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Pope visits Cuba

Pope Francis meets families in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Asuncion, in Santiago, Cuba, Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015. Pope Francis left Cuba on Tuesday for his first trip to the U.S., wrapping up a four-day visit to the communist island with an appeal to the people to rediscover their Catholic heritage and live a "revolution of tenderness." See story on page 9.

L'Osservatore Romano / Pool photo via Associated Press

BORDER DISPUTE WORSENS

Venezuela ups pressure on CARICOM neighbor

By Bert Wilkinson

Ever since U.S. oil giant Exxon Mobil reported a huge oil and gas find off Venezuela in early May, authorities in neighboring Venezuela have turned up the pressure on neighboring Guyana, laying claim to the concession area, ordering the company to quit work and telling other global firms not to bother to begin seismic offshore work.

In the past week, the administration of economically and politically embattled President Nicolas Maduro moved troops and heavy military equipment to the eastern part of the country in what Guyanese officials said were clear signs of an escalation of tensions over where their land and marine boundaries actually end.

Guyanese President David Granger, a retired army general who won general elections in May, said his long years of military training had prepared him to recognize what is behind the moves by Venezuela as he put his Caribbean trade group headquarter nation on alert to things Venezuelan.

The troop and military deployment that Venezuelan authorities dubbed as a routine and normal readiness exercise came a few days before Granger is scheduled to address the United Nations to press demands for the World Court in The Hague, Netherlands, to rule on the border demarcations once and for all.

This is inspired of an 1899 settlement. Continued on Page 5

Clarke praises US on taking refugees

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke has welcomed the United States' decision to increase the number of refugees allowed to resettle in the country to 100,000 annually by 2017, an increase from the current number of 70,000.

"These individuals are desperate. We

have a responsibility to help," said Clarke, who represents the ninth Congressional District in Brooklyn. "I commend the Department of State and President Obama on their decision to increase our efforts to offer safety to these refugees."

"But we must continue in our efforts

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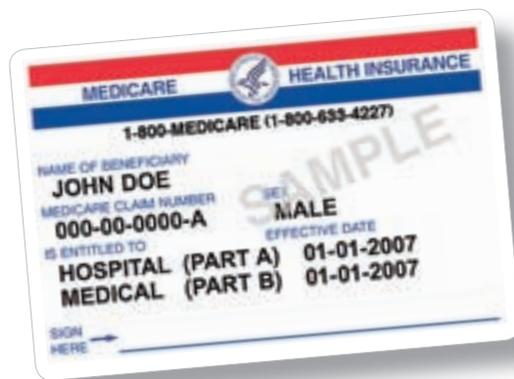
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From left, Ronny Wasserstrom, Alfred Lama, Neil Mitchell and Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez.

Vinette K. Pryce

Mitchell, Lama visit Brooklyn's most diverse co-operative

By Vinette K. Pryce

It's not often that Americans get to know the people associated with the landmarks named in their honor.

With buildings, highways and byways dedicated to the legacies of presidents, politicians, celebrities and achievers of magnanimous deeds, it was an eye-opening and truly joyous occasion when an entire Brooklyn community met direct descendants of the lawmakers responsible for penning legislation enabling their residency and affordable housing.

Nevertheless, on the last Saturday of the summer, Sept. 19, state and congressional legislators converged on Lindsay Park to herald 50 years of affordable housing in the borough and also co-name a thoroughfare in honor of its pioneers.

Mayor Bill DeBlasio sent Dan Abramson to represent his office and also bear witness to the 50th anniversary celebrations and the co-naming ceremony designating Mitchell-Lama Way.

Organized by a group called Shareholders for the Betterment of Lindsay Park, the occasion invited Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, City Councilman Antonio Reynoso and Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams to join investors who paid into a landmark housing model in 1965.

Located at Leonard Street between Boerum Street and Montrose Ave, the only public thoroughfare dedicated to the 1955 bi-partisan Mitchell-Lama legislation enabling middle-income New Yorkers to purchase cooperative units in high-rise buildings is now in the center of Lindsay Park.

The golden celebration hailed Lindsay Park, its seven towering 22-floor edifices, trailblazing board members and committee volunteers who throughout five decades succeeded in preserving its cooperative status as the most diverse Mitchell-Lama in the nation.

US weighs abstention on Cuba embargo vote at UN

By Bradley Klapper and Matthew Lee

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration may allow the U.N. to condemn America's economic embargo against Cuba without a fight, The Associated Press has learned, an unprecedented step that could increase pressure on Congress to end the 54-year-old restrictions.

As it does every year, the U.N. General Assembly will vote as early as next month to demand the embargo's end. But this time, U.S. officials told the AP that the United States could abstain instead of voting against the resolution as it normally does.

It is unheard of for a U.N. member state not to oppose resolutions critical of its own laws. And by not actively opposing the resolution, the administration would be effectively siding with the world body against the Republican-led House and Senate, which have refused to repeal the embargo despite calls from President Barack Obama to do so.

The U.S. and Cuba restored diplomatic relations this year, and leaders of the two countries want to improve commercial ties. But the embargo remains.

"Obviously, we have to obey the law," State Department spokesman John Kirby told reporters Monday. "It doesn't mean you can't take a position that you want the law changed."

No final decision on how to vote has yet been made, said four administration officials who weren't authorized to speak publicly on sensitive internal deliberations and demanded anonymity. White House spokesman Josh Earnest also declined to weigh in because he said the proposed resolution wasn't final. He noted, however, that U.S. policy has changed since the last time the



In this July 20, 2015 file photo, members of the Security Council vote at United Nations headquarters. The Obama administration may abstain for the first time from the annual United Nations vote condemning the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba, officials told The Associated Press. If the administration abstains, it would mark a radical departure for the United States. It has always previously voted against U.N. resolutions directly criticizing American law.

Associated Press / Seth Wenig, File

world body assessed the embargo.

The very idea of an abstention prompted immediate Republican criticism.

Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio, a Cuban-American senator from Florida, said that by abstaining, Obama would be "putting international popularity ahead of the national security and foreign policy interests of

the United States." The embargo, he said, denies money to a dictatorship that can be used to further oppression.

General Assembly resolutions are unenforceable. But the annual exercise has given Cuba a stage to demonstrate America's isolation on the embargo, and it has underscored the sense internationally that the U.S. restrictions are illegitimate.

Therapy Wine Bar spreads the love

By Alley Olivier

Bedstuy wasn't so "do or die" Saturday Sept. 19 during an annual shop local block party that has shrunk in size but has kept a big heart.

Orchestrated by Therapy Wine Bar as a way to celebrate six years in business on Lewis Avenue between Macon and Halsey Streets, owners Anthony Williams and Angela Terry reeled in their neighboring businesses, regular patrons, and family members to participate.

"We got to take it back to the people. We brought Bedstuy's living room out into the street," Williams said.

"Always got to bring the other businesses in to show that it is one love, the Brooklyn way," Terry added.

In previous years, the Shop on Lewis Avenue Street Festival spanned about four or five blocks thanks to what was

then Breadstuy. Following an unfortunate fire, Lloyd Porter packed up shop and moved to a new location renaming his business Bread Love.

"We created this festival, Shop on Lewis Avenue. It would've been in its 16th year and we're happy to be back. We're glad to be here serving the community, to keep the continuity of what makes the neighborhood a neighborhood," Lloyd Porter, owner of Bread Love, said.

Native residents of Bedstuy appreciated the resurgence of the block party. Despite taking over just one block — rerouting the B 15 bus in the process — residents were treated to live performances, tasty meals, and vendors offering everything from home décor, nail polish, jewelry, and clothes.

"Years ago they used to have it extended for like four or five blocks,

it was more vendors out here and you had such a diverse atmosphere," Andre Dubose, Bedstuy native, added. "It's all about the people, this is amazing."

