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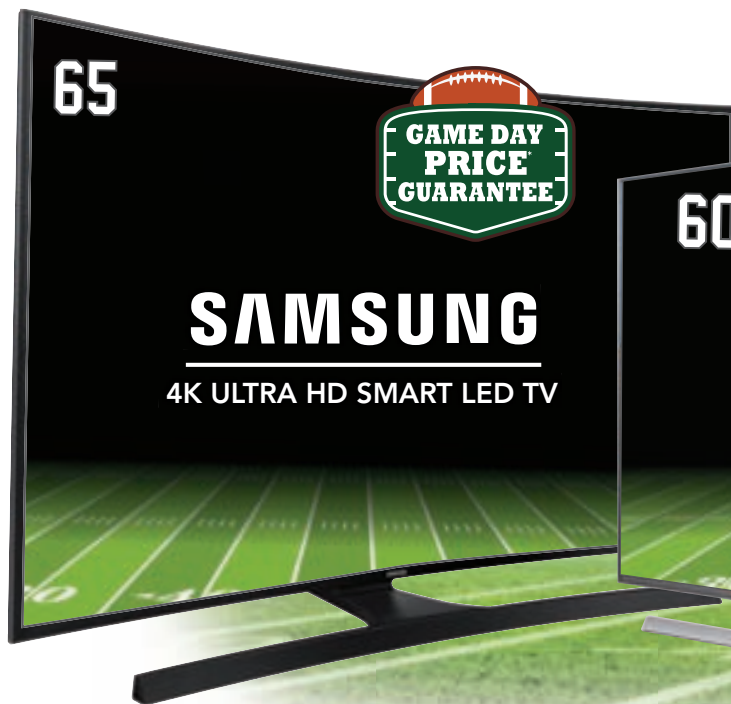
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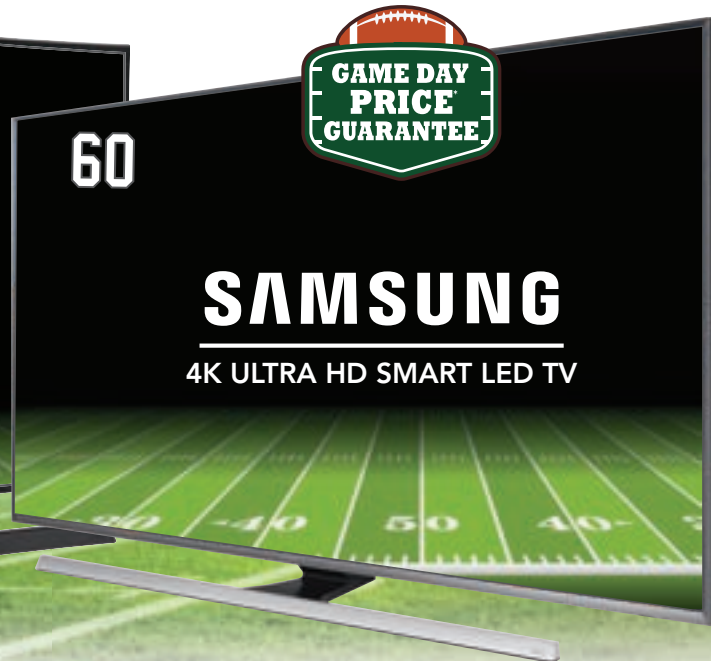


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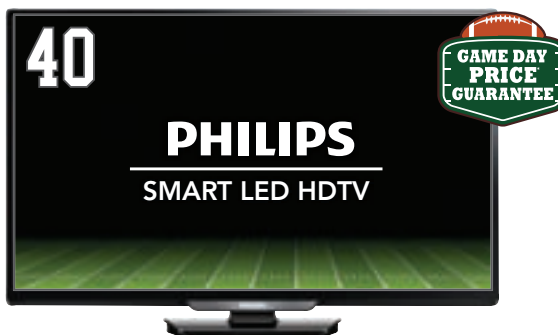
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# ZIKA VIRUS CRISIS

## Global health emergency as infections spread

## Security Council appeals for calm over Haiti's delayed election

By Nelson A. King

Expressing strong concern regarding the indefinite postponement of the final round of elections in Haiti – scheduled for Dec. 27 but postponed, for the second time, to Jan. 24 – the United Nations Security Council has reiterated its con-

demnation of any attempt to destabilize the electoral process.

The Security Council on Friday, therefore, urged all parties and political actors to refrain from violence, expressing concern that the delay in elections may undermine

Haiti's ability to address the security, economic and social challenges it faces.

As such, the council strongly encouraged the executive, the parliament and the relevant political actors to come to an agreement by Feb. 7,

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By Bert Wilkinson

Caribbean Community leaders who head to Belize for their half yearly summit in mid February will devote some special time to discuss a regional response to the Zika virus outbreak and its implications for the lifeline tourism and other sectors officials said this week.

The Trinidad-based Caribbean Public Health Author-

ity which has been examining blood and other samples from health officials and agencies from across the region said in a statement that the issue is important enough for leaders to discuss and that it is preparing a brief for them to look at.

Leaders are scheduled to meet for two days beginning on Feb. 16.

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# SUNY offers scholarships in memory of Carey Gabay



In this Dec. 12, 2011, file photo, and provided by the New York Governor's Office, Carey Gabay, first deputy general counsel at the Empire State Development Corporation, poses for a picture.

Associated Press / New York Governor's Office/ Judy Sanders

By Vinette K. Pryce

The name Carey Gabay will not soon be forgotten by qualified students seeking aid in order to gain entry into a State University of New York.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo ensured that one individual will be awarded a fellowship and five students will be granted scholarships in his name in order to continue the legacy left by the attorney and public servant.

The legislator named the Carey Gabay Scholarship Program, a provisional for financial assistance to five incoming SUNY State-operated campus students who "exemplify Carey's commitment to social justice, leadership, and mentoring, as well as his personal story of succeeding academically despite an economically disadvantaged background."

"Carey Gabay was an exceptional individual who could have done anything, but chose to enter into public service and give back," Gov. Cuomo said.

"His kindness, loyalty and grit made him beloved by family, friends and co-workers and his dedication to making New York a better, fairer and safer place

made him an inspiration to all. The fellowship and scholarship programs bearing his name will serve as a constant reminder of Carey's professional accomplishments and exceptional character, and will ensure his legacy is honored for years to come."

Forty-three-year-old Gabay worked tirelessly in public service, first as an assistant counsel to the governor and more recently as first deputy counsel for the Empire State Development Corporation.

He was tragically killed as an innocent victim of gun violence last September when alleged gang members fired into a crowd of jourvert revelers on the eve of Labor Day.

Carey grew up living in public housing and attended public school in the Bronx. After a successful high school career, he went on to graduate from Harvard University and Harvard Law School.

While at Harvard University, he ran to become the president of his undergraduate student body.

According to Gov. Cuomo, "the Carey Gabay Scholarship Program will annu-

ally award full-ride scholarships to five students beginning in the 2016-17 school year."

The scholarships will cover all costs of attendance, including tuition, room and board, college fees, books and supplies, and transportation and personal expenses.

Qualified recipients must personify Carey's example of dedication and commitment to public service and giving back.

A priority is that potential candidates achieved academic excellence despite an economically disadvantaged background.

The winning Fellow will serve for two years in the Governor's Counsel's office, where Gabay began his career in this administration, and will work on furthering the governor's violence prevention initiatives as well as issues of economic equality and development that Gabay championed throughout his career.

The individual will be assigned a mentor in Counsel's office and the first fellow will lead a major research project on violence prevention in memory of

Gabay.

Reportedly, opportunities for the fellow to earn an MPA concurrently with state service will be explored.

Fellowship attorney applications are now being accepted and require a personal statement, three references, a writing sample and impressive academic and professional credentials. In addition, another requirement is that the potential Fellow will update the Gabay family periodically as to his or her work and experience.

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# Adams celebrates success of Brooklyn students



Christiane Taubira is nundated by the French press after her NYU address. She was in New York, two days after she resigned her post as minister of justice, a post she had held since 2012.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

## Former French justice minister speaks at NYU

By Tequila Minsky

Former French justice minister Christiane Taubira has called on youth to be fearless when it comes to taking on the world. She made that call while addressing the topic “Freedom and Equality for All” at the NYU School of Law auditorium on Jan. 29.

“As a generation, you need to learn to think of yourselves as an individual. Remain conscious of your individual responsibility to the world,” she said.

Taubira was part of François Hollande’s Socialist government until Jan. 27 when she resigned over a controversial plan to strip people convicted of terrorism of their French citizenship. A champion of human rights, Taubira hails from Cayenne, French Guiana, an overseas department of France, nestled between Suriname and Brazil on the Caribbean coast.

She kept her commitment to speak at NYU on Jan. 29 — even though it was just two days after her resignation. The event was free and open to the public.

Taubira’s received an invitation to speak almost a year ago by Mathia Diawa, director of the Institute of African American Affairs and was confirmed three weeks prior to the engagement.

During her talk, Taubira took special note in addressing students, the next generation. And, conscious of the university environment that gave her this platform, she spoke of the privilege to be in the university, “It is a privilege because that knowledge is precious.”

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams on Wednesday, Jan. 27 celebrated the victory of local district school students in his Hour of Code challenge with Chicago Public Schools (CPS).

The initiative was an extension of Adams’s ongoing Code Brooklyn effort to give every child the opportunity to learn how to code.

While both Brooklyn and Chicago dramatically expanded the number of their students introduced to coding through this global effort, to provide at least one hour of classroom instruction for computer science and the basics of coding, Adams said more than 80 percent of the district schools in Brooklyn have confirmed their involvement in the week of activities held last month.

He said that is compared to 61 percent of district schools in Chicago.

Though statistics have not previously been kept on Hour of Code participation, educators and advocates have mutually agreed that this figure represents an unprecedented level of engagement in the borough, Adams said.

According to the bet, the losing city is to have a group of their students film a YouTube video singing a song prominently featuring the winning city. “Brooklyn students won in the Hour of Code challenge, and they will continue winning as they further their coding education,” Adams said. “Our young coders will have an opportunity not only to work at high-tech companies in Brooklyn but to establish enterprises of their own and to build wealth in our community.”

“Even for students that pursue other career interests, coding and computer science education orient them to the



The kids can code: Fourth graders Derek Manquinz and Brandon Giang at PS 86 loved learning to code through the school’s Hour of Code computer program.

Photo by Jason Speakman

critical thinking and problem solving needed to be a success,” he added. “Code Brooklyn provides a foundation for public school students in Brooklyn to develop the skills that allow them to achieve their aspirations as artists and innovators.”

In addition to striving for 100 percent Hour of Code participation in the years ahead, Adams said Code Brooklyn’s focus includes an ongoing assessment of the resources that public

schools in the borough need in order to develop comprehensive programs in coding and computer science.

Adams said this help to shape allocation of his Fiscal Year 2017 capital budget resources.

The plan also calls for Brooklyn Borough Hall to serve as a go-between with schools and City Hall through the rollout of the Computer Science for All public-private partnership over the next decade.

## Turkey sets eyes on the Caribbean

By Nelson A. King

Turkey says it wants to broaden its political and trade relationships with Latin America and the Caribbean.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan made this request in Santiago, Chile on Tuesday in a keynote lecture at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

He also asked for international collaboration to cope with the crisis of Syrian refugees and the challenges to peace in the Middle East, ECLAC said.

It said the Turkish head of state arrived in Chile on Sunday, which will include visits to Peru and Ecuador.

ECLAC Executive Secretary, Alicia

Bárcena said that the message of the Turkish president “shows that country’s willingness to strengthen the understanding with this region.”

Bárcena noted that Turkey is a founding member of the United Nations and, in the region, is an Observer Country of the Organization of American States (OAS), of the Pacific Alliance and of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS).

In addition, she said Turkey maintains contacts with the Common Market of the South (Mercosur) and with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and forms part of the bloc called MICTA, along with Mexico, Indonesia, the Korean Republic and Australia.

During his keynote lecture, the Turk-

ish President stressed that in the last decade his country has applied an opening strategy towards Latin America and the Caribbean, where it currently has 13 diplomatic missions compared to the six missions it had in 2009.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that his country is interested in subscribing free trade agreements (FTA) with Latin American and Caribbean countries “with the aim of strengthening trade exchanges,” according to ECLAC.

The president also indicated that his country currently takes in more than two million refugees that have fled the war in Syria and asked for the international community’s cooperation to confront this humanitarian crisis.

### Antigua

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne has announced that effective April 1, 2016 personal income tax will be abolished in its entirety.

He made the announcement during his presentation of the 2016 Budget saying this was a promise made to the people of Antigua and Barbuda during the election campaign.

"That was a major campaign promise and my government honors its word to the people. Abolishing Personal Income Tax is an important reform. Not only will it put money in the pockets of the people, so that they can save or spend more for the benefit of the economy as a whole, it will help to re-establish our country as one of the most competitive in the Caribbean and beyond," he said.

The prime minister said with the elimination of the income tax, EC\$30 million will be back in the pockets of the people.

Brown, who is also finance minister, said the cost of collecting Personal Income Tax (PIT), the difficulty of enforcement and its unfairness with most of the self-employed not paying their fair share, make it sensible to remove the PIT from the law books.



### Bahamas

The trial of eight Bahamian men who were extradited to Florida to face drug smuggling charges in December last year will have a jury trial on Feb. 8.

A judge ruled that the trial of Melvin Maycock Sr.; Carl Benson Culmer, Terry Lockhart, Sheldon Moore, Lynden Deal, Bryan Deal, Gordon Newbold and Wilfred Ferguson will start next month.

Federal prosecutors requested their extradition from The Bahamas in 2004. They were on bail since 2006.

A Supreme Court judge affirmed the orders of extradition on Sept. 11, 2014.

The Court of Appeal revoked their bail on Nov. 18, 2015 after upholding the Supreme Court's decision to grant the extradition request.

On Dec. 11, 2015 the Court of Appeal refused an application for the men to appeal to the Privy Council for the third time.

They were surrendered to the United States government three days later.



### Guyana

Guyana President David Granger says he will be personally taking an interest in finding out why so many Guyanese are taking their lives, as authorities implement a suicide prevention plan.



