pheasant, and duck sausage to its various paella entrees. Decorated with strips of red pepper and green snow peas layered across the top, it conjures images of the Mexican flag.

About a year ago, Tio Pepe added a wood-burning oven, allowing cocas to be brought to the menu. These Spanish flatbreads are brilliantly baked until they are crisp, then adorned with a variety of generous toppings. The Ibérica has Serrano ham, manchego cheese, asparagus and baby arugula. The Del Mar boasts shrimp, clams, mussels, salmon, tomato and manchego cheese. The Campesina features the most delicious homemade chorizo, oven-dried tomatoes, broccoli rabe, artichokes and mozzarella. Served on slate plates, the crust stays nice and crunchy. Call it a Spanish pizza. It's a great starter for lunch, brunch, dinner, or at the bar.

Another highlight is ordering the guacamole, prepared tableside with its fresh ingredients, served inside a molcajete, the traditional Mexican stone footed-bowl. A cart is rolled to the table, and the server scoops soft avocado from its shell, adding red, chopped tomatoes, fresh cilantro, onions, jalapenos, and fresh-squeezed lime, mixing it all with a pestle. You get to scoop every drop with colorful red, green, and yellow tortilla chips. It's one muy bien way to get a fiesta started.



Main courses include sizzling chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon, or vegetable fajitas, marinated with lime, and grilled with tomatoes, onions, and tri-color peppers. Layer them inside a tortilla, and smother it all with guacamole, sour cream, and pico de gallo.

Another favorite is Camarones al Ajillo — an abundance of

shrimp, sautéed with garlic, olive oil and white wine, accompanied by a side of saffron rice.

The atmosphere of the main dining room lends itself to the restaurant's authenticity, with Spanish-style lamps, candelabras, and tables made of blue and white ceramic tile. Sit at the bar, taste some tapas, and make some new amigos.

Brunch is served Saturdays and from noon to 3:30 pm, an opportunity to enjoy cocas topped with caramelized onions, goat cheese, bacon and eggs. Or, perhaps the brunch quesadillas — scrambled eggs, bacon and Mexican cheese, folded in a flour tortilla. Get two hour of unlimited mimosas or Bloody Marys for just \$10.

Churros, with a decadent chocolate dipping sauce, are a great way to wrap up the meal.

Tio Pepe [168 W. Fourth St. between Jones and Cornelia streets in Greenwich Village, Manhattan, (212) 242-6480, www.TioPepenyc.com]. Open Tuesdays through Thursdays, noon-11 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, noon-1 am; and Sundays, noon-11 pm.

Depp delivers as notorious mobster Whitey Bulger

“Black Mass”
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated R for graphic violence, pervasive profanity, sexual references and brief drug use
Running time: 122 minutes
Distributor: Warner Brothers Pictures



Johnny Depp as James “Whitey” Bulger in “Black Mass” in theaters Sept. 18. Rotten Tomatoes

By Kam Williams

In the mid-1970s, James “Whitey” Bulger began rising through the ranks of South Boston’s Winter Hill Gang by knocking off all the competition vying for control of his tight-knit, Irish neighborhood. The power-hungry mobster subsequently sought to muscle-in on assorted illegal rackets being run by the Mafia in the city’s predominantly-Italian North End.

While in the midst of the ensuing turf war, Whitey was surreptitiously approached by John Connolly (Joel Edgerton),

a childhood friend from Southie working for the FBI. Agent Connolly informed his pal that the Bureau had enough evidence to put him behind bars and throw away the key, though it was willing to look

the other way in return for his cooperation as an undercover informant.

Bulger grudgingly agreed after establishing that he wouldn’t have to snitch on any of his associates, only on his

cross-town rivals in the Angiulo crime family. However, Connolly further stipulated that no murders could be committed by any Winter Hill members once the unholy alliance was struck.

Of course, that was a little much to expect, given how there’s no honor among thieves, especially when it comes to a ruthless assassin like Whitey. He merely saw the protection being afforded by the Feds as an opportunity to behave with impunity as he further expanded his spheres of influence.

