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# Another picture perfect carnival

By Nelson A. King

For at least the second successive year, revelers, masqueraders and millions of spectators enjoyed the West Indian American Day Carnival Parade in picture perfect weather on Brooklyn's sprawling Eastern Parkway.

With a high of 82 degrees – with gentle breeze and no rain, as forecast – it was unequivocally the perfect weather for the explosion of the sight, sounds, pageantry, artistry and everything else West Indian.

The cornucopia of colors and the potpourri of West Indian dishes that wafted the air brought the best out of West Indians, including over 3 million onlookers who converged for the 49th annual extravaganza.

Antiguan Wendy Hamilton journeyed from Peekskill to play mas with Gems of the Caribbean.

"I come to have fun," said Hamilton, accompanied by Jennifer Archibald, of St. Thomas, and her daughter Dawn Archibald. "It's time for us to express our culture – what we grew up with."

Hamilton said she and other members of Gems of the Caribbean were paying tribute to band leader Dhalia Fahie, of St. Thomas, who succumbed to cancer, at 47, on Jul. 30.

Nearby, Devon Gittens, of St. George's, Grenada, lay on some small oil cans in a shopping card, his entire body painted

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From left, Kiana Arthurton, Sherlana Cummings and Natalie Raynor.

Photos by Nelson A. King



"Gems of the Caribbean." From left: Wendy Hamilton, Dawn Archibald and mother Jennifer Archibald.



Ramajay masqueraders on the Eastern Parkway.



Revelers in "Sugar Candy."



Antonia Saunders-Guerra with daughters Pacika Guerra (L) and Patonia Guerra (R) and Angel Conteh.

### Caribbean

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the Agence Francaise de Development (AFD) have signed an agreement to provide US\$44 million towards financing sustainable infrastructure projects in the region.

About 50 percent of the funds will be used to fund climate change adaptation and mitigation projects.

The funds are being provided by AFD under a Credit Facility Agreement with the CDB.

ADF is the primary agency which the Government of France provides funding for sustainable development projects.



This marks the first time that CBD has accessed financing from AFD.

Among the countries that are eligible to benefit from this facility are: Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Suriname.

The facility is also complemented by a Euro three million technical assistance grant, which will finance feasibility studies for projects eligible for financing under the credit facility.



## Granger makes announcement

Guyana's President David Granger.

Photo by Bert Wilkinson

### Bahamas

International lending agency Moody's Investors Service has downgraded the bond and issuer ratings of the government of the Bahamas to Baa3 from Baa2 and has changed the outlook to stable.

Moody said the rating actions conclude a review for downgrade that commenced on July 1, this year.



According to a statement Moody identified the key drivers of the downgrade as projects of low medium-term growth, pointing to weaker economic strength relative to similarly-rated peers, and the "persistent increase" on the government's debt ratio, which "leaves the Bahamas with less fiscal space relative to rating peers"

The statement said; "the stable out-

look on the rating reflects Moody's expectation that sovereign credit metrics will remain in line with a Baa3 rating as fiscal consolidation will continue over the coming years and that government debt metrics will likely stabilize in fiscal 2016/2016 as the deficit declines".

The stable outlook also incorporates the expectation that economic performance will strengthen in 2016-2018, returning to levels close to the Bahamas; potential growth of 1-0 percent, Moody said.

### Dominica

The son of former prime minister of Dominica Rosie Douglas has filed a legal action in the Trinidad-based Caribbean Court of Justice against the Dominica government over the cancellation of a concert caused by the "unlawful arrest, detention and deportation of Jamaican

artiste Tommy Lee Sparta and his entourage without a cause" about two years ago.

Cabral Douglas, an attorney by profession had contracted prominent Jamaican artist management firm Heavy D Promotions Ltd. for Timmy Lee Sparta to perform at his privately-owned entertainment venue in Dominica over two years ago to mark the opening of Portsmouth carnival.



When the Jamaican artiste arrived at the Douglas / Charles airport in Dominica, Lee, 28, along with his three-member group, were denied entry detained in what were described as "inhumane conditions" and deported the following day causing the cancellation of the show.

The Dominica government, not only

denied the four Jamaican citizens entry, access to the lawyer provided to them at the airport, but they failed to provide any reasons for their arrest and detention, according to legal documents filed in the court.

Douglas is claiming damages and compensation over the cancellation of the show.

### Guyana

The Guyana government will present its national budget for 2017 on Dec. 5.

President David Granger in making the announcement said the government was considering the establishment of a ministerial planning unit.



He said that the pattern of prepara-

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# Picture perfect carnival

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black with dripping black tar.

"This is 'Jab Jab,'" he said, biting dried smoke herring. "Grenada – not even Trinidad and Tobago – is the only country that play that on J'Ouvert morning.

"It feels great!" he exclaimed. "That's my culture, bro. I've been doing this for over 20 years. I've been doing this since I was a kid."

Kiana Artherton, who was born in the Bronx to a Nevisian father, said she was playing mas for the very first time.

"I like it," she said, playing for Freaks Mas, flanked by Guyanese Sherlana Cummings and Grenadian Natalie Raynor.

"I've been playing since 2007," intoned Cummings. "I love it every year."

Trinidadian Jovanna Jack came from Jamaica, Queens to play with Dingolay Mas.

"I feel good, as a proud Trinidadian," she said. "Excited!"

Hampstead, Long Is. resident Antonia Saunders-Guerra, who hails from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, brought her two daughters, Pacika and Patonia, and her son's girlfriend, Angel Conteh, of Sierra Leone, to play with Dongolay.

Barbadian Silleta Davis portrayed "Selu Cherokee Goddess – the Last Tribe" for Freaks Mas.

"This is what I love to do," said the Boston, MA resident.

Jamaican Fatima Collins echoed similar sentiments, playing with Cocoa Diamond: "I love it!"

"Good, good, I feel good," exclaimed Guyanese Andrea Narine, playing for the Richmond Hill, Queens-based Backyard Republik, hastening to catch up with the rest of the band.

A contingent from the Brooklyn-based Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center donned caps and gowns in "Jumping for Education."

"I think the Friends of Crown Heights does a lot for the Vincy community," said Jacintha Ballantyne, whose name has been popularized by the pre-eminent Vincentian calypsonian Alston "Becket" Cyrus, with "Jacintha Could Wine."

For the last 15 years, Ballantyne has been playing mas with the local SVG Players.

Further up the Parkway, Michael Ashley carried a huge costume for 1199's "Enchanted Garden."

"I love it," said the Venezuelan native. "I've been playing all my life."

A few yards away, St. Lucian Ashley Norbert, 12, played for Tropical Fete.

"It's fun," she said. "I like the attention. I just want to shout out my people from Gros Islet [St. Lucia]."

Carrying a huge costume for Ramajay Mas, Trinidadian Percy Maynard, said he enjoyed the gaiety.

"I've been doing this for a very long time," he said. "This is what I like to do. I love big mas."

As masqueraders from Sesame Flyers assembled at the corner of Buffalo Ave-

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Michele Ashley in 1199's "Enchanted Garden."

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Masqueraders wearing the color and fashion of Cuban straw hats in the presentation of "Havana Nights."

Keith Getter

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nue and Eastern Parkway, a DJ bellowed: "We ready to start the carnival. It's still morning in carnival terms."

But Keisha Stewart, of Montego Bay, Jamaica, was already having a time of her life with Boom Mas.

"I do it every year – six years in a row," she said, swaying to the soca beat.

The gigantic parade culminated five days of carnival that began on Thursday, as the organizers, the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA), kicked off the annual spectacle, with "Reggae Unda Di Stars", featuring world-famous reggae entertainers – including Third World, Luciano, Christopher Martin and Romain Virgo.

On Friday, WIADCA's annual "Stay in School Concert" and College Fair took place, at 11 am, followed by the "Brass Fest Concert", with headliners KES The Band, Roy Cape All Stars, Outta Limitz, Farmer Nappy, Blaxx, Ricardo Drue, Lyrikal, Skinny Fabulous and more.

On Saturday, the Junior Carnival and Steelband Panorama competition was conducted.

Sunday night's Dimanche Gras showcased the "creative talents of dozens of costume designers, as they present [ed] scores of breathtaking costumes competing for King and Queen of the Bands, Individuals and Characters," WIADCA said.



Roy Pierre presents "Havana Nights" at Brooklyn J'Ouvert 2016.



Mervyn Taylor and a fellow masquerader portray "Havana Joe and his friend Juanita."



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# Worker ownership can be a pathway to prosperity

By Richard Eidlin

Labor Day is a time for us to celebrate the workers who make our economy grow — the people without whom businesses could not survive and thrive.

Yet for many, it can sometimes feel like the American worker doesn't get the kind of respect they deserve. Wages remain low (and aren't rising fast enough) relative to productivity, we lag behind other developed nations on guaranteeing benefits like paid leave, schedules are often set without enough input from employees who have families to take care of.

But we now have an opportunity to improve how workers are treated. That may not surprise you. What may surprise you is that there's a strong incentive for those changes to come from businesses themselves. One area in particular is giving workers a greater ownership stake in the companies they work for — in essence, celebrating workers and businesses at the same time.

There are two main ways to do this - employee stock ownership plans, or ESOPs, and worker cooperatives.

According to the National Center for Employee Ownership (NCEO), about 32 million Americans own stock in their employers, whether through ESOPs, options, stock purchase plans, or 401(k)s. But there's

a big difference between just owning a few shares of your company's stock and being part of a company that's essentially worker-owned.

