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New problem for tourism officials in the Caribbean

By Bert Wilkinson

In normal circumstances, Caribbean tourism officials usually worry about problems like high air fares, deals offered by cruise liners, tax incentives for the sector and the general state of the global economy to ensure tourist patronize their destinations not about muck on beaches.

But a new enemy is now lurking in the turquoise waters of the region, taking over its beaches or occupying white sandy areas that are usually occupied by tourists from Europe and North America.

From Guyana on the South American mainland to as far north as Antigua in the Eastern Caribbean and Mexico in North

America, huge masses of sargassum seaweed have been washing up on beaches in the region, turning away tourists, forcing hotel cancellations in the current pricey summer peak season, trapping vessels and even affecting the ability of turtles to nest and produce offspring.

So bad is the situation in Tobago, the tourism sister island of Trinidad, that its House of Assembly this week called for an emergency meeting of Caribbean leaders to discuss the issue as various countries have been inundated with this phenomenon at least since 2011 but up to late this week there had been no indication that

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Caribbean Life celebrates 25 years

By Alley Olivier, Staff Reporter

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Adams leads unity parade of global flags

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams on Sunday led the Unity Parade of Flags, featuring the colors of all the member states of the United Nations, in a march from the Brooklyn Bridge to Cadman Plaza Park as he kicked off his second annual celebration of International Day of Friendship.

Participants in this year's festivities also enjoyed an array of cultural performances, highlighting the artistic expression of various nations, as well as complimentary tastes of global cuisine.

"Our borough and our city are such a special place to live, because here integration of different cultures occur," Adams told Caribbean Life afterwards.

"It's what I call 'Brooklyn Fusion' International Day of Friendship, a holiday, which is formally recognized worldwide," he added.

"It allows us to attract hundreds of Brooklynites to enjoy cultural exchange and the borough's diversity," continued Adams, stating that 47 percent of Brooklynites speak a language other than English at home.

On International Day of Friendship, the United Nations encourages events and initiatives that promote dialogue among civilizations, as well as solidarity, mutual understanding and reconciliation.

Adams' celebration of the event attracted hundreds of Brooklynites to Brooklyn Borough Hall to enjoy cultural exchanges.



Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams participating in cultural exchanges outside Brooklyn Borough Hall.

Malcolm McDaniel / Brooklyn BP's Office



Children play in "Appearing Rooms" one of the installations that are part of the "Please Touch the Art" exhibition by Danish artist Jeppe Hein at the Brooklyn bridge park Tuesday, July 21, 2015, in New York.

Associated Press / Mary Altaffer

\$12m to overhaul war memorial, parks

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams last Thursday unveiled plans for near \$12 million overhaul of the Brooklyn War Memorial and parks throughout the borough.

Flanked by the leadership of the Department of Parks and Recreation, elected officials, park advocates, and local veterans from across the borough, including former Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden, Adams outlined the details of his US\$11.9 million in allocations during fiscal year 2016, which represents more than a two-fold increase from last year in his budgetary commitment to enhancing Brooklyn's open space.

"From Greenpoint to Gowanus, from Cypress Hills to Canarsie, I am investing in open space that benefits Brooklynites of all backgrounds," Adams told a press conference.

"Parks are our great equalizer, the backyard for all New Yorkers who don't have one, turning people from someone living next door to you to your neighbor," he added. "I believe in equitably funding and supporting them across our borough. This year's capital budget enforces that investment in Brooklyn's parks is not just good for our environment, but for the health of our children,

our families, and our neighborhoods."

Brooklyn Borough Parks Commissioner Kevin Jeffrey said New York City Parks is fortunate to have a "generous and conscientious partner" in Adams.

"Our borough's parks are treasured by the neighborhoods they serve, and capital investments are crucial to renovating and improving them," he said. "We thank Borough President Adams and look forward to working with him in the coming year."

The announcement was highlighted by the allocation of \$1 million to help overhaul handicapped accessibility at the Brooklyn War Memorial, a monument to over 300,000 Brooklynites who served in World War II that has been shuttered for 25 years, according to the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President.

"This is a giant step in the right direction for the Brooklyn War Memorial," said Raymond Aalbue, executive director of United Military Veterans of Kings County, Inc.

"Borough President Adams was true to his word to start the renovation process. It's now up to all of our elected officials to get the rest of the money to restore the memorial so the voices of all of our casualties of war will be heard, lest we forget," he added.

"We are grateful to Borough President

Eric Adams for taking this very important step toward the restoration of the Brooklyn War Memorial and the surrounding parkland," said Toba Potosky, president of the Cadman Park Conservancy.

"In taking this action, he is fulfilling a promise to all Brooklyn veterans and their families. Under the leadership of Borough President Adams, the memorial can fulfill its promise of becoming a self-sufficient education and veterans' center," he added.

Adams allocated \$500,000 toward the development of the Brooklyn Strand, an innovative project to connect open space in Brooklyn Heights, Downtown Brooklyn, DUMBO, and Fort Greene. The funds will be used to convert a parking lot next to Brooklyn Borough Hall into open, shared space.

In Fort Greene, Adams said he has secured \$1 million for Fort Greene Park, supporting improvements to paths, entrances, and drainage.

Down the road, in Prospect Park, he gave \$500,000 to the Prospect Park Alliance for their project to restore the fence and sidewalks on the park side of Flatbush Avenue, as well as to create new entrances to Prospect Park from Flatbush Avenue; he also contributed \$500,000 to an earlier phase of this effort last year.

Caribbean

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretary General, Ambassador Irwin La Rocque has called for a “strong collaboration action” to urgently address the criteria for access to concessional financing.

He said that is vital if Small Island Developing and Low-Lying Coastal States (SIDS), including CARICOM countries, are to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under Post-2015 Development Agenda.



Addressing the Eight General Meeting between CARICOM and its associated institutions and the United Nations (UN) System at the Secretariat in Guyana recently, Ambassador La Rocque drew attention to the challenge member states faced in accessing concessional development financing because if their designation as middle-income countries, based on a narrow and unique criterion of per capita income.

He said regional countries were being denied access to financing that would help them address formidable development challenges, such as their small size, inherent vulnerabilities, susceptibility to exogenous shocks and a lack of resilience.

Yet, Ambassador LaRocque said, a significant portion of the high level of indebtedness of CARICOM nations was due to those shocks and the reconstruction requirements after natural disasters.

Touching on a number of other developmental issues, including adaptation to and mitigation of the effects of climate change and transnational organized crime, the secretary general reiterated the need for effective partnerships for successful outcomes.

Antigua

Antigua & Barbuda Commissioner of Police Wendell Robinson said two people have been charged in connection with an alleged human smuggling ring, which is under investigation.

Speaking at a press conference recently, Robinson said, “They were charged under the Immigration and Passport Act. There were two persons charged and we are looking at a third person, and there are a number of other investigations to do and persons to be interviewed”.

The police commissioner did not reveal the names of the accused persons or the suspects.



Acting Chief Immigration Officer Annette Mark said the two are charged with aiding and abetting, but declined to say whether they were the sponsors of the 14 Syrians currently in custody.

The immigrants, who are all males,



Incentives for offshore education institutions

St. Lucia's Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony.

Associated Press / John Minchillo

were picked up between July 22 and 23 after U.S. officials warned the government of two human smuggling and human trafficking rings involving Syrians and Cubans.

Bahamas

Bahamas' Harbor Island has won top honors in the prestigious Travel + Leisure's World Best Awards 2015.

It was voted “Best Island in the Caribbean” by the publication's most discerning travelers, who rated their experiences in the annual World's Best Awards 2015 readers' survey. This is the second time that Harbor Island has received this award.

“We are thrilled to receive this impressive award, a fitting tribute to this lovely island that was once the capital of Bahamas,” said Joy Ann Jibrilu, Director General of Tourism for the Bahamas.



Director of Sustainable Tourism for The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism Jacqueline Ramsey added that the honor represented a big win for residents of the island, which is just 3.5 miles long by 1.5 miles wide.

Jost Van Dyke and Virgin Gorda, both in the British Virgin Islands St John in the US Virgin Islands; and Anguilla rounded off the top five islands in the Caribbean.

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Leisure World's Best Award has been the travel industry's leading barometer of the places and companies that are satisfying the most passionate and sophisticated travelers in the US.

Barbados

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is predicting a one percent growth for Barbados but accountants want action on the “daunting challenges” facing the country.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados (ICAB) said it majority concerns were with the country's external risks, high fiscal deficit and debt levels and competitiveness challenges.

ICAB president Lisa Padmore in evaluating the recent report released by the IMF Article IV Consultation on Barbados noted that Government debt was 101 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at March 2015, excluding securities held by the National Insurance Scheme which, if included, becomes 136 percent of GDP.



This represents a sharp rise from the March 2011 level of 76 percent of GDP

Guyana

The Ministry of Finance and Energy is reminding all concerned that, as part of the reforms under the homegrown program, the concessions to returning nationals were adjusted as of May 9,

2014.

In this regard, returning nationals are now eligible for 50 percent concession on a vehicle.

The vehicle may be purchased locally, if so desired. The exemption will be valid for three years. If the vehicle is sold within three years of the concession being granted, the returning national is liable to repay the taxes forgone. With respect to the environmental levy — vehicles one to five years will attract a two percent cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value and vehicles over five years will attract 30 percent CIF value.



Jamaica

Financial institutions in Jamaica will for the first time, from August, have to report specified financial account information on American citizens who have accounts in that Caribbean island to U.S. authorities.

This follows the passage of amendments to the Revenue Administration Act last month, which gives legislative effect to an agreement by the U.S. and Jamaican authorities in May 2014 as part of the Foreign Accounts Tax Compliance Act (FACTA).



Piloting the amendment bill, which
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WIADCA'S carnival celebrates one Caribbean

Get ready for New York Caribbean Carnival 2015! On Thursday, Sept 3, the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA) will kick off New York Caribbean Carnival, with a unique Caribbean Freedom Festival, featuring KES the Band, costume competitions and Herbet Holler & the Freedom Party NYC.

On Friday, Sept. 4, the annual Stay In School Concert and College Fair begins at 10 am and the popular Brass Fest concert (8 pm) features Ricardo Drue (2015 Antigua Soca Monarch), Lyrikal (Trinidad), Skinny Fabulous (St. Vincent 2015 Soca & Power Monarch), Pressure Busspipe (Virgin Islands), Ravi B (Trinidad 2015 Chutney Soca Monarch) and headliners Bunji Garlin (2013 Soul Train Award recipient), Soca diva Fay-Ann Lyons & the Vikings Band, hosted by DJ Redman (107.9FM) and MC Wassy.

Saturday, Sept. 5, starts off with Junior Kiddies Carnival (9 am) then enjoy sweet steel pan music at the annual Panorama showcase (8 pm), where 11 steel orchestras vie



Revelers on Eastern Parkway during the New York Caribbean Carnival last year.

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for the 2015 Steel Band Champion title. On Sunday, Sept. 6 WIADCA will showcase the legends in Caribbean music with performances by the Mighty Sparrow, David Rudder, Swallow (Antigua) and Edwin Yearwood (Barbados 2015 Sweet Soca Monarch) and others,

plus the King & Queen of the Bands Competition and Something Positive Inc. All events will run through Monday, Sept. 7 (Labor Day), ending with New York Caribbean Carnival, North America's largest street parade/dance party on Eastern Parkway from 11 am

– 6 pm. This year's Grand Marshals include: Hon. Sylvia G. Ash, Supreme Court Justice & Chairperson at the Municipal Credit Union (MCU), Kenneth E. Mapp, Governor of the US Virgin Islands and Earl Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer/

TWU Local 100. Other notable expected to walk in the line-up are: NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo, NYC Mayor Bill deBlasio, Brooklyn DA Kenneth Thompson, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, Speaker of the NY City Council Melissa Mark-Viverito, WIADCA's President Thomas Bailey, members of the Caribbean Consular Corp, several corporate sponsors and many others.

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* "WIADCA on the MOVE" presents Pop-up, Carnival in Coney Island (Friday, Aug. 7, Sept. 11 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm) and Brooklyn Bridge Park (Friday, Aug. 21 from 6 – 8 pm).

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Excess seaweed could hurt tourism efforts in Caribbean



Tourists walk past large quantities of seaweed piling up on the beach in the Mexican resort city of Cancun, Mexico, Wednesday, July 15, 2015. The seaweed invasion, which appears to have hit most of the Caribbean this year, is generally considered a nuisance and has prompted some hotel cancellations from tourists.
AP Photo / Israel Leal

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high officials would meet.

Orville London, the head of the Assembly is worried that the island economy will be so badly affected by seaweed deposits as high as six feet on beaches that it has set aside \$500,000 in emergency funding to deal with the issue.

Officials say they are frankly overwhelmed and simply need to defer to higher officials like regional leaders for answers.

Photographs published by media houses in Trinidad paint an unbelievable picture of a reddish-brown mass of 'dye' completely occupying beaches, stretching out to areas of the sea where tourists would normally take a dip in the Atlantic.

While nearly every country is affected by the invasion that is believed to come from Africa and Europe, Tobago has simply been swamped by this unprecedented problem that could ruin its economic stocks in the last half of 2015.

People like London say they are looking to the Barbados-based Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) to push leaders into meeting to decide what to do as locals have no answer for this assault of

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nature.

Guest houses on Tobago's east and west coast that are usually filled with sun-seeking arrivals from the north at this time of year are instead dealing with cancellations

Supporting London as he spoke to reporters was Linford Beckles, the Director of the Environmental Department.

"The situation at Speyside

is such that the longer the material stays on the beaches it gets even more smelly, and the waters will get even more septic. So from the point of view of logistics and efficiency, we will have to identify the disposal locations that are relatively close to the affected areas," he said.