## Personal tax ends

Antigua's Prime Minister Gaston Browne.

Antigua government

He said his plan of action has been agreed at an emergency meeting recently held with key ministers to address the issue, a day after the latest suicide was recorded in East Bank Berbice.

The plan will see non-governmental organizations (NGOs), religious organizations and other civil society groups being engaged to work with the government on a centralized approach to suicide prevention. Granger says he will have a hands-on approach to addressing the issue and will be implementing a national program with measurable outcomes.



Guyana is reported to have the highest suicide rate, per capita, in the world.

According to a report in the Guardian newspaper in the UK, there are 44.2 suicides per 100,000 people in the South American country, compared to the global average of the 16 per 100,000.

### Grenada

An American tourist was raped and stabbed to death on a lonely beach in Grenada, according to police who said

the suspect had turned himself in.

The 39-year-old woman, Jessica Colker, an anesthesiologist from Atlanta was walking in the sand with her husband when the attacker stabbed her with a cutlass. Her husband escaped the attack, police said. The woman's body was later found in a nearby mangrove.

The couple was staying at a resort in La Sage, St. David's, southeast of Grenada's capital St. George's. The beach was described by other visitors as "totally deserted."

An ex-convict David Benjamin has confessed to the killing. He was recently released from prison, according to reports.

### Jamaica

The Jamaica government is spending J\$10 million (US\$82,936) to upgrade and improve the Virology Laboratory at the University of the West Indies (UWI) to ensure that testing for the Zika virus can be carried out locally.

This was disclosed by Minister of Health Horace Dalley as the Zika virus, which is transmitted by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito continues to spread

in parts of the Caribbean and South America.

"The biggest challenge we have is that there is no laboratory in Jamaica right now that has the capacity or is accredited or certified to test for Zika. We will be investing in the university's Virology Lab to ensure that they have the capacity," he said.

Minister Dalley said the upgrading of the lab should be completed by next month. The necessary equipment has already been ordered and the staffing at the laboratory will be expanded.



He said there would be no need to send any suspected cases of the Zika virus to be tested at the Trinidad-based Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).

The Virology Lab at the University of the West Indies will have the results ready in 24 to 48 hours, he said.

The health minister noted that the laboratory would have the capacity to test approximately 100 cases per day.

Zika is from the same family of dengue and Chikungunya.

### St. Kitts

Canada's new Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, his wife and their three children recently visited St. Kitts and Nevis, taking a break from the cold with a Year holiday on the tiny Caribbean island.

They spent 10 days in Nevis at the Paradise Beach Resort.



The privately-owned resort at which the Trudeau family stayed opened in June last year and is an exclusive sport for luxury, outdoor wellness and absolute privacy.

It is the only resort on the island to boast beachfront villas.

Previous famous guests of the 360-mile volcanic island include Alexander Hamilton, Princess Diana, Oprah Winfrey and Michael Douglas.

Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris who met with the Canadian prime minister said his administration was trying to persuade the Canadian government to restore visa-free travel to the North American country for citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis as several reforms have been undertaken to restore the integrity of the Citizenship-by-Investment Program.

### St. Lucia

The St. Lucia government is blaming the country's director of public prosecution (DPP) for not taking action to prosecute police officers allegedly involved in extrajudicial killings.



Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony  
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# Zika virus spreads to other regions



A Sucre municipality worker fumigates for Aedes aegypti mosquitoes that transmit the Zika virus in the Petare neighborhood of Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, Feb. 1, 2016. Venezuela is reporting a jump in cases of a rare, sometimes paralyzing syndrome that may be linked to the Zika virus.

Associated Press / Fernando Llano

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Several member states including Guyana and Suriname have already reported confirmed cases of Zika virus infections and others such as Antigua and Barbados whose economies depend on tourism are nervously bracing for the arrival of the virus and its negative economic implications.

“The risk of regional spread of the disease is also real because the Aedes Aegypti vector is prevalent throughout the region. This means that it is of critical importance that, as a region, strong measures are taken to eliminate mosquito breeding and to avoid being bitten,” the agency said.

Officials in Antigua this week complained about hotel cancellations that officials directly blame on fears of infections by tourists.

“Just last week, I’ve been asking the resorts to report their cancellations and just for the first week, several hotels are coming back with not massive cancellations, but at this time of year one cancellation can mean tens of thousands of dollars. We’ve seen \$50,000 to \$100,000 in just the first week,” the local Observer Newspaper quoted Neil Forrester,

general manager of the Antigua Hotels and Tourist Association as saying.

Antiguan officials blame the cancellations on tourism advisories put out by various western governments and respected medical agencies like the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia for the cancellation as they pray that no confirmed case pop up on the twin-island with Barbuda.

# Calls for restraint in Haiti

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“providing a Haitian-led and owned roadmap for the swift conclusion of the current electoral cycle to allow the Haitian people the opportunity to vote for their elected representatives in a free, fair, inclusive and transparent contest.”

The members of the Council commended the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) and the Haitian National Police for their efforts to contain the violence and protect the civilian population.

Reiterating strong condemnation of any attempt to destabilize the electoral process, in particular by force, the Council urged all candidates, their supporters, political parties and other political actors to “remain calm, refrain from unlawful violence or any action that can further disrupt the electoral process and political stability, resolve any electoral disputes through established legal mechanisms, and to hold those responsible for such violence accountable.”

In addition, the Council welcomed continued efforts of the UN, other multilateral agencies, regional organizations, and UN Member States in “supporting Haiti’s critical needs.”

“Council members expressed their intention to continue to follow closely the situation in Haiti,” the statement said.

Meantime, the Washington-based

Organization of American States (OAS) said on Friday that its Special Mission to Haiti will arrive in Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital, on Sunday, rather than on Friday.

The OAS said the Mission will be headed by the chair of the OAS Permanent Council Representative of Antigua and Barbuda, Sir Ronald Sanders.

The Mission will also include Leonidas Rosa Bautista, permanent representative to the OAS, former Foreign Minister and Attorney General of Honduras; Sonia Johnny, former permanent representative of St. Lucia to the OAS; Gabriel Bidegain, principal political adviser to the Secretary General of the OAS; and Steven Griner, director of the Department of Democratic Sustainability and Special Missions of the OAS.

They will be supported by Frederic Bolduc, special representative of the OAS Secretary General in Haiti, the OAS said.

It said the Mission, requested by the President of Haiti, Michel Martelly, and established by the Permanent Council in its meeting on Thursday, “aims to collaborate in reaching an understanding among Haitians following the recent suspension of the second round of presidential elections.”

To that end, the OAS said the Mission will “establish a dialogue with the main political and social representatives in Haiti.”

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# Young activist collects #1000BlackGirlBooks

By Alley Olivier

At 11-years-old, what was your biggest concern in school? Figuring out what was for lunch or perhaps counting the hours of the day until recess and then dismissal?

For 11-year-old Marley Dias, her focus is clearly set on being the change she would like to see — starting with reading books that contain main characters that look like her.

The New Jersey fifth grader made the impactful decision that she will not only collect books that featured a black girl as the protagonist, but that she will collect 1000 books and subsequently donate them back to her mother's hometown of St. Mary, Jamaica.

According to Dias, "It's definitely important to us because my mom didn't have as many opportunities to read so now we're going to give as many books as we possibly can."

Her decision to start this journey back in November began after confiding in her mother that she no longer wanted to read stories about little white boys and dogs assigned to her at school because it did not relate

to her.

In a statement, Dias explains: "My parents have taught me the value of reading and self-love through books that have characters that look like me and talk like me. I want to make sure other black girls around the world can see and love themselves, too, through these books."

The rising activist has not yet discussed her project with the teacher who unintentionally sparked her project despite some teachers at her school pitching in.

"I'm still even kind've intimidated to talk to him. I know that he's an open minded person and he was never really upset with me but it's still nerve-wracking because I've started a whole movement because of something he did that made me angry," she said.

Her fierce determination has been met by an overwhelming response. Though the book donations lagged at first, to date, Dias has collected 850 books and is only 150 books away from reaching her goal of 1000 by Feb. 11.

"At the beginning we were having little to no books come in



Marley Dias launched #1000BlackGirlBooks to collect books with main characters that looked like her. Photo by Janice Johnson Dias

but around the new year, that's when everything came into full swing, getting 50 books a day," she explained.

Dias and her mother will head to St. Mary, Jamaica where they will hand-deliver the books to both a local school and library.

"I definitely think it is important that I go and give the books

myself because I feel like if I was to get something in the mail I would also like to see the person who gave it to me, who spent their time working, and I feel like it will be more of a connection," she said.

This is just the beginning for Dias. Not only does she intend to head #1000BlackGirlBooks

again, she plans to possibly increase her numbers.

"I definitely want to make #1000BlackGirlBooks an annual thing. I've had a lot of fun this year and I hope we can continue it next year," she stated.

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# A time to reflect on our nation's history

By Diana C. Richardson, Assemblywoman 43rd A.D., Kings

For over 35 years, February has served as Black History Month. As a nation, we celebrate the accomplishments of influential people of color such as Harriet Tubman, who worked tirelessly leading slaves to freedom using the Underground Railroad, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who fought against racial intolerance and segregation. The strength and courage they showed in the face of appalling discrimination is truly an inspiration.

While these historical figures still inspire us, African Americans today continue to break down barriers and make history. Nearly eight years ago, President Barack Obama became the first African-American man to be elected President of the United States. As his presidency comes to an end, the legacy he leaves behind will continue to inspire future generations.

New York State, in particular, has played a significant role in black history. In 1838, James Weeks bought a plot of land in Brooklyn that became one of America's first free black communities. The neighborhood of Weeksville was home to many freed slaves from the south and at its height was home to 700 families.

Our state also served as home to many prominent black history icons. Born in Brooklyn, Shirley Chisholm served as a member of the New York State Assembly until 1968. She then

became the first black woman elected to Congress and went on to be the first female candidate to run for president in 1972. A Harlem native, Colin Powell became the United States' first African-American Secretary of State in 2001. Liberation leaders such as Marcus Garvey and Malcolm X both lived and worked in New York.

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Throughout our nation's history, we have seen African Americans rise, breaking through barriers that limited freedom, education and wealth. African American History Month is a time to honor that perseverance and strength. As we celebrate this year, it's important to recognize that the fight for equality is not over. We must continue to expose the future generations of our youth to the rich history of their African American ancestors, providing critical lessons needed to better understand themselves and motivate them to build upon the legacies of our great leaders.

# 2 billion couples and 10 relationship challenges

By Joseph Chamie

*Joseph Chamie is an independent consulting demographer and a former director of the United Nations Population Division.*

NEW YORK, Feb. 3, 2016 (IPS) - The relationship challenges that the world's 2 billion couples confront vary considerably by circumstances, including age, sex, education, income, marital status, family size, length of relationship, urban-rural residence, customs, religion and region of the world. Nevertheless, 10 major challenges among married and cohabiting couples may be identified across countries.

First, despite international agreements, government policies and public information campaigns, forced and child-bride marriages unfortunately continue to take place in many less developed countries, especially in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. For example, no less than two-thirds of the women aged 20-24 years old in Niger, Central African Republic, Chad and Bangladesh were married or in union before they were 18 years old.

Typically the family coerces the girl or young woman into a marriage or union to an older man. In many instances, the family fears unwanted behavior, sexuality and undesired relationships with men outside their ethnic, cultural, religious or caste group.

Also, parents may have made a marital promise regarding their daughter, wish to strengthen family links, desire to protect and enhance their daughter's standing, reduce house-

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hold expenditures or ensure land, property and wealth remains within the family.

A daughter who is perceived to have violated the honor of her family or has an unintended pregnancy may be forced into marriage or in extreme instances killed by a family member. Forced marriages may be abusive and intended to be a punishment to as well as a means of restoring honor to the family.

Second, spousal abuse is not limited to forced marriages and constitutes a serious challenge to a couple's relationship. Domestic disputes, including confinement, intimidation, psychological abuse and partner violence, is a worldwide problem happening among many both married and cohabiting couples.

Globally, nearly one out of three women who have been in a relationship report that they have experienced some form of physical and/or sexual violence by their intimate partner. Although some 125 countries have outlawed domestic violence, it's estimated that more than 600 million women live in countries where domestic violence is not considered a crime.

Third, sexual relations, intimacy and love/affection constitute another area that is often challenging for couples. Dissatisfaction with sexual relations in many instances leads to emotional infidelity, extra-marital affairs, erosion of trust and separation or divorce.

One often-noted difficulty in a couple's relationship is the woman complaining that her partner seems to want sex all the time with little attention to her wishes and the man being frustrated that his partner uses sexual intimacy strictly on a reward and punishment basis.

Those issues take on added salience as some contend that marriage implies automatic conjugal rights with a husband entitled to be intimate with his wife any time he wants and a wife duty-bound to oblige.

Fourth, decisions on whether and when to have a child, the number and spacing of children and how the children should be reared often present an important consequential challenge for many couples. Men and women may have differing views on having children, their respective roles and responsibilities in parenting and childcare and expectations and future goals for their children.

The use of contraception and abortion to limit as well as space childbearing remains a sensitive matter for couples in many parts of the world. While in many industrialized nations the woman typically has the final say in reproductive and pregnancy decisions, in

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# Carson's gambit, another mission impossible

Those of us given to extremes of cynicism may well have flirted with the premise that some grand Republican scheme has been behind this freakish recurrence in recent presidential election cycles of an African American presence among the party's so-called serious contenders for the nomination. Seeing how far-fetched is the idea of the Republican Party winding up with an African American nominee, maybe that conjecture about the GOP brass hatching something to burnish their creds on the color question shouldn't be readily dismissed after all. Either which way, Dr. Ben Carson has been the guy in the spotlight this time around. And just as predictably as in other instances, the Carson flameout is now pretty much set in stone for campaign 2016.

A recent New York Times story about the multiple campaign woes contributing to Carson's descent to single-digit polling, filed from the campaign trail in Iowa, described Carson's candidacy as a "once-promising presidential bid." That's a characterization that

we believe to be somewhat of a reach. Hype is one thing...even if riding on polling numbers that misrepresent popular sentiment. Fact is, despite those onetime illusory poll readings, Carson isn't now and never has been in any promising presidential bid. No more than Herman Cain was four years ago, or was Colin Powell's name a serious presidential one when it was making the rounds four years before that.