When workers have decision-making power, they often understand better what's working in the company and what isn't. And they certainly have an incentive to address any problems, because as owners, their profit-making potential is tied to the company's success.

We're already seeing the potential — just look at employee-owned companies, like New Belgium Brewing and Dansko (both ESOPs) or Cleveland's Evergreen Cooperative, that have strong balance sheets, create hundreds of jobs and boost their local economies.

Take ESOPs — businesses that choose to give their employees shares of the company, even 100 percent in some cases. According to the NCEO, nearly 7,000 ESOPs in the United States employ 14 million workers and cover \$1.23 trillion in assets. And lest you think this is a new trend, that data also found that more than half of all ESOPs today have been around since before the turn of the century.

Or take worker cooperatives, where decision-making power is shared amongst employees. There are fewer of them in the United States — only 300 to 400, according to the Democ-

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# Unlocking the potential of minority-owned business

By William Scott

African-American-owned businesses are the backbone of their communities, major contributors to our growing economy, and sources of innovation and thought leadership — not just in their industries but throughout our society. They also provide economic opportunity and stability to struggling minority communities. The problem is there are simply not enough of them.

The number of minority-owned businesses has increased by 50 percent in the past decade but is still discouragingly low compared to white-owned businesses. While minorities now make up 38 percent of the U.S. population, they are a mere 15 percent of business owners. African-Americans make up about 13 percent of the U.S. population but an abysmal seven percent of business owners.

**To be successful, you have to work twice — or three times — as hard as a white person.**

As one of those African-American business owners, I know minority-owned companies have great potential to contribute more to our economy. But I also know first-hand the challenges we face. As much progress as our country has made on equal rights, it's still as our parents told us growing up: To be successful, you have to work twice — or three times — as hard as a white person.

Many of us are willing to do just that, but we still need access to the tried-and-true business resources, that typical white families can take for granted. These include wealth, an established support net-

work and even key contacts at agencies that provide capital. To bring us closer and increase our numbers, here are a few common-sense recommendations:

-- Realize that for many African-Americans, especially women, starting a business may currently be their best, or only, economic opportunity, given the stubbornly high unemployment rate. Women already make up the fastest-growing segment of the African-American business sector. As a business consultant, I see many people of color succeed as entrepreneurs through networking, securing investment and other proven strategies — even though they face obstacles that white-owned businesses do not.

-- Work to convince your elected officials to evaluate entrepreneurs' needs accurately. For exam-

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# Taking care of our caregivers

To the Editor:

Last week, Mayor de Blasio signed into law two bills that take important strides toward supporting both paid caregivers and unpaid family caregivers in an aging New York City.

That's great news, and it can't come soon enough. Across the state, nearly 2.6 million unpaid family caregivers help make it possible for older adults and loved ones to live independently at home — and at a much lower cost to taxpayers than if they had to move to institutional care settings. As our population continues to rapidly age — and especially since the number

of potential family caregivers can't keep pace — we will need to make sure caregivers have the support they need.

And that's what New Yorkers want; an AARP-commissioned survey found eight of every 10 city voters 50 and older felt strongly that elected officials should make support for family caregivers a priority.

Family caregivers help their older loved ones with medications and medical care, meals, bathing and dressing, chores and much more. And they do this all while often putting their own needs last, with many juggling full - or part-time jobs.

The two new laws require the Department for the Aging (DFTA) to identify the needs of unpaid caregivers and develop a comprehensive plan to address those needs, and to establish a new Division of Paid Care within the Office of Labor Standards.

Those are great steps, but this year's city budget did not include adequate funding for services to help New Yorkers age independently at home. The next step for our city leaders is to make sure next year's city budget does.

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# Remembering the victims of September 11

By Dawn Plummer

The brave ones, whose fate ended in a catastrophe on Sept. 11, 2001 in America, continue to rekindle the strength and the determination of some, to never forget the calamities of that fateful day. On Tuesday morning, Sept. 6, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams held the 2nd annual remembrance service at Brooklyn's Borough Hall to embrace the sacrifices of the fallen.

The Borough president in his welcoming remarks to several representatives from the New York City Police Department, The NY City Fire Department, families and friends of victims, asked that the community turns its painful moments into helpful ones, "let us assist in ways that we can, as we continue to carry the memories of Sept. 11 in our hearts." Borough President Adams noted. In a highly appreciative manner Adams asked that the community continues to assist and uplift the families of the victims. The Borough president also praised the excellent police practices of the NY City Police Department to prevent another attack in the city.



A scene at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Tuesday morning as some relatives of the victims were being acknowledged by the Borough President Eric Adams, with back to the camera second right. In the forefront are the following NY City Commissioner of Police, William Bratton and James Leonard, chief of department, FDNY, along with other service men and civilians.

Keynote speaker NY City Commissioner of Police William Bratton said that although New York City still feels the lost of that horrific day in the life of city residents and the rest of

the nation, "we must do what we must, and continue moving forward. Our way of life is worth fighting for." Bratton said the legacy of the fallen on that day is now a part of the American history, and honoring their courage is worthy. He also spoke about the sacrificial work of the service men and women in NY City and the commissioner expressed gratitude for the bravery of those on the front line.

Family members of the fallen, some of them direct descendants, spoke about the lives and memories of their families who died. One such person was Vernon Richard the second, whose father was the late Captain Vernon Richard of the NY City Fire Department. Richard said it was a critical time for his family, when his father died. In speaking to his two children, Lelia Richard and Vernon Richard the third both unborn at the time, said they felt that it was great to learn all they could about the life of their grandfather in a heroic way, but the message was mixed as they were saddened when they reflected on the grief that surrounded this history.

Evelyn Zelmanowitz, relative of Abe Zelmanowitz another Sept. 11 victim, thanked the Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams for helping to keep the Sept. 11 horrific experience in the forefront. "I am glad that the Borough president puts this in place, as this was a time of despicable evil," Zelmanowitz noted.

New York State and City public officials attending the remembrance service included state Senator Martin Golden and New York City Councilwoman, Laurie Cumbo, Chief of the Fire Department of NY City, James Leonard, First Deputy Commissioner, New York City Police, Benjamin Tucker and Commander, United States Army, Garrison Fort Hamilton Colonel Peter Sicoli. They all concurred that the memories of Sept. 11 will continue to live in our communities and participation in events such as the remembrance service helps strengthen these memories and the sacrifices made by the NY City Police Department, the NY City fire fighters as well as other first responders on Sept. 11.

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# Economic opportunity

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racy at Work Institute — but they employ 7,000 people and generate \$400 million in revenue annually.

Not only do these firms provide longer-lasting, better-paying jobs, they also give workers the chance to build their skills and take a more active role in growing the company — because as owners themselves, they do better when the company does better. For Americans who are struggling, worker ownership can be a pathway to prosperity, one that can help revitalize local economies.

One way to continue this trend would be to support bipartisan legislation that would make stock options more attractive to employees by letting them defer the taxes they would pay on those options. Another would be for the Small Business Administration (SBA) to increase lending support for ESOPs through its Section 7(a) loan-guarantee program, a program designed to help either start a new business or expand an existing one.

That's all well and good, but

for worker cooperatives, we need to ensure that they are treated equally compared to ESOPs when it comes to those kinds of tax benefits. Right now, they are not, and ESOPs remain the top choice for investors due to various existing tax benefits. While ESOPs are an important piece of the puzzle, we can't discriminate against workers who want to build assets, and become owners, but can't find work at a company that offers an ESOP.

It's a common misconception that we have to choose between employees and employers. That's not the case, of course — what company could survive without its workers? — but now there are new types of companies challenging that idea. This Labor Day, let's stop treating workers and business owners like enemies, and let's support the companies that are making them one and the same.

*Richard Eidlin is vice president of Policy for the American Sustainable Business Council, which helps business leaders advocate for policy change that supports a sustainable economy.*

ple, every growing business needs access to capital, but Small Business Administration data indicates that minority businesses owners were nearly three times as likely to be denied a loan, and twice as likely to be discouraged from applying for one, as non-minority business owners.

Organizations like the American Sustainable Business Council can help get the word to policy makers. For example, they arranged for me to testify in Washington at a congressional hearing looking at how overregulation might harm minority entrepreneurs." My message was emphatic: Regulations are not the problem. On the contrary, regulations help.

As I told the subcommittee, "Regulations play an important role in meeting the needs of our businesses and in protecting our community. Business owners understand that with investments in their business come responsibilities, contracts and regulations to ensure

protections. Responsibilities aren't the problem. Getting a fair shot at investments is." When every willing-and-able entrepreneur has a real chance to succeed, all taxpayers benefit.

-- Understand that the big challenge facing minority business owners isn't the heavy hand of government — it is the continuing, compounding inequities in access to capital, business development resources, education, family wealth, and fair business practices.

-- Encourage your elected officials to adopt procurement policies that let minority-owned firms harness the purchasing power of businesses, governments and other large institutions. Better goals and criteria beyond the current minimal set-asides for minority- and women-owned businesses would begin to address the full range of compounded challenges.

-- Seek out professional business guidance wherever you can — and offer it if you have know-how to share. Because it's my area

of expertise, I know that all businesses benefit from professional consulting. That's why I also told the committee in Washington, "If you want to really help them, provide more resources for professional business consultation to minority-owned businesses."

Paths to success have increased for African-Americans with big ideas in recent decades, but we're just getting started. Reality-based government regulations, investments, opportunities, and responsible business practices are not just good for African American-owned businesses. They are good for all businesses — and the economy we all share.

