



Caribbean Pride

Wave your flag: Parade goers wave their Caribbean flags down 37th Avenue at the Queens pride parade. See story on Page 22.

Photo by Mike Shain

Kelly continues to cast uncertainty

By Nelson A. King

Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security, John Kelly, continues to cast uncertainty on the eventual fate of 58,000 undocumented Haitians who has been granted limited Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to remain in the US, according to reports.

Last week Monday, Kelly granted a six-month TPS extension, rather than the customary 18-month extension, to the Haitians. The extension, which becomes effective on Jul. 23, 2017, rans through Jan. 22, 2018.

But Kelly warned that the

extension should allow Haitian TPS recipients living in the US "time to attain travel documents and make other necessary arrangements for their ultimate departure from the United States, and should also provide the Haitian government with the time it needs to prepare for the future repatriation of all current TPS recipients."

However, he said on Thursday that the US Congress could ultimately resolve the matter by changing the legislation.

"This is squarely on them," Kelly told the Miami Herald. "I have a law that I am supposed

to enforce, and I think the members of Congress who are interested in this, and there are a lot of them, should probably sit down and talk about it and come up with some legislation to fix it. I think it's on them."

Kelly made a brief stop in Miami after a trip to Haiti on Wednesday, where he spent more than an hour discussing TPS and other Trump administration concerns with new Haitian President Jovenel Moïse and senior officials with the government and the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), the

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LEGAL LIMBO SNAFU

Trinidad judiciary in crisis over appointments foul up

By Bert Wilkinson

Apparently nothing is done in Trinidad without bacchanal, a very local and well celebrated concept linked to confusion, high levels of anxieties and administrative mistakes.

And this is exactly what appears to have triggered the worst crisis in living memory in the island's judiciary.

A few weeks ago, the Judicial and Legal Service Commission (JLSC) appointed Chief Magistrate Marcia Ayers-Caesar and two other attorneys as judges of the high court, saying more judges were needed not only to fill gaps on the senior bench but to also address a backlog in cases.

But there was a major foul up that so irked members of the island's bar association that they voted almost two to one to demand the resignation of Chief Justice Ivor Archie who heads the JLSC.

Voting at an unusually well

attended emergency meeting of the Law Association, the body said it was embarrassed by a comedy of errors of the Archie-led commission as the body had not done its investigative work properly and went ahead and appointed Ayers Caesar to the bench leaving dozens of cases unheard or part heard.

To the law association, this was a major act of judicial idiocy as debate raged as to whether most of the matters were simply paper committals or were plain and simply partly heard matters. Lawyers argued that it was unfair to prisoners and defendants awaiting the completion of their trials to have them restart all over again, incur addiction expenses including legal fees and other forms of stress.

The snafu and the backlash from various sections of society over the appointment quickly forced Ayers-Caesar to resign

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Town brawl

J'ouvert organizer criticizes pol at public safety meeting

By Alexandra Simon

She put him in line.

The president of J'ouvert International admonished a politician in favor of suspending the early morning Labor Day parade at a town hall on June 1, criticizing him for not including her in discussions on public safety at this year's event.

"We put programs in place to try to work on safety and defusing violence and we have been talking to mas bands — but I haven't heard from you," Yvette Rennie said to state Assemblyman Walter Mosley (D—Fort Greene). "Maybe you're meeting with other people, but the mas and steel pan groups are not part of that conversation. Call us to table, don't work around us."

Mosley, along with Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo (D—Clinton Hill) and state Sen. Jesse Hamilton (D—Crown Heights), organized the public meeting in Prospect Heights to discuss safety measures for J'ouvert, which precedes the annual West Indian Day Parade. Last year, two people were fatally shot despite a beefed up police presence and security that included an official permit and 250 floodlights — which, said the mother of a woman killed at the parade, were still not enough.

"It's not just doubling or tripling. Sometimes it's how the police do their job, because where my daughter was killed there were no police around," Vertina Brown said. "We need better lighting, because there was no lighting where my daughter was killed."

The organization behind J'ouvert is working to implement even more safety measures this year that include entry checkpoints similar to those around Times Square on New Year's Eve, bag checks, and more floodlights. But the



Giving pols: Prior to the town hall, the pols presented a check to the school's principal. Community News Group / Alexandra Simon

violence that occurs during the festivity is part of a borough-wide crime problem, Rennie said, not restricted to the parade.

"J'ouvert has been a festive event for the past 35 years, but Brooklyn itself has become a challenge for crime and somehow we seem to fall into that situation," she said. "I have been concerned with J'ouvert being stigmatized and I look at it as a total disrespect for my

culture."

Mosley and other politicians, including district leader Geoffrey Davis, proposed youth engagement as a way to curb violence, suggesting cultural events be held a week ahead of the parade to educate the community.

"I suggest we have a concert and let the artists who know about J'ouvert educate the community through music," Davis said. "Let artists lead the way."



Prime Minister Freundel
Stuart. Photo by George Alleyne

Barbados faces a tax burden

By George Alleyne

In its 2017-2018 Budget, the Barbados government has opted for an internal solution to its debt crisis that is expected to cause widespread price increases, and effectively a devaluation of the dollar.

Faced with continuously falling international credit ratings that make borrowing from abroad more expensive, and local agencies that are either at their lending limit, or are unwilling to extend more credit to government, the administration last week passed a budget with \$542 (Bar\$1 = 50 cents US) in revenue-enhancing measures beginning July 01.

But among those procedures is a two per cent across the board tax on all foreign exchange transactions conducted by anyone on the island. This means that the levy will be placed on all activities involving buying United States or any other foreign currency from dealers, wire transfers, and credit card purchases.

Economists, business persons and non-government politicians have all denounced the foreign exchange transaction 'commission' as effectively a devaluation of the Barbados dollar.

Former prime minister and leading Caribbean economist, Owen Arthur, who is now an independent member of parliament, joined with Opposition Barbados Labour Party members in criticizing introduction of the tax.

He said that the levy "is effectively changing the price at which Barbados uses domestic currency to pay for foreign currency and making it necessary for Barbadians to use more domestic currency for foreign exchange. So that is a devaluation."

Another of the measures aimed at

Simon Suarez named Caribbean Hotelier of the Year

By Nelson A. King

The Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA) has named respected Caribbean hotelier Simón Suárez as the 2017 Caribbean Hotelier of the Year.

Suárez, Vice president of Institutional Relations and Projects of Grupo Puntaicana in the Dominican Republic, received the coveted honor at the opening of the third annual Caribbean Hospitality Industry Exchange Forum (CHIEF), hosted by CHTA, in Miami on Friday night.

Accepting the region's premier hospitality award, Suárez, a former CHTA president, recognized his colleagues, friends and family, while reminding delegates in attendance to "embrace unity, diversity and ingenuity" in the Caribbean.

"Simón Suárez is a pioneer in Caribbean hospitality. He has played and continues to play a major role in the development and growth of Caribbean tourism, and we are indebted to him for all that he has done for his native Dominican Republic and the Caribbean," said Frank Comito, CHTA's director general and chief executive officer.

CHTA said Suárez began his professional career in the Dominican Republic tourism industry at the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic in 1974.

Since these early beginnings, he has served as the president of Occidental Hotels' local operating company, Occidental Hoteles Dominicana, S. A.; executive vice president of Coral Hotels & Resorts; president of the Dominican Republic's Tourism Promotion Council;

chief development representative - Central America and Caribbean for Hilton Hotels Corporation; and president of the Dominican Republic's Hotel and Tourism Association (ASONAHORES).

Also in winners' row on Friday was Obrian Forde of Jus' Sail in St. Lucia, who was named Caribbean Employee of the Year; while Marcia Rhoden-Morris, of The Jamaica Pegasus, was recognized as Caribbean Supervisor of the Year.

CHTA said Lisa Hamilton, of the United States Virgin Islands Hotel and Tourism Association, captured the Caribbean Association Executive of the Year Award; while Edward "Eddie" Weitz was named Allied Member of the Year.

The association also presented awards in the areas of operations, sales and marketing, social responsibility and environmental sustainability.

Caribbean

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) says that no amount of pressure will lead the regional grouping to turn its back on troubled Venezuela, even as at least four member states break ranks on the issue.

The matter came up for discussion during the regional foreign ministers 20th meeting of the CARICOM Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR) which took place in Barbados recently.