But while Tobago is latest and perhaps the worst affected, officials in Barbados and Antigua, for example, have been forced to battle this issue much of the past four to five years.

Recently in Barbados, environmentalists counted 42 dead turtles, trapped in the stifling embrace of seaweed which ironically sustains other life forms like worms, jacks and tunas.

Still, a few entrepreneurs in Barbados, for example, are drying out the weeds, removing its salt and repacking them as natural, organic fertilizers that some supermarket chains are carrying

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Jamaica PM addresses UN Security Council



Jamaican Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller speaks during the 68th session of the General Assembly at United Nations headquarters.

Associated Press / Seth Wenig, File

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaica's Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller joined a number of heads of governments at the United Nations recently to discuss the topic of "Peace and Security Challenges Facing Small Island Developing States (SIDS)" during an open debate with the Security Council.

Invited to give the Jamaican and Caribbean perspective during a panel discussion on the issue, the leader made a one-day visit on the eve of Emancipation Day (Aug. 1) to emphasize the "urgent need for tangible development financing support for SIDS."

PM Simpson Miller outlined Jamaica's efforts to secure its people, protect its borders and participate in global peace and security initiatives. She underscored the close link between national, regional and global peace and security and economic and social development issues.

She said Jamaica and CARI-

COM countries faced adversities because "transnational organized crime represents the gravest threat to peace and security" there.

She blamed "open coastline which facilitate drug trafficking in drugs, arms, ammunition and people — particularly women and children" adding that "money laundering activities enable transnational criminal activity to thrive in our region."

"In 2013, 70 percent of all homicides committed in the Caribbean sub-region featured the use of a firearm."

Using an eight-page guideline to emphasize her concerns, she also detailed measures necessary to enable small island nations to overcome security challenges.

"We have invested heavily in technology, equipment, and training for our security forces within the constraints of our limited resources."

However, with all the effort executed it seems they have

been "insufficient" in improving national security in dealing with transnational crime."

In her message she thanked the USA, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Finland and Norway for supporting and partnering with SIDS.

With their assistance Jamaica she said Jamaica now has "just under 20 police officers serving in United Nations mission in Haiti and the African Union / UN operation in Darfur, Sudan"

The Caribbean country has also aided with UN peace-keeping activities in Namibia, Timor-Leste, Bosnia, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

She also broached the topic of climate change.

"This is critical for building resilience in the face of climate change and to overcome the constraints imposed by small size, resource scarcity geography and inappropriate global classification based mainly on per capita income."

Other panelists representing

SIDS member states were: Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, the prime minister of Samoa and Jean Pail Adam, the Seychelles minister of Finance, Trade and the Blue Economy.



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Trading up for a better trade deal

By David Levine

As the dust settles on the fight in Congress over Fast Track for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal, we have an opportunity to think anew about what good trade policy could be. If we get past the rhetoric, we can expand the public and political dialogue about trade and truly understand the impact it can have on all our businesses.

Representing hundreds of thousands of businesses from diverse sectors and different regions nationwide, we have come to understand first-hand that trade is an important element of a robust economy. As a business organization, we opposed Fast Track and the TPP not because we are against trade, but because we need a better trade deal than what the TPP is offering.

Another fundamental principle is that trade deals should boost worker and environmental standards, not lower them.

In evaluating the TPP we identified key principles that can and should be considered when negotiating a strong and fair trade bill.

One is transparency, a fundamental goal for developing and implementing any trade agreement. Legislators and the public must have access to the

trade agreement in formation. From our businesses' perspective, it is not acceptable that a small number of larger corporations get to set the agenda while small and medium-sized enterprises don't even get a seat at the table. Any trade deals should go through an open dialogue that includes a diverse group of stakeholders

We also need more transparency in the business practices advanced by a trade deal, so that we know where our products are coming from and what is in them. Country of Origin rules and disclosure of chemical ingredients are two examples.

There should also be a system for fair adjudication. Corporations should not have a greater power than sovereign governments. Deliberations for disputes should be handled with the most democratic processes possible, while ensuring that state sovereignty remains respected.

Another fundamental principle is that trade deals should boost worker and environmental standards, not lower them. We should preserve the right and ability of our federal, state and local governments to set standards and guidelines. We should seek the highest common ground, not the lowest.

We no longer need to choose between advancing our businesses and promoting sustainability in the workplace and in the environment. We can do all three. In fact, many busi-

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Hungry for change, achieving food security and nutrition for all

Paloma Durán is director of the Sustainable Development Goals Fund (SDG-F) at the United Nations Development Programme

By Paloma Durán

UNITED NATIONS, July 30, 2015 (IPS) - With the enthusiasm of the recent Financing for Development conference behind us, the central issues and many layers of what is at stake are now firmly in sight. In fact, a complex issue like hunger, which is a long standing development priority, remains an everyday battle for almost 795 million people worldwide.

While this figure is 216 million less than in 1990-92, according to U.N. statistics, hunger kills more people every year than malaria, AIDS and tuberculosis combined. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) defines hunger as being synonymous with chronic undernourishment and is measured by the country average of how many calories each person has access to every day, as well as the prevalence of underweight children younger than five.

So where do we stand if food security and nutrition is destined to be a critical component of poverty eradication and sustainable development. In fact, the right to food is a basic human right and linked to the second goal of the proposed Sustainable Development Goals, (SDGs) which includes a target to end

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hunger and achieve food security by 2030.

The United Nations Development Programme is engaged in promoting sustainable agricultural practices to improve the lives of millions of farmers through its Green Commodities Programme. According to the World Food Programme, the world needs a food system that will meet the needs of an additional 2.5 billion people who will populate the Earth in 2050.

To eradicate hunger and extreme poverty will require an additional 267 billion dollars annually over the next 15 years. Given this looming prospect, a question that springs to mind is: how will this to be achieved?

Going forward, this goal requires more than words, it requires collective actions, including efforts to double global food production, reduce waste and experiment with food alternatives. As part of the Sustainable Development Goals Fund (SDG Fund) mission, we are working to understand how best to tackle this multi-

faceted issue.

With the realisation that there is no one-size-fits-all solution for how to improve food security, the SDG Fund coordinates with a range of public and private stakeholders as well as U.N. Agencies to pilot innovative joint programmes in the field.

For example, the SDG Fund works to tackle food security and nutrition in Bolivia and El Salvador where rural residents are benefiting from our work to strengthen local farm production systems. In addition, we engage women and smallholder farmers as part of our cross-cutting efforts to build more integrated response to development challenges. We recognise that several factors must also play a critical role in achieving the hunger target, namely:

Improved agricultural productivity, especially by small and family farmers, helps improve food security;

Inclusive economic growth leads to important gains in hunger and poverty reduction; the expansion of social protection contributes directly to the reduction of hunger and malnutrition.

In the fight against hunger, we need to create food systems that offer better nutritional outcomes and ones that are fundamentally more sustainable – i.e. that require less land, less water and that are more resilient to climate change.

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Bizarre responses, deadly results continue

We continue to hope the critical-mass level has been reached in the many instances of reckless exercise of police authority directly or indirectly causing loss of life to persons of color. And we continue being disappointed that the fury ignited by each new episode of arbitrary or ill-conceived handling of situations leading to those awful consequences just doesn't seem capable of preventing an already horrific chain of events from getting worse. It's scary business, for sure, the idea that not even the mammoth news coverage generated by every unsettling occurrence is sufficient to give pause to law-and-order types evidently prone to respond in devil-may-care fashion when the test comes.

The roll call of earlier victim of out-of-control police reaction to what typically have been low-grade causes for police intervention has more recently been enlarged, the behavioral pattern on the law enforcement side amazingly holding firm. To the shock waves induced by stories sur-

rounding the likes of Eric Garner in Staten Island, Walter Scott in South Carolina, Freddie Gray in Baltimore... we have lately been given reason for revulsion afresh with the demise of a Sandra Bland in Texas or Samuel DuBose in Cincinnati.

The official line on Bland, who reportedly was found hanging in a jail cell after she inexplicably wound up there following the most routine of traffic stops, is that she committed suicide. In what God-forsaken jurisdiction does one get thrown in jail after being stopped for allegedly failing to signal a lane change? Whether the Texas trooper who initiated all this bears responsibility if this young woman indeed took her own life seems pretty much a no-brainer. In the bizarre and brutal death of DuBose, shot by a University of Cincinnati police officer after being stopped for having no license plate at the front of his vehicle, even the officers' superiors claimed to be dumbstruck at this cop's incalculably stupid escalation

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

of a rather benign event into headline-making tragedy. The guy never should have been a cop, one of those superiors said. How nice of him, to let the people know this!

Look, as we've said here before, this explosion of unwarranted black deaths at the hands of cops has obviously been enough of an alarm signal for triggering, in law enforcement authorities across the country, a serious review of the human stock being deployed to maintain the peace. If, instead, what we have betrays a deliberate indifference to the underlying message in this rash of wasted black lives, hardly does it bode well for how this plays out.

Years ago, in the 1970s, there was a fine anthology series called "Police Story," created by former cop-turned-author Joseph Wambaugh,

which aired on NBC-TV. One episode of that series, "The Wyatt Earp Syndrome," became the episode of which police departments around the country requested copies more than any other, as a training tool. The episode dealt with the swagger in speech, in walk and general demeanor that overcame many a recruit once he graduated from the police academy and a badge and gun became part of his get-up. One has little reason to doubt that the Wyatt Earp syndrome continues to exist today. Throw into the mix the element of racial bias that we know to be also inescapable, to whatever extent, in police circles and you have a sure-fire toxic brew in place.

Which is to say that, if not before, certainly with the ongoing incidents of white cops interacting with persons of color in circumstances that have no business turning explosive, there can be no excuse for police authorities not bringing heavy-duty focus to the sensitivity issue in the training of personnel. Resist-

ance to doing so is suggestive of a desire to have this societal blotch endure.

We cannot be unmindful, either, of the key role video evidence of police wrongdoing has played in exposing the problem to a degree it previously wasn't. That university cop in Cincinnati the other day was determined to lie his way out of gross misconduct, until video evidence got him fired and charged with murder. But we need be aware, too, of elements in the society who are none too enamored of today's ubiquitous video devices, who would prefer yesterday's status quo when concealing misdeeds was a lot easier. And we should be alert also that the idea of putting clamps on civilians' videotaping of cops on duty has already entered the political discourse — and that there are among the folks who "run things" those who would rather there was less, not more, of what we the people were privileged to know.

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A good trade bill will also help grow local economies and products made in the United States. This has historically proven to create more and better jobs for our country. Past trade agreements have pushed too many businesses and jobs overseas, benefiting the largest multi-national corporations at

the expense of everyone else.

Small and medium enterprises play such an important role in our economy. We know that money spent with local business stays in those communities longer, creating more economic benefits for local markets. We need to ensure that those local businesses have a level playing field. That is not true under the TPP.

Overall, what we need is a trade deal that recognizes there's more to economic growth than just GDP. There are many costs such as poor health, pollution, and underemployment that GDP doesn't account for. Such costs are too often transferred to the public meaning an increased financial burden for society, when they should be borne by producers instead.

The TPP, for all its flaws, has given us an opportunity to reach a smarter position on trade that works for everyone. It would be a grave mistake for us to ignore that opportunity.

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Global fight against hunger

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The challenges are almost as great as the growing population which will require 70 percent more food to meet the estimated change in demand and diets. Notwithstanding is if we continue to waste a third of what we produce, we have to reevaluate agriculture and food production in terms of the supply chain and try to improve the quality and nutritional aspects across the value chain.

Food security and nutrition must be everyone's concern especially if we are to eradicate hunger and combat food

insecurity across all its dimensions. Feeding the world's growing population must therefore be a joint effort and unlikely to be achieved by governments and international organisations alone.

In the words of José Graziano da Silva, FAO Director General, "The near-achievement of the MDG hunger targets shows us that we can indeed eliminate the scourge of hunger in our lifetime. We must be the Zero Hunger generation. That goal should be mainstreamed into all policy interventions and at the heart of the new sustainable development agenda to be established this year."

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Jamaica's Emancipendence nears with August calendar



Jamaican Cynthia Neita dressed to impress as a higgler. She walked the aisle of the church carrying this bankra on her head filled with native fruits from the island.

Photo by Vinette K. Pryce

By Vinette K. Pryce

The combined celebrations of Emancipation and Independence by Jamaicans will merge for a weeklong commemoration known as Emancipendence. Providing a cultural calendar during the first days of August it will also highlight achievements of the island and those the people proudly exalt.

The Slavery Abolition Act 1833 ended slavery in the British Empire on Aug. 1, 1834 and "Jamaicans continue to celebrate Emancipation Day through the reenactment of the reading of the Emancipation Declaration in town centers particularly, Spanish Town, St. Catherine which was the seat of Parliament when the Emancipation Act was passed in 1838."

On Aug. 1, a gala celebration in Mahwah, New Jersey, commemorated the 53rd anniversary of Jamaica's independence at the Sheraton Mahwah.

Among the special festivities planned, Brooklyn's Kings

Theater hosted a reggae jazz fest headlined by Monty Alexander and Beres Hammond on that same date.

"Proud & Free: Jamaica 53," touted a thanksgiving service at Saint Frances of Rome, 4307 Barnes Ave. in the Bronx on the next day.

Held under the auspices of the Jamaica Consulate, Consul General Herman G. Lamont represented the island's government.

The biggest date of all is Aug. 6, Independence Day; when a flag raising ceremony is slated for Queen's Borough Hall, Kew Gardens. The official noon ceremony, presented by the Jamaica Consular General Lamont is a joint event with Melinda Katz, Queens Borough President to hoist the nation's black, green and gold alongside the U.S. banner. The address is 120-55 Queens Blvd.

The annual event was held last year at Manhattan's Bowling Green and the previous year at Brooklyn's Borough Hall.