Keeping it all about the people, the street was filled with patrons enjoying a day of painting and sipping under the sun and children armed with smiles and bubble guns.

For Shayshan MacPherson, known as Phearnone, a regular performer at Therapy Wine Bar, the block party encompassed everything he loves about Brooklyn. A Bronx native and Jamaican American, MacPherson kept the crowd's attention with his violin playing popular hip-hop and reggae sounds.

"I love Brooklyn and Therapy Wine Bar always shows love to me. It's dope to see all of the musicians getting along, smoothly going from one act to the next," MacPherson said.

Caribbean

A Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Science, Technology and Innovation Committee (CSTIC) team will visit Cuba later this month to explore collaboration and co-operation in the field of science and technology.

Professor Emeritus Harold Ramkissoon, chair of CARISCIENCE, will head the delegation.

The visit has been facilitated by Guillermo Vaquez Moreno, the Cuban ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago.

The delegation is expected to hold meetings with the officials of the Ministry of Science and Technology and Innovation, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Cuban Academy of Sciences and visit international well-known science centers, such as the Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology and the Center for Molecular immunology.



Ramkissoon is a foreign member of the Cuban Academy of Sciences and the recipient of the Key to the City of Havana for his contribution to the development of science and technology in the wider Caribbean.

Antigua

Cybercriminals are targeting bank accounts of individuals and businesses in Antigua and Barbuda.

The Office of the National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy (ONDCP) has warned.

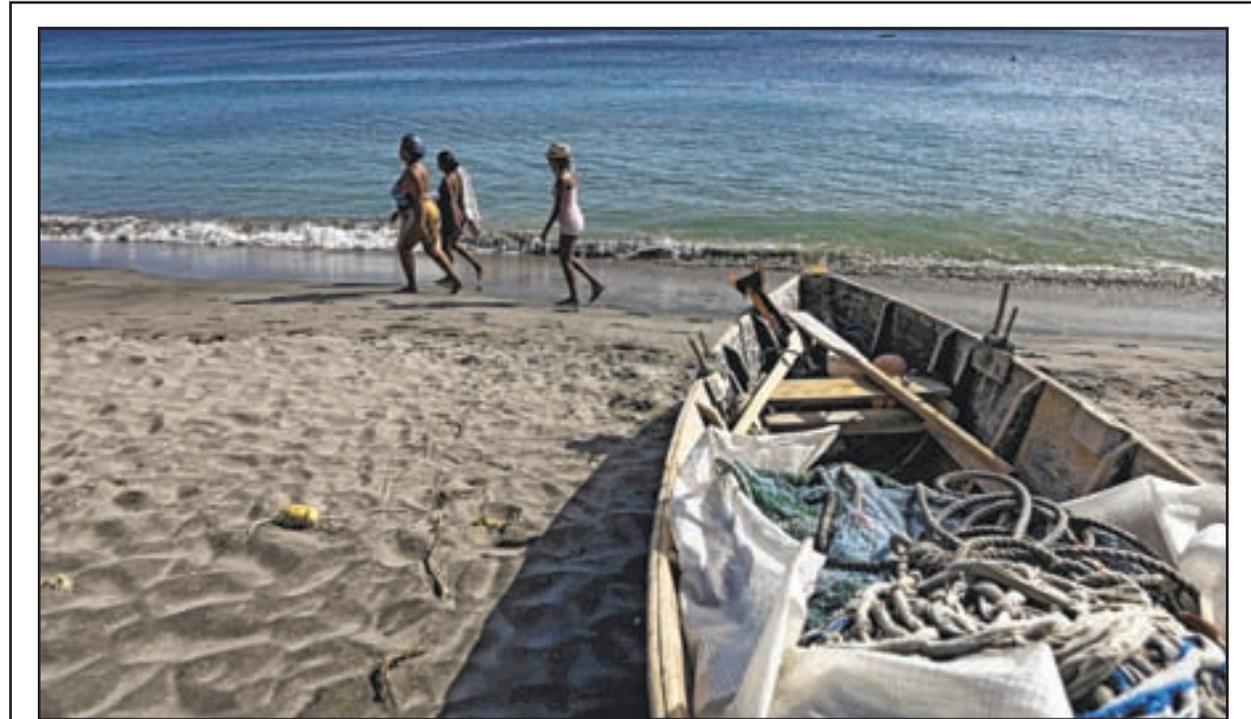
The agency said it had received several reports about criminals using a scamming technique known as "phishing" to send fraudulent email messages luring victims into providing information such as credit card and bank account numbers, passwords and long-on details.

The information is used to access online banking applications and steal funds from the accounts of victims.

ONDCPO said once the criminal gain access to the account, he solicits individuals via email or social media by offering them well paid job as mystery or secret shoppers which require them to pose as customers and evaluate the services of various money transfer business.

"The cyber conman then transfers the funds from the account holder to the unsuspecting individuals and instructs them to keep a portion of the money as payment and send the balance via a money transfer business to another jurisdiction where he then collects it," the agency said.

The anti-money laundering agency has encouraged individuals who receive unauthorized account deposits not to



Beach time in Dominica

Women walk along the coastline in Mero, just north of Dominica's capital, Roseau, Saturday, June 6, 2015.

Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco

withdraw the money or conduct any transactions with the funds, but to immediately contact their financial institutions and report the matter.

Bahamas

Police arrested 16 Jamaican women at two night clubs in the Bahamas during an anti-crime operation recently. They were among 20 other people who were held for various offences including murder and possession of drugs.

Police said the Jamaican women, who were held at two night clubs are suspected to be involved in prostitution.

They were taken into custody for solicitation for prostitution and breach of the Immigration Act.

Investigators also confiscated a large amount of cash from the women believed to be the proceeds of crime. The owners of both clubs were also arrested for breach of the Business License Act and solicitation for prostitution, a police statement said.



Dominica

Dominica has begun to rebuild after the impact of Tropical Storm Erika, which devastated the tiny Caribbean island, leaving some 30 people dead and hundreds homeless.

A Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) released said assessments con-

tinue to the country's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, sites and attractions, which are critical to the country's productivity and tourism industry.

The Douglas-Charles Airport remains the only port which continues its clean-up towards reopening.

Canefield Airport, the ferry terminal and both cruise ports — Roseau Cruise Ship Berth and the Woodbridge Port — were unaffected by the storm.

So far utilities have been restored to a majority of the island, more specifically water has been restored to about 70 per cent of the island and electricity has been restored to 97 percent of the island.

Television and internet service has been restored to the majority of the island, the CTO release said.

All sea ports remain functional, but the Douglas-Charles Airport remains closed as crews clean up and assess the damage.

Haiti

An International Monetary Fund (IMF) mission recently visited Haiti to review economic developments and held discussions with the authorities on the 2015-2016 budget.

The team led by Christopher Walker issued a statement saying Haiti continues to implement its IMF- supported

program in challenging circumstances.

"The country is facing a significant drought, with crop estimated as high as 50 percent in the most-affected areas. In the face of this negative shock, and with a decline in construction linked to the drop in public investment, economic growth in 2014/2015 (ending Sept. 30) is expected in the one-

two percent range," the statement said. Despite electoral-year spending pressures, the central government budget has registered significant improvements.

Revenues have risen more than 20 percent from last year, and are close to the program's target levels, while expenditure controls on current spending have prevented slippages in the current balance.

With the decline in the international oil price of oil, however, assistance through the PetroCaribe program has dropped precipitously, leading to a sharp reduction in public investment," it said.

The team expects to return to Port-au-Prince in November.

Guyana

The Guyana government and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) have extended congratulations to the People's National Movement (PNM)

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Venezuela moves upsets Guyana

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ment by an international boundaries commission that had demarcated the land boundaries as a full and final dividing line.