The Machiavellian mastermind proceeded to embark on a bloody reign of terror during which Connolly and a fellow G-Man (David Harbour) found themselves being manipulated to venture to the wrong side of the law. When the truth finally came to light, the two agents were arrested as accomplices to Whitey who disappeared into thin air, landed on the FBI’s Ten Most Wanted list, and yet still avoided apprehension for well over a decade.

Though the September back-to-school season is generally a harbinger of a weak slate at the cinema, the exceptional Black Mass proved to be a pleasant surprise and the first must-see flick of the fall.

Independent & Foreign Films

About Ray (Unrated) Genderbending dramedy revolving around a troubled teen (Elle Fanning) trapped in a boy’s body seeking the support of her family while transitioning into a female. With Naomi Watts, Susan Sarandon and Tate Donovan. (In English and Spanish with subtitles.)



Kam’s Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Being Canadian (Unrated) North Country documentary taking a light-hearted look at what it means to be Canadian. Featuring appearances by such famous Canucks as Seth Rogen, Michael J. Fox, Mike Myers, William Shatner, Eugene Levy and Dan Aykroyd.

Cooties (R for profanity, sexuality, graphic violence, gratuitous gore and drug use) Horror comedy about a food-borne virus spread by an elementary school cafeteria that transforms the student body into a swarm of man-eating zombies. Co-starring Elijah Wood, Rainn Wilson and Alison Pill.

Eden (R for violence, profanity and sexuality) Suspense thriller about a U.S. soccer team’s struggle to survive after its plane crashes off the coast of a deserted island in the Pacific Ocean. With Nate Parker, James Remar, Sung Kang, Jessica Lowndes and Diego Boneta.

The Man Who Saved the World (Unrated) Doomsday Clock documentary about Stanislav Petrov, the Russian Lt. Colonel who, in 1983, averted the outbreak of World War III by refusing to follow orders to nuke the United States back into the

Stone Age. Featuring commentary by Matt Damon, Robert De Niro and Ashton Kutcher. (In English and Russian with subtitles.)

The New Girlfriend (R for graphic sexuality and frontal nudity) Out-of-the-closet drama about a woman (Anais Demoustier) who discovers that her late BFFs’ (Isild Le Besco) husband (Romain Duris) likes to dress in women’s clothing. With Aurele Clement, Raphael Personnaz and Bruno Perard. (In French with subtitles)

Pawn Sacrifice (PG-13 for sexuality, smoking and brief profanity) Cold War saga revisiting the historic, USA vs. Russia chess match, staged in Reykjavik, Iceland in 1972, between challenger Bobby Fischer (Tobey Maguire) and defending champ Boris Spassky (Liev Schreiber). With Peter Sarsgaard, Lily Rabe and Michael Stuhlbarg.

Peace Officer (Unrated) Law-and-order documentary bemoaning the recent militarization of police forces all across in the United States.

Prophet’s Prey (Unrated) Abuse of trust documentary, narrated by Nick Cave, chronicling the rise and fall of Warren Jeffs, the charismatic, Mormon cult leader convicted of practicing polygamy and pedophilia.

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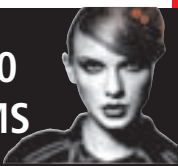
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The Weeknd
- 2 **Photograph**
Ed Sheeran
- 3 **Lean On**
Major Lazer & DJ Snake ...
- 4 **Good For You**
Selena Gomez Feat. ASAP Rocky
- 5 **Cheerleader**
OMI
- 6 **Locked Away**
R. City Feat. Adam Levine
- 7 **The Hills**
The Weeknd
- 8 **Cool For The Summer**
Demi Lovato
- 9 **Shut up & Dance**
Walk the Moon
- 10 **Uma Thurman**
Fall Out Boy

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Got Your Six**
Five Finger Death Punch
- 2 **Rodeo**
Travis Scott
- 3 **Beauty Behind the Mad..**
The Weeknd
- 4 **WILD (EP)**
Troye Sivan
- 5 **The Book Of Souls**
Iron Maiden
- 6 **Badlands**
Halsey
- 7 **1989**
Taylor Swift
- 8 **Deeply Rooted**
Scarface
- 9 **Blurryface**
twenty one pilots
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OLIVER

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fidant that children and adults of all nationalities will enjoy the hilarious roles of Lowe and Titus in "Divorce Papers."