Later that evening, British reggae super-group Steel Pulse will strum the nation's reggae anthems during a concert at BB Kings in Times Square.

The following evening, reggae, super-group Third World promises a free outdoor concert at Brooklyn's Prospect Park. The 7:30 pm outdoor event is part of the annual Celebrate Brooklyn summer concert series.

A unity march to commemorate the 53rd anniversary of Jamaica's self-rule kicks off from Empire Blvd. & Flatbush Ave. on Aug. 8 at 11 am organized by Paul "Jah Paul" Haughton and Rev. Terry Lee of Byways & Edges Ministry, the afternoon's event will culminate with speakers and performers at Utica Ave.

Jamaica's independence gala at the NY Hilton Hotel, 1333 Sixth Ave. will be held on Aug. 15.

Another major calendar date in August is the birth date of the island's first national hero

Marcus Mosiah Garvey. He was born Aug. 17, 1887 in St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica. Several tributes are planned to mark the 128th anniversary.

He was the youngest of 11 children born to his parents — Marcus Mosiah Garvey Sr. and Sarah Jane Richards.

He inspired millions and particularly the Rastafarian movement.

Garvey is credited with moti-

vating many by urging millions of Africans living outside of the continent to "look to the east" for a king.

To the inspired group, that leader was HIM Emperor Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia.

Garvey died at age 52 in London, England but emerged Jamaica's first national hero.

His legacy will be celebrated internationally by parades, cultural activities and tributes.

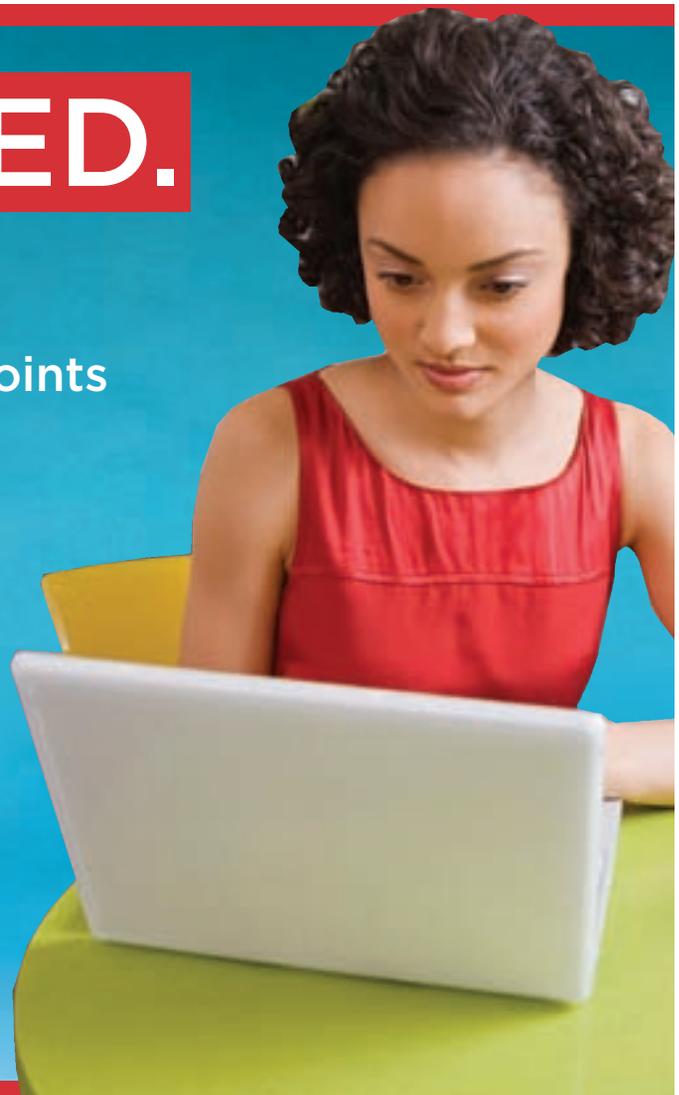
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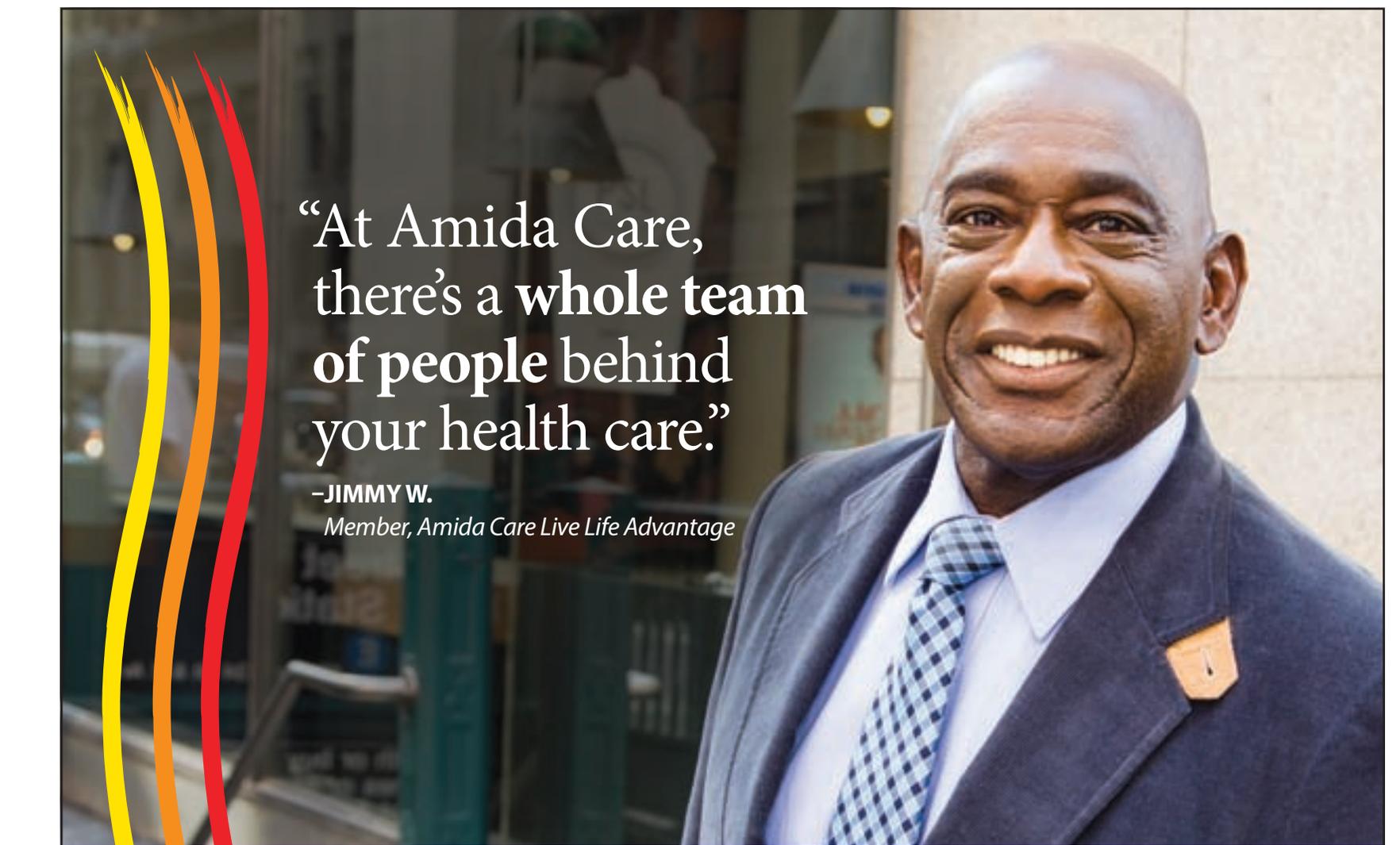
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Trench Town education gets new lease on life

By Alley Olivier

Jamaica is emboldened with rich history.

A proud people, Jamaica boasts itself as a country where the sweet sounds of reggae were born and much more.

With all the riches assailing mainstream media, it is hard to assume that within the country there is a struggle felt amongst the people. Within the small town of Trench Town, students struggle to attend school due to the high cost of school supplies, transportation and even lunch.

Acting as a buoy so each child is able to receive the education he or she deserves, Christine Coley — founder and executive director of Trench Town For Life — has made it her mission to ensure that each child has a pencil and notebook.

“I adopted Boys Town All Age school and was able to provide over 200 donated backpacks with supplies in them and close to 2000 donated school supplies to the school itself,” Coley said.

Coley, a first generation



Jamaican American, is deeply rooted in Trench Town and its primary school. Utilized as a meeting place for the community, Coley took the school under the wing to not only benefit the community but to also celebrate the legacy of family members who attended the institution. “My father grew up in Trench Town, I have seven siblings — two of which were murdered in Trench Town. I have had seven family members who attended the school I adopted. It’s a part

of my community even though I didn’t grow up in Trench Town,” she said.

Since her organization began in 2013 - operating under the umbrella organization of For Life Inc. - the serial business woman have set her eyes on strengthening the education and resources available to the school.

Utilizing a monthly event, Yoga For Life, funds raised are used to help sustain projects in the school. Happening simultaneously in New York and Miami, NamasteFly, GoGreen-Fashionista, Impulse Nation and Chris Coley Communications handle the planning for the monthly fundraiser.

“Right now, all of the Yoga for Life proceeds are going toward finishing the library in terms of painting and building shelves,” she said. “Through my UK advisory council member I was connected to an organization called Build on Books in London who has donated and shipped 3000 books to the



Participants at Yoga For Life, a monthly event to raise funds benefiting the Boys Town School in Trench Town, Jamaica.

school.”

A smaller library is available in Trench Town with books but Coley believes that reading needs to be fostered as a fundamental tool in schools while the children are still young.

Relying on sponsorships, donations and partnerships, events such as Yoga for Life and donations are what help to sustain Coley’s mission.

“We’ve accomplished quite a bit since 2013 when I launched,” Coley explained. “I’m a business woman outside of this charity and I am a power networker so I’ve been leveraging

my network.”

Her ability to network and utilize social media has armored her with strong connections that lend a helping hand whether it is through establishing a new connection or actually donating. “Through Facebook and other contacts I was able to connect to a Jamaican spice company in Portland, Ohio who is now donating 24 bags with school supplies,” she said.

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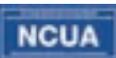
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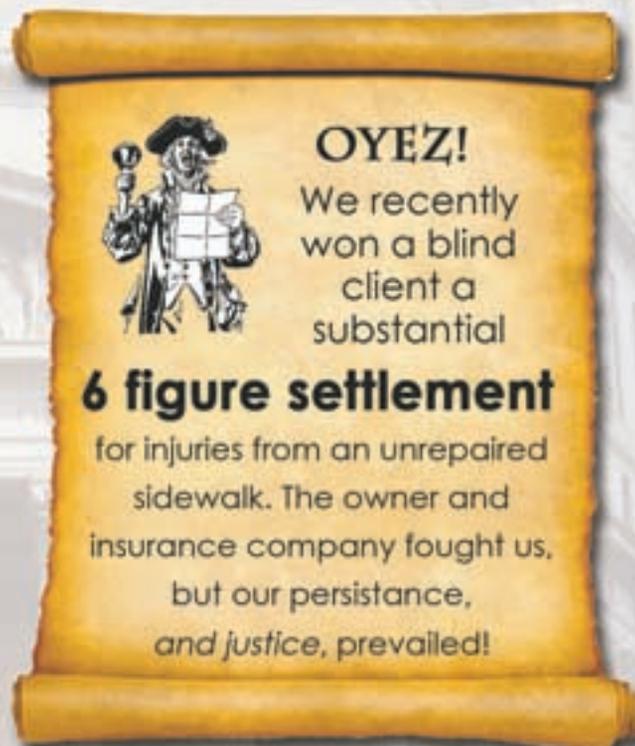

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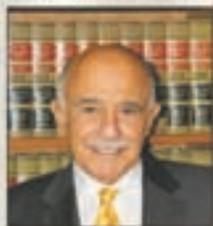
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Ice cream venture to help build community

By Alley Olivier

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Ice cream can create jobs. It can create a moment of celebration between neighbors. It can represent a positive meeting space within an underserved community.

Popular Brooklyn organic ice cream brand, Blue Marble, is using this frozen treat to once again empower a new deserving country: Haiti.

Following the success of their first international venture in Rwanda, Blue Marble Dreams – their non-profit organization – is working to bring a sweet community space in Haiti. Similar to their first venture that employed women in Rwanda to operate their town's first ice cream shop, it was through a group of Haitian women reaching out to Alexis Miesen, chief swirls officer and executive director of Blue Marble Dreams, that Blue Marble Dreams decided to embark on this endeavor.

"There was a really beautiful documentary filmed that was made all about the process and the people behind the shop in Rwanda and at one of the screenings in New York there happened to be a group of women from Haiti in the audience and they approached me afterwards and said we got to do this in Port au Prince. Port au Prince needs a sweet dreams and here's why. They kind've laid out all the reasoning and the parallels between Rwanda and Haiti in terms of the recovery process that's underway," Miesen explained.

Impressed by their passion and the similarities in recovery from very different situations –



Local Port au Prince residents working on the foundation of the Bel Rev ice cream store. Blue Marble

for Haiti being natural disaster and Rwanda ethnic conflict – Miesen enlisted the help of Haitian native Lionel Bernard and other organizations to begin building.

"A friend of mine who is a mutual friend of Alexis sent me an email about this young lady who is very passionate about social businesses and wants to help the world. I looked at the email and I was like I'm not interested. That was my first reaction and then I went to her site and fell in love with the site and thought that I should give her a call," Bernard recalled.

"Lionel finally agreed to meet with me in October 2013 and we were in Haiti a month later. Since then we've been there 15 or 16 times. We're at a point now where we go almost every month - each month anywhere between a week and 10 days," Miesen added.