Outgoing COFOR chairman Sir Louis Straker speaking to reporters after the two-day meeting played down disagreement raised by St. Lucia, Guyana, Jamaica and The Bahamas, saying CARICOM would not abandon Venezuela in its time of need.



Sir Louis who is St. Vincent and the Grenadines deputy prime minister and foreign affairs minister and regional integration said there might be one or two countries that may not go along with the grouping, but overwhelmingly, CARICOM is in support of Venezuela.

He noted that the Bolivarian Republic "has been pro-CARICOM and has done more for CARICOM than some of the big powers and they should stand by Venezuela".

Sir Louis claimed that some within the Organization of American States (OAS) were pushing for the Nicholas Maduro government to step down, CARICOM must take a strong stance on the matter.

He told reporters there was nothing happening in Venezuela that requires a fact finding mission.

Recently, the Caribbean Chapter of the International Network in Defense of Humanity called on CARICOM leaders to send a mission to Caracas for "an informed analysis" about the state of affairs there.

Barbados

The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) recently held a meeting of the Council of Ministers-Foreign Affairs (COMFA), in Barbados under the chairmanship of Charles



Venezuelans continue protest

Demonstrators use shields decorated with religious motifs and the colors of Venezuela's national flag prior clashing with government forces on a highway during a march against the government of President Nicolas Maduro in Caracas, Venezuela, Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

Associated Press / Ariana Cubillos

Fernandez, minister of foreign affairs, international trade and immigration of Antigua and Barbuda.

The meeting took place against the backdrop of dramatic changes taking place at the global, hemispheric and regional levels, and addressed several issues covering a wide range of matters of critical import to member states.



These included the participation of the OECS in regional and international settings, relation with the United Kingdom and the European Union post Brexit, relations with the European Union post 2020, the status and future of the ACP, CELAC as a platform for engagement and development of institutional capacity in international relations and diplomacy within member states

Dominica

The Citizenship by Investment (CDI) specialist and developer Montreal Management Consultants Est. (MMCE) is funding a school feeding program for hundreds of children in Dominica.

MMCE is paying for healthy snacks and lunches to primary school children on the island to prevent mothers keeping their children away from school due to the lack of proper school meals.



The program is being facilitated by the Melissa Skerit Foundation, which has been set up to improve the lives of disadvantaged communities across Dominica and a restaurant in Roseau. The meals are sent to their school teachers to distribute.

There are existing school feeding

programs on the island, supported by the government of Dominica and the Japan International Cooperation Agency where meals are prepared at the schools and provided to the kids.

The MMCE program supplies additional nutrition, including pancakes, chocolate milk, fresh local juice, sandwiches, hot dogs and launches.

Grenada

The United States Department of the Treasury's Internal Revenue Service (IRS)- Criminal Investigation recently hosted a financial investigative techniques workshop in Grenada to assist police and financial intelligence units across the Eastern Caribbean to better identify, assess and pursue financial investigations.

The training was conducted by the

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Judicial tragedy of errors

gence work.
“We have immediate concerns about the fact that a judge was appointed and took up office leaving behind outstanding, part-heard matters,” said Association President Douglas Mendes.

For their part, the JLSC contended that “anyone who is appointed has been through one of the most rigorous selection processes you can find anywhere in the region or Commonwealth,” as it stayed clear from providing too many details.

Justice Archie has said he has no plans to resign anytime soon and other members of the body have said that she could simply go down back to the lower court, complete the matters in about six months then take up her appointment as a judge. Other members have not said much.

The main bone of contention among the bar is that the body “was reckless and or negligent in selecting the chief magistrate for appointment as a pusine judge without first ensuring that she had no part heard matters or had completed any part heard matters pending at the time of her appointment.”

As the weeks go by, former Justice Marcia Ayers-Caesar is without a job and her future hangs in limbo even as the disquiet from the fiasco has failed to temper down.

What’s next for Haitians here?

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Herald said.

It said the US Homeland Security Secretary urged Moïse to start thinking about how to bring Haiti’s TPS recipients back to their homeland by issuing travel documents or identification.

“TPS is not supposed to continue to be enforced until Haiti’s like Jamaica, or any country, with a very functioning democracy, [or] a relatively low unemployment rate. That’s not the point of it,” he said.

“TPS was granted based on the [2010] earthquake,” Kelly added. “Things in Haiti were tough for decades prior to the earthquake, and will be tough for decades to come. But the reason TPS was granted was because of the earthquake.”

In April, the acting director of US Citizenship of Immigration Services, James McCament, recommended a final six-month extension for Haiti and then termination on Jan. 22, 2017.

But Kelly’s decision doesn’t put an absolute end date on the program, according to the Herald.

On Thursday, he said the argument that Haiti should keep receiving the benefit seven years after the cataclysmic earthquake left more than 300,000 dead, 1.5 million home-

less and an equal number injured, is “questionable.”

“I looked at it real hard and decided to extend it for six months, which should give — in the event it’s not extended next time — opportunities for people that are living here in the United States to settle their issues here; and, by the same token, give the government of Haiti enough time to start thinking of how to reintegrate,” Kelly told the Herald.

Asked whether TPS would be extended now that he’s met with Moïse and other Haitian government officials, Kelly said: “I don’t know. I literally don’t know.”

He said one factor that will aid his decision-making in the coming months will be if the Haitian government starts the process of reintegrating or preparing to reintegrate TPS recipients by providing them with travel documents, according to the Herald.

Kelly said one challenge that he has faced in the top job at Homeland Security is that immigration benefits, like TPS, seemed to be automatically renewed.

“I go back to this issue of, the longer that people stay in the United States, the more of an argument they have that they have become Americanized and ‘Why do I have to leave?’” he said.

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her appointment after only two weeks on the bench and to basically leave the lower magistrate’s courts in a crisis.

The Trinidad Express Newspaper dubbed the issue as “a judicial tragedy of errors”, pointing to near mutiny of prisoners at the Port of Spain Magistrate’s Court when they learned that she was leaving the magistracy. Dozens of prisoners and several wardens were forced to seek medical attention after fights broke out with news about her departure from the bench and incomplete cases.

In all the lawyers body, said, the magistrate-judge had left 54 incomplete matters and might have misled the JLSC by indicating that most were simply paper committals for new dates. They blamed the JLSC for poor due dili-

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Big 50th birthday bash for Vincentian native



Christella Nelica David cuts cake with her daughters Kiana (second from left) and Kiara. Photo by Nelson A. King

By Nelson A. King

In attaining the age of 50, a Vincentian native ensured that she luxuriated in the major milestone by celebrating recently in grand style with relatives, friends, supporters and co-workers at an elegant catering house in Queens.

Hundreds were invited to, and attended, the 50th birthday bash for Christella Nelica David, a former Emmanuel High School and Mountain View Academy student in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, at Woodhaven Manor, formerly Le Cordon Bleu, on Jamaica Avenue, Queens.

The celebration featured tributes in speech, song, poem, dance and music, among other things, as patrons also basked in the glory.

David — flanked by her mom, Lorna David, a former teacher, nurse and police officer in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, daughters Kiana and Kiara, and sisters Kimberly Zoe Joanna David and Kiswana

Lajune David-Paul — was serenaded by Tobagonian-born Hilton Samuel, with “Let This Be Your Prayer.”

“It’s because of you why all of these people are here,” said Samuel, a well-sought-after singer in the Caribbean community in Brooklyn, afterwards.

David’s daughters then performed a “Special Dance,” choreographed by Kiana, for their mom to Josh Groban’s “You Raise Me Up.” They also sang one of the hits that Kiswana, a song writer, penned.

“I’m honored to have a mother, who’s not going to judge me,” said Kiana, who sings in her church, Church of God of East Flatbush, in Brooklyn. “I just want you to know I am the person I am because of you. You inspire me.”

In the fall, Kiara said she will begin studies at Expeditionary Learning School for Community Leaders on Benson Avenue in Brooklyn, and, subsequently, aspires to becoming a lawyer.

Kimberly — an inspector with New York City’s Department of Transportation, who, in her spare time writes poems — wrote and read a poem for her sister at the extravagant celebration, attended by some prominent members of the Vincentian community in New York.

These included Cultural Ambassador Cyril “Scorcher” Thomas, a former St. Vincent and The Grenadines deputy consul general and calypsonian; Laverne McDowald-Thompson, president of the Brooklyn-based umbrella Vincentian Group in the United States, Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A., Inc. (COSAGO); and the Rev. Dr. Glyzer Beache, the retired pastor of St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in Flatbush.

