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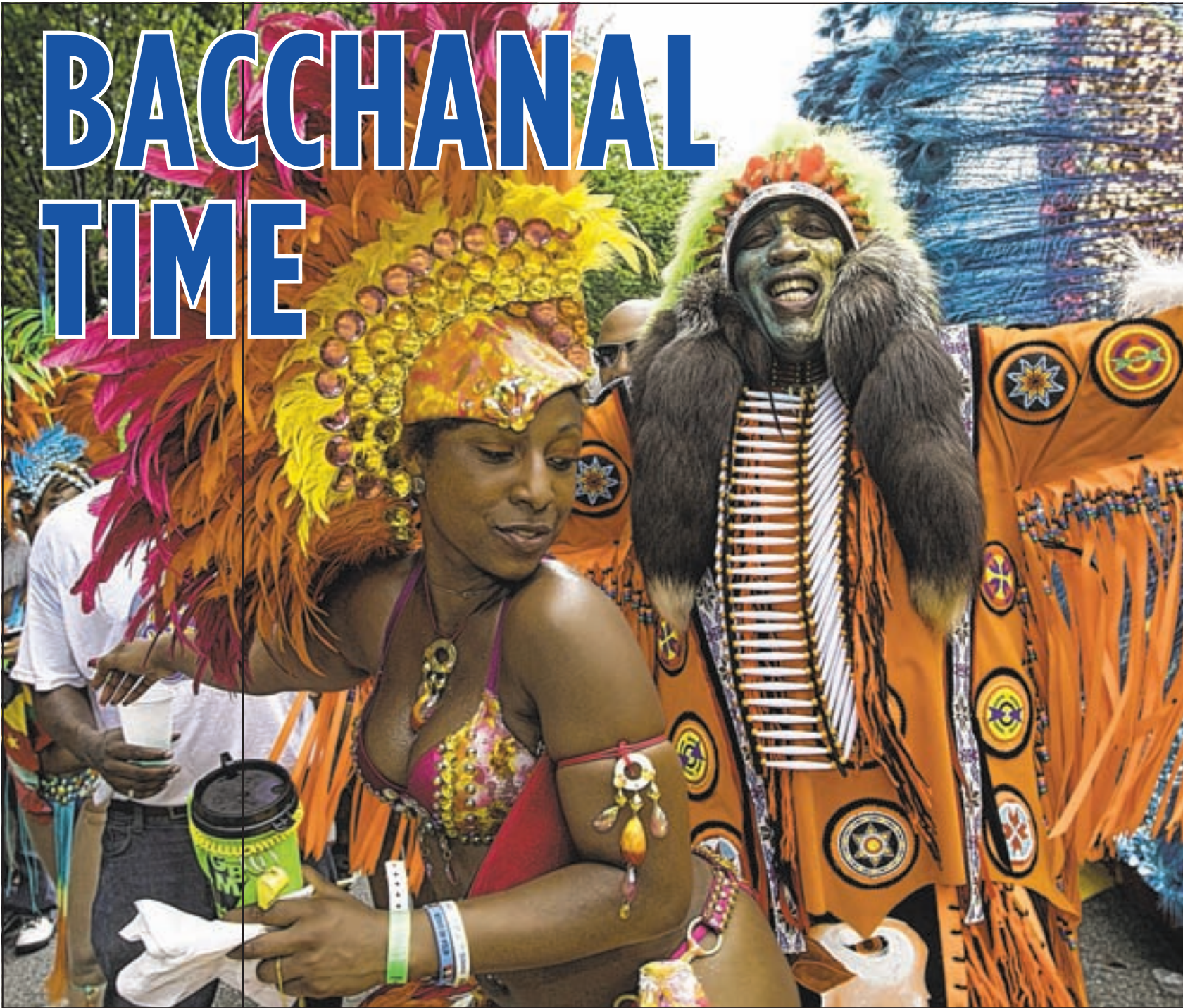
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# CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL KICK-OFF AT GRACIE MANSION



Newly appointed Guyana Consul General, the Hon. Barbara Atherly, center, with President of WIADCA Bill Howard and Permanent Representative of Barbados to the UN, H.E. Mr. Keith H. L.

Mayor Bill de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray hosted a colorful Carnival Kickoff at Gracie Mansion on Wednesday, Aug. 31 with steelpan music, Caribbean fare. The event attracted colorfully dressed Caribbean nationals, politicians and diplomats who mixed and mingled at the New York City government house.

Photos by Tangerine Clarke



This colorfully dressed dancer dances to the beat of the steelpan music.



Mayor Bill de Blasio plants a big kiss on Chirlane McCray leads to the glee of audience.



From left, Ralph D'Onofrio, Jennifer Goodstein and Mr. and Mrs. William Howard.



Chefs Basil Jones and Melvin Myers with the masterpiece fruit platter design.

### Caribbean

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has added more Caribbean countries to its growing Zika virus travel alert list.

The Atlanta-based CDA added the Cayman Islands, Antigua and Barbuda and the Turks and Caicos Island to the temporary travel guidance related to the Zika virus in the Caribbean.

Turks and Caicos Island recently recorded five Zika cases.

Those previously included the Caribbean islands and territories of Barbados; Bonaire; Aruba; Curacao; French Guiana; Cuba; Dominica; Belize; IS Virgin Islands; Martinique, St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Guadeloupe; Puerto Rico; St. Martin; Dominican Republic; Anguilla; St. Maarten; St. Lucia; Grenada; Suriname; Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica.



In posting the latest travel alert for the Cayman Islands; Antigua and Barbuda; and the Turk and Caicos Islands, the CDC said it was working with other public health officials to monitor for ongoing Zika virus transmission.

The CDC said some travelers to areas with Zika will become affected while traveling, but will not become sick until they return home, adding that they might not have any symptoms.

### Antigua

A probe has been launched into the break-in and theft at the private home of Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne at Hodges Bay.

While an investigation is underway the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force (ABDF) has been removed from guarding the prime minister's residence.



Reports are that six soldiers are being questioned by the officers of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

Prime Minister Browne and his family returned from a vacation in the Dominican Republic and found the house had



## Haitians return to campaigning

A mural that decorates a wall features Haiti's former President Jean Bertrand Aristide and presidential candidate Maryse Narcisse with a message that reads in Creole; "People who won't obey" in response to foreigners suggesting how the country's politics should be run, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2016. Campaign season begins yet again for Haiti as authorities organize a redo of last year's presidential vote. See story on page 14.

Associated Press / Dieu Nalio Chery

been burglarized and laptops and Ipads missing, despite round-the-clock security by members of the security services.

Public Safety Minister Stedroy Benjamin said no stone would be left unturned as the authorities probe the break-in at the prime minister's private residence at Hodges Bay, north of the capital, St. John.

### Barbados

Former Chief Justice and former attorney general of Barbados Sir David Simmons does not believe hanging would help to reduce the level of crime in the island.

Instead, he has called for a scientific study to be conducted and for policies to be drafted based on the results.

He noted that crime in the region is at an all-time high adding that coun-

tries which never really had any serious crime to speak of are now reporting high levels of crime creating fear among the community.

Speaking on VOB 92.9 FM's call-in-program Down to Brass Tacks recently, Sir David said crime is a social phenomenon that requires study, just like AIDS and the economy.

Having worked throughout the region, the former CJ said the level of crime in Barbados paled in comparison with neighbors like Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica.

Sir David said while studies have shown there was gang activity on the island, it was not on a large scale.

He warned that some of the local gangs had networks throughout the

region.



### Dominica

The Dominica government may be looking to hiring a foreign national as Commissioner of Police because it is dissatisfied with the level of policing on the island.

National Security Minister Rayburn Blackmoore said there was a need for police to have a presence on the streets of the island.

He was at the time speaking on the state-owned DBS Radio recently.



Blackmoore said the commissioner of police or the deputy commissioner of police has to take responsibility for the police force and "we are not ruling

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# China-Taiwan debate flares in St. Vincent

By Bert Wilkinson

An opposition leader in the region this week touched a diplomatic nerve that is so raw that he forced the administration to make public statements assuring Taiwan that St. Vincent will continue being one of only 22 nations across the globe which recognize Taiwan as a separate and independent nation from China.

Clearly in political combat mode, Opposition Arnhim Eustace made it clear as the island observed 35 years of relations with Taiwan rather than mainland China that any government he runs would immediately kick out the Taiwanese and replace them with diplomats from China.

St. Vincent is one of only five Caribbean Community bloc member nations which prefers Taipei over Beijing. The official policy of the wider CARICOM is to recognize China and to treat Taiwan as a breakaway province from the mainland.

The others in Taiwan's diplomatic corner are Belize, Haiti, St. Lucia, and St. Kitts. They all point to several areas of grant aid that they get

from the Taiwanese including scholarships for professionals and assistance with lackluster agricultural sector, Belize excepted. The rest of CARICOM says that the mainland will one day prevail and that Taiwan will return to the Chinese fold, leaving its regional friends in the lurch.

Thought Eustace's New Democratic Party is not in power and can't change a thing as far as many are concerned, the administration of Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves took no chances and immediately went public, assuring Taipei that all is well and nothing would change.

"Any provocation without any warning to sever relationship with Taiwan is beyond reason or beyond comprehension," said Gonsalves' deputy head of government and Foreign Minister Louis Straker noting that any move to switch sides would be "an act of great ingratitude to Taiwan for all that Taiwan has done."

Wasting no time, Gonsalves and Straker moved all quickly to assure their diplomatic friends that nothing would



St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Opposition Leader Arnhim Eustace.

Photo by Nelson A. King

change, being well aware that the governing party had won the past two general elections by a mere one seat majority amidst widespread and credible allegations of voter rigging.

The opposition has since filed a petition in court to

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overturn the results of the December 2015 polls. A favorable court ruling could result in a fresh round of voting that this time could lead to the demise of Gonsalves after four historic consecutive five-year terms.

"Being fully cognizant of the ever-evolving symmetry of international affairs and the principal responsibility and obligation of our party, in or out of government, to diligently pursue and protect the best strategic interests of our country, I hereby formally announce that the New Democratic Party of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as of today's date, Aug. 23, 2016, has taken the decision to recognize the United Nations accepted norm of a One China Policy," Eus-

tace said. Leaders in the Eastern Caribbean sub grouping of CARICOM are usually nervous about changes in government and which country the new government chooses.

More than a decade ago in neighboring St. Lucia, a new government kicked out the mainland Chinese and reinstalled the Taiwanese, causing a diplomatic furor and severe embarrassment to officials in Castries, the island's capital. They are still recognized today.

In nearby Grenada, the government did the opposite by kicking out the Taiwanese even as a police band played the wrong national anthem at official ceremony much to the consternation and chagrin of government officials. The bandmaster was instantly retired.

For now Taiwan is safe with St. Vincent, being one of less than two dozen countries which recognize it as independent from China but it has to hope that nothing changes in St. Vincent in the near future.

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# Grenada appoints new tourism marketing manager

By Nelson A. King

The Grenada Tourism Authority (GTA) has announced the appointment of Francine Stewart as marketing manager, effective Aug. 1.

The GTA said on Wednesday that Stewart's functions include the interaction with key private and public sector partners, the execution of all marketing programmes, and the management of marketing expenditure.

"Marketing Grenada as a destination is a huge responsibility, and I am honoured to serve my country in this way," Stewart said in a statement. "My initial focus would be to foster and develop strong relationships with all key stakeholders locally, regionally and internationally.

"This industry is an interestingly dynamic one with constant competition, making it important for us to directly reach our target audience via the most appropriate mediums at the lowest costs," she continued.



GTA's Marketing Manager Francine Stewart.

Grenada Tourism Authority

**Marketing Grenada as a destination is a huge responsibility, and I am honoured to serve my country in this way,**

Stewart "this targeted approach through digital marketing, public relations, and other marketing strategies in our source markets will allow us to promote our market niches and increase visitor arrivals, while developing programmes to encourage repeat visits and to increase the conversion rate of cruise / yachting to stay over arrivals."

The GTA said the new marketing manager brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise, having been previously employed by Sandals LaSource Grenada as resort sales manager.

Stewart's career history includes hotel & event management in the region, international airline sales for

Air Jamaica, product development management for Air Jamaica Vacations, and property management for Terra Caribbean - Grenada.

She holds an Associate of Science in Hotel Management from the Aruba School of Hotel Management and a Bachelor of Science in Travel & Tourism Management from the Florida International University.

"With such a diverse background in the travel and tourism industry, I longed to do more for my country on a national level. Grenada, Carriacou, and Petite Martinique are truly gems in their own sense, deserving of anyone's vacation," Stewart said.

"We must be proud to showcase our home and to ensure that each visitor leaves our shores wanting to come back for more," she added.

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# Caribbean heritage is a source of great pride

By Cecile Noel  
*Commissioner of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence*

On Jan. 22, 1967, I arrived at Kennedy Airport, to begin the journey to my new home in Brooklyn, New York. Most of my memories of that winter day have faded, but there are a few that linger: walking down the stairs from the airplane onto the tarmac; holding my brother's hand tightly as we walked toward the lights of the TWA terminal, shivering, my face and my fingers feeling like icicles; and seeing my breath in the cold, dark night air. It was difficult to comprehend that only a few short hours before I stepped off the plane in New York City, I was basking in the sunshine and warm breezes of Kingston, Jamaica.

That winter was filled with many firsts in my life: my first plane ride, my first experience with snow and the cold, my first subway ride, and most importantly, my first day of kindergarten. Looking back on those early days in New York City, I know that my experience was probably not very different from many other Caribbean immigrants. My mother came here with a dream for herself and her children, and a fundamental belief that this country offered opportunities for a better life.

My Caribbean heritage is a

source of great pride. It is the fabric and foundation of who I am and how I live. I am a combination of two worlds, with a unique perspective that is rooted in both Caribbean and American values and culture. It is this unique culture that guides my life and my family. I am a Caribbean-American, proud of who I am and what my dual heritage brings to the American landscape.

According to the United States 2010-14 Census (American Community Survey five-year Estimates), "In 2014, [the] Caribbean population in NYC accounted for almost 28 percent of the foreign born population in NYC." People from the Caribbean represent the second largest population of foreign-born residents in New York City. Caribbean people and our cultures are an integral part of the picturesque mosaic that is New York City. We have brought our foods, music, dances, and languages to the world, and our cultures have helped to shape the New York City we know and love.

The de Blasio Administration is committed to making New York City a welcoming home for all those who come here seeking a better life, just as my family did. As the commissioner for the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, I know the adminis-

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# The UN must be at the forefront of the fight for Civic Rights

By Burkhard Gnärig  
*Burkhard Gnärig, executive director of the International Civil Society Centre, has over 30 years' experience working in international development, including serving as the CEO of Save the Children International, Greenpeace Germany, and terre des hommes Germany.*

BERLIN, Aug 22, 2016 (IPS) - The United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 provides the foundation for citizens' rights to participate in shaping their communities.

Among many other key provisions, it lays down that "everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression" (Article 19), "the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association" (Article 20) and "the right to take part in the government of his country" (Article 21).

Sadly these and other human rights have never turned into reality for a majority of the world's population. While we have seen a strengthening of pluralism and individual rights after the fall of the Berlin Wall, we observe a negative trend more recently: people's space to actively participate in their communities is shrinking.

The — usually unrealistic — promises of protection come at the price of restrictions to people's rights to express their opinion, organise themselves or engage in any other way which does not support the government's policies.

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On the one hand, many governments are trying to bring their digitally empowered citizens back under control.

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Together with their near monopoly in informing, framing and directing the discussions and actions of their citizens, governments have lost much of their control over the individual. At present we see a wide variety of government activities — from censoring the internet to jailing activists — aiming to bring their citizens back under control.

On the other hand, many citizens are willing to trade in some of their fundamental

rights on their governments' promises of protection against terrorists, migrants, or foreign competition.

At the same time we observe a dramatic increase in the number of citizens who are prepared to sacrifice some of their rights on the promise to exterminate terrorism, refuse refugees' and migrants' entry, or stop economic and cultural globalisation. A growing number of people worldwide follow ultra-nationalist and authoritarian leaders offering national protection against the aspiration of the global community. The — usually unrealistic — promises of protection come at the price of restrictions to people's rights to express their opinion, organise themselves or engage in any other way which does not support the government's policies.

In this situation a growing number of actors in civil society, business, governments, political parties, UN institutions, the media, funders, schools and universities are suffering from infringements on their work, and many are considering how to react. My organisation, the International Civil Society Centre, is working to deliver three specific contributions to the fight for civic space:

Firstly, we have been facilitating the development of a Civic Charter which — in a concise, easily understandable document — brings together all of the major provisions framing the space for civic participation. Thus we

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# About standing tall against bigotry

Given that there was no shortage of Republican voices screaming that they had blown it big time in their selection of a candidate this year, one may have hoped for more of a sense among them of watching the flames burn. No such luck, of course. There are those of GOP standing who have no secret of their contempt for what's being sold this rounds. They're prepared to engage in an orgy of crap for this loser, just as if the clown was something really worth talking about. All of which simply means that the need remains solid as always to treat this monstrosity as it deserves.