Aiming for a Summer 2015 grand opening, the shop – named Bel Rev – is located in the underserved but bustling neighborhood of Fontamara, situated in the northwest corner of Port-au-Prince.

An undervalued, nearly forgotten community, Miesen explains the economic geography of Port-au-Prince to concentrate wealth at the top of the hill and as you descend the affluence and wealth follows. "The economic geography of Port au Prince but you have this concentration of very wealthy people at the top of the hill and then it is less and less affluent as you roll down to the bottom. We are the very, very bottom – there is absolutely nothing of this kind where we are," Miesen described.

Despite outsider's warning Miesen about their choice of location, there is a personal

and very profound decision as the new shop is being built in the same community and neighborhood that Bernard and his brother are from.

This personal connection and overall need to provide not just an ice cream shop but a meaning place that brings joy epitomizes the overall mission that Blue Marble Dreams is aiming to achieve. "People warn us on how there's tons of gangs there, people are very poor there and blah blah blah, are you sure don't you want to do it at the top of the hill and they kind've missed the point. This is a major piece of what we're all about. Not just because Lionel and his brother have this beautiful, deep history in this place but also you have to drive positive development in these underserved areas," Miesen said.

"Haiti is very challenging

and this project has become very personal and very communal. The shop is being built in front of my house where I grew up in Haiti. The neighborhood knows me very well and Alexis has become apart of the neighborhood as well. Everybody we brought to help us or volunteering has become apart of the neighborhood and that was apart of the process. It's almost like a little tree growing with so many different branches. That's the love and the beauty that we're getting out of it," Bernard said.

Implementing a sustainable business model, one of the major goals of Bel Rev is to create jobs – majority to women. Working with an organization that serves women of sexual violence, Bel Rev is another notch to be added to their personal trajectory to help foster independence.

To keep costs low and help foster the local economy, Bel Rev will source many of its ingredients and work from the local farmers. Crafting flavors that are indigenous of the land utilizing the tropical fruits like passion fruit and mango as well as the abundance of cocoa and more.

"We want to keep things local for a number of reasons number one because we believe in that, it's our general philosophy," Miesen explained. "Number two, it creates extra value for the community around us and number three for the most part it keeps our cost down by not using expensive imported products. We get to keep our cost down and that way we can offer the product at an affordable price to the local population."

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Caribbean needs partnerships in battling climate change: UN chief



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

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By Nelson A. King

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has called for partnerships for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), such as those in the Caribbean, lamenting that the global challenges facing these islands are the international community's collective responsibility.

"Combatting climate change, promoting sustainable development and addressing the vulnerabilities of SIDS will demand partnership, capacity and leadership," said the top UN official at the Security Council on Thursday, adding that the "SAMOA Pathway" is here "to guide us."

Ban said last year's Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States in Samoa increased global attention on their contributions to sustainable devel-

opment — but also on their unique vulnerabilities.

Council members were meeting for an unprecedented debate about the situation of SIDS.

From traditional armed conflict to transnational crime and piracy, illicit exploitation of natural resources, climate change and climate-related natural disasters and uneven development, small island developing States face a range of peace and security challenges, according to the concept note provided by New Zealand, which holds the rotating Presidency of the Security Council for the month of July.

Ban said Caribbean SIDS are vulnerable to drug-trafficking and gang-related violence.

He also said unreported and unregulated fishing are undermining local economies.

Through its Maritime Crime

Program, the UN chief said the UN Office on Drugs and Crime is actively engaged to help these countries in these areas.

"Taken together with the broader vulnerabilities faced by many of these states communities, these challenges can disproportionately affect national stability, fuel conflict across regions and ultimately have an impact on the maintenance of international peace and security," the Security Council concept note said.

Ban said the first priority must be to support these States in achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

"Second, we need a post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals that address the needs of SIDS," he said.

At the recent Financing for Development Conference in

Addis Ababa, which took place from July 13-16, Ban said it was encouraging that the concerns of that group of countries were reflected, including in critical areas such as debt, trade, technology and Official

Development Assistance.

"Third, we need a meaningful and universal global climate agreement in Paris in December," stressed the UN chief, as SIDS are on the front lines of climate change.



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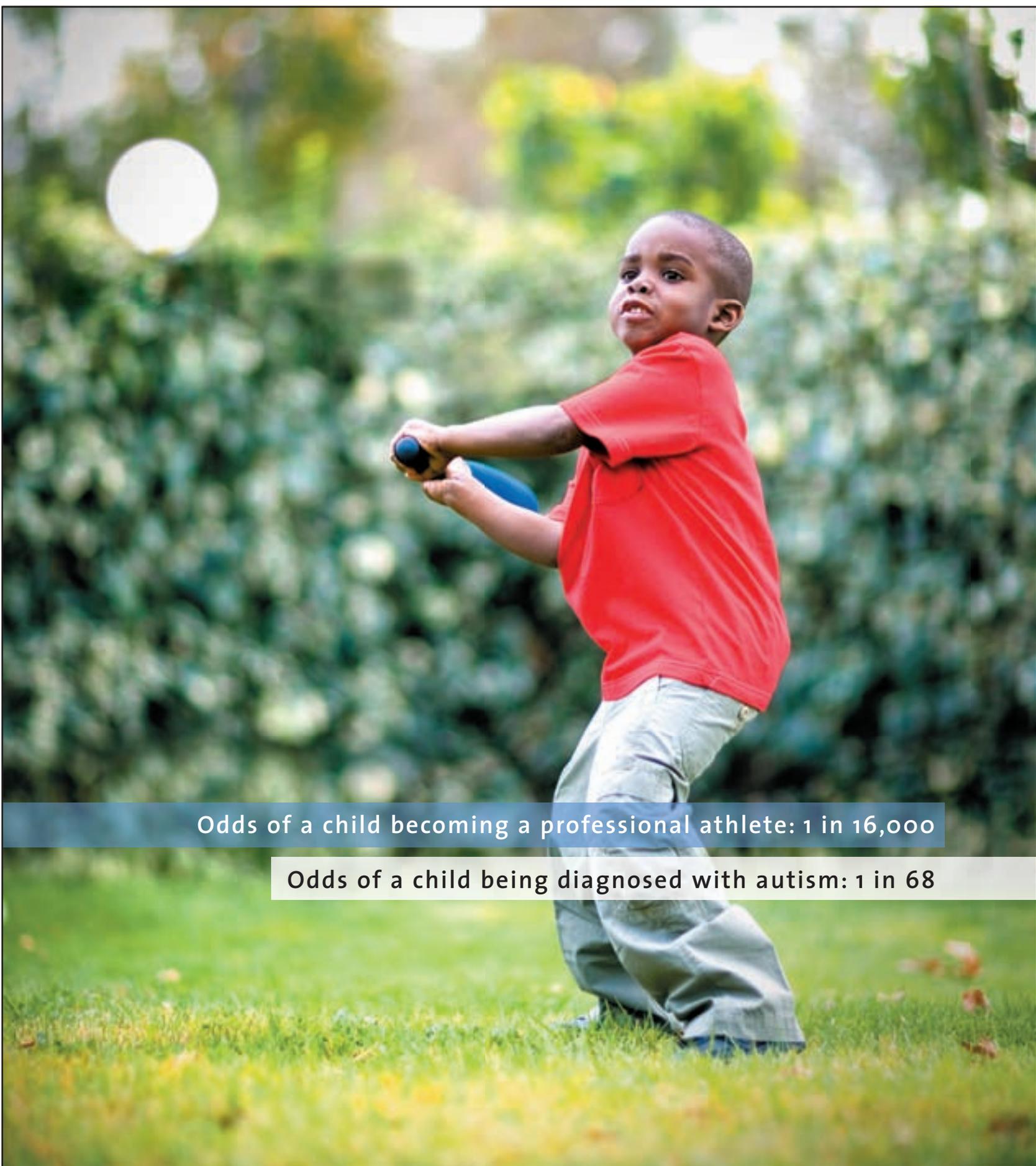


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Dr. King seen as undeterred in The Movement by children

By Laura Andrews

Imagine subjects on the cradle of the confederacy, Brown v. Board of Education, Jim Crow's emergence, the impact of the Fifteen Amendment, fighting poverty and the Watts riot in a biography on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a child-friendly book capturing the attention of middle-school students in Queens, NY. "Who Was Martin Luther King, Jr.?" (Grossett & DunLap; Penguin Group), by Elizabeth Wolf, is a glorious compilation of a future world-renown leader known as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Although several books have traced Dr. King's birth on Jan. 15, 1929, in segregated Atlanta, Georgia to his adult battle to end unfair and unequal treatment, author Bonnie Bader's book informs us that King was originally named Michael until age five. This young child, whose doctors called perfect, was raised in a happy family with siblings: Willie, Christine

and Alfred Daniel.

King was inspired by his father, a college-educated minister at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Early in life, he was taught how to confidently combat racism. In route home from winning a speech contest, a young King was ordered, on a bus, to provide his seat to a Caucasian passenger. Standing in the aisle of the bus, the precocious student who would skip two grades and graduate from high school at 15 years old, declared, "One of these days, I'm going to put my body up there where my mind is."

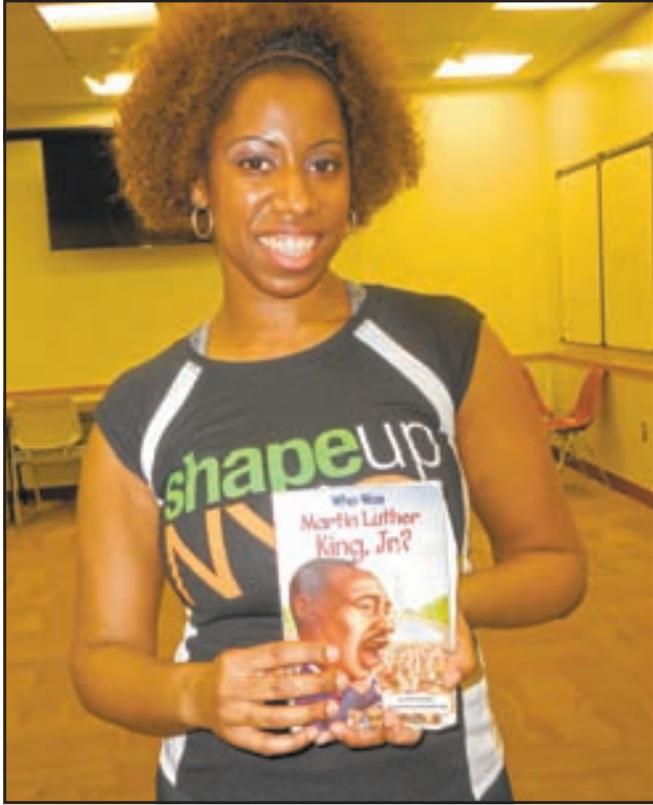
While at Morehouse College, King's father's alma mater, the 17-year-old took on the role as minister and assistant at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Two of his college professors, who were also ministers persuaded him to enter the ministry. Against his father's wishes, the 19-year-old Morehouse graduate continued his education at Crozer Theological Semi-

nary in Chester, Pennsylvania, where only six out of 100 students were Black.

Undeterred by this fact, King graduated as a top-ranked student and continued his education at Boston University School of Theology. Here, he met his future wife, Coretta Scott, a singer studying in Boston. At Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, Martin secured his first professional assignment after completing his studies.

While King's finest accolades are associated with Rosa Parks and the bus boycott, this profound advocate was set on overthrowing Jim Crow legislation at the most flagrant places like Birmingham under Bull Connor to making demands to end police violence and other acts of inequality, particularly before Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley.

King's rousing historic 'I Have a Dream' speech on Aug. 28, 1963, occurring almost two months after President John F.



Veronica Thomas, with Dr. King's book in Cambria Heights Library. Ms. Thomas is a teacher in Queens.

Photo by Laura Andrews

Kennedy's requested to Congress to pass the Civil Rights Bill, confirmed his position as a prominent leader of the Civil Rights movement. Before the signing of the Civil Rights Bill, close to the 100th anniversary

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received support from both sides, Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Peter Phillips told Parliament it would facilitate the introduction of an international tax complaint regime and give effect to greater transparency of information for tax purposes, adding that it contemplates the advent of new international standards and instruments.

“The Foreign Accounts Tax Compliance Act (FACTA) of the United States represents one such instrument and the agreement to give effect to this, which was signed by the government of Jamaica and the United States, has to be incorporated into our domestic legislation,” he explained.

Under the amendments, effective Aug. 17, 2015, financial institutions in Jamaica will be required to make the relevant financial reports to Tax Administration Jamaica (TAJ) on financial accounts held by U.S. taxpayers, including entities in which the U.S. taxpayer holds a significant ownership interest.

However, for all subsequent years, the reporting date will be May 31 of each year.

The JAJ will also have to submit the relevant information received from local financial institutions to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the U.S.

St. Lucia

The St. Lucia government is moving

to make incentives available to offshore education institutions.

The Offshore Higher Education Licensing and Incentive Bill, passed recently in the island’s Parliament to provide a broad framework for licensing of those institutions, will make granting the incentives possible.