While we work to improve fair access to capital and other business resources, let's capitalize on our own strengths, experiences and stamina: A legacy that built so much of America can surely build us a future.

*William Scott is CEO of Tristatz, LLC, a community and economic development consulting company in Selma, AL.*

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# Vincentians 'jump for education'

By Nelson A. King

It has been years since a Vincentian float participated in the gigantic, annual West Indian American Carnival Parade on Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway.

So Monday, Labor Day, was, patently, welcoming, as the Brooklyn-based Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center, whose president and chief executive officer is Vincentian Vaughan Toney, got Vincentian and other Caribbean nationals to participate in "Jump for Education," with full graduation attire — caps and gowns.

"I think the Friends of Crown Heights does a lot for the Vincy community," said Jacintha Ballantyne, whose name has been popularized by the pre-eminent Vincentian calypsonian Alston "Becket" Cyrus, with "Jacintha Could Whine," in a Caribbean Life interview, as she whined her way up the Parkway to the sounds of popular Vincentian DJs, including Supa Eyes.

For the last 15 years, Ballantyne has been playing mas with the local SVG Players.

Nearby, the founder of SVG Players, Ricardo "Puzzle"



"Jump for Education:" Vaughan Toney, president and CEO of Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center, atop truck.

Grant, lauded Toney's extraordinary step.

"I feel it's a bold and important initiative Friends of Crown Heights took, especially to bring the Vincentian community together, because we've been absent from the Parkway for a while," he also told Caribbean Life.

"It started really late, but, in the future, it'll catch on and bring back Vincentians together,

er, because we really strayed," added Grant, who, over the years, had assisted the lone Vincentian mas band in Brooklyn, Mas Productions Unlimited, in its production.

In recent years, Mas Productions Unlimited, produced by Wesley Millington, has only been participating in the Junior Carnival, which precedes the Labor Day event, on Saturday, because of lack of funding.

"I'm elated in all honesty, because this is a wonderful initiative to see a Vincentian band on the Parkway — to market St. Vincent and the Grenadines," said Earl "Caba" Bennett, president of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Calypso Association, as he swayed to the sweet Vincy soca beat. "This could be used to promote Vincy Mas.

"It's always good to see Vincentians together," he added. "This is the rebirth of Vincies on the Parkway."

With the dearth of Vincentian bands on the Parkway, nationals sought out other Caribbean bands, primarily Trinidadian, who, clearly, dominates the annual festivity.

Brooklyn resident Patrice



Jacintha Ballantyne (3rd from L) with Ricardo "Puzzle" Grant and other masqueraders "Jump for Education."

Photos by Nelson A. King

Blugh played for the second year with Kaios International.

"It's a good experience," said Blugh, who earlier this year played with Nelson Bloc in Vincy Mas. "You get to be with everybody from the same culture, listen to the same music and have fun."

Hampstead, Long Is. resident Antonia Saunders-Guerra, who hails from Kingstown Hill in the Vincentian capital,

brought her two daughters, Pacika and Patonia, and her son's girlfriend, Angel Conteh, of Sierra Leone, to play with Dingolay.

"I'm still disappointed that St. Vincent and the Grenadines is not represented here [with traditional costume band]," she said, lamented that, "in the last two years, there have not been any Vincentian adult band. The kids look forward to it."

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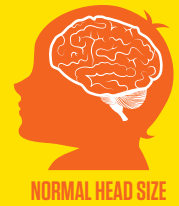
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# A year after T&T general elections

**By Bert Wilkinson**

Trinidad's governing People's National Movement (PNM) marked its first year in office on Wednesday with voters showing some tolerance for Prime Minister Keith Rowley personally but going hard on authorities for their inability to reduce a spiraling murder rate, improve the performance of the economy and reduce state corruption which was made an art form by the previous government.

Austerity spending worked to ensure that officials could not afford to organize any real form of celebrations observing 12 months in the hot seat as the murder rate edged towards 330 and remained on course to easily surpass 400 this year.

Two years ago, a Trinidadian was murdered every 36 hours but the rate has now been worsened to one per day, causing disquiet both among ordinary citizens and the business community.

Meanwhile, the leading Express Newspaper found in a poll it had commissioned that Rowley is enjoying a personal approval rating of about 51 percent which is about the same figure that his government had been elected by as it defeated the then ruling United National Congress (UNC). Locals are however far less enamored with the general government performance.

The UNC's five years in office were plagued by widespread and credible allegations of corruption. The economy was undermined by very low international prices for oil and gas, the leading country export and foreign exchange earner.

The anniversary came a week after Rowley called in Opposition Leader Kamla Persad-Bissessar to an emergency meeting to discuss the murders, gangland violence, the prevalence of guns on the streets and joint collaboration to deal with this issue.

Moving to reduce the potential impact of any political boasting and bragging about the first year, Persad-Bissessar organized her own political rally on Monday night to say that Rowley had no choice but to meet with her delegation to seek the party's help in reducing crime. She also questioned the accuracy of statistics as published by local police.

"I call upon the minister of national security and the commissioner of police to level with the country as to whether they are covering up and under-reporting the number of murders in Trinidad and Tobago. I think it is important for us to be mindful of where we are today after just one year of the government. When I read these names, I am doing it for a reason, because when you speak of murder and the murder rate so high, people become so numb, because it is



Prime Minister Keith Rowley.

something distant," she said.

For his part, the prime minister said that he is well aware of the mood of the population and the anxieties of locals as crime spirals out of control as officials battle to improve the economy and reduce corruption and nepotism.

"We must never place ourselves in such a situation again because it is immoral to hold the people hostage to any government's wanton profligacy," he told the Express, noting that he had inherited an under performing economy.

The administration has in the past year seen the rate of exchange for the Trinidadian dollar depreciate to almost TT7—US-1 officially and even lower in the parallel economy and at some exchange cambios.

Former City Mayor Louis Lee Sing, for example, has given the administration a failing grade after 12 months in office, rating them as a mere four out of a maximum 10.

Like many, he complains about crime not being reduced and the seeming inability of Security Minister Ed Dillon, a retired army general, to come to grips with the situation.

"To me, Dillon has not come to grips with the difference between running a controlled environment and running an environment where everything is out of control. They have to understand that the buck stops with them. They have to find ways and means to get the job done," the Guardian reported him as saying.

The paper's own online poll had suggested that 66 percent of those polled "were very dissatisfied" with the performance of the administration, the economy and crime in particular.



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From the Band: Antoine International

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## OLE MAS MALE CHARACTER

1st Place – Masquerader: Roland Guy

Portrayal: Women are the Backbone of Our Community

From the Band: Roland Guy

2nd Place - Masquerader: Vaughn Constable

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1st Place - Masquerader: Nadia Sanka

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From the Band: Dingolay Mas NYC

2nd Place - Masquerader: June Sanka

Portrayal: Kakaroach In Meh Peticoat

From the Band: Dingolay Mas NYC

3rd Place - Masquerader: Mekeda Peters

Portrayal: Obeah Queen

From the Band: Cocorite House Jab Jab Production

## JUNIOR BAND - SMALL

1st Place – Portrayal: Because We Fly

From the Band: Giselle Fritz & Associates

2nd Place – Portrayal: Island Hoppers

From the Band: D'Midas International NY

3rd Place – Portrayal: A Journey Thru Egypt

From the Band: Diamond Entertainment & Crew

## JUNIOR BAND - MEDIUM

1st Place – Portrayal: Enchanted Garden

From the Band: 1199

2nd Place – Portrayal: Bright Africa

From the Band: Carican Costumes

3rd Place – Portrayal: The Treasures in the Garden

From the Band: Inspired by Zoe

## JUNIOR BAND - LARGE

1st Place – Portrayal: Children of Peace

From the Band: Sherzel Productions  
2nd Place – Portrayal: My Carnival Fantasy

From the Band: Sesame Flyers Int'l  
3rd Place – Portrayal: The Last Tribe

From the Band: Jus for Fun Kids

## JUNIOR MALE CHARACTER

1st Place - Masquerader: Donje Simons

Portrayal: The Finale  
From the Band: Giselle Fritz & Associates: "Because We Fly"

2nd Place - Masquerader: Darryl Deboue Jr.

Portrayal: Silva Fox the Ancient Chinese Warrior

From the Band: Belmont Kids Connection: "The Culture of TNT Carnival Then & Now"

3rd Place - Masquerader: AJ

Portrayal: D'Wings of D'Caribbean  
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1st Place - Masquerader: Deborah James

Portrayal: Fruits & Flowers Snake in the Balizay

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Percy Maynard portrays Ramajay Mas' "Wanderlust: Desire to travel."