“Nelica, you are perceptive, intelligent and wise/always helping me through good and bad times,” read Kimberly from her hand-written poem. “You are to me the most wonderful

sister there could ever be/You have shown me how to navigate my way through some of life’s difficult areas.

“Today is like a second bloom,” she added. “You bring excitement and joy when you enter the room/I thank God for bringing you into my life.”

David, who migrated to New York when she was 17, was born

on May 25, 1967 to Lorna David and Arnold “Lenny” Fraser.

After enrolling in the nursing program at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, David said she soon realized that nursing was not her calling. She then took up cosmetology, graduating from the Wilfred Academy Cosmetology School in the City.

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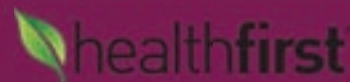
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UNITED NATIONS, Jun 6 2017 (IPS) - Just last month business representatives from around the world joined the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Fund commemorate their work as part of the Private Sector Advisory Group (PSAG).

For much of the last two years, the group has been collaborating with the Fund on how the business community can work towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UN's roadmap to promote inclusive economic growth, social justice and environmental protection.

This group of businesses committed to sustainability has accomplished a number of goals since it was formed in 2015, including establishing a set of pioneering public-private partnerships in areas such as food security, education, and employment for women and youth.

The group has served as an important link between the business sector and SDG Fund partners to raise awareness about the SDGs, participate in research on public-private partnerships and promote best practices. Under our ongoing strategy, the group will intensify its work on advancing and

advocating for greater inclusion linked to the goals and helping us widen our private-sector approach.

Advocacy and outreach

The PSAG continues to play a vital role in informing the SDG Fund on how businesses can better work with partners at the UN, particularly how they can improve people's living standards and make investments that will create more jobs. It's also become clear that companies are slowly embracing and adopting the Sustainable Development Goals in their strategies — working on projects that align with their core business and interest and adhere to a larger framework

In fact, the SDG Fund has engaged new private sector partners to generate a number of key initiatives, including the Food Africa Project in Nigeria, an innovative partnership between private enterprise, UN and government agencies, and renowned chefs that aims to alleviate poverty through food security.

At the SDG Fund, it is clear that companies are eager to think more expansively on their role in development, and business of all sizes are demonstrating that they can effectively incorporate SDGs as a part of their strategic planning.

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Charting a course to a 'Blue' Commonwealth

By Patricia Scotland

Patricia Scotland is Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations

LONDON, Jun 5 2017 (IPS) — The United Nations Ocean Conference offers an historic opportunity to safeguard the ocean environment and support small island and vulnerable developing coastal states, who depend on the seas for national economic growth and sustainable development

This summit is about navigating a course to deliver on the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, in particular Goal 14 to “conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources.” As we set our eyes on this goal, it is worth considering what the oceans mean to coastal communities.

Forty-five of the Commonwealth's 52 member countries are ocean states, including most of the world's small island developing states. For our member countries, the sea is a precious ecosystem, and also deeply rooted in traditional culture. It also provides jobs and immense potential economic opportunity — Vanuatu for instance has a maritime territory 56 times greater than its terrestrial footprint.

The whole Commonwealth family is immensely proud of Fiji, which has the special privilege of being co-chair of the Ocean Conference alongside Sweden. The commitment shown by Fiji's Prime Minister, J.V. Bainimarama, is testament to the Pacific region's leadership and advocacy on oceans.

Pacific countries, and in particular its small island developing states, have in

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recent years agreed powerful joint declarations on the sustainable use and management of the ocean. These have had a direct impact on influencing national policies to manage access to their waters while setting vital conservation limits.

A forthcoming Commonwealth Secretariat publication, 'A Sustainable Future for Small States: Pacific 2050', takes a closer look at some of the region's innovative approaches on ocean governance, as well as a host of related issues from health to climate change and migration. The study follows on from a similar report in the Caribbean published last year which provided a stark warning for policy-makers.

Our research concludes that while there is much opportunity to be gained from the oceans, these states face a great many challenges, including commercial competition for marine resources and the impact of climate change. Rising populations, limited national capacity and investment and inadequate fiscal and revenue management also bring huge pressures.

Spurred on by leaders in the Pacific and Carib-

bean who understand these threats better than anyone, Commonwealth heads of government were early pioneers of the 'blue economy' concept. Applying to ocean governance the Commonwealth's shared values — the commitment to democracy, good governance, equity and sustainability — this 'Blue Commonwealth' approach aims to help countries unlock economic value from the ocean while also conserving and protecting the marine environment.

At the Commonwealth Secretariat, we help our member states to better manage and protect against threats such as pollution and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. We offer help so countries can claim their maritime territory, and advise on managing offshore renewables, petroleum and deep-sea mining. We help our peoples to unlock the value of the sea in a sustainable manner while ensuring the equitable distribution of its benefits.

This 'whole-ocean' approach to economic development recognises the linkages between terrestrial and marine resources. It is an integrated 'regenerative' model which can best respond to sectoral and national interests in a way that suits day to day life.

The magnitude of the threat from climate change and rising sea levels, especially for those whose endowment or stage of development renders them less resilient, makes it incumbent upon us to shift from mere adaptation and mitigation towards approaches capable of transforming climate-

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Bob Marley's benefactors continue his legacy

It has been 36 years since the untimely passing of Robert Nesta Marley. Also known as Tuff Gong, he was just 36 years old when he died on May 11, 1981 at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Miami, Florida after battling cancer. And while the time seems to have whizzed by, his legacy was not lost on audiences of listener supported WBAI-FM radio, when Imhotep Gary Byrd host of the Global Black Experience touted the rich contribution of the short-lived legend.

In addition to lauding the many, many indelible, timeless musical compositions – some which are now anthems for causes (most recently the Ariana Grande “One Love” concert in Manchester, England); consistent and always-revealing attributes of his heirs, and the global celebrations established in his honor (Reggae On the River, Reggae in the Desert, Reggae in the Mountains, Reggae By The Sea, Reggae By The Nile, etc) a legacy that underscores his short life stockpiles a message he prophesied in a song when he said “dem ago tyad fi mi face.”

For sure, Marley's image seems



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

to be a recurring feature through his children Ziggy, Stephen, Kymani, Damian, Julian, Rohan, Cedella who have all been nominated or won Grammy awards. As a matter of fact, Ziggy holds the record for winning eight, the most in the sole category devoted to Caribbean music.

To compound that magnanimous achievement Ziggy was recently awarded the Gershwin Lifetime Musical Achievement Award at UCLA's Spring Sing.

According to his spokesperson “Marley is the first reggae artist to receive the award in its 29-year history, honoring his contributions to music with 16 albums spanning three decades, countless world tours, being the first reggae act to tour China and Dubai and his global humanitarian and charitable initiatives including work across Africa, Israel, Jamaica and North America.”

“Marley stands in good com-

pany, past recipients include Ray Charles, Tom Petty, Frank Sinatra, Stevie Wonder, The Who, Quincy Jones and Anthony Kiedis (Red Hot Chili Peppers). The eldest son of Bob and Rita Marley received the honor at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion, addressing the 7,000 in attendance, urging attendees to act with an open mind and compassion in their daily lives.”

His younger brother Stephen is almost neck-and-neck standing one short of the winning amount. Cedella, the first girl born to the Rita and Bob union earned her Grammys as a member of the Melody Makers, the backers of her brother Ziggy's group.

A fashion designer (“Catch A Fire” clothing), author (five children's books), actress (“Johnny Breaker” “The Mighty Quinn,” and “Third World Cop”) and mother to recent Grammy performer Skip (who shared



Selah Marley.

the stage with Katy Perry and is enjoying acclaim with a song titled ‘Lions’) Cedella is a businesswoman who has kept the business in the family.

Unlike his siblings, Rohan did not capitalize on his musical inheritance instead he performed on the green playing college football and later with Miami Hurricanes. He also

ventured into the coffee business fronting Marley Coffee.

Already respected as an achiever — with Lauryn Hill, Rohan made Bob, a great, grand-father five times — Zion David (August 1997); Selah Louise (September 1998); Joshua Omaru (2002) John Nesta (2003); and Sarah (2008).

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St. Kitts passes Advance Information Bill

By Azad Ali

The St. Kitts and Nevis government has passed legislation to put in place the Advance Information Bill 2017 to facilitate the provision of advance information relating to passengers and crew members of an aircraft or vessel to share information with other states.