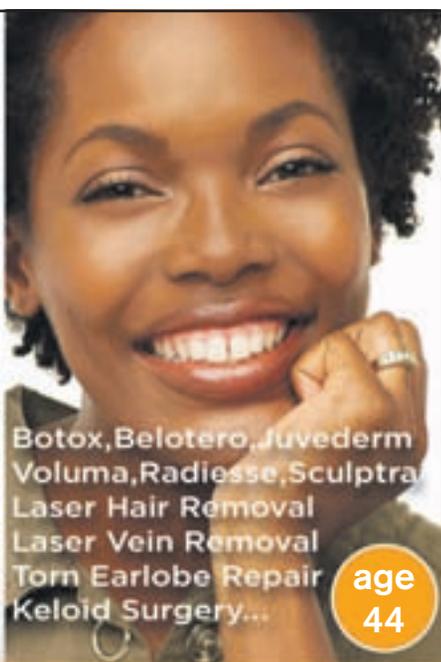
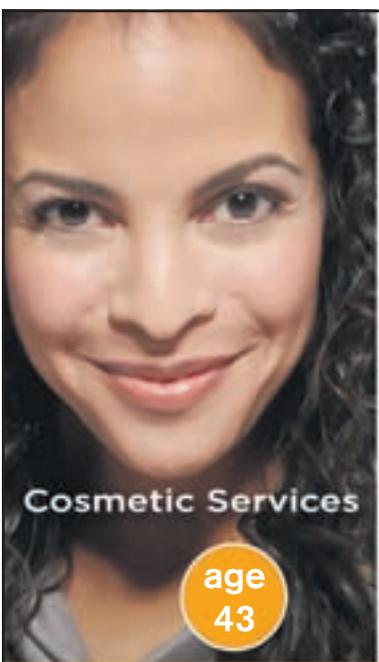
Minister of Education, Human Resource Development and Labor, Dr. Robert Lewis said, “the bill is the first to provide legislative incentives for higher education institutions in St. Lucia. Many higher education institutions have sought incentives but they could not be given incentives because there was no legislative authority to do so.”



An eight-member board comprising two representatives from the Ministry of Education, a representative from the Ministry of Finance, two from the Ministry of Health and Dental Association and one attorney-at-law will be established to review the licensing incentives applications. Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony noted that the bill also provides incentives to those who want to invest in dormitory construction.

Meantime, the government has encouraged offshore educational institutions to accredit their programs. While licensing is compulsory, accreditation is not.

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New merchant association revives street festival



Parkside Empire board members pose near the stage with Assembly Member Diana Richardson (fourth from left). Pictured at right: The Parkside Empire street festival pulled out the diverse residents of the community for a day of family friendly fun. Photo courtesy of Parkside Empire Merchant Association

By Alley Olivier

Summer is simmering down, back-to-school commercials are looming but fun in the sun against the backdrop of your neighborhood is still in full effect. There is still time for face painting, live entertainment and celebration of the local businesses courtesy of the new merchant association, Parkside Empire.

With family fun in mind, Parkside Empire's Street Festival stretched from Flatbush Avenue and Beekman Place to Westbury Court featuring a fashion show, chicken cook-off and more this past Sunday, July 26.

Joyce David, one of Parkside Empire's street festival organizers said, "The Parkside Empire is a new merchant association and the reason we call it that is because it's Flatbush and Parkside avenues between Flatbush and Empire Boulevard — we replaced the prior street association and they haven't done a street festival in a number of

years."

Desmond Romeo, president of Parkside Empire said, "Over the years, it has been consistent where the people from the community together with the merchants have always come together to make functions happen. For the past 17 years, there has been the Flatbush Association keeping their year-

ly festival and for two years we didn't have the festival due to things happening in the past." In contrast to the Flatbush Avenue fair that occurs annually in June, the committee created a day to raise awareness amongst the many new businesses along the strip and give the community a day to enjoy being a member of their

neighborhood.

"We do things differently. We are making sure whatever revenue we get from the street fair, we plug it back into the community. Projects like beautification; also we are preserving the multicultural, Caribbean

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'Mama's Boy,' a run-of-the-mill drama

"Mama's Boy"
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 313 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You think about it all the time. The child making headlines in the news could be yours. He could be the kid wrapped up in trouble he never meant to have, the one whose name is known for the wrong reasons. And what would you do? You've thought about it, and in the new novel "Mama's Boy" by ReShonda Tate Billingsley, two mothers act.

The video on TV was so disturbing that Gloria Jones couldn't bear to watch.

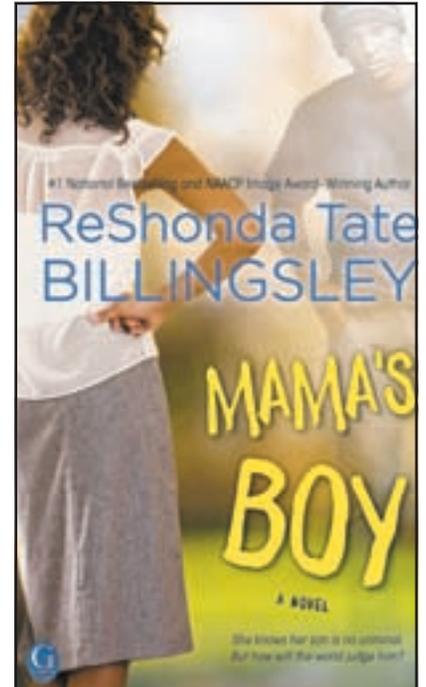
In the clip, there was an altercation. A black boy. A Jasper, Texas, policeman. A scuffle followed by gunshot. Gloria couldn't watch — but she couldn't look away, either.

The boy in the video was her teenage son, Jamal.

He'd always been a good boy, her Jamal, until he started hanging out with troublemakers. Gloria blamed her husband, Elton, for that; he'd been hard on Jamal lately, always yelling, always criticizing. She knew that was part of the reason why Jamal never came home sometimes, and now the authorities were looking for him. Her brain refused to wrap around the thought that her son was a cop killer...

Madam Mayor. Kay Christianson liked the sound of that. As the front-runner in a heated election, she quietly felt confident for a win but she had no time to think about it much. Kay was Houston's leading prosecutor, a devoted mother, and wife of defense attorney, Phillip Christianson. Folks often wondered how that last part worked, how two people could be on opposing sides and still be happily married but Kay loved her husband's passion, in the courtroom and otherwise.

Being the Mayor of Houston would add another level to her perfect life, and Kay was looking forward to it. With the election nearing, she only had one case to complete, a big one from Jasper in which a teen was accused of murdering



Book cover of "Mama's Boy."

a policeman. Gloria Jones just couldn't look away from the video. She knew her son had shot a policeman, but it had to have been an accident. She couldn't look away from that clip — or the other one, the one from Houston. Gloria recognized the prosecutor who could put her baby boy away for a long time — and when their secret came out, it could change everything...

Every literary cliché in the book. That's what you'll find in this book, which is unfortunate. "Mama's Boy" could have been so much more.

I had a lot of hope, in fact. Author ReShonda Tate Billingsley snatched a piece of headline we're all familiar with, and started her tale of a black teen, a white policeman, and an altercation that leads to violence. From there, however, we rarely see Jamal except to move the story along; instead, this tale becomes a run-of-the-mill, same-old drama between two women, their husbands, and one another.

Yes, I finished this book, so it wasn't torturous. It wasn't very unique, either. It was okay, and you might like it. If you're looking for something different to read, though, look at "Mama's Boy" and think again.

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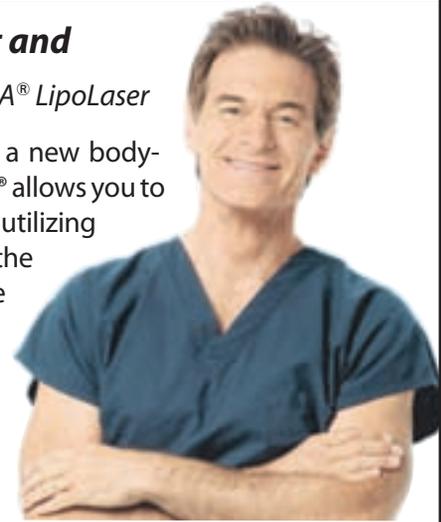
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Exercise and the older woman



mobility may feel that exercise serves no purpose because of their disability or physical condition. But even women confined to wheelchairs or those forced to walk with a cane or walker can benefit from cardiovascular exercise and even light strength training. Such exercises can improve a woman's range of motion while reducing her risk of heart disease.

It's never too late to start exercising. Many aging women feel their time to embrace exercise has long since passed. But it's never too late to start exercising. Women should take a conservative approach when exercising after a long hiatus, beginning with a slow walk around the neighborhood or a local park. Walking is a great beginner's exercise, as it provides a good cardiovascular workout while working a variety of muscle groups. As your body readjusts to physical activity, gradually increase the intensity of your exercise sessions, adding some strength training, ideally under the supervision of a professional. Always stretch immediately after each exercise session, and give your body ample time to recover, especially when you begin your new regimen.

The aging process has a way of making people risk-averse. Financial advisors typically recommend that men and women steer clear of risky investments as they age, and men and women over 50 often make lifestyle choices to reduce their risk of developing certain medical conditions. As women age, some may feel exercise is simply too risky. Hormonal changes brought on by aging decrease a woman's bone density, and that fact makes many women over 50 hesitant to embrace exercise. But exercise plays a key role in helping women over 50 secure their long-term health and reduce their risk of injury.

Exercise promotes independence. Some women feel that exercising after 50 increases their risk of injury, which can make them overly dependent on their loved ones. But exercise, in particular strength training, slows bone deterioration, helping bones stay stronger longer and reducing a woman's risk of suffering a potentially debilitating injury. Independence is especially important to seniors, many of whom spent years planning their retirements and awaiting the day when they would be free to travel at their leisure. Daily exercise can help women maintain that

independence by reducing their risk of injury and other ailments that can be confining.

Exercise can improve sleep. Some women who are fighting fatigue may feel that routine exercise will only make them more tired. But exercise actually improves energy levels and makes it easier to get a better night's rest. Numerous studies have shown that routine exercise can improve sleep

quality and even increase energy levels throughout the day, something that should raise an eyebrow among women who do not exercise but routinely find themselves fighting fatigue. A more quality night's rest improves vitality, making it easier for women to exercise and make it through the day without feeling fatigued.

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Jamaicans are champs of the world games



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce



From left, Lorna Bell, executive director of Team Jamaica, Tim Shriver and athletes that represented Special Olympics Jamaica entourage.

Photo by Collin Reid, courtesy of Digicel, Scotia Bank & Chase Fund

Undoubtedly, the cadre of young Jamaicans that competed in California during the Special Olympics Summer Games will be recalled for their 19-medal haul back to their Caribbean island after winning in the most unlikely categories.

At the same venue where the 1932 and 1984 Olympics were held, competitions in 32 sporting events included basketball, volleyball, bocce, weightlifting, horseback riding, swimming and soccer.

From July 25 to Aug. 2, the island's competitive athletes with intellectual disabilities also challenged and distinguished themselves in unified football, badminton, female futsal and athletics.

And from bocce to basketball, Jamaicans mined gold winning events that tested the mettle of individuals with disabilities — acquired or genetic — ranging from Down's syndrome, autism, traumatic brain injury and cerebral palsy.

Competitors as young as eight years of age were able to challenge others of varying

ages due to rules which allow athletes to compete at ability level and not according to age standards.

The broad range permits athletes to compete without an age limitation.

Instead, athletes compete against their peers in divisions defining ability level.

An estimated 500,000 people turned out to watch 6,500 athletes from more than 160 countries. Every competitor received a performance ribbon and a chance to take to the victory stand following their competition.

Lorna Bell, the executive director of Special Olympics Jamaica, expressed joy after Jamaica's bocce team won gold for the country at the World Summer Games.

"They have worked hard and this is a testament to their determination and hard work," the delegation leader said.

"These Games have been life-changing and we hope that this will only be a spark that will light the world on fire with the enthusiasm, courage and acceptance and inclusion for all people with intellectual disabilities," Patrick McClenahan, president and chief executive of the games' organizing committee said.

Organizers claim this year's Special Olympics were the largest sports and humanitarian event in the world in 2015.

According to Wikipedia, it all started back in June 1962 when "Eunice Kennedy Shriver started a day camp for children with intellectual disabilities at her home in Potomac, Maryland. She started this camp because she was concerned about children with intellectual disabilities having nowhere to play. Using Camp Shriver as an example, Shriver, who was head of the Joseph P. Kennedy

Jr. Foundation and part of President Kennedy's Panel on Mental Retardation, promoted the concept of involvement in physical activity and competition opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities. Camp Shriver became an annual event, and the Kennedy Foundation (of which Shriver was executive vice president) gave grants to universities, recreation departments and community centers to hold similar

camp. Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, providing year-round training and competitions to more than 4.4 million athletes in 170 countries."

Jonathan Lowe won one of Jamaica's two gold medals clocking 2:34.12 minutes in the 100-metre freestyle swimming final.

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Jamaican culture is transmitted through traditional song and choreography with Queens-based Braata Folk Singers. Photo by Tequila Minsky

Brooklyn Museum celebrates Caribbean culture

By Tequila Minsky

The Brooklyn Museum in collaboration with CaribBeing propelled its culture loving public into the Carnival spirit on Aug 1.

This first Saturday of the month — Target Saturday — celebrated Caribbean heritage through Caribbean music, art, film, and word. Through-

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Steel pan rocks the square

By Alley Olivier

The sun is shining. There is music in the streets. Sounds like the start of a great summer day to me.

Downtown Brooklyn is providing free entertainment every first and last Thursday of the month for any passerby, group, tourist or music junkie.

Kicking off the July series, the sweet sounds of the steel pan accompanied by keyboard and bass flooded Albee Square to start everyone's early morning. Daniel Pardis brought his two-year-old daughter out to dance to the steel drums. "I wanted my daughter to see the steel drums and dances," Pardis said.

Providing the island tunes is none other than JahPan, a steel drum band comprised of Bajan Brian Walker on keys, Haitian Adrien Lagagneur on bass

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The McCrary Sisters.

Lincoln Center

Spirit-stirring sounds of gospel at Lincoln

By Tequila Minsky

Lincoln Center Out of Doors is wrapping up its three weeks of music and dance performances this weekend. There will be six more free outdoor concerts, all devoted to American Roots music.