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Portrayal: Cleopatra  
From the Band: Diamond Entertainment and Crew: "A Journey Thru Egypt"

3rd Place - Masquerader: Shani Butler

Portrayal: D'Bringer of Life  
From the Band: D'Midas Int'l: "Island Hoppers"

## JUNIOR QUEEN

1st Place - Masquerader: Anii Phillip  
Portrayal: Nefertiti-Queen the Beautiful One Has Come in Her Glory

From the Band: Diamond Entertainment & Crew: "A Journey Thru Egypt"

2nd Place - Masquerader: China



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Portrayal: D' Wing of Peace  
From the Band: D'Midas Int'l: "Island Hoppers"

3rd Place - Masquerader: Nyeira Joseph

Portrayal: Queen of Butterfly  
From the Band: Giselle Fritz and Associates: "Because We Fly"

## JUNIOR KING

1st Place - Masquerader: Jaedyn Phillips

Portrayal: Majesty in Flight  
From the Band: Giselle Fritz & Associates: "Because We Fly"

2nd Place - Masquerader: Zachary Lincoln

Portrayal: D'Pitch Lake  
From the Band: D'Midas Int'l: "Island Hopper"

3rd Place - Masquerader: Iasiah Gittens

Portrayal: The Pyramids  
From the Band: Carican Costumes "Bright Africa"

## ADULT FEMALE CHARACTER

1st Place - Masquerader: Elyse Baboo-ram

Portrayal: Aurora – The New Dawn  
From the Band: Karnival Junkiez: "Naisha-Life"

2nd Place - Masquerader: Ashlee Perry

Portrayal: A Trip to Ibiza  
From the Band: Ramajay Mas: "Wan-

derlust: Desire to Travel"

3rd Place - Masquerader: Ria Borman Ashby

Portrayal: The Madagascan Fan Dancer

From the Band: Ramajay Mas: "Wanderlust: Desire to Travel"

## ADULT MALE CHARACTER

1st Place - Masquerader: Samuel Trotman

Portrayal: The Protector of the Congo

From the Band: Ramajay Mas: "Wanderlust: Desire to Travel"

2nd Place - Masquerader: Dennis Frank

Portrayal: The Bajan Sprite

From the Band: Ramajay Mas: "Wanderlust: Desire to Travel"

3rd Place - Masquerader: Terrence Evans

Portrayal: The Abandoned Traveler  
From the Band: Ramajay Mas: "Wanderlust: Desire to Travel"

## ADULT QUEEN

1st Place - Masquerader: Kay Mason  
Portrayal: Celebration of Sounds and Happiness

From the Band: Sesame Flyers: "Carnival Fantasy"

2nd Place - Masquerader: Vanessa Black-Mascall

Portrayal: Queen of Caribbean Splendor

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# Results

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From the Band: Ram-  
ajay Mas: "Wanderlust:  
Desire to Travel"

3rd Place - Masquer-  
ader: Silleta Davis  
Portrayal: Selu-Cheero-  
kee Goddess

From the Band: Freaks  
Mas: The Last Tribe

## ADULT KING

1st Place - Masquer-  
ader: Percy Maynard

Portrayal: Kwazulu:  
Kingdom of Africa

From the Band: Ram-  
ajay Mas: "Wanderlust:  
Desire to Travel"

2nd Place - Masquer-  
ader: Derek Sealy

Portrayal: Makunaima-  
Cariban God

From the Band: Freaks  
Mas: "The Last Tribe"

3rd Place - Masquer-  
ader: Clarence Nurse

Portrayal: The Crowd-  
ed Protector of Jewels

From the Band: Ram-  
ajay Mas: "Wanderlust:  
Desire to Travel"

## ADULT BAND OF YEAR - LARGE

1st Place - Portrayal:

Wanderlust: A Desire to  
Travel

From the Band: Rama-  
jay Mas

2nd Place - Portrayal:  
Carnival Fantasy

From the Band: Sesa-  
me Flyers Int'l

3rd Place - Portrayal:  
Brazilia: Escape to Rio

From the Band: Boom  
Mas

## ADULT BAND OF YEAR - MEDIUM

1st Place - Portrayal:  
Enchanted Garden

From the Band: 1199:  
SEIU Social Cultural  
Committee

2nd Place - Portrayal:  
Verde

From the Band: Din-  
golay Mas NY

3rd Place - Portrayal:  
Viola

From the Band: Detailz  
Mas Productions

## ADULT BAND OF YEAR - SMALL

1st Place - Portrayal:  
Exotica

From the Band:  
D'Midas International

2nd Place - Portrayal:



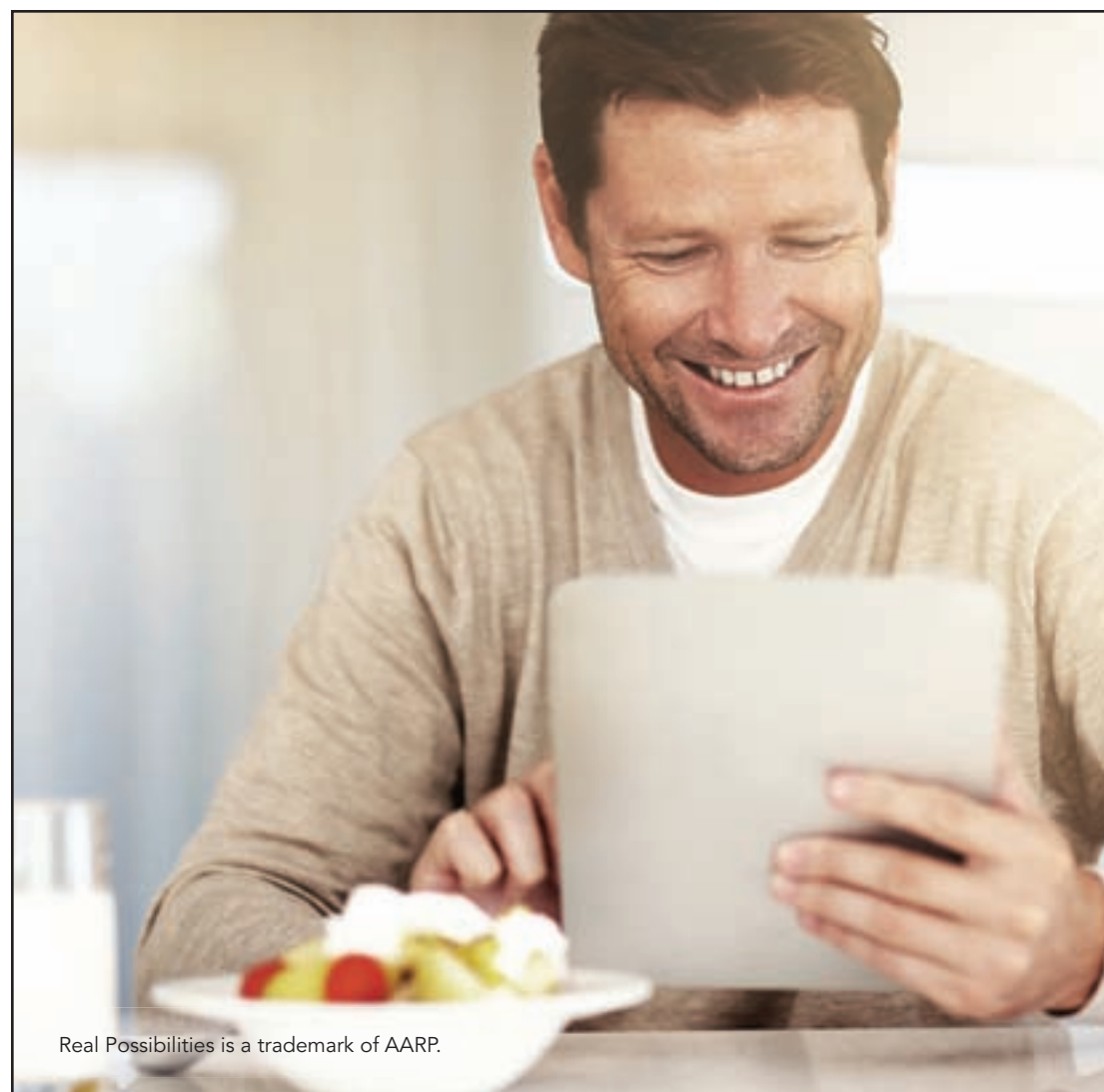
City Council Members walking the parkway. Jumaane Williams is smiling but was "really bummed" by the shootings the night before at J'Ouvert.  
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Whispers Untold Stories  
of the Caribbean

From the Band: Suga  
Candy Productions Mas

3rd Place - Portrayal:  
Maisha - Life

From the Band: Karni-  
val Junkiez



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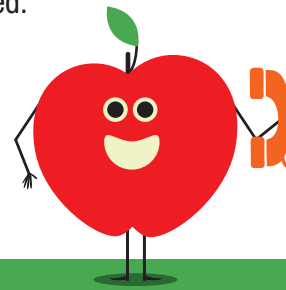
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# Junior bands set exciting tone for Eastern Parkway

By Tangerine Clarke

Trinidadian-born, Erica Greenidge hurried along Franklin Avenue in Brooklyn, anxious and excited at the same time to get her costume-clad granddaughter Brooke-Lynn to the starting point of the Junior Carnival Parade on Saturday, Sept. 3.

Decked out in a multi-colored costume and matching make-up, Brooke-Lynn was on her way to revel in Sesame Flyers mas band for the ninth year, carrying on the tradition passed on to her since she was one-year old.

"She loves it. We are Trinidadians and we impose our culture on our children. My son played mas in this very carnival parade and I feel like I am back in Trinidad with Peter Minshall all over again. We are Trini revelers, and I want everyone to know that the Trinidad culture is alive and growing," said Greenidge who told Caribbean Life that Brooke-Lynn was representing both her Trinidad and Jamaican ancestry.

Waiting to join the same band was little Saniyah Gray, standing next to her mother Ornella, also of Trinidad herit-



Sixteen-year-old Kyeorah of "A Journey Throu Egypt" by Diamond Entertainment and Crew. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

age. Ornella was passing down the culture to her daughter, the same way her dad taught her to play mas.

"I reveled with Borokeet and Sesame Flyers from one-year old," said Ornella who enjoys

the festivities, food and the spirit of the carnival season. "I tell Saniyah to get on stage, dance, and enjoy the culture," she added.

