



Jamaicans honored

Andrew Clarke (left) accepts the 2016 Jambassador Awards in The Arts from Ian Buddington, project manager. See story on page 3.

Roland Hyde

Clarke troubled by gun violence epidemic

By Nelson A. King

Stating that every day, in communities across America, too many people are injured, maimed or killed through gun violence, United States Congressional Rep. Yvette D. Clarke (D-Brooklyn) says she is deeply

troubled by what she characterized as “the epidemic of gun violence” that is sweeping the nation.

“Too many families know the pain of losing a loved one from gun violence and crime,” said Clarke, representative for the

9th Congressional District in Brooklyn, in delivering the keynote address Friday night at the 2016 Gala Awards Ceremony, of Brooklyn’s Isaiah’s Temple of Mt. Hope Spiritual Baptist Church, at Paradise Manor on

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ZIKA BABIES BORN

Barbados records first deformed babies after Zika outbreak

By Bert Wilkinson

In a development that is certain to force would be mothers to rethink family plans, authorities in Barbados this week reported the first two cases of deformed babies suspected of being linked to the outbreak of the Zika virus which has been sweeping through the hemisphere in the past year.

Minister for Health John Boyce appealed for calm in the tourism-dependent island of 300,000 people as the

announcement could have a negative effect on the lifeline economic sector if there is confirmation of the two cases.

He and other health officials who summoned an emergency press conference in Barbados at mid week, said thorough investigations are being carried out to determine if the microcephaly seen in the two births are definitely linked to the Zika outbreak. They also said that deformities are not unusual in

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- Use traffic signals as your guide. However, make sure all traffic has stopped before crossing the road or stepping off of the sidewalk.
- Keep control of pets when

walking on a leash, so you're not pulled out into traffic.

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Jamaicans celebrate achievements in New York



Justice Sylvia Hinds-Radix (left) receives award from Archbishop Dr. Voni Johyn. Photo by Nelson A. King

Isaiah's Temple honors 10

By Nelson A. King

Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope Spiritual Baptist Church, a faith-based organization in the East New York, Brooklyn, on Friday, Aug. 5 honored 10 outstanding members of the community at a gala ceremony at Paradise Manor on Avenue U in Brooklyn.

The honorees were: Barbadian-born Justice Sylvia Hinds-Radix; Trinidadian members of the clergy Pastor Mervyn S. Passie, Bishop Majorie Trim, the Rev. Eric Wyllie and Minister Dionne Smith; Jamaican-born pastor Archbishop Fr. Allan S. Jones; Clinical Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Janet Larghi; Assembly Member Latrice Walker; Guyanese Archbishop Dr. Pamela Taylor; and Vincentian Spiritual Baptist Pastor Naomi Harper.

"It is with love and appreciation that I extend congratulations to our honorees," said Her Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. Voni B. Johyn, the Jamaican-born senior pastor and founder of Isaiah's Temple of Mount Hope Spiritual Baptist Church that provides community services in the East New York and Brownsville communities in Brooklyn.

"Biennially, Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope extends recognition to well-deserved individuals, who, through hard work and personal sacrifice, continue to enrich the lives of others," added Dr. Johyn, stating that her church, at its biennial gala awards ceremony, honors outstanding business, political and clergy individuals, who "provide significant contribution to their respective communities."

Justice Hinds-Radix, an Associate Justice of the New York State Appellate Division, Second Department, said: "I'm, indeed, very honored to be

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Congresswoman Yvette Clarke delivers the Keynote address at the 1st Jambassador Awards & Gala Ceremony. Roland Hyde

On, Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016, while the island of Jamaica celebrated, with pomp and circumstance, its 54th year of independence from the United Kingdom, more than 300 Jamaicans, living in the New York metro area, hosted a grand affair.

Billed as the 1st Annual Jambassador Awards & Gala Ceremony, this evening of community, culture and couture served as a celebration of Jamaica's 54th year-of-independence, as well as an opportunity to highlight accomplishments of Jamaican-Americans living in New York City.

Net proceeds from the event was donated to The Sickle Cell Trust Inc., a 501(c)3 a New York-based not-for-profit organization, serving the medical and social needs of individual afflicted with Sickle Cell.

"This was indeed a party with a purpose," said Patrick Buddington, chief marketing officer of a local communications firm, and executive producer of the event.

"To Jamaicans, as with most immigrant groups migrating to the U.S., Independence Day and other holidays celebrated in their countries of origin, represent an opportunity to bring together family and friends, scattered across the city or country to reminisce about "back home," he said.

The event, held in the newly renovated Grand Ballroom at Rochdale Village in Queens, New York, was a collaboration with Upscale Productions Inc. and

The Sickle Cell Trust Inc. Ms. Carmelita Smith, an ardent supporter of finding relief for families afflicted with Sickle cell, heads both organizations, and contributed her time and expertise to making the event a success.

At this all-inclusive affair, celebrants enjoyed a three-course meal, drinks, dancing, and a special Jamaica 54th Souvenir. The highly celebrated, Platinum-One Band provided live music, and "Oxtail" from Road International kept the party going until 3 am.

"Our primary goal was to provide Jamaicans, friends of Jamaica, as well as those with an interest in the country's culture, music and arts, a cost-effective way to celebrate Jamaica's Independence, while recognizing Jamaican-Americans working selflessly to improve the communities where they live. Recipients of the 1st Annual Jambassador Awards are:

Business: Andrew Morris, (MBA), president / CEO — Sam's Caribbean Marketplace, West Hempstead, NY

Medicine: Dr. Marcia Edmond-Buckner(MD), clinical assistant professor & medical director, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Religion: Bishop DR. R. C. Hugh Nelson, senior pastor, Church of God of East Flatbush, Brooklyn, NY

Education: Dr. Michael Wiltshire (BS, BA, PHD), principal, Medgar Evers College Preparatory School & Boys & Girls HS, Brooklyn, NY

Health & Nutrition: Ms. Gloria

Bent(MS, RDN, CDN), associate director, NYC Health and Hospitals/North Central Bronx, NY

The Arts: Mr. Andrew Clarke (BBA), principal / founder, Braata Productions Inc. A Caribbean Folk Arts, Theatre and Education Foundation

Youth Leadership: Ms. Lorice Rodney, recent graduate, Medgar Evers College Preparatory School & Youth Mentor

Community Service Awardees:
o Dr. Norris Weir, Ordained Minister, former member of The Jamaicans, 1967 Festival Song Winner

o Mr Hubert Evans, (87 years), recently received a BBA from Medgar Evers College

o Ms Barbara Dhu (Concerned Friends of Jamaica & Percy Jr. Hospital)

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About The Sickle Cell Trust Inc.

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Antigua

The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) and its member governments have renewed their commitment to tackle commercial banks that are imposing high fees on small depositors.

The ECCB noted that one commercial bank in the sub-region has imposed a monthly fee that would prevent small depositors from earning on their deposits.

Earlier this year, the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) announced an EC\$25 monthly fee on saving accounts.

EECB Governor Timothy Antoine said that bank fees and charges, are creating a negative interest rate for small depositors, which is of concern to the monetary council.

He said that it could have an effective negative interest rate for a depositor who has less than EC\$15,000 a year in deposits or less than EC\$10,000 a year where in fact by virtue of what "you are receiving on the interest and what you're actually in a negative position, you are losing money, not earning."



Atkinson shines in Rio

Jamaica's Alia Atkinson competes in a semifinal of the women's 100-meter breaststroke during the swimming competitions at the 2016 Summer Olympics, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Associated Press / Matt Slocum

Barbados

The Barbados government has received Parliament's approval to borrow Bds\$73 million (US\$36.5 million) from the Trinidad-based ANSA Merchant Bank Ltd.

Finance Minister Chris Sinckler said the loan is to provide working capital support for the Barbados Agricultural Management Company Ltd. and to provide funding to the company's expenses and costs relating to the Barbados Cane Industry Support Project.



To date, Barbados has issued about \$75 million for the "saving bonds," which taxpayers, some of whom would be bondholders, still have to repay.

Barbados continues to borrow in tranches — the latest Bds\$10 million tranche was made available in May this year.

The International Monetary Fund

(IMF) said in its latest, May 19, statement on Barbados: "The economy faces serious challenges. Although growth has resumed and short-term prospects are positive, imbalances are persistent between available resources and government programs. Barbados remains high vulnerable and may not realize its potential without deep-seated reforms to align revenues and expenditure, and reduce debts."

Cayman Islands

Church leaders in the Cayman Islands are uniting on a campaign to take a stand against "alternative lifestyles" and same sex-unions in particular.

They are jointly spearheading an initiative "to raise awareness of biblical teachings" and an education program that starts next month with an island-wide rally.

The ministers and pastors involved said the religious community had been slow at coming together to promote what they doing already with their individual congregations.

Pastor Alson Edbanks, deputy chair of the Cayman Ministers Association and senior pastor of the George Town Church of God Chapel, said there was a pressing need for collaborative effort.



Although the church leaders spoke about the decline in general of "bible-based values," their concern over what they repeatedly referred to as a movement "to effect cultural changes in the Cayman Islands from outside the territory" and alternative lifestyles appears to be focused on the emergence of the debate locally about the rights of the

lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

The pastors said the local church community aimed to promote a return to biblical values, starting with the September campaign.

Dominica

Dominica Prime Minister Roosevelt Skeritt said that the current thresholds for the country's citizenship-for-investment program will remain unchanged for 2016.

He made the announcement during his recent budget speech saying that Dominica citizenship will continue to start from US\$100,000 and therefore remain as the least expensive of all the Caribbean citizenship programs,



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Zika travel advisory



In this Jan. 18, 2016, file photo, a female *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, known to be a carrier of the Zika virus, acquires a blood meal on the arm of a researcher at the Biomedical Sciences Institute of Sao Paulo University in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Associated Press / Andre Penner, File

there is nothing special about the disease in Antigua.

"We are honest as to the cases that we've had. We don't want to be alarmist because we live in a 24 hours a day and seven days a week media age, particularly in the online arena. We have to ensure that we are as honest, but yet as responsible as possible with the communication," James said.

The Barbados government missive in the meantime, spoke to pregnant women who are infected being monitored by state health officials and clinics but the two who gave birth at the state-owned Queen Elizabeth Hospital were not among those who were monitored by doctors.

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births on the island.

"To date, there has been no increase in the number of new borns with microcephaly. Additionally, no children born to mothers who tested positive for Zika have been diagnosed with microcephaly," government said.

The announcement has come as authorities in nearby Antigua have appealed to the media to be cautious in reporting on the Zika issue, mindful that inaccurate information could scare away tourists.

Government Tourism Chief Colin James said the U.S. has already issued a travel advisory for its citizens visiting Antigua because of current infections there so any inaccurate information from local media would be a cause of salt being rubbed into a bleeding wound.