On Friday, August 7, The Fairfield Four teams up with The McCrary Sisters launching a weekend of American Roots music. The "Rock My Soul" program will reveal how the spirit-stirring sounds of gospel sparked the rock and R&B revolution.

Singing in the traditional African

American a cappella gospel style that they have been known for since the group's inception almost 100 years ago, The Fairfield Four continue to perform original, tightly harmonized pieces and traditional favorites. Their show begins at 7 pm at Damrosch Plaza.

At 10:30 pm, the "Rocky Horror Show" will screen silent with sound transmitted via headphones.

Meanwhile at Lincoln Center's Hearst Plaza, the chilled-out, futuristic, soul vibes of denitia and sene, at 7 pm, will evoke reminiscent sounds

of Massive Attack, The Fugees, or the late-night atmospherics of The xx.

At Damrosch Plaza, Bluegrass and swings will fill the air on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2 pm. And, Bob Dylan's Highway 61 at 7pm will be performed by slew of grammy winning singers (this will also be streamed live at www.LincolnCenter.org/LC-live.)

Sunday, Aug. 9, another Americanfest concert is at 3 pm with performances evoking pop, twangy, and hard rock and also country, bluegrass, and western swing standards.

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Adult revelers decked out in costumes from three sections of the band "Under the Sea."

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

Mas 'Under The Sea'

By Tangerine Clarke

At the tender age of 24, Trinidad-born costume designer Assata Rodriguez is already making headway as one of the up and coming bandleaders to watch. She is diligent and steadfast in her quest for perfection — qualities revelers will take to the parkway to revel in "Under the Sea."

Now in her second year of competition, Rodriguez who garnered her experience under a familiar big band will vie in the medium band group with both kiddie and adult bands, portraying all things found under the sea.

Inspired by her four-year-old daughter Zoe, the designer is adding the finishing touches to costumes for 70 revelers and 70 kids who will mas in pieces representing Mermaids, Seashells, Fishnet and other designs to the depict the beauty under the ocean.

"This is a phenomenal experience for me," said Rodriguez, owner of Inspire by Zoe children's custom wear, who always look for ways to express herself, and using carnival as one of the ways to do so.

The collection made use of spandex, and other fabric to created both the men, women and kids costumes, and embellished with lots of glitter, rhinestone, studs and streamers.

And since the theme takes its inspiration from the sea the designer used just enough feathers to highlight the headpieces, and then used eye-catching colors such as aquamarine, peach, and white, trimmed with sequins.

Located at 8920 Ave. D, at the corner of 89th Street in Brooklyn, the camp is open from Monday through Sunday to put everyone in the carnival spirit said Rodriguez, who also hosts a weekly Sunday play day for children. The camp will also hand out 1500 backpacks on carnival weekend.

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Rhythm Catcher's 'SCANDALOUS BOLLYWOOD'

By Nelson A. King

The Brooklyn-based Rhythm Catcher International is stepping out of the box this year in presenting "Scandalous Bollywood" for Labor Day.

"We decided to do something different and step out the box," said Sasha Cameau, the band's administrative assistant, in a Caribbean Life interview.

Cameau said the portrayal is based on a movie starring "Mr. HD himself," soca artiste Machel Montano.

Cameau said "Scandalous Bollywood" comprises 11 sections, including Karnival, Love, Freedom, Beauty, Allure Uncaptured, Royal Glam, Fantasy Peacock and Spice.

She said each section comprises a maximum of 50 masqueraders.

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

"We haven't won yet, but our time is coming," she assured, adding that masqueraders can expect "great music, a loving staff, food, beverages and, most of all, safety."

Cameau said preparation is "going accordingly," with "a lovely staff who works around the clock to make sure needs and deadlines are met."

The camp was founded in 2013 by Trinidadian Anton Reynolds, who has over 20 years of mas-making experience, Cameau said.

"It has always been Anton's dream to produce mas ever since he was a little boy back home," she said.

Masqueraders will sway to the sounds of DJs Sterling Silver, Elegance Sounds, and Desperado.

Rhythm Catcher International can be followed on Instagram at [rhythm_catcher_int](https://www.instagram.com/rhythm_catcher_int).

Cameau and Reynolds can also be reached at (347) 656-0115 or (347) 681-4053.

The mas camp is located at 787 Rogers Ave., between Martense St. and Linden Blvd. in Brooklyn.



Jonelle Jackman portrays "Ganesh."

Photo by Nelson A. King

Cruise, company reunite to topple terrorist group

"Mission: Impossible Rogue Nation"
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated PG-13 for action, violence and brief partial nudity
Running time: 132 minutes
Distributor: Paramount Pictures



A scene from the movie "Mission: Impossible Rogue Nation."

By Kam Williams

Rogue Nation is the fifth installment in the Mission: Impossible franchise featuring Tom Cruise as the dashing and daring Ethan Hunt. This episode has everything you'd expect from an action-oriented espionage thriller: international intrigue, irresistible eye candy and edge-of-your-seat fight and chase sequences.

Just past our unflappable protagonist's death-defying airplane stunt in the picture's opening scene, we find him

put out to pasture and retiring to Europe where he soon disappears from the grid entirely. It seems that his Impossible Mission Force (IMF) is being disbanded by the U.S.

Senate Oversight Committee at the behest of CIA Director Alan Hunley (Alec Baldwin), an inept, if well-intentioned bureaucrat.

A governmental directive for

IMF spies to come in from the proverbial cold gives evil a license to thrive, especially the Syndicate, a clandestine confederacy of assassins bent on what else but world domi-

nation. Ignoring the orders of his superiors, Ethan instead recruits former colleagues William (Jeremy Renner), Benji (Simon Pegg) and Luther (Ving Rhames) for help in toppling the power-hungry terrorist organization. And the team of veteran sleuths is ably assisted in that endeavor by Ilsa (Rebecca Ferguson), an inscrutable double-agent with mysterious motives.

Directed by Christopher McQuarrie, MI5 is as cerebral and multi-layered as it is high-octane and visually-captivating. Overplotted to the point of incomprehension, this is one brainteaser you might be better off not bothering to decipher. I say, simply sink into your seat and soak in the sweeping panoramas, the IMF team's infectious camaraderie, and wave after wave of their derring-do, whether by land, sea or air.

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Independent & Foreign Films

Assassination (Unrated) Historical drama, set in 1933, revolving around Korean resistance's plot to kill the military commander of Japan's occupy forces. Co-starring Ji-hyun Jun, Jung-woo Ha and Jung-jae Hee. (In Korean with subtitles)

Call Me Lucky (Unrated) Prestige biopic chronicling the enduring standup career of irreverent, funnyman Barry Crimmins. Directed by Bobcat Goldthwait, and featuring commentary by fellow comics Margaret Cho, Kevin Meaney and Patton Oswalt.

Cop Car (R for violence, profanity and brief drug use) Kids do the darndest things thriller about a small-town sheriff's (Kevin Bacon) pursuit of the ten year-old delinquents (James Freedson-Jackson and Hays Wellford) who took his patrol car for a joy ride. With Camryn Manheim, Shea Whigham and Kathleen Bentley.

The Diary of a Teenage Girl (R for profanity, drug use, underage drinking, graphic sexuality and frontal nudity) Coming-of-age saga, set in San Francisco in the Seventies, about a rudderless rebel (Bel Powley) who embarks on an ill-advised affair with her mother's (Kristen Wiig) handsome boyfriend (Alexander Skarsgard). Cast includes Christopher Meloni, Austin Lyon and Abby Wait.

The Gift (R for profanity) Suspense thriller about a happily-married cou-



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

ple (Jason Bateman and Rebecca Hall) whose life is turned upside-down after a chance encounter with a high school friend (Joel Edgerton) in possession of an unsettling, decades-old secret about the husband. With Busy Phillips, David Denman and Allison Tolman.

Homme Less (Unrated) American Dream deferred documentary chronicling the plight of homeless, former fashion model Mark Reay who keeps up appearances by day, while sleeping on a Manhattan rooftop at night.

The Prophet (PG for mature themes, violence and sensual images) Animated adaptation of Khalil Gibran's epic poem. Voice cast includes Liam Neeson, Salma Hayek, Quvenzhané Wallis and John Krasinski.

The Runner (R for profanity and sexuality) Nicolas Cage handles the title role in this potboiler, set in New Orleans in the aftermath of the BP Gulf oil spill, about an idealistic but flawed politician whose career is ruined by a scandalous affair. With Connie Nielsen, Sarah Paulson, Peter Fonda and Wendell Pierce.

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'Welcome to the Motherland of Afrika'

By Nelson A. King

This year, New Horizon wants everyone, including masqueraders, to feel "Welcome to the Motherland of Afrika," as the Brooklyn-based mas band competes in the annual West Indian American Day Carnival Parade on Eastern Parkway.

Band leader Trinidadian Diane Walkes said the portrayal is essential in bringing back "the roots of ancestors."

She told Caribbean Life that "Welcome to the Motherland of Afrika" comprises five sections for both children and adults, with about 25 masqueraders in each.

The sections are: Coming to America, Ashanti, Somalia, Zulu tribe and Zanya.

With masqueraders from "all over the world," Walkes, who has been in the carnival business for over 32 years, said the 12-year-old New Horizon's goal is to



New Horizons' masquerader Jaja Saunders portrays "Zulu Tribe."

"always to out-better ourselves each and every year."

"New Horizon has performed over the years, as we win some, we lose some; but we always make a place in kiddies category," she said.

"Masqueraders can expect from New Horizon the same treatment they always receive — which is all about pleasing them,

so they will come back each and every year," added Walkes, stating that preparations are "going well."

"We are in the month of August, and most of our production lines are expected to finish new week," she said.

Walkes said she has been making costumes since a "little girl," when her uncle, Rodrick Snell, played mas in Trinidad and Tobago. She said Snell also played mas in New York.

She said masqueraders and revelers will sway to the hypnotic sounds of DJs Verstalie Soundz, Infrared Sounds, Riddim Junction and Problem Child.

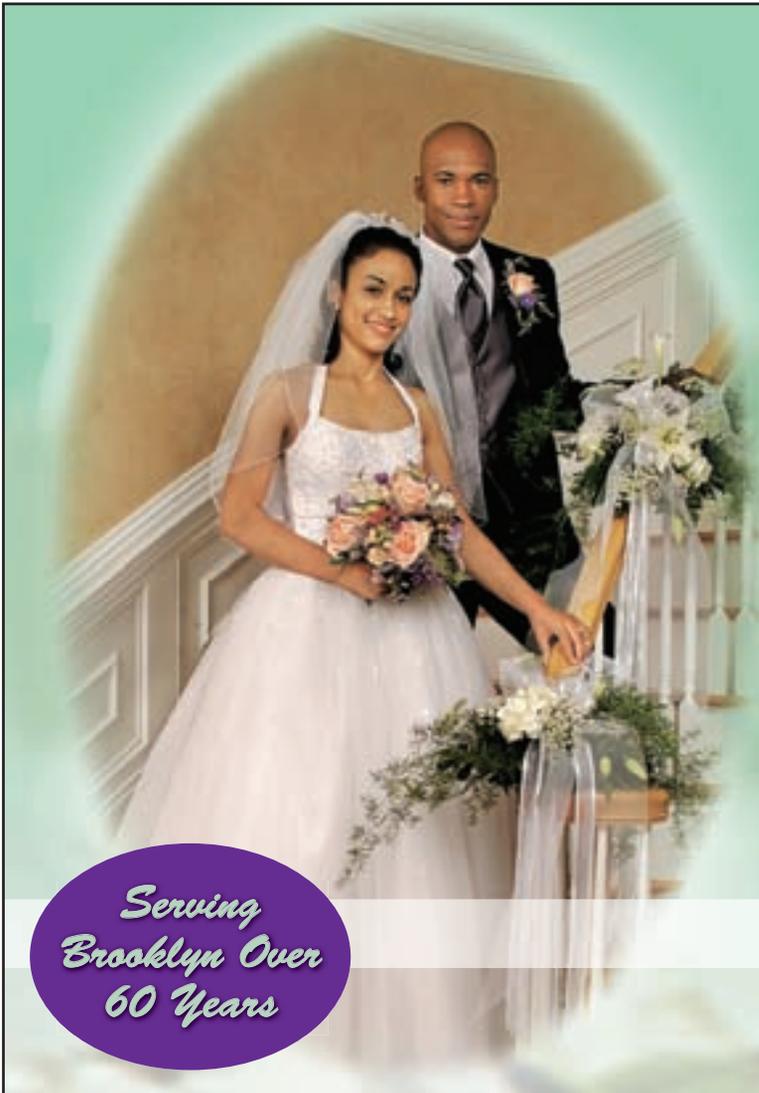
New Horizon, formally known as Gemini Production, is located at 1421 St. John's Pl., corner of Utica Avenue in Brooklyn.

Walkes can be reached at (917) 285-3295 or (845) 542-4711; or email at mwalkes1989@gmail.com.



Kyearah Constantine portrays "Coming to America."

Photo by Nelson A. King



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OMI
- 4 **Shut up & Dance**
Walk the Moon
- 5 **See you Again**
Wiz Khalifa Feat. Charlie Puth
- 6 **Fight Song**
Rachel Platten
- 7 **Lean On**
Major Lazer & DJ Snake ...
- 8 **Hey Mama**
David Guetta
- 9 **Honey, I'm Good**
Anfy Grammer
- 10 **Worth It**
Fifth Harmony Feat. Kid Ink

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Woman**
Jill Scott
- 2 **Southpaw: Music...**
Soundtrack
- 3 **VII: Strum Und Drang**
Lamb of God
- 4 **Calibraska**
Jack & Jack
- 5 **Not An Apology**
Bea Miller
- 6 **DS2**
Future
- 7 **Pound Syndrome**
Hopsin
- 8 **1989**
Taylor Swift
- 9 **Black Rose**
Tyrese
- 10 **The Blade**
Ashley Monroe



Gospel

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At Hearst Plaza at 3 pm, singer songwriter Iris Dement will draw from her musical vocabulary of hymn, gospel, and early country folk.