Powell, who was being talked about as the GOP follow-up to George W. Bush, never got to the point of entering primaries, deciding earlier in the process that a White House run wasn't something he was prepared to undertake. Which was just as well, since there were some none too encouraging signals from certain well placed party gurus — like the vice president in the administration Powell had served, Dick Cheney, who acidly commented that right-wing talk-radio pundit Rush Limbaugh packed more leadership punch in GOP circles than did Powell. Besides not being of the "right" GOP standard-bearer stock, Powell and his

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

middle-ground positions were a definite misfit with the right-flank extremism that, thanks to Cheney, Limbaugh and their ilk, was the unmistakable imprimatur of the GOP.

Cain, who early in the run-up to 2012 was supposedly polling numbers that bunched him among the leaders in the Republican field, reverted in short order to the "also ran" status for which he was destined upon committing to be a contender. Under no circumstances was Cain going to become the choice of the slice of the population that constitutes the Republican electorate. Never mind that there was nothing in his profile that was even vaguely suggestive of presidential type acumen, he wasn't, for starters, the right Republican stuff.

We get treated, every four years, to the TV spectacles that are the two party conventions.

While the years since the 1950s and '60s have seen momentous change among Democrats in what was formerly a conspicuously negligible African American participation common to both parties, there's been no such evolution on the Republican side. The continuing almost non-presence of persons of color attending Republican conventions is in-your-face political reality. It is no fluke, this colorless tableau. There is but an extremely sparse African American presence among Republicans not because of some irrational, collective black and brown opt-out from things Republican, but because the GOP agenda mandates policies that are generally inimical to the interests of people of color.

Where to begin? That, left to Republicans, there would have been no Civil Rights or Voting Rights legislation? That there has been no wanton disrespect of the presidency remotely resembling what has emanated from Republican / Tea Party malcontents toward President Obama? That the GOP has steadfastly and unapologetical-

ly identified with the interests of big business over the concerns of the worker class? Symbolically, the Ronald Reagan vow to veto legislation establishing the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday holiday, a vow he would have kept but for there being enough congressional backing to override the veto? All of that and a lot more make unmistakably clear that African Americans, considered out of the mainstream loop not all that long ago, are still seen as not mainstream ready by many on the Republican side of the political divide.

Ben Carson, this season's version of a dash of blackness in that routinely colorless Republican scheme of things, will fare no differently than the other misguided souls who've preceded him. Parroting the hard-line rhetoric of the right requires a messenger who passes muster. Carson may have taken at face value the talk from a probably drowned-out few in the Republican camp of outreach across racial barriers, to whatever end. It is, of course, just talk. Shame on Carson for not knowing this.

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# Couples

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many developing countries these issues remain be a contentious issue for many couples.

Fifth, another major challenge encountered by couples is the broad issue of communication. Often it is not an inability or unwillingness to understand each other, but rather simply a stubborn refusal to allow or accept the existence of a partner's positions or viewpoints.

The lack of effective communication frequently leads to recurrent arguments, habitual bickering, lack of appreciation, detachment, unwillingness to forgive, emotional stress, and in some cases physical violence. Two toxic forms of communication frequently reported are "nagging" – a widespread complaint of male partners – and "the silent treatment" – a common complaint of female partners.

Sixth, finances or money is an often-reported major challenge that couples face in their relationship. Many couples quarrel over budgeting expenses and savings, their partner's income, differing spending styles and inheritance issues. Invariably, one person in the relationship, usually the male, tries to control the resources, restrict the spending of the other and make the major financial decisions.

Seventh, harmonizing employment, careers, togetherness and work-life balance is increasingly a difficult challenge for many couples. With the spread of the two-career couple and nuclear family, the roles and responsibilities of men and women in a marriage or relationship have changed, differing considerably from those even in the recent past.

The lack of equality in a relationship and mutual respect for each other's work and career may lead to resentment, stress and unhappiness. While working wives reduce the financial burdens for spouses, their employment may weaken the husband's traditional authority in the family.

Also, wives and female partners who work outside the home and have with

husbands or partners who are frequently not around are likely to be dissatisfied with the usual division of labor in the household as they find themselves doing more than their fair share of domestic chores and familial responsibilities.

Eight, many couples are challenged by a partner's personal shortcomings, misbehavior and dysfunctional habits. Addiction, substance abuse, alcoholism, promiscuity, jealousy, domineering, lying, and narcissism are some of the serious issues that jeopardize and weaken a couple's relationship.

When one partner feels the other is immature, irresponsible or untrustworthy, the relationship or marriage is likely to suffer, undermining affection, attraction, cooperation and fidelity. The difficulties become exacerbated when the partner resists seeking outside assistance or heeding needed remedial measures.

Ninth, unfulfilled and differing expectations of marriage or an intimate relationship are another major challenge for couples. Women and men typically have different understandings, needs and priorities regarding marriage, love, romance and the nature of intimate relationships.

Unrealistic expectations when entering marriage and relationships are not uncommon, especially among the young and immature women and men. Disappointments, unmet promises and boredom can arise in a couple's relationship, especially after a number of tedious and uneventful years.

Tenth, for many couples and marriages dealing with in-laws can be a burdensome challenge. Achieving the right balance and rapport with the parents of ones partner can have significant consequences on the stability and well-being of a couple's marriage or relationship.

Given individual histories and personal viewpoints, couples may find themselves strongly disagreeing about the appropriate amount of time, care and assistance to be provided to in-laws. Those issues become even more complex in cases of second marriages, blended families, ex-spouses and the rearing of children and grandchildren.



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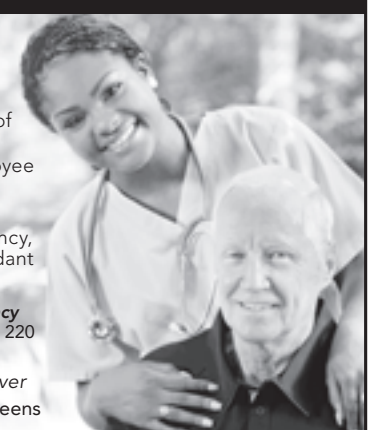
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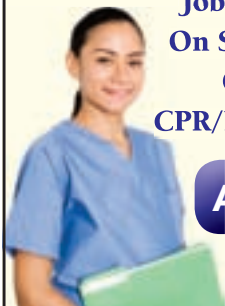
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# Nevis has a date with geothermal energy



Mount Nevis sits at the centre of the volcanic island of Nevis, which has reserves of geothermal energy. Nevis is the smaller island of the pair, known as the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Inter Press Service / Desmond Brown

By Desmond Brown

CHARLESTOWN, St. Kitts and Nevis, Jan. 25, 2016 (IPS) - Legislators on the tiny volcanic island of Nevis in the northern region of the Lesser Antilles say they are on a path to going completely green and have now set a date when they will replace diesel-fired electrical generation with 100 per cent renewable energy.

The island, with a population of 12,000 currently imports 4.2 million gallons of diesel fuel annually, at a cost of 12 million dollars, a bill it hopes to cut down significantly. Nevis consumes a maximum of 10 mw of energy annually.

Deputy Premier and Minister of Tourism of Nevis, and Minister of Foreign Affairs of St. Kitts and Nevis Mark Brantley said geothermal energy is something that sets Nevis apart.

"About 10 years ago we discovered that we have geothermal energy here. It has taken a



Mark Brantley, deputy premier and minister of tourism of Nevis, and minister of foreign affairs of St. Kitts.

while but we are not at a stage where all the exploration work has been done and we have been assured that geothermal goes live in December of 2017," Brantley told IPS.

"What that means is that when that plant switches on in December of 2017, fully 100 per cent of Nevis' electricity will be supplied by renewables. Nowhere else in the world can boast that and so it will make us the greenest place on planet

earth. That's the new tagline - the greenest place on planet earth."

Nevis is the smaller island of the pair, known as the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. It is home to active hot springs and a large geothermal reservoir. Seven volcanic centres have been identified on Nevis and drilling at three sites has indicated that the geothermal reservoir is capable of producing up to 500 mw of constant base load power year round.

Brantley said the shift to geothermal could not have come at a better time.

"We've just come out of Paris with COP21; the world is talking about climate change and what we can do. I think it really gives Nevis another string to its bow in terms of things that we can talk about and exciting developments here that would drive traffic to the island as people come and would want to be a part of something that is so natural," Brantley said.

"First of all, we'll certainly go completely green. Our emissions, our carbon footprint is reduced to almost zero. Secondly, we have a situation where you have the cost savings are likely to be anywhere from 40 to 50 per cent.

Traditionally we pay anywhere from 40 to 45 US cents per kilowatt hour. Geothermal is being offered at about 17 or 18 cents per kilowatt hour. So just imagine, your operating costs are cut dramatically and how that can attract businesses. We are already having interest from people wanting to do electric scooters so just think Jetsons," Brantley added.

Brantley referred to the 1960's American animated sitcom 'The Jetsons' where the family resides in Orbit City. All homes and businesses are raised high above the ground on adjustable columns. George Jetson lives with his family in the Skypad Apartments: his wife Jane is a homemaker, their teenage daughter Judy attends Orbit High School, and their early-childhood son Elroy attends Little Dipper School. Housekeeping is seen to by a robot maid, Rosie, which handles chores not otherwise rendered trivial by the home's numerous push-button Space Age-envisioned conveniences.



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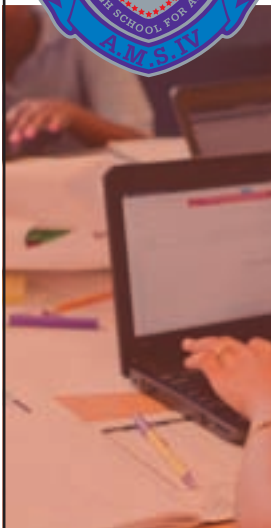




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# Carnival, there's an app for that

By Alley Olivier

Revelers, are you ready for carnival? One service is making participation in carnival simple, right down to providing links to event tickets and where to find costumes.

With technology ruling much of our lives, co-founders and carnival-enthusiasts, Rudo Morrison and Gordon Henry launched Carnival Info Mobile App.

Already a leading digital platform providing information for carnival in the Caribbean via their website CarnivalInfo.com, Morrison and Henry aimed to go a step beyond as people continue to utilize their mobile devices as mini computers.

According to a statement made by Henry, "It's a little known fact that we are the largest carnival resource on the Internet. Our love for the authentic carnival experience has allowed us to merge our passion with business strategy to develop this app. We've taken all of that information and packaged it into an app that's not only visually appealing, but functional."

Morrison expanded on this point saying, "The difficulty of finding objective content as it pertained to carnival was staggering. Everyone usually asks the same things, 'how do I get a costume,' or 'how do I get tickets for these events.' There were great content out there as



During their rooftop launch party, Rudo Morrison - co-founder of CarnivalInfo.com and app - pictured in the middle with masqueraders. Carnival Info

far as opinion, so we created the website as a resource for people to go on to find information specifically for all the carnivals."

Finding and reporting this information isn't necessarily an easy feat, as the two founders are constantly researching and relying on their own carnival experiences to report back to their ever-growing community.

"This is the reason why something like this wasn't done before because it was very difficult to get the content. We are reaching out to the tourist

boards and the other organizations to get us the content in a timely manner but for the most part, we are getting it all ourselves with the help of interns and a nice team that is really doing this for the love of it," Morrison explained.

The two longtime friends combined their technological and scientific skillset to first launch CarnivalInfo.com, reigning supreme as far as carnival content is concerned in the digital world for the last five years. Servicing more than 200,000 per

month on the Web the need for an app — reigning in 70,000 users and climbing — made sense.

"The trend was that most people were visiting the website still because we have great search engine results but the number of people that were visiting the website half of them were visiting on mobile and the other half visiting on a desktop," Morrison explained. "Only recently it's been about 60 percent on mobile so it just made sense to make an app."

The app allows for users to filter by location for costumes, events, and music, receive notification alerts on updated content by location or interest, customize trips to any carnival taking place in the Caribbean, United States, Canada or the United Kingdom, and share saved trip and carnival itineraries via social platforms.

The app utilizes geo-target marketing, building specific profile information for each member by using filters to make it easier to target a specific demographic. This is achieved by assessing data such as "age, gender, and carnival locations."

This particular approach is similar to that of Pinterest but with a carnival focus specifically in the Caribbean. The app also provides opportunities for corporate brands and businesses to capitalize on the influx of persons in their particular locations to increase business.

"We also have a B2B side of it, data for companies to find out the best means of promoting during a carnival event to give businesses the tools they need to make money," he said.

Stay in the know of all things carnival, whether it is the biggest fete to attend, finding that last minute costume, or bringing a carnival vibe to your headphones via their website CarnivalInfo.com and their mobile app available currently for iOS users.

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# ELDER MEDIATION

## helps families resolve conflicts

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

Most families agree that caring for aging parents is stressful. This is especially true when more than one family member is involved in decision-making. In fact, many families have been torn apart through conflicts between siblings, between parents and siblings, and between parent and parent. One child might feel too much of the care burden is being placed on her; or a family member might disagree on the type of care a parent should receive; or the family does not agree on how property should be divided.

These conflicts often cause irreconcilable differences among family members, create lawsuits, or both. However, there is another option: mediation. Elder mediation is a growing solution to conflict resolution among families. It

is less adversarial and costly than litigation and it allows families to come together to discuss and resolve their differences in a non-combative environment. Families who hope to find amicable solutions are using it to settle medical decisions, end-of-life planning, personal property distribution, caregiver burnout, and inheritance.

In elder mediation an impartial party called the mediator arranges a meeting, finds a location, and oversees the discussion. All information is kept confidential. The mediator guides the participants through difficult conversations and gives them a safe place to air their concerns. As an independent third party he is able to assist all parties in reaching a mutually satisfactory agreement. In most instances these concerns can be resolved in one

meeting. At the end of the meeting the mediator draws up an agreement that everyone signs and copies are distributed. Many families agree that it is a much better solution than going to court.