The information will identify persons who may be risks to security and safety.

Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris said the

sharing of advance information which came into being in 2006, has now become an international best standard practice in relation to travel, and more and more countries have become involved with the provision of advance passenger information to ensure the safety of receiving member states.

He noted that in 2014 the Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) became a United Nations (UN) member

state requirement when "Resolution 2178 was adopted by the United Nations Security Council."

The Advance Passenger Information System is an electronic data interchange system which provides identification details from passport and basic flight information and commercial and other carriers and vessels in advance to the destination or country and whether there is a risk to their national security.

Ocean Conference

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mate change into a window of opportunity.

This week's Ocean Conference in New York, June 5-9, offers the chance to build on the hope offered by Sustainable Development Goal 14 to make good on our commitment to conserve and sustainably use the oceans. We need no less than a paradigm shift

to move from 'explore and exploit' to 'sustain and be sustained by'.

Most of all, we need to listen to communities who have been custodians of the seas for centuries and who have much wisdom to share. As one of the Pacific's most influential scholars, Epeli Hau'ofa, once said, "no people on Earth are more suited to be guardians of the world's

largest ocean than those for whom it has been home for generations."

On Tuesday June 6, 2015, Fiji Prime Minister J.V. Bainimarama, co-chair of the conference, joins Commonwealth Secretary-General Patricia Scotland at a 'A Blue Commonwealth', a high-level roundtable hosted by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Government of Seychelles. Find out more: thecommonwealth.org/oceanconference.



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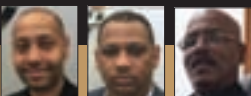
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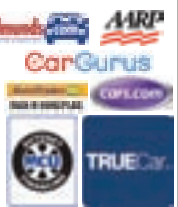
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Private sector gets active

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There are a few signs that we are on track, especially as members of the Private Sector Advisory Group continue to provide valuable perspective about building new partnerships to eradicate poverty, achieve food security and improve nutrition, water access and sanitation. Since joining the group, many companies have successfully incorporated the SDGs into their work and sustainability reports.

For example, Nutresa and Sahara Group now report annual results and sustainability activities using SDG goals and indicators. More than half of the members are engaging with the SDG Fund to create public-private partnerships and working to design and co-create programs in the field. Equally encouraging is that new companies, like Intel have joined the group.

It is probably worth not-

ing that a business as usual approach is no longer possible. Thankfully, the number of businesses interested in joining forces on the SDGs has been encouraging. Companies like Ebro Foods have used the power of social media to raise awareness about a new initiative that brings together philanthropists, governments and academics.

Other milestones include the engagement of UN Goodwill Ambassadors – the Roca Brothers. The master chef brothers have committed to bringing attention to the SDGs and using their expertise to advocate for enhanced food security and access to nutritious food. They are working with local partners to provide guidance on how to improve food industry and agricultural practices to protect the environment and create jobs.

In 2017, working with our public and private sector partners we have witnessed how companies have continued to

deepen their knowledge of the SDGs, asking key questions and exploring how their organizations can contribute to the global development agenda. This has come to mean everything from devising innovative partnership agreements to investing in large-scale infrastructure or improving agriculture inputs.

In fact, if imitation is the sincerest form of flattery building on this group's experience, some countries have drawn lessons from our success and began replicating the model and creating national versions of the group.

For example, Nigeria, recently launched a Private Sector Advisory Group. The private sector has come together to advise the government to share ideas across industry sectors and regions with the aim of creating a connective platform for more impactful and local-driven models and solutions to achieve the SDGs.

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The course included methods of identifying fraud and money laundering and covered topics such as evidence gathering and analysis, interviewing, preparation for courtroom activities and an in-depth practical exercise.

Guyana

A report by The Carter Center in the USA has recommended that prisoners should be allowed to vote when the next general comes around.



The report which was released on May 11, 2015 elections made several recommendations to the government, the Parliament and the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) among them it called for the rights of prisoners to vote to be respected, and also highlighted the slow pace of delivery of justice.

The Carter Center election observation mission was launched about a month ahead of the vote — April 8 — following an invitation from the Office of the President and was led by former United States President Jimmy Carter.

Observers were deployed throughout the country in advance of Election Day, on the day itself, and also stayed on to observe the post-election environment.

The report said that Guyana should seek to facilitate voting by prisoners, particularly those held in remand, who have not yet been convicted of a crime.

In the report, the Carter Center reiterated its call for fundamental constitutional reform to reduce the problems with the current winner-take-all-system.

St. Lucia

An international developer focusing on luxury hotel projects in the Caribbean, Range Developments recently

signed an agreement with the St. Lucia government to continue the development of the Black Bay Master Development.

The Black Bay Development will consist of a luxury branded hotel and villas on 180 acres in the beautiful southern tip of the island.

The site is on the Caribbean southwest coast, within easy reach of the international airport and Pitons, the world famous heritages site.



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Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley told a delegation from the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago, Chile last week, that the commission has a role to play in T&T's move towards diversification.

According to a statement from the Office of the Prime Minister, Dr. Rowley said Trinidad and Tobago is experiencing economic shock because of the reduction in reserves from the hydrocarbon sector.

He said when this happens there is a clamor for diversification.

"The question now is can we preserve that quality of life with our current revenues and our current policies. This is where we would like ECLAC to assist us with their research as we move to expand our economic base," he added.

The prime minister who was on a two-day visit to Chile with a delegation said Trinidad and Tobago has the ability to produce more goods and services that its population can absorb "and it is therefore, imperative that we look towards other markets."



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Barbadians fear huge price increases

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boosting revenue is an increase in a National Social Responsibility Levy (NSRL) on all imports from two per cent to 10 per cent.

The NSRL was introduced at two per cent last September and since then Barbadians have been complaining of noticeable increases in the cost of many goods and services.

Now the fear is that with the 400 per cent increase effective the beginning of July consumers will wilt under massive price increases.

Caribbean financial analysts, Price Waterhouse, now known as PWC stated, "the increase in the rate of the levy from two per cent to 10

per cent is significant and would result in an increase in the cost of living to the consumer and, by extension, to the rate of inflation. Since the levy is an indirect imposition it would be considered to be a regressive method of taxation, as it also places more burden on the most vulnerable in the society".

Barbados imports more than 70 per cent of its goods with a similar figure for inputs to its services, so the combined effect of a de facto devaluation of the dollar and a massive increase in one of its sweeping import taxes would make it more expensive to purchase items abroad.

There may however be hope for government to soften these radical tax

applications before the July 01 implementation date.

Prime Minister Freundel Stuart gave the first indication of a willingness to walk back the measures over the weekend when he said his government may adjust them before implementation based on public reaction.

He said that setting of the implementation date for July 01 was, "deliberate because we wanted to hear what people thought might be some of the challenges they were likely to face as a result of it.

"So we still have time to listen and to make any minor adjustments that need to be made to facilitate those persons who will be affected by the two per cent commission (tax)."

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Caribbean Cultural Theatre to present WordFest

By Tangerine Clarke

E. Wayne McDonald, director of Caribbean Cultural Theatre has announced an impressive list of Caribbean authors who will headline their works, that the artists said would take patrons on a Journey of (Re)Discovery into Caribbean Literary Classics Old and New, during WorldFest, an afternoon-long literary event on Sunday 11, from 12 noon to 7 pm, at Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton St., Brooklyn, New York.

One of the nation's youngest writers, nine-year-old Anaya Lee of Guyanese heritage, will be among greats like, Commonwealth Prize winning novelist, Robert Antoni, Forward Prize winning poet, Tiphonie Yanique, bestselling author, Nicole Dennis Benn, Winter Olympian bobsledder and children's book author, Devon Harris, and Guyanese-born, Derrick J. Jeffrey, author of East River New York, a non-fiction that takes place in the United Nations.

According to McDonald, this coming together of authors, readers and literary curious is produced by the Caribbean Cultural Theatre, as part of its Poets & Passion - A Caribbean Literary Lime, is being presented in partnership with Restoration ARTS, and will celebrate Caribbean Heritage Month.

The star-studded celebration of the frequently overlooked literary legacy of the Caribbean's cultural milieu consists of workshops and panel discussions, storytelling and open mic sessions, author presentations for adult and younger readers, book exhibits, and spoken word performances will celebrate the past and future of Caribbean literature.