"Alarmist" reporting on the topic would have adverse effects on a country predominantly dependent on tourism. Be honest, but do not be alarmist so folks won't think it's a rampant disease in Antigua and Barbuda, which it is not. It is a reality of today's world."

James wasted little time in pointing to the fact that confirmed Zika cases are present in other Caribbean Community member nations and the U.S. itself so

Unite to fight violence

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Avenue U in Brooklyn.

"Violence in any form, whether against law-abiding citizens or law enforcement officers, is unacceptable, intolerable, and must cease," she added. "The loss of life, and the pain that families endure, is something that we must do everything to end this scourge, the assault on humankind."

As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives' Gun Violence Task Force, Clarke said she has worked on proposals to develop several policies that will "reduce the incidence of gun violence in our communities and across our nation."

She has sponsored H.R. 5080, the Hadiya Pendleton and Nyasia Pryear-Yard Gun Trafficking & Prevention Act of 2016, which would enforce gun-trafficking as a federal crime "and would protect us all."

In order to improve and heal from the trauma of violence in communities, the congresswoman urged community, religious and political leaders, as well as law enforcement officers, activists and "all people of good will" to "work together and find a solution to this crisis."

"What unites us is greater than what divides us," she said.

In June, Clarke said she was proud to join her fellow Democratic colleagues in sitting on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in demanding the

Republican-led Congress to "bring up sensible gun control / violence prevention legislation, and allow a vote to expand background checks, close the gun show laws and ban assault weapons."

The historic action was led by civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis (D-Georgia).

"Today, I ask you to stand up so that injustice, inaction will stand down," said Clarke, adding that it is her hope that Mayor de Blasio's recent appointment of James O'Neill as the new New York Police Department (NYPD) commissioner "will be a real benefit to our city."

Clarke also hoped that O'Neill's appointment will help to make "substantial strides towards building greater trust between the police, our community, and advancing more diversity and inclusion in the NYPD."

"Now, during this crucial time, we must lift our voices," she said. "I urge you to go to your local precinct, community board and council meetings to engage in the discussions that affect our communities and to write to your elected officials about the needs of the community."

"I also encourage you to speak up and speak out during this important time in our nation," she added. "Do not adhere to the divisive discourse being battered around. Stay true to what matters – family, love, compassion for your neighbor."

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BY JACK RYAN

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Dominicans face increase Value Added Tax

By Azad Ali

Dominica's Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit recently presented a EC\$758 million budget which will see new benefits for senior citizens as well as an increase in the Value Added Tax (VAT) registration threshold for businesses and income tax incentives on new hotels rooms.

During his two-hour budget presentation Skerrit said total revenues for the year were estimated at EC\$718.9 million, while total expenditure inclusive of debt amortization is projected at EC\$758 million.

He said nine years after VAT was introduced, the registration threshold was set at \$60,000 and in 2007 it was doubled except hotels and rental businesses.

The prime minister said the government will once again increase VAT saying that the new threshold will apply to all types of businesses that are engaged in the supply of taxable goods and services.

Skerrit, who is also finance minister, said effective Sept. 1, 2016 the VAT registration threshold to \$250,000 per annum for all categories of businesses.

He said regarding income tax incen-



Dominica's Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit. Associated Press / Fernando Llano

tives on new hotel rooms, the new measure is based on a request from the hoteliers for an adjustment of the tax incentives granted to them.

Opposition members walked out of Parliament but that did not prevent the passing of the budget.

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given this award.

"We're living in very trying times," she added, "and the church has a very significant role to play. I thank you for this honor, and may God continue to bless you."

Pastor Passie said it was "God's doing" to be honored.

"This is nothing with me," he said. "I just thank God. Someone saw this little plant in Brooklyn and decided to honor me."

In receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, Elect Lady Pastor Harper, of Zion House of Prayer, Inc., on Bedford Ave. in Brooklyn, said she was "truly standing here not on my own but because of the Great Jehovah, who has seen fit for me to rise from a bad cancer.

"I owe it to the man called Jesus," she added. "I'm truly blessed. For all who received honors, and hope to receive honors, keep serving God."

Walker, who represents the 55th Assembly District in Brooklyn, thanked the organizers for bestowing the honor on her and used the occasion to plug her upcoming re-election.

Mayor Bill deBlasio, U.S. Sen. Charles E. Schumer, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, who was the keynote speak-

er, and Council Member Dr. Mathieu Eugene were among elected officials and others who extended congratulations to the honorees and Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope.

De Blasio said the temple has stood as "a steadfast source for many in Brooklyn, fostering the spiritual growth of its members and helping to forge a path to a better and brighter future."

Schumer said it was his pleasure to extend "greetings and warm wishes to you and all those attending" the awards celebration.

He said Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope Spiritual Baptist Church has offered "spiritual guidance to sustain communities during both times of prosperity and of hardship.

"Its unwavering commitment to faith and family has helped to build a better New York," Schumer said.

On behalf of the residents of the 9th Congressional District of New York, which she represents, Clarke said, "I want to recognize this year's honorees.

"Through your unwavering support, this church has become a beacon of light for those in need of refuge," she said.

Eugene, who represents the 40th Council District in Brooklyn, noted that Isaiah Temple has been "a staple church in our community for over a decade."

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Presidential qualities missing in today's politics

By Phil Andrews

In observing the history of U.S. presidents today, does degrees of separation matter like in times past? It is extremely important for leaders to develop essential leadership skills along with communication skills to be effective in the age of knowledge that we live in today; it is expected in today's society and we should expect them to live up to this standard of excellence.

When we look at presidents such as Abraham Lincoln, Barack Obama, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, what can we learn about what separated them in leadership style, communication patterns and effectiveness?

Abraham Lincoln sprung up from humble beginnings, and developed excellent oratory skills. He was also able to develop a level of emotional intelligence during his time, even though the term was not coined as such yet.

Barack Obama is known to be a charismatic leader with oracle skills akin to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and known to have high IQ and skills to be a consensus builder. Ronald Reagan was known as the "Great Communicator," and certainly had the ability to connect to the American public. His background in acting probably was an asset on one of the greatest stages on the planet.

Bill Clinton has been called one of the greatest one-on-one communicators on the planet, and when he speaks to a person it is said that he focuses on them like no one else in the

world exists at that moment.

When we look at many of the candidates in the current presidential election, we do not see the above presidential qualities candidates should possess to some degree. Becoming an effective leader and communicator of noteworthy achievement requires activity knowledge, book knowledge and good old fashioned intuition to make the right decisions, after we ponder various methods of learning and coming up with the right decision based upon the sum and total of available knowledge.

Any serious presidential candidate in this century should not be deficient in displaying the highest degree of skills in the areas of communication and leadership. In fact, the act of running for one of the highest offices in the world should enlighten any woman or man seeking such an office.

If any candidate for the U.S. presidency seriously engages the American public and takes away much of what they learn from listening to the American public on the trail to the white house, they will invariably become a better person through understanding some of the vast points of view of the American public.

"The highest level of leadership requires in addition to integrity and practical transparency, the ability to know well the common denominator that positively arrest the attention of their highly diverse constituents. Once arrested, they skillfully inspire them to

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Party paramountcy

By Wayne Kublalsingh

On Feb. 8 this year, the "Report of the Commission of Inquiry on the Circumstances Surrounding the Death of the Late Dr Walter Rodney" was submitted to the President of Guyana, David Granger. The commissioners, Sir Richard Cheltenham, QC; Mr Seenath Jairam, SC; and Mrs Jacqueline Samuels-Browne, SC, met for two years. The following is based on the report and video footage of the Inquiry.

Walter Rodney was sitting in a car on the night of June 13 1980 in Georgetown, Guyana. Next to him was his brother, Donald. On Rodney's lap was a walkie talkie. Inside the walkie talkie was a fragment of explosive. By switching the walkie talkie to a specific frequency, an electronic charge was created. This charge ignited the explosive, blowing up on Rodney's lap. The report found that Rodney was killed "by an agent of the state having been aided and abetted to do so, by individuals holding positions of leadership in state agencies and committed to carrying out the wishes of the PNC administration."

Walter Rodney was a scholar, a historian, a political activist. He was born in Georgetown on March 23rd 1942. His parents, his father a tailor and his mother a seamstress, were supporters, not of Burnham's PNC, but Cheddi Jagan's PPP. Rodney studied history at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica and graduated with first class honours in 1963. He pursued his PhD in African History at the School of African and Oriental Studies, University of

London. His thesis was "A History of the Upper Guinea Coast" (Oxford University Press, 1970).

Rodney returned to Jamaica in 1968 where he lectured at the History Department of UWI. He also made friends with ordinary Jamaicans, particularly with the Rastafari, "grounding" — Groundings With My Brothers — with his brothers in an era of Black Power, Black Consciousness; a Renaissance of African ideas, art and activism in the Americas. He was banned from re-entering Jamaica by Prime Minister Hugh Shearer, after attending the Black Writers Conference in Canada. This led to riots in Kingston in October 1968, the Rodney Riots. Debarred from entering Jamaica, he went to Tanzania to teach from 1968-1974.

In 1974, Rodney returned to Guyana to accept a position as professor of history at the University of Guyana. The academic board had appointed him but the university's 'political wing', the University Council rescinded his appointment. Rodney, who was married to Dr. Patricia Rodney, the father of two daughters and a son, founded a coalition, the Working People's Alliance, that challenged the paramountcy of Prime Minister Forbes Burnham. The Guyanese people knew of him, his work in Jamaica and Africa, his firing; and he began, with his lucid debating style, to fire the imaginations and hearts of his compatriots.

Guyana, at this time, was a heart of darkness. The CIA and the British government had engineered a coup in 1964 and placed Forbes Burnham's PNC at

Guyana's helm. Burnham ruled Guyana using his publicly proclaimed euphemism: "party paramountcy." The party, not the state, controlled the arms of the Guyana Defence Force, the Guyana Police, departments of government; and, in critical matters, parts of the judiciary, the electoral machinery, the media, the trade unions.

Burnham possessed two additional arms: the "Death Squad," that is police in plain clothes; and Rabbi Washington's House of Israel. These conducted surveillance, and viciously smashed opposition elements, using hockey sticks and batons. The second were enforcers, bullies, extortionists, hit squads, strike-breakers, anti-union operators, deacons, black Jews and nuts and plantain-chip vendors in one.

Rodney's broad appeal bridged ethnic divides in Guyana. He developed a fraternal working relationship with Jagan's opposition PPP. He joined in marches against extrajudicial killings of members of the clergy, opposition parties and trade unions. Two members of his WPA were murdered. He responded with militant calls for Burnham's removal. He engaged an electronics engineer, a sergeant in the Guyana Defence Force, to develop a radio network for the WPA. This man was Gregory Smith. On July 1979, Burnham's PNC's headquarters was destroyed by fire. Rodney was charged along with Drs. Omawale and Roopnarine and others.