Gail Goodman and Ruth Weinreb are co-founders and co-mediators of Talking Alternatives, an elder mediation service based in New York City. Goodman explains the advantage of mediation.

“In many cases, mediation brings together families that have not spoken to each other in years. People who have been unable to resolve issues find common ground and begin to work together.”

Families who decide to use litigation take the decision-making process out of their own hands and put it in the

hands of a judge. Once a family goes to court, the members are entering into an aggressive, adversarial situation. The decision becomes exclusively law-based rather than people-based. In many cases, it causes permanent rifts in a family’s relationship.

Legal recourse has other disadvantages. It can be extremely expensive and time consuming. It can also often take months or even years to complete, a luxury many families do not have.

Some families consider therapy as an option to working through their differences. The disadvantage of therapy is it is often a long-term process. Family members can spend years probing into the past rather than dealing with the present. The sessions are time limited per meeting and some people lose their momentum between sessions.

# PARKINSON'S DISEASE:

## Recognize early onset symptoms



stare and lack of facial animation.

**Sleep issues may increase.** Parkinson's disease can affect sleeping patterns and behaviors. People with Parkinson's may experience vivid dreams and nightmares, as well as an inability to stay asleep. Daytime drowsiness may also occur.

Parkinson's disease is rare, and symptoms that mimic those of Parkinson's may be caused by other conditions. However, if you or someone you know is experiencing repeated symptoms of any of the ones described here, speak with your general practitioner or a neurologist.

accompany other symptoms.

The National Institutes of Health says Parkinson's disease affects as many as 500,000 people in the United States. An early diagnosis may help improve quality of life and delay the onset of greater motor issues. Here's what to look for and discuss with a doctor:

**Micrographia and other handwriting issues occur.** Those with Parkinson's disease may start experiencing changes in their handwriting. Penmanship may look cramped, and letters tend to be smaller than normal (micrographia). Individuals may find it difficult to hold a pen and write.

**Tremors take place in a limb.** Tremors usually begin in the hands or fingers and may even mimic a pill-rolling technique, which is a tremor between the thumb and forefinger. Tremors usually occur when the limb is at rest.

**Pace or activities slow down.** Parkinson's disease may reduce one's ability to move and may slow down movements. An early symptom may

be a noticeable slowing down in steps or ability to react to something, like a ball being thrown one's way. Some with Parkinson's may drag their feet or shuffle as they walk or find it difficult to get out of a chair.

**Loss of automatic movements and functions can occur.** Difficulty with unconscious movements, such as blinking, smiling, or even swinging arms, may occur when a person has Parkinson's disease. Movements may be uncoordinated and stiff. Increased salivation and perspiration also may be indicators.

**Poor balance and loss of posture may develop.** People with Parkinson's disease may hunch over more and more and be unable to stand up straight. Balance issues, such as greater incidences of falls or being able to tip over more easily, may occur.

**Speech can change.** Changes in speech can begin, including hesitating before speaking, slurring words, or speaking in a monotone voice.

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## MEDIATION

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Mediation, on the other hand, can be done quickly and all participants are active in determining the resolution. The process usually starts with one family member approaching an elder mediation service to ask for help. The mediator then contacts all family members through a letter explaining the situation and asking if they are willing to participate. If they agree, the mediator schedules time to talk with each member, discusses all concerns, and asks for everyone's thoughts on the solution. Once each person is interviewed, the mediator arranges a time when all participants can meet and discuss their concerns.

The meeting is arranged in a private location where participants do not feel outsiders can overhear them. It can be in someone's home, a community center, or in some cases, a rented space. The space must be large enough to accommodate an easel and paper so the mediators can write down comments and list issues.

Goodman indicates that the length of the session is often determined by the number of participants and issues to be addressed.

"Some meetings can be resolved in less than three hours, while in a few cases sessions can go on for over seven hours with only a break for lunch."

Before the family can proceed, all members must agree to certain ground rules — everyone will have a chance to talk, no one will interrupt another while another is speaking, and all suggestions should be treated with seriousness. During the whole session the mediator keeps the participants on track and summarizes the points in a neutral, non-confrontational matter.

There is no uniform training program for mediators, primarily because the field is so new, but there are several respected training courses. New York University offers a Certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution and New York State's Judicial Branch, officially called The New York State Unified Court System, offers trainings.

In spite of the newness of this field, many families find that mediation is a life-changing experience.

"Many families faced with aging parents are acutely aware that life is short and family is important," says Goodman. "I am often thanked by family members who feel we have helped them resolve their differences and brought families back together."

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They are wrong. There are many options available, Dr. Goldman says; the key is finding a physician who is knowledgeable in those treatment modalities.

As a rheumatologist, Dr. Goldman specializes in the treatment of arthritis; one of only a handful practicing in Brooklyn.

Rheumatoid arthritis is an inflammatory illness that causes joints to swell. Symptoms include morning stiffness and swelling, often in the hands, elbows, or wrists, he says. Perhaps because there are so few rheumatologists in the borough, when people experience these symptoms, they often "see a surgeon first," says Dr. Goldman. But this often doesn't make much sense, he explains.

"When you have stomach pains, you don't go to a surgeon before seeing a gastroenterologist," he explains. "When you have chest pains, you don't see a surgeon before seeing a cardiologist."

A surgeon is the expert to see when surgery is needed, he notes, and of course Dr. Goldman refers patients to surgeons when necessary. Still, Dr. Goldman believes that the majority of people who suffer with arthritis can be treated without surgery. Even those who suffer

enormously may find relief with Remicade IV infusion treatments, he says. "It has worked wonders."

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Dr. Goldman also recommends that people age 60 or older come in to be checked for osteoporosis. People who are thin or who smoke are especially at risk, he notes.

Dr. Goldman is a Harvard graduate who has studied at Bellevue Hospital-New York University Medical Center and Gouverneur Hospital in Manhattan. He is on staff at the New York Methodist Hospital, and he is a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology, as well as a member of the American College of Physicians, Nassau County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, American Medical Association, and the New York Academy of Sciences.

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# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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was responding to criticism from the United States Embassy for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean that it has not made any meaningful efforts to charge St. Lucian police officers who allegedly committed extra-judicial killings from 2010 to 2011.

The prime minister said his government did everything "within its constitutional authority" to move the process forward and contrary to what the incumbent DPP Victoria Charles-Clarke claimed, the government provided her with the necessary resources to do it.

Dr. Anthony in a response said while the Embassy was right to note that there was no meaningful progress, its suggestion that this is or was due to inaction on the part of the prime minister or the government of St. Lucia is "misplaced and unjustified."

The CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security which investigated the allegations about the extrajudicial killings sent a report to the DPP 10 months ago, in March 2015. The DPP said she never read the report until a full six months after.

Up until that time, the DPP proceeded on pre-retirement leave in December 2015.

## Turks and Caicos Island

The much delayed corruption trial of former Turks and Caicos Island (TCI) Premier Michael Misick, deputy premier Floyd Hall and other Cabinet ministers recently started in the Provi-denciales court.

Along with Misick and Hall, Misick's brother, Thomas Chalmers Misick; Hall's wife Lisa; Hall's brother Quentin; former ministers McAlister Hancehell, Linda Boyce and her brother Earlson Robinson and Jeffrey Hall's former attorney Melbourne Wilson are also charged with multiple offences.

The process has been stalled since 2012 when the British-appointed special investigation and prosecution team announced it was ready to go forward with the case.

The pre-trial delays were the result of Misick fleeing the island and then fighting extradition from Brazil for a full year before he was found and arrested there. He was later extradited to the TCI to face the charges.

The accused have been joined as co-defendants in the case. The prosecution is using evidence against Misick in the 2009 Commission of Inquiry hearings about corruption during his tenure in office.

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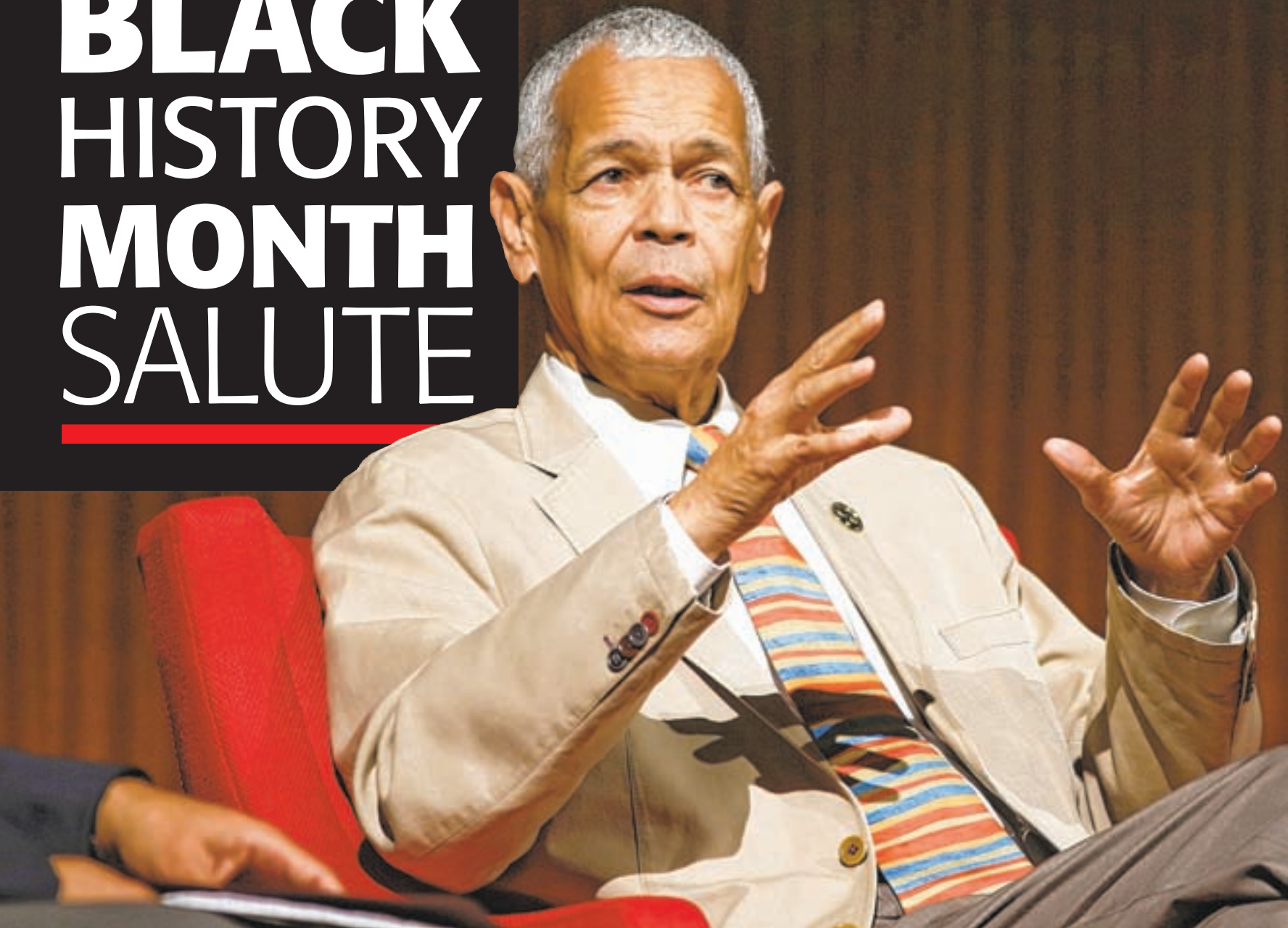
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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH SALUTE



## MAKING WAVES

Julian Bond's unwavering commitment to social justice

BY LES SLATER

**F**rom a youthful age, there resided in Julian Bond such a burning passion for revolutionary change in the socially unjust climate into which he was born, it was perhaps inevitable that activism, protest and controversy would be readily

linked to the Bond persona for all of his adult life.

Bond was born in Nashville, Tennessee in 1940. Although he moved North with the family when he was just five, after his father became president of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, his Southern roots no doubt

factored into his perspective on the social standing of people of color in a society in which inequality of the races was a fact of everyday life. The determination to not be a passive bystander was evidently cemented when Bond enrolled at Atlanta's Morehouse College, this happening in that 1950s–60s period that was a time of serious stirrings in what had become the civil rights movement. His intense feelings about being involved in the push for change would see him in a co-founding role for one of the pivotal organizations associated with the civil rights struggle, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Bond was communications director for SNCC from 1961 to 1966. He traveled through states in the South, helping to organize civil rights and voter registration drives. He in fact had such a single-minded devotion to this work, he interrupted his schooling at Morehouse to invest more of his time on the road. Bond ran for and got elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1967, after the Voting Rights Act signed into law in 1965 allowed for greater African American partici-

pation in the process. The legislature, however, voted overwhelmingly not to seat him, because of SNCC's opposition to America's involvement in Vietnam and, aligned with that, Bond's publicly voiced objection to the military draft. It took a unanimous Supreme Court ruling that Bond's freedom of speech had indeed been violated, for him to finally take his seat in the legislature. Later, he also served multiple terms in the Georgia Senate, accruing 20 years altogether between the two legislative chambers.

Bond's political and social interests were by no means limited to elective office in Georgia. In 1968 he led an alternate delegation (opposing the predominantly white official one) to the famously contentious Democratic National Convention in Chicago. In 1971 he co-founded the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), a legal resource facility for the underprivileged. He served as SPLC's first president, from 1971 to 1979. In 1986 Bond made a run for a congressional seat in Atlanta which turned quite bitter and must have caused much unease among vet-

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# BLACK VOICES

Influential figures through history



**S**ince 1926, Americans have recognized the accomplishments and influences of various individuals during the celebration of Black History Month. With February upon us once again, we focus on many of the people across the globe who have helped to shape black history.

**Iman:** Born Iman Mohamed Abdulmajid in Somali, this internationally recognized supermodel and actress is also a successful entrepreneur. After 20 years of modeling, Iman began her own cosmetics company, focusing on shades that were geared toward ethnic women. The business now reports annual profits of \$25 million. Additionally, Iman is actively involved in a number of charitable works, including the Enough Project to end global trade conflicts over minerals and gems.