The festival will begin with a Moko Jumbies (stilt walkers), presentation by the acclaimed Brooklyn-based Tropical-fete on the Young Readers stage with multi-talented author, Opal Palmer Adisa, for a reading of her children's book, "Look! Moko Jumbie." Former bobsledder, Devon Harris will be joined by members of the Jamaica Bobsled team to the 2018 Pyeong Chang Winter Olympic Games for a reading of "Yes; I Can," courtesy of Tower Isles Foods and Blue Mango, LLC.

The festival is part of the 10th anniversary season of Poets & Passion - A Caribbean Literary Lime, a project of the Caribbean Cultural Theatre, WORD! - in partnership with RestorationART and made possible, in part, with funds from Humanities New York, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs including partnerships with the City Council, Poets & Writers, Inc., and Friends of the Caribbean Cultural Theatre.



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Colors of rainbow, Caribbean fly at Queens Pride parade

By Alexandra Simon

It was a show of Caribbean and rainbow pride.

More than a hundred Caribbean-American members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community marched at the 25th annual Queens Pride parade in Jackson Heights on June 4. A Queens-based queer advocacy group, Caribbean Equality Project (CEP), led the island representation at the parade, and the turnout was one of the biggest to date, said the group's founder.

"We had over 125 people with us and it was amazing because about 135 people registered to march with us and most of them showed up," said Mohamed Amin, executive director of the group.

It was the first time the organization encouraged potential marchers to register online, and Amin says he was thrilled to see how many LGBT marchers and supporters checked in. Seeing a large

gathering of people representing their native and ancestral countries in one of the city's notable gay pride parades, was a great display of pride from LGBT Caribbean-Americans, he added.

"For us what was memorable was this being the largest we've ever assembled, and we did it in one of the most prideful and demonstrative ways, showing off our Indo and Afro Caribbean cultures," said Amin. "We encouraged people to come dressed in cultural clothing and seeing people follow this theme was very nice."

He also says that seeing marchers, particularly newcomers, was the highlight of the walk because it pushes forth more self-love and provides hidden LGBT members with some encouragement.

"It's always empowering to see people come out and celebrate their heritage, we get a lot of support on social media, and there are people who live in Georgia, Canada, Trinidad

and Tobago or Guyana — and they're able to connect with us and live their truth through the work doing in New York," said Amin. "That type of feedback is a source of inspiration for us."

Amin adds that CEP aims to further create more avenues for the LGBT community.

"We want to continue the liberation movement we are building in the city, and we are marching for those on the sidelines or living in the shadows, and still dealing with homophobia," he said.

Participating in the parade was a chance for Caribbean-Americans to take pride in who they are, and also break through the stigmas that remain.

"One thing we are learning about our community is that there's still a lack of LGBT representation and there's still a struggle with the opportunity to be visible," he said. "The pride for us is about liberation and as we break those chains, and celebrate in our visibility



Cultural connect: Members of The Caribbean Equality Project, a queer advocacy group, displayed all facets of their banner down the parade route in Jackson Heights. Drag performer Sunvari dons the garb of the Indian goddess.

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— it was just great to see our marchers waving their rainbow flags and their country flags."

The CEP will also be in

attendance in the city's pride parade later this month at 39th Street and Madison Avenue in Manhattan on June 25.

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Yardies 'Jerk' takes the prize



Happy ladies smile at "A Taste of Jerk" preview festival in Jamaica, Queens on June 3. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

By Alexandra Simon

For the love of jerk. Hundreds came out to relish Jamaican culinary flavors at the seventh annual Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival kickoff, "A Taste of Jerk," held at the VP Records Store on June 3. Guests got to sample various jerk seasoned meats and other foods from different vendors. A highlight of the mini food fest was a competition judged by executive chef of B.B. King Blues Club and Grill, Chef Wenford Patrick Simpson, to crown a winner for the best food. Queens-based restaurant Yardies, took home the revered Dutch Pot trophy and the honor was well earned, said a local woman who frequents the eatery.

my little restaurant — the place that I've been eating in all this time," said Lorna Levy, who came to the event with friends.

They beat out participating competitors Food R Us, Freckles Juice Bar, Miller Health and Nutrition, and Natwerks. The restaurant's delectable cooking is why Levy is a big fan of the chain and likely why they won the contest, added Levy.

"They have the best jerk chicken and it's seasoned to the bone," she said. "They have 18 herbs and spices, and I'm so happy they won because I've been eating their jerk chicken and pork for a long time."

Some 200 party goers at the six-hour event tasted different foods, but also danced to music, got some music

records, and there were even snacks and activities for children such as cotton candy and face painting. The painting was a big hit with the youngsters, and that did not stop Levy from getting her hand painted.

"I had to get a little design for myself," she said. "I was modeling my hand and I

was Tyra Banks for the day — I was very proud of it."

There was no specific memorable moment for Levy because she loved the entire event and is a huge fan of events at the VP Records store. She says she always looks forward to the company's gatherings and expects to be at all of their future events, as well as the official Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival next month.

"It was wonderful and I had beautiful time, and I loved the whole thing," said Levy.

"Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival" at Roy Wilkins Park [Merrick and Baisley boulevards in St. Albans, (718) 425-1177, www.jerkfestivalny.com]. July 23 at noon. \$35-45.



Flower face: Kids and adults got to get their faces painted at the event. Photo by Stefano Giovannini



Sound spinning: DJ Roy providing musical entertainment for guests during the event. Photo by Stefano Giovannini



Cookin' it: Chef Chris Diedrick grilling jerk chicken at "A Taste of Jerk" festival, at VP Records store in Jamaica, Queens on June 3. Photo by Stefano Giovannini

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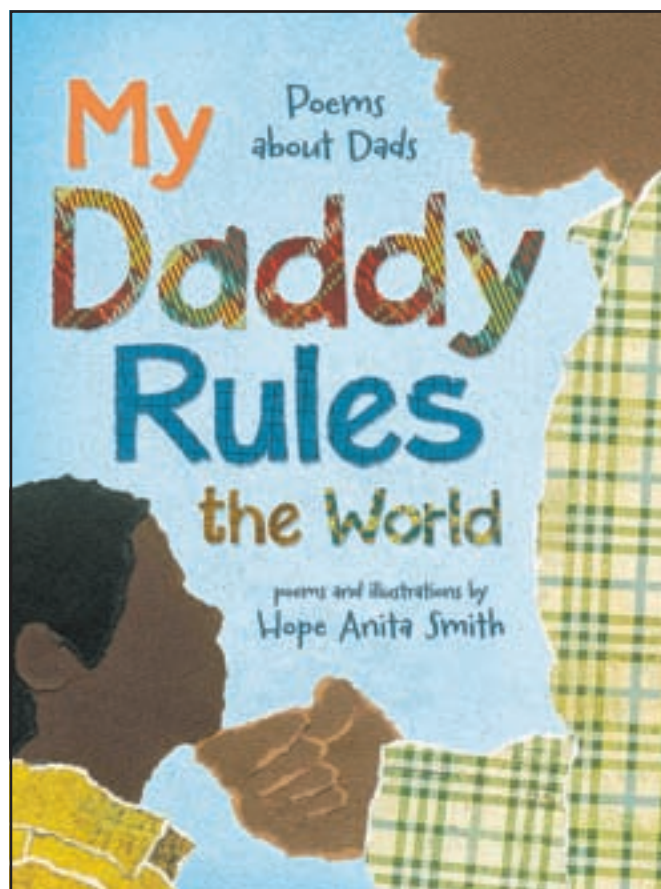
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Children will also appreciate Smith's artwork: each picture is created with torn paper, an art form that's interesting to look at, as well as to try at home.

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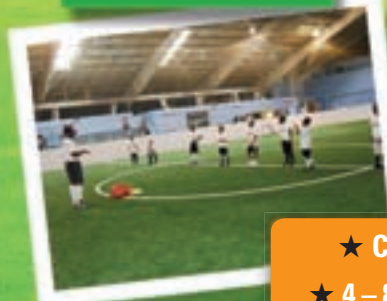
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Jordan Tyson and Jelani Alladin in "Sweetee."

'Sweetee' musical

By Vinette K. Pryce

There's music in the air and an abundance of melodic, harmonious rhythms onstage nightly at the Pershing Square Signature Center where "Sweetee" recently opened for a limited engagement until June 18.