Venezuela appears to have been rattled by the fact that Exxon Mobil had not only ignored its edicts to cease work and quit the area like Anadarko of Texas did under gunboat pressure in 2013, but because Guyana could soon be a very wealthy country, perhaps rivaling Venezuela with oil and gas resources.

Officials have said that the Liza 1 well of Exxon is humungous in both oil and gas resources and the firm will drill five more in the new year.

But academics such as Guyanese political scientist Freddie Kissoon are of the strong view that Maduro, a former bus driver, is moving to whip up local nationalism because he is under tremendous political pressure from the U.S. and local opposition forces at home.

Kissoon said Venezuela is short of basic items such as toilet paper, condoms, deodorant and American dollars so he “is trying to divert attention away from those problems he has.”



Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff, left, and Guyana's President David Granger pose for photos as leaders arrive for a Mercosur Summit at Itamaraty Palace in Brasilia, Brazil, Friday, July 17, 2015. Mercosur is a South American trade group.

Associated Press / Joedson Alves

“He needs the breathing space. The Hugh Chavez economic model has collapsed on him. The only logical explanation for the situation with Guyana is to divert away from his situation at home. President Clinton did it. Maduro is now doing it with Guyana and to a lesser extent with Colombia.”

But politicians like Granger think otherwise, largely because the military aggression has been accompanied by some serious developments since May.

Refugees need assistance

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to provide assistance to the millions of people who are now at risk, as a result of persecution based on their religion, their race or nation of origin, or their political beliefs,” added Clarke, who, with 71 of her colleagues in the House of Representatives, had urged President Obama to increase the annual number of refugees who are allowed to resettle in the United States to 130,000.

“The values we share as a civil society include the basic principle that the rights of every person are entitled to respect,” Clarke continued. “We have the opportunity to act on that principle by welcoming families and children who want to escape the fear of persecution based on their identity or their beliefs.”

She noted that there are now 60 million refugees around the world, more than at any time since the end of World War II.

Clarke said this crisis requires every nation – particularly nations such as the United States with substantial resources available – “to provide assistance to protect the safety of families and children fleeing from conflict and persecution.”

She said the current instability in Syria has displaced more than four million people, “yet only 1,400 Syrian refugees have been allowed to resettle in the United States.

“The many refugees who have risked death by attempting to travel in the desert without supplies or by sea on inadequate boats demonstrate the seriousness of their situation,” Clarke said.

On Sunday, Secretary of State John Kerry said the Obama administration will increase the number of worldwide refugees the United States accepts each year to 100,000 by 2017.

“This step that I am announcing today, I believe, is in keeping with the best tradition of America as a land of second chances and a beacon of hope,” said Kerry, adding that it “will be accompanied by additional financial contributions” for the relief effort.

The American move, announced after Kerry held talks in Berlin with his German counterpart, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, still falls far short of the global demand for resettlement from people who continue to flee turmoil in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries, according to the New York Times.

It noted that four million Syrians have fled to other countries, and hundreds of thousands of others from the Middle East and Africa have been pouring into Europe.

Kerry said the United States would explore ways to increase the overall limit of refugees beyond 100,000, while carrying out background checks to ensure that their numbers are not infiltrated by terrorists.

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Jamaica improving educational system: World Bank

Dame Janice calls for integrity of judiciary

By Nelson A. King

The World Bank says Jamaica is taking "big steps" in improving its educational system.

The Washington-based financial institution said the Caribbean island is "transforming its education system and building the capacity of a network of institutions to improve the quality of its educational services."

The bank said Jamaica has achieved universal enrollment of students from early childhood through the primary levels up to grade nine.

"However, there remains an urgent need to raise the standards and improve the quality of education," it said. "The major challenges in the sector included sector governance, shortcomings in teaching and learning quality, equitable access, and enrollment at the higher levels of the secondary system."

But the bank said Jamaica's first national development goal is to empower its citizens to achieve their full potential by providing world-class education.

Recognizing the importance of an improved public service delivery system in realizing this goal, the World



In this Feb. 2, 2015 photo, eight-year-old Kayla Lewin answers a question in her all-girls classroom at a co-ed primary school experimenting with single-sex education in Kingston, Jamaica. Associated Press / David McFadden

Bank noted that Jamaica has launched an ambitious Education System Transformation Program (ESTP).

It said the initiative aims to improve learning through a decentralized accountability framework.

The cornerstone of the program is a restructured Ministry of Education,

supported by six newly established independent agencies that are accountable for results, quality assurance, service delivery, and monitoring of reforms, the World Bank said.

The agencies are: Central Ministry, Department of School Services (DSS), Jamaica Teaching Council (JTC), National Council for Education Leadership (NCEL), National Education Inspection (NEI) and National Education Trust (NET).

In November 2009, the World Bank approved funding for the Education System Transformation Capacity Building Project to support the Jamaica education sector reform and build the capacity of these agencies.

It said the overall result is a "comprehensive network of institutions working together to support learning for every student."

"The government established a framework to provide a legal entity for each of the new agencies," the bank said. "It substantially built the capacity of the newly established agencies and adopted a School Improvement Act focused on enrollment and learning for all school age children."

By Nelson A. King

Chief Justice of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, Dame Janice M. Pereira, has urged the legal profession to uphold the integrity of the judiciary.

The chief justice's remarks were delivered in St. George's, Grenada during the special sitting of the Supreme Court to officially open the 2015-2016 Law Year on Thursday. The address was simulcast in the British Virgin Islands (BVI), as well as in eight other member-states and territories of the sub-regional Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

During her hour-long address, Pereira stressed the need for a holistic approach to safeguard the individual and institutional independence of the judiciary, according to a BVI government statement.

She said that the existence of an independent, effective and competent legal profession is a key element in safeguarding and promoting the independence of the Judiciary.

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Pontiff arrives in Cuba with message of solidarity

By Nelson A. King

Amid tears and cheers, Pope Francis, the architect of the United States-Cuba rapprochement, began his historic trip to Cuba on Saturday with a message of solidarity and reconciliation, according to reports here.

After his flight from Rome, Pope Francis touched down at José Martí International Airport in Havana, greeting the Cuban people by noting that this year marks the 80th anniversary of uninterrupted diplomatic relations between Cuba and the Holy See, according to the Miami Herald.

"Today, we renew these cooperative ties and friendship so that the church can continue to support and encourage the Cuban people in their hopes and concerns with the freedom, means and spaces necessary to carry the proclamation of the kingdom to the existential peripheries of society," he said in remarks on the tarmac.

"For several months, we have witnessed an event that fills us with hope: the process of normalizing relations between two nations after years of estrangement," he added.

The Pope's nine-day visit that also includes the United States comes as the former Cold War foes continue to normalize relations.

The pope played a crucial role in thawing the relationship when he personally appealed to U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban leader Raúl Castro last year and hosted a meeting at the Vatican as the countries worked in secret to end more than a half-century of animosity, the Herald said.

After a welcome ceremony that featured a military salute and a brass band playing the Cuban national anthem, Castro gave his welcome before Pope Francis spoke.

In a 15-minute speech, Castro repeated calls for the U.S. to end its embargo of the Spanish-speaking Caribbean

island, describing the embargo as "cruel, immoral and illegal," according to the Herald.

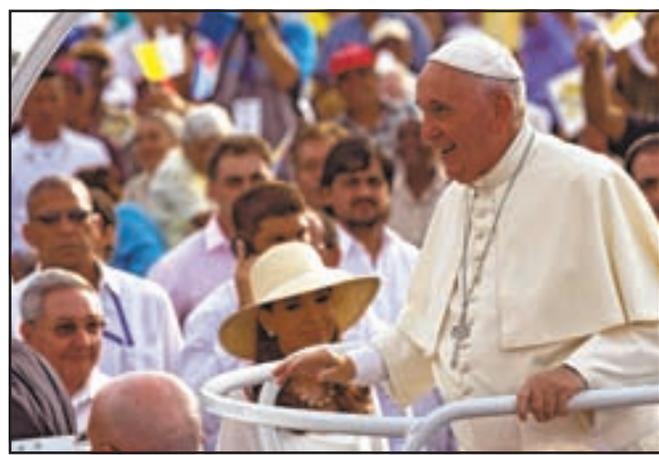
The Cuban leader also called for the return of the U.S. Navy base at Guantánamo Bay.