Both Titus and Lowe could have remained in the U.S. and become household names on television, in motion pictures and on Broadway but they chose to return to Jamaica to contribute to theater, the performing arts and nation building.

Titus is a graduate of Edna Manley College, Jamaica. He developed his craft further in theater, film and television in the UK and USA. A friend remarked, "The opportunity of Dennis working alongside Denzel Washington in 'The Mighty Quinn' is an experience which helped him to become a dedicated professional." Titus played the role of Percy in The Mighty Quinn. Critics have also applauded Titus for his magnificent roles in "Embassy Saga" and "Dolly House."

Lowe is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in NY and Emerson College in Boston. She appeared in Jamaica's longest running television soap, "Royal Palm Estate." She is a recipient of Best Actress in a lead role for "White Witch of Rosehall." Lowe's other theater



From left, Dennis Titus, Maylynne Walton-Lowe, Oliver Samuels, and Ruth Ho Shing.

Herman Hall, Everybody's Magazine

and comedy roles include "After Mrs. Rochester," "Uptown Bangarang," "Toy Boy," "Which Way Is Out" and "Uptown Bangarang 2."

Barbara McCalla is not only an actress she is a lawyer by profession. In "Divorce Papers" Barbara plays the role of Mrs. Grace Goffe, wife of Augustus Goffe (Oliver Samuels.) Does Barbara allow her legal mind to overshadow her character,

Grace, in Grace's pursuit to seek a divorce from Augustus?

No wonder Rev. Devon Dick, pastor of the Boulevard Baptist Church in St. Andrew, wrote in the Gleaner. "...This play is not only for persons who are divorced or who are contemplating divorce, but for all persons interested in romantic relationships. It is a play for the entire family."

The staging of "Divorce

Papers" in New York City is promoted by Herman Hall Communications. Ticket prices are: Brooklyn College and Lehman College, \$60, \$55, \$50; York College \$55 in advance. Available online at www.everybodysmag.com; at Brooklyn College and Lehman College box office and in community outlets or call Herman Hall (718) 941-1879.



Braata Folk Singers.

Ray Owens

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Braata Productions company. Kevin 'Ray' Owens will be riveting the evening's entertainment with a live performance of #1 smash singles 'Special Lady,' 'Happy Anniversary' and 'Love on a Two Way Street'. Other performances will come from Braata Folk Singers, Braata Theatre Workshop, Braata Educational Outreach with an artistic demonstration, and Everton Bailey & ISOP.

In addition to the concert section of the gala, there will also be an awards ceremony

that will pay tribute to organizations and individuals who have made an impact on the lives of Jamaican and Caribbean residents in the New York City region. This year's awardees include the Immaculate Conception High School Alumnae Association New York Chapter, Jimmy Van Bramer, NYC council majority leader and community radio icon Carl B Moxie. Other awardees are Gloria Messam, Sophia Walsh-Newman and Merrick Dammer, Esq.

Braata Productions has consistently generated rave reviews for their year-round performances in New York City.

Pageant

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ment in Brooklyn. We've grown where we're now at Restoration Plaza with a little over 400 persons in attendance," Gervis, a St. Lucian, said.

In its beginning stages, the pageant was kept at a small scale only inviting close friends. Following the excitement of the first year, Gervis made the decision to publicize the pageant and invite the media.

With opening it to the public, Gervis and his pageant committee endured backlash mainly on social media.

"People were not pleased that such an event was going on. But we persisted and now we still get a few negative comments," he said.

Entering its seventh year, Gervis believes the pageant has and continues to achieve its goal of creating a safe space for heterosexuals and homosexuals to enjoy a night of fun and entertainment.