These two kids were among thousands who took to the

streets and played mas like seasoned revelers. Every costume was just as spectacular, colorful and creative.

The beautiful costumes lit up the streets of Crown Heights, in a kaleidoscope of tropical color,

much to the delight of other kids who lined the streets, and waved flags as their peers jumped and whined-down during more than three hours of enjoyment at the carnival presentation.

The parade began at Kingston and St. Johns avenues near the home of the late Carlos Lezama, former West Indian American Day Carnival president and co-founder of the Brooklyn carnival.

The pageantry that travelled along Franklin Avenue, on to President Street, and into the grounds of the Brooklyn Museum grounds, is a years-old event.

Despite the late start, and a bit of chill, and high wind in the air, the 'teens', 'twens', and 'toddlers', showed passion, drive and determination for the Caribbean culture. Many pulled massive Queen and King pieces that had to be kept under control because of the gust along the route.

A WIADCA official confirmed that 42 bands invaded the streets. From Carican Costumes — Bright Africa, that showcased bolt pieces, to

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Inspired By Zoe, a showcased of beautiful costumes designed with hundreds of sunflower and roses.

As the Soca songs “Champion,” followed by “Jump and Wave,” “Raise Your Hand In the Air” penetrated the air, accompanied by the DeeJay’ scream, pump the revelers up for the stage.

This command fueled the young revelers who went wild. The youngsters waved flags, bounced and reveled to the infectious music.

The early morning parade was high-octane showcasing “Children of Peace” by Charlizé Horizon, Kaiso International — “Children of The Wild,” Jubilee — “Taste the Tropics” rainbow revelry, Hello Africa — “Vision in Motion,” and Diamond Entertainment



Twelve-year-old Aisley Norbert of Tropical Fete. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

and Crew — “A Journey Through Egypt.”  
The skillful creations were not lost on the masqueraders who put on a great presentation. Like 12-year-old Niome Williams of “Tropical Fete,” to Chyna 16, and Kyeorah 16, of “D’Midas.”  
Antoine International’s “Mamma This is Mas,” “Feets of Rhythm Kids,” “Fuezion Flavours Mas,” “Karibbean Island Pulse Kids,” and many others represented their culture with high energy.



Waving their national flags, the young masqueraders enjoy themselves. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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tion can only be maintained if there were established planning units, including a Ministry of Indigenous People's Affairs planning unit.

The government has been pushing to have early budget presentations and passage to ensure more time to begin and complete government projects.

Constitutionally Guyana's budget must be debated by the National Assembly for assent by the president no later than April 30 of each year.

## St. Kitts

The St. Kitts and Nevis government is considering the construction of a bridge to link St. Kitts and Nevis. Public Infrastructure Minister Ian "Patches" Liburd made the announcement at a recent town hall meeting.

The minister said a bridge would bring greater ease of travel between the islands in the federation.



Liburd said the project will bring the peoples of the islands closer together and facilitate greater inter-island travel.

He said Cabinet already has plans to alternate meetings between St. Kitts and Nevis.

Officials have predicted an increase economic activity between the islands if a bridge is constructed.

Liburd expects the project to be completed by the end of the first term of the government, which constitutionally ends in 2020.

## St. Lucia

St. Lucia Prime Minister Allan Chastanet recently visited China to discuss the multi-billion dollar investment planned for the south of the island by Asian investors.

Chairman of Desert Star Holdings (DSH) Limited, Teo AhKing, who has applied to set up the US \$2.6 billion integrated resort development in St. Lucia invited the prime minister to the Asian country.



The prime minister said that he had attended several events in Beijing that could possibly give the island extensive exposure. He said valuable linkages were formed and that should rebound to some good opportunities for St. Lucia's economy.

Last month, the government sought to dispel rumors surrounding the multi-billion dollar project with the Hong Kong-based DSH.

The government said that the DSH project will result in a mixed-use real estate development enterprise involving, inter-alia, entertainment and sporting facilities, as a third category under the real estate provisions.

It will also encompass projects that meet the basic stipulation but entails; horse-racing track, high-end hotel and residences, a casino, free trade

zone, an equine diseases free zone and a marina.

Chastanet also visited Taiwan and Canada before he returned home.

## Suriname

An international Monetary Fund (IMF) mission recently visited Suriname to initiate discussions on the first review under Suriname stand-by arrangement (SBS) with the IMF.

At the conclusion of the visit leader of the mission, Daniel Leigh said in a statement, "the IMF had constructive discussions with the authorities on policies needed to meet the objectives of Suriname's economic program supported by the SBA. We agreed with the authorities to continue discussions with a follow-up visit once further progress has been made in implementing the program



"Performance under the program has been mixed. The government has kept the fiscal deficit close to the programed path by restraining spending, and the authorities implemented a number of the planned reforms, including preparations for the introduction of the value added tax (VAT). However, the decisions to freeze fuel pump prices and partially reverse the increase in electricity prices, despite rising energy costs, have significantly reduced available government resources, and spending on social cash transfer has undershot envisaged levels."

The team has returned to Washington to continue technical work.

## Trinidad

President of Trinidad and Tobago Anthony Carmona has called on political leaders to stop politicizing crime and work together to bring the situation under control.



The president made the call while delivering the feature address at the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service Independence Day celebrations (Aug.31) at the Police Administration Building, Port of Spain.

Carmona said he hoped that Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley and Opposition Leader Kamla Persad-Bissessar would meet to discuss crime which would bring meaningful solutions for the betterment of T&T and not a "talk shop." Both leaders announced they would meet to discuss the crime problem.

He said this was especially paramount as there needed to be a united front on the issue of combating crime; especially if the cooperation of the public was needed to gather information and evidence on criminal activities.

The murder rate up to the end of August stood at 304.

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Lady in red: A dancer from the Bitingua Dancers performs during the talent show. Photo by Caleb Caldwell

# Young talent preps for school with concert

**By Alexandra Simon**

Local kids closed out summer showcasing their talents one last time before school starts.

Many kids and families came out to showcase their singing and dancing skills at the Brooklyn Museum for the Stay in School Concert and College Fair on Sept. 3. It was the first time for many guests there who loved the idea of education promoting education, said a local mom whose son sang at the concert.

"It was very nice. It was the first time I attended because my son was invited to sing," said Vanessa Wong, who watched her son Micah perform a song. "I always knew about it but I never went, never made time to go, but this is something I would recommend more people to attend."

The youth-oriented concert is part of a series of Caribbean-themed events hosted by the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA) the weekend before the carnival on Labor

Day. The event gathers young talent from Brooklyn to celebrate the end of summer and promote the importance of education.

Artists danced, sang, and rapped anti-drug and anti-violence music for a crowd of more than a hundred people. Some handed over some gifts for the kids and shared some history facts, said Wong.

"There was an artist who gave coloring books of important African-Americans in history," said Wong. "I was also interested when they spoke of the African-American people, and the history of the Black Panthers. Most people seemed interested in what they could learn about them."

Wong said the concert should have been better attended because of the important messages from the artists.

"I think they need to promote this more," said Wong. "They should do this in conjunction with the Department of Education so more people can know."

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# Diversity highlights 2016 Labor Day celebrations

Undoubtedly the 2016 West Indian American Day Carnival Association's presentations reflected unprecedented diversity and perhaps a commitment to integrate a wider pool of participants unseen in 49 years.

Amplifying the theme — “One Caribbean, One People, One Voice,” the five-day revelry proved a purposeful mantra when reggae, an often ignored music genre from Jamaica kicked off the pre-Labor Day celebration.

To see NYPD's South Brooklyn Borough Chief Steven M. Powers totally engrossed in a performance by Third World's lead-singer A.J. Brown was almost the iriest visual of all.

The two-star police officer applauded vigorously following the operatic rendition of “Con te partiro (Time to say Good-bye) the 1995 signature song by opera great Andrea Bocelli.

He told this Insider the Italian rendition was nothing short of “excellent” and identified the opera as one he associated with the popular “Sopranos” TV series.



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

The gold starred chief seemed impressed that on a night reserved for reggae music, Italy's gift to the world would also take centerstage.

Replacement Jamaican reggae singjay Tony Rebel might have inspired a Rebelution when he declared to reggae beats “I'm a rebel.”

“If I was president you could smoke your weed again...but your next president must not have a penis.”

Needless to say, the predominant Jamaican crowd and resident New Yorkers who will have to vote in the Sept. 13 primary cheered the technically Democratic idea.

Taking an even bolder step into political satire, he rhymed that one candidate “is saying he wants to make America great again but I believe he wants to make America segregate again.”

From there he segued to render a reggae hit “if Jah is standing by your side ...”

He seemed to endorse the Black Lives Matter Movement interjecting the tag to his routine while admitting that “all lives do matter.”

Rebel is among the first reggae artists to perform at the landmark venue during this period in more than two decades. Along with Third World, Romain Virgo, Chris Martin the reggae talents kicked off the first night of a series annually dominated by soca and calypso talents.

“I am happy to be among the first because it would not be Caribbean if reggae was not on the bill. I am happy to help grow it.”

Of his politically charged performance Rebel said afterwards “I didn't get to say all I wanted to because time was short but I



Reggae singjay artist Tony Rebel shares a moment with a NYPD officer from the 78th Precinct.

Photo by Vinette K. Pryce

had much more to say.”

Rebelations from the six-foot three inches, 220 pounds seemed an appropriate and insightful injection to the first night appearance.

Launching into a series of hits which included “Teach

The Children,” “Chatty Chatty,” “Just Friends” and “Fresh Vegetables” the reggae star secured a comfortable rapport with the crowd that already greeted him with a welcoming cheer of approval.