In August 1979, following the fire, Burnham

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CARICOM Reparations Commission to boost online presence

By Nelson A. King

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Reparations Commission (CRC) will soon become more accessible online as it seeks to boost its presence by rolling out a new website and new social media platforms via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

According to Don Rojas, the Vincentian-born senior advisor for Communications to the vice chancellor, University of the West Indies (UWI), the website address is www.caricom-reparations.org. said Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, is UWI vice chancellor and chairman of the CARICOM Reparations Commission.

The Commission can also be found at the following social media addresses <https://facebook.com/CARICOMReparations/>, <https://twitter.com/CaricomReparations/>, and <https://www.instagram.com/caricomreparations/>.

Rojas said the CRC's website is a multimedia portal that aggregates a wide range of print,

video, and photo content about the growing reparations movement in the Caribbean and around the world.

It contains news reports, as well as speeches, lectures and essays by CARICOM leaders, public intellectuals, academics and civil society activists in the Caribbean, North America, Europe and Africa, Rojas said.

He said the website's scope expands beyond the Caribbean region to encompass content that reflects an emerging global movement for reparatory justice.

Rojas said the establishment of the CARICOM Reparations Commission (CRC) in July, 2013 has inspired the birth of similar reparations commissions and committees in the United States, Europe, Britain and Canada in recent years.

Aspects of the CRC's 10-point Action Plan for reparatory justice have been emulated in the policy platforms of the Black Lives Matter and other civil rights movements in the US and Canada, Rojas said.

He said the social media campaign is geared towards bringing global awareness to the CARICOM reparatory justice movement, creating the context for the achievement of the 10-point plan through mass mobilization and support for the initiatives of the CRC.

Additionally, Rojas the social media campaign is expected to bring about a social movement that will contribute to achieving the goal of reparatory justice.

"We are very pleased to launch our new Web site and social media platforms in this week of Emancipation celebrations, a time when our people all over the region are marking the end of chattel slavery, apprenticeship and indenture in the 19th Century," Sir Hilary said.

"These new online tools will serve to inform the general public on what the Commission has done since it was established three years ago and how a global reparations movement has emerged over that period," he added. "This information will empower and inspire advocates



Sir Hilary Beckles, vice chancellor of the University of the West Indies.

Photo by George Alleyne

for reparatory justice in the Caribbean and around the world."

Rojas said the site and the social platforms will also catalogue progress made in recent years in the struggle for reparations, and will report on initiatives underway and those soon to be launched in various CARICOM Member-States, including the Reparations Relay initiative.

"Furthermore, these social media platforms will engage young people in the Caribbean and around the world in the ongoing reparations conversations and debates," he said.

The CRC was established following a mandate from the CARICOM Conference of Heads of Government, at their 34th

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passionately act.” - Winnie Benjamin, the program director of Stewardship Masters International, Inc and certified independent leadership coach and mentor on the John Maxwell Leadership Team.

I would encourage all politicians who are running for election, regardless of the position of the particular office, to study both the life and times of great leaders to get a feel of the substance, style and times which strengthened the decision making capacity of great leaders both in the

past and the present.

I would say that my greatest achievement thus far is in using everything that I have learned in all of my prior work experiences, life experiences and leadership development positions to bring visions of excellence and greatness into reality.

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warned: “We promise to match steel with steel and fire with fire... So comrades, let us deal now with another of them—the Worst Possible Alternative... What does WPA stand for?... Comrades, they had better make their wills, because ... we are not asking them for quarter and we will not give them any... the battle is joined, no holds are barred...Comrades, we are now in the Roman amphitheatre. The lion and the gladiator cannot both survive; one must die, and we know that the People’s National Congress will live.”

Gregory Smith, Guyana Defence Force soldier and electronics engineer, was persuaded to kill Rodney

using a walkie-talkie, given to the Rodney brothers on the evening of the explosion. It was a death caused and covered up by leading figures in the GDF, Guyana Police, and Immigration services. All the cover-up, the spiriting of Smith and his women partners and children out of Guyana, on GDF aircraft, the bogus immigration papers and passports, the alias (Cyril Johnson), the disappeared files, police indifference and malpractice, were done, variously, by these persons.

Forbes Burnham ruled Guyana from 1964 to 1985, first as prime minister, then as president (1980-1985). The killers adhered to party line, the post-Colonial Caribbean malaise: party paramountcy.

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Regular Meeting held in Trinidad and Tobago in July 2013, to establish national committees and a regional commission to pursue reparations from the former European colonial powers for Native Genocide, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery.

Rojas noted that 12 CARICOM Member-States have established national reparations committees to date, namely: Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.

As part of its activities this year, Rojas said the CRC is hosting a series of international Reparations Relays and Rallies in collaboration with the CARICOM Member-States, which have committed to being part of the reparations movement.

“These events are being held on days of historical significance in relation to slavery, the slave trade or native genocide in each Member State,” he said. “A baton

and torch are passed from the current member-state to the next one which will host the rally.”

The first leg was hosted by Barbados in April, while Guyana hosted its Rally and Relay in May, according to Rojas.

He said Suriname will host its event on Aug. 9, the Day of Indigenous People, and St. Lucia’s event will be on Aug. 17, the 129th birthday of Pan-Africanist and National Hero of Jamaica, Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

The celebrations in Suriname will feature a marketplace of art and craft, rituals and performances, a music festival and the passing of the Reparations baton at the Palm Gardens in Paramaribo, the capital, Rojas said.

He said the activities in St. Lucia will be held at the Open Campus, The Morne, Castries, the capital. Ambassador Dr. June Soomer, the new secretary general of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) will deliver a feature address.

Dr. Soomer is the immediate past St. Lucia Ambassador to CARICOM and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), and a founding member of the St. Lucia National Reparations Committee.



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Night at the museum Caribbean style!

By Alexandra Simon

It was a Caribbean night at the museum.

Thousands of people celebrated Caribbean heritage and culture at the Brooklyn Museum for “caribBEING in Brooklyn” on Aug. 6. Guests danced to music, did cultural workshops, even got to watch a few films. One guest enjoyed the events atmosphere so much, she plans on coming to the museum more often.

“It was great — this was my first time at the Brooklyn Museum. I definitely need to come back more,” said Regine Jean Francois, who attended with her cousin.

“It honestly felt like a basement party. It felt like have good time and the lights matched up with the vibe of a typical Caribbean basement party.”

The event organized by caribBEING House in a partnership with the Brooklyn Museum boasted a success with about 13,000 people attending, according to its organizer.

“That was our biggest event that we’ve done. This was the biggest one that I’ve seen,” said



The jokester: Popular comedian Majah Hype, laughs as he takes questions from guests at Brooklyn Museum during a question and answer session.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

Shelley Worrell, founder and executive director of caribBEING House.

“The goal is really about celebrating the community and the culture. Every August — first Saturday is always dedicated to the Caribbean.”

Other highlights of the event was a question and answer session with viral comedian, Majah Hype, known for his precise impressions of Carib-



The CaribBEING connection: Cousins Ericka Jean Marie, left, and Regine Jean Francois celebrate being Caribbean at the CaribBEING in Brooklyn event, at the Brooklyn Museum on Aug. 6.

Photo by Jordan Rathkopf

bean accents. For entertainment, international Dance-hall choreographer Blacka Di

Danca, taught a dance workshop, and the event concluded with the film screenings of

two films — classic Jamaican flick “Rockers,” and new film “Bazodee.”

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Star of the night: Johnny Osbourne, performs some of his hit songs, at the Brooklyn Bowl.

Johnny Osbourne celebrates Jamaica's Independence

By Alexandra Simon

A concert honoring Jamaica's independence day had some guests literally at a loss for words.

Crowds packed into the Brooklyn Bowl on Friday, Aug. 5 to see the Reggae and Dancehall artists celebrate Jamaica's 54th year of independence with musical performances. Guests danced, did some choreography, and when man of the hour Johnny Osbourne came out, some people even screamed, said one guest.

"I lost my voice because of the event," said a guest who only identified as Alexandra F.

"I love Johnny Osbourne - I like to see him perform and dance. I

was so excited screaming and dancing, in the morning I didn't have a voice."

The concert also featured choreography from international Dancehall choreographer Blacka Di Danca, who invited several guests on stage to dance with him, and performances by Red Fox, and Rice and Peas.

The event was as much a success, as it was healing for guests who anticipate the next concert.

"Everything was amazing - I can't wait for LargeUp's next event," said Alexandra F. "Johnny Osbourne has an energy on stage that's unforgettable. These legends make you feel a different vibration from their music - I feel like I went to through therapy."



Star of the night: Johnny Osbourne, performs some of his hit songs, at the Brooklyn Bowl.



Classic tunes: Artist Red Fox commanded the stage with a brief performance. Photos by Stefano Giovannini

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Guyanese promotes World Ventures Travel Club

By Tangerine Clarke

Global Connector, and talk show host, Sebrina Sumrah-Kelly captivated an audience at the United Baptist Church on Ralph Avenue in Brooklyn, recently, during her dynamic presentation to open new vistas in travel for many whom she said do not own a passport, and do not leave the confines of their homes.

With promises from World Ventures Travel Club, to create more fun, freedom, and fulfillment in people's lives through the merging of great life experiences, in addition to personal development, Sumrah-Kelly, a Georgia-based personal representative, told the small gathering that she could impact their lives with creative ways to see the world.

Sumrah-Kelly who carries around a sign that reads "You Should Be Here" explained the workings of the travel club, and stated that dream trips allow vacationers to experience Caribbean cruises, resorts and theme parks through a bulk rate system that make vacations seamless.

A video presentation showcased exciting scenery from destinations like Dubai, Mexico, Nuevo Vallarta, and many others, to where the travel representative invited her audience to take advantage of.

Celebrating its 10th year as an award-winning travel club, World Ventures is known as one of the most highly acclaimed



World Ventures Representative, Sebrina Sumrah-Kelly, second from right, join members of the audience to showcase the sign used by World Ventures - You Should Be Here." Photo by Tangerine Clarke

travel organizations with Independent representatives in 28 countries, around the world.

According to Sumrah-Kelly, travellers have over 11,000 trips to choose from. The dream trips include destinations that come with a trip adviser, who ensures vacationers receive airport transportation, passes, meals, entertainment, excursions and other benefits that would allow cus-

tomers to immerse themselves in the culture wherever trips take them.