"We thought to invite everyone under the same roof to experience a fun-filled, entertainment event to develop that

warm atmosphere we hope to create," he explained.

This year, the Gay Caribbean Pageant USA is titled "The Royal Battle." Inviting former queens, eight former pageant winners will fight for the coveted crown.

"This year should be a really good show because we have the best of the best coming forward to participate in the pageant," he said.

Structured like any other pageant, the contestants battle for a crown through four segments: swimwear, evening-wear, talent, and general question and answer.

"The Royal Battle's" contestants hail from Barbados, Trinidad, Guyana, U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Lucia, Jamaica, and Grenada.

Gay Caribbean USA Pageant "The Royal Battle" (1368 Fulton St. between Brooklyn and New York avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant, www.eventbrite.com/gaycaribbeanusapageant) Sept. 26, 8 pm. Tickets are available at JW Records (2833 Church Ave. between Nostrand and Rogers avenues) and Conrad's Bakery (299 Utica Ave. between Union and President streets).

CARNIVAL WINNERS

ADULT FEMALE CHARACTER

- 2nd Place - Masquerader: April Bradshaw
Portrayal: "Anna' The Magical Goddess"
From the Band: Mango Tree Production "Snow Kingdom"
- 3rd Place - Masquerader: Ria Borman
Portrayal: "Purple Passion Dancer"
From the Band: Ramajay Mas "Nirvana - Freedom of Self"

JUNIOR BAND - SMALL

- 1st Place - Portrayal: "Life In the Rainforest"
From the Band: Giselle Fritz & Associates
- 2nd Place - Portrayal: "Sounds of Nature"
From the Band: Kaisokah Jumbies USA Inc
- 3rd Place - Portrayal: "Happily Ever After"
From the Band: Lil Boomers

JUNIOR BAND - MEDIUM

- 1st Place - Portrayal: "Courts of Granduer"
From the Band: 1199 SEIU Social Cultural Committee
- 2nd Place - Portrayal: "Musical Instruments"
From the Band: Carican Costumes
- 3rd Place - Portrayal: "Dream Catcher"
From the Band: New Generation

JUNIOR BAND - LARGE

- 1st Place - Portrayal: "Jewels of an Empire"
From the Band: Sherzel Productions
- 2nd Place - Portrayal: "Egyptian Royale: The Prince & the Princess Egypt"
From the Band: Sesame Carnival of Sesame Flyers

JUNIOR MALE CHARACTER

- 1st Place - Masquerader: Dondre Simmons
Portrayal: "Cocidus, The Hunter"
From the Band: Giselle Fritz & Associates "Life in the Rain Forest"
- 2nd Place - Masquerader: Daryl Deboue Jr
Portrayal: "Spiderman & The Superhero Characters"
From the Band: Belmont Kids Connection: "Halloween in September"
- 3rd Place - Masquerader: Ethan Robinson
Portrayal: "Chaka"
From the Band: New Horizon "Welcome to the Motherland of Afrika"

JUNIOR FEMALE CHARACTER

- 1st Place - Masquerader: Shani Butler
Portrayal: "Princess of D'Forest (Tinkerbell)"
From the Band: D'Midas Int'l "Kaleidoscope Dreamers"
- 2nd Place - Masquerader: Jada Diamond
Portrayal: "Flight of the Macaw"
From the Band: Giselle Fritz & Associates "Life in the Rain Forest"
- 3rd Place - Masquerader: Sasha Reis
Portrayal: "The Village Queen"
From the Band: Giselle Fritz & Associates "Life in the Rain Forest"

JUNIOR QUEEN

- 1st Place - Masquerader: Chyna Cambridge
Portrayal: "Empress of D'Sun"
From the Band: D'Midas Int'l "Kaleidoscope Dreamers"
- 2nd Place - Masquerader: Cheyene Paterson
Portrayal: "Queen Helena"
From the Band: Mango Tree Production "Snow Kingdom"
- 3rd Place - Masquerader: Kathryn Miranda
Portrayal: "Gabriela The Snow Kingdom Fairy"
From the Band: Mango Tree Production "Snow Kingdom"