**Guion Bluford:** Bluford is a retired NASA astronaut and retired U.S. Air Force colonel. He participated in four space shuttle flights between 1983 and 1992. Bluford is known as the first African American in space and holds honorary doctorate degrees from 14 different colleges and universities.

**George Njoroge:** Born in Kenya, Njoroge is a scientist who is now the director of medicinal chemistry at Merck Research Laboratories. Njoroge was at the center of the development of the drug Victrelis, which was approved in 2011 by the Food and Drug Administration to treat hepatitis C. Njoroge was inducted into the scientific Hall of Fame as a 2012 Hero of Chemistry by the American Chemical Society.

**Amsale Aberra:** Aberra is an Ethiopian-born fashion designer and entrepreneur. Her designs are known across the globe, and she has various couture shops, including one on Madison Avenue in Manhattan. Television producers often turn to Aberra when they need beautiful fashions for television and

movies. Her designs have been featured on “Grey’s Anatomy,” “27 Dresses,” and “American Wedding.”

**Alek Wek:** Wek is the first African model to appear on the cover of “Elle” magazine, a distinction she earned in 1997. Born in South Sudan, Wek has been a popular catwalk model and has also appeared in Tina Turner’s music video for “Golden Eye.” Wek is a member of the U.S. Committee for Refugees Advisory Council and educates others about the dire situation in Sudan and elsewhere in the world.

**Oprah Winfrey:** This American entertainment mogul is best known for her long-running and award-winning talk show, which was the highest-rated program of its time during its airing. Winfrey also acts and produces and is a noted philanthropist. Winfrey has frequently ranked among the most powerful women in the world and the most influential black person of her generation. Winfrey is the only black billionaire in North America.

**Nelson Mandela:** The world mourned the death of Nelson Mandela in late 2013. An anti-apartheid activist and philanthropist from South Africa, Mandela was the first black South African to hold the office of president and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election. Mandela spent 27 years in prison after leading a campaign against the apartheid government.



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# Marian Anderson: A voice that broke barriers

BY LES SLATER

**T**he flat refusal a young Marian Anderson got from the Philadelphia Music Academy (later becoming University of the Arts) when she tried enrolling there, was presumably not the only time a person of color was rebuffed because the school was segregated. School officials were probably not unduly chagrined upon subsequently realizing they had turned their backs on Anderson's incomparable, world-renowned talent as a classical singer – moreover, one whose humility and gracious manner served her well as a trail-blazer in the oppressive racial divisiveness then existing.

Anderson, born in 1897 in Philadelphia, PA, was the eldest of three girls in a devout Christian family that was very much involved in church activities. From quite early it became ob-

vious that she was unusually gifted in singing, which landed her in the church's junior choir at age six. As her talent continued to shine through in those juvenile years, Anderson found herself being thrust more and more into singing at events in the African American community of South Philadelphia and even beyond, being sometimes rewarded with small sums of money for performing. In time, pursuing a singing career became her clear choice going forward.

Accessing the necessary vocal training, even more of a key requirement because of Anderson's preference for classical and inspirational material, was challenging, given the family's strained economic circumstances — a condition exacerbated by her father's death when she was just 12. Stepping in to fill the breach were the Andersons' extended family in Union

Baptist Church and others in the wider African American community who were determined that such talent as Marian had displayed deserved to be given whatever support was needed. Her first big breakout opportunity came in 1925 when she got to perform with the New York Philharmonic, after winning a contest organized by the esteemed orchestra. She did her debut performance at Carnegie Hall in 1928. With each high-profile appearance, Anderson's acclaim as an artist of singular ability grew, the extraordinary texture of her rich contralto wowing critics and audiences alike.

Anderson's standout qualities as a singer were of course no buffer against institutionalized prejudice in American society. Like so many others in the arts who ran up against color constrictions, she looked to Europe as a more welcoming alternative. In tours



all over Europe she was a sensation. Along the way Anderson impressed and befriended some of the luminaries of the music world, among them the great French composer, Jean Sibelius. In 1935, while on tour in Salzburg, Austria, she received one encomium that would be forever linked to the Anderson legend, the noted conductor Arturo Toscanini commenting that she possessed "a voice heard once in a

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# ACTIVIST

## Stokely Carmichael's fight for civil rights

BY NELSON A. KING

**T**rinidadian-American Black activist, Stokely Carmichael, also known as Kwame Ture, was very active in the 1960s American Civil Rights Movement.

Carmichael – who was born on Jun. 29, 1941 and died on Nov. 15, 1998 – grew up in the United States from the age of 11.

He graduated from Howard University and rose to prominence in the Civil Rights and Black Power movements, first as a leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and later as the “Honorary Prime Minister” of the Black Panther Party.

Born in Port-of-Spain, the Trinidad and Tobago capital, Carmichael moved to Harlem in 1952 to rejoin his parents, who had migrated when he was only two years old, and had left him with his grandmother and two aunts. He had three sisters.

As a boy, Carmichael attended Tranquility School in Trinidad until his parents were able to send for him.

His mother, Mabel R. Carmichael, was a stewardess for a steamship line, and his father, Adolphus, was a carpenter who also worked as a taxi driver.

The reunited Carmichael family eventually left Harlem to live in Morris Park in the East Bronx, which, at that time, was an aging neighborhood of primarily Jewish and Italian immigrants and descendants.

Carmichael attended the elite, selective Bronx High School of Science, with entrance based on academic performance.

After graduation in 1960, Carmichael enrolled at Howard University, a historically Black university in Washington, D.C.

His professors included Sterling Brown, Nathan  
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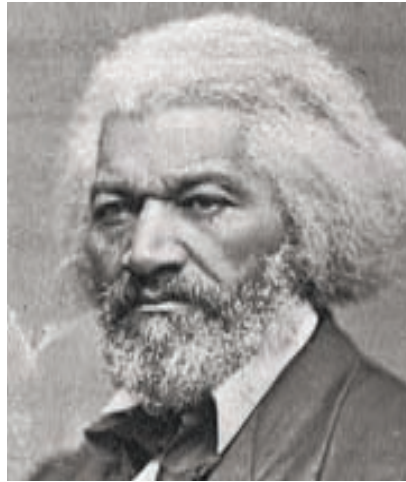
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# Frederick Douglass an inspirational figure

**I**nfluential and inspirational figures abound throughout African-American history. One of the more notable such figures is the abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass, who was born into slavery but would grow up to become a noted intellectual and ardent supporter of causes ranging from the abolition of slavery to women's rights to Irish rule.

Born in Talbot County, Md., around 1818 (the exact year of Douglass's birth is unknown), Douglass's mother was a slave and his father likely a white plantation owner. Douglass was separated from his mother at a very young age, a practice that was not uncommon at the time, and sent to live with his maternal grandmother, Betty Bailey. That arrangement did not last long, as Douglass was soon living in the home of a white plantation owner, who may or may not have been his father.

Douglass eventually found himself living in Baltimore with Hugh and Sophia Auld, the latter of whom would begin to teach the young Frederick Douglass the alphabet, ignoring the ban on teaching slaves. Though Hugh Auld would object to his wife teaching a slave child and demand she stop, the limited exposure to reading and writing had been enough to stir Douglass, who would learn to read and write from white children in the neighborhood and by teaching himself.



Once Douglass learned to read, he became an avid reader, reading newspapers and political writings that would help shape his anti-slavery stance in the years to come. In addition, Douglass would use his literacy to help other slaves follow in his footsteps, teaching them to read and write at a weekly church service.

In 1833, Douglass was taken from Hugh Auld and returned to work for Thomas Auld, who would send the teenaged Douglass to notorious "slave-breaker" Edward Covey, who routinely and viciously abused Douglass until a physical confrontation between the two would force Covey to stop abusing  
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## Carmichael

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Hare and Toni Morrison, a writer and poet who later won the Nobel Prize.

He graduated with a degree in philosophy in 1964 and was offered a full graduate scholarship to Harvard University, but Carmichael turned it down.

While at Howard, Carmichael joined the Nonviolent Action Group (NAG), the Howard campus affiliate of SNCC activists.

Inspired by the sit-ins in the South, Carmichael became more active in the Civil Rights Movement.

In his first year at the university, he participated in the Freedom Rides of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and was frequently arrested, spending time in jail.

In 1961, Carmichael served 49 days with other activists at the infamous Parchman Farm in Sunflower County, Miss.

He was arrested many times for his activism, so much so that he lost count, sometimes estimating at least 29 or 32.

At 19, Carmichael became the youngest detainee in the summer of 1961. He spent 53 days at Parchman Farm in "a six-by-nine cell."

In 1965, working as a SNCC activist in the Black-majority Lowndes County, Ala., Carmichael helped to increase the number of registered Black voters from 70 to 2,600 — 300 more than the number of registered White voters.

In 1966, Carmichael became chairman of SNCC, taking over from John Lewis, who later became a US Congressman.

While Black Power was not a new concept, Carmichael's speech brought it into the spotlight.

It, therefore, became a rallying cry for young African Americans across the country. Everywhere that Black Power spread, if accepted, credit was given to the prominent Carmichael. If the concept was condemned, he was held responsible and blamed.

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# GUESS WHO?

## Brooklyn Libraries boast diverse Black History Month calendar

BY VINETTE K. PRYCE

**G**uess who's coming to Brooklyn for Black History Month?

According to spokespersons for the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL), there will be a diverse array of visual artists, novelists, musicians, dancers and scholars headed to the borough and its 60 branches in celebration of Black History Month.

The independent library system acclaimed for serving the literary needs of 2.5 million residents of Brooklyn is the fifth largest library system in the United States announced that 60 neighborhood libraries located throughout the borough will provide free tribute programs and services for all ages and stages of life throughout the month.

Headlined by Nobel Prize-winning novelist Toni Morrison, the calendar listing of celebrated guests plan to fill every day of the shortest month of the year with enlightening and insightful presentations rarely offered for a singular ...

Morrison will arrive on Feb. 2 to read excerpts from her most recent novel "God Help The Child."

"We are honored to welcome the legendary Toni Morrison to Brooklyn in celebration of Black History Month, and proud to honor the African American community's innumerable contributions to literature, the arts and academia in Brooklyn and beyond," Linda E. Johnson, President of Brooklyn Public Library said.

Already booked to capacity, the 7:30 pm event slated for Congregation Beth Elohim, will engage Princeton Professor Claudia Brodsky and afterwards, participants will be able to dialogue with the guests during a question and answer session.

The following afternoon at 5 pm, Gail Lumet Buckley will captivate audiences at the Central Library Dweck Center. The daughter of actress Lena Horne is author of "The Black Calhouns: From Civil War to Civil Rights with One African American Family."

Her appearance in the borough will detail some of her experiences and some experienced by her extraordinary mother who broke barriers in Hollywood during an era when Black was not considered beautiful nor bankable. From the viewpoint of an American family who witnessed and participated in the most crucial events of the 19th and 20th centuries, the family tale will be appropriately hailed. A conversation with Pulitzer Prize-winning culture critic Margo Jefferson will follow.

Throughout February, BPL will also commemorate the fortieth anniversary of Mildred D. Taylor's "Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry," a searing work of young adult fiction revered for its unflinching examination of racism and violence in the Depression-era South, by showcasing Taylor's original manuscript along with other artifacts in Central Library's Youth Wing. The exhibit will be curated by Leon-

ard S. Marcus. Illustrator Kadir Nelson will debut pieces created for the book's anniversary alongside the manuscript.

### **MUSIC: THE NEW COOKERS**

**Feb. 4, 7:30 pm, Central Library Dweck Center**

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### **SHENEATHA, SHAKE IT BABY, SHAKE IT!**

**Feb. 6, 1 pm, Central Library Dweck Center**

Vocalist Sheneatha will lead audience members on a sing-and-dance-along through various eras and genres. Interactive activities and fun facts will expose children to the songs and artists their parents love, with lyrics adapted for youngsters.

### **KAHN HUMANITIES LECTURE: ERIC FONER ON THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD**

**Feb. 7, 12:30 pm, Central Library Dweck Center**

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### **CONVERSATION: GOTHAM: DARRYL PINCKNEY'S BLACK DEUTSCHLAND**

**Feb. 13, 4:00 p.m., Central Library Dweck Center**

"Gotham" host Rob Spillman will discuss the new novel by Pinckney, a longtime contributor to The New York Review of Books and the author of a previous novel, "High Cotton" and two works of non-fiction, "Blackballed: The Black Vote and US Democracy," and "Out There: Mavericks of Black Literature."

### **MUSIC: CLASSICAL INTERLUDES: BROOKLYN ART SONG SOCIETY AND THE CLASSICAL THEATRE OF HARLEM CELEBRATE SHAKESPEARE**

**Feb. 14, 4:00 p.m., Central Library Dweck Center**

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**Feb. 27, 1 pm, Central Library Dweck Center**

Award-winning children's book author and illustrator Bryan Collier will read from his recent works, including Trombone Shorty, Dave the Potter, Rosa and Knock Knock. In addition to the above calendar, select branch events include:

### **FOR KIDS: BLACK HISTORY MONTH BEDTIME STORIES**

**Feb. 4, 6:15 pm, Washington Irving Library**

Inspiring stories of African American heroes are slated to celebrate Black History Month.

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**Feb. 17, 4 pm, Sheepshead Bay Library**

Use your artistic and creative talent to celebrate Black History Month in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### **FOR TEENS: BLACK HISTORY JEOPARDY**

**Feb. 17, 5:15 pm, Cypress Hills Library**

Come learn and play a fun game about African American history. Meet new friends, win prizes, Have fun and learn

### **FOR KIDS: AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE HOLLYWOOD SQUARES**

**Feb. 19, 2 pm, Coney Island Library**



# Bond

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erans of the civil rights struggle, in that it pitted two frontliners from that era against each other. Bond wound up in a runoff against onetime SNCC colleague John Lewis and in what some thought at the time a low blow, Lewis injected into the contest allegations of drug use against Bond. Lewis won the seat, which he continues to hold today.