Through two dozen songs and several instrumental percussive renditions, an ensemble cast of 11 talented thespians take audiences on a journey back to the 1930s depression-era south travelling from South Carolina through

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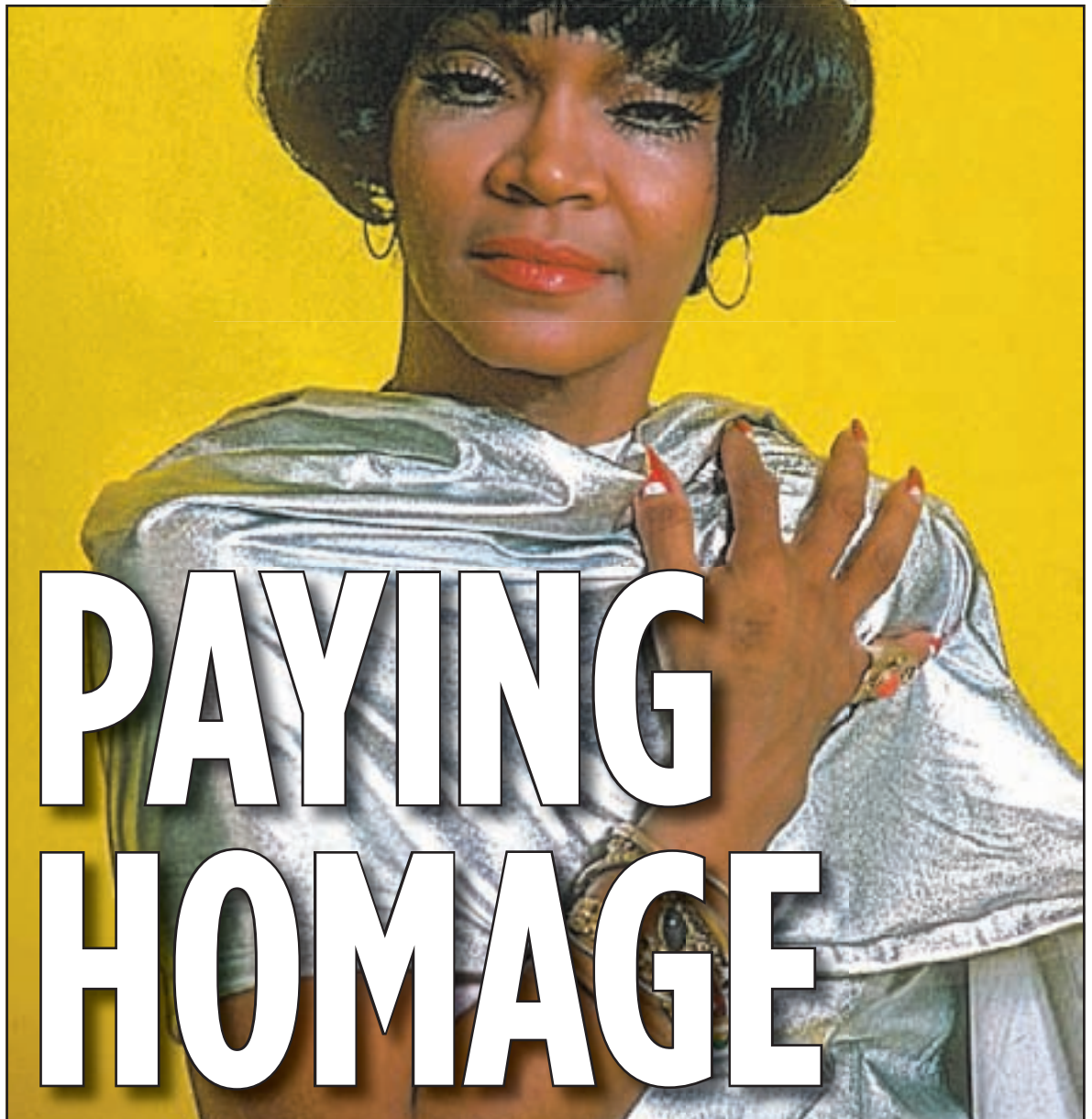
'Daughters of the Mock' witchy women

By Deandra Shuler

I took the L Train to First Avenue to get to Theatre 80 on St Mark's Place where the Negro Ensemble Company is presenting playwright Judi Ann Mason's play "Daughters of the Mock," until June 10, 2017.

Directed by Denise Yvonne Dowse, this saga is a bit of a puzzle in its complexities. One that perhaps can only be unraveled by a casting of the runes. Shrouded in mystical tradition, the play follows the line of the matriarch. It is Grandmother MauMau who starts the ritual of the Mock, so named, to represent the grief and suffering MauMau experienced through the abusive treatment of her husband. A pain she felt so deeply she attributed it to the suffering

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Tribute to a diva: Cuban songstress La Lupe is being honored with a tribute concert at City College Center for Performing Arts on June 9. Fania

Tribute to Afro-Cuban music diva

By Alexandra Simon

The revival of a trendsetting diva.

The artistry of Afro-Cuban singer La Lupe is going to be celebrated with a musical concert paying homage to her life at the City College Center for the Arts (CCCA) on June 9. Together City College, Pregones Theater, and the Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute (CCCADI) organized a series of events to celebrate the singer, which will conclude with a concert. Known as a trailblazer during a time when

women were restricted in the arts, La Lupe's presence and pride in her identity should be honored, said the founder of the Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute.

"She is important because many women didn't make it trying to enter a very male-dominated field, and the women that did were on the margins and never got the attention or due they should've got from within the Latin community and outside," said Dr. Marta Vega.

But standing tall in her indi-

viduality and self-hood as an Afro-Latina singer, La Lupe prioritized her unique identity. This act helped the singer become a standout artist, added Vega.

"The fact that she centered herself and propelled — she became a personality," she said.

The two-hour concert features three performers — Caridad de La Luz "La Bruja," Nina Rodriguez, and Calma Carmona — who are going to showcase their own take on La Lupe,

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **That's What I Like**
Bruno Mars
- 2 **Shape Of You**
Ed Sheeran
- 3 **Something Just Like This**
The Chainsmokers & Coldplay
- 4 **Stay**
Zedd & Alessia Cara
- 5 **Say You Won't Let Go**
James Arthur
- 6 **It Ain't Me**
Kygo x Selena Gomez
- 7 **Despacito**
Luis Fonsi, Daddy Yankee...
- 8 **I'm The One**
DJ Khaled, Justin Bieber, Qavo...
- 9 **Issues**
Julia Michaels
- 10 **Humble.**
Kendrick Lamar

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- 1 **True To Self**
Bryson Tiller
- 2 **Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol.2**
Soundtrack
- 3 **El Dorado**
Shakira
- 4 **Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band**
The Beatles
- 5 **From A Room: Vol. 1**
Chris Stapleton
- 6 **DAMN.**
Kendrick Lamar
- 7 **Droptopwop**
Gucci Mane
- 8 **Teenage Emotions**
Lil Yachty
- 9 **Harry Styles**
Harry Styles
- 10 **Divide**
Ed Sheeran

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by singing covers of her songs, said Vega.

"They are paying tribute to her, and not by imitating her or trying to sound like her — but they'll be paying tribute in their own form," she said.

And a special appearance will be made by Johnny "Dandy" Rodriguez of the Tito Puente Orchestra, a band that La Lupe often performed on stage with.

The overall highlight of the concert will be focused on the way La Lupe pushed forth her ancestry and her pride in being black, Latina, and Cuban. When the singer arrived to New York City in the 60s she faced several challenges but remained content in who she was, said CCCA's managing director.

"The performers are going to make that connection between La Lupe and the African Diaspora," said Gregory Shanck. "Not only was she Latina but she

was of African descent and she loved her music. Cuba did not always love her, but she loved her culture and her Cuban heritage."

Vega also adds that it is important to resurrect La Lupe's name for the culture's sake because her visibility it is needed to educate the younger generation, and show them the pioneers who paved the way for Latin music.

"We need to know our stories, and if we don't know our stories we will continue to be misinformed," said Vega. "The reason we have the center partner with Pregones and City College is because we need to insist upon a learning and educational process, and build our culture. We have to take on the responsibility of talking about legacy and the people who make a difference or it will be erased."

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From left, Brenda Crawley, Edythe Jason (behind), Kristin Dodson (front, center), Claudia McCoy. Jonathan Slaff

'Daughters of the Mock'

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all women experience under the dominance of men. She decides to protect the women in her family against ill treatment by men, albeit taking it to the extreme.