1. Giselle Fritz and Associates "Life In the Rainforest" masqueraders took 1st place in the small Band Childrens competition parading on Franklin Avenue in the Childrens parade. 2. Dondre Simmons on Eastern Parkway, the winner of the 2015 Junior Male Character competition for his portrayal of "Cocidus, The Hunter" from the Band Giselle Fritz & Associates "Life in the Rain Forest." 3. Derazir Defour masquerader with Sherzel Productions before the start of the Childrens parade. 4. Sherzel Productions "Jewels of an Empire" 1st place in the Large Band Childrens competition parading on Franklin Avenue in the Childrens parade. 5. Jouvert reveler Sandra Bell parading on Flatbush avenue with Pagwah early Labor Day morning. 6. 2015 King of Carnival Earl Beckles portraying 'Out of the Darkness' from the band ENJ Dreamteam presenting 'Somewhere Out There' on the Dimanche Gras stage Labor Day Sunday.

William Farrington

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Monroe College's midfielder, Jamie Hinchcliffe. Monroe College

Local colleges prepare for meets

By Robert Elkin

Some 20 colleges from NCAA Division I, II and III and junior college schools turned out for the start of the intercollegiate cross country meet over the five-mile Van Cortlandt Park course in the Bronx.

One individual from Monroe College, which has branches in Westchester County, The Bronx, and Cantaries Hills, turned in a decent performance even though he did not come out vic-

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Ramdin axed as Test captain

By Azad Ali

West Indies wicketkeeper Denesh Ramdin has been axed as Test captain after just 15 months in the position and was replaced by Barbadian One-Day skipper Jason Holder, for the tour of Sri Lanka next month.

Holder, 23, who has played eight Tests and 33 One-Day Internationals (ODIs), will lead a 15-man squad for the Oct. 14 to Nov. 12 series which comprises two Tests, the ODIs and two T20s.

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) said the recommendation by

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Houston Dynamo midfielder Brad Davis, right, and Real Salt Lake defender Demar Phillips, left, tangle during the first half of an MLS soccer game, Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015, in Houston.

Associated Press / Eric Christian Smith

MLS teams advance in CONCACAF tourney

By Patrick Horne

MLS teams DC United and Real Salt Lake have made strides by advancing to the quarterfinal round of the CONCACAF Champions League tournament, the most prestigious competition among the top clubs in CONCACAF.

United came away with a 2-0 win over Arabe Unido at RFK Stadium in Washington DC to win Group H and advance to the quarterfinal round. Conor Doyle opened the scoring for United in the first minute of play and Jared Jeffrey ensured the victory just before the half time whistle. DC

United's next game against Jamaica's Montego Bay United on Tuesday is a mere formality.

Meanwhile in Group G, Real Salt Lake battled El Salvador's Santa Tecla to a goalless draw on the road to stay atop the group and substan-

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torious. Kamar Harris, who never did cross country before, and is making a debut in it, is a freshman who shows some promise on the team. He was timed in 33:39.35 for 49th place in scoring and 56 overall.

Another who turned out a decent performance was Mpho Makofane, a sophomore, who was the top runner for Monroe in last week's meet, conducted by Fordham University and called the Fordham Fiasco. Mpho was clocked in 27:56.38, and placed third overall for scoring purposes.

After the runners took the summer off except for practices as directed by the coaching staff, they are now set for action during the rest of the season.

As a team Monroe placed ninth with 212 points among Division II and III colleges as well as junior college ones.

East Stroudsburg who compiled 23 points captured the team title as in cross country the college with the lowest total number turned out to be the winner of the race as a team.

Meanwhile, Dowling's Vichinsky Elien ran a 34:01.69 for 59 place overall and as a team finished with 315 markers and 11th place in the team standings.

A returnee from last year's team, Elien is in his third year of running in college, a member of the East Coast Conference.

Sports is in the Elien family, for his father Serd, played soccer in Haiti. The student athlete at Dowling likes to run and does so all year round.

"My specialties on the track are the 55-meter hurdles, 1000 meters and 800 meters," he said. He also competes on relay teams.