He thanked the pontiff for mediating discussions between Cuba and the US, stating that he will be in New York next week when the Pope addressing the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

While in Cuba, Pope Francis will visit three cities: Havana, Holguín and Santiago, the Herald said.

In El Cobre, an old copper mining town outside Santiago, the Pope will deliver the homily during a Mass celebrated at the shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Charity, the patroness of Cuba.

But as he arrived in Havana, the Pontiff faces a new challenge altogether: Having helped open up Cuba to the world, the first Latin American pope must now try to fully open up Cuba to the Roman Catholic Church, the New York Times said.



Cuba's President Raul Castro, behind left, and Argentina's President Christina Fernandez, in hat, watch Pope Francis arrive for Mass at Revolution Plaza in Havana, Cuba, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015. Ismael Francisco / Cubadebate Via Associated Press

"It is an occasion to ask for more openness," said the Rev. Jorge Cela, who oversaw the Jesuit religious order in Cuba from 2010 to 2012. "The relationship is not easy."

For decades, the Cuban church has been wary of inciting the wrath of a Communist government that all but marginalized it after the 1959 revolution, when priests were cast out, religious schools were closed and the state was declared atheist, the Times said.

It said some call this caution wise pragmatism, noting that

the Cuban government has gradually loosened its grip.

But critics, according to the Times, contend that the Cuban church has been too timid — eager to maintain close ties with the government, at the expense of speaking out for greater political and religious freedom in Cuban society.

"We could do more," said the Rev. José Conrado, an outspoken Cuban priest based in the central city of Trinidad, speaking by telephone. "The church should not back off, even if doing so is difficult and problematic for the church itself."



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The Century of the Centenarians

By Joseph Chamie

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 2015 (IPS) - With improving life styles, advances in medical science and technologies and declining mortality rates at older ages, the 21st century is witnessing the remarkable rise of centenarians, people who are aged 100 years or older.

The estimated number of centenarians worldwide – now close to a half a million – has nearly tripled since the start of the century compared to a 20 percent increase in the world's total population. And while the world's current population is projected to grow by around 80 percent by the century's close, the number of centenarians is expected to increase by nearly 60 fold, reaching more than 26 million by the year 2100 (Figure 1).

Centenarians represent a small fraction of the world's current population of 7.3 billion, about 6 per 100,000 population or one centenarian out of every 16,000 people. Over the coming decades, however, this rate is expected to increase rapidly and by the close of century is projected to reach 236 per 100,000 or one centenarian out of every 425 people.

Today the countries with the largest numbers of centenarians are the United States (72 thousand), Japan (61 thousand), China (48 thousand), India (27 thousand) and Italy (25 thousand). Together those five countries account for about half of the world's centenarians. By midcentury those countries will to continue to occupy the top five positions and with substan-

tially greater numbers of centenarians: China (882 thousand), Japan (441 thousand), United States (378 thousand), Italy (216 thousand) and India (207 thousand).

In terms of the highest rate of centenarians per 100,000 population, the top five countries are Japan (48), Italy (41), Uruguay (34), Chile (31) and France (31). At around 22 centenarians per 100,000 population the United States is in 15th place behind many European countries, such as France, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom. By midcentury Japan and Italy are expected to continue to have the highest rates of centenarians at considerably higher levels, approximately 400 per 100,000 inhabitants or one centenarian out of every 250 people.

The high proportions of centenarians observed in some countries are largely the result of their lower mortality rates and older population age structures. Japan and Italy, for example, have the world's longest life expectancies at birth (83 years), highest median ages (46 years) and largest proportions of the population aged 65 years or older (26 and 22 percent, respectively).

While it is often said that "it's a man's world", in terms of longevity women have a clear and decided advantage. In general, women tend to live longer than men, with the proportions in the oldest age groups being disproportionately women. Among the world's centenarians the proportion women is 80 percent. And of the 46 people who are certified

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On making promises to women & girls: It's time to make them real

By Dinah Musindarwezo

Recent headlines have been bleak for women and girls in the developing world: the Islamic State runs a system of sex slaves for its recruits; terrorists in Nigeria kidnap girls to marry their soldiers; women can be shot for going to school or splashed with acid if their in-laws don't like their dowries. Amid these and other grim reports is the heartening news of an international agreement to do better for women and girls worldwide: the United Nations' new 2030 Development Agenda.

Agreed upon by UN member States in early August and set for formal UN adoption this month, the 2030 Agenda emerged from more than two years of difficult negotiations on pledges that member countries will make to build upon the Millennium Development Goals, which expire this year. The MDGs guided real investments that made serious progress against poverty, but women's needs and interests got short shrift. The new framework of 17 goals and 169 targets has the promise of being truly transformative for women and girls around the world.

It addresses gender equality much more robustly than the MDGs did and recognizes achieving it as a goal in itself and not just a means to achieving other development objectives. Crucially, it recognizes the issue as cutting across every economic and social question and as

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central to ending poverty, due to the gendered dynamics of the problem.

Governments have made lofty commitments to women: to end sex discrimination, gender-based violence, child marriages and female genital mutilation; to ensure access to sexual and reproductive health care services; to protect women's and girls' reproductive rights; to recognize and value the burdens of unpaid care work on women and girls; to expand women's economic opportunities and ensure their rights to resources; and to ensure equal access to education, eliminating gender disparities in schools.

It is a tall agenda, not to say a visionary dream, for millions of women and girls worldwide. But if these fine words translate into any serious action by the 193 UN member countries, the prioritization of women's rights will ensure that inequalities are at least addressed, if not ended. That alone would be progress.

In Africa, however, we remain concerned that a lack of political will may undermine if not block the redistribution of wealth, power, resources and opportunities that is key to the process.

We worry, for example, that during the 2030 Agenda negotiations, Nigeria, Chad and Cameroon consistently called for removal of language on gender equality, reproductive rights, recognition of human rights and non-discrimination for all.

This and similar foot-dragging elsewhere fly in the face of the January 2014 agreement by African heads of state on the Common African Position, which said "No person — regardless of ethnicity, gender, geography, disability, race or other status — is denied universal human rights and basic economic opportunities." The heads of state specifically highlighted the critical links among gender equality, women's rights, women's empowerment and Africa's structural transformation.

We remain hopeful and encouraged by the majority of African governments that saw the need for gender equality and women's rights and joined other progressive states across the globe to support gender equality in the 2030 Agenda. We are inspired by the strong voices of African women and girls that constantly held their governments accountable and pushed for an ambitious, transformative agenda from the beginning of the consultations and negotiations to their last hour.

Earlier agreements with similar terms promising action for women include the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peo-

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Understandable buzz around this Pontiff

As one would expect, the first visit of Pope Francis to the U.S., including a turn in New York City, has been the biggest buzz generator around here in a while. A papal visit is always heady stuff. But in the particular case of this pontiff, in just a couple of years he has seen develop around him a rock-star aura that, it's fair to wager, was not of his deliberate crafting, but simply a testament to the extraordinary human spirit the world has come to recognize.

A Gallup poll reported the pope's favorability among Americans having dropped from a high of 76 percent in early 2014 to 59 percent this past July, when the survey was conducted. The lesser approval numbers were said to be attributable to a decline in support among Catholics and political conservatives. Which should be to no one's surprise, seeing as how Francis has staked out positions inimical to conservatives and a goodly portion of the Catholic population on some hot-button issues. The pope's famous "Who am I to judge?" response on the acceptance of persons of gay

and lesbian orientation would surely have elicited a "not good enough" reaction among conservatives. Ditto, for his strong stand against income inequality and advocacy of greater concern for the poor, his underscoring of human responsibility for despoiling the environment and other positions that run afoul of conservative orthodoxy.