Sumrah-Kelly, whose global connector theme is "Promoting, Empowering, Inspiring, Connecting," noted that a traveler becomes an interdependent representative, while enjoying the pleasures of the travel club. A rewards program also allows vacationers the opportunity to earn free trips

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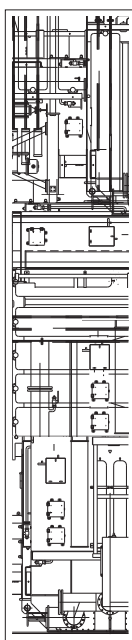
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CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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in most instances as much as half the cost of its peers.

He noted that the citizenship program has raised more than US\$200 million, surpassing all expectations.

The prime minister said the funds raised from the program have been a major source of funding in the recovery efforts after tropical storm Erika.

The cost of Dominica citizenship starts at US\$100,000 for a single person and \$200,000 for family of four.

In addition, Dominica offers selected real estate investments to qualify for its passport. Already more than one 5-star hotel brand has committed to build resorts on the island with other residential and hotel resorts for investors to choose from.

Guyana

The Guyana Ministry of State has ordered 14 Venezuelans to be deported who entered the South American country illegal in search of basic food items.

Venezuela is facing an economic crisis in which food, medicine and basic goods are in short supply. The lack of necessities has led to thousands of Venezuelans traveling to Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana and Colombia.

Guyanese State Minister Joseph Harmon told a press conference, "we have made it clear that on humanitarian grounds we will not turn back Venezuelans who come to seek help here in Guyana."

Authorities said nine men and five women from Venezuela who were detained after illegally entering Guyana would be deported.

A court found the 14 Venezuelans guilty of entering by sea on July 20 and disembarking without presenting themselves to an immigration officer. They were each fined.

Harmon stressed that any Venezuelan traveling to the country must do so legally through the designated ports of entry.

Jamaica

Jamaica Tourism Minister Edmund Bartlett will soon be visiting China to boost Asian cruise ship passengers to the island.

Bartlett said he and a delegation are going to talk about the possibility of having Chinese cruise emanating from within Jamaica and going to the rest of the Caribbean.

He said the Andrew Holness government is projecting Jam\$5 billion in earnings from five million cruise ship passengers stopping over by 2021.

The tourism minister said that the projected growth in the tourism industry should result in more than 120,000 persons being directly

employed and another 300,000 persons from other employment.

St. Vincent

A New York-based local calypsonian will appear in court on Oct. 31 on a charge of uttering seditious words and threatening to kill Prime Minister



Dr. Ralph Gonsalves and members of his family.

Paul Scrubb appeared before Chief Magistrate Rechanne Browne Matthias at the Serious Offences Court in St Vincent and the Grenadines recently and was placed on EC\$25,000 bail.

Scrubb was arrested at the ET Joshua Airport as he was about to leave the island after a five-week stay.

The calypsonian who goes by the sobriquet "I-Madd," is accused of maliciously sending or uttering threats to kill Dr. Gonsalves between Dec. 9 and 31 last year.

According to the charges, the calypsonian said: "Ralph Gonsalves should be assassinated, also, his whole damn family."

The magistrate ordered Scrubb to report to a police station on Mondays and Thursdays, surrender all travel documents and obtain permission of the court to leave the country.

Scrubb's attorney told the court his client is innocent and is accusing the government of engaging in a witch-hunt.

St. Lucia

The government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has awarded 16 scholarships to St. Lucian nationals. Among them are five medical students.

Speaking at a ceremony to award

the scholarships Ambassador Ray Mou says interest in Taiwan Scholarships has increased sharply over the years, making the competition for the awards intense because of the high quality of candidates from different countries.

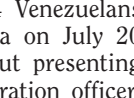
The ambassador said the number of scholarships has increased from previous years and will work hard with the new government to obtain more.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Innovation, General Relations and Sustainable Development, John Calixte emphasized the importance for the scholarship recipients to make best use of the opportunity afforded them and to always aim for excellence.

Taiwan Scholarships Alumni as well as students currently pursuing studies in the Asia nation were also on hand to provide support to the new batch of recipients.

There are more than 60 St. Lucian students studying in Taiwan and about 50 have already completed their studies.

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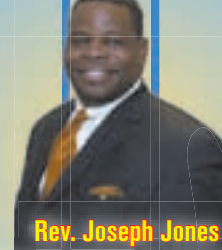
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Children celebrate Emancipation Day

By Tequila Minsky

Once more, the day-campers at Brooklyn's St. Jude Community Center (SJCC) marked Emancipation Day — this year is their 15th annual celebration — on an afternoon with cooperating mild weather and no (as predicted) rain.

Emancipation Day takes place in many Caribbean islands on Aug. 1 (or during the first weeks in August), and on this day in Brooklyn, the day camp celebrated with an afternoon of presenters furthering the theme “Celebrating the Resilience of a People.”

Drummer Aakhu Ali, who also performs as a vocalist in the Afro-Rock / Punk band FBDs (Freaky Baby Daddies), played the West African goblet-shaped djembe drum, had the campers clap with his rhythms and told stories from West Africa.

Pat Nurse, Children's Carnival ‘Carnival Carican’ designer — “We have 90 children in our mas camp” — and author of “Carnival Woman” gave a motivational talk on being a good person.

Her messages: don't talk back, don't bully, don't steal, don't laugh at others. As she listed



Dr. Brenda Irving, pastor at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Cambria Heights reads the story about following the drinking gourd, big dipper, to freedom.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

these, the children repeated them aloud. For the dos she said: keep focused, do your chores, be kind, be friendly, be happy. Nurse reminded the children they are loved by their family, teachers and neighbors.

Dr. Brenda Irving, pastor at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Cambria Heights continued this theme by having the children repeat: I am special, I can do good things, I am loved.

She then read a story about “following the drinking gourd,” the big dipper to freedom with accompanying singing of the spiritual — Follow the Drinking Gourd.



Dr. Richard Green engages the kids.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

Long time supporter, Dr. Richard Green of the Crown Heights Youth Collective gave positive messages to the children. He presented a very brief account of famous Americans with West Indian backgrounds: Colin Powell whose parents are from Jamaica and Malcolm X

whose mother came from Grenada.

After a modern dance performance, children were treated to traditional snacks. Along with tangerines and bananas, children and guests ate saltfish accra — cod fish fitters / fish cakes, coconut drop pastries, and the

very sweet toolum, made from coconut and molasses. They washed down all with mauby, a drink made from the bark of the mauby tree. Sugarcane and farine (parched cassava / yuca mixed with sugar) were given out as sample tastes of Trinidad and other Caribbean environs.



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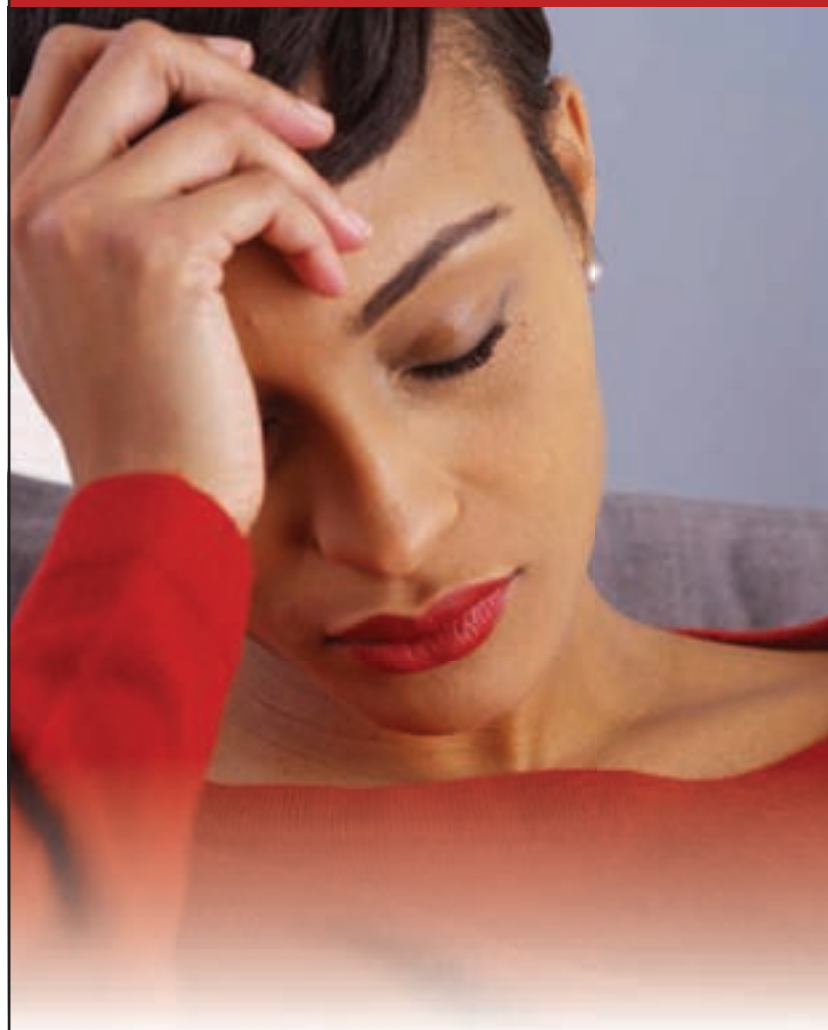
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Adams leads team in addressing gun violence in Trinidad

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams is leading a delegation that includes members of the 67th Police Precinct Clergy Council in Brooklyn on a visit to Trinidad and Tobago that is focused on local and global issues relating to gun violence.

The mission comes at the invitation of the Trinidad & Tobago – USA Clergy Council and Major Gen. Edmund Dillon, Trinidad and Tobago's Minister of National Security, according to the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President.

On his three-day visit, Adams, a former New York City Police Sergeant, is scheduled to meet with high-ranking government ministers, as well as members of its local faith community, "to advance a solution-oriented public safety dialogue," the statement said.

"I am honored to come to Trinidad and Tobago and represent Brooklyn's vibrant Caribbean population, a population concerned about safety and security in both of our nations," said Adams just before departure on Wednesday.

"Our two countries stand for many of the same values; we both stand tall on the foundation of rich diversity, a democratic form of government, and the traditions of the common law," he added. "Unfortunately, we also share the problem of gun violence rates that are disproportionately high when compared to other nations.

"I am hopeful that we will have an opportunity to learn from each other, as we search for solutions that make our communities safer places to raise healthy children and families,"

Adams continued.

Hoping to spark a larger conversation about protecting families in the United States and Trinidad and Tobago, Adams will join a prayer vigil for the victims of gun violence in the capital Port-of-Spain, as well as deliver the keynote address at a symposium on finding solutions to gun violence, the statement said.

In addition, it said Adams will visit Major Gen. Dillon, as well as John L. Estrada, United States Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, and Mayor Keron Valentine of Port of Spain.

"These discussions build on efforts by Borough President Adams to work with the community of faith to protect families and children from the threat of gun violence," the statement said.