Backing off from elective office, Bond busied himself in other areas, including assorted media projects, writing and stints in academia, his wealth of experience as a civil rights revolutionary almost always the valued input he contributed to these diverse involvements. He taught the history of the civil rights movement at the University of Virginia from 1990 to 2012 and taught also at Harvard, American University and Drexel University. Another leadership role in the ongoing march for black pride came his way when he was selected in 1998 as the

chairman of the NAACP. He would serve as chairman until stepping down in 2009.

Bond's assuming chairmanship of the NAACP was probably the sort of evolution many familiar with his personal narrative would have found startling, to say the least. And chances are even he, back in the SNCC days, would have considered himself a rather unlikely prospect for leading the staid "rock of ages" of black pushback in the U.S. The fact is, though, that this was no Julian Bond "lite" that they got at NAACP or wherever else he lent his dynamic presence in latter years. The NAACP knew this and obviously appreciated every bit of Bond's time at the helm, even reportedly prevailing on him to delay his demitting office until the organization celebrated its centenary year in 2009. There's no question that to be familiar with the Julian Bond record is to know that at his death in August, 2015, he had been as fierce a fighter for eliminating injustice as he ever was.

# Anderson

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hundred years." Anderson was also invited by some European opera houses to appear in their productions, invitations she declined because she wasn't trained in acting.

It was at the urging of impresario Sol Hurok, who became Anderson's manager in 1934, that she agreed to resume touring in the U.S. It eventually led to the biggest single event built around her — her historic concert at Washington's Lincoln Memorial on April 9, 1939. It had its genesis in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) denying permission for the use of Constitution Hall for a concert by Anderson. The ensuing uproar, including mass resignations from the DAR, first lady Eleanor Roosevelt among them, led to the federal government arranging for the Lincoln Memorial event, which attracted an estimated 75,000 crowd, and a radio audience of millions. Anderson characteristically shifted credit away from herself, saying the momentous event "was brought about by many people whom we will

never know."

Although she wouldn't herself be given to proclaiming it a chest-thumping triumph, one major frontier Anderson reached in the latter part of her illustrious career was becoming, in 1955, the first African American to perform with New York's Metropolitan Opera. But alongside the high regard in which she was universally held as an artist, the charm and grace Anderson exuded only added to her allure. Those personal qualities surely factored into her being tapped for special roles like goodwill ambassador for the State Department, when she traveled all around the world, and U.S. delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Committee. Through it all, she was an ever-present voice in the 1950s-60s civil rights movement, notably performing at the historic 1963 March on Washington. Anderson retired from performing publicly in 1965.

When she died in 1993 at age 96, Marian Anderson could take her leave knowing she had not only bequeathed to America and the world a gift of rare artistic beauty for the ages, but she had also, with great dignity, taken her place in the forefront of the arduous justice struggle for people of color.

# Douglass

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Douglass once and for all.

In 1838, desperate to flee slavery, Douglass finally succeeded in doing so on his third attempt, when he escaped on a train using a false identification with the help of a woman named Anna Murray, who would soon become Douglass's wife.

The couple would eventually settle in Massachusetts, where Douglass would become heavily involved in the abolitionist movement, sharing his

story. In 1845, Douglass's first autobiography, "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave," was published and became a bestseller. The book remains required reading for many of today's high school students.

Though the book was a success, Douglass's status as a runaway slave still put him in danger of being recaptured, a reality that forced Douglass to depart for Ireland, where he would spend two years speaking of the ills of slavery. Douglass also frequently spoke in England, where a group of his supporters collected funds to purchase his freedom.



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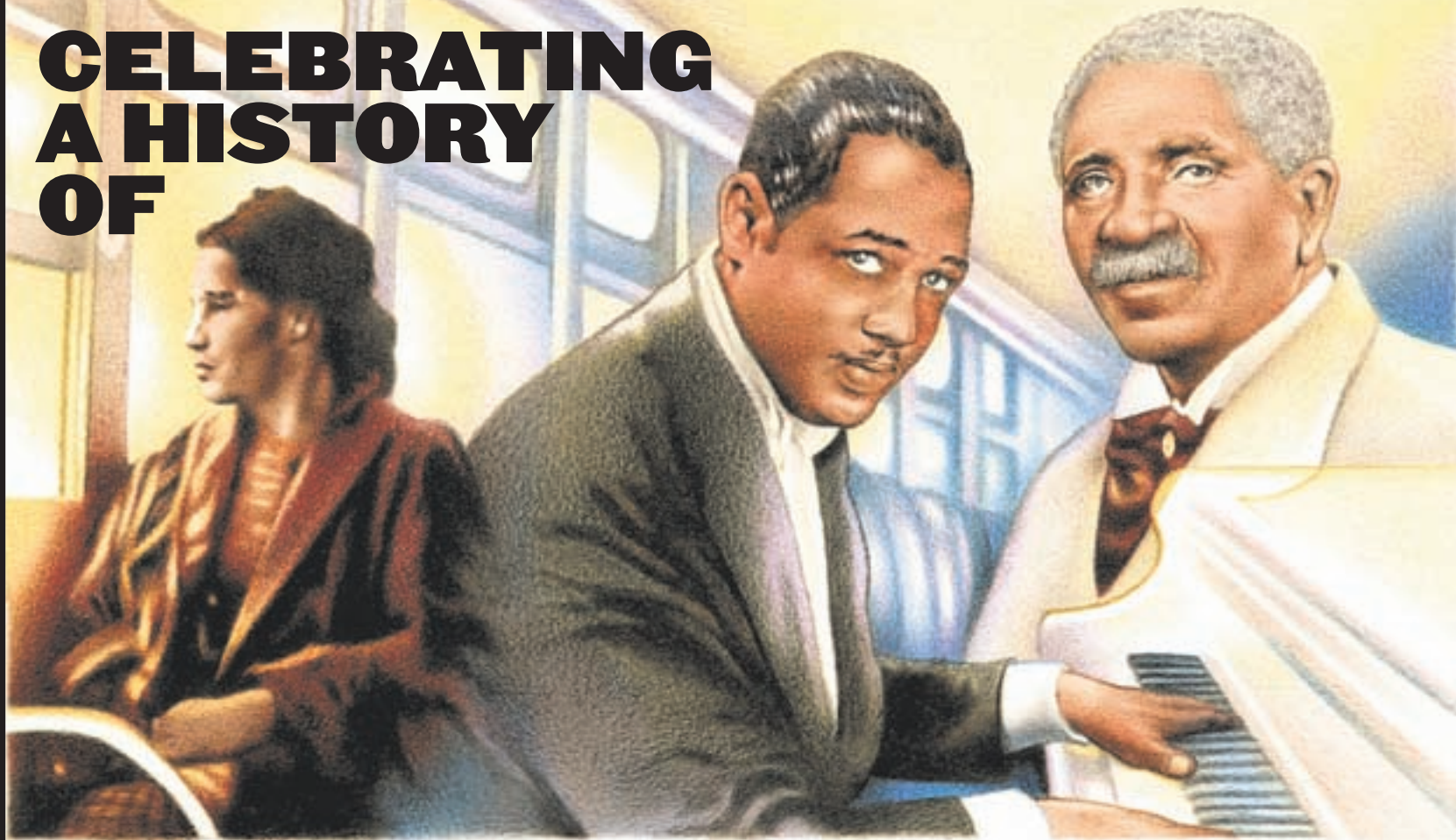
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King Ajamu. Photo by Harry Pocius

## Ajamu performs in Brooklyn

By Gerry Hopkin

The approximately 100,000 Grenadian-Americans in New York City and the surrounding tri-state area, would be joined by Grenada's reigning, most-crowned Calypso Monarch, King Ajamu, along with the reigning Road March King, Synnah and former National and Diaspora crown-holders, Inspector, Val Adams and Zingo, at the 42nd Independence Anniversary Cocktail, Show,

## House of D'Marsh for NY Fashion Week

By Tangerine Clarke

Jamaican-born fashion designer Glenroy Marsh of The House of D'Marsh is adding the finishing touches to his elegant La Vie du Noir Fall 2016 collection for New York Fashion Week in Manhattan.

The Feb. 18 runway show inspired by Race and Color in America will also celebrate Back History Month, according to Marsh who has captivated audiences around the Caribbean and New York with his stylish male and female collection.

The colorful garments will light up the Soho District runway of high-end European mattress maker Coco Mat,

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# WEIRD ART

Several guitars collaged in part with cigar bands were among the 800 works discovered in a garage sale by Cuban-American Felipe Jesus Consalvos. Photo by Tequila Minsky

## Caribbean creatives among Outsider artists

By Tequila Minsky

New Yorkers who hadn't hunkered down last weekend trudged through the storm to the Metropolitan Pavilion in Chelsea, Manhattan where booths of unusual art in the warmest of atmospheres welcomed hardy art lovers to the 24th edition of the Outsider Art Show.

Artists from Haiti, Cuba, Bahamas, Dominican Republic were among the Caribbean countries represented exhibiting alongside artists from other countries in the Americas

and around the world. The term "outsider art" has come to encompass self-taught (or naïve) art and those making art outside the traditional gallery system.

Organizers vet the exhibiting artists but there is still debate over the question of whether highly educated, yet self-taught artists fit into the outsider category.

Cuban-American Felipe Jesus Consalvos worked as a cigar roller for most of his life. A body of his work of more than 800 collages on paper,

musical instruments, furniture, and other objects — many covered with cigar bands and wrappers — was discovered after his death at a 1981 garage sale in Philadelphia. Gallery Fleisher / Ollman exhibited a wall of collaged guitars and other large flat pieces.

Beate Echols' Mariposa Unusual Art was showing works by another Cuban, Jose Garcia Montebello from Cienfuegos, Cuba who came to painting having taught high school for

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# Brazil's Olympic faces Zika V bug challenge

Going forward to May, 3 when the Olympic torch leaves Rio de Janeiro for a nationwide relay race through 26 states in Brazil in promotion of the biggest summer sporting games on the planet, one of the biggest hazards to competition could be the Zika virus.

Described by the World Health Organization in epidemic proportions, Zika is "spreading explosively" and could infect three to four million people this year.

Considering the fact 10,500 athletes from 206 countries are expected to compete in 42 sport activities during the Rio 2016 Olympics, concern is high that the tiny mosquitoes now plaguing more than 20 tropical countries could dominate the quadrennial global attraction.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff vowed to wage a "house-by-house fight" against mosquitoes spreading the virus blamed for causing a surge in reports of brain-damaged babies and causing worry for the population, visiting athletes, investors and fans anticipating a South American spectacular, three months prior to the national relay.



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

"It's going to be a house-by-house fight," she said at a regional summit in Ecuador, recently.

"Although we don't have a vaccine today," the president added "I'm sure we will have one, though it will take time."

The leader said Brazil would place "extreme emphasis" on wiping out mosquito breeding grounds, combating transmission of the disease and looking for a vaccine against the dangerous virus.

There is no vaccine to prevent the Zika virus and once infected there is no medicine to treat it.

Pregnant women are most susceptible, once bitten their babies could be born with microcephaly and abnormally small heads that often worsen with serious developmental issues and sometimes early death.

Doctors are investigating 29 related infant deaths after

an autopsy last year found the Zika virus in a baby born with microcephaly, establishing a link between the two.

The figure rose to five and now 49 cases of deaths of babies from some form of cranial disability.

"This is an unprecedented situation, unprecedented in world scientific research," Brazil's Health Ministry posted on its website.

Transmitted by the Aedes aegypti mosquitoes that thrive in tropical climates, they are known to be most infectious during the daytime, however, can wreak havoc at night.

Now it seems another rare illness is emerging in the South American country. This second malady may also be linked to the outbreak of the virus and the tiny mosquito.

The New York Times is reporting that Brazilian officials and doctors are warn-



Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff vows to wage a "house-by-house fight" against mosquitoes spreading the Zika virus. Associated Press / Franklin Reyes, File

ing about hundreds of cases of a rare syndrome in which patients can be almost paralyzed for weeks.

According to the report, disease specialists in Brazil say ZIKV may also be causing a surge in the rare condition, known as the Guillain-Barré

Syndrome (GBS).

It is a potentially life-threatening syndrome in which a person's immune system attacks part of the nervous system, leaving some patients unable to move and dependent on life support.

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# Father and warrior protect baby monster

“Monster Hunt”  
Very Good (2.5 stars)  
Unrated  
Dubbed or in Mandarin  
with subtitles  
Running time:  
104 minutes  
Distributor: Film Rise



Bai Baihe and Jing Boran in the movie “Monster Hunt.”

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By Kam Williams

Directed by Raman Hui (Shrek the Third), “Monster Hunt” was released across Asia last summer where it became the highest-grossing Chinese film of all time. The version I watched was dubbed into English, which served to turn the martial arts / comedy mash-up into a decidedly campy affair.

The experience reminded me of the Japanese horror flicks from the Fifties where the corny dialogue invariably failed to fit the movement of the actors’ mouths. This one even has its characters often speaking in inappropriately-modern

idioms such as “You are such a loser!” Purists might be happy to know that the movie is also being made available with subtitles, though I suspect it’s far

funnier lip-synched.

Set during an ancient dynasty, the picture features an unapologetically exuberant mix of sentiment and slaps /

tick that endeavors to tug at your heartstrings while simultaneously tickling your funny bone. The CGI-driven, costume fantasy unfolds in a mythical

kingdom inhabited by both humans and monsters.

The plot thickens when the hamlet’s male mayor, Tianyin (Jing Boran), is miraculously impregnated by a malevolent Monster Queen. Next thing you know, just about everybody around, human and monster alike, wants half-breed baby Wooba dead, much to the chagrin of the glowing, expecting daddy.

Lucky for Tianyin, he forges a fast friendship with Hua Xiaolan (Bai Baihe), a female warrior blessed with a winning combination of maternal instincts and mad karate skills. She’s determined to save the radish-shaped bundle of joy, so what ensues is an overstimulating kitchen sink adventure throwing everything up on the screen from cartoon physics fight scenes to Bollywood-style song-and-dance numbers.

Kid-friendly fare amusing enough to entertain adults, too, provided their brains are on pause!