We've by now been treated to many of those attempts by Trump to re-define what has indeed been a well-known horror. The frequency with which we've heard of the Trump operation making personal changes probably says a whole lot. Good poll numbers would have produced nothing but endless trash, of course. But a polling nightmare has given rise to stuff never thought possible. Including, albeit total rubbish,

an announcement admitting that he had at times incorrectly abused folk. Does that include his constant disrespect of President Obama after he became President? Does it include a call for an immediate ban on Washington after Obama became the second-term president...as proposed by Trump?

Keeping word on who are the latest selectees named to replace who got dumped, has been hard to keep tab of. Word of the guy not being the winning performer he guaranteed was apparently easy to see. Once he wade his convention splash and a lot of the crappy stuff became even more obvious, the table turned. Time to check in with whoever has the best way forward to scam the people. The baloney about having said rotten things to lots of people, being part of that snow job.

The problem is, of course, that there are in our universe, more of the folks now around who reject the crappy stuff Trump chose to make the heart of his campaign. They're out there, thankfully in num-

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

bers that a Barack Obama can be elected President. Even if, along the way, the bigotry of a Trump makes its bigoted presence known.

There are of course many in the Trump camp ready to do his bidding. Many of us New Yorkers have probably at times marveled over at one time being the domain of Rudolph Giuliani; who is now a big deal with the Trump team. He, like Trump, is as bigoted as bigoted gets.

Some years ago, after Giuliani was out of office as New York's mayor, I happened to catch a Trinidad newspaper in which mention was made of an attempt to get Giuliani involved in solving Trinidad's crime problem. I had no idea how successful this guy would be as a short-term helper. What I thought most disgusting was the very concept of hav-



In this Aug. 27, 2016 file photo, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks in Des Moines, Iowa.

Associated Press / Gerald Herbert, File

ing a despicable racist given that responsibility in Trinidad. In light of which I contacted the late Trinidadian journalist, at the Express, Keith Smith. Keith promised that if I wrote him the story, he would give it a huge mention, which is what took place. The Giuliani bit, whether or not the Keith Smith piece was the key, was no longer talked about. One would hope that Giuliani and his buddy Trump will have the same luck as Giuliani did back

in Trinidad.

Republicans will have only themselves to blame if this Trump nightmare continues in the manner it now appears. Under no circumstances could the party have expected, with all the negativity afloat, that overwhelming republican numbers was a sure thing. Time will tell whether the republican numbers will remain as is, with great anti-trust feelings, or whether there's a change coming.

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# UN must fight for civil rights

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want to provide a common global basis for the fight for our rights.

Secondly, we are convening an International Civic Forum with key representatives from civil society, governments, the UN, business, the media, academia, funders, and other key influencers, to analyse the situation and create a basis for common activities.

And, thirdly, we will embark on an exploratory journey looking at new forms of civic participation and developing prototypes for effective future action.

As the initiators and owners of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations has a special role to

play in the defence of civic space. We expect the new Secretary General to explicitly and frequently remind governments that they are supposed to serve, to report to — and be controlled by — their citizens and not the other way around. We expect all UN Agencies to engage more systematically and effectively in cooperation with civil society organisations fully using, and thus protecting, the space for people's participation. We expect the UN to engage in a global campaign that promotes human rights world-wide and specifically citizens' rights to participate — at local, national and global level — in shaping our common future.

# Caribbean source of pride

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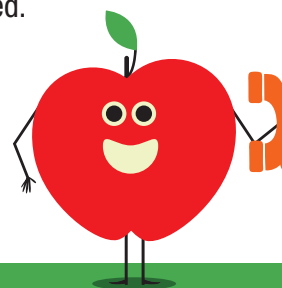


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# Timid start to Haiti's presidential campaign

By Nelson A. King

Campaigning for Haiti's Oct. 9 presidential elections has gotten off to a timid start with the French-speaking Caribbean country's elections chief asking candidates and political parties to campaign fairly and avert elections-related violence, according to reports here.

Léopold Berlanger also reiterated that there will be stricter controls on the balloting, which includes voting for one portion of the 30-member Senate and runoffs for several legislative seats, according to the Miami Herald.

"There will be no voting wherever you like," said Berlanger said, referring to poll watchers, also known as mandataires, who were allowed to vote at any polling stations in last year's disputed vote, triggering allegations of fraud and plunging the country into a political crisis.

No one will have the right to do this," the Herald quoted Berlanger as saying.

Berlanger also told the paper that the voter list — now at 6.1 million voters — is ready, and that the number of polling stations has been reduced to provide voters with more space and privacy to cast ballots.

"We are making a lot of effort for these elections to be done another way," he said, urging Haitians to "show all the other countries that we can take control of our own affairs."

Last week, elections authorities finally released details of the US\$55 million budget, US\$48.5 million of which will be cobbled together with funds from several public agencies, including the port and the central bank, the Herald said.

Despite assurances that the repeatedly postponed vote will finally happen, the paper said doubts still persist over whether Haiti will be able to pull off the balloting without international financing.

Recently, the country announced a hike in gas prices, causing politicians to take

the airwaves to denounce the move, the Herald said.

At the same time, it said several corruption probes also threaten to derail the process.

"We hope and we trust that they are very serious when they say the elections are going to take place," said Brazil's ambassador to Haiti, Fernando Vidal. "It would be catastrophic if there are no elections in October."

This is the first time in years that Haiti will have to pay for its own elections, according to the Herald.

It noted that, last month, the United States announced that it would not provide funding and demanded the return of nearly US\$2 million in unspent elections financing from the US\$33 million it shelled out in last year's disputed vote.

The US Department of State had disagreed with the decision of Haiti's Provisional Electoral Council to annul last year's first round presidential vote, which pitted then government-



Haiti's president of the provisional electoral council Leopold Berlanger, right, arrives for a press conference in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2016. Campaign season begins yet again for Haiti as authorities organize a redo of last year's presidential vote. Associated Press / Dieu Nalio Chery

backed candidate Jovenel Moïse and opposition leader Jude Célestin in a second round, the Herald said.

Candidates this time have 45 days rather than the customary 30 days to woo voters, "and most seem to be leaving their

debut rallies for later in the week," stated the Herald.

Officially, 27 candidates are contesting the poll, which also includes runoffs for dozens of unresolved legislative seats and a vote for 10 Senate seats, featuring 149 candidates.

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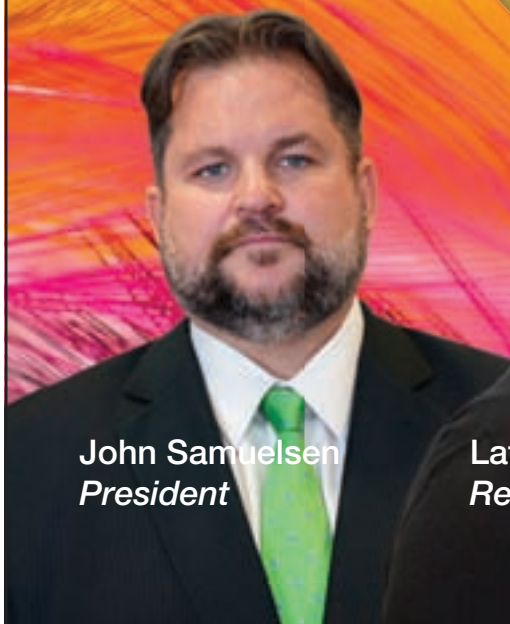
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# State Dept. to host panel on Carib

By Alexandra Simon

The U.S. Department of State plans to talk Caribbean issues concluding a week of Caribbean celebrations.

In a partnership, the U.S. Department of State and Medgar Evers college, will host a panel, "Caribbean-USA Diaspora Priorities & Convergence" at the college on Sept 8., to address the sociopolitical issues affecting the Caribbean region and Caribbean-Americans.

The State Department wants to reach out to the local Caribbean community to engage and gain insight on issues important to the Diaspora and their families abroad, according to one of the panelists and organizers.

"This is going to be a series of days to celebrate the Caribbean Diaspora and all kinds of its origins, and what better place to celebrate their influence than in Brooklyn," said Juan Gonzalez, deputy assistant secretary of U.S. Department of State.

"We want to get together to talk about what and where the bridge is, and how the Diaspora here and in the Caribbean can bring closer ties."

The discussion will be led by four panelists including Gonzalez, as well as Lowell Hawthorne, president of Golden Krust, Dr. Sheilah Marion Paul, a dean at the college, and Tony Best, NY Carib News editor, who will moderate the panel. Each panelist has a quality that will benefit the conversation said Gonzalez, which he also says will encourage more challenging questions from guests taking part in the discussion.

"We wanted to make sure we had a good cross section of individuals," said Gonzalez.

"It's not going to be policy-heavy. It's going to be more of an exchange on how the Diaspora community can work better together — it's going to be interesting to see what are their top priorities."

The panel will be open to the public and guests who attend will be able to ask questions on issues pertaining to them and the status of relations of any country in the Caribbean. Gonzalez expects to discuss this with students and the community.

"I'm looking forward to hearing from



Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Department of State Juan Gonzalez will be at the panel discussing U.S. policy in the Caribbean region, and addressing concerns such as immigration. U.S. Department of State

the student body and what we can do better," said Gonzalez. "Nowadays we're not talking about what we can do for the region, but where we can partner."

Natural disaster, corruption, and strengthened relationships, are among the top issues concerning citizens and leaders from the Caribbean, according to Gonzalez.

"When we talk to Trinidadians there is a need to advance on anti-corruption, and with the Bahamas — they're so close to the U.S., yet we struggle to find ways to cooperate," said Gonzalez. "We want to see how Caribbean people see their relationship with the U.S., and we would really love to hear from them and what are their priorities."

Organizers of the panel are aiming for a community-engaged conversation following a week where the U.S. Department of State will make their debut at the West Indian American day parade on Labor Day. It will be the first time the department will appear at the annual carnival.

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# 'Misterios Del Mar'

By Nelson A. King

The three-year-old, Brooklyn-based band Rhythm Catcher International is portraying "Misterios Del Mar," Spanish for Mysteries of the Sea, this Labor Day.

The five-section band, led by Trinidadian Anton Reynolds, comprises: Goddess of the Sea, Yemaya, Calypso Siren, Seductive Siren and Sea Nymphs.

Reynolds, whose dream was to produce mas ever since he was "a little boy back home," said "all sections are designed for women.

"This year, we did not include men, because we realized, in the past, men preferred just to buy a t-shirt," he said, stating that each section comprises a maximum of 50 masqueraders.

"New York is a big melting pot, so our masqueraders are from all over the Caribbean," he added. "Every one hopes to come in first, but most important, all masqueraders will have fun."

Reynolds, who has been participating in carnival for more than 20 years, said, while Rhythm Catcher International is yet to win a top prize in the carnival, "our time is coming."

He said masqueraders can expect "great music, a loving staff, food, beverages and, most of all, safety.

"Preparation are going accordingly," he added. "We have a lovely staff that work around the clock to make sure needs and deadlines are met."

Music will be supplied by Sterling Silver, Elegance Sounds and Desperado.

The mas camp is located at 188 Linden Blvd., between Nostrand and Rogers avenues in Brooklyn.

Reynolds can be reached at (347) 656-0115.



Lana Maxwell portrays "Sea Nymph." Photo by Nelson A. King



King and Queen of Carnival receive prizes from Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke (second from left), flanked by long-term facility's officials. Photos by Nelson A. King

# REHAB RESIDENTS PLAY MAS

By Nelson A. King

They may not all be very mobile, but residents at the Susan G. McKinney Rehabilitation Center in Brooklyn last Wednesday were able to "shake a leg," as the long-term care center hosted its annual carnival.

According to Angela Cooper, the hard-working, Trinidadian-born facilitator, who served as mistress of ceremonies, the center, now renamed NYC Health + Hospitals / McKinney, has been living up to its mission.

Located at 594 Albany Avenue, the home provides medical, rehabilitation and skilled nursing services for 320 residents "within a pristine and tranquil community."

Cooper said that, on Wednesday, "in the floral essence of their private garden, there was an explosion of color, a pulsating rhythm in the air and more than 200 community guest and family members gathered to witness and celebrate McKinney's Resident Labor Day Carnival Parade on the Green — a new initiative that was brought to McKinney."

More than 80 residents, representing each floor, paraded in front of judges to "showcase a part of their cultural heritage," Cooper, the assistant director, hospitals and event coordinator, told Caribbean Life.

"Most of our residents are unable to go to the parkway," she said, referring to the West Indian American Day Carnival Parade that takes place annually on Labor on Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn. "Therefore, the Parkway came to them.

"The awe-struck patrons were left wide-eyes and in smile as their loved



Band of the Year 2016 "In Full Bloom" from Poinsetta Lane and Rose Garden Grove; middle are band leaders Gail Nurse and Rodrigo Bermudez.

ones walked the parade route to be judged," Cooper added. "Everyone was in the mood of celebration."

She said U.S. Rep. Yvette D. Clarke (D-NY) attended the parade and "was elated to see what McKinney is doing for the residents.

"She thanked the staff and its leadership for upholding the dignity of the community's most vulnerable population," Cooper said.

Michael Tartaglia, executive director, "wholeheartedly supports these events because the residents are his priority," Cooper said.

"We, at McKinney, believe that a part of caring for our residents is bringing the community they once were a part of

to them," Cooper said. "All these seniors were once persons who played active roles in their community, and the continuum of socialization is important to their well-being."

Cooper said the residents — with assistance from the Recreation Department, under the leadership of Janet Larghi, associate director — made the costumes.

Staff also supported the event, as they volunteered to assist in ensuring that all masqueraders crossed the judges' booth, Cooper said.

The four bands representing each unit were: Birds of Paradise, Forbidden Fruits, In Full Bloom and Wonders of Buccoo Reef.



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# 'Bright Africa' for Carican Costumes

**By Nelson A. King**

The nine-year-old Carican Costumes is looking towards a "Bright Africa" as masqueraders display elegant, miniature and elaborate costumes this Labor Day.

Trinidadian costume designer and producer Pat Nurse told Caribbean Life that the portrayal "relates important parts of Africa."

She said the four-section band comprises "Pyramids as great mysteries, Forests with rich land with birds, Beauties in the African Sky, [and] Zebras."

Nurse — who founded the band in 1997 and is also the author of two books, including "Carnival Woman" — said one section of "Bright Africa" is for girls only, while the other sections are mixed.

She said each section comprises 20 masqueraders, with additional Queen, King and Characters, for a total of 92 masqueraders.

"From 2008 to 2015, we have always won a prize every year," said Nurse, who

has participated in the West Indian American Day Carnival Parade for over 15 years, adding that preparations are "great so far."

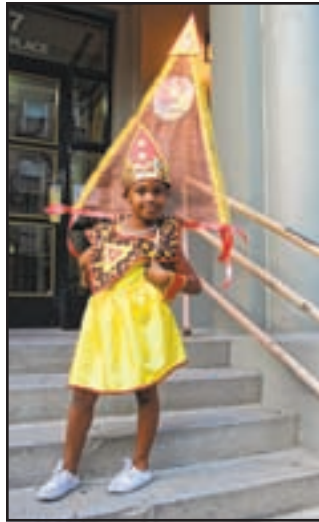
"We always have volunteers, parents and some of the children helping," she added. "As usual, we have always given our children refreshments, balloons, whistles and toys along the

[parade] route."

Masqueraders will move to the beat of DJ Tolo, "who is an excellent DJ for all occasions," Nurse said.

The mas camp is located at 547 Lincoln Pl. Brooklyn, between Franklin and Classon avenues.

Nurse can be reached at (718) 399-0076, or email at [Rnurse@ccny.cuny.edu](mailto:Rnurse@ccny.cuny.edu).



Candace Gittens portrays "Pyramid."



Kaiah Gittens, 4, portrays "Forest Trees."



Pat Nurse portrays "African Sky."

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Strengthened relations: Hugh Riley, secretary general of the Caribbean Tourism Organization says the relationship between the Caribbean Tourism Organization, and the West Indian American Day Carnival Association, is at its strongest, hoping to positively benefit the Caribbean diaspora.

Caribbean Tourism Organization

## Tourism organization praises new partnership

By Alexandra Simon

The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) partnered with the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA) in June, helping build a multiorganizational relationship for Caribbean communities locally and abroad. Because of the joint-partnership, French Guiana will debut at the annual carnival for the first time.

“We’ve had a relationship for a great many years but in recent times we have strengthened that relationship,” said Hugh Riley, secretary general of the organization.

“Leading up to Caribbean week in New York we had a number of meetings with WIADCA – but during Caribbean week we had our first official event together.”

Riley praised WIADCA and the carnival association’s president, William Howard – for facilitating and creating more communication between the two organizations to expand to communities they want to reach.

“It seemed natural that we would have a relationship with WIADCA — they are very focused on their mission statement,” said Riley. “It fits very neatly with our own objectives. WIADCA has a complete understanding of what our objectives are.”

The partnership also earned CTO a spot in the iconic parade. But representatives from the organization also

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want this dual partnership to increase their relationship with Caribbean communities abroad in regards to tourism — their mission.

“We as CTO want to strengthen our engagement with the Caribbean Diaspora,” said Riley. “We are keen to helping our various constituents understand the value and scope of the Caribbean Diaspora, because we are the tourism development agency for Caribbean tourism.”