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Big sounds: Members of the Brother High Haitian Rara Band play trumpets during J'Ouvert.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

## J'Ouvert fun amidst violence

By Alexandra Simon

This year's J'Ouvert parade cost the lives of two innocent bystanders and injured four more, but the lively spirit of many parade-goers helped them enjoy the annual pre-dawn celebration.

"I had a lot of fun. It started a little late but I had a great time with my friends dancing it was awesome," said Hunter Serrano, who attended the early morning festivities with friends.

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## Young pannists at steel pan contest

By Alexandra Simon

Steel bands from all over Brooklyn competed for the title of the best steel pan group at the Panorama Steel Pan competition at the Brooklyn Museum on Sept. 3.

The annual competition crowns a band after each band knocks out its best covers to popular songs. Up for competition this year were 10 bands, many of them with young members highly committed to the beloved instrument, said one local mom who joined her 10-year-old daughter in the excitement.

"We had a lot of fun — the kids were excited when we got on stage with them," said Carlene James, whose daughter Andrea is a member of the Crossfire Steel band, and placed third.

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Peace: A reveler at the West Indian American Day Parade on Sept. 4 shows off her plumage.

Photo by Paul Martinka

## Carnival celebrates Brooklyn's Caribbean heritage

By Alexandra Simon

The 49th annual West Indian American day carnival brightened up Eastern Parkway on Monday, celebrating Caribbean heritage. Despite earlier incidents of violence at the pre-dawn parade just hours before, thousands packed the parade route in Crown Heights dancing and waving, even babies said one Flatbush dad.

"I enjoyed watching my daughter," said Patrick Desir, who attended the parade with his eight-month-old daughter and wife. "She was dancing,

laughing — bouncing up and down, and people were waving at her."

Desir, who is of Haitian descent said he and his family mostly spent their time waving at people on the floats, and dabbled in the different foods. Other parade-goers stationed themselves at a single location to play music for an all-nighter, according to one DJ.

"The parade was great — I was there from midnight until the parade," said DJ Yard-Z of Crown Heights, who set up a sound sys-

tem on the parkway near Franklin Avenue to get passerby into a dancing spirit.

"I played lots of music — reggae music primarily. My job was to keep them dancing, keep them happy, and play reggae and soca." The spinmaster, who is a dedicated participant, also said he enjoys the West Indian day parade for the community reunions it provides, as well as the revenue for local businesses.

"I like the fact that it was an

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## TOP 10 SINGLES

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

## TOP 10 ALBUMS

- 1 **Blonde**  
Frank Ocean
- 2 **Brave Enough**  
Lindsey Stirling
- 3 **I Told You**  
Tory Lanez
- 4 **Suicide Squad: The Album**  
Soundtrack
- 5 **Views**  
Drake
- 6 **Greatest Hits 1971-1975**  
Eagles
- 7 **Spirit**  
Amos Lee
- 8 **Spark**  
Drake White
- 9 **Lemonade**  
Beyonce
- 10 **Pure & Simple**  
Dolly Parton



# MAS

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opportunity to see musicians, see old friends, and make new friends," said DJ Yard-Z. "It was very much a good party and a good opportunity for vendors to sell merchandise. Local vendors benefit from parade, as well as those vendors who sell on the parkway."

The annual West Indian American Day Carnival started in 1964 as a smaller scale parade in Harlem. It came to Crown Heights in 1969 consistently growing over the years, eventually turning into one of the largest Caribbean parades in North America.

For next year's festivities, Desir says he will be back with his family, but hopes to catch the more child-friendly event near the museum.

"Next year I'll go earlier, and I'll definitely take the kids to the parade."



Carnival colors: Revelers pack Eastern Parkway with flags and feathered outfits.

Photo by Paul Martinka

## J'Ouvert

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With the increased police presence and lighting this year, many participants were not aware of the gun violence at the parade until it was over.

"I didn't know that anything went to down until I woke up the next day," said Serrano. "Unfortunately things happen — I feel really sad for her," he said referencing the 22-year-old woman who was shot just two blocks away from where he and friends situated.

I felt that me going there and showing love to all my friend strain my brothers and sisters, i came there to have fun, unfortunately things to do happen."

J'ouvert, which means day-break celebrates the hours before carnival. Starting in Brooklyn in 1984, the event precedes the West Indian American Day parade which starts later that morning.

Many veteran participants attended the event to see their favorite acts, including other impromptu activities happening near the route, said one local man.

"I went out early to want to see the Haitian bands — there are two and I always get the second band," said Devon Wilks, who has been coming



Devil's horns: A man with Jab Jab horns covered in powder. One of the highlights of the J'ouvert parade is people dressed as carnival characters.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

to the event for 11 years.

"Then I went to a mobile party happening on Empire Boulevard — there was a guy who had loud speakers in his car. I stayed there till 2 am.

Last year the shooting death of Carey Gabay, an aide to Gov. Cuomo, forced the NYPD and organizers of the parade to talk about violence during the parade. In July, commissioner Bratton announced that he would be ramping up security for the newly permitted parade, adding more uniformed officers along the route, as well as adding 200 light towers, up from 40 the previous year.

But supporters and organizers for the event say that critics should not use the parade as a scapegoat for the crimes.

## New York Panorama



Young pannists: Andrea James, left, and Malaki Joseph from the Crossfire Steel Band pause for a picture before performing.

Photo by Angel Zayas

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"She was very excited. We had to skip a lot of vacations and she missed many vacations because she is very dedicated to the steel pan."

During Crossfire's performance of the popular Soca hit song "Scene," the song's artist, GBM Nutron, made a cameo.

"While they played the song, he was actually in front of them performing," said James. "Simply being on the stage with the energy and the excitement was so

awesome."

The New York Panorama Steel Band competition was created in 1973, and the West Indian American Day Carnival Association has been hosting the event exclusively since 1974. The competition gives prize money and trophies to the champions of the competition. For the third year in a row, the D'Radoes Steel band took the first place spot playing carnival song "Different Me," and that was all due to hard work, said the manager for the 100-member band.

# Teen tries to retrieve stolen sneakers in inner-city saga

## "Kicks"

Excellent (4 stars)  
 Rated R for pervasive profanity, drug and alcohol abuse, sexuality and violence, all involving teens.  
 Running time: 87 minutes  
 Studio: Animal Kingdom  
 Distributor: Focus World



A scene from the movie "Kicks."

www.rottentomatoes.com

### By Kam Williams

Brandon (Jahking Guillory) saved up for a pricey pair of Air Jordan, only to suffer the utter humiliation of having them stolen right off his feet at gunpoint by a gang of ghetto predators. Thus arrives a moment of truth for the nerdy 15-year-old who finds himself stuck at an unpleasant station in life where he's not only routinely picked on by his peers but absolutely ignored by the opposite sex to boot.

Should he simply shrug off this latest dis as merely another cold reminder of what

life is like in the 'hood for any kid that isn't macho, or is he finally mature enough to exact a measure of revenge on Flaco (Kofi Siriboe), the

pompous perpetrator who'd seized the sneakers as a gift for a son (Michael Smith, Jr.)? Believe it or not, that is the sum and substance of the

dilemma, which fuels the fire of "Kicks," a super-realistic, inner-city saga marking the memorable directorial debut of Justin Tipping.

This earthy, slice-of-life flick convincingly captures the anomie and sense of desperation which might help explain why so many black youths opt to murder each other over seemingly trivial slights nowadays. While this story unfolds against the barren backdrop of Oakland's exoskeleton, it could just as easily be taking place in such equally-godforsaken environs as latter-day Chicago, Baltimore, Newark, St. Louis, New Orleans or Detroit.

Before Brandon embarks on his hunt for Flaco, he enlists the assistance of his BFFs Albert (Christopher Wallace, Jr) and Rico (Christopher Meyer). They prove to be game and, for some reason that is never broached, theirs is a lawless world devoid of the option of approaching police or parents to intervene on their behalf.

A tentative tale of woe every bit as bleak as it is hopeful that there's an exit at the other end of a disturbingly dystopic tunnel.

## Independent & Foreign Films

Author: The JT Leroy

Story (R for sexuality, drug use, violent images and pervasive profanity) Out-of-the-closet documentary revealing that fiction writer Laura Albert is the real person behind the pen name JT Leroy.

**Cameraperson** (Unrated) Reverential documentary chronicling the career of Kirsten Johnson, cinematographer of the Oscar-winning, documentary "Citizenfour" and other groundbreaking exposes.

**Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War** (Unrated) Ken Burns co-directed this documentary recounting the heroic mission mounted in 1939 by American minister Waitstill Sharp and his wife Martha to rescue scores of Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi occupation of Europe. Voice cast includes Tom Hanks and Marina Goldman.

**For the Love of Spock** (Unrated) Obsessed fan biopic chronicling the enduring appeal of the late Leonard Nimoy, as well as the beloved character he originated on Star Trek, Dr. Spock. Featuring commentary by Williams Shatner, J.J. Abrams, Chris Pine, Zoe Saldana, George Takei, Nichelle Nichols, Simon Pegg and Zachary Quinto.

**Ithaca** (PG for mature themes, smoking and a violent image) Meg Ryan makes her directorial debut with this adaptation of "The Human Comedy," William Saroyan's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel,



### Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

set in 1942, revolving around a 14-year-old's (Alex Neustaedter) attempt to provide for his widowed mother (Ryan) and siblings (Spencer Howell and Christine Nelson) after his older brother (Jack Quaid) goes off to fight in World War II. With Sam Shepard, Hamish Linklater and Nick Williams.