## Independent & Foreign Films

4th Man Out (Unrated)  
Out-of-the-closet dramedy, set in upstate New York, about a small-town auto mechanic (Evan Todd) who surprises his straight buddies by announcing he’s gay on his 24th birthday. With Parker Young, Chord Overstreet and Jon Gabrus.

The Choice (PG-13 for sexuality and mature themes)  
Adaptation of the Nicholas Sparks best seller of the same name about the love which unexpectedly blossoms between a confirmed bachelor (Benjamin Walker) and the marriage-minded med student (Teresa Palmer) who moves in next-door. Cast includes Alexandra Daddario, Maggie Grace and Tom Wilkinson.

The Club (Unrated)  
Skeletons-in-the-closet drama set in a secluded house along the Chilean seacoast where defrocked Catholic clergymen are sent to repent for their crimes against innocent children. Co-starring Alfredo Castro, Roberto Farias and Antonia Zegers. (In Spanish with subtitles)

Misconduct (R for profanity, violence, sexuality and nudity)  
Suspense drama about an ambitious young attorney (Josh Duhamel) caught in a deadly power struggle between his law firm’s senior partner (Al Pacino) and a corrupt pharmaceutical executive (Anthony Hopkins). With Malin Akerman, Julia Stiles and Alice Eve.

Rams (R for profanity and brief graphic nudity)  
Sibling rivalry drama about a



### Kam’s Kapsules

By Kam Williams

couple of long-estranged brothers (Sigurour Sigurjonsson and Theodor Juliussen) who grudgingly bury the hatchet to save their sheep from a plague decimating their flocks. Supporting cast includes Charlotte Boving, Jon Benonysson and Gunnar Jonsson. (In Icelandic with subtitles)

Regression (R for profanity, graphic violence and disturbing sexuality)  
Crime thriller, set in Minnesota in 1990, about a detective (Ethan Hawke) investigating claims of rape belatedly being leveled against a father (David Dencik) with no memory of molesting his daughter (Emma Watson) when she was 11. Featuring David Thewlis, Devon Bostick and Aaron Ashmore.

### BIG BUDGET FILMS

Hail, Caesar! (PG-13 for sexuality, smoking, violence and mild epithets)  
Day-in-the-life dramedy, directed by the Coen Bros and set in the Fifties, revolving around a Hollywood fixer (Josh Brolin) who comes to the rescue of a matinee idol (George Clooney) kidnapped for ransom in the middle of a film shoot. Ensemble includes Channing Tatum, Tilda Swinton, Frances McDormand, Scarlett Johansson, Ralph Fiennes, Jonah Hill and Dolph Lundgren.

— WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JOEL & ETHAN COEN —

# HAIL, CAESAR!

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES

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- 1 **Sorry**  
Justin Bieber
  - 2 **Hello**  
Adele
  - 3 **Love Yourself**  
Justin Bieber
  - 4 **Stressed Out**  
twenty one pilots
  - 5 **Here**  
Alessia Cara
  - 6 **In the Night**  
The Weeknd
  - 7 **Same Old Love**  
Selena Gomez
  - 8 **Stitches**  
Shawn Mendes
  - 9 **Like I'm Gonna Lose You**  
Meghan Trainor...
  - 10 **Roses**  
The Chainsmokers feat. Rozes

### TOP 10 ALBUMS

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- 1 **25**  
Adele
  - 2 **Purpose**  
Justin Bieber
  - 3 **Dystopia**  
Megadeth
  - 4 **Death Of A Bachelor**  
Panic! At The Disco
  - 5 **Happy Camper**  
Hoodie Allen
  - 6 **Sex Love & Pain II**  
Tank
  - 7 **Traveller**  
Chris Stapleton
  - 8 **Blurryface**  
twenty one pilots
  - 9 **Their Greatest Hits...**  
Eagles
  - 10 **The Hunchback Of...**  
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# UNUSUAL ART

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almost 20 years.

It's so hard to find untutored Cuban artists Echols noted because in Cuba the government supports the arts and education and even art school is free.

Wanting to travel "to warm countries with warm people," this German native said, "I was interested in people's folk art because it tells you who people are and their way of life." Echols' home-based representation of Caribbean and Latin American artists evolved from a personal collection and is among the 24 New York-based exhibitors at the show of almost 50 exhibitors.

Reynald Lally and Christiane Bourbon opened Bourbon-Lally Gallery in Port-au-Prince in 1992. The two still represent Haitian (and other) arts despite the fact that their Petionville gallery is no longer there. Their booth with Haitian vodou drapo—flags and self-taught Haitian painters and sculptors has been a staple at the show since the third edition. Prominently standing on a pedestal was the mixed-media sculpture of St. Jacques Majeur, the Vodou spirit god of

war Ogun Ferraille by Lherisson Dubreus.

Among the varied collection of outsider artists at Gallerie Bonheur, owner Laurie Ahner spoke about the highly collected Bahamian folk artist Amos Ferguson, a very spiritual Baptist. Discovered in the Bahamas and introduced to the art scene by collector Ute Stebich, in the mid-80s the Wadsworth Atheneum museum in Hartford mounted a show of 50 of his works, propelling him into an international arena. After this recognition, he got more respect as an artist in his home country. "His work is very primitive, bold and colorful," says Ahner of the former housepainter turned artist who used house paint as his medium. "He's our best seller." Ferguson died at age 89 in 2009.

Long-time participating gallery Indigo Arts from Philadelphia exhibited several Haitian and Cuban works with price ranging from \$100 to \$12,000, something for every budget.

Three small Haiti-inspired and fashioned sequined flags by Togo / France artist William Adjété Wilson with Haitian Valentin Valris were intriguing.

Biracial, self-taught Adjété



In his booth surrounded by Haitian art, Reynald Lally holds up an old sequined flag, most likely used in a Vodou ceremony more than 40 years ago. The multi-media sculpture on the right is also a representative of Ogun Ferraille.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

— his mother is from Togo, he was raised in France — became interested in the African Diaspora and transatlantic African traditions, both in Africa and in the New World.

In one body of work, "The Black Ocean," he refashions traditional cloth appliqué techniques and materials working collaboratively with Benin arti-

sans creating large fabric tableaux that portray scenes of slavery and migration. These were exhibited in the University of Michigan's Gallery DAAS.

In Haiti, using Togo imagery, Adjété worked with Valentin Valris, son of acclaimed sequin artist George Valris, to produce different imagery in a traditional Haitian form.

## Ajamu

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Dance and Awards Ceremony, to be held at Tropical Paradise Ballroom, at 8 pm on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016.

Other artistes slated to perform, include recording artiste and former Crowd Favorite Winner of the NY-Grenada Independence Calypso Competition, Cheryl V; Buddy; Mr. Legz and Sugar Jay. Additionally, Grenadian-Americans in the Diaspora including Cicely Mason, Derek Ventour, Hoplin Lambert, Heron J. Douglas, Harold Pysadee and Earl Stiell of Earley Travel are carded to receive special awards based on their outstanding cultural ambassadorial work and extraordinary community service.

"This event is for all Grenadians in the Diaspora, regardless of complexion, class or political party affiliation," says event planner, Norbert Morain, aka Third World of Global Entertainment.

"We have gone out of our way to make this event affordable and satisfying, as far as, live entertainment, food and

drinks are concerned," Morain adds.

Although the struggle for independence in Grenada was quietly forged by then PM Sir Eric Matthew Gairy, in 1974, without widespread national celebrations, due to cries of human rights violations and opposition from Maurice Bishop's New Jewel Movement and other opposition parties, today all Grenadians generally join in celebrating this milestone in one form or another.

Generally, Grenadians in the Diaspora see this as a time to 'pridefully' join together in various activities. Some enjoy extra helpings of Grenada's national dish, "Oildown" (main ingredients: breadfruit, coconut, saffron, callaloo and meat(s) of choice); others simply listen to patriotic music and wear their national colors of yellow, red and green (the colors of the National Flag of Grenada); while still others see this as a time to reflect on the fact that Independence Day merely marks a moment in a process which started long before February 7th, 1974, and continues to this day and beyond.



Creations by Jamaican-born fashion designer Glenroy Marsh.

## Marsh

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with a grand show which begins at 7 pm.

According to the couturier, this season's collection draws on the immigrant experience and the Fall 2016 collection is inspired by the story of a black couple from the fashion capital of Paris, who emigrated to New York City, and the challenges of race and color they faced in adjusting, given their strong sense of style and fashion.

"Language is, and always will be an essential element in the struggle for understand-

ing among people, and the language of style is key to this understanding," said Marsh.

The award-winning fashion designer who was recently presented with the 40 Under 40 Award from Caribbean Life newspaper is excited to showcase his clothing line, which embodies his innate sense of style and creativity, skills he honed at the prestigious American Academy of Dramatic Arts.

"One of the leading brands in the New York area created by a Caribbean designer, The House of D'Marsh, has received many editorials in local and international fashion and consumer magazines," said Marsh.



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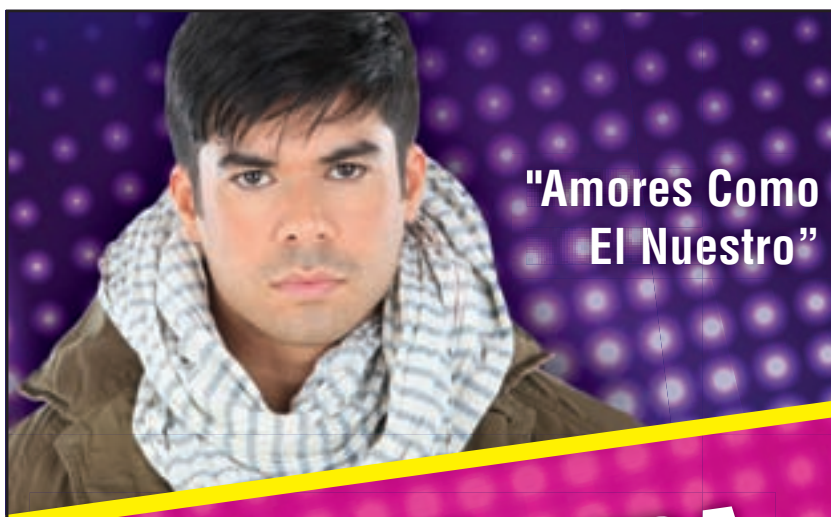
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# 'The Family Tree' exposes many dark secrets

"The Family Tree: A Lynching in Georgia, A Legacy of Secrets, and My Search for the Truth" by Karen Branan  
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304 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The skeletons in your closet don't rattle around much anymore.

Most of your family has long forgotten the secrets those skeletons represented, while the ones who haven't forgotten have made sure they're not discussed. And it might stay that way forever unless, as in the new book "The Family Tree" by Karen Branan, there's a journalist in the family.

As her 90-year-old, still-feisty grandmother lay dying,

Karen Branan hoped to record some of her G'mamma's recollections. Mostly, she got the usual things: schoolgirl hobbies, gentlemen callers... until G'mamma mentioned a hanging that she'd witnessed as a child.

Branan tucked the story away in her mind, along with other hushed, whispered things that tickled at her memories. Then, nearly 10 years after hearing that first hint from a dying woman who embellished her tales, Branan went in search of facts.

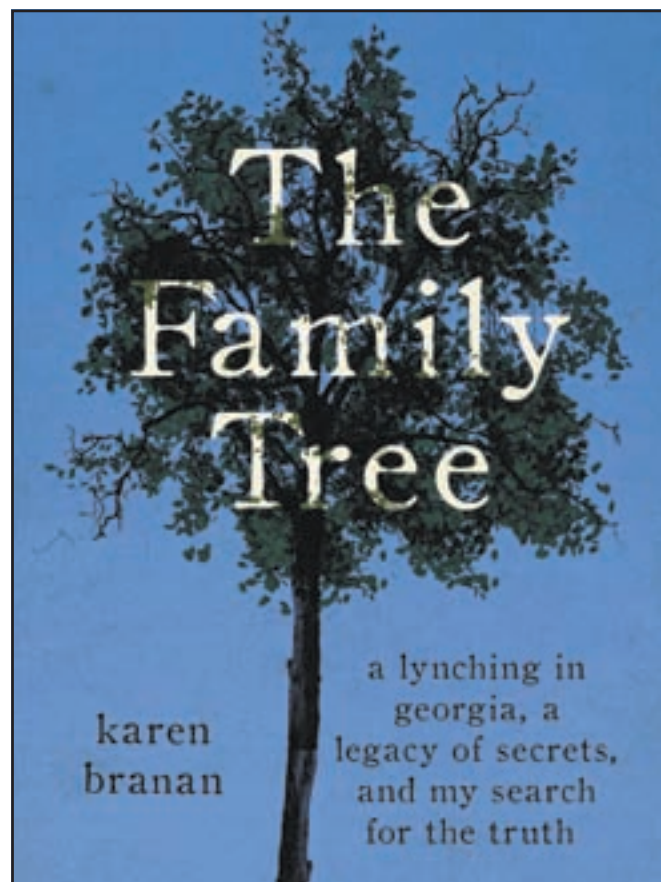
What she discovered was something she didn't want to admit.

While there was always a certain amount of racism in Hamilton, Georgia, there was also evidence that blacks and whites mixed easily, especially in bedrooms and barrooms, and except when it befitted

whites to use racism as a tool.

That seemed to be the case in early 1912.

Branan's great-grandfather was town sheriff then, when his kin, a well-liked local white rascal, was shot dead on the front porch of a black woman's home. Days later, the woman and three men went peacefully with the sheriff to jail; they had no reason to mistrust him because he didn't arrest them. He took them in, he said, for their own safety and he seemed to have tried to protect them. But Branan discovered that the whole thing was contrived: in the end, the sheriff purposefully stepped away, shielding himself and leaving the prisoners unsafe. Around midnight on Jan. 23, 1912, a mob marched the four through town and hung them from a tree — and life in Hamilton went on as usual until an unexpected fac-



Book cover of "The Family Tree."

tion put a stop to what became an escalation of violence...

Reading "The Family Tree" is somewhat like looking for tomatoes in a field of weeds: you know there's something worthwhile there, but you must possess patience to find it. You have to want to step over what you don't need.



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West Indies' Twenty20 captain Darren Sammy.