As a result of the partnership CTO hopes participate in more cultural celebrations, as well as increased engagement from the Caribbean Diaspora about economic change. “

“The Diaspora is keen on using its success, skills, education to invest in the Caribbean. It’s great if they invest in tourism,” said Riley. “Tourism is our main function – if we are the conduit for that or catalyst for that conversation, then so be it. We are happy to do that.”

# Bed-Stuy businesses unite to uplift community

By Nelson A. King

Michael Lambert, the Jamaican-born executive director of the Bed-Stuy Gateway Business Improvement District (BID) continues to advocate vigorously on behalf of businesses in his district.

In an interview with Caribbean Life, Lambert said the BID was established a very strong relationship with the leaders and uniformed personnel from the local precincts.

"We have produced events such as tree lightings and mini-concerts in the BID's public space, Marcy Plaza," Lambert said. "We have conducted retail attraction and retail retention campaigns to assist with the filling of vacant retail spaces while providing resources to local businesses that will help them to stay in business with the changing neighborhood demographics and the changing economy."

He said the district, which comprises numerous Caribbean-owned and Caribbean-themed businesses, is benefiting the community by serving as the primary advocate for Bedford Stuyvesant's main commercial corridor along Fulton Street between Troy and Classon avenues, and along Nostrand Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Halsey Street.

"We benefit the community by executing the core elements of our mission to keep this corridor clean, safe and well marketed, so that the area is able to thrive economically, bringing added value to residents, visitors, business owners, and property owners," he added.

Lambert said the BID is one of Central Brooklyn's busiest commercial thoroughfares, with almost 400 businesses that stretch 1.5 miles at its widest point.

This year marks the 42nd anniversary of the Fulton Street Festival, produced by Trinidadian entrepreneur and record producer Rawlston Charles, owner of Charlie's Calypso City, where the latest Caribbean music can be purchased. Charles is the father of WNBA star Tina Charles, who plays for the Connecticut Sun.

"A good number of the BID's business owners are also owners of the properties in which those businesses are based," Lambert said. "These on the ground BID stakeholders help to drive the BID's agenda to continually make the BID's commercial corridor more viable."

As the executive director of the six-year-old BID that was created from the Fulton-Nostrand United Merchants Association, Lambert said he is responsible for all of the BID's day-to-day operations.

These include strategic program development and execution,



Deputy Inspector John Chell of the 79th Pct and Rawlston Charles of Charlie's Calypso City.



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financial management, and relationship-building with members of the BID's board of directors, business owners, property owners, government and community officials, and community residents.

Lambert said the BID aims to promote the physical and economic renewal of the Fulton / Nostrand commercial corridor by providing services pursuant to the organization's district plan and contract with the City of New York.

Such provisions, he said, include any services that the BID's board of directors, BID's officers, and / or the City of New York "deem necessary to ensure the enjoyment, protection and general welfare of the public, the promotion and enhancement of the district, and to ensure the needs identified by the members of the district are met."

To achieve the goal of promoting the physical and economic renewal of the business district, Lambert — who holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Baruch College / Mt. Sinai Graduate Program in Health Care Administration at the Zicklin Business School and a Bachelor of Science (BSC) in Electrical Engineering from NYU's Tandon School of Engineering — said the BID's programming consists of district-wide supplemental sanitation services; district-wide safety services; district-wide

business attraction and retention; and district marketing and special events planning.

Lambert noted that Bedford-Stuyvesant has undergone many historical difficulties and challenges, stating that, during the 1970s and 1980s, crime and neglect took its toll and made the operation of a storefront business an "often life-threatening proposition."

He said fear of crime kept retailers and customers away, consequently preventing property owners from realizing the potential of their investments.

However, today, Lambert said Bedford-Stuyvesant and its central Business Improvement District have moved from those challenges to become a neighborhood and a business district that has the potential to evolve into a "lively and vibrant neighborhood filled with a mix of unique retail goods and services and restaurants.

"It was understood by merchants, elected officials, community organizations, and residents that this potential would only be fulfilled by the implementation of regular and active services that are typically provided by shopping center management or business improvement district," he said.

Lambert said the Fulton-Nostrand United Merchants Association (FNUMA) was formed in 1991 as an association of dues-paying business members dedicated to



Shernell Prescott and staff of Palate Pleasures August 2016.

"uplifting the community's merchants through unity."

In 2006, FNUMA members voted to partner with Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, the nation's oldest comprehensive community development corporation and leading organization in Bedford-Stuyvesant, to sponsor the creation of a Business Improvement District, Lambert said.

Beginning in February 2006, he said FNUMA and Restoration "worked diligently to ensure that the Bed-Stuy Gateway BID planning process was open inclusive and transparent."

"After three years of planning and organizing, the work of Restoration and FNUMA were successful," said Lambert, adding that, in late 2008, New York City Council approved legislation to adopt the Bed-Stuy Gateway BID as New York City's 64th Business Improvement District; and, in March, 2009, the Mayor Michael Bloomberg signed the BID into law.

In fiscal year 2015, the Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway BID received a Retail Attraction Grant from the New York City Department of Small Business Services to conduct a Retail Attraction Market Analysis of the district as the cornerstone of a larger Retail Attraction strategy to reduce the BID's identified retail storefront vacancy rate of 18 percent, Lambert said.

He said the BID worked in conjunction with the expert retail attraction firm of Larisa Ortiz and Associates to conduct the analysis, "which resulted in the development of a report outlining a number of factors that presently impact and influence the BID's retail vacancy landscape."

Lambert said those included

but were not limited to numerous development projects taking place in the district that will add more than 40,000 square feet of commercial retail space and over 200 units of residential property to the BID in the next several years; the BID's landscape is more indicative of several adjacent micro retail corridors each with a different retail mix presenting many opportunities and many challenges; and a large percentage of the buildings that were vacant were described as being in average or poor condition and in need of improvements to increase the chance to accommodate new tenants.

The recommendations from the Retail Attraction Market Analysis was summarized as having an identified need in three key areas: Private Property Redevelopment, Administrative Management, and focusing on the area's overall Tenant Mix, Lambert said.

As a result, he said the BID has started to map out an overall Retail Attraction Strategy that includes increasing the BID's organizational capacity by hiring a deputy director to assist with the overall Retail Attraction Strategy, and making upgrades to the BID's communication database contact lists for both property owners and retailers; including the addition of plug-in modules that will "allow us to supplement public listings by listing available properties directly on the BID's website."

"Through the strategic execution of the above, the Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway BID hopes to further reduce our vacancy rates while also being able to use surveys and data collection to build a sustainable and successful Retail Attraction Strategy," Lambert said.

# The James E. Davis' legacy will live on

By Dawn Plummer

In a strong effort of community togetherness and support to embrace the work of the late and former, New York City Councilman James E. Davis, New York State Assemblywoman representing the 43rd District, Diana Richardson recently launched the first James E. Davis' Family Day, in the Brooklyn district on Empire Blvd. and Nostrand Avenue.

District residents and some state and city representatives gathered in front of the Brooklyn stationed Post Office, opposite to the 43rd Assembly District's office, to rekindle the goals and aspirations of the former New York City councilman. State Assemblywoman Diana Richardson, reminded attendees at the event that the work of the former councilman should not be forgotten, but should undisputable be supported by everyone, "His causes were for non-violence, peace and community development," she noted. "Less We Forget."

Indicating that the inauguration of the James E. Davis' Family Day is also an example to give assurance that the work



Geoffrey Davis, brother of James Davis and district leader for the 43rd Assembly District in Brooklyn, Diana Richardson, State Assembly woman for the 43rd District and New York State Senator, Jesse Hamilton.

John Louis

of the late Councilman must continue. In addition, Richardson noted that reflecting on his work can help strengthen and influence the minds of the young people in the community in a positive way, and reminding the more seasoned

adults that there is still more work to be done to help uplift James Davis' work.

"The objectives are also to not linger on the work that is already done by the former councilman but to build on it, let it be prolific and uplift-

ing" Assembly Woman Diana Richardson noted. "This is a community that has withstood adversities and celebrating the work and continuing to embrace the legacy of James Davis is befitting to the people." Ms. Richardson pointed out that the vast diversity in the 43rd State Assembly District is not one to be overlooked, "These issues have to be addressed, the James E. Davis' Family Day helps bring us to that common ground." Noting that the implementation and the continuation of the James E. Davis Family Day are important fragments for the community. Richardson said, "it helps and exposes the community also to what government resources are available for them in the various areas. Residents must become aware for community development to happen."

"This is a community that is heavily populated with various ethnic groups and James Davis would have wanted it no other way, but just bringing people together to stop violence and live in unity," the assemblywoman commented.

Geoffrey Davis, brother of the late James E. Davis and leader for the 43rd Assembly District believes that Assemblywoman Richardson has made a strong move by initiating the James E. Davis' Family Day. "This is maverick behavior. She took the lead on keeping his legacy alive, non-violence and developing a community of peace," Davis said.

According to Davis, the community needs participation from everyone and this is what the James E. Davis' Family Day helps to do. "It entails continuing the work of James Davis for the next generation to build on his legacy. This is the 13th year of his death and this is what the community needs to do," said Davis.

Partaking in the Assemblywoman Richardson's milestone on marking the occasion were some state and city representatives including state Senators, Jesse Hamilton and Walter Mosley, New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer and New York City Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo along with several, local leaders in health, civic and businesses.



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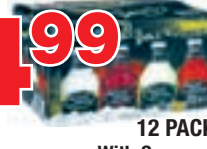
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# Randolph M. Ten-Pow accredited as Guyana's ambassador

By Tangerine Clarke

Just after presenting his Letter of Credence to Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, on Monday, Aug. 22, Guyana's ninth permanent representative to the UN, Randolph Michael Ten-Pow, received a hearty welcome from CARICOM members, diplomats and Guyana nationals, at a reception at the Guyana Mission in Manhattan.

Congratulating Ambassador Ten-Pow, a 30-year diplomat, on his accreditation, Minister Counsellor, Troy F. Torrington noted that the envoy joins an illustrious list of predecessors like Noel Sinclair who began their careers in the Guyana Foreign Service.

Torrington applauded Ten-Pow, a former special advisor to the UN on Multilingualism, for embracing his responsibilities with great passion and enthusiasm.

"We believe he would certainly further the great tradition of leadership and activism of Guyana within the UN," said Torrington.

HK. H. L. Tony Marshall,



Ambassador Ten-Pow with daughter, Kaya and wife, Bonnie.

Barbados ambassador to the UN, on behalf of the CARICOM caucus, assured Ambassador Ten-Pow that he can feel confident that he has joined a band of friends and family, and promised to do everything possible to help him in his endeavors.

"You have been fortunate than most, at this particular juncture to have succeeded Ambassador George Talbot. This means your path is paved, not only from the UN perspective, but also spir-

itually. I wish you and Mrs. Ten-Pow all the best, and you need not worry. We will support you," said the CARICOM representative.

The new permanent representative who has enjoyed an illustrious career serving at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago Chile, beginning his career in 1980, as a desk officer for Venezuela, was called a phenomenal person by former Ambassador Noel Sinclair, who added that the statesman served with absolute and total distinction.

Sinclair said it's the same attitude and work ethic he brings to the post as Permanent Representative to the UN.

"I am confident the abilities that he has demonstrated, as a quick learner, and with the help of the staff at the mission he will discharge his duties in such a way as to earn the admiration of his family, the government and people of Guyana."

Alison Drayton, UNDP President said, Ambassador Ten-Pow brings great qualities to the job that would



From left, Liz Brown, Troy Torrington, Peter Jackson, Consul General Barbara Atherly, Alison Drayton, Barbados Ambassador to UN, K.H.L Tony Marshall, Mrs. Bonnie Ten-Pow, Ambassador Randolph M. Ten-Pow, Mercedes Pierre, Niel Pierre and former Guyana Ambassador Noel Sinclair.

Photos by Tangerine Clarke

do both him and his country well. "With his charm, intellectual curiosity, and professional integrity, I know you will grow from height to height. We are excited to have you at the secretariat, welcome," she said.

A former senior Program Manager for Conference Services, at the World Bank in Washington DC, who served at the UN as Acting Director of the Documentation Divi-

sion last year, Ambassador Ten-Pow enjoyed his service at the CARICOM Secretariat for 30 years and was honored to rejoin the foreign service.

"It is a great honor and privilege for me to have been selected for this post. It is a very heavy responsibility. The UN is the most indispensable organization for small countries like Guyana," said the once special advisor to the United Nations.

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# Trinidad to host Defense Ministers Conference

By Azad Ali

Prime ministers and defense ministers from 33 countries of the Americas will attend the upcoming 12th Conference of Defense Ministers, which will be held in Trinidad and Tobago to discuss terrorism and terrorists threats related to ISIS, the trafficking of arms and ammunition, drugs, and human trafficking.

The theme of the conference is, "Strengthening defense and security cooperation in the hemisphere in an increasingly volatile global environment".

This was disclosed by Trinidad and Tobago National Security Minister Edmund Dillion who said the conference will run from Oct. 10-12 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Port of Spain.

He said they will be holding the meetings on the issue of terrorism and terrorists within "our security land-

scape" and they will be looking at sharing information and intelligence gathering.

Dillion said the conference "allows us to that type of networking, also, the trading of experiences and best practices."

The minister said there are three topics the meeting will be addressing: Security and Defense of the Americas in a Changing International Environment; The Evolving Role of the armed Forces, Environmental Protection and Resilience; and Hemispheric Security and Defense Cooperation Policy; Beginning with Strengthened Humanitarian Emergency Assistance.

Dillion noted that the conference is not a "crime specific" conference but one of the main intent is to share information and experiences which will help shape initiatives in treating with crime.

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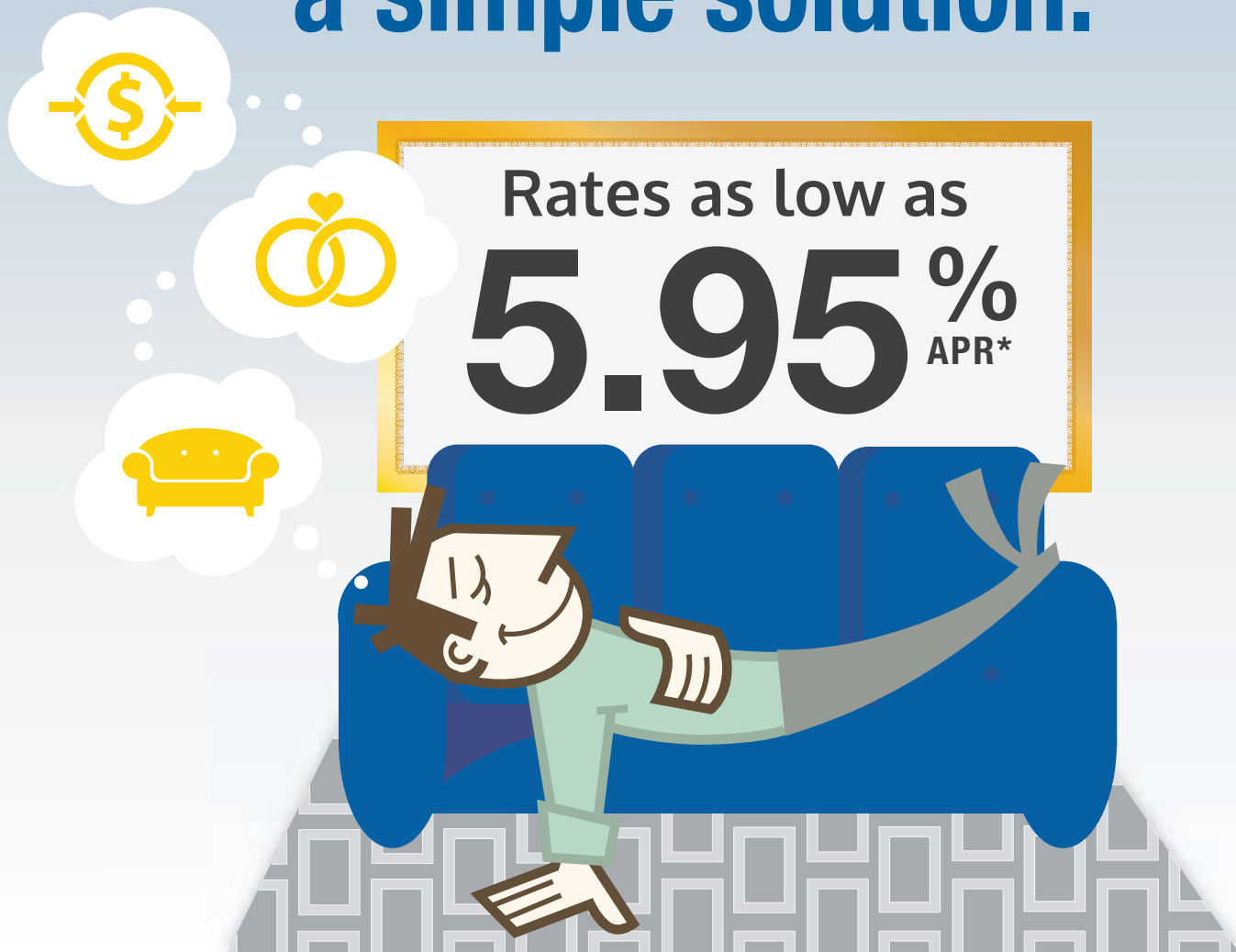
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# Thousands flock Vincy Day



Masqueraders from Mas Productions Unlimited on stage. Photos by Nelson A. King

By Nelson A. King

Thousands of Vincentians on Saturday trekked from as far as Toronto, Canada and Florida for the fifth annual Vincy Day USA at Heckscher State Park in East Islip, L.I.