Following the massacre at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston, South Carolina in June, Adams convened an emergency briefing with close to 100 clergy members and counterterrorism experts on safety at local houses of worship, where he discussed crisis strategies, such as creating a notification system for mobilizing the faith community.

More recently, he joined faith leaders, the New York City administration of Mayor Bill de Blasio and the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to launch #WeAreJOUvert, a campaign comprising public safety and community outreach efforts that will be undertaken by a coalition of local stakeholders in advance of J'Ouvert festivities in Brooklyn on Labor Day Holiday, the first Monday in September.



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Debut Caribbean author among noms for lit award

By Alexandra Simon

A local Caribbean-American author up for nomination for the Brooklyn Eagle's Literary Prize, is thrilled about her very first book being up for the prize, and hopes to make a dent in Caribbean literature.

Flatbush native and author Naomi Jackson's debut novel, "The Star Side of Bird Hill: A Novel," has been nominated for the Brooklyn Public Library award – a library she says inspired her to keep writing.

"Surprises from libraries mean a lot to me, particularly from the Brooklyn Public Library because that's where I got my first library card," said Jackson. "This is my first hometown award, so I'm really excited a geeky way."

"The Star Side of Bird Hill: A Novel" follows the story of two girls from Brooklyn who go to Barbados under the impression they will have a during the summer of 1989



Changing the Caribbean narrative: Author Naomi Jackson's debut book, "The Star Side of Bird Hill: A Novel," writes to share a Caribbean-American experience not often talked about. Jackson hopes her book finds Caribbean audiences who feel tied between their American and Caribbean identities.

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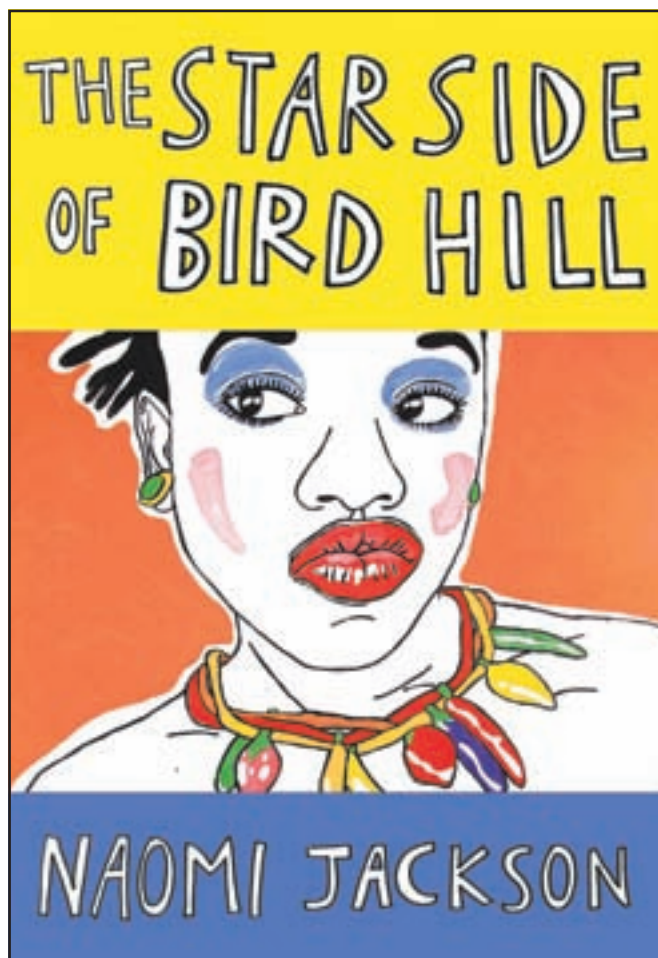
and think they're going to see their grandmother," said Jackson.

Jackson's book takes readers into a story about the Caribbean-American experience,

which she hopes adds a new perspective into Caribbean literature that is not often talked about. Jackson also says that the strong women stereotype has encroached Caribbean women, which has dominated Caribbean literature, but she hopes to introduce a new perspective that illustrates Caribbean women in a different light.

"My hope is that people look at Caribbean women with a different eye," said Jackson. "I think that part of the stories we've read are popular notions of black women is that we're incredibly strong – almost invincible. I'm trying to present a portrait of family that's not invincible."

The novel, based on storytelling Jackson remembers from childhood, tackles depression, suicide, and family dysfunction, which Jackson believes people will be able to relate to despite the heaviness of the those subjects.



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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

When you've got 90 years of experience, you know how to throw awesome parties.

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Elect Lady Rev. Mother Naomi Harper (left) receives Lifetime Achievement Award from Archbishop Dr. Voni Johyn.

Vincy Spiritual Baptist pastor receives award

By Nelson A. King

A Spiritual Baptist church in Brooklyn last Friday night bestowed its Lifetime Achievement Award on a Vincentian Spiritual Baptist pastor in Brooklyn at a gala award ceremony at Paradise Manor on Avenue U, also in Brooklyn.

Elect Lady Pastor Naomi Harper, of Zion House of Prayer, Inc., on Bedford Ave. in Brooklyn, were among nine other honorees at the biennial ceremony organized by Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope Spiritual Baptist Church, a faith-based organization in the East New York section of Brooklyn.

In receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, Pastor Harper, who hails from Evesham in the Marriagua Valley in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, told patrons that she was "truly standing here not on my own but because of the Great Jehovah, who has seen fit for me to rise from a bad cancer.

"I owe it to the man called Jesus," she added. "I'm truly blessed. For all who received honors, and hope to receive honors, keep serving God."

The other honorees were: Barbadian-born Justice Sylvia Hinds-Radix; Trinidadian members of the clergy Pastor Mervyn S. Passie, Bishop Majorie Trim, the Rev. Eric Wylie and Minister Dionne Smith; Jamaican-born pastor Archbishop Fr. Allan S. Jones; Clinical Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Janet Larghi; New York State Assembly Member Latrice Walker; and Guyanese Archbishop Dr. Pamela Taylor.

"It is with love and appreciation that I extend congratulations to our honorees," said Her Grace, the Most Rev.

Dr. Voni B. Johyn, the Jamaican-born senior pastor and founder of Isaiah's Temple of Mount Hope Spiritual Baptist Church that provides community services in the East New York and Brownsville communities in Brooklyn.

"Biennially, Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope extends recognition to well-deserved individuals, who, through hard work and personal sacrifice, continue to enrich the lives of others," added Dr. Johyn, stating that her church, at its biennial gala awards ceremony, honors outstanding business, political and clergy individuals, who "provide significant contribution to their respective communities."

New York City Mayor Bill deBlasio, U.S. Sen. Charles E. Schumer, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, who was the keynote speaker, and Council Member Dr. Mathieu Eugene were among elected officials and others who extended congratulations to the honorees and Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope.

Pastor Harper said she has been involved in church and community development for over 35 years.

Harper, who migrated to New York in 1967, said she held "cottage meetings" in her Brooklyn home for many years before being ordained as a Spiritual Baptist Minister, in 1983, by Bishop Oswald Williams, of the New Jerusalem Temple of Truth.

A year earlier, she founded the Zion House of Prayer.

In 2014, Pastor Harper was consecrated to Lady Elect by His Beatitude Dr. Edward F. Barrow, Provincial Apostolic Primate of the Spiritual Baptist Apostolic Province of New York.

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IS GEN Z TOTALLY DIGITAL?

All students heading back to school this year are part of the new generation known as Generation Z. Born in the years of 1995 to 2012, this group is defined by the fact that they grew up with a widespread usage of technology from a very young age. Laptops, software, apps, and digital devices have granted them powerful tools to access nearly the entire bank of human knowledge. However, it is important to understand

this generation is not solely digital, as studies have found handwriting and analog tools remain important elements of communication when it comes to learning.

According to a recent study commissioned by Post-it, 85 percent of Gen Z students feel they learn best when they use both digital and non-digital tools for schoolwork.

The study underlines how this group lives in a “phigi-

tal” world, a term coined by David Stillman, an author, speaker, and expert on Gen Z. That is, physical and digital. He finds “Gen Z students are adept and fluent with technology, yet they still value and see the benefits of non-digital practices such as writing things down with pen and paper and especially communicating face-to-face.”

His son, Jonah Stillman, a 17-year-old high school student who writes and speaks

about Gen Z, agrees.

“I can’t imagine life without technology, as I use it throughout the day, even at school,” he says. “However, when I’m studying for that big test or trying to remember something from class, I find it helps to actually write things down.”

By understanding how these students think, communicate, and learn best, parents can set them up for success as they head back to school.

Harness the strengths of both study tools

According to the same study, 61 percent of respondents use both digital devices and handwritten notes when it comes to school work. In fact, 81 percent stated that they would feel restricted if they could only work on digital devices.

Before the start of the school year, talk to your student. *Continued on page 34*

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dent about his needs and find digital and non-digital tools that complement one another. Perhaps he would prefer to open a textbook and flag key points to remember rather than download the e-book on a tablet. On the other hand, he may prefer an e-book but learn best when he can jot down key facts on paper.

Find a note-taking solution that works.

Handwritten notes helped 93 percent of students keep up with schoolwork in a typical week. Whether they prefer to type lecture notes or write them out longhand, students will better recall and retain important information when they extract key details from a dense outline of notes. Therefore, as students review their notes, they should jot down facts and reminders on sticky notes. Not only does the act of writing enhance retention, but the notes can stick and restick to organize ideas in a notebook or on a desk, as well as be used as flash cards.

“Using sticky notes is ideal as it taps into exactly how Gen Z has been trained to communicate,” says Stillman. “From social media posts to texts, they typically write in sound bites. Giving them a full sheet of pa-

per would feel more out of place, if not overwhelming.”

Remember how Gen Z communicates with others

While Gen Z has spent years texting and tweeting, electronic communication is not the only medium. In fact, 84 percent of these students said they prefer face-to-face communication, according to a study called “Gen Z @ Work,” conducted by Gen Z Guru and the Institute for Corporate Productivity. An in-person meeting works well for these students. Therefore, consider setting up a weekly after-school session with a teacher, or review lessons with a tutor or peer.

Understand there is a time and place for digital devices, but balance is key. Some students may be distracted in classrooms by the temptation to text friends and browse social media, while other students find digital devices are helpful for tasks like researching information for a report or reading current events.

Reach your goal

You’re 42 percent more likely to get something done if you write it down, according to research from the Dominican University of California. Encouraging students to write down their goals is a way to help them achieve in the new school year.



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Standing up for others in a segregated society

"She Stood for Freedom" by Loki Mulholland, artwork by Charlotta Janssen
c.2016, Shadow Mountain
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64 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your parents always taught you to stand up for yourself.