But headlines about a drop in the approval numbers for Pope Francis are essentially efforts to put a negative spin on a clearly positive happening. From where we sit, the story of this first-ever Latin American pope has been as welcome a breath of fresh air, for the Catholic Church and the world at large, as could be imagined.

Francis came into the papacy after six plus years of a predecessor, Benedict XVI, who perhaps had concluded, before he voluntarily resigned in 2013, that it was futile attempting to fill the shoes of the universally beloved John Paul II, whom he had succeeded. Whatever contributed to the narrative resulting in his elevation in March 2013, it became clear almost

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

as soon as his assumption of the role, that Francis possessed the tools of charisma, good for making him, in the eyes of a world of curious observers, everything his predecessor was not. Good even for inviting comparisons to the magnetic draw of John Paul II. The difference being, of course, that John Paul's across-the-board personal likeability came packaged with a seemingly uncompromising conservatism.

Not being as strictly wedded to church tradition as was John Paul meant that Francis' appeal among Catholics encompassed the significant number who were enamored of John Paul's personal charm, but not his unswerving adherence to bed-rock church doctrine. Along comes Francis, and an amazing humility, an obviously genuine love of people, particularly the common man, and a willingness to have the church more

reflective of today's changing times are some of the formidable personality constituents we see revealed in this pope. A winning combination it is, too, apparently. A more recent New York Times/CBS News poll than July's Gallup report has Francis registering in the 80 percentile range of approval among American Catholics.

As always, though, there are the pope's critics. Among those heard from in advance of the papal visit was New Jersey's Gov. Chris Christie, who denounces the pope's having been a facilitator in the recent scaling down of tensions between the U.S. and Cuba. Christie's beef is Cuba's harboring of Joanne Chesimard, the convicted killer of a New Jersey trooper some 40 years ago. The State Department has affirmed that in continuing discussions with the Cuban government toward restoring full U.S.-Cuba diplomatic ties, the return of Chesimard and other fugitives to the U.S. will be among issues on the table. That, evidently, isn't good enough for Christie whose position underscores starkly different perceptions of

the issue from the pontiff and himself: Francis' back-channel diplomacy undoubtedly inspired by the Cuban people's long suffering through an embargo, Christie apparently driven only by a pound-of-flesh imperative.

Be that as it may, it should occasion no mystery if this pope is seen as a harbinger of things positive, by his own flock as well as those not of his faith. The simple truth is, people have quickly come to realize how exceedingly rare an individual Francis is. And everything we've learned about his pastoral tenure in Argentina tells us this has been no quick papal makeover of the man, but that a lifestyle free of ostentatious trappings, the constant reaching out to those on the lower rungs and all else we've been shown of Francis morally leading by example, have been long-standing core values that define him.

If New York and wherever else have been touched by the pope's grace somehow has gone slightly a-pe over his being in their midst, there's abundant justification for having done so.

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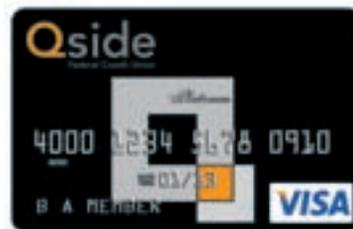
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Centenarians increase worldwide

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living supercentenarians, those age 110 or older, 96 percent are women.

It should therefore not be surprising that the oldest living person ever recorded was a woman. Jean Calment of France was born in 1875 and died in 1997, having lived 122 years and 164 days. The longest-lived man in recorded history was Jiroemon Kimura of Japan who died at the age of 116 years and 54 days.

Both Calment and Kimura achieved the status of longevity millionaire, someone who has lived at least one million hours, or to 114 years and 57 days. The chance of a centenarian becoming a longevity millionaire is currently very low, less than one in a thousand. About 30 persons have been verified to have ever lived 114 years or more.

Up until recently, the oldest living person was Misao Okawa of Japan, again a longevity millionaire who lived 117 years and 26 days. The oldest living person today is Susannah Mushatt Jones of the United States, who was born on 6 July 1899. Closely behind Ms. Jones is Emma Morano of Italy, who was born on 29 November 1899. The oldest living man is supercentenarian Yasutaro Koide of Japan, who was born on 13 March 1903.

Studying centenarians is a worthwhile and useful endeavor permitting a better understanding of the human ageing process. In particular, research on centenarians contributes to identifying ways for extending life expectancy and improving the quality of life of the elderly as they age.

Among the key factors crediting exceptional longevity are inheriting "super" genes from ones parents. The majority of those who reach 100 years have a grandparent, parent or sibling who has achieved old age of 90 years or over. Some studies have also been reported that sib-

lings of centenarians have a significantly greater chance (17 times greater for males and 9 times greater for females) of reaching their 100th birthday than others born around the same.

In addition to the important role played by genetics, especially at the older ages, some of the notable factors believed to account for long life are: (a) good health and personal habits, including diet, exercise, normal weight, low stress and no smoking/substance abuse; (b) education and high levels of cognition; (c) a strong, engaging social support system; and (d) an upbeat outlook and positive emotions with the ability to adapt to change and plan for alternatives. Many centenarians also report that they do not feel their chronological age, but think and feel years younger.

While a person's chances of living to 100 years are low, they are certainly higher than those of their parents and grandparents. One study in the United Kingdom calculated the chances for a newly born British baby living to 100 years to be one in four for baby boys and one in three for baby girls. Other studies have been more optimistic about the chances of becoming a centenarian, estimating that more half of the babies in advanced industrialized nations can expect to live a 100 years.

Increased longevity to 100 years is certainly a blessing that most individuals would like to achieve. However, the growing numbers and proportions of centenarians and other elderly persons are increasingly giving rise to critical policy questions and program issues, including retirement ages, medical care, pensions, financial investments, taxes, social services, health maintenance, rehabilitation, assisted living and caregiving.

Realizing the dream of equality

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ples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa; The Maputo Plan of Action on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; The International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action and The Abuja Declaration on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Other Related Infectious Diseases.

Isn't it time for governments to live up to these promises? We call on African leaders to integrate them and the related parts of the 2030 Agenda into their domestic political processes and policies and — most importantly — to allocate adequate and sufficient resources (financial, technical and human). Such concrete steps won't stop extremists and terrorists from continued abuses of women's human rights, but they will build a stronger founda-

tion for the millions of people who are not extremists and wish only peace and economic security for themselves and their families.

This is why we welcome the 2030 Development Agenda. With a real commitment, it has the potential to transform Africa and the world by realizing women's and girls' rights and the achievement of gender equality.

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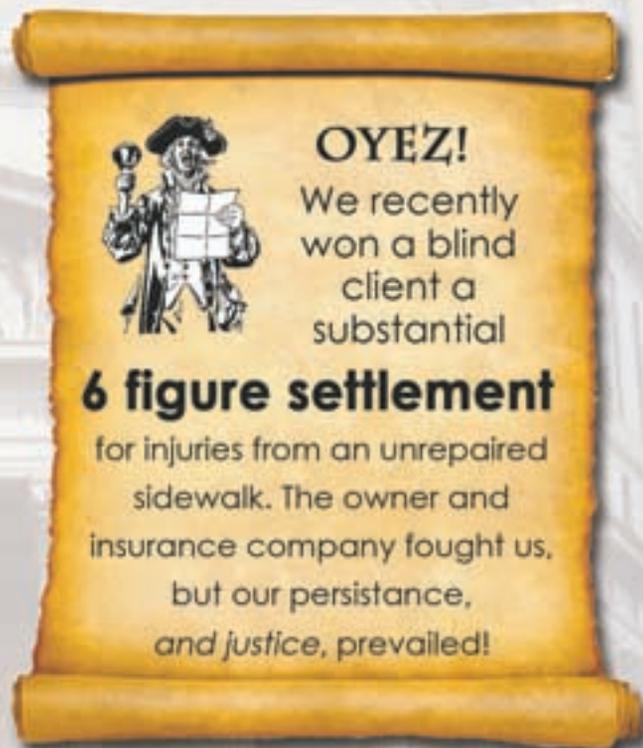
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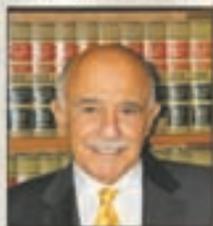
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Bringing fresh food and exercise programs to Bedford-Stuyvesant

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

The Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation has been improving the quality of life for Brooklynites since 1967.