They flew, took trains and buses, and drove their automobiles or SUVs to the picturesque park, located about an hour's drive from Brooklyn, regarded as the hub of the Vincentian community in the United States.

In wide-ranging interviews with Caribbean Life, nationals said it was sanguine that they came together, with love, in the interest of nationhood.

"It's good to bring Vincentians together," said Violet DeRoche, feasting on a plate of souse, rice and peas, macaroni pie and stewed pork.

DeRoche, who did most of the cooking, with Shernelle Ottley, of Villa, for the relatively new, Brooklyn-based group La Fetters, said it was time that Vincentians harmonize their relationships.

"We need to cooperate, stay together and hear each and everyone out," she said. "St.



A section of the crowd at Vincy Day.

DeRoche.

Nearby, Gregory Antoine barbecued chicken legs and pork on an open grill.

"I've been coming here for five years now," said Antoine, flanked by family members and nationals from his hometown, Layout, and neighboring town, Barrouallie. "I feel good."

Samuel Ottley journeyed from Hollywood, Fl with his wife, Jennifer.

"I am seeing people whom I've not seen in 40 years," said Ottley, attending the unity picnic for the very first time.

A few yards away, Tammy Kirby sat with her daughter, Ariel Graham, 13.

"It has grown bigger every year," said Kirby, referring to the massive picnic. "I'm seeing people I have not seen in years - people from England, Canada and different parts of New York.

"It's a good cause," she added. "We come together as Vincentians, sharing love, reminiscing about childhood, and sharing different views about other things going on in the country."

Friends Celita Dixon and

Vincent and the Grenadines is a beautiful place. We've strayed away from each other, and we need to get back where we were."

As he gathered his members for a photo opportunity, DeRoche's son, Jarvis, who heads La Fetters, said the group has been attending the picnic for the past three years.

"Every year, we look forward to this," said Jarvis, who was born in Brooklyn to a Petit Martinique father, Mathias

Oriel Frederick-Creese sat on collapsible chairs in the center of the expansive park.

"For me, I don't want to miss it for the whole world," said Dixon, who has been attending the picnic from its inception.

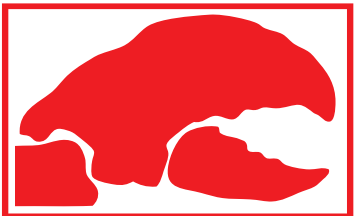
Frederick-Creese chimed in: "I'm seeing people I have not seen in a very, very long time, and you can walk and get food from everyone.

"It's nice to see Vincentians from different places coming together," said Frederick-Creese, who attended the extravaganza with members of the Biabou Methodist School

Alumni Association. "I had two other places to go, but I chose to come here."

Amid the gaiety, Margaret London, a popular New Democratic Party (NDP) radio activist in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, joined members of the Brooklyn-based Vincy Liberators, wearing a T-shirt with that name.

"It's a brilliant idea," said London, attending Vincy Day USA for the very first time. "It's good to see so many Vincentians from all walks of life in one place, showing unity and love, and peace."



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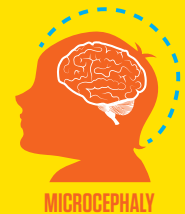
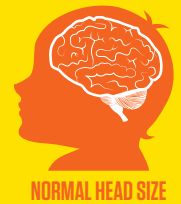
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# Back to school supplies for Brooklyn students

By Tangerine Clarke

Last Saturday's 12th Annual Harvest Fest - Back to School Celebration hosted by Senator Kevin Parker of the 21 Senate District in Brooklyn, helped hundreds of children on long lines in Paerdegat Park on East 40th Street, to receive backpacks with school supplies and uniforms in preparation for a new term.

The five-hour afternoon event, which kicked-off at noon with a drum salute to Sen. Parker by the Empire State Marching Band, and entertainment, also provided free food, and photo-ops, after backpacks filled with notebooks, pencils, calculators, folders and compasses, were handed out.

Senator Parker who hosts several other initiatives including a Summer Reading Program, Prom Dress Give-away, a job fair, and a Mammography Event, among others, and who recently partnered with Sen. Jeff D. Klein to donate \$200,000 to the Flatbush YMCA for teen centered program and branch renovation, said he wanted to ensure parents have what they needed for their children as



More than 500 backpacks were handed out to Brooklyn students

they head back to school.

The Leader for Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Chair of the Democratic Task Force on New Americans, Sen. Parker, said that education is important in his constituency, and anything he could do to move forward the educational process he will certainly do.

"Education is the key to opening the door to opportunity, and we want to make sure every child is equipped to get through that door of oppor-



Hailey Contage, age 9 and Matthew Thomas, age 6 with guardian Donald Thomas, pose with backpacks alongside Sen. Kevin Parker, as Miss Caribbean United States, Shauntay Henry look on.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

tunity," adding, "we have to do things together. It is only by working together that we achieve anything."

The lawmaker also called on constituents to share ideas to improve their community.

"I did not do this along today, we had a lot of spon-

sors," said the politician, who thanked Metro Plus, the Gap, the Brooklyn Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and many others.

Sen. Parker, who lives in Flatbush, serves 318,000 ethnically diverse constituents in Midwood, Ditmas Park, Ken-

sington, Windsor Terrace and Park Slope.

Other participants included, Miss Caribbean United States, Shauntay Henry, Sesame Flyers International, Inc. Zumba Fitness, Cultural Art performances by Ifetayo, and the Hidden Gems Archer.

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# Innovative fibroid treatment offers women relief

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

The New York Fibroid Center of the Sinai Diagnostics & Interventional Radiology is proud to introduce a sophisticated, innovative, minimally invasive way to address the bleeding and pain associated with uterine fibroids.

While the procedure is new to Brooklyn, it has been developed and refined for more than 30 years, all over the globe, says Dr. Vadim Kolesnikov, diagnostic radiologist at the practice.

It works like this: Guided by digital X-rays, doctors are able to reach fibroids via the body's vessels, to target and disrupt blood supply to the fibroids, shrinking them. Without blood to feed on, these fibroids die. It's all done without having to undergo the risks involved with general anesthesia. Just as important, "The integrity of a woman's body is preserved," because the uterus remains intact, says



the doctor.

In the past, women had to endure hysterectomies and myomectomies to relieve the pain associated with fibroids. Recovery time was long, and hysterectomies could sometimes lead to other issues of concern. It was invasive, painful, and required a hospital stay. On the other hand, this procedure involves a tiny nick of the skin in the groin. It takes about two hours, while patients are under twilight sedation. They get to go home the same day.

So if this option has been

around for 30 years, why didn't gynecologists let their patients know about it?

"Gynecologists are not able to perform this procedure," says Dr. Kolesnikov. "Only an interventional diagnostic radiologist can do so."

It's a specialized field that requires particular training. The skilled physician who performs this technique at the New York Fibroid Center is Dr. Lev Pukin, a veteran of 15 years, who underwent his training at the Mount Sinai Fibroid Center.

Perhaps not surprising,

celebrities were among the select few who were able to take advantage of the treatment in past years, says Dr. Kolesnikov. That's because they had access to the right doctors, and could afford to pay for it. Now that the procedure is covered by medical insurance, it is available to everyone.

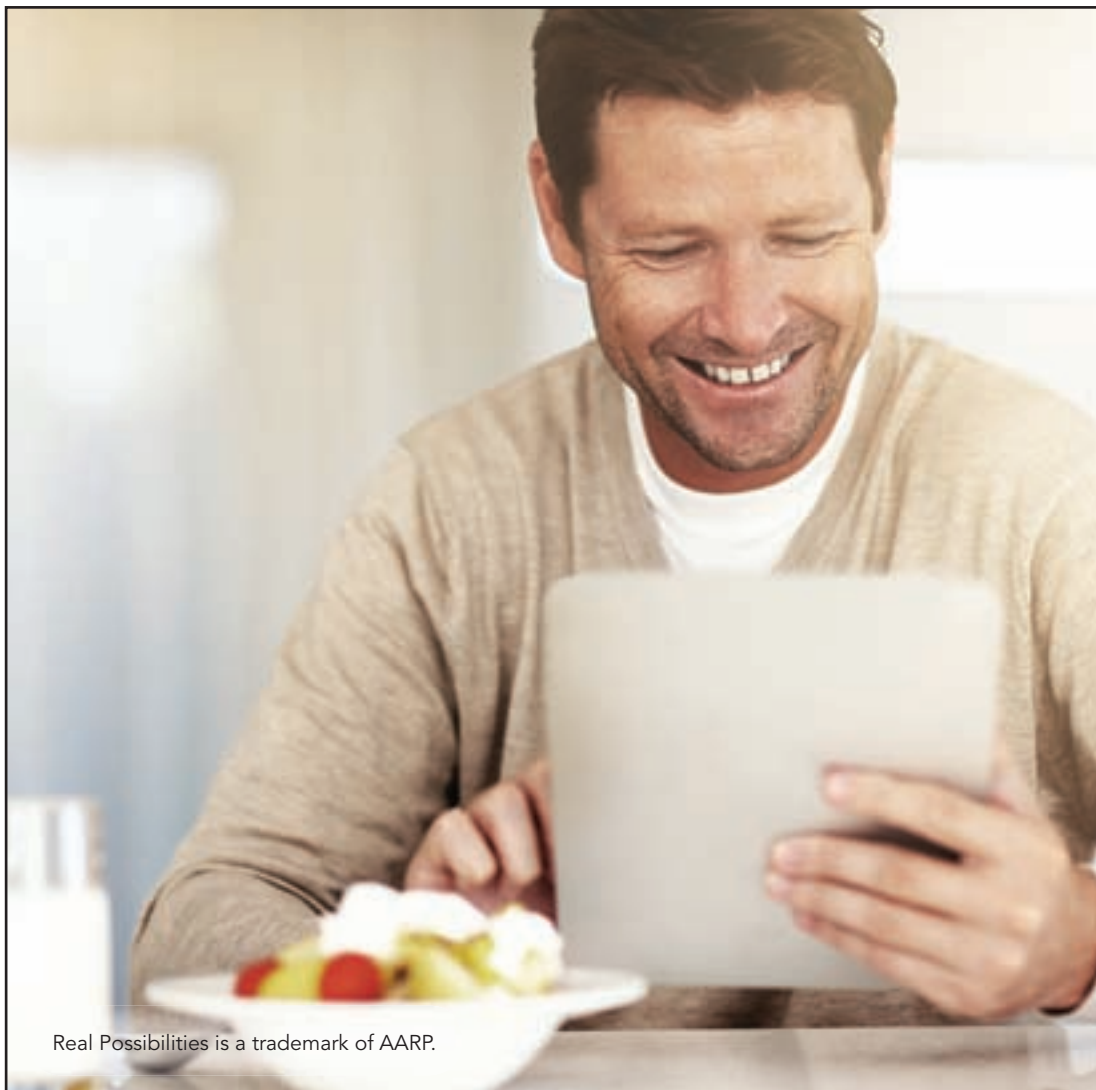
Those who suffer with uterine fibroids know all too well how painful they can be. The benign growths develop in the walls of the uterus, and may become so large, women can look like they are pregnant. Fibroids can also cause heavy bleeding. This often leads to anemia, a condition in which red blood cell counts become low. As a result, women become tired and feel like they have little energy. Other symptoms of uterine fibroids may include back and leg pain, pelvic pain and pressure, pain during intercourse, constipation, bloating, urinary incontinence, and frequent

urination.

Sinai Diagnostics & Interventional Radiology was founded by doctors from Mount Sinai Hospital, and over the span of more than a decade, has grown to include doctors from other top institutions such as Cornell University and Hospital for Special Surgery, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Montefiore Hospital. The company has built a reputation for accuracy and quality care.

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# NY group raises funds for healthcare in St. Vincent



Ruby Wood (L), proprietor of Square Deal Shippers and Movers, with Grenada NY Consul General Rosemarie Welsh.  
Photos by Nelson A. King

By Nelson A. King

The Bronx-based charity group, St. Matthias Charities, Inc., continues to raise funds to assist the healthcare sector and the needy in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The group, headed by Georgetown native Pastor Robert McBarnett, on Saturday conducted another successful fund-raising barbecue at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn, New York.

"It was a very good event," said McBarnett in a Caribbean Life interview. "The folks came out to support a good cause, as we continue to give back to the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

"We're getting ready for our next mission into St. Vincent and the Grenadines," added McBarnett, disclosing that two 40-ft. containers of medical supplies have already arrived in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, shipped through the courtesy of the Brooklyn-based



Angus "Brigo" Lynch (L) with Trinidadian DJ Time 2 Wine (Josh Cumberbatch).

Square Deal Shippers and Movers.

Among the items from that shipment to be distributed are: Three anesthesia machines and a Sonogram at Milton Cato Memorial Hospital (MCMH) hospital in Kingstown, the capital, and an EKG machine for the Chateaubelair Hospital.

McBarnett said he and his

team will be on the ground on Sunday in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, where these items will be handed over to the respective authorities.

Other items to be distributed, McBarnett said, are: Food trays for the hospitals; 55,000 condoms "to help stop the spread of STDs" (Sexually Transmitted Diseases); over 500 Foley catheters; utensils; clothes; pampers; wheelchairs; commodes; crutches; and 150 hospital sheets donated by Vaughan Toney, the president and chief executive officer of the Brooklyn-based Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center and the Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A., Inc. (COSAGO).

Rosemarie Welsh, Grenada's new Consul General to New York, and Jomo Thomas, Speaker of the House of Assembly in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, were among patrons at Saturday's fifth annual barbecue.

Welsh said she first met McBarnett, a few months ago, when St. Matthias Charities, Inc. was gathering medical and other supplies for distribution in Grenada.

"He's such a blessed servant of God, and I was really happy to get to know him," she said.

"Coming to this event was very exciting for me, because I met the people from the neighboring island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and among them were one or two Grenadians. I feel welcomed among them, and I hope to be invited again."

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# Persaud honors five at fundraising reception

By Nelson A. King

State Sen. Roxanne Persaud on Sunday honored five community figures at a fundraising reception at Trelawni Restaurant on Utica Avenue in Brooklyn.

Guyanese-born Persaud, who represents the 19th Senatorial District in Brooklyn, formerly held by John Sampson, whose father is also Guyanese-born, presented State proclamations to St. Kitts-Nevis native Edmund Sadio, a realtor in Brooklyn; Gerald Dawes, the Jamaican-born director in the Business Ethics and Compliance Department (BEC) at Con Edison Company of New York; and Panamanian American Kira N. Brereton, an attorney with Dechert LLP, an international law firm with 26 offices located throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

The others were: Patricia Jordon-Langford, president of The Guyana Tri-State Alliance, Inc.; and Jamaican Leithland Rickie Tulloch, senior director, New York City Health and Hospital (Office of Facilities Development) and chair of the Brooklyn-based Visionary Political



Sen. Roxanne Persaud (fourth from left) with honorees, from left: Edmund Sadio, Kira Brereton, Rickie Tulloch, Gerald Dawes and Patricia Jordon-Langford.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Action Committee (VPAC).

Persaud is being challenged in the Sept. 13 Democratic Primary by Haitian Mercedes Narcisse. Persaud said she hope to raise \$100,000 before Primary Day.

"I'm feeling fine being honored by Sen. Persaud," said Sadio, owner of Century 21 Realty on Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn, in a Caribbean Life interview. "I knew her before she became a senator. She's a person I work well with. I'm in full sup-

port of her senatorial bid."

In post-event interviews, Tulloch said it is "always good to be honored with such distinguished honorees;" Brereton said she felt "extremely honored and privileged to be honored;" Dawnes said it was an "absolute honor;" and Jordon-Longford said she felt "really good" for the award, "especially coming from Sen. Persaud whom I've known for a number of years."

Sadio, current chairman of the Brooklyn-based Caribbean

American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI), said he began his career on Nevis as a sales person with Western General Insurance from 1966 to 1969, selling health and life insurance.

He then moved to Combermere Primary School, where he taught from 1969 to 1972.

Sadio, who was always interested in traveling, said he then pushed himself into the Airline and Travel Industry, working with Evelyn's Travel Agency (LIAT), as a sales representative, from 1972 to 1975.

In migrating to the U.S. in 1975, he worked at Foremost Jewelry Store and Blue Mountain Travel Agency from 1975 to 1992. Concurrently, he enrolled at the Staten Island Community College to pursue his career in sales management.

On graduation in 1979, Sadio was recruited by Tri-Star Real Estate and became a sales associate from 1992 to 1996. In 1996, he said he was approached by the owner of Century 21 Home Town Realty and offered the position as general manager until 1998.

In 1998, Sadio and two part-

ners realized their dream and bought a Century 21 franchise, Century 21 Achievers Realty. In 2000, with partner David H Hanniford, they opened a mortgage company, Bold Step Inc. which ceased operations 2013.

There are currently over 50 sales associates at Century 21 Achievers Realty, under Sadio's ownership.

At Con Edison, Dawes is responsible for promoting ethics standards and guiding compliance with applicable laws.

Previously, he served as a director in Con Edison's Construction department, where he managed all aspects of the company's relationship with the New York City and New York State Department of Transportation.