Form your own opinions, they say, and don't follow the crowd. If so-and-so wanted to jump off a cliff, be brave enough to not go, too. Speak up when something's not right, and hold your head high. Stand up for yourself and, in the new book "She Stood for Freedom" by Loki Mulholland, stand up for others, too.

Growing up in Virginia in the 1940s and '50s, Joan Trumpauer knew about segregation. It was the law in most parts of the South, but Trumpauer's parents were split on the issue: her father was a Northerner who believed in equality for all, while

her mother was a Southerner who demanded racial separation.

When she was still a girl, Trumpauer learned who was right: on a dare, she went to a neighborhood that her mother had forbidden her to visit. There, she saw a tumbledown school for black children, and it shocked her. Treating people differently wasn't fair! She became determined to do something about it when she grew up.

After graduating from high school, Trumpauer went to college, where she was invited to join a demonstration. That was something new for her, but she sensed that it would anger her parents. Still, how could she not go?

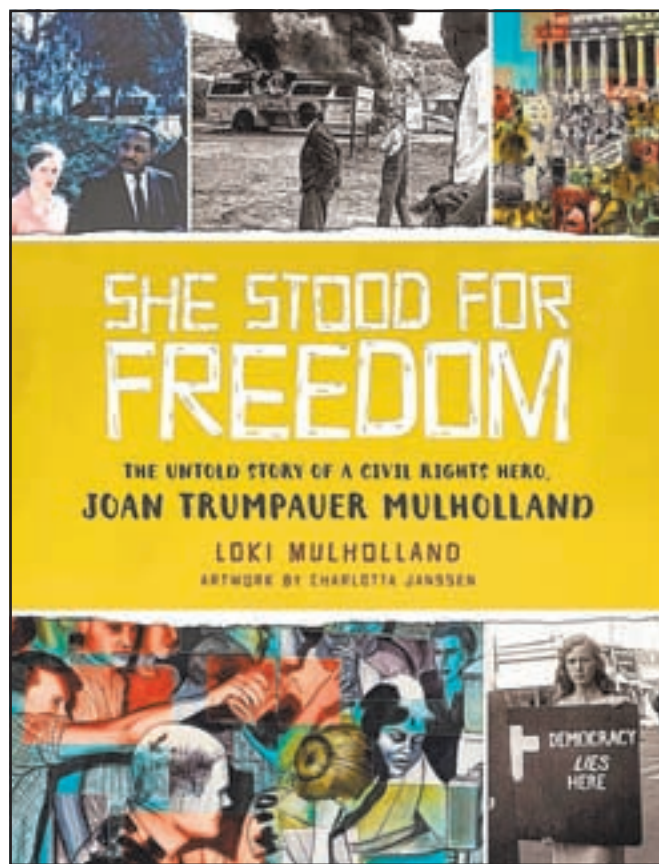
In 1960, Trumpauer formally joined the Civil Rights Movement, to stand with others in equality. She participated in sit-ins, where people literally sat at lunch counters until the stores closed or the police came. She picketed a segregated Maryland amusement park that summer,

and helped her black friends gain admittance. People warned her family that she was making trouble, but Trumpauer didn't care.

When she had a chance to be one of the Freedom Riders, she seized it. It was dangerous, and it eventually landed Trumpauer in prison, but that didn't stop her. Even as an adult with children of her own, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland continued with her efforts for equality. Today, she continues to remind people that you don't have to change the whole world. You just have to change your corner of it.

Remember how it felt to think that your one small voice wasn't going to make a dent in anything important? Yep, and "She Stood for Freedom" proves otherwise.

Starting when his subject was roughly the same age as his intended readers, author Loki Mulholland tells the little-known story of his mother, Joan, and the unsung work she did for Civil Rights. I found that to be



Book cover of "She Stood for Freedom" by Loki Mulholland.

the most interesting aspect of this book — that one woman did so much for the Movement, but her name is rarely mentioned in any history books. To read this book, in fact, is like focusing on one spot of a painting — or, more aptly, to look at one square of artist Charlotta Janssen's illustrations here.



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Hyphenated Americans parade in Brooklyn

Queens is the most culturally diverse community in New York but recently Brooklyn rivaled the borough with its third annual International Day of Friendship.

Had Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump attended the downtown date, he would have been overwhelmed last Sunday witnessing 195 flags from as many nations fluttering in the breeze from Albee Square Mall along Fulton St. and into Columbus Park at Borough Hall.

If anything, his presence might have improved his popularity rating just by watching Borough President Eric L. Adams lead a kickoff to the third annual event.

Buoyed by volunteers the ceremonial "Unity Parade of Flags" parade seemed to fill onlookers with pride.

More than a few marveled at the colorful display of banners identifying countries acknowledged by the United Nations.

After witnessing the spectacle perhaps the presumptive candidate might have reconsidered building a wall to keep



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

out Mexicans or maybe even rethink his stance against Muslims and his rigid immigration policy.

The Mexican flag blazed its national coat of arms marked by vertical, tri-color simplicity of red, white and green walling in the pageantry of its people.

In close proximity to Mauritius, Mongolia, Montenegro, and Morocco, the banner was cheered with others from India, Pakistan, Panama, Belize, Korea, Ghana, Dominica, Guinea, Cuba, Haiti, Venezuela and other distant and near lands.

Unrivaled only by the recent international parade of athletes to the Rio Olympics in Brazil, the procession of flags also represented Muslims, Jews, Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs and other religious and non-sectarian groups hoisting unique, cultural identifiers.

With one distinction from the South American quadrennial, the downtown, ethnically and culturally diverse display comprised bona-fide American citizens many of whom had migrated from foreign nations before achieving US patriotic status.

The BBP extended a personal invitation to them on his "International Day of Friendship" and welcomed each and everyone with a message to "embrace your hyphen."

Jamaican-Americans received their invitation on the 54th anniversary of the independence of the Caribbean island / nation.

On the eve of his signature celebration the BBP told hyphenated Jamaicans gathered at the Borough Hall landmark for a flag-raising ceremony on Saturday, that it was imperative that they joined



Jamaican Vena Baker finds her black, green and gold flag among the 195 positioned at Brooklyn Borough Hall Photo by Vinette K. Pryce

hundreds of cultures and ethnicities that make Brooklyn an unparalleled center of diversity.

"I invite everyone to stand with me in our diversity as one Brooklyn."

"I call on all Brooklynites to 'Embrace Your Hyphen' as

Americans with distinct heritage," he said.

"International Day of Friendship reflects the beauty of a borough where 47 percent of households speak a language other than English at home.

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Edwina Pierre portrays "Shirley Temple." Photo by Nelson A. King

'Exotica' on the Parkway

By Nelson A. King

D'Midas International New York mas band is again hoping to place in the top three for medium-sized bands in the West Indian American Day Carnival Parade.

"D' Midas International New York always put our best foot forward, so we always have high expectations and hope to place in the top three in our category," said band leader and co-founder Glenn A. Fahie Turnbull in a Caribbean Life interview.

Turnbull, who is also vice president of the New York Band Leaders Association, said D'Midas International New York will present "Island Hoppers" in the Junior Competition and "Exotica"

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'Razzle Dazzle' for Devine Mas

By Nelson A. King

While Devine Mas is participating in the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIDCA) parade "for fun," band leader Phyllis Wyllie says masqueraders will "Razzle Dazzle" on Eastern Parkway on Labor Day.

"It's a creative top," Wyllie, whose band did not compete last year because she'd faced "medical challenges," said about Devine Mas' "Razzle Dazzle" portrayal.

"We're letting more people enjoy the carnival this year with low-cost costume," added Wyllie in a Caribbean

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Peter "Peeta" Morgan performing with guitar at the Prospect Park Band shell on Friday, Aug. 5, 2016.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

REGGAE IN THE PARK

Morgan Heritage comes home to Brooklyn

By Tangerine Clarke

Grammy award-winning reggae band, Morgan Heritage returned to its native Brooklyn for a historic free concert at the Prospect Park Band shell last Friday, attracting thousands of excited fans who danced and waved their hands in the air to some of the group's popular songs, and selections from their new album, "Strictly Roots."

The phenomenal concert celebrated the 38th Annual BRIC Celebrate Brooklyn Festival, that welcomed

the world-renowned professed reggae royalty whose legendary Jamaican-born father Delroy Morgan appeared on stage, sending the crowd wild, as Roy "Gramps" Morgan 'big-up' 'dad' for inspiring his children to become singers — before presenting him with the Grammy Certificate from the music awards show last February. Morgan Heritage won Best Reggae Album at that event.

The humidity in the atmosphere did not deter reggae lovers who clambered in front of the stage as the

dread-locked artists put on a high octane performance singing hits — "Down by the River" and "Perfect Love Song," and preached 'we' "Wanna Be Loved," whether black or white, wrong or right.

Peter "Peeta" Morgan invited a fan to the front of stage to sing along — "She's Still Loving Me" a favorite, as the bass guitarist revved up the sound during an evening of unadulterated reggae music by the mega stars, who recently packed Mandela

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1 **Cheap Thrills**
Sia Feat. Sean Paul
- 2 **One Dance**
Drake Feat. WizKid & Kyla
- 3 **Can't Stop the Feeling!**
Justin Timberlake
- 4 **This is What You Came For**
Calvin Harris feat. Rihanna
- 5 **Ride**
twenty one pilots
- 6 **Don't Let Me Down**
The Chainsmokers Feat. Daya
- 7 **Send My Love**
Adele
- 8 **Just Like Fire**
P!nk
- 9 **Needed Me**
Rihanna
- 10 **Controlla**
Drake

TOP 10 ALBUMS

- 1 **Major Key**
DJ Khaled
- 2 **American Love**
Jake Owen
- 3 **If I'm Honest**
Blake Shelton
- 4 **Love Remains**
Hillary Scott & The Scott Family
- 5 **The Definition of...**
Fantasia
- 6 **Blurryface**
twenty one pilots
- 7 **Lemonade**
Beyonce
- 8 **Views**
Drake
- 9 **Hamilton: An American...**
Original Broadway Cast
- 10 **Traveller**
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REGGAE FAMILY

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Park in Amsterdam.

The performers whose 10th studio album is climbing up the charts - were born in Bushwick, and paid tribute to some of reggae greats, turning up the temperature with "I am not afraid" by Etana, Toots and the Maytals' "Bam Bam" and a medley of Bob Marley's hits.

For almost two hours, fans jammed to the infectious music of Peter "Peetah" Morgan, Roy "Gramps" Morgan, Nakhmyah "Lukes" Morgan, and Memmalatel "Mr. Mojo" Morgan, who inherited the illustrious music that became the most loved in the world.

"Love and respect to African people, Caribbean people. Hispanic, white people don't forget where you come from because one day we have to go back."