Elien brings to Dowling experience as a runner, as he spent his high school days at Wet Babylon in Suffolk County where he was a member of the track and cross country teams.

The Dowling team certainly improved since last year in cross country and could be a contender in the East Coast Conference meet coming up in mid October at CW Post College.



Conor Doyle (30) of D.C. United kicks the ball past Marvell Wynne (4) of San Jose Earthquakes during a MLS match at RFK Stadium, in Washington D.C. Earthquakes won 2-0. Icon Sportswire via Associated Press

DC United and Real Salt Lake advance

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tially increase its chances to advance to the quarterfinal round with two home games left.

MLS

Major League Soccer has added another franchise in Los Angeles that will replace Chivas USA, which folded last year. American basketball great Magic Johnson and former U.S. national team player Mia Ham are among a group of investors led by team owner and Malaysian businessman, Vincent Tan, and investor Henry Nguyen. The Los Angeles Football Club, which debuts in 2018, will play in its own, new 22,000-seat stadium built in Exposition Park in downtown, Los Angeles, near the LA Coliseum.

The new franchise will compete with

the established MLS five-time champion LA Galaxy and its major stars such as Irishman Robbie Keane, Mexican international Giovanni Dos Santos and former England captain Steven Gerrard.

In MLS play last weekend, Columbus Crew defeated Philadelphia Union, 2-1; FC Dallas knocked off New York City FC, 2-1; Real Salt Lake topped Houston Dynamo, 3-1, and New England Revolution beat Toronto FC by the same score; Orlando City FC defeated Sporting KC also by a 3-1 margin. Colorado Rapids and DC United played to a 1-1 draw, and so did San Jose Earthquakes and Seattle Sounders; Montreal Impact held LA Galaxy to a goalless draw.

USA Women

New Yorker Crystal Dunn, who represented Rockville Center's South Side

High School on Long Island and later played collegiate soccer at North Carolina, was added to the USA squad for the rest of the 2015 Women's World Cup Champions Victory Tour. The USA will play Haiti on Thursday, Sept. 17 in Detroit (7 pm, FOX Sports 1, FOX Sports Go) and on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20 in Birmingham, Alabama (2 pm on ESPN2). Haiti was called in after Australia pulled out due to on-going Union-Association negotiations.

Copa America

The 2016 Copa America Centenary tournament is a go and CONCACAF has pledged its support for the 16-nation tournament to celebrate 100 years of soccer in South America. The tournament is scheduled to be played in the U.S. next summer, June 3 - 26.

Holder replaces Ramdin

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the Clive Lloyd-chaired selection panel to make him Test captain had been "endorsed unanimously" by directors, during a recent teleconference.

"The directors discussed the recommendation put forward by the selectors. We have all seen Jason's clear leadership potential and believe he can perform an excellent job for West Indies cricket over many years. We congratulate him on his appointment," WICB President

Dave Cameron said.

"We would like to thank Denesh for taking on the responsibility of leading the Test side over the last 15 months. He remains an integral part of West Indies cricket and will continue to have a vital role in our Test side," he said.

Ramdin, 30, was appointed captain in May last year, replacing the long-serving Darren Sammy. He led West Indies in 13 Tests- winning four, losing seven and drawing two.

As captain he managed 472 runs at

an average of 22, and a highest score of 57.

Lloyd said the decision to remove Ramdin was with the view of getting more from the player with the bat, and said he had spoken to the veteran of 69 Tests about his new role in the side.

Barbados-left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican is the only new face in the team, with uncapped all-rounder Carlos Brathwaite also included. Warrican, 23, took 49 wickets at nearly 15 runs apiece during the first class season.

The squad will undergo a preparation camp in Barbados from Sept. 20 before departing for Sri Lanka a week later.