Dawes also managed the Construction Contracts Administration, Computer Applications, and Technical Review departments. He previously held the position of Con Edison executive on-loan with the American Gas Association (AGA), where he worked with the operations and engineering staff of the AGA on many federal and regional natural gas related initiatives.

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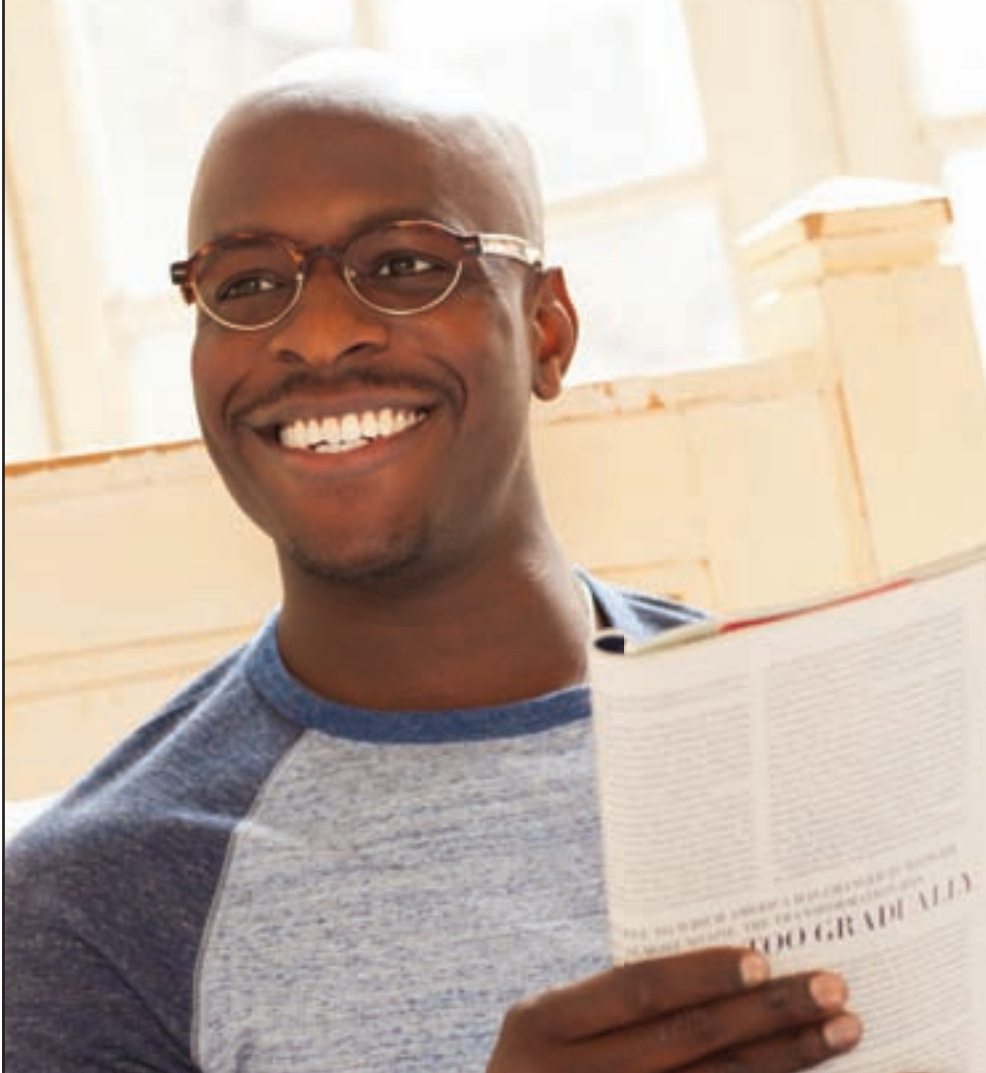
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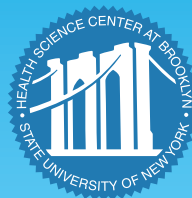
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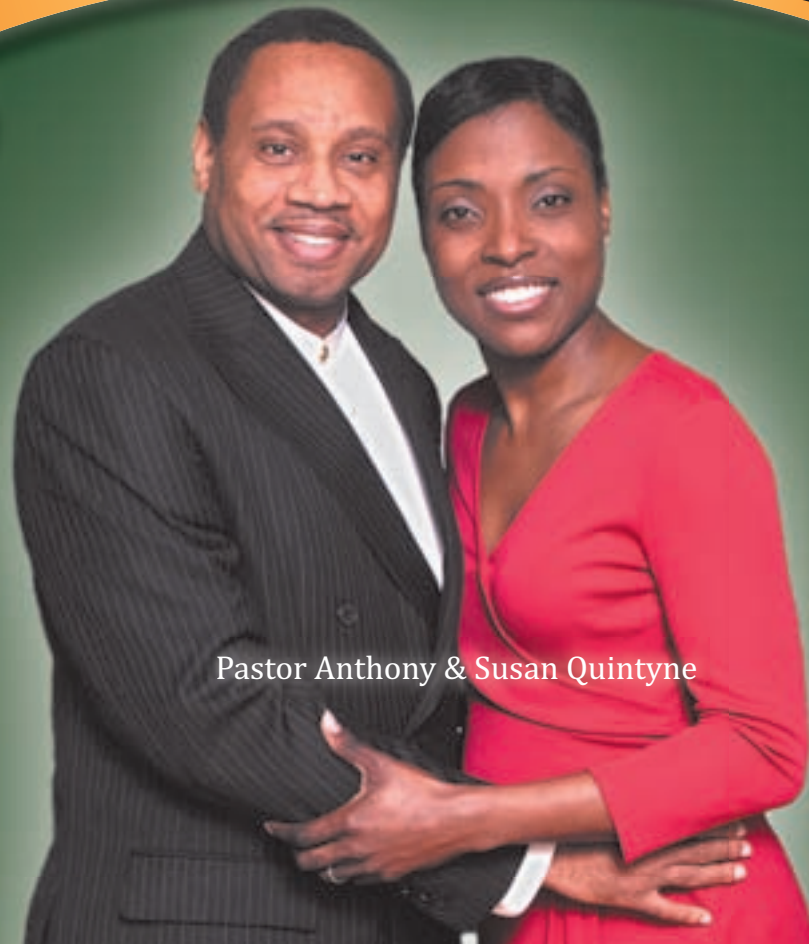
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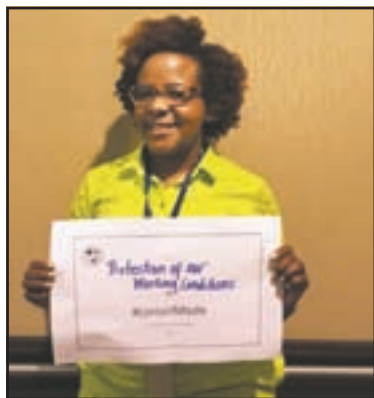
BY VINCENT ALVAREZ

Each year on Labor Day, we pause to celebrate the contributions of working New Yorkers in building and growing our national and local economies. On the Saturday after Labor Day, working men and women from all over the area take to Manhattan's Fifth Ave. to march in the Annual Labor Day Parade. They celebrate their training, hard work, and dedication to their crafts. They also celebrate the wages, benefits, and job security that are the trademarks of union membership. This year will be no different.

Marching with us this year as our Grand Marshal is International Union of Operating Engineers General President James Callahan. District Council 37 AFSCME Executive Director Henry Garrido will march as our 2016 Parade Chair. These men have proven to be true advocates on behalf of their members, and though the jobs they represent are as varied and diverse as our City's labor movement, they all play an integral role in supporting our union made city.

On the surface, the concept of "union made" seems to only apply to buildings and clothing. Digging a little deeper, though, we can see that anything created or gained through quality union labor is, in fact, union made. From our skyscrapers, to our subway and healthcare systems, union labor built our city, and we work hard day in and day out to maintain it.

Don't just take my word for it. The NYC Central Labor Council has heard from union members about what it means to be "union made." The responses have varied from "protection of our workplace conditions," to "the worker's right to bargain," to "a secure retirement." Working men and women recognize the union difference.



Janella Hinds, a United Federation of Teachers member, showing her union pride.



Jed Matalon, a District Council 37 AFSCME member, showing his union pride.

So as Labor Day and the September 10th Labor Day Parade approach, I ask you to take a moment to think about the contributions of unions and organized labor in making and keeping NYC a world class city. In fact, dig a little deeper and consider how the conditions at your own workplace are better as the result of workers having a voice. Workers are always stronger when they are able to stand together to fight for what they deserve. The freedom workers have through a secure voice at work is, and will always be union made.

*Vincent Alvarez is President of the New York City Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, which is comprised of 300 unions, representing 1.3 million workers in the New York City region.*



Mayor Carwyn Holland, the first Linden-born to hold the office after 22-years, (in center back) and wife Nikosi Holland, join compatriots at the recent Ituni International Association Fun Day in Canarsie Park, Brooklyn.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

## Linden's mayor to rebuild after 22 yrs

By Tangerine Clarke

Newly elected Mayor of Linden, Region 10, in Guyana, Carwyn Holland, thanked the Diaspora for their sustained remittances that he said have helped the small mining town on the Demerara River to survive over the last 23 years.

Just recently, the Guyanese politician braved the rainfall in Canarsie Park, Brooklyn to greet the Ituni International Association, at its Second Annual Family Fun day, under the theme: "Unity for Community," which attracted citizens from the Linden neighboring town, to raise funds for educational projects.

Holland, a re-migrant for the last two years, who became the Mayor of Linden after 22 years, told Caribbean Life that the welcome he received from compatriots, made him feel at home, and assured them, that Linden is on a pathway to better days.

"We know, when the present government was in opposition, the wrath towards that government was mainly felt by Linden, a People's National Congress (PNC) stronghold," said Holland, adding that the town suffered when the Bauxite Company was non-functional.

The finest health services that were offered in the region back then, suffered, while the education system failed, leaving Linden to fight for survival, he said.

"Thanks to remittances, the Diaspora held Linden together. Currently, of the 40,000 people who qualify to work in Linden, only 10 percent are employed — the town is in dire need of jobs and support."

"We would like the Diaspora to play an integral part in the development of Linden. We need your knowledge, ability

and Skills. I believe you could do a lot to help Linden," he told the Guyanese audience.

"There is a gap between Linden and true development," said Mayor Holland who insists that the system of the past did not cater for future generations, "we want to turn that around."

"We have lots of virgin land for modern development. We are fighting for a road from Linden to Lethem, promised to the town for over 30 years," said Mayor Holland who is hopeful that the promised help from the International Development Bank (IDB) will be available as soon as possible, to develop the town.

Linden, which is a gateway to Lethem, and a transshipment route to the Venezuelan border, would benefit greatly, since vendors would use the thruway to the neighboring country and the hinterland region for trade.

Holland argues that if infrastructure is in place, the landscape of Linden would change, and residents would have new mindset and something to look forward to.

"People want to see physical change," adding, that the high unemployment rate gravely affects the youth population, students who graduate high school and seek work, many who would love to become entrepreneurs, when this road is completed.

The politician created a social media - WhatsApp chat room, to encourage youths to discuss their aspirations; as such, hundreds have since joined the conversation and are willing to play a part to develop the town.

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# Two CARICOM countries sign tax cooperation with OECD

**By Nelson A. King**

The Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) says it has broken “through the 100-mark” when two Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries joined others in signing the Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters.

The OECD said St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines joined Burkina Faso, Malaysia and Samoa in signing the agreement in Paris on Thursday, bringing the number of participating jurisdictions to 103.

The OECD said St. Kitts and Nevis’ Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris and Cenio E. Lewis, High Commissioner of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Kingdom, signed the Convention in a ceremony in Paris on behalf of their respective countries in the presence of the OECD Deputy Secretary-General Mari Kiviniemi.

In addition, the OECD said St. Kitts and Nevis, Andorra and Senegal “deposited their instruments of ratification of the Convention” on the same day.

As a result, the OECD said the Convention will “enter into force in each of these jurisdictions on 1 December 2016.”

Grace Perez-Navarro, Deputy-Direc-

tor of the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration (CTPA) congratulated the countries.

“With over 100 countries and jurisdictions now participating in this multilateral tax information sharing agreement, national efforts to combat international tax evasion and avoidance have been substantially strengthened,” she said.

Perez-Navarro urged those countries that have not yet done so to “sign and deposit their instrument of ratification of the Convention so that they, too, can benefit from the different types of cross-border tax co-operation afforded by the Convention.”

The OECD said the Convention was developed jointly with the Council of Europe in 1988 and amended in 2010 “to respond to the call by the G20 [Group of 20 of the world industrialized nations] to align it to the international standard on exchange of information and to open it to all countries, thus ensuring that developing countries could benefit from the new more transparent environment.”

Today, the OECD said the Convention is “the world’s leading instrument for boosting transparency and combating offshore tax evasion and avoidance.”

# MEC helps close racial gap in swimming

**By Nelson A. King**

As the school year begins, Medgar Evers College (MEC) says it is making a splash.

The Crown Heights, Brooklyn college’s gorgeous, 25-yard, five-lane pool is helping close the racial gap in swimming, said MEC in a statement.

According to Felicia R. Lee, MEC’s director of news and information, in the United States, 70 percent of African-American and 60 percent of Hispanic children cannot swim or swim poorly, as widely noted by the media recently in the wake of the success of Simone Manuel.

Lee noted that Manuel’s victory in the 100-meter freestyle in the Olympics made her the first African-American woman to win a gold medal for individual swimming.

“The racial gap is partly explained by a lack of access to pools for African-Americans and a history of seg-

regated pools and beaches,” Lee said.

“People don’t know how to swim when they don’t have access to pools,” said Rene Bostic, MEC’s Director of Athletics. “Our pool is available for rentals. We would like to see our community take advantage of it. There are not a lot of pools around that are centrally located like we are.”

But Lee said MEC, a predominantly black institution, is already doing its part to increase the number of people of color in the water.

The college is located in the mostly African-American and Jewish neighborhood of Crown Heights, where children of all colors flock to the classes taught in the MEC pool by Imagine Swimming, she said.

Lee said the company rents the pool from MEC, and that the pool is also utilized by MEC staff, faculty and students.

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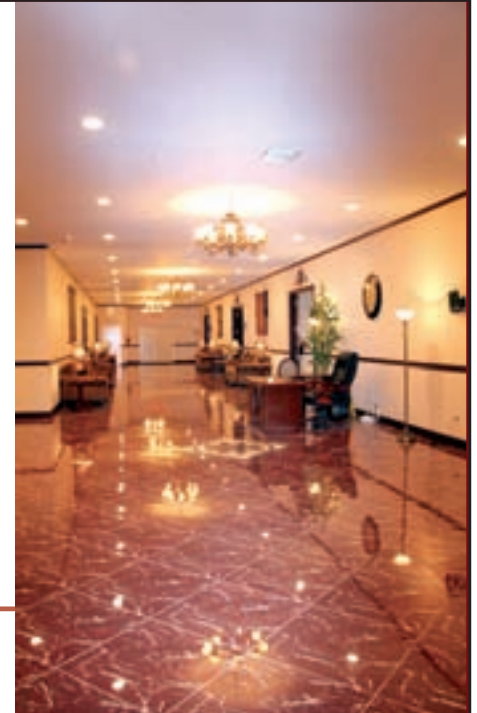
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# Haitian scholar is founding director of new institute



Dr. Jean Eddy Saint Paul, founding director, Haitian Studies Institute. Brooklyn College

By Nelson A. King

A top college with the City University of New York (CUNY) has officially welcomed internationally-noted scholar and author Dr. Jean Eddy Saint Paul as the founding director of the new CUNY Haitian Studies Institute (CUNY-HSI).

Brooklyn College, which will host the institute, said CUNY-HSI will be “a leading institute in the nation, contributing to the body of knowledge about Haitians and the Haitian Diaspora, and advancing the intellectual field of Haitian Studies through research, analysis of public policy, and scholarly practice impacting people of Haitian origin in New York State and other parts of the Haitian Diaspora.”

“I am pleased to welcome scholar Jean Eddy Saint Paul to our community,” said Brooklyn College President Dr. Michelle J. Anderson at a reception on the college’s Flatbush, Brooklyn campus last Wednesday.

“Brooklyn is home to the

largest number of foreign-born Haitians in New York City, and the largest concentration of Haitian-owned businesses and community-based organizations in New York State. Dr. Saint Paul’s experience and knowledge will help him make the Haitian Studies Institute at Brooklyn College a global intellectual center.”

Brooklyn College said Saint Paul, who hails from Haiti, is the author of *The Militias in Haiti: Sociology of Chimè and Tontons Macoutes*, in addition to dozens of articles and book chapters.

His broad-ranging scholarship encompasses such topics as state and social policies; democracy, civil society, the politics of memory, and citizenship in Haiti and the Caribbean; religious pluralism and democracy; and sociology of crime and violence in the Haitian State, Brooklyn College said.

“I send a warm welcome to Dr. Jean Eddy Saint Paul for

joining the faculty at Brooklyn College and applaud him on his new position as the founding director of the Haitian Studies Institute at CUNY,” said New York State Sen. Kevin Parker, representative for the 21st Senatorial District in Brooklyn.