"We are known as the reggae family, we play reggae music to bring people togeth-

er," said lead singer Roy Morgan to a screaming crowd that wanted more of the bands adoring music, after the set was over.

The show ended with the "Lord's Prayer" sang in the style of reggae.

BRIC Celebrate Brooklyn Festival opened the night's entertainment with British Dependency, a trio from Anguilla with global ambition that put on an electrifying performance of reggae, funk and pop influences.

Their most recent record, "Finding Wisdom," was recorded at Tuff Gong Recording Studio in Kingston, Jamaica. It earned them a spot touring with The Wailers last year.

The summer series will continue with Dr. Dog with the Knights on Friday, 12, and Andra Day / Son Little on Saturday, 13 at 7:30 pm.

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Roy "Gramps" Morgan performing during the 38th Annual BRIC Celebrate Brooklyn Festival in Prospect Park.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

D'Midas

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in the Adult Competition.

"As a unified Caribbean group, we decided that this year is the year that we would design costumes to represent some of the islands in the Caribbean," he said, adding that the adults' theme is a mixture of exotic fruits, drinks, places and tribes from around the world.

Turnbull, who has been participating in carnival in the Big Apple for more than 25 years, said that the band, over the years, has placed consistently in the top categories in the carnival, including the top position of King and Queen of the Bands.

He said "Island Hoppers" and "Exotica" comprise nine sections each. "Island Hoppers" sections are: Dominican Rain Forest, Tobago Bucco Reef, Guyana Gold Rush, Caribbean Pirates, US Virgin Island Dancer, British Isles Dancer, Polynesians, Dancers and The Hawaiian.

"Exotica" comprises: Pink Champagne, Bronzer, Alize, Tribal Rage, Aquafina, Shirley Temple, Viniq, Sex on D' Beach and Guava Passion.

Turnbull said each section comprises 20 masqueraders for an overall total of 180.

"Masqueraders, who play with D' Midas International



King-Salaam Ramsey portrays "Aquafina." Photo by Nelson A. King

New York, can expect to experience a safe, fun atmosphere while enjoying themselves, as they party down the Parkway, showing off the work of art, costumes," he said, adding that the band is "well on the way" with this year's presentation.

Masqueraders will sway to the beat of DJ Young Sound and others, Turnbull said.

He said D' Midas International New York was formed in 1998 by him and "a group of concerned friends and family members to promote the culture of the Caribbean in a positive light and to promote Caribbean culture to our neighbors."

The mas camp is located at 1619 Nostrand Ave., between Tilden Avenue and Beverly Road in Brooklyn. Turnbull can be reached at (718)-809-1017 or (718) 462-6137.

Devine Mas



Audrea Byers portrays "Crystal Burst" (left) and "Bedazzled."



"Crystal Burst" (left) and "Bedazzled." Photos by Nelson A. King

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Life interview.

Wyllie, who has been competing in the carnival for five years, said the small band, of about 50 masqueraders, will compete with three sections: Razzlita, Crystal Burst and Bedazzled.

Adrea Byers, 19, whose parents hail from Guyana, said she will be playing mas with Devine Mas for the fourth time.

"It's fun once you get into

it," said Byers, a Queens resident, as she donned a "Bedazzled" costume.

"At first, I got nervous that I decided to calm down, then had fun," she added about masquerading on Eastern Parkway.

Devine Mas Camp is located at 431 Rutland Rd., between New York and Brooklyn avenues in Brooklyn. Wyllie can be reached at (347) 528-4745 or (347) 715-7110.

Born again boxer torn between God and ring

"The Fight Within"
Very Good (3 stars)
Rated PG-13 for sports violence and brief menacing
Running time: 90 minutes
Studio: New Life Cinema
Distributor: GVN Releasing

By Kam Williams

Logan (John Major Davis) and Mason (Mike H. Taylor) have been doing their best to move on with their lives since the death of their father (Dan Severn) a couple years ago from a heart attack. But that has proved easier said than done, since their dad, Rich "The Destroyer," had been the Mixed Martial Arts Heavyweight Champion.

Upon his retirement, Rich had opened a gym which he left in his will to both his sons. However, while Mason had been willing to assume the reins of the business, Logan found himself looking for something more meaningful in life, despite the fact that he'd exhibited promise as an MMA cage fighter.

In fact, he's the only person who'd ever beaten Hayden Dressler (Matt Leddo), the otherwise undefeated Middleweight Champ. And with Hay-



John Major Davis and Lelia Symington in "The Fight Within."

<http://thefightwithmovie.com/>

den aching to avenge that loss, a decent payday might be in the offing.

Nevertheless, Logan has turned a new leaf, between studying Ethics in college where he's made the acquaintance of Emma (Lelia Symington), a cute, Christian classmate from the other side of the tracks. She proudly wears her faith on her sleeve and talks freely about her calling to

mission to orphans in Mozambique.

Between Emma's beguiling beauty and his curiosity about God, Logan finds himself falling for her hook, line and sinker. Soon, he's ready to leave the rough fight game, the only world he's ever known, behind.

Trouble is there's a big promoter willing to sponsor a rematch with Hayden who has been teasing him about

being afraid to enter the ring with him again. Furthermore, Mason has hinted that he sure could use a share of the purse to stabilize the gym financially. Only after receiving sage advice from a homeless old man (Wesley Williams) about what Jesus would advise does Logan grudgingly agree to the showdown.

Thus unfolds "The Fight Within," a faith-based variation

on Rocky directed by Michael William Gordon. Although the movie doesn't really break any new ground in terms of romantic, overcoming-the-odds sports flicks, it remains recommended as Evangelical fare that's more entertaining than heavy-handed.

Solid proof that you can get the girl, the prize money and salvation, provided God's on your side.

Independent & Foreign Films

Anthropoid (R for violence and disturbing images) Fact-based World War II saga recounting the top secret mission to assassinate Nazi General Reinhard Heydrich (Detlef Bothe), the architect of Hitler's Final Solution. With Jamie Dornan, Cillian Murphy, Brian Caspe and Karel Hermanek, Jr. (In English and German with subtitles)

Blood Father (R for graphic violence, pervasive profanity and brief drug use) Mel Gibson stars in the title role of this action thriller about an ex-con's attempt to protect his estranged, 16-year-old daughter (Erin Moriarty) from the drug cartel that wants her dead. With William H. Macy, Diego Luna and Michael Parks.

Emily & Tim (Unrated)



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Romance drama, narrated by Kathleen Turner, deconstructing the tumultuous, 50-year marriage of an alternately loving and antagonistic couple. Ensemble cast includes Alexis Bleidel, Phylicia Rashad, Thomas Mann, Andre Braugher, Kal Penn, Dominic Fumusa, Zosia Mamet, Drena De Niro and Olympia Dukakis.

The Fight Within (PG-13 for sports violence and brief menacing) Faith-based drama about a Mixed Martial Arts fighter's (John Major Chandler) who retires after being 'Born Again' with the help

of a new love (Lelia Symington) only to find himself forced back into the cage by a revenge-minded foe (Matt Leddo) he once beat. Supporting cast includes Wesley Williams, Mike H. Taylor and Dan Severn.

Ghost Team (PG-13 for profanity, sexual references and drug use) Ensemble comedy about a jaded, copy store clerk (Jon Heder) who leads a rag-tag team of misfits on a search for proof of paranormal activity. With David Krumholtz, Melonie Diaz, Justin Long and Amy Sedaris.

The Lost Arcade (Unrated) Inspirational documentary about Chinatown Fair, the legendary game arcade located in Manhattan's Chinatown, which served as a community shelter for a diverse group of kids from all around the city.

BIG BUDGET FILMS

Florence Foster Jenkins (PG-13 for brief suggestive material) Meryl Streep handles the title role in this biopic about a New York City socialite-turned-tone deaf opera star who cultivated a loyal following despite singing off key. Cast includes Hugh Grant, Simon Helberg and Christian McKay.

Hell or High Water (R for graphic violence, pervasive profanity and brief sexuality) Modern Western about the pursuit of a couple of sibling bank robbers (Chris Pine and Ben Foster) by an aging Texas Ranger (Jeff Bridges) and his half-breed partner (Gil Bir-

mingham). Featuring Kevin Rankin, Katy Mixon and Dale Dickey.

Pete's Dragon (PG for action, peril and brief mild epithets) Oakes Fegley plays the title character in this remake of the 1977 Disney classic fantasy about the adventures of an orphan befriended by a dragon (John Kassir). With Bryce Dallas Howard, Robert Redford, Karl Urban and Wesley Bentley.

Sausage Party (R for ethnic humor, graphic sexuality, drug abuse and pervasive profanity) Raunchy animated comedy, set in a supermarket, revolving around the struggle of a sausage (Seth Rogen) and some fellow groceries to learn the truth about what awaits them after being purchased. Voice cast includes James Franco, Bill Hader, Kristen Wiig, Salma Hayek, Michael Cera, Jonah Hill, Craig Robinson, Paul Rudd and Danny McBride.

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West Indies' Chris Gayle bats against England during their ICC World Twenty20 2016 cricket match at the Wankhede stadium in Mumbai, India, Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Associated Press / Rajanish Kakade,File

Tallawahs win CPL title

By Azad Ali

The Jamaica Tallawahs secured their second Caribbean Premier League (CPL) title when they defeated the Guyana Amazon Warriors at the Warner Park, St. Kitts on Sunday night.

Tallawahs captain Chris Gayle sent the "Warriors" in to bat and it was a disastrous start as wickets start to fall regularly and they ended up at 93 all out.

The Tallawahs had finished behind Guyana Amazon Warriors in the group stage and lost to them in the first play-off

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West Indies, India draw

By Azad Ali

West Indies which was facing defeat on the final day of the second Test against India at Sabina Park, Jamaica, escaped with an unlikely draw.

Barbadian Roston Chase and middle order batsmen Jermaine Blackwood (63), wicketkeeper Shane Dowrich (74) and Captain Jason Holder (64) managed to hold off the Indian bowlers until play was called off about half an hour before close on the final day (Wednesday). The West Indies made 388 for six wickets after

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Ken Ganness of Grenada (#7) and Benchy Estama of Haiti (#13) battle for the ball during the inaugural New York Caribbean Cup President's Trophy game on Sunday, Aug. 7 2016.

Keith Dawson

GRENADA WINS CUP

President's Trophy game ends prematurely

The inaugural New York Caribbean Cup President's Trophy game ended prematurely when Team Haiti walked off the field following a penalty awarded to Team Grenada late in the game with the score tied at 1-1 on Sunday, Aug. 7.

The call was not made immediately

by the referee and only after consultation with his assistant referees following a vicious tackle on Aniel Jones by Abdias Daout. Jones, who was a constant bother to the Haitian defense all afternoon was moving in to head a corner kick when he was hit by Daout.