Skilled in knowledge of herbs with some voodoo thrown in, MauMau (Edythe Jason) keeps the village and her family in check with the powers she wields, whether by herb, superstition or by fear. Whichever, her power is as real as those who believe in it.

Tied together by respect, family, fear and ritual, Mau-

Mau's daughter Oralia (Brenda Crawley) and granddaughters Amanita and Mandea, portrayed by Kristin Dodson and Claudia McCoy sacrifice love to keep the family tradition of women going.

Whether blessing or curse "The Mock" to the daughters is a yoke, love lost, a grievance they wish to cast aside but it has become so deeply rooted in family tradition that despite their struggles against it, they are bound to it. Its curse mocks them, but despite their heartbreak, inability to break away from its insidious influence results in deadly outcome.

'Sweetee' musical

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Sweetee, a bi-racial daughter of a white prostitute is the star and focus of a story about bigotry, poverty, exploitation, betrayal, deception, unity, perseverance and optimism.

Portrayed by Jordan Tyson, the character envelops everything defined by the title. Through a capella solos, nuances, and choruses with a spectacular cast, as one of only two females to depict a likely storyline, she steals every scene penned by Gail Kriegel.

Through circumstances the young, displaced, tambourine banging, street singer seeks and find refuge at a rag-tag orphanage where orphans take pleasure in making music.

Using a washboard, harmonica, a kazoo and a banjo to form a band of singing minstrels, Sweetee becomes an unwilling voice to a Salvation Army troupe of dependents.

Kriegel wrote the book, lyrics and music to this new musical and with casting by Michael Cassara delivers a gem that should be extended for a summer run.

At times uneasy to

tude of orphans devoted to Rev. Dan, a religious leader whose aim is to elevate their lifestyle as a guardian and in the process spread the gospel.

Committed to raising praise, the good preacher abandons his white privilege and with little cash on hand decides to shepherd his flock to success.

Jolting though is his side-step which causes Sweetee to flee north to freedom and independence. But that's a glossed-over episode that could be developed for better comprehension.

Music is the adhesive to hold this Off-Broadway production through a two-hour excursion through a racist, road, rail and long walk to New Orleans where hopes for better means might best the streets of confederate South Carolina.

Jeremiah James (Rev. Dan) Morgan Siobhan Green (Hedy) Hugh Cha (Abraham) Cedric Cannon (Mr. Robinson) Amir Royale (Murphy) and Jelani Alladin (Cat) are the standouts to deliver a truly telling tale which also delves into spirituality and forgiveness.

Catch it before it goes.

Desperate survivors lead spartan existence

"It Comes at Night"
 Excellent (4 stars)
 Rated R for profanity, violence and disturbing images
 Running time: 97 minutes
 Production Studio: Animal Kingdom
 Distributor: A24

By Kam Williams

Paul (Joel Edgerton) found a safe refuge for his family far from the rest of humanity in the wake of a deadly plague that's been decimating the planet. At least that's what he thought about their remote hideout until his wife's (Carmen Ejogo) dad somehow caught the disease.

After allowing Sarah and their son (Kelvin Harrison, Jr.) to say their goodbyes through germ-proof respirators, Paul put a bullet in his ailing father-in-law's head before he had a chance to infect one of them, too. While the body was being cremated, traumatized,



Stanley, the pet dog keeps watch at night.

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17-year-old Travis tried to comfort himself as much as his pet dog, saying, "Don't worry, Stanley, I'm going to take care of you."

But as any movie fan knows, such an assurance is ordinarily an ominous kiss of death in a horror flick.

And true to form, Stanley's the next to go in "It Comes at Night," a claustrophobic suspense thriller set inside a darkened cabin in the woods.

The picture is the sophomore offering from writer / director Trey Edward

Shults who made an impressive debut a couple of years ago with *Krishna*. Here, the emerging wunderkind again makes the most of a micro-budget, crafting a harrowing tale guaranteed to make your hair stand on end.

The plot thickens when

another family of refugees, desperate for shelter and sustenance, shows up unannounced. Against his better judgment, Paul invites the strangers to share their already meager rations, provided none of them is infected.

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Patriarch Will (Christopher Abbott) assures him they're healthy, but there's something suspicious about the way that his wife, Kim (Riley Keough), keeps their baby covered up. Anyhow, the six proceed to pass a peaceful enough, if Spartan, existence until things mysteriously start to go bump in the middle of the night.

Whaddya expect to happen in a scary, spine-tingler with such a big hint in the title?

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As Good as You (Unrated) Bittersweet dramedy about a grieving lesbian (Laura Heisler) who asks her late wife's brother (Bryan Dechart) to donate the sperm for her

artificial insemination, only to subsequently land in a love triangle with her two BFFs (Anna Fitzwater and Raoul Bhaneja). Featuring Annie Potts, Peter Maloney and Karis Campbell.

Beatriz at Dinner (R for profanity and a scene of violence) Salma Hayek portrays the title character in this fish-out-of-water comedy as a Mexican masseuse who is invited to join a wealthy client's (Connie Britton) family for supper when her car won't start following a treatment. With John Lithgow, Chloe Sevigny and Jay Duplass.

Camera Obscura (Unrated) Psychological thriller about a war photographer with PTSD (Christopher Denham) who starts questioning his sanity when he is able to forecast imminent deaths from snapshots he's taken. Featuring Catherine Curtin, Chase Williamson and Nadja Bobyleva and Noah Segan.

The Hero (R for drug use, profanity and sexuality) Sam Elliott stars as the title character in this bittersweet portrait of an aging star of Westerns who finds himself facing his mortality after being diagnosed with cancer. Sup-



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

porting cast includes Nick Offerman, Katharine Ross and Laura Prepon.

The Hunter's Prayer (R for violence, profanity and drug use) Cat-and-mouse thriller about an assassin (Sam Worthington) who ends up on the run with a woman (Odeya Rush) he decides not to kill. With Martin Compston, Tina Maskell and Eben Young. (In English, German and French with subtitles)

I Love You Both (Unrated) Sibling rivalry dramedy about a twin brother (Doug Archibald) and sister (Krystin Archibald) whose tight bond becomes strained when they start dating the same guy (Lucas Neff). Featuring Artemis Pebdani, Angela Trimbur and Kate Berlant.

Night School (Unrated) Against-the-odds documentary chronicling the efforts of three students to graduate from one of Indianapolis' worst, inner-city high schools.

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Usain Bolt
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Bolt ranks high in top paid athletes

By Azad Ali

Jamaican super sprinter Usain Bolt is one of the highest paid athletes in the world, according to Forbes magazine.

He has a net worth of US\$60 million, Bolt earns around US\$20 million a year, most of which comes from endorsements.

He has endorsement deals with brands, including Gatorade, Nissan and Puma.

Bolt won three gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, five gold

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Under-19 squad chosen

By Azad Ali

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) Selection Panel has named a 15-member Under-19 squad for tours of South Africa and Zimbabwe next month.

The tours are being undertaken as part of the Windies Under-19s build up to the ICC Under-19 World Cup in New Zealand from Jan. 12 to Feb. 4 next year.

Windies Under 19 are the defending champions, having won their first title in February, 2016 in Bangladesh under the captaincy of Shiron Hetmyer.

Hetmyer got his first call to the West Indies senior team for the recent Pakistan tour of the Caribbean.

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IT'S A DRAW

Venezuela's defender José Manuel Velázquez (6) scores against United States goalkeeper Tim Howard (1) in the first half during an international friendly match Saturday, June 3, 2017, in Sandy, Utah.

Associated Press / Rick Bowmer

Pulisic goal gives US 1-1 tie vs Venezuela

By John Coon

SANDY, Utah (AP) — Adjusting to altitude and blending in players returning from injuries produced an uneven game for the United States.

Christian Pulisic scored early in the second half, defender John Brooks limped off with a hip injury

and the Americans played a 1-1 exhibition tie against Venezuela on Saturday night, a warmup for a pair of World Cup qualifiers next week.

Jose Manuel Velazquez put Venezuela ahead in the 29th minute, but the 18-year-old Pulisic tied it in the 61st with his fifth goal in 15 interna-

tional appearances.