It does this by fostering economic self-sufficiency, enhancing family stability, and promoting arts and culture. As a result, it helps transform the community into a safe, vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

A health initiative of BSRC is in the Partnership for a Healthy Brooklyn — addressing ways to combat chronic disease such as diabetes and obesity that are common to so many residents. One of the objectives is to get folks to eat healthier, and this means providing access to affordable, local and fresh fruits and vegetables.

To make it convenient, there's now a farmers' market open at the corner of Marcy Avenue and Fulton Street in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Wednesdays from 11



am to 6:30 pm, through the end of October, offering produce that is grown locally. A welcome celebration was held on July 17, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and musical performance by the students of the Noel Pointer Foundation Summer Strings Program.

Verna D. Ademu-John, the program manager, states that farmers' markets have tripled over the last decade, and that this is great news.

"The produce and other products found at the markets are fresher, and often more affordable, than pro-

duce found in the neighborhood grocery store or supermarkets," she says. "We hope to increase accessibility to locally grown fresh foods within the community through this healthy eating campaign."

No matter where you live, find the location of a farmers' market easily by texting "so good" to 877877, and entering your zip code. The farmers' market nearest you will be displayed on your cellphone.

Of course, healthy eating is only part of a good lifestyle. It's also important to exercise. Look for the ad-

vertisements on buses, subways, and in newspapers, with #FreshMovesBKNY displayed.

"This campaign is a part of a citywide effort to keep New Yorkers, especially those in underserved communities, healthy, and to drive down chronic disease in our communities," says Ademu-John. It's made possible through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Since March, Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation has hosted free fitness classes for the general public, and has encouraged residents to take advantage of the Citi Bike stations in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

"We have gone from 10 stations in Bedford-Stuyvesant to 36, recently, 26 new stations were installed," says Ademu-John. That means a lot of people can be on the move and can have access to discounted memberships. Ask about how to

obtain a discount.

Staying healthy involves educating yourself, which is why there's Wealth Building Tuesdays, a financial literacy series, offered Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 8 pm, Sept. 8 through Dec. 22. Food demonstrations, information on how to eat healthy while on a budget, and also the economics of using bikes to get around, are among the discussion topics. Others include, "What to Know Before You Say, 'I Do.'" Classes on credit ratings and debt are also scheduled. Those who wish to attend must make a reservation by calling (718) 636-6994, Mondays through Fridays, 9 am to 5 pm.

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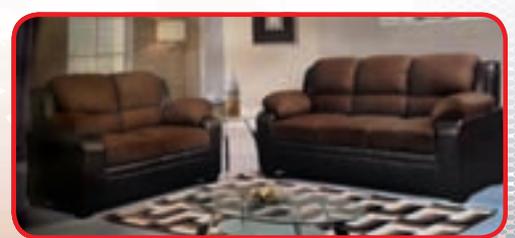
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CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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being elected to government and the party's political leader Dr. Keith Rowley on becoming Trinidad and Tobago's new prime minister. In extending congratulations, the Guyana government led by President David Granger said it has "great expectation and anticipation for continued excellent relationship with the twin-island republic."



In a message from the CARICOM Secretariat in Georgetown, Guyana, Secretary General Ambassador Irwin La Rocque said that Rowley's "long parliamentary career and his varied experience in Cabinet will no doubt have assisted in preparing him for this position."

Jamaica

Two new state-of-the-art air traffic control towers, constructed at a cost of J\$2.5 billion, are set to be commissioned into service at the island's two major international airports before the end of December.

This was disclosed by the Director General of the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA), Nari Williams-Singh.

He said the Norman Manley International Airport in Kingston, the new and old towers have been operating simultaneously since August, to facilitate a smooth transition of air traffic control services once the new facility goes into full operation.



Williams-Singh said training was a part of the construction and installation phases and continues during the parallel operations.

The JACC provides air navigation services for the estimated 178 flights per day, which traverse over the past five years. According to the director general, Jamaica has experienced continuous growth in air traffic movement over the past five years.

St. Lucia

St. Lucia recently hosted a Meeting of Parliamentary Opposition Leaders of

the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

The opposition leaders reviewed the status of the Revised Treaty of Basseterre with an update on the Economic Union.

A statement from the Castries-based OECS Commission said this is the second meeting of the OECS Growth and Development Strategy as well as the accession of Martinique to Associate Membership was among matters discussed. The meeting is expected to strengthen the capacity of Leaders of Parliamentary Opposition to share vital information on the regional integration movement with their constituents.



St. Kitts

Police in St. Kitts and Nevis are reporting a 29 percent drop in serious crime this year, although homicides remain a major concern.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Vaughn Henderson said the recently introduced six-point plan of action to reduce homicides and violent crimes in the twin-island federation is working and "police have stepped up their efforts to combat not only crime but the fear of crime in St. Kitts and Nevis."



He said from January to August 2014, there were 796 crimes compared to 561 crimes for the same period this year, which accounts for a 29.5 percent decrease.

Trinidad

The People's National Movement (PNM) led by Dr. Keith Rowley which was victorious in the Sept. 7 general election in Trinidad and Tobago won the popular vote with 51.68 per cent (378,447 votes), while the People's Partnership coalition led by former Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar received a collective total of 46.4 percent (341,597 votes).



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Eight-year-old writes book to inspire her peers

By Tangerine Clarke

Eight-year-old Anaya Lee Willabus, the youngest published author in the New York area, says it was inspiring to write a children's book, and to encourage her peers about the importance of reading.

Fresh from a world wind tour of the U.S., Canada and Guyana, to promote her titled: *The Day Mohan Found His Confidence*, the youth was busy recently, at the Annual Guyana Folk Festival in Brooklyn signing copies of her paperback when we talked about her amazing journey thus far.

"This book is not only about my experience, it's also about others, if you believe in yourself you could do anything you want to, were the words of wisdom from Anaya, who's book chronicles the life of a boy named Mohan overcoming difficult problems he faced growing up. In this very inspiring storytelling, the author tapped into the everyday challenges of her peers.

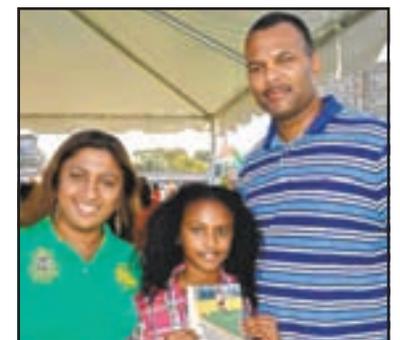
"Continue to Dream" and "Reading and Writing Will Always be a Part of Life" are my mottos, said Anaya Lee.

Born to Guyanese parents Dimple and Winston Willabus in Brooklyn, Ayana thanked her mom and dad for the encouragement they gave her.

"I want to encourage other parents to listen to their children, because you never know what they could accomplish, were the intelligent words of Anaya who fell in love with Guyana a year ago on her first visit, and was influenced by her surroundings and the children she met.

This led to her beautiful writings, and a bond she formed with students of that country. During her recent visit, she read to the children, and presented them with copies of her book.