Much against the run of play, the 'Spice Boys' struck first in the 14th minute when Haiti's goalkeeper Marc Donald Mervil mishandled a cross and watched helplessly as the ball fell to the feet of Kevin Wellington who tapped the ball home.

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President's Trophy winner Team Grenada.

Keith Dawson

TEAM GRENADA WINS PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

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While Les Grenadiers continued to play well and got their chances to equalize, the 'Spice Boys' held their goal advantage going into half-time. Team Grenada picked up their game in the second half and shut down the

attacking lanes of the Haitians. However, Haiti was gifted the equalizer by way of a penalty when Louis Robenson was brought down deep inside the 'Spice Boys' 18-yard box. Benchy Estama was called on to take the penalty and he made no mistake. Only 10 minutes or so were left in the

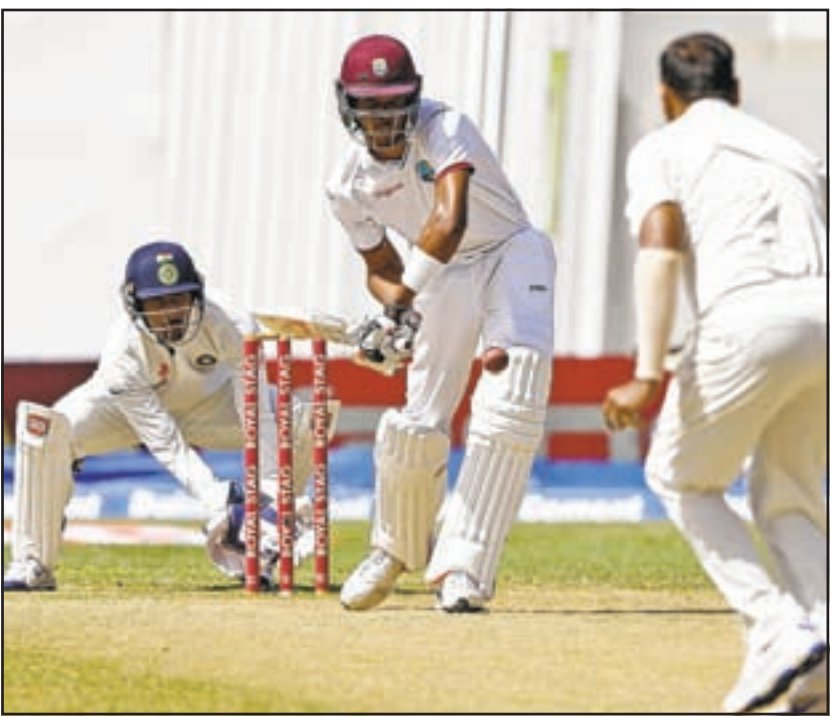
game that seemed headed for a penalty shoot-out when Daout was called for a reckless tackle on Aniel Jones. Following much discussion between the referees and the players, Team Haiti walked off the field and brought an end to what was a wonderful game up to that point.

Team Grenada was awarded the President's Trophy. In the preliminary games, the U-17 ladies game between Bob Cats and the Panthers ended in a 1-1 draw, so too the boys U-23 game between the Brooklyn Soca Lions and the Cambria Heights Tigers.

West Indies

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reeling at 48 for four and still needing another 256 to make India bat again. The fourth day was ruled out because of rain. Chase, playing in his only second Test match, scored 137 not out to lead the regional side to safety. He became just the fourth West Indies players to score a century and take five wickets in the same Test and the first to do so in 50 years. Another Barbadian, Gary Sobers, the only player to accomplish the feat twice, last achieved that double in 1966. The West Indies were bowled out for 196 in their first innings, while India scored 500 for six declared. The Windies were asked to follow on, but on the fourth day rain had threatened to ruin the rest of the match. India leads the four-match series 1-0.



West Indies' batsman Roston Chase plays a shot from the bowling of India's Amit Mishra during day five of their second cricket Test match at the Sabina Park Cricket Ground in Kingston, Jamaica, Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016. Associated Press / Ricardo Mazalan

Tallawahs

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game, but in the final the Tallawahs did not give them a breath in a fine all-round performance that saw them win by nine wickets with 43 balls to spare. Hard-hitting batsman Chris Gayle scored a half century — his 78th score of 50s or more in Twenty20 cricket. All the "Warriors" bowlers felt the power of his bat. He smashed his half century just off 22 balls. Gayle started off slowly but after the second over, he entertained the crowd with some massive hits — scoring six sixes and three fours on his way to 54 off 27 balls. He got an award for hitting the most number of sixes in the season. During the sixth over, Gayle became the fourth batsman to pass 400 runs in this edition of the CPL. All-rounder Andre Russell who scored his fastest maiden century in the second play-offs against Trinbago Knight Riders to reach the finals was voted Man-of-the-Series. Best catch of the season went to bowler Kesrick Williams.

Carlos Brathwaite named WI Twenty20 captain

Carlos Brathwaite was named West Indies Twenty20 captain for the two Twenty20 matches against India in Florida (United States) later this month. West Indies squad is as follows:

1. Carlos Brathwaite.
2. Andre Fletcher
3. Chris Gayle
4. Dwayne Bravo
5. Erin Lewis
6. Jason Holder
7. Johnson Charles
8. Kieron Pollard
9. Lendl Simmons
10. Marlon Samuels
11. Samuel Badree
12. Sunil Narine
13. Andre Russell

JAMAICA TALLAWAHS WINS T20 CPL 2016

The Jamaica Tallawahs defeated the Guyana Amazon Warriors to win the CPL T20 2016 Tournament. Guyana Amazon Warriors batted first and scored 93 runs from 16.1 overs. Sohail Janvir scored 42 runs from 37 balls. For the Tallawahs, Imad took 3 wickets for 21 runs and Shakibal took 2 for 25.

Captain Chris Gayle scored 54 runs off 27 balls and Chadwick Walton 25 from 36 balls to give the Tallawahs 79 runs for the first wicket. The Yendada T 95 for 1 after 12.5 overs.



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

POINTS TABLE FOR CPL T20, 2016

Jamaica Tallawahs: 14 points
Guyana Amazon Warriors: 13 points
St. Lucia Zouks: 12 points
Trinbago Knight Riders: 10 points
Barbados Tridents: 7 points
St. Kitts Nevis Patriots: 4 points

MOST RUNS IN CPL 2016

Chris Lynn [Guyana Amazon Warriors 454 runs]

MOST WICKETS IN CPL 2016

Dwayne Bravo [Trinbago Knight Riders 21 wickets]

WEST INDIES NEEDS A BALANCED TEST SQUAD

With Roston Chase coming into action for the West

Indies and Jermaine Blackwood trying to adopt the correct technique for a middle order batsman, it is evident that the West Indies should have a stable batting. Brathwaite should be in all the formats of the game. Test cricket must be key for him and not only Twenty20 and West Indies selectors must not see Brathwaite only as a Twenty20 player.

Kraig Brathwaite should not be bowling in Test cricket. The specialist bowlers chosen must carry the responsibilities of bowling out the opposition and another specialist spinner is needed to support Chase. It is disappointing that Devendra Bishoo failed to capitalize on another opportunity. Bowling is key in winning Test matches and the bowlers selected must be used according to the state of the game.



West Indies Carlos Brathwaite hits a six during the final of the ICC World Twenty20 2016 cricket tournament against England at Eden Gardens in Kolkata, India, Sunday, April 3, 2016.

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The short comings of batsmen must be identified and steps taken to improve their performance. Head coach for the West Indies Phil Simmons has some major work to do with pacer Shannon Gabriel.

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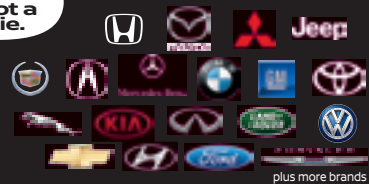
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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, your work ethic is recognized by superiors this week. Accept this well-earned praise, but keep working hard to maintain your reputation.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21
Gemini, while you may have one foot on the ground, your head seems to be up in the clouds. Make an effort to regain your focus so you can finish the tasks at hand.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Problem-solving does not interest you this week, Cancer. You just want things spelled out to you in black and white. If things become too complicated, ask for clarification.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, the pressure to make decisions is easing up, and you can finally relax and focus on entertaining things. Take some time to strengthen an important relationship as well.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, ideas in your head are developing so quickly that you can't pin one down. Your creativity is a feather in your cap, so make an effort to sort out your ideas.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Decisions that seemed so easy to make just a few days ago now seem like uphill battles. Don't sell yourself short, as you can handle the challenges ahead.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
You have an ability to attract power and love, Scorpio. Make the most of this power and try to help others as much as possible. You will be glad for having done so.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, recent contributions on the job are finally getting you some special attention. Your efforts paint you as a team player, and others are taking notice.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, a big decision has you mulling all of the potential outcomes. Take a few breathers and some extra time to reevaluate your priorities in the next few days.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, beauty is everywhere if you just look for it. Pay attention to the little details that can show you the potential of others. You may be surprised at what you find.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you are much more comfortable when surrounded by a close network of friends. Organize a get-together with your social circle.

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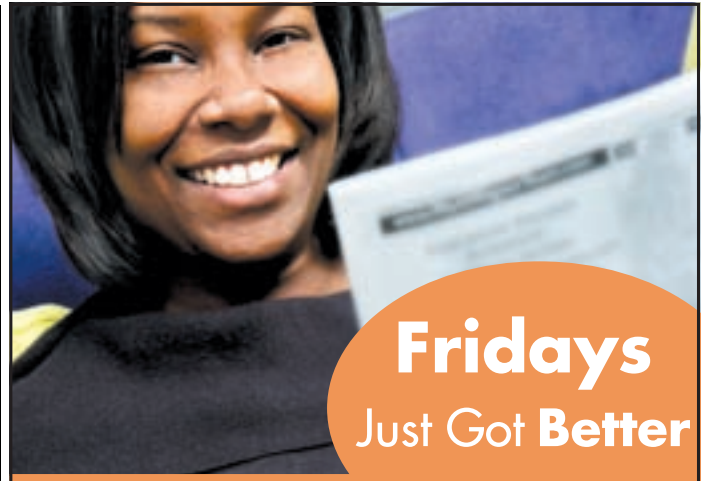
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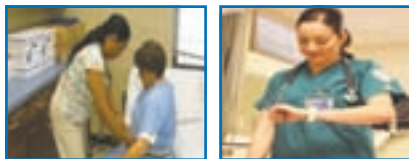
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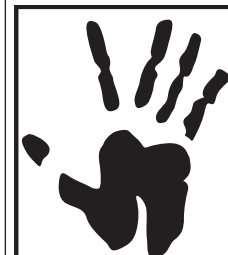
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