**Kicks** (R for pervasive profanity and for teen drug and alcohol abuse, sexuality and violence) Coming-of-adventure, set in inner-city Oakland, revolving around a 15-year-old's (Jahking Guillory) attempt to retrieve a pricey pair of sneakers stolen right off his feet. With Christopher Wallace, Jr. (Biggie's son), Christopher Meyer, Kofi Siriboe and Mahershala Ali.

**London Road** (Unrated) Crime drama recounting real-life events which transpired in 2006 when the peace of the quaint town of Ipswich, England was rocked by the murders of five women. Co-starring Olivia Colman, Clare Burt and Rosalie Craig.

**Starving the Beast** (Unrated) College tuition expose examining the push to reform America's public universities so that the cost of a higher education will be borne directly by its student beneficiaries rather than by the general public.

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# Miss World Guyana

By **Tangerine Clarke**

Miss World Guyana 2016, Nuriyyih Girrard said she is still savoring the experience of flying First Class for the first time, and thanked Fly Jamaica Airways, for her safe voyage to the Big Apple, for a weekend of meet and greet, before preparing for the Dec. 20, Miss World Pageant in Washington, DC.

Wearing a forest-green firm fitting dress, the beauty made a royal entrance at the Guyana Consulate in NYC, on Sept. 2, and was honored by Guyanese supporters, Miss World Guyana franchise holder, Natasha Blu Martaindale, and committee members Roger Gary and Michelle Cole.

Gerrard, a 24-year-old psychology student, and Ambassador of Guyana's rural Patora-Siparuni, Region 8, spoke passionately about mental health awareness, a topic she is quite familiar with.

During her presentation, the queens said she struggled with her own self-esteem as a teenage, hence her entrance into the pageant to challenge herself, to see herself in a different light, and to embrace her own type of beauty.

"I view this pageant as one where young woman such as myself could make a meaningful difference in the world, in their lives, in their community, in society and in our country."

"I am a positive role model for young girls growing up, said Gerrard who, will



Miss Guyana World 2016, Nuriyyah Gerrard strikes a pose for Caribbean Life photographer. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

use her experience and "Thrive" Live Without Stigma campaign as part of her Beauty With A Purpose when she competes at the Miss World Pageant.

The popular beauty whose melodious voice is heard on Guyana's 94.1 Boom FM radio, early morning radio show in Georgetown, and whose mixed heritage of Indigenous People and African Guyanese, gave her a stage to represent Guyana's multicultural heritage, will truly showcase Guyana in a positive way.

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# SPORTS

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Jamaica's Usain Bolt celebrates winning the gold medal in the men's 4 x 100-meter relay final, during the athletics competitions of the 2016 Summer Olympics at the Olympic stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Friday, Aug. 19, 2016.

Associated Press / Matt Dunham

## Usain Bolt gets lifetime contract

By Azad Ali

Telecommunications provider Digicel has given Jamaican sprint king Usain Bolt a lifetime a contract on the heels of his historic accomplishments at the recently concluded Rio Olympics in Brazil.

Digicel has declared Bolt its Chief Speed Officer (CSO) after winning an unprecedented three consecutive championships to cement his place in history as one of the world's greatest sprinter.

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## UWI aids Queens Park probe

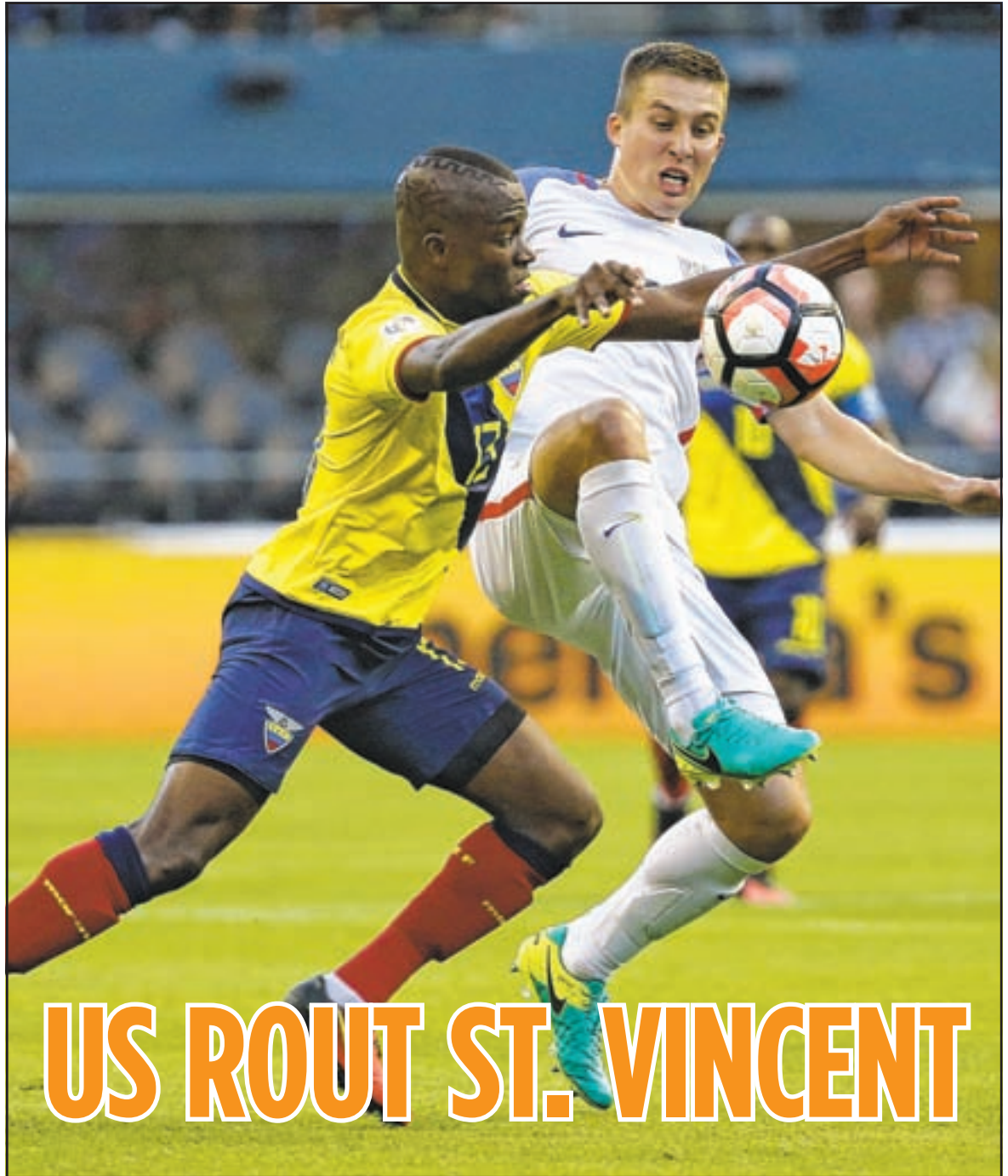
By Azad Ali

The University of the West Indies (UWI) Soil Science Department is assisting in the investigation regarding the recent abandonment of the fourth Test between West Indies and India at the Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain Trinidad.

Only 22 overs of play was possible on the opening day and despite the fact there were three days of brilliant sunshine, not a ball was bowled.

The Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board (TTCB) has partnered with the officials at the Oval in trying to get a proper investigation done and report sent to the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) to be presented to the Interna-

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## US ROUT ST. VINCENT

In this June 16, 2016, file photo, United States' Matt Besler, right, and Ecuador's Enner Valencia vie for the ball during a Copa America Centenario quarterfinal soccer match in Seattle.

Associated Press / Elaine Thompson, File

## Besler helps out after birth of first child

By The Associated Press

Matt Besler got back to the U.S. team hotel after training on the eve of the United States' World Cup qualifier at St. Vincent and the Grenadines when his cellphone came to life.

"I had a message from my wife just

saying, call me ASAP, and I had that feeling that something was happening," he said.

Back in Kansas City, Kansas, Amanda Besler felt her water break and went into labor two weeks early. On a Caribbean island, there was no way Matt Besler could return home

quickly for the arrival of his first child.

Parker Rhea Besler was born at about 6:45 am local time Friday. About nine hours later her daddy scored his first international goal, helping the United States to a 6-0

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Bolt won gold in the 100m and 200m as well as the 4x100 meter relay in three successive games to finish with nine gold medals end a magnificent Olympic career.

The telecommunications company said in a release, “the unique ‘job for life’ comes in tandem with the agreement of a lifetime partnership between Digicel and Usain Bolt — an honor only a very small number of the absolute greatest athletes in the world have ever achieved — and a first for Digicel.”

“Bolt relationship with Digicel dates back to when he was a teenager competing in schools games in Jamaica”, the release added.

“As Digicel CSO, I am opening a new chapter and will be making it my mission to ensure that speed stays at the top of the agenda,” Bolt replied.

## Queens Park Oval probe

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tional Cricket Council (ICC) within the next two weeks.

WICB faces a fine of up to US\$15,000 and the Oval could be stuck off the ICC list for two years, if the explanation is not credible.

A release from the TTCB said the UWI experts have already begun their investigation to ensure this situation will not be repeated as more cricket is being played during the wet season.

This was the first time in Queen’s Park’s 125 year history that a Test match was being staged this time of the year (rainy season) at the Oval. This was the 60th Test being hosted at the Oval.

## Windies to play Pakistan

By Azad Ali

West Indies will play their first day-night Test against Pakistan in the United Arabia States later this month.