The whole series wraps up with at 7 pm with the Lyle Lovett and his Large Band. The Texan singer and bandleader “effortlessly bridges the genre gap between big-band jazz and the Grand Ole Opry. He spices his sound with bits of blues, bluegrass and grassroots folk, his reedy voice being the consistent, unifying factor among the styles” (John Serba of MLive).

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The Fairfield Four.

Photo by Lee Olsen



The Braata Folk Singers performing at the Brooklyn Museum.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

Braata

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out the day, museumgoers were reminded that the Caribbean Day Parade with all its festivities is just around the corner.

At the light-infused entrance hall — the Ruben Pavilion — BombaYo performed its mixture of West African, Taino and Spanish percussion with the traditional Afro Puerto Rican bomba.

Bomba is about the encounter and creative relationship between dancers, percussionists, and singers as was explained by troupe artistic director Dr. Drum Jose Ortiz, who plays percussion, dances, and explains, “Our music talks about our people; it’s an awakening. I’m the messenger.” As cultural interpreter he embraces the culture’s African roots.

The base rhythm’s drums are broad, traditionally made

from barrels of rum. With troupe members, he demonstrated how the primo drum replicates the dancer’s steps, not the other way around. Flamenco and African dance is evident in the movements.

Participation was more than just grooving in your seat. Encouraged to participate, select audience members demonstrated their finesse on stage. The audience cheered as Therese, clearly a senior, made her wary eyes twinkle, as she playfully danced with the drums.

Ortiz explained, “Therese started dancing four years ago. It’s never too late. She is 87.”

Performing in the Cantor Auditorium, the Braata Folk Singers presenting song from Jamaican cultural roots with choreographed dance, in something quite different — almost an operetta form. Well-known songs in the folk tradition inspired audience members, seen mouthing the words.

Lower East Side resident Alex Coleman confessed that she didn’t quite understand the lyrics sung in Jamaican patois. “But, the song and dance were so good, I didn’t care. I loved it,” she said.

The Braata Folk Singers seek to promote and preserve Caribbean folk culture and its history. The group fuses music, movement and drama with an emphasis on cultural context. Included among its repertoire is a wide range of folk forms including mento, kumina, dinki-mini, revival, ring games and nine night as well as reggae and dancehall.

At the outdoor “Pop-Up Carnival” in the sculpture garden, steel drum performers, mas camp-costumed Brooklynites, and soca and reggae supplied more contagious Carnival spirit.

Meanwhile, programs continued indoors. Cuban jazz pianist Elio Villafranc blended sounds from the Latin Caribbean islands, Haiti and Jamaica.

Steel pan

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and Trinidadian Patrick Davis on tenor steel pan. “Steel pan plays all types of music. It can play for everybody,” Davis said.

Playing popular tracks such as Bob Marley’s “Everything Gonna Be Alright,” “Still The One,” “Soca,” John Legend’s “All of Me” and closing with “Hot Hot Hot,” various day camps, construction workers on their break, nannies and idle shoppers stopped to enjoy the music.

“We were just browsing walking around and then I heard the announcement,” Mydele Lindo, an East New York resident, said. “We grew up on that. My cousin used to play, so this is great. I always envy people who play these things because it’s a lot of work but they’re doing a great job.”

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JahPan brings music to Downtown Brooklyn.

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Christ the King's T.J. Curry during a game against Boys and Girls High School. Associated Press / Hans Pennink, File

Hoopsters play at Greenwich Village

By Robert Elkin

Basketball players and fans of all ages from kids to senior citizens jammed one park, and some of them brought their own chairs, in the Greenwich Village area of Manhattan during the summer to engage in a basketball league whether as spectators or players to take in some of the action.

Past players, who starred at one time
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Red Steel is CPL champ

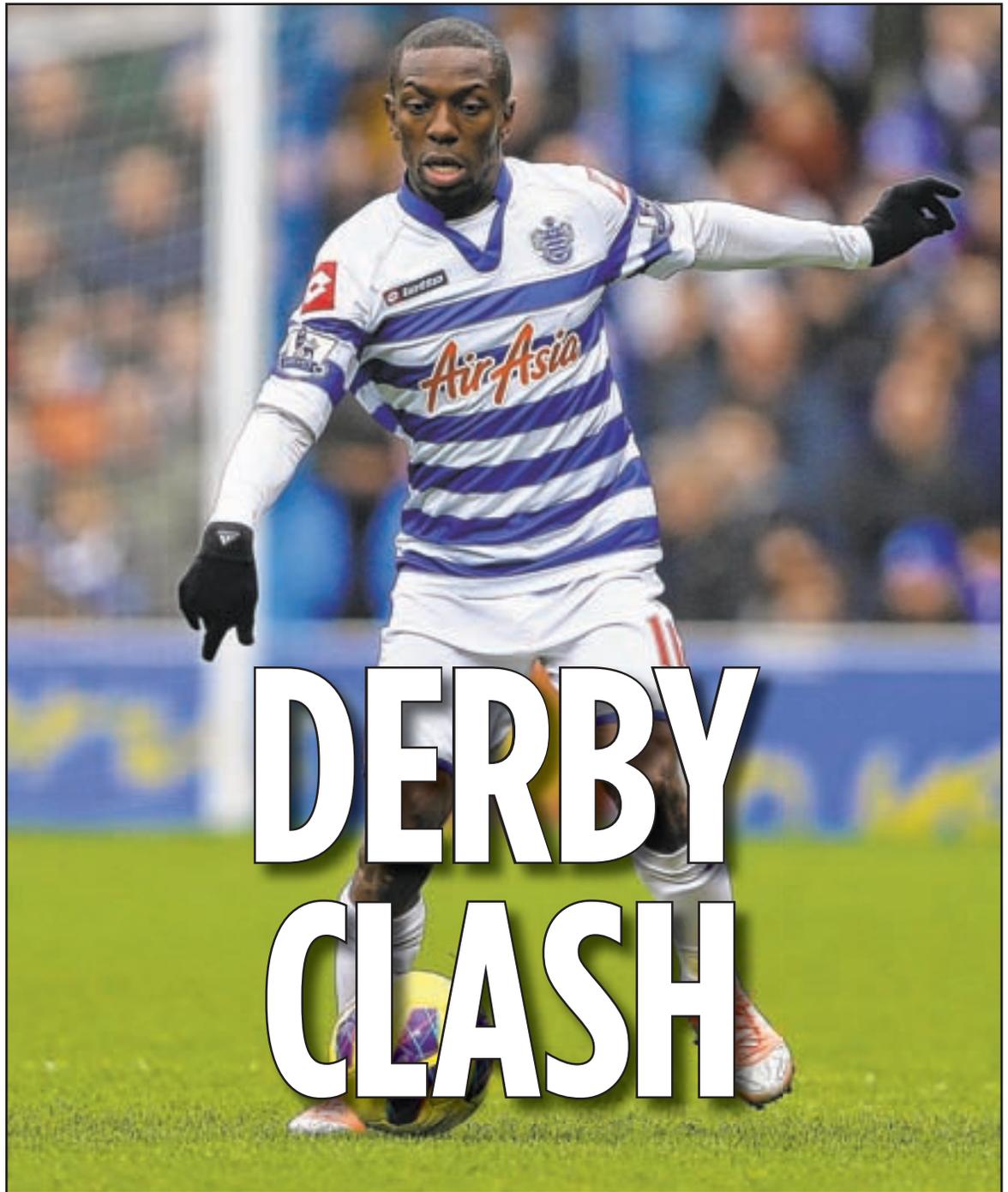
By Azad Ali

Trinidad and Tobago Red Steel was crowned the 2015 Caribbean Premier League (CPL) T20 champion when the team defeated the Barbados Tridents at the Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain, Trinidad on Sunday, July 26.

The team led by Dwayne Bravo took home the US\$400,000 first prize.

Set 179 runs to win the match, the Tridents were in the game until the penultimate over when Bravo allowed just 10 runs, leaving spinner Sulieman Benn to do the job in the last over, which he kept tight, as big-hitting Tridents captain Kieron Pollard and Jason Holder realized they were on the losing end and batted out the final two overs.

Thousands of Red Steel fans were
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Queens Park Rangers' Shaun Wright-Phillips is seen in action playing against Tottenham Hotspur during their English Premier League soccer match at Rangers Loftus Road stadium in London. He now plays for the New York Red Bulls. Associated Press / Alastair Grant, File

NY Red Bulls, NY City FC in final game

By Patrick Horne

The third and final edition of the local 'Hudson River' derby between the New York Red Bulls and New York City FC kicks off at 7 pm on Sunday at Red Bull Arena in Harrison (NJ), and based on the increasingly competitive atmosphere in

the past games, this third matchup promises to be a dandy.

Both teams have improved since the second game at Yankee Stadium back on June 28, when 48,047 fans sold out Yankee Stadium and witnessed the New York Red Bulls rally from a 1-0 halftime deficit to defeat

New York City FC, 3-1, and secure area bragging rights. The Red Bulls hosted and won the first game, 2-1, in front of the first sellout crowd on May 10.

This second game saw an eclectic atmosphere at Yankee Stadium,
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on the professional level, tried to make a comeback, if they so desired, to do what they did at one time. Players competing on the high school level last winter and still have not made up their mind as to the future would like that college scholarship, if they have not received one, providing they focus the right way. Another professional could be in the making if he moves in the right direction.

The hoopsters have their league games on the West 4th Street court on a schedule basis, as there are two different categories, one for high schoolers and the other for an Unlimited Division. This latter division featured the high school graduates and for some the college graduates who still want to advance another level. They have been competing under game conditions and have been trying to improve on their weaknesses.

There were two male games, and then one Legends contest, to highlight the festivities on a recent Saturday. There were many first time players in the high school category of the West 4th Street League, and some of them shined on the court in front of hundreds of spectators, with many of them standing to watch the competition.

"Scoring points don't matter in a game like this," said Greg Meade, who will soon enter the borough of Manhattan Community College, located near the league's site, near to City Hall.

"It's a good experience to play in a league like this, and at the same time the players are of different ages. I, myself, still must work on different parts of my game," said Meade.

In the Unlimited Division all-star game, one very exciting, T.J. Curry took a pass from Travis Flagg and scored the winning basket for his team. Curry loves the atmosphere of playing basketball. He played one year at Post University in Connecticut and is looking forward to transfer out. He is in his first year of playing in the West 4th Street League. He is looking forward to move on and perform the best as he could in his new atmosphere.

During the summer, the players competed in such an environment; all the players were trying to have fun and demonstrate show what they could do on the court. This all-star game proved to be a wonderful event.

Then there was former Hofstra University student athlete, Max Margolis who coached the Legend all-stars, who competed in the Legend event.

"Nothing was as good as playing at 'the Cage,' he said. "Fans get into 'it,' We played on small court but the atmosphere is tremendous."

"All you want are good games, and for the players to give 100 percent," added Coach Les Pines," after the Legends Game.



New York City FC's Andrea Pirlo, center, of Italy, follows the action during the second half of an MLS soccer game against Orlando City SC at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, July 26, 2015, in New York. New York defeated Orlando 5-3.

Associated Press / Jason DeCrow

Harrison team adds more firepower

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with deafening sounds amid omnipresent colors of Red Bull Red on one level and NYCFC Powder Blue on another; the players fed off this atmosphere and produced a very competitive game, worthy of its derby billing.

Now, here comes the encore!

Since the last meeting, the Red Bulls (9-6-5, 32 pts.) climbed to second place in the Eastern Conference behind DC United after three straight wins: the Red Bulls beat New England Revs 4-1, Orlando, 2-0, and last Saturday knocked off Philadelphia, 3-1. Its only loss came in a 2-1 set-back at Columbus Crew back on July 4.

In the win at Philadelphia, new addition Shaun Wright-Phillips — brother of the team's leading scorer, Bradley

— had a very productive debut as he led the Red Bulls to its first win over the Union (6-13-4) this season. On entering the game in the 60th minute, he immediately caused problems for Philadelphia with his speed and forced Union defender Tranquillo Barnetta to foul him in the penalty area to set up Sacha Klejstan's penalty for a 1-0 lead. Sebastien Le Toux tied the game for the home team, but Shaun Wright-Phillips went to work again in the 74th minute and used his speed again to fly past Union defender Ray Gaddis to find his brother for the winner and Bradley's ninth goal of the season; Anatole Abang finished the scoring for the Red Bulls, which lost its two previous games this season against Philadelphia.

The Harrison team has added more

fire power on Wednesday when it announced the signing of 25-year-old Argentine winger Gonzalo Veron from Club Atletico San Lorenzo in the Argentine Premiere Division, and according to Red Bulls coach, Jesse Marsch, the player is versatile.

"We are excited to add Gonzalo to our club," said Marsch. "We think he fits into the style that we want to play. He is a young, exciting player with the ability to play a few different attacking roles. He has the potential to be a dynamic player in this league."

New York City FC also added fire power to its squad and has made significant strides; the team went 2-2-1, winning twice, while dropping two games and tying one. Italian midfield maestro Andrea Pirlo, in his debut, scored and assisted in NYCFC's biggest win of the season so far, a 5-3 thrashing of Orlando City FC on July 26. The week before, NYCFC was involved in another high-scoring game, a 4-4 draw versus Toronto FC at Yankee Stadium. Forward David Villa has picked up his game and has scored 11 goals so far, and Ghanaian midfielder Kwadwo Poku also has been a bright spot for the New Yorkers. The dependable Thomas McNamara is always coming up with the late goal to bail out his team on occasion.

The long-awaited debut of former England midfielder Frank Lampard came in the second half of a 3-2 home loss to Montreal Impact last Saturday, Aug. 1. Lampard's presence made a big difference in the team, however, his introduction to the game came too late to make a difference in the outcome.