A sports enthusiast, and avid soccer player, Anaya who also holds a Purple Belt in Shotokan Karate, hosted her first book signing event at the Bergen Beach Youth Organization in Brooklyn, and since, has become the superstar, accepting invitations to present her book at charitable events, giving back to the community in the process.



Anaya Lee Willabus and her parents Dimple and Winston at a recent Annual Guyana Folk Festival book signing in Brooklyn.

Tangerine Clarke



Jamaican Tanya Batson-Savage and author of "Pumpkin Belly & Other Stories" sits among books by other Jamaican authors in the the Caribbean Cultural Theatre booth.

Tequila Minsky

Hundreds attend 10th annual Brooklyn Book Festival

By Tequila Minsky

This past Sunday, thousands of New Yorkers who love the written word came out for the 10th anniversary of the annual Brooklyn Book Festival, one of America's premier book festivals attracting a hip, smart and diverse crowd.

Lines formed early for the dozens of panels that offered a closer look at favorite authors followed by book signings.

The Brooklyn Law School — across Joralemon Street from Brooklyn Borough Hall — held 15 panels, most with a connection to law, from roots of social justice, to the right to vote, to the affect of various rulings. In the packed "moot courtroom," Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams participated in the Civil Rights and Policing panel discussing issues of race, bias as relating to law enforcement, civil rights, and police behavior.

In a later panel, Law School President Nicholas Allard held a discussion with BBC and ABC Nightline reporter Derek Taylor on the Magna Carta (Magna Carta in 20 Places) and a riveting story by Dina Gold (Stolen Legacy — the successful restitution from Germany for Nazi-stolen family property).

Other panels held at over nine venues offered a wide range of discussions. From science-fiction, to the political, to literary, from non-fiction, to novels or poetry, there was someone of interest for everyone.

Traveling from Haiti, Kettly Mars participated with two other francophone writers whose books have been translated into English — Pierre Lemaitre from France and Fiston Mwanza Mujila



St. Kitts author Carol Mitchell is also the publisher of "Caribbean Reads" with the books she has published.

Tequila Minsky

from Congo, all set in periods of social upheaval.

Mars' novel (Savage Season) takes place during the 60s Duvalier dictatorship and explores complex motivations by her main character. "There is no heroine in my story," she shares. During the discussion, Mars told how she was a child during that time, living always under this shadow of silence when so much went unspoken.

Meanwhile under the warmth of the September sun, book lovers perused the over 500 booths of publishers and literary organizations that snaked the pathways from Brooklyn Borough Hall to Johnson Street.

Author and Caribbean Reads publisher Carol Mitchell, from St. Kitts,

with daughter Alexa, could be found at her book display in the Caribbean Cultural Theatre booth. Mitchell's press has published 24 books.

In 2006, Mitchell had written two children's books and found that local publishers were only interested in text or scholarly books. "I couldn't get anyone to look at them. I couldn't even get the pitch in," she says. She published them herself.

Other local authors of children's and adult books came to her asking for advice and assistance. Thus her publishing company emerged. She is selective in what she publishes.

Caribbean Reads carries 12 books for children under age nine, five for middle grades, two for young adults, and three adult books. Mitchell has written about half of these. While several of the books she has written are for early readers, she's now — with pressure from her 12-year-old daughter — gearing her work toward young adults. She has a four-volume fantasy / history Caribbean Adventure Series.

Mitchell has also recently attended a book tour in the Boston area. "It's great to read about children in other cultures," she says, acknowledging that her books aren't just for Caribbean heritage children. "Kids have different experiences. They're different yet they are similar too."

Tanya Batson-Savage author of "Pumpkin Belly & Other Stories" sat with the Read Jamaica collection of books by Jamaican authors that also was based at the CCT booth.



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Tea Party with flair at East Flatbush church

By Nelson A. King

Guyanese and other Caribbean nationals were in their glee and splendor Sunday afternoon in supporting the New Life Center of Truth's "grand" Tea Party in East Flatbush, Brooklyn.

Adorned in sparkling, radiant colors, befitting a very pleasant summer afternoon, patrons also wore matching hats and accessories in raising funds for the church's sound system.

"We're here to raise money for our church," Master of Ceremony Jason Brooks, whose parents hail from Guyana, told the effervescent audience, stating, that, 12 years ago, the church, which is located at 2400 Snyder Ave., Brooklyn, was much smaller and, obviously, less accommodating.

"It's the people (church members) who came every week (Sunday) and took their money (to help develop the church)," added Brooks, the church's former youth leader,



Trinidadian comedienne Susan Kennedy poses for Caribbean Life. Nelson A. King

who commutes for worshipping every Sunday from Piscataway, New Jersey. "We'll have a new sound system; so whenever you come, you will be able to hear the sound from upstairs.

"This church has made its mark in Brooklyn," continued Brooks about the New Life Center of Truth, which

was founded by Guyanese the Rev. Dr. Evelyn Rose John. Rev. John, the senior pastor, and her daughter, the Rev. Helen John, also a pastor, were in attendance. "This church is about prosperity."

Besides finger-licking delicacies and pastries, patrons were treated to an afternoon of fun and laughter at the church's Fellowship Hall.

Trinidadian comedienne Susan Kennedy had the audience in stitches with numbers from her wide repertoire.

"It is so wonderful that, despite the economy, we can still dress up," said Kennedy before getting into her acts.

There were also a hat competition, folk songs and Kweh Kweh dancers from Guyana, as well as a dance by the "Gym Buddies", performing to Calypso Rose's "Glory Be," and a praise dance by Suzette Davidson from the New Creations Ministry.

Additionally, DJ Leslie, Brooks' dad, furnished rhap-



Patrons at the New Life Center of Truth's "grand" Tea Party in East Flatbush. Nelson A. King

sodic and nostalgic music to the resplendent crowd.

"This is a lovely evening," said Gloria Layne in giving the "Vote of Thanks." "Thanks to those who took part. There were lovely hats, and we're glad that you participated in that."

Layne also lauded the other performers but was especially high in praise for Kennedy,

describing her performance as "wonderful."

"When you smile and laugh, it (they) make your heart lighter," Layne said.

Patrons included the Guyanese Ex-Prison Officers and Nurses Associations, Clublanders, the Lions Club, and the Church of Epiphany and St. Simon.

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Erectile Dysfunction — more than a quality of life problem!

BY JACK RYAN

The benefits of seeking professional treatment for erectile dysfunction may seem obvious to both the patient and his partner. But what many men don't realize is that a thorough evaluation of this condition can uncover serious threats to their health.

Dr. Vitaly Raykhman, leading urologist of the Accord Physicians Prostate Center in Sheepshead Bay along with Dr. Yuly Chalikh, says that millions of men in the United States suffer from erectile dysfunction. Typically, he said, the man can't perform at all or is not satisfied with his sexual performance. The dysfunction can surface at any age, but it is more common in men 50 years old or older.

The problem can be psychological or the impotence may be caused by physiological abnormalities. In such cases, he said, the dysfunction may be related to

diabetes or an indication of even more serious conditions. A series of clinical tests done at the Urologic Institute can help doctors determine the reason of impotence.

"It is important that men who are experiencing this problem be promptly and properly evaluated by a urologist."

Erectile dysfunction, he stressed, can be an early indicator of "metabolic syndrome," a name given to a group of factors that raise the risk for heart disease and other health threats, including heart attack and stroke.