“With his experience and expertise, Dr. Saint Paul is an excellent choice to lead an institute dedicated to the study of the rich and vibrant history and culture of the Republic of Haiti,” he added. “As an elected representative of a district that is home to one of the largest populations of Haitians outside of the republic, I have always taken great pride in their heritage and customs, as I do my own. As such, I am eager to work with Dr. Saint Paul and the institute to realize its mission.”

“I would like to welcome Dr. Jean Eddy Saint Paul to Brooklyn, Brooklyn College, and my assembly district, and congratulate him as the founding director of the Haitian Studies Institute,” said New York

State Assembly Member Rodney Bichotte, representative for the 42nd Assembly District in Brooklyn, who was in the vanguard of pushing for the establishment of the institute.

“Dr. Jean Eddy Saint Paul

brings a wealth of experience, both domestic and international, as well as a keen understanding of social development, structure, and its problems,” said the daughter of Haitian immigrants.

## SOUTHEAST QUEENS PROFILE - ADVERTISEMENT

# Crowe’s Funeral Home trusted by the community for 70 years

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Crowe’s Funeral Home, Inc. has been serving the South East Queens community for more than 70 years.

It is one of the most well-known and successful family-owned African-American funeral homes in New York, says Chaplain Kenneth Brewster, who manages the business that was started by his grand-uncle, Samuel A. Crowe. The history dates back to when Crowe felt the calling to help people during their time of bereavement, so with a partner, he opened Ford’s Funeral Home in the early 1930s.

It was 1945 when Crowe established Crowe’s Funeral Homes, Inc. on South Road in Jamaica. To care for the growing needs of the community, he opened a second branch on Rockaway Boulevard, also in Jamaica, and later relocated, expanding to the present Sutphin Boulevard location.

Crowe was one of the pioneers of the political movement; instrumental in se-



curing jobs for a number of African Americans in the area. In the 1950s, he helped organize the Citizens-Evers Democratic Club, named after the late Medgar Evers. Crowe was affiliated with many of the local churches and ministers, as well as with many fraternal, civic, and political organizations.

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out making some changes from the top which may include bringing in somebody from overseas”.

He said the government “cannot continue getting excuses for not having uniforms, police presence in a sustained manner, especially around the city of Roseau”. Daniel Carbon was appointed police commissioner in December 2012.

**Grenada**

The Grenada government said it has been assisting its CARICOM neighbor, St. Vincent and the Grenadines with medication to deal with the Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) sickness which is linked to the mosquito-borne Zika virus.



**Health Minister**

Nicholas Steele said that the shortage of medication was due to the fact that this is now an emerging disease and so the short supply on the market will see some countries out of stock.

Guillain-Barre disease affects the muscle and can evolve in paralysis.

Steele told reporters that three GBS patients are hospitalized at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the General Hospital, while one other person has died.

Health authorities say as part of a wider strategy to reduce the breeding of the Aedes aegypti mosquitoes, the Ministry of Health and the National Disaster Management Agency spearheaded a massive cleanup campaign throughout the island.

**Guyana**

Guyana has recorded a significant decline in its balance of trade deficit for the first six months of this year, as compared to the same period last year, according to figures released by the Ministry of Finance.

According to figures the deficit had been reduced by 92% and stood at US\$19.1 million as against US\$147.2 million compared to that of US\$519.2 million for a similar period last year.



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Guyana’s diamond exports attracted lower income despite a higher volume of export for the first six months of 2016 compared to that of 2015.

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**Jamaica**

Jamaica is set to reinstate the export of Red Stripe beer to the United States by the end of September.

The company announced that it has

already hired an additional 50 employees and will take another 30 by the end of September in the areas of brewing, engineering, packing and logistics.



Red Stripe has invested over J\$2.2 billion, in plant upgrades and increases in staff capacity as it looks forward to its first shipment next month.

Among the upgrades to its production facilities, in preparation for the historic milestone in the life of the brewing giant, were the modernization of the brewery, the installation of a combined heat and power plant, the commissioning of a new 12-pack machine and the complete overhaul of the existing packaging line.

**St. Kitts**

A three-member delegation from the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) recently met with members of the St. Kitts and Nevis government to discuss further improvements of the cruise tourism sector.

Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris welcomed the delegation, which included the President of FCCA Michele Paige and Carlos Torres de Navarra, vice-president commercial port operations at Carnival Cruise Line to the Cabinet Room at Government Headquarters.



The FCCA and the Cabinet engaged in discussions surrounding visitor experience impact, the role of independent operators, range of product offerings, the economic impact in relation to cruise and stay over visitors.

Minister of Tourism, Lindsay Grant speaking at a forum with FCCA and stakeholders said the ministry of tourism is fully cognizant of the challenges that lie ahead and “we embrace the recommendations from the FCCA, with a commitment to working in partnership with all stakeholder to facilitate the development of a sustainable and even more prosperous tourism cruise sector”.

**Trinidad**

There is still no official word on the nine Trinidad nationals who were detained in Turkey while on their way to fight for the Islamic State (ISIS) terror group.

This was revealed by T&T National Security Minister Edmund Dillion who said the government has not received any official conformation although requests have been made through diplomatic channels.



Earlier this month, Turkish newspaper The Daily Sabah reported that nine T&T nationals are expected to soon be deported to Trinidad and Tobago from Turkey.

The newspaper reported that Turkish authorities had thwarted an attempt to smuggle nine T&T nationals from southern Turkey to ISIS in Syria and that a Syrian man was held in connection with the operation.

-Compiled by Azad Ali

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**By Terri Schlichenmeyer**

At the end of the day, you're out of gas.

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Imagine this: You're driving down the highway on your way to somewhere important, when you glance at the gas gauge and oh, boy, it's almost on "E." That's what your life may be like but Ben Tankard says you can boost your inner fuel with his "Full Tank Life" method. Since it's easy to do, you can start now.

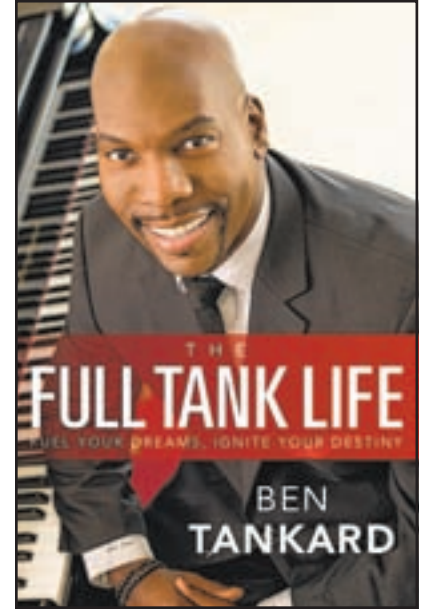
It's all about D-E-S-T-I-N-Y, he says.

Begin by discovering your Dream. Get personal; this is your dream, not what someone else wants for you. Imagine it. Write it down. See yourself in it, then take steps to be in the right Environment to achieve that dream. Tell yourself every day that you'll have what you want. Say it aloud and make it positive. That will help train your Subconscious to see your path as a decision, not a choice.

Learn to see Time in a different way. Don't waste it, of course, but don't rush to use it, either. Haste, impatience, not prioritizing, and a lack of attention to detail can make time slip out of your fingers faster than you might realize.

Try to keep Inspiration in your life. Find people who can support you, and put yourself in their company as much as possible. Find a mentor, and then be a mentor to someone else. Take advantage of Networks to maintain your outlook and to boost your business and personal life.

Finally, remember the most important part of the Full Tank Life: You! Always be genuine. Do your best with whatever you have at the moment. Work around any roadblock you might find. And above all, don't listen to nay-



Book cover of "The Full Tank Life."

sayers: if your tank is full, you can do this.

As faith-based business-slash-inspirational books go, "The Full Tank Life" is okay. Not sterling, not great, but not horrible, either; just okay.

Author, pastor, and "Renaissance man" Ben Tankard has a good premise here but, though his advice is solid, it's similar to a lot of other books. He offers personal anecdotes to illustrate his points but those tales often seem to be elevated, which could smack of boasting. There's a good amount of repetition here, too, and the lengthy Bible teachings sometimes feel like filler.

To the good, however, the information offered is rock-solid. The book is written in an easy step-by-step format (although Tankard says you don't have to read it that way). And there are helpful worksheets included with each chapter, which allow readers to sort through their thoughts and ideas.

The audience for this book, I think, is in the reader with a totally blank slate, or in the businessperson who's hit pause for just a minute. If you are neither, though, "The Full Tank Life" may only leave you empty.



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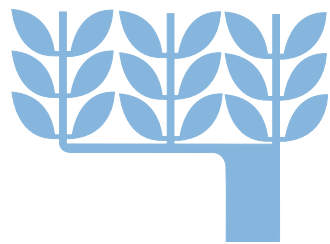
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# Eldercare

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## TODAY



Retirement years are being spent helping to raise grandchildren for a growing number of seniors.

## Tips for helping to raise grandkids

**A**s retirement age approaches, many older adults envision themselves downsizing and moving to a quaint community to enjoy their golden years in as relaxing a fashion as possible. However, for a growing number of seniors, their retirement years are being spent helping to raise grandchildren.

United States Census data from 2010 indicates 4.9 million American children are being raised solely by their grandparents. Many provide part-time care when their older children

have to move back home with their families, as roughly 13 million children are now living in homes with their grandparents.

Seniors who are once again thrown into the caregiver arena may need a crash course in childcare or a few pointers on parenting in the modern age:

**Get the right equipment.** Grandparents should resist the temptation to use old items they may have kept in storage, as such items may no longer be safe and could put grandchildren at

risk for injury.

**Gather important documents.** Grandparents should keep pertinent documents — such as birth certificates, immunization records, death certificates (if the child's parents are deceased), and dental records — in one easily accessible place.

**Speak with an attorney.** Lawyers can help grandparents wade through legal arrangements, such as filing for custody, guardianship, or adoption.

**Investigate financial assistance.** Seniors may not

earn the income they once did and may be on assistance programs or living off of retirement savings. Grandparents who find themselves caring for a child may be eligible for financial assistance. The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families is a joint federal and state program that can provide need-based financial assistance.

**Contact schools and day-care centers.** Grandparents should contact the department of education where they live to learn about local school systems, especially when grand-

kids are moving in with their grandparents. Some can qualify for free or low-cost daycare.

**Find emotional support.** Having a strong support system available can help grandparents work through the peaks and valleys of this new and unexpected stage in life. Church- or community center-based counseling services may be available. Grandparents also can check with their healthcare providers to determine if counseling or therapy sessions are covered under their plans.

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# Caring for mom and dad

Medical advancements have enabled people to live longer. Though everyone wants to live longer, some people outlive their ability to care for themselves. In such instances, family members must make a decision regarding how best to care for an elderly relative.

According to “Aging in Place in America,” a commissioned study by Clarity and the EAR Foundation, 63 percent of baby boomers are actively involved in providing some kind of help or assistance to their elderly parents. Whether this is due to the rising cost of eldercare or simply a feeling of obligation on the part of the child, many middle-aged men and women are responsible for caring for aging parents and young children.

The emotions that might result from caring for an aging parent are often mixed. Some people are happy to do their part to help make life a little easier for a person who devoted so much of his or her energy to raising them. Others in the sandwich generation can feel like this is a burden or guilty that they're not doing enough for a parent.

### Signs an elder needs help

When an older relative stops driving, this is often indicative that he or she needs assistance with daily living.

There also may be signs that support and care is needed, such as if the house seems untidy, if he or she is having trouble maintaining personal hygiene, if the parent is getting hurt attempting to do things around the house, or if he or she seems malnourished due to the inability to cook meals. Limited mobility or loss of mental faculties also may be indicative that it is time for a loved one to receive care.

### Questions to ask

Taking on the care of an aging parent may seem like the best idea possible, but particularly for a senior who is very afraid of losing his or her independence, it may not always be in either party's best interest.

Before anyone determines what will be done to help a relative, it's best to answer a few questions as straightforwardly as possible:

- What type of care does my parent need?
- How soon into the future is that type of care bound to change?
- Can this care be handled by some-



Caring for a loved one who can no longer care for herself is something that many baby boomers are facing on a daily basis.

one who comes into the house, such as a visiting nurse?

• Will my parent feel comfortable with an outside person helping with day-to-day care?

• What are my parent's limitations?

• Am I capable of handling this on my own?

• Can I afford an adequate care facility?

• What are my local facility options?

• Will this type of care affect my own personal well-being?

• Can I handle this emotionally and physically?

Any person facing the prospect of caring for an aging parent can realize that there is help available, as well as many different people who can help guide a decision. The first resource is to ask siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins to weigh in on the situation to help the family come to a consensus.

There are also social workers who specialize in this sort of thing, as well as financial consultants who can spell out the pros and cons of different types of care and help determine the most affordable option. This can also go a long way toward helping determine the course of action.

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

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

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

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# Understanding life insurance

Life insurance is a product few people want to think about. That's perfectly understandable, as life insurance forces men and women to consider their own mortality. But life insurance is not something adults should avoid, especially if they have dependents.

Many people should consider life insurance when estate planning so they can provide security for their loved ones. But life insurance is a purchase unlike any other, and people may be confused or intimidated when attempting to purchase life insurance policies.

## Deciding if you need coverage

While life insurance seems like the kind of thing every person should have, that's not necessarily the case. For example, single men and women with no dependents and no tax or debt concerns generally do not need life insurance. If you are single but have tax issues or a considerable amount of debt, then a life insurance policy can be used to pay those debts upon your death.

Adults with dependents, such as a spouse and children, should consider purchasing life insurance, which can help your surviving dependents maintain their quality of life and pay their bills in the wake of your death.

## Buying life insurance

Much like various other types of insurance, life insurance can be purchased from an insurance agent or via an insurance company's website. When choosing a company from which to buy a life insurance policy, look for a company with a strong rating, as no one wants to end up being burned by a life insurance provider who goes out of business.

Some people prefer to work with independent brokers who can share information about products from various providers rather than just the ones offered by the firm company-affiliated agents work for.

## Choosing coverage

When choosing coverage, you will no doubt be asked if

you prefer term insurance or permanent insurance. Term insurance is the least expensive life insurance, and such policies only last for a predetermined number of years. You may purchase life insurance policies if you only want life insurance until you retire or until your children reach adulthood.

Permanent insurance is more expensive and will last from the moment you purchase the policy until your death. Many people choose permanent life insurance policies so the money their beneficiaries receive upon their death can be used to pay estate taxes. In addition, there is an investment component to permanent insurance policies, as a portion of the premiums on such policies is invested (policies will spell out how the money is invested) and allowed to grow tax-free so long as the policy is open. Term insurance only provides protection with no investments.

When choosing how much coverage to purchase, it's



Many people should consider life insurance when estate planning so they can provide security for their loved ones.

easy to go overboard and aim for as much as possible. However, many financial advisors suggest purchasing enough coverage to pay for funeral costs and a level of income replacement you can

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# Sexual equality triumphs in Belize

By Azad Ali

UNAIDS said a court ruling in Belize that means consensual, private sex acts between adults — regardless of sex or sexual orientation — are no longer illegal in Belize is a triumph for equality.

Belize Chief Justice Kenneth Benjamin recently ruled that Section 53 of the Criminal Code is inconsistent with the Constitution. It criminalized “carnal intercourse against the order of nature,” including sex between consent adults.

But the chief justice ruled that this provision violated the rights to human dignity, privacy, freedom of expression, non-discrimination and equality before the law.

UNAIDS said in a statement: “This development reinforces human rights and supports access to HIV services. This is an encouraging step forward for a country that has already demonstrated a relatively high level of positive attitudes regarding homosexuals.”

A 2013 poll commissioned by UNAIDS found that two out of every three Belizeans were either accepting or tolerant of homosexual (68 percent). In addition, three of four respondents agreed that people should not be treated differently on the basis of their sexual orientation (75 percent).

UNAIDS Director of the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Support Team, Dr. Cesar Nunez said the ruling of the Belize High Court echoes the widespread public opinion in Belize that people should be treated with dignity and equality, regardless of who they love.

In the statement USAIDS said that for gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men in most of the English-speaking Caribbean, discriminatory and punitive laws regarding sex between men hamper access to HIV and STI prevention and treatment and other social services by reinforcing discriminatory attitudes. It said many people are reluctant to reveal their sexual preferences due to fear of discrimination, harassment and violence.

“This ruling removes a key stumbling block to gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men accessing HIV testing and treatment services,” the statement added.

UNAIDS also congratulated Caleb Orozco, head of the United Belize Advocacy Movement, who had filed the challenge against Section 53, as well as other supporting civil society organizations, for their courage, leadership and resilience over the last six years the case was in the system.

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# Reggae revelry at the Brooklyn Museum

Reggae rarely gets the attention from publications invested in Eastern Caribbean carnival and Labor Day revelry.

Absent here from many for more than a month with dedicated promotional of the spectacle, photos and features already familiar to fans and masqueraders proliferate with negation of the Jamaican quotient that comprise Caribbean heritage and culture.

However, despite the month-long hype of masqueraders and soca / calypso traditions prior to the actual holiday weekend, the Jamaican music genre acclaimed as reggae perseveres and this year headlines concerts and showcases on an island, in a Queens park, on a Brooklyn beach and at the Brooklyn Museum.