Red Steel

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jumping and started celebrating when the final over was being bowled as the Tridents needed 20 runs in the final over. The Tridents ended their innings on 158 for four in the 20th over.

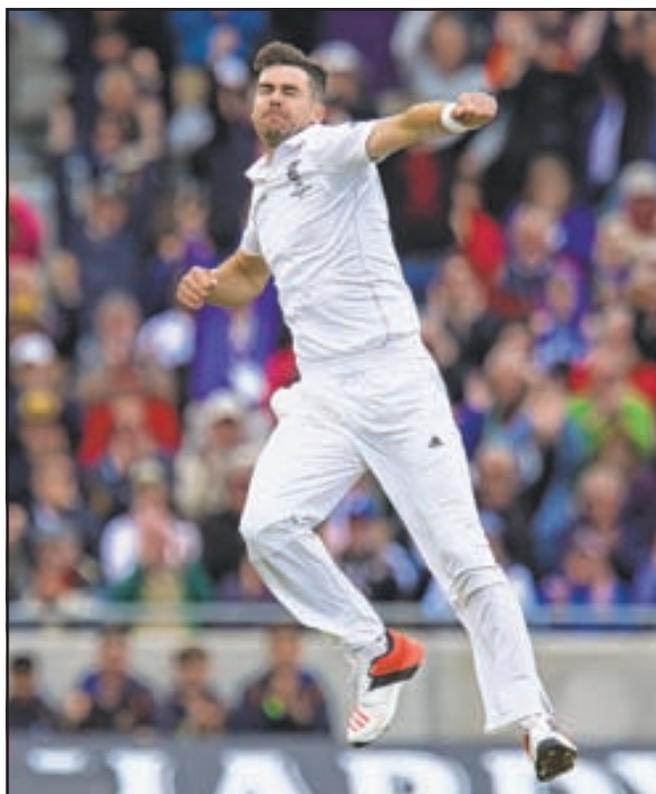
The Red Steel moved up from the bottom of the table to second place which earned them a place to play in the finals.



Red Steel celebrates their victory against Barbados Tridents at the Queen's Park Oval, Trinidad.

Photo courtesy Sunshine newspaper

England has the upper-hand in Ashes Series



England cricketers have shown much muscle with their 2-1 lead over Australia in the Ashes Series. In spite of England's Captain Alastair Cook failures, the middle order England's batting have produced sufficient runs in order to elevate the team to lead the series. Joe Root and Ben Stokes along with all-rounder Moeen Ali have contributed significantly. Fast bowlers James Anderson, Stuart Broad and Steven Finn created much havoc on the Australian batsmen.

PACE AND MOVEMENT

On many English wickets, the ball does not come on to the bat and Australian batsmen such as David Warner, Captain Michael Clarke and Shane Watson have to do much adjusting. Steve Smith had a good innings at Lords with a double century but in the third Test he was beaten by pace.

ADAM VOGES FAILS IN ENGLAND

Adam Viges, the Aussie batsman who scored a century on debut in the Caribbean, is



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

about to lose his place because of his poor performance. Shane Watson has already been dropped from the second and third Tests. Batting poses a huge problem for Australia in the Ashes Series. To add to their misery, England's batsman Ian Bell is back in form stirring the ball beautifully. Ben Stokes and Jos Buttler have to give good support with the bat in order for England to maintain the momentum in the last two Tests. Moeen Ali is doing an incredible job batting at number eight. England will win the series.

JAMES ANDERSON INJURED

English pacer James Anderson is injured and will be replaced by Mark Wood or Mark Footitt. Left-hander Footitt is very quick and bowls with appreciably swing.

BRAD HARDEN DROPPED

After 12 matches, Australia's vice captain and wicket keeper batsman is averaging 16 runs per innings and clearly that is a reason to be dropped.

Note: What are the West Indies selectors doing with captain Denesh Ramdin who has failed as captain and batsman? Ramdin must be dropped from the West Indies team. Shane Dowrich must replace Ramdin as keeper and new captain selected. Devon Thomas should come in as the QOI and Twenty20 wicket keeper batsman. Changes must be made.

England's James Anderson celebrates after taking the wicket of Australia's Michell Marsh, caught by Jos Buttler for 0 on the first day of the third Test match of their five-match series between England and Australia at Edgbaston cricket ground in Birmingham, England, Wednesday, July 29, 2015.

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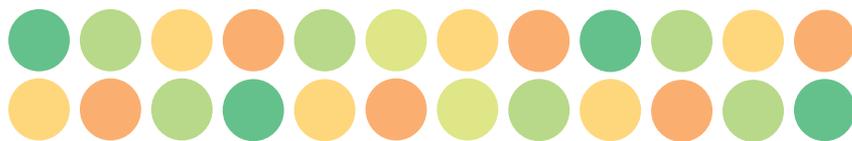
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THE RISE OF SNEAKER CULTURE:

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MOMA PSI WARMUP: MoMA PSI, 22-25 Jackson Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101, Queens; Saturdays, 12 – 9 pm, Now – Saturday, Sept. 5; \$18.00. MoMA PSI’s highly anticipated “Warm Up” now in its 18th year is an outdoor music series which introduces audiences to the best in experimental live music, sound, and DJs — both local and international — across a range of genres. “Warm Up” supports both established and emerging artists by creating a platform that allows for experimentation and providing a space for collaboration, new material, and side projects. RSVP by visiting <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/warm-up-baauser-skept-dj-slimzee-tory-lanez-sicko-mobb-dark0-joej-labeija-tickets-17085819145?aff=es2>.

THE BIG TERRIFIC COMEDY SHOW: Cameo Gallery, 93 N. Sixth St. between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street, Brooklyn; (718) 302-1180; www.cameony.net; Wednesdays, 8 pm; Free. Standup comedy, hosted by Max Silvestri.

FRI., AUG. 7

WORK OUT ASTHMA ZUMBA STYLE: Emblemhealth Neighborhood Care, 206-20 Linden Blvd., Queens; (866) 539-0999; www.ehnc.com/Locations/Cambria-Heights.aspx; 1 – 2 pm; Free. Join us for a fitness class that is friendly and fun. It uses the Zumba formula, with modified moves and

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AUG. 15: Emblemhealth Neighborhood Care, 206-20 Linden Blvd., Queens; (866) 539-0999; www.ehnc.com/Locations/Cambria-Heights.aspx; 10:30 am – 12:30 pm; Free. Have fun and stay healthy, wear comfortable clothes. RSVP: (866) 539-0999.

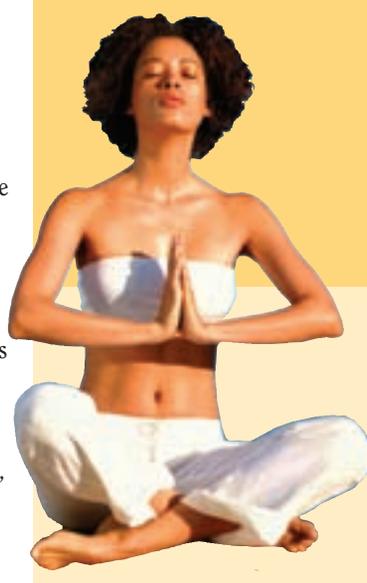


COMEDY SHOW

AUG. 14: Paramount Theatre, 370 New York Ave. in Huntington, NY, Queens; (631) 683-8194; www.paramountny.com; 8 pm; \$21.25 - \$37.25. Actress / comedian / television personality Sunda Croonquist (ABC-TV’s “The View,” Jewish Life Television’s (JLTV) talk show “James and Sunda”) joins comedy “Bad Boy” Mike Marino for the East Coast swing of his “Presidential Comedy Tour” for a night of laughter.

LUNCHTIME YOGA

AUG. 7: BRIC, 647 Fulton St. (Enter on Rockwell Place) Brooklyn, NY 11217, Brooklyn; (718) 683-5600; 1-2 pm; Free. Join us for lunchtime yoga and music, co-presented by Bend + Bloom Yoga and featuring an instructor and musical accompaniment.



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THIRD WORLD / AWA SANGHO: Prospect Park Bandshell, 9th Street & Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215; 7:30 pm; Free. THIRD WORLD, a group of friends who found their own place in this rich ecosystem, “seamlessly fusing reggae with soul and pop” (Billboard). They caught Marley’s eye, were

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SAT., AUG. 8

MAKING GHANA PIES: Court Tree Collective, 371 Court St. between Carroll Street and First Place, Brooklyn; (718)

422-7806; www.courttree.com; 3 – 5 pm; \$30. This tropical Ghana hands-on class is all about making traditional delicious pies from start to finish with three optional fillings – turkey, fish and vegetables.

ROY PIERRE BAND LAUNCHING: Caribbean American Bar and Lounge, 1640 Nostrand Ave. (Bet. Tilden and Beverly Rd), Brooklyn; (718) 282-1229; 10 pm – 4 am. Join Roy Pierre and Associates for their 2015 band launching “The Jolly Roger.”

MON., AUG. 10

SITTING ZUMBA: Noon-1 pm. Emblemhealth Neighborhood Care. See Friday, Aug. 7.

TUES., AUG. 11

STOMP, CLAP & SING WITH ROLIE POLIE GUACAMOLE: Central Library, 10 Grand Army Plaza Brooklyn, NY 11238, Brooklyn; (718) 230-2100; 11 am-12 pm; Free. Frank Gallo’s musical style blend’s acoustic rock, funk, and folk with catchy sing-alongs. Kids are encouraged to dance, shake, and use their imaginations in this musical adventure with Rolie Polie Guacamole.

WED., AUG. 12

CELL PHONE LITERACY: Emblemhealth Neighborhood Care, 206-20 Linden Blvd., Queens; (866) 539-0999; www.ehnc.com/Locations/Cambria-Heights.aspx; 10:30 – 11:30 am; Free. A cell phone can help you connect with loved ones and friends. Join us for a hands-on demonstration to learn how to send messages, photos and texts and learn other helpful features of your cellphone. Please bring your device. RSVP:(866) 539-0999.

THURS., AUG. 13

LANDLORD TRAINING: Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of East Flatbush, 2806 Church Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226, (718) 469-4679; www.nhsof-eastflatbush.org; 6 pm. Are you a small landlord or thinking about becoming one? This workshop will help you become well informed and effective. Topics include leases, the Fair Housing Act, understanding NYC regulations, repairs, responsibilities, tenant rights and more. A course fee does apply. Discount for existing homeowners. Sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of East Flatbush, a not-for-profit housing organization. Call (718) 469-4679 for more details.

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ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20
You're very good at marching to the beat of a different drummer, Aries. But keep in mind that sometimes it's advantageous to follow along with what others are doing.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you hope that others appreciate what you are doing for them this week. You may not get a verbal thank-you, but expect some to show their appreciation in other ways.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, many people are willing to lend you a helping hand when you need one. Make the most of their generosity, and then give back whenever possible.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, enjoy the fruits of your labor this week. You worked hard, and now is a great time for you to rest, relax and catch up with some old friends. Good times are ahead.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, leave room for others to share their opinions after expressing your own. It never hurts to see another's point of view, and a loved one's opinion may prove enlightening.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, a heavy workload may force you to regroup and start over next week when you have more energy and inspiration. This is just a temporary setback.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, now is the time for a change, however big or small that change ultimately may be. You may benefit from adopting a new hobby or changing careers.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Your life can't always be a bundle of excitement, Scorpio. Sometimes you have to sit back and enjoy those periods that are not so on-the-go. Relish in the slower pace.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, others are looking to you for advice this week. Give any inquiry the thoughtful consideration it deserves, doing your best to take others' concerns to heart.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, even if you have a million ideas running through your head, push them aside in favor of some much-needed rest. You need to take some time for yourself.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, embrace the coming days as a chance to distinguish yourself at work. Extra work presents an opportunity to put your value to the company on display.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Romance is in the air, Pisces. Enjoy this exciting time and take things slowly at first. Enjoy the slow pace and get to know your new love interest.

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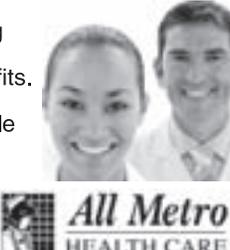
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STATE OF NEW YORK
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File #: 588902
Docket #: V-01751-15
SUMMONS

In the Matter of a **Custo-
dy/ Visitation** Proceeding
**Erica Carmen Leiva
Santos,** Petitioner, -
against-
**Melvin Geovanny Bonil-
la Reyes,** Respondent.

IN THE NAME OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK:

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of the Family Court Act
having been filed with
this Court, and annexed
hereto

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MONED** to appear before
this court on

Date/Time: August 4,
2015 at 10:00 AM

Purpose: Conference

Part: Special Referee 4
Floor/Room: Floor 2/
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Presiding: Christopher
Pizzolo, Referee
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and to be dealt with in
accordance with the
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pear as herein directed,
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Dated: June 16, 2015
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titions brought pursuant
to Article 4, 5, 6, 8 and
10 of the Family Court
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grounds for obtaining
personal jurisdiction over
the respondent is limited
to the issue of the re-

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**SUPREME COURT -
COUNTY OF KINGS NA-
TIONSTAR MORTGAGE
LLC,** Plaintiff against

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JOEL ROSENTHAL, De-
fendant(s). Pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered on May
18, 2015. I, the under-
signed Referee will sell at
public auction in Room
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Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on
the 10th day of Septem-
ber, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.
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1775 Schenectady Ave-
nue, Brooklyn, N.Y.
11234. (Block: 7773,
Lot: 24). Approximate
amount of lien \$
113,065.87 plus interest
and costs. Premises will
be sold subject to provi-
sions of filed judgment
and terms of sale. **Index
No. 500280-13.** Ste-
phen Vincent Barbaro,
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