"It's a perfect having a game at this time," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said. "Maybe it's a little quick and all, but I think it's perfect. We needed to get a game in and get to know each other a little bit, get adjusted to the

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Narine still ranks high

By Azad Ali

Off-spinner Sunil Narine remained the highest ranked West Indies bowler in the latest ICC One-Day International Player rankings.

South Africa's seam bowler Kagiso Rabada became the youngest player in nearly two decades to claim the number one spot.

In the latest rankings released last week, Trinidadian Narine dropped one place to fourth, and is still the only West Indies bowler in the top 10.

The 29-year-old, however, has not played for West Indies since the three-match ODI series against Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates last October.

With West Indies failing to qualify for the Champions Trophy, his ranking is expected to fall further.

Narine missed the One-Day International series against England in March and Pakistan last month after failing to meet the eligibility requirement of making himself available for the Regional Super50 limited overs tournament.

One-Day International captain Jason Holder is the other West Indies player in the top 20, dropping one place to 17th in the latest rankings.

He and Narine are the only two West Indies players in the top 50.



West Indies' Sunil Narine

Associated Press / Eranga Jayawardena, File

Usain Bolt

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medals and two silver at World Championship competitions.

His performance at the London 2012 Olympics is going to explode in the coming years.

Under 19

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Vice-captain for the tour is Kirsitan Kallicharan, who was also drafted for the Pakistan tour but failed with the bat.

They were members of the World Cup-winning squad last year.



United States forward Clint Dempsey (8) controls the ball as Venezuela's José Manuel Velázquez, left, and Pablo Camacho (17) defend in the first half during an international friendly match Saturday, June 3, 2017, in Sandy, Utah.

Associated Press / Rick Bowmer

US, VENEZUELA PLAY TO TIE

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environmental conditions."

The U.S. plays Trinidad and Tobago on Thursday at Commerce City, Colorado, then is at Mexico three days later. Rio Tinto Stadium is about 4,500 feet above sea level, preparation for matches in Colorado (about 5,200 feet) and Azteca Stadium (7,820 feet).

The U.S. is fourth in the final round of qualifying in North and Central America and the Caribbean with four points, ahead of Honduras on goal difference. Mexico leads with 10, followed by Costa Rica with seven and Panama with five. Trinidad is last with three.

The top three nations qualify for next year's World Cup in Russia, and the No. 4 nation advances to a playoff against Asia's fifth-place team.

The U.S. started close to a first-choice lineup, missing only forward Jozy Altidore, who reported late to training camp because of his brother's wedding. The center back pairing of Brooks and Geoff Cameron, starting together in central defense for the first time since October, was not sharp.

Brooks, who missed a March 28 qualifier because of a sinus infection, hobbled off in the 51st minute with a bruised right hip and was replaced six minutes later by Matt Hedges.

Velázquez scored his third international goal after Junior Moreno's cor-

ner kick was headed by Pulisic only for the ball to stay in the penalty area. Clint Dempsey headed the ball again in another clearance attempt, but it went wide to Moreno.

Moreno headed the ball back into the penalty area to Velázquez, who moved between Brooks and Fabian Johnson, stuck out his right foot at the top of the 6-yard box and poked the ball past goalkeeper Tim Howard.

"Obviously, we're not happy with giving the goal away from the set piece," U.S. captain Michael Bradley said. "That's something we've got to continue to work on and really clean up because that's a few games in a row now where we've not done a good enough job in that regard."

Venezuela nearly doubled the lead five minutes later. Moreno sent a corner kick across the penalty area and Rubert Quijada had an open diving header at the 6. Howard dived to push the ball off a post, and the ball bounced across the goalmouth, where it was cleared by Bradley.

The U.S. did not have a shot on goal in the first half.

"Venezuela played very well," Arena said. "They had a game plan that I think we may see on Thursday, as well. Dropped off, defended spaces well, pressured the ball and countered caught us on a set piece. We were very poor on a couple of set pieces tonight."

Pulisic tied the score after taking

a pass from Johnson at the top of the penalty area. He took two touches with his right foot to create space from Christian Santos and beat goalkeeper Jose Contreras with a 16-yard left-footed shot.

The U.S. had rainbow numbers on its red jerseys as part of an initiative with You Can Play Project, which promotes equality without regard for sexual orientation and / or gender identity. The jerseys will be auctioned online for charity.

DeAndre Yedlin was at right back and Jorge Villafana at left back. Bradley was in defensive midfield and Pulisic in central midfield, flanked by Johnson on the right and Darlington Nagbe on the left. Dempsey and Bobby Wood headed the attack.

Yedlin, Johnson and Wood missed both March qualifiers because of injuries.

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Venezuela is last in South American qualifying with six points in 14 games and has been eliminated. About two hours after the end of the friendly, the U.S. and Venezuela met in the quarterfinals of the Under-20 World Cup at Jeonju, South Korea.

Coming up short: Nazareth falls in title game

By **Matt John**

Good season, bad day.

The Nazareth baseball squad lost 9-3 to LaSalle in the Catholic High School Athletic Association "A" division championship game on June 2, falling short of their championship aspirations. The Kingsmen lost both games in the two-game series.

A terrific season didn't end the way hoped it would, but there was no one in particular to blame; Nazareth just didn't have it when it mattered the most.

"It just wasn't our day," said Nazareth coach Oggie Quiles. "The last two games weren't our best, but we fought and we had to fight hard."

Early-game fielding miscues cost Nazareth; the Cardinals didn't get a single hit through the first two innings, but three errors made by Kingsmen infielders in the second inning led to three runs for LaSalle, something Quiles mentioned after the game.

"The defense was a little shabby," the coach said. "You have to play defense to win."

LaSalle scored two more runs on a double and sacrifice fly in the top of the third inning, pushing the score to 5-0.

The Kingsmen's bats woke up in the bottom of the third, when a triple by centerfielder Jordan Serrano knocked in leftfielder Shamariah McCullough to make the score 5-1, but that would be the only run Nazareth would score until the final inning.

In the fifth inning, LaSalle's batters continued to hit, knocking in three more runs to make the score 8-1. In the top of the seventh, Cardinals third baseman Franklin Padilla smashed a triple to score leftfielder Jimmy Muniz to make the score 9-1.

The Kingsmen didn't go down without a fight. In the bottom of the seventh and with the title in doubt, shortstop-relief pitcher Nicholas Castell hit a triple to knock in catcher Mike Silva. McCullough followed that up with a single to score Castell. But it was too little, too late; First baseman Andre Westbrooks struck swinging, and the Kingsmen's season was over.

Nazareth won the title last season with a senior-heavy roster and had lost seven of their starters from last spring. This season ended in heartbreak, but Quiles was more than happy with his team's performance overall, particularly after



Silver lining: The Nazareth baseball team came up short of repeating as city champs, but the team was still proud of its success this season. Oggie Quiles

Nazareth's struggles earlier in the season.

"We struggled out of the gate a little bit and they fought to get

here," he said. "We won nine, ten in a row to get here. I'm really proud of what they've done."

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here this is their fourth [year] in the championship," Quiles said. "I'm really proud of them for what they have done."

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Aries, when your mischievous side comes out to play, others better watch out. You certainly can be a force. a very fun force. Just don't let things get out of control.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Other people around you seem to be the epitome of positivity, but you just may not be able to muster the same level of giddiness, Taurus. That's okay, as this is just a phase.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Things that have been on your mind come right out without a thought, Gemini. Your honesty is commendable, but you may need to self-censor some things.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, a casual comment by a friend sets off a powder keg of ideas in your mind. This is the inspiration you have been waiting for, and now you can't wait to get busy.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, others can't read your mind, so if something is bugging you, then let them know. Doing so will help you collectively develop a solution that much faster.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, keep your mind open to all the possibilities this week. You may be surprised at what you can accomplish if you maintain a willingness to try new things.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you don't need any extra encouragement to go after what you want. You are quite motivated at the moment, putting a lot of possibilities within reach.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
If you want a particular relationship to thrive, then you have to work together with a partner, Scorpio. No one is out for herself or himself in this situation.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Your social life is about to heat up, Sagittarius. You might find your calendar going from empty to chock full in just a few days. Pace yourself to avoid burnout.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, while it is important to take care of others, you shouldn't do so at the expense of your own health and happiness. Give yourself a break this week.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Don't be afraid to take the next big step in your love life, Aquarius. Your partner may be feeling the same way. Communication is key in this situation.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, your emotions may have been all over the place the last few days, but you will be able to reel them in soon. Enjoy the respite.



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