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## Darren Sammy to captain T20 team

By Azad Ali

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) selectors have retained Darren Sammy as captain for the upcoming International Cricket Council (ICC) Twenty20 (T20) tournament in India.

And embattled West Indies off-spinner Sunil Narine, who was banned from international cricket, has been included in the 16-man squad pending test results on his illegal bowling action.

Narine has been doing rehabilitative work and is expected to fly out to Loughborough University in England to do another test on his bowling action.

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## Chanderpaul bows out

By Azad Ali

West Indies veteran middle-order batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul has closed his "innings" on his illustrious 22-year international cricket career — eight months after being axed from the Test squad.

In an email sent to the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) last week, the 41-year-old left-hander indicated that he will no longer be available for selection to the senior squad.

Chanderpaul, who played a record 164 Tests, was controversially axed last May by the West Indies selectors following a run of low scores but said at the

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Haiti's Jean-Eudes Maurice, left, controls the ball near Trinidad and Tobago's Neveal Hackshaw, right, during a qualifying soccer playoff ahead of the Copa America Centenario in Panama City, Friday, Jan. 8, 2016. Haiti won the match 1-0.

Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco

## Eight teams for Futsal Championship

The Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) today announced that Costa Rica will host the CONCACAF Futsal Championship 2016, to be played May 8-15 in San Jose. In confirming the site of

the Championship, CONCACAF also announced the official draw, scheduled for March 16.

With qualifiers recently completed in the Caribbean Football Union (CFU) and the Central American Football Union (UNCAF), six of the

eight participating sides have now been determined, with the final two spots to be decided by two play-in series at the tournament site in the days leading up to the championship.

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# Chanderpaul

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time he was focused on regaining his place in the side.

WICB President Dave Cameron praised the Guyanese's contribution to the game.

"The WICB acknowledges the invaluable contribution Shiv has made to the game globally and we wish him all the best," Cameron said.

Chanderpaul scored 11,867 runs at an average of 51 and lies second on the all-time West Indies list of run-scorers behind Brian Lara who scored 11,953 runs.

He struck 30 centuries and 66 half centuries.

Chanderpaul also played 268 One-Day Internationals garnering 8778 runs at an average of 41 and was also in the line-up for 22 Twenty20 Internationals.

He made his Test debut as a 19-year-old against England in 1994 and proceeded to become a feature of West Indies batting over the next two decades.

Chanderpaul was one of Wisden's five Cricketers-of-the-Year in 2008, the same year he was voted ICC Player-of-the-Year.



West Indies' Shivnarine Chanderpaul attempts a shot against West Indies during their Cricket World Cup Group B match in New Delhi, India. Associated Press / Gurinder Osan, File

## Sammy

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If he passes the test, he will take his place in the West Indies squad which will compete in the ICC World T20 in India in March and April.

There were speculations that Sammy may have been replaced by Test and ODI Captain Jason Holder but the selectors opted for experience going into the T20.

Sammy was at the helm of the team that won the title in 2012 in Sri Lanka and reached the semi-finals in 2014 in Bangladesh.

He retired from test cricket on May 9 last year but is still available to play ODIs for the regional team.

He was left out of the West Indies team for the ODIs against Sri Lanka in November last year.

The West Indies are currently ranked number one in the ICC rankings for T20s.



Trinidad and Tobago's Joevin Jones, center, controls the ball near Haiti's Stephane Lambese, right during a qualifying soccer playoff ahead of the Copa America Centenario in Panama City, Friday, Jan. 8, 2016.

Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco

# COSTA RICA TO DEFEND ITS TITLE

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As host country, Costa Rica is automatically qualified as one of the three representatives of UNCAF. Central America qualifying champion Guatemala and silver medalist Panama have also qualified directly to the Championship.

From North America, Mexico was awarded an automatic spot by virtue of being the highest placed North American team from the 2012 Championship, while the second North American spot will be decided by a play-in contested between Canada and the United States.

From the CFU, regional champion Cuba and runner-up Curacao have qualified, while Trinidad & Tobago — third-place finisher of the CFU Futsal Qualifying-Championship — also secured a trip to Costa Rica, where

it will attempt to best UNCAF Futsal Qualifying Championship third-place holder Honduras for a berth in the championship round.

Each pairing of nations in the dual play-in series will dispute two matches against one another — one on May 5 and one more the following day on May 6 — with the teams emerging victorious by virtue of aggregate goals rounding out the field for the tournament.

At the official draw in March, the eight qualified Participating Member Associations will be divided in two groups of four. At the championship, the winner and second-place team from each group will qualify to the semifinals of the Championship, and the FIFA Futsal World Cup Colombia 2016.

The winners of the semifinals will advance to the final and the two losing semifinalists will compete in the third-

place match. In addition to crowning the Confederation's champion in this discipline, the CONCACAF Futsal Championship will qualify four teams to the FIFA Futsal World Cup, to be played in Colombia later this year.

Costa Rica is the defending champion of the CONCACAF Futsal Championship, having won the title in Guatemala in July 2012.

Number of teams to qualify for the World Cup: 4

Format: Eight Participating Member Associations are divided into two groups (A, B) of four teams each for the group stage. After the group stage, the winner and second-place team from each group will qualify to the semifinals and the FIFA Futsal World Cup. The winner of each semifinal match advances to the final and the two losing semifinalists will reach the third-place match.

# Appeal to aid ailing former Vincentian soccer star

By Nelson A. King

Several St. Vincent and the Grenadines' national sports stars, sporting organizations, friends and supporters in New York are appealing for financial support for ailing former national football (soccer) star Keith "Slick" Clark.

Clark, who carried Bonadie as his last name during most of his football career at home, is hospitalized at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn.

Patrons at a cultural show — on Sept. 6, 2014, at Meyer Levin Intermediate School in Brooklyn, organized by the United Vincentian Cultural Group of Brooklyn (UVCGB) — were informed that Clark had suffered a stroke.

Reports currently indicate that he has since sustained a series of medical complications.

Thus, the executive body of the newly-formed, Brooklyn-based St. Vincent & the Grenadines United States of America Sports Association (SVG-USASA), along with former

national sports stars, friends and supporters, on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 18, visited Clark at this bedside.

Clark is renowned as a talented mid-fielder, who thrilled soccer-loving fans, at home and in New York, for three decades, from the 1970s through the '90s.

SVG-USASA, through its Sports Legends and Legacy Fund, and with the contributions of all visitors, donated US\$500 to the Clark family during their two-hour-long visit.

The group also shared stories and wished Clarke a speedy recovery, SVG-USASA told Caribbean Life.

SVG-USASA chairman Peter "Poski" Burke and deputy chair and newly-minted Sports Ambassador Stella Boyea-Ashby, a former national netball captain, were among well-wishers at the handing-over event.

Burke said SVG-USASA's Legends and Legacy Fund is aimed at "demonstrating to our

sports heroes that they have not been forgotten."

"Brother and sister are words that we love to use very much. Thanks to our culture, they signify a bond that has a special place that goes well beyond the ties of family," Burke said. "Today, it is necessary to bring brotherhood back to the heart of our sporting fraternity, and demonstrate that we are, indeed, our brother's keepers."

In echoing Burke's sentiments, Boyea-Ashby said: "This is beautiful. Yes, they are our brothers and sisters, and we love them and treat them as such.

"They will know they are not alone in their time of need," said Boyea-Ashby, who ruled the netball court for over two decades, when she represented the nation from the 1970s through the '80s, and played for Hairoun Sports Club afterwards in Brooklyn.

"Our group was super happy that we spent this day visiting 'Slick,' knowing what MLK (the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)



From left front: Dr. Roxie Irish, Joanne Duncan, Keith "Slick" Bonadie Clarke and Donna Ash; (Back row, from left: Stanley "Luxie" Morris Maurice Harry and Carl Munro.

Photo by Nelson A. King

stood for," she added.

Another Sports Ambassador, erstwhile national netball star, who played under Boyea-Ashby's captiancy, and netball administrator in Brooklyn, Gailene Windsor, said: "Our fervent prayer is for a speedy recovery and for the continued well-being of his mom Claire, aka Cynthia, his brother Bertie and sister Debbie Hadaway, who are constantly at his side."

Windsor and Boyea-Ashby were named Sports Ambassadors by Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves during his Independence Message last October at Victoria Park in Kingstown,

the Vincentian capital. Windsor also serves as SVG-USASA's treasurer.

Bertie "Snails" Hadaway said he was very touched by the gesture, expressing gratitude that members of the sporting fraternity in New York were still thinking about his ailing brother and that the entire SVG-USASA executive took the extraordinary step in visiting him at his bedside.

SVG-USASA members said they plan to constantly visit Clark, asking the public for prayers for him and his family "as he goes through this healing process."

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Aries, if you assumed you were right on track, you soon will see why it isn't safe to assume. Do not take anything for granted and consider all potential outcomes.

**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
Interpersonal dynamics are constantly changing, and you may have a challenging time wrangling in your relationship to where it feels comfortable, Taurus.

**GEMINI: May 22/June 21**  
Gemini, even if you are uncertain about someone's intentions, it is best to give that person the benefit of the doubt. However, an ounce of skepticism never hurt anyone.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, it is better to make your choices sooner rather than later this week. Putting decisions off only complicates matters. It may be an anxious time, but you will pull through.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Stop worrying about how others see you, Leo. This week own up to your beliefs, even if they seem to go against the norm. You may be surprised at the support you receive.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, a hectic week leads to lots of demands on your time. Take things one task at a time and do not be afraid to say "no" if you feel you are overwhelmed.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, frustration at work may not be directed at any one person, and you can't let it consume your life. Make the frustration work to your advantage instead.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Romantic thoughts this week will have you on a mission to spend quality time with a loved one, Scorpio. You may do everything in your power to be near your significant other.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Don't try to erect barriers, Sagittarius. This week you have to let someone in and unburden some of the problems or thoughts that have been weighing you down.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Accomplish something important based on what you learn this week, Capricorn. Keep your eyes and ears open to all of the possibilities around you.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Try not to take the easy way out, Aquarius. When faced with some tough questions, stay strong and true to yourself. You will be happier in the long run if you do so.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, take some time off if your job seems like a headache this week. If you have the time, enjoy a long weekend or a short jaunt during the week.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
SUPERIOR COURT  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT  
STAMFORD  
Plaintiff's name Paul,  
Enock

Defendant's name Desir,  
Sheila  
Notice to Desir, Sheila  
Return date 3/15/16

The Court has reviewed  
the Motion for Order of  
Notice and the  
Complaint/Application/M  
otion which asks for:  
divorce (dissolution of  
marriage)

The Court finds that the  
current address of the  
party to be notified is  
unknown and that all the  
reasonable efforts to find  
him/her have failed. The  
Court also finds that the  
last known address of the  
party to be notified was:  
95th and 4th Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11209. The  
Court orders that notice  
be given to the party to  
be notified by having a  
State Marshal or other  
proper officer place a  
legal notice in: Caribbean  
Life a newspaper  
circulating in Brooklyn,  
NY containing a true  
attested copy of this  
Order of Notice, and, if  
accompanying a  
Complaint for divorce  
(dissolution of marriage),  
complaint for dissolution  
of civil union, legal  
separation or annulment,  
or if accompanying an  
Application for custody or  
visitation, a statement  
that Automatic Court  
Orders have been issued  
in the case as required  
by Section 25-5 of the  
Connecticut Practice  
Book and are a part of  
the Complaint/Application  
on file with the Court.

The notice shall appear  
once a week for two  
consecutive weeks  
commencing on or before  
2/25/16  
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H. Varassis 1/14/16  
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Purcell, State Marshal to  
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that an on-premise  
license, #TBA has been  
applied for by Collide  
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wine and liquor at retail  
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2012-1, BY U.S. BANK  
N A T I O N A L  
ASSOCIATION, AS  
INDENTURE TRUSTEE,  
Plaintiff, vs. PACIANO  
PINEDA, ET AL.,  
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment  
of Foreclosure and Sale  
duly filed on July 07,  
2014 and the Order  
Ratifying Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale  
filed December 9, 2015,  
I, the undersigned  
Referee will sell at public  
auction at the Kings  
County Supreme Court,  
Room 224, 360 Adams  
Street, Brooklyn, NY on  
March 10, 2016 at 2:30  
p.m., premises known as  
9 Fanchon Place,  
Brooklyn, NY. All that  
certain plot, piece or  
parcel of land, with the  
buildings and  
improvements thereon  
erected, situate, lying  
and being in the Borough  
of Brooklyn, County of  
Kings, City and State of  
New York, Block 3483  
and Lot 17. Approximate  
amount of judgment is  
\$704,202.08 plus  
interest and costs.

Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of  
filed Judgment Index #  
2030/07.  
If the sale is set aside for  
any reason, the  
Purchaser at the sale  
shall be entitled only to a  
return of the deposit  
paid. The Purchaser  
shall have no further  
recourse against the  
Mortgagor, the  
Mortgagee, the  
Mortgagee's attorney, or  
the Referee.  
Marc Held, Esq., Referee  
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11791, Attorneys for  
Plaintiff

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CHRIS SYLVINCE; ELIZABETH SYLVINCE; JAMES SYLVINCE and "JOHN DOE #5" through "JOHN DOE #100," the names of the last 95 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiffs, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual

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described in the complaint herein, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on Plaintiffs attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other

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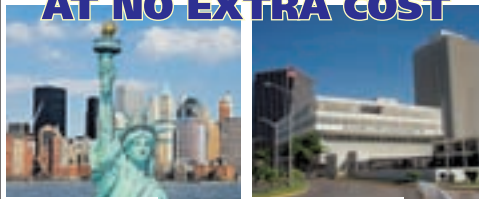
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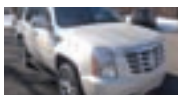
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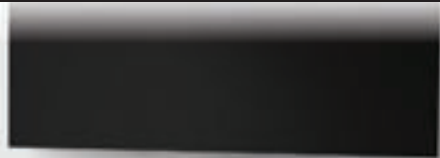
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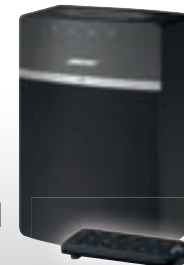
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