A "One Caribbean, One People, One Voice," theme prevails this year with the 49th annual West Indian American Day Carnival Association's celebration and holds firm with diversity highlighted by events slated at the rear of the landmark carnival showplace in Brooklyn, the Brooklyn Museum.



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

There, "A Funky Reggae Party" will be the most expensive ticket on the four-night concert series booked by WIADCA to kickoff Caribbean cultural pride during the days leading to Labor Day.

Returning after token appearances when reggae music was embraced by major record companies, commercial radio stations and an enthusiastic public that banked on Shabba Ranks, Musical Youth, Bob Marley, UB40, Lieutenant Stitchie and other reggae recording artists, the return of a night devoted to Jamaican music seems appropriate and long overdue.

The most consistent Caribbean music to chart on Billboard Magazine's listings of achieving music specialists will open the festivities on Sept. 1 to present the island's rich cultural beat and inject variety to

the nightly presentations.

Throughout the years, reggae has been an outcast to the WIADCA weekend revelry. Like Haitian — kompa, kreyol and zouk — music, reggae has had to yield or wait for Labor Day to shine.

Perhaps credit should go to African-American President William Howard who might not be bound to loyalties to the eastern Caribbean or Jamaica due to his heritage.

Dedicated to the mission WIADCA has always promoted but not always executed, Howard's reign will highlight a legacy of diversity and inclusion.

Throughout the years, former WIADCA committee members of Jamaican heritage have long maintained that a bias persists against any conversation for inclusion of reggae music.

Arguing against its legiti-



Romain Virgo.

macy as a traditional carnival genre, reggae although the most popular Caribbean music played on radio and television; sampled by pop and hip-hop artists, the music of the third largest island in the Caribbean has been an exclusionary feature to the WIADCA feature separating eastern Caribbean

customs from those boasted in the western region.

Late to the carnival pagentry highlighted by soca and calypso music, Jamaica regards reggae as the national music with carnival a marginal sideshow and temporary fete marked during Easter.

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## Meet Kaci on the Parkway

By Alexandra Simon

Former Miss Universe Jamaica, Kaci Fennell will make her big apple debut this week for two major Caribbean events in New York City — one of the largest Caribbean music events, and the West Indian American Day Carnival on Labor Day.

The pageant beauty will co-host “On Da Reggae and Soca Tip,” the annual music event showcasing the best artists

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## T&T dancer to get award

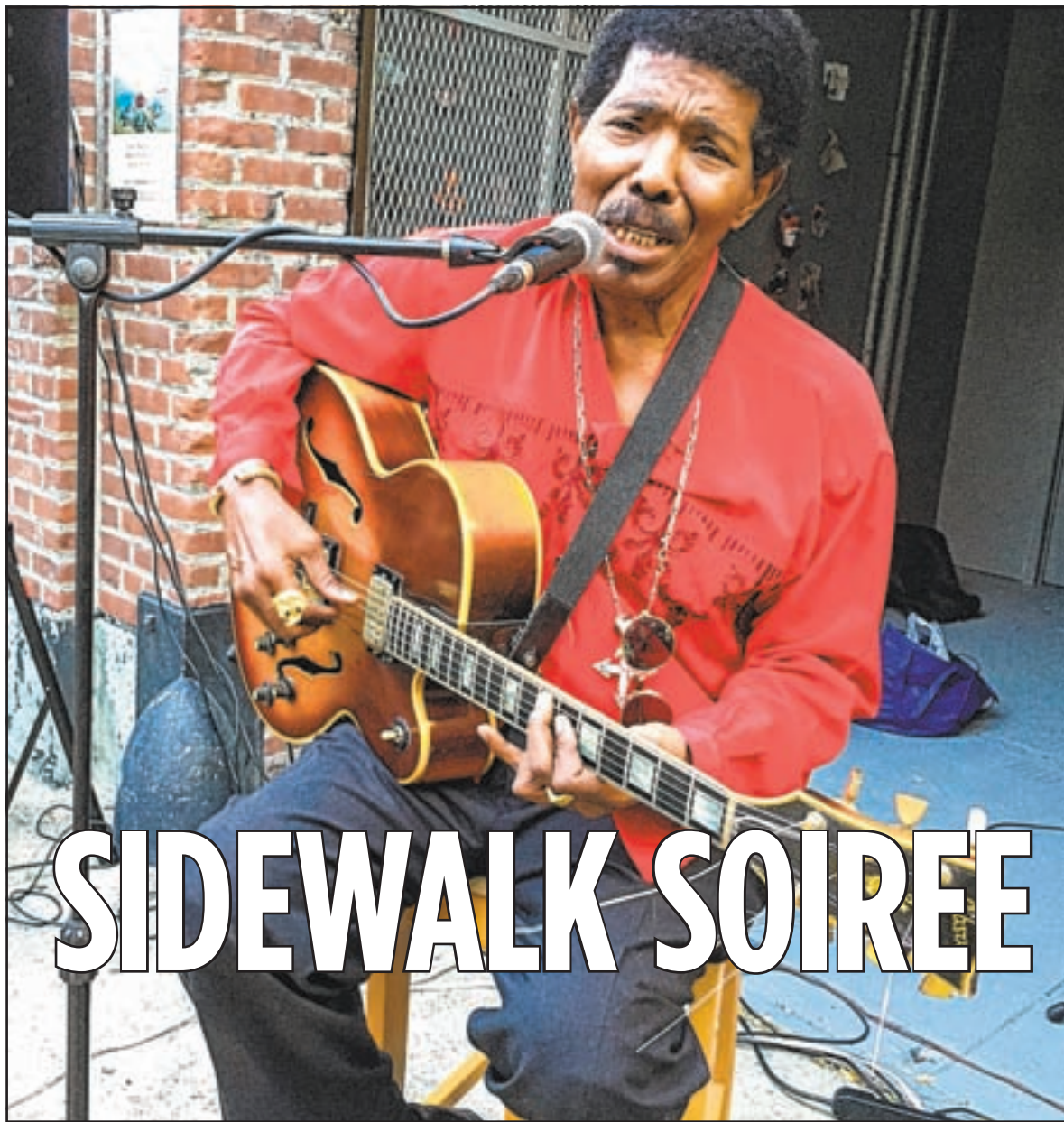
By Alexandra Simon

Dancing all her life, an East New York dancer is going to be awarded with the Princess Grace award this fall.

Tamisha Guy will receive the award at a gala ceremony in the presence of the Prince and Princess of Monaco on Oct. 24.

The Princess Grace award is an award that artistic directors can nominate emerging artists, dancers, and filmmakers for. The prestigious award also celebrates its recipients with fellowships and scholarships to pursue careers in these fields – a charitable action the awards name-sake, Princess of Monaco and Hollywood actress Grace Kelly — often did for artists.

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Known for his troubadour style, featured musician Boulo Valcourt sang solo as the audience amassed on the sidewalk of St. John's Place. Photo by Tequila Minsky

## Poetry and music wrap up the summer

By Tequila Minsky

Boulo Valcourt was introduced as a national treasure by the keyboard player of Tabou Combo at the Haiti Cultural Exchange (HCX) sidewalk soiree outside of Five Myles Gallery on St. John's Place last weekend.

He was referred to as a “Haitian Bob Dylan” — not that far of a stretch — for those who don't know him. Valcourt defines himself as a musician, composer, guitarist, singer and, a painter.

Accompanying himself on guitar, this musician is known for his sultry singing of ballads, many taken from Haitian popular traditions, cover songs in French and his own original music.

Valcourt has been making music since his youth in a musical career spanning five decades. He formed bands in Montreal, New York and Haiti (“Les Caraïbes, Ibo Combo, Horizon 75 and La Caribbean Sextet, to name a few). He has recorded

one LP and seven album / CDs

His well-renowned “La Personn O” song became a cultural marker to the turbulent post-Duvalier times in Haiti. Valcourt has influenced the Haitian music scene by producing many songs in the “troubadour” style.

As the audience filtered to the sidewalk venue, Valcourt sang solo entertaining early arrivers.

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES

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- 3 **Send My Love**  
Adele
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Major Lazor
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Rihanna
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# Poetry and music

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ry and Music in the “Tunnel,” is the HXC annual outdoor event showcasing both up-and-coming musicians and poets along with seasoned literary and performing artists.

After a bit of musical warming up the crowd, the program of poets began, all reading in Kreyol or French. Poets Andy Pierre-Louis and Fred Lafortune and Schneider Laurent — from poets Georges Castera and Bonel Auguste — read as the sun began to set.

Then, under the lights guest James Noel who traveled from Haiti where he is very active in the literary scene took to the sidewalk. (A collection of his poems was published in 2005 and a children’s book in 2010).

He read from his compilation anthology of 73 Haitian

poets and also his own well-known poem “Bon Nouvèl,” that has been put to music by Wooly Saint Louis Jean.

Jeanie Bogart, the other highlighted poet, lives in the metro New York area and grew up writing by the sea of her native Les Cayes. “I did not choose to become a poet,” Jeanie explained. “Poetry chose me. The desire to write consumed me. There was nothing I could do.”

Lehman College Professor of French Tomas Spear said that Bogart was a talented performer of strong writings, adding, “She is a powerful voice, sexy, feminist, and full of anger.”

By late evening, the audience overflowed into the street.

Then, Valcourt and accompaniment brought engaging music to this literary crowd,



Filling the sidewalk of St. John’s Place on a perfect end of summer evening.  
Photo by Tequila Minsky

performing Haitian favorites. The sidewalk filled with dancing — an ultimately satisfying night to wrap up the summer.

## Jamaican pageant winner to debut during Labor Day

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from the Caribbean, and will also represent the soda brand Ting, as the Face of Jamaica, at the West Indian American Day Carnival. The soda brand has chosen the beauty, who has been its ambassador for two years, to represent the country and she is thrilled to be a part of the events.

“I will be having a good time,” said Kaci Fennell, Miss Jamaica Universe 2014.

“This will be my first time at the West Indian American Day parade, as well as “On Da Reggae and Soca Tip” — I’m very excited. I’ve been to New York many times, and I know we have a vicious group of Jamaicans.”

Fennell will co-host “On Da Reggae and Soca Tip,” and is mostly thrilled seeing her favorite artists perform, while also being a source of nostalgia for Jamaicans living in New York.

“It’s so delightful to see expressions,” said Fennell. “Just the feeling and the vibe and to know they can see a piece of home all the way in the U.S. — it’s just so delightful to see their expressions.”

Popular artists such as Bunji Garlin, Shaggy, Mr. Vegas, Tantro Metro and Devonte, Allison Hinds, and many

more are scheduled to perform at the event. Fennell said she was looking forward to all the live performances, particularly Shaggy’s.

“Shaggy is one of my favorite performers because he always loves to interact with the crowd,” said Fennell. “But I’m excited for everyone. I’m a soca and reggae junkie so it’s a perfect combination for myself and the festival.”

And with Jamaica’s increased sense of pride fresh off of the Olympics, Fennell feels the events will continue those celebrations and certify a more enjoyable concert and parade.

“This is a celebration for us after the Olympics,” said Fennell. “We had Bolt, we had Elaine — we just did fantastic. I can’t wait to be there and hear songs like ‘Champion.’”

Fennell will host the event on Friday, and the following Monday will get ready to spend all day at the parade, serving samples of Ting.

“On Da Reggae and Soca Tip” at Governors Island, www.governorsclubny.com. Sept. 2, 6 pm. Price \$65.

“West Indian Day Parade” (Eastern Parkway between Utica Avenue and Grand Army Plaza in Crown Heights, www.wiadcacarnival.org). Sept. 5, 11 am–6 pm. Free.

## Trinidadian dancer

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“To win an award is a super amazing experience especially having support of my boss and colleagues,” said Guy, contemporary dancer.

Nominated for the award by her boss and choreographer, Kyle Abraham, Guy will be given a fellowship for his dance company Abraham.In.Motion.

“[Kyle’s] work speaks to me and it goes along with my movements and aesthetics,” said Guy. “As an artistic director he is a driving force — he allows us to give him insight.”

Born in Trinidad, Guy came to Brooklyn at 10 years old and began formal dancing soon after, learning ballet at Ballet Tech. Afterwards she attended La Guardia High School and was introduced to other types of dancing, such as hip-hop and contemporary and modern dance, which she does now. Walking the halls of the famed arts school, Guy says her immediate feelings of overwhelmingness helped her gain a confidence and a desire to dance more.

“I was overwhelmed with such a large school and finding my way was also a challenge,” said Guy. “But there’s a freedom that I feel when



Performing expression: Contemporary dancer Tamisha Guy, will be awarded with the Princess Grace award in October. Guy says dancing allows her to comfortably express herself without words.  
Rachel Neville

I’m on stage. I have the freedom to express myself through movement — those are things that words cannot express.”

Upon completing her studies at La Guardia, she took a full year off from dancing to take academic courses, which Guy says was to challenge her love for dancing. Doing so, helped her decide her future.

“I didn’t dance to test myself and to see if I was capable of giving it up,” said Guy. “I had a few moments where I couldn’t believe I was doing this, but I needed to see if it was something I wanted to do.”

# Chan, Knoxville in unlikely-buddies flick

“Skiptrace”

Good (2 stars)

Rated PG-13 for violence, suggestive content, profanity, drug use and brief nudity

Running time: 107 minutes

Distributor: Saban Films



Johnny Knoxville and Jackie Chan star in “Skiptrace.”

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By Kam Williams

Jackie Chan made dozens of martial arts movies in his native Hong Kong prior to finding phenomenal success stateside in 1998 co-starring with Chris Tucker in the buddy-comedy “Rush Hour.” Their pairing as unlikely-partners proved so popular that they returned to the well to shoot a couple of sequels in “Rush Hour 2” and “Rush Hour 3.” And Jackie further milked the familiar formula in outings opposite Owen Wilson in “Shanghai Noon” and “Shanghai Knights.”

Despite being perhaps a little long-in-the-tooth to still be doing such stunt-driven adventures, the sixty-something matinee idol is back with Skiptrace, a slight variation on the theme co-starring Johnny Knoxville. Knoxville is known for Jackass, the TV and

film franchise in which he and a coterie of deranged confederates perform an array of death-defying feats.

Here, he reprises some of his greatest hits, like rolling down the street in a barrel. The same can be said of Chan, as so many of the picture’s chase and fight sequences have a feeling of *deja vu* about them. Nevertheless, a treat is in store for the uninitiated, especially

youngsters who’ve never seen either of these leads ply his trade before.

In “Skiptrace,” Jackie plays Hong Kong detective Benny Chan, and Johnny co-stars as Connor Watts, an American gambler on the run from a Russian casino owner (Charlie Rawes) he fleeced to the tune of a million dollars. At the point of departure, Benny’s partner Yung (Eric Tsang) is murdered by a

mysterious mobster known as “The Matador,” and he makes it his mission to bring the creep to justice.

Meanwhile, half a world away, Johnny just happens to witness the kidnapping of Yung’s daughter Samantha (Bingbing Fan). So, that makes him invaluable to Benny when the two subsequently cross paths, as much as the detective dislikes the idea of cooperating with a slippery con

man.

Directed by Renny Harlin (Die Hard 2), “Skiptrace” overall is a globe-trotting affair which unfolds at a dizzying pace in the course of visiting a variety of ports-of-call all across the planet. The multi-layered whodunit eventually builds to a big showdown at Kai Tak Cruise Terminal back in Hong Kong, where the case is very satisfactorily resolved.

## Independent & Foreign Films

**In Search of the American Dream** (PG-13 for profanity, violence and mature themes) Survival saga about six sibling’s attempt to elude the authorities in a race across Texas after their undocumented parents are arrested on the spot and carted away. Co-starring Baldemar Rodriguez, Shaina Sandoval, Kayla Valadez and Jeremy Becerra. (In English and Spanish with subtitles)

**Kickboxer: Vengeance** (Unrated) High-octane tale action flick about a martial artist (Alain Moussi) who travels from L.A. to Bangkok to avenge the killing of his brother (Darren Shaharvi) by the Muay Thai champion (Dave Bautista). With Jean-Claude Van Damme, Georges St. Pierre and T.J. Storm.

**Max Rose** (Unrated) Jerry Lewis plays the title role in this skeletons-in-the-closet dramedy as a jazz pianist who has just discovered that his terminally-ill wife (Claire Bloom) has been hiding a big secret that makes their 65-year mar-



### Kam’s Kapsules

By Kam Williams

riage a big lie. Cast includes Kerry Bishe’, Dean Stockwell, Fred Willard, Illeana Douglas and Kevin Pollak.

**Naam Hai Akira** (Unrated) Crime thriller revolving around a headstrong college coed (Sonakshi Sinha) whose life spirals out of control after she unwittingly gets caught up in a conspiracy being hatched by a quartet of crooked cops. With Amit Sadh, Urmila Mahanta, Teena Singh and Mukesh Hariawala. (In Hindi with subtitles)

**Sister Cities** (Unrated) Dysfunctional family drama revolving around the reunion of four estranged sisters (Troian Bellisario, Stana Katic, Michelle Trachtenberg and Jess Weixler) for the funeral after their mother’s (Jacki Weaver)

apparent suicide. Support cast includes Alfred Molina, Tom Everett and Kathy Baker.