The teams will play three Tests, three One-day Internationals and three Twenty20 Internationals between Sept. 23 and Nov. 3.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said in a statement it will host its first day / night Test match from Oct. 13-17, to be played with the pink ball under lights at the Dubai Cricket Stadium.

Despite playing all their matches in the neutral venues of the UAE, Pakistan rose to No.1 in the Test rankings last month after drawing their four-match series against England 2-2.



United States’ Jermaine Jones, left, is tripped by St. Vincent and the Grenadines’ Dorren Hamlet while chasing the ball during the second half of a 2018 World Cup qualifying soccer match Friday, Nov. 13, 2015, in St. Louis. The United States won 6-1.

Associated Press / Jeff Roberson, File

# US ADVANCES TO FINAL ROUND

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win that moved the Americans into prime position to advance to the final round of World Cup qualifying.

“I always knew that it was a risk coming down here,” the 29-year-old Sporting Kansas City defender said. “At the same time, you have to live your life and come down here. There was about a 48-hour window where I knew that I was pretty much here and stuck here just due to the travel conditions. It would have been impossible to get back in time, and that’s why I decided to stay. I was just going to try to make the best of it, and I’ll get to meet my baby girl soon enough.”

Christian Pulisic, the Americans’ 17-year-old attacker, entered in the second half and scored twice off passes from Sacha Kljestan. Pulisic also set up Kljestan’s first goal for the national team in six years.

Bobby Wood scored in the 28th minute, Besler doubled the lead in the 32nd and Jozy Altidore converted a penalty kick in the 43rd as the Americans built a 3-0 halftime lead at the Arnos Vale cricket ground.

Besler, who has three goals for Kansas City since joining the team in 2009, was making his 36th international appearance. He scored when MLS team-

mate Graham Zusi lofted a free kick, and Nazir McBernette’s headed clearance attempt went toward the defender. Besler chested the ball and knocked it in with his left foot from about 4 yards.

“For whatever reason, I could feel the ball gravitate to me at the back post, so I was ready for it,” he said.

Besler was surrounded by a half dozen teammates in a rocking-the-cradle celebration reminiscent of Bebeto’s at the 1994 World Cup. He had told U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann on Friday morning that he was in the right frame of mind to play.

“It’s already a special day, but I wanted to even make it even more special and play in this special game,” he remembered saying.

The 26th-ranked United States (3-1-1) is second in Group C behind Trinidad and Tobago (3-0-2), which tied visiting Guatemala (2-2-1) later Friday. With a plus-13 goal difference to Guatemala’s plus-1, the Americans are virtually assured of reaching the final round hexagonal in North and Central America and the Caribbean when they host Trinidad on Tuesday at Jacksonville, Florida.

A T&T win Friday would have clinched berths for both the Soca Warriors and the Americans, but Carlos

Ruiz got his second goal of the game in the 87th for visiting Guatemala, which finished a man short.

Pulisic and Kljestan entered midway through the second half. Pulisic scored in the 71st minute off a pass from Kljestan, who had not played for the national team since March 2014, and the 30-year-old Kljestan tapped in a cross from Pulisic seven minutes later. Pulisic scored from 18 yards off Kljestan’s pass in the second minute of stoppage time, his third international goal.

Pulisic became the youngest American with a goal in qualifying. At 17 years, 349 days, he also is the youngest with a two-goal game. He wore the No. 10 jersey — Landon Donovan’s old number — for the first time.

“Obviously it’s an honor,” Pulisic said. “I know some great number 10s have been out there, but I was just given the number, so I’m excited to wear it.”

Klinsmann attributed the decision to equipment manager Jesse Bignami.

“I always say the number 10 has a meaning. There’s no doubt about it,” the coach said before adding with a laugh: “Ask him now a question how he feels with that heavy number on his back.”

# When the lives of two stars intersect

“Elizabeth and Michael” by Donald Bogle  
c.2016, Atria  
\$26.00 / \$35.00 Canada  
392 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Your closest friend really gets you.

You never have to explain yourself when you're together; everything said (and unsaid) is understood. There may be many years between you, but it doesn't matter. There may be differences in background, but no worries. Nothing keeps you apart, and in the new book “Elizabeth and Michael” by Donald Bogle, that might be because you have everything in common.

Almost from the moment she was born, Elizabeth Taylor's life was “like something of a fairy tale...”

She was a beautiful child who grew up to be a beautiful young woman with a mother who made it her mission to ensure that Elizabeth was a star. Sara Taylor enrolled her daughter in all the best classes and was ever on the lookout for opportunity; in 1939, that insistence on fame grew when



Donald Bogle author of “Elizabeth and Michael.”

the family moved to California. Two years later, as a result of two conversations her father had with influential Hollywood starmakers, Elizabeth, not quite 10 years old, was invited to try out for “Lassie Come Home.”

She got the part.

Her mother got her wish.

Though Elizabeth Taylor's later life was filled with stardust, it wasn't storybook-happy.

She would battle various issues throughout the years; so would another star born

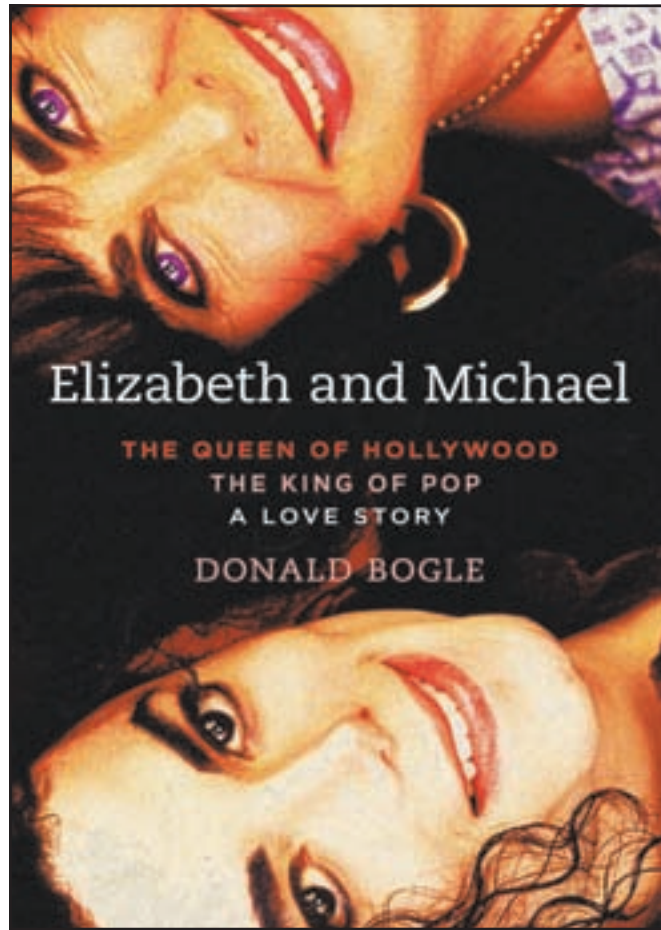
halfway across the country at about the same time Elizabeth was dealing with the death of her second husband.

Michael Jackson, the eighth of 10 children, grew up in a family that didn't have much except themselves – and his father, Joe, insisted that it remain that way: the Jackson children were often isolated, because Joe wanted fame for his singing-dancing sons and he demanded that they rehearse nearly constantly. There was little time for anything except practice but, for Michael, practice led to stardom.

It was another star, Katharine Hepburn, who was once surprised by Michael's audacity: eager to meet the favorite actors of his childhood, he asked Hepburn to introduce him to Greta Garbo. She declined.

And then Michael asked to meet Elizabeth Taylor...

Right there, says author Donald Bogle, is the early beginning of a friendship that many called “flat-out weird,” but that really does make sense. As Bogle shows in “Elizabeth and Michael,” few others had so much in common.



Book cover of “Elizabeth and Michael” by Donald Bogle.

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**ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, exercise patience as you try to resolve a situation this week. You may have found a solution that works for everyone, but it may take time for others to adjust.

**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, you spend much of the week daydreaming, but someone or something unexpected snaps you back to reality. Enjoy this pleasant surprise.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, others interpret your focus this week as single-mindedness, and they aren't quite sure what to make of it. Do your best to keep colleagues in the loop.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, you are not a fan of instability, which is why you like to plan everything down to the smallest detail. This week you may have to loosen up a little bit.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, you manage to attract attention pretty much everywhere you go this week, in spite of your efforts to be as inconspicuous as possible. Chalk it up to your magnetic personality.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, you are emotionally charged of late, and that is perfectly fine. It may take a few days for you to begin thinking more with your head than your heart.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, a friend's free spirit inspires you in the week ahead. Team up and plan an adventure together, or simply find time to spend with each other.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, many thoughts are swirling around in your head, and this puts you in an introspective mood. Make the most of this reflective period and think about your long-term goals.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, professional obligations are keeping you close to home and that can be frustrating when you want to wander. Check the calendar to see when you can get away.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, make the most of your positive attitude and look for fun ways to spend time with friends and family. Engage in some light conversation with others who share your optimism.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, a rewarding feeling awaits as you work to solve a challenging problem. The solution won't come easy, but your hard work will pay off.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Others are noticing the excellent work you have been doing, Pisces. Anticipate a few pats on the back and enjoy all of the praise.

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## LEGAL

County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 29, 2016 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1214 Schenectady Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 4963

## LEGAL

and Lot 23. Approximate amount of judgment is \$504,996.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 10185/13. Howard Mark File, Esq., Referee  
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