West Indies' Jason Holder bowls against England during day one of their third Test match at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados, Friday, May 1, 2015. Associated Press / Ricardo Mazalan

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Sri Lanka's captain is confident with squad



Sri Lanka's Angelo Matthews bowls during their ODI cricket match against Australia in Melbourne, Australia, Friday, March 2, 2012. Associated Press / Theo Karanikos

Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Sri Lanka's Test captain Angelo Matthews (28 years old) who has played 52 Test matches, hitting seven centuries, 22 fifties and averaging 52:07 is very confident with his squad that has been chosen to oppose the West Indies starting in October. Middle order batsman Dinesh Chandimal (25 years) who already scored four centuries and eight fifties from 21 matches is said to be a major player for the home team.

RANGANA HERATH MAY POSE BOWLING THREAT

Sri Lanka's left-arm orthodox bowler Rangana Herath is on top of his game as he prepares to compete against the West Indies. He has taken 278 wickets in his 63 Test

matches and 22 five-wicket haul. West Indies will have to be prepared to play some hostile seam bowling and accurate spinners from the home team. Sri Lankan cricketers perform very well on home soil and their spectators are phenomenal and very supportive.

WEST INDIES CRICKETERS MUST RISE TO THE OCCASION

The time has come for West Indies cricketers to perform at quality best and use cricket intelligence as their modus operandi. Test cricket must be played with the discipline that it requires. Head Coach Lendl Simmons has a tough agenda ahead of him, particularly convincing the inexperienced

players how to go about their tour.

TAYLOR, ROACH, BISHOO MUST LEAD THE WAY

Jerome Taylor (31 years), has taken 122 Test wickets after 41 matches with his best figures being 96 for 47. Kemar Roach (32) has played 32 matches and took 120 wickets and his best figures were 6 for 48. Devendra Bishoo (29) who has only played 12 Test matches has already taken 50 wickets with his best being 6 for 80.

It is imperative for new Test captain Jason Holder to understand that Bishoo is not the type of bowler for long spells. He is much more effective when he is given short and frequent spells. West Indies players must learn the requirements that are needed to come out successful in a Test match. Patience is the main ingredient in the process of learning.

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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
 Taurus, others are impressed with your analysis and ability to get the job done at work. Don't be surprised if you soon find yourself in line for a promotion.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
 There is nothing wrong with trying to make special moments last as long as they can, Gemini. If you want to linger over a romantic dinner or keep the party going, do so.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
 Try to find a balance between your need for connection and a desire to be alone, Cancer. This week you may have to do some juggling, but it is nothing you can't handle.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
 Leo, you may feel free and adaptable right now, but in reality your plans are much more fixed. You may not want to stray too far from what's expected.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, the depth of your feelings this week may come as a surprise to you. Everything makes you feel a bit more emotional than usual. It is okay to spend some time in thought.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
 Libra, your mood begins to lift as you find many reasons to celebrate this week. The simplest things can bring you happiness. Don't forget to share joy with others.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
 Scorpio, you can't quite figure out if you are happy or sad, because each new opportunity seems like an emotional roller coaster. Enjoy the ride and appreciate the good times.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
 Sagittarius, you can appreciate all the little details that come with tasks this week. You may see things that others don't because you are paying extra attention to your surroundings.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
 Right now you aren't very happy about having to deal with someone who isn't always honest with you, Capricorn. Just maintain a neutral attitude and you will find happiness.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
 Aquarius, you appreciate all the positive feelings coming your way, especially in a week as challenging as this one. Make the most of all of the positive vibes.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
 Pisces, you may have a hard time distinguishing between fantasy and reality the next few days. But enjoy the extra time to daydream.

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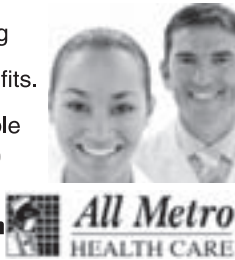
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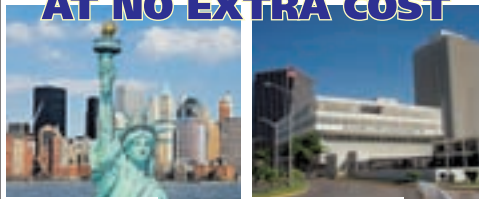
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