**Skiptrace** (PG-13 for violence, suggestive content, profanity, drug use and brief nudity) Action comedy about a Hong Kong detective (Jackie Chan) who teams up with an American gambler (Johnny Knoxville) to arrest the drug kingpin (Winston Chao) who murdered his partner (Eric Tsang). (In English and Mandarin with subtitles)

**Summer of 8** (Unrated) Ensemble dramedy set in Santa Monica where we find an octet of high school grads hanging out on the beach during their last days of freedom before going their separate ways to college. Co-starring Carter Jenkins, Michael Grant, Matt

Shively, Nick Marini, Shelly Hennig, Bailey Noble, Rachel DiPillo and Natalie Hall.

**There Is a New World Somewhere** (Unrated) Romance drama about a struggling, NYC artist (Agnes Bruckner) who returns home to Texas for a friend’s wedding only to fall for a seductive stranger (Maurice Compte) who talks her into accompanying him on a road trip across the South. With Ashley Bell, John Robinson and Morgan Krantz.

**White Girl** (Unrated) New York City saga about a hedonistic college coed (Morgan Saylor) whose life spirals out of control after she falls head-over-heels for a bad boy (Brian ‘Sene’ Marc) dealing dime bags on her block. Cast includes Chris Noth, Justin Bartha and Adrian Martinez.

### BIG BUDGET FILMS

**The Light between Oceans** (PG-13 for mature themes and sexuality) Romance drama, set off the coast of Australia in the

wake of World War I, about a lighthouse keeper (Michael Fassbender) and his wife (Alicia Vikander) who decide to adopt a baby (Florence Clery) they rescue from a rowboat adrift at sea. Cast includes Rachel Weisz, Leon Ford and Jack Thompson.

**Morgan** (R for profanity and brutal violence) Sci-fi thriller revolving around a corporate risk-management consultant (Kate Mara) hired to decide whether to terminate the life of a superhuman cyborg (Anya Taylor-Joy) after it attacks one of the scientists that created it. With Toby Jones, Rose Leslie and Michael Yare.

**Solace** (R for sexuality, nudity, profanity, and pervasive violence and bloody images) Crime thriller about a psychic doctor (Anthony Hopkins) mourning the death of his daughter who joins forces with an FBI agent (Jeffrey Dean Morgan) to apprehend a serial killer (Colin Farrell). Featuring Abbie Cornish, Matt Gerald and Marley Shelton.

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## Cricket sanction

By Azad Ali

The Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad and Tobago could be sanctioned by the International Cricket Council (ICC) after its outfield was given a "poor" rating by match referees.

The ICC made the announcement in a release on Thursday, Aug. 25 after the fourth and final Test between West Indies and India finished in a farcical draw on the final day on Monday.

Questions about the historic ground's drainage system and mopping up operations have been raised after rain halted play just before launch last Thursday's open-

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## Windies win Twenty20 series

By Azad Ali

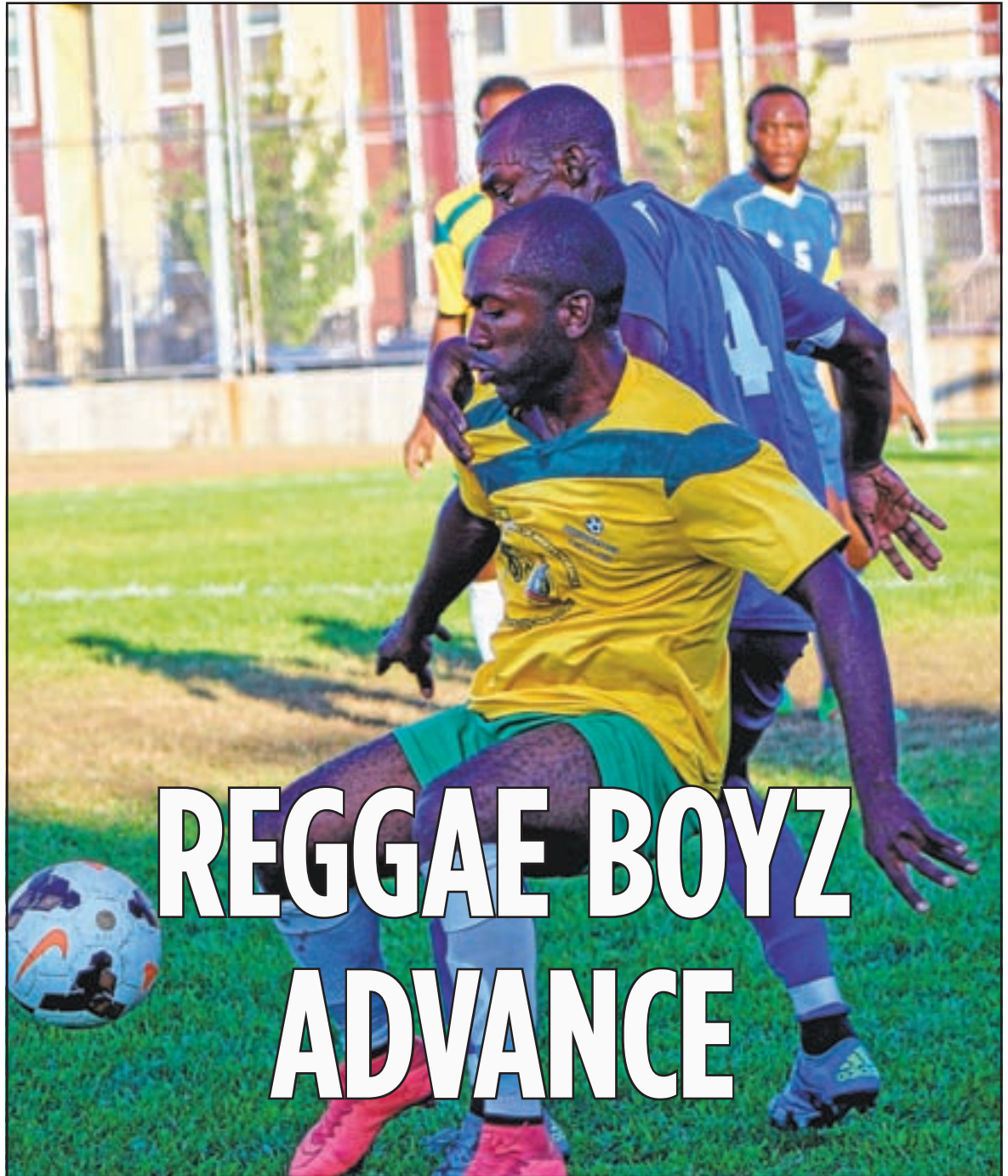
Rain caused West Indies to win its Twenty20 series (2-0) against India in Florida after the second game was abandoned just over half way through the match.

India appeared to be on course to level the series at 1-1 on 15 without loss when rain intervened and washed out the remainder of the game.

With the outfield soaked, the match was abandoned 90 minutes later, three short of the point (five overs) at which a result could have been decided via the Duckworth-Lewis method.

Saturday's match in Ft. Lauderdale saw

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## REGGAE BOYZ ADVANCE

Guyana's Marlon Benjamin (center) and Antigua's Karanja Mack in a tussle for the ball.

Keith Dawson

## Harry's injury dampens Team Jamaica semi-final win

By John Melbourne

On Sunday, Aug. 28 at the Thomas Jefferson High School field, fans were treated to arguably the best two games of the season as Team Grenada battled Team Jamaica and Team Antigua and Barbuda and Team Guyana fought for the right to play the

2016 NY Caribbean Cup 25th anniversary final.

Very early in the opening game the Spice Boyz made their intentions known as they roughed up the Reggae Boyz. It was obvious the Grenadians were trying to disrupt the Jamaicans free flowing passing game early

and knock them off their game.

In the sixth minute, Denrun Frederick could have put the Spice Boyz ahead but failed to pounce on a ball mishandled by Jamaican goalkeeper Devon Haughton. About a minute after, Haughton again mishandled a

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ing day and the action never resumed despite the abundance of sunshine.

The ICC release also announced that South Africa's Kingsmead ground has also received a "poor" rating after the first Test between South Africa and New Zealand ended in a damp draw on Tuesday without a ball being bowled over the final three and a half days due to a soggy outfield.

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB), like Cricket South Africa, has 14 days to respond to the match referees' report.

The ICC regulations state that the maximum punishment for a venue which incurs the "poor" rating for the first time is a US\$15,000 fine, along with a warning and a directive for appropriate corrective action.

West Indies and India were able to play only one session across five days at the Queen's Park Oval while 11 sessions out of 15 were lost to a soggy outfield at Kingsmead.

Meanwhile, legendary former West Indies captain Sir Vivian Richards has called for a probe into the abandonment of the fourth and final Test of the four-match series between West Indies and India due to poor drainage at the Queen's Park Oval, Trinidad.

Only 22 overs were bowled on the first day of the match, when West Indies had scored 62 for two wickets after that there was no play for the rest of the match (four and a half day).

Although there was brilliant sunshine for at least three days, the umpires ruled that there could be no play because of a soggy surface.

India which won the four-match series 2-0 to take the trophy, after taking the first Test in Antigua and the third in St. Lucia. The second Test in Jamaica ended in a draw.

India offspinner / batsman Ravichandran Ashwin was named Man-of-the Series.

The draw allowed Pakistan to climb to the top, following their recent 2-2 drawn series against England.

Sir Viv said it was embarrassing for West Indies cricket to see the primitive ways how the grounds men were trying to mop up the ground.

"Imagine the guys using a pitch fork and digging up the ground to help it dry out," he said.

Sir Viv said an investigation must be done and people must be held responsible for this situation.

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) is also calling for an investigation why there was no play since the first day.

WICB CEO Michael Muirhead wants answers from the Queen's Park Cricket Club, which is responsible for the grounds at the Oval.

India was playing in Trinidad for the first time in 14 years and several cricket fans from the region and North America flew in for the four-day Test were left disappointed.



Members of Team Grenada proudly display copies of Caribbean Life newspaper.

Keith Dawson

## CARIBBEAN CUP HEADS TO FINALS

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shot inside the six-yard box but again recovered quickly to smother the ball and avert trouble.

While absorbing the punishment from the Spice Boyz, the Jamaicans were not to be dispelled and launched their own counter attacks and it was during one of these forays that Denzil "Harry" Watson was brought down and needed emergency medical attention. The game was held up for about 30 minutes while the referee awaited the arrival of EMS to attend to Harry.

Right after play resumed, Daemion Benjamin found an unmarked Dannie Shaw whose typical volley kick found its mark. Jamaica 1 Grenada 0.

Right after Shaw's goal Haughton was called on once more to keep his sheet clean on a scorcher from Denron Frederick.

It was a bustling first half by both teams and the Spice Boys certainly had their chances to equalize but when the whistle sounded to the eventful first half the scoreboard read Jamaica 1 Grenada 0.

Team Grenada opened the second half kicking toward the Egan Street goal and on the hunt for the equalizer but it was Andre McFarlane who dou-

bled the lead for the New York Reggae Boyz midway through the half. Goalkeeper Ken Searles blocked a shot from Dannie Shaw but the ball spun off the right post and fell in front of McFarlane who reacted well to boot the ball home under a severe tackle by Chevy Augustine. In fact, McFarlane ended in the back of the net with the ball.

That closed the scoring in the opener as the NY Reggae Boyz advanced to the Sept. 4 championship game.

The nightcap between Team Antigua and Barbuda and Team Guyana ended in a thrilling Penalty Shoot Out after eighty minutes of soccer. The game shortened because of the injury delay in game one.

Kicking toward the Flatlands goal Team Antigua and Barbuda opened the scoring through a gift goal when a Karanja Mack's shot slid off the head of Roger Cambridge and over the head of goalkeeper Richard Reynolds who was off his line.

Shortly after that Tamarley Thomas got a golden opportunity to double the score for the Benna Boys but Richard Reynolds came up big and blocked the shot.

To be fair, and despite the dismissal of Karanja Mack for what the referee described as violent conduct, the Gold-

en Jaguars of New York were having the better of play and got the equalizer through Devon Millington who pounced on a ball that trickled from a goal front melee.

With the minutes ticking toward half time Gregory Richardson was brought down just inside the eighteen yard box by Okeem Challenger and gave the official no alternative but to spot the ball. Up stepped Devon Millington to bury the penalty. Guyana 2 Antigua and Barbuda 1.

Twelve minutes into the second half, and down 1-2, the Benna Boys were awarded a free kick about thirty yards out. It seemed quite harmless where the ball was spotted when Okeem Challenger stepped up to take the shot. His shot just drifted inside the near post as goalkeeper Richard Reynolds made a vain attempt to get to the ball.

Following the equalizer, the temperature of the game increased markedly as both teams hunted for the winner. Credit however must go to the Benna Boys who were not over matched although playing with a man short for most of the game.

At the final whistle, the scores remained locked at two apiece, so PSO had to decide the 2016 New York Caribbean Cup finalist.

## Twenty20

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West Indies winning by one run in a high-scoring Twenty20 international in history.

The Twenty20 World champions pulled off a brilliant victory in the final over when Dwayne Bravo stepped in to bowl with India needing eight runs for victory and two off the final ball, he got captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni caught at backward point to spark wild celebrations among the West Indian fans.

On the first day, West Indies scored 245 off their 20 overs with Evin Lewis scoring 100 with five sixes in the 11th over of the

innings bowled by Stuart Binny, while opener Johnson Charles rushed to a half century off just 25 balls with four fours and three sixes.

India made 244 of their 20 overs.

Lewis hit the second fastest century in international Twenty20 by a West Indian after Chris Gayle's 47-ball century against England.

West Indies 245 was the third best in the history of Twenty20. Sri Lanka remains in the top position with 260 / 6 against lowly-placed Kenya.

New Twenty20 captain Carlos Brathwaite praised the players for their support during the match and singled out Bravo saying, "he bowled like a true champion."



West Indies' Evin Lewis bats during the second Twenty20 international cricket match against India, Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016, in Lauderhill, Fla.

# New netball courts debut in Crown Heights

By **Alexandra Simon**

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and community leaders unveiled the Carlos Lezama Netball Courts at Lincoln Terrace park in Crown Heights on Aug. 27.

The long-awaited courts are bringing the popular sport played in the Caribbean, to the heart of one of Brooklyn's biggest Caribbean communities. After a delay and construction, the \$1 million dollar project is finally complete much to the excitement of many, said one netball enthusiast who hoped for an earlier debut in March.

"I think it's a great plan. The only thing is we won't get to play much on it. We won't be able to use it in wintertime," said Gloria Lewis, founder of United Caribbean Angels netball team.

Lewis founded the United Caribbean Angels 25 years ago in Brooklyn. Nicknaming herself a netball veteran, Lewis said she has patiently waited for more accessible outdoor netball courts in Brooklyn.

"The excitement has been

great. I love the plan," said Lewis.

Netball, a sport similar to basketball — minus the backboard, dribbling, and several other different rules — has always had a home in Brooklyn, but now there are courts allowing lovers of the sport to play it in various areas because Brooklyn severely needed a court, said one netball enthusiast.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, the United Caribbean Angels played on the new courts, and the following day a netball tournament commenced with teams from Jamaica, Trinidad, and Barbados, represented on the newly open courts — Jamaica's team would take first place.

"We had several different countries at the tournament, even the United Kingdom had a team there," said Lewis. Jamaica's team won the tournament, with St. Vincent coming in second place, and Trinidad taking the third place.

Named after the former president of the West Indian American Day Carnival Association



Let the games begin: Borough President Eric Adams stands with local community leaders and members, after cutting a ribbon to reveal the Carlos Lezama Netball Courts in Crown Heights on Aug. 27.

Photo by Arthur DiGeata

(WIADCA), and co-founder of the West Indian Day parade, the placement of the courts at Lincoln Terrace

park is a known starting point for the annual carnival.

The new courts in Crown Heights are just one step,

Lewis said. The netball advocate hopes to see other netball courts in more areas, Brownsville in particular.



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**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, uncertainty has you wondering about the direction in which your life may be going. It's a time for reflection. Look to a parent or trusted advisor for guidance.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Romance may get in the way of logic this week, Gemini. This is sure to be exciting, but try to maintain your focus. Keep lines of communication with your significant other open.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, do your best to overhaul your finances. Some recent purchases might have made you vulnerable, and now is a great time to regain control.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, a sudden burst of creativity will inspire you and others in the days ahead. Keep up the great work you're doing, and don't be afraid to take chances.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
You are given to behaving selflessly, Virgo. But this week you can still help others and take your needs into consideration. Ask for help if you need it.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, resist the urge to overindulge in food or beverages this week. Good times are ahead and you want to be able to enjoy them to the fullest.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, you're focused on furthering your career, but responsibilities at home must be weighed before making a final decision. Don't give up; just reevaluate your timing.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, rather than dreaming of faraway places, make a plan to travel. Establish a savings account or vacation fund and begin making your travel goals happen.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, gifts might start coming your way and you don't understand all the generosity. Accept what is offered and recognize that you deserve it.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
It's easy to expect others to keep your pace when you have all of your ducks in a row, Aquarius. However, not everyone works on the same schedule that you do. Allow time to catch up.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
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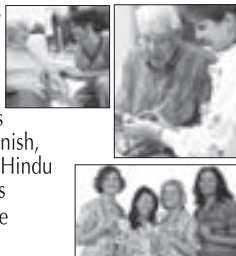
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