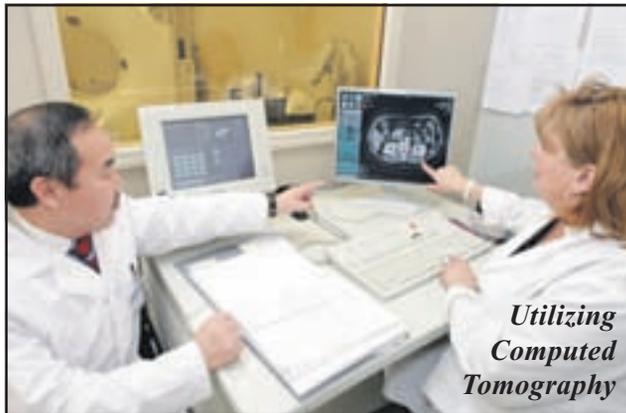
"The fact that they are bringing this problem into their consciousness can give a physician several years of lead time in heading off these far more serious medical problems," said Dr. Raykhman. "Could a visit to a urologist indirectly save a patient's life? Absolutely."

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Although surgery is sometimes necessary, "it's the last resort." Changes in lifestyle can often reverse the effects of erectile dysfunction. These include exercise, improvements in diet, and a reduction in smoking and alcohol intake. Erectile dysfunction can often be treated with medications such as Cialis, Viagra, Levitra or hormone therapy.

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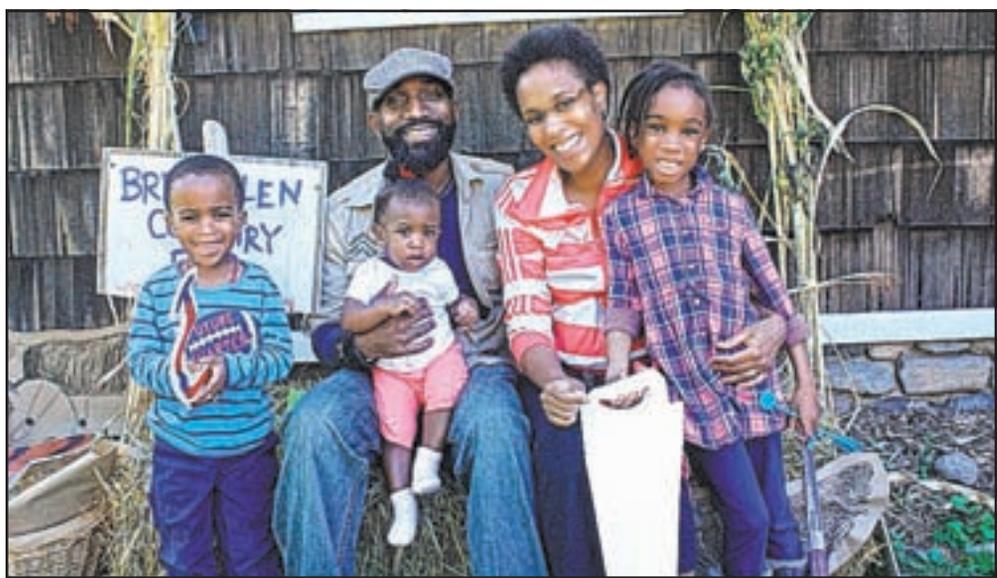
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Above: This year's entertainment will include the Sesame Flyers Steel Pan Orchestra youth band and much more.

Left: Families are invited to get their hands dirty in the Caribbean plots at the Wyck-off Farmhouse Museum.

Country fair adds in Caribbean flavor

By Alley Olivier
Before the weather takes a turn for frost, enjoy the last bit of the outdoors with Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum. Bringing the Caribbean to the farm, museum director Melissa Branfman keeps her surrounding community in

mind when choosing the right entertainment and activities to fill the day. "It's a celebration of our shared cultural heritage and shared agricultural heritage," Branfman explained. In the exchange of culture, the fair will include entertain-

ment by Sesame Flyers Steel Pan Orchestra youth band, Batingua Arts – an Afro-Caribbean dance and drum company – led by artistic director Persephone DaCosta and much more. Blending agriculture with the rich Caribbean culture,

attendees will also enjoy the Caribbean plot including staples like calaloo, scotch bonnet peppers and hibiscus. "We also have some food, island pops — a lot of Caribbean fruits in the popsicle like sorrel," Branfman said. In its fourth year, the Wyck-off Farmhouse Museum's country fair is geared to encourage kids to get their hands dirty and enjoy the historic museum's offerings through fun activities. "This is our harvest festival and it's a celebration of a very joyous year, ever year it's a little bit different," she said.

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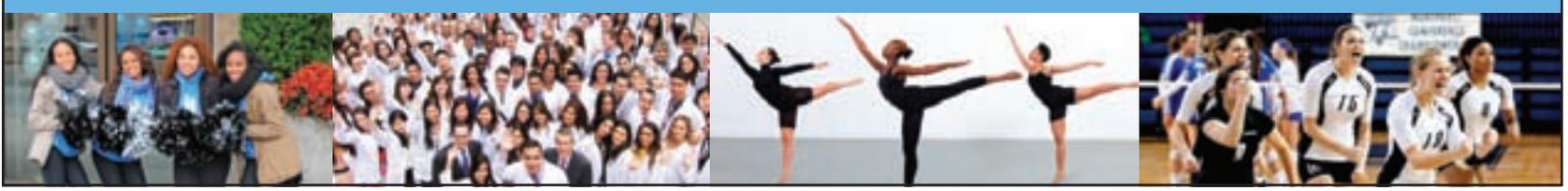


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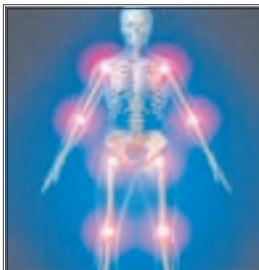
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BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

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The doctor has observed this locally, and also around the globe. When he graduated from Chiropractic school, Dr. Adamo traveled the world for five years for the purpose of exploring healing techniques. He says he has worked with patients who have had all kinds of illness — autism, scoliosis, and terrible pain in the musculoskeletal system — and his methods have allowed these patients to enjoy their lives again.

How is this possible? The doctor explains that our nerves supply life to all cells,



(Top) Dr. Adamo, wife Christina, and staff member Ali have many patients. (Bottom left) Dr. Vincent Adamo takes a vested interest in making sure patient's bodies are the best they can be. (Bottom right) Live Holistic on Bay Ridge Parkway between Fourth and Fifth avenues.



organs, and systems in the body; therefore, they are also responsible for healing it. He uses the brain as an example.

“It’s your brain, which sends messages throughout your body,” he says. “But what happens when your spinal cord is injured? You are paralyzed.”

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How to prevent eye injuries

Sight is something many people take for granted. Powerful organs, the eyes absorb imagery and the brain converts that information into data the body uses to maneuver through the world.

Risks of eye injury present themselves every day. Free-flying particles are everywhere, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that dust, metal particles, falling or shifting debris, smoke, and chemicals are some of the most common eye hazards on the job and at home. Injuries can run the gamut from corneal abrasions and irritation to loss of vision.

Millions of eye injuries that impair vision occur each year. Prevention is a person's best defense against eye injury. Wearing safety glasses or goggles is the easiest way to protect the eyes and can prevent 90 percent of eye injuries. In addition, Prevent Blindness suggests these methods to reduce your risk of suffering eye trauma:

- Provide lights and handrails to improve safety on walkways and stairs, as well as to make surroundings more visible.
- Inspect and remove debris from lawns before mowing.
- Address potential eye hazards, such as overhanging branches or sharp corners, before they can do any damage.
- Wear appropriate eye protection when particles of any kind are falling, flying, or moving through the air.

- Keep tools in good condition so they do not kick up unnecessary debris or cause injuries.

- Always use chemical safety goggles when handling hazardous solvents and detergents.

- Read and follow all instructions and warnings on manufacturer labels.

- Understand that regular eyeglasses do not provide adequate protection.

- Keep kids away from flying toys or any that use projectiles.

- Never mix chemicals, as mixed chemicals can damage your eyes and cause additional injuries.

- Wear adequate eye protection to prevent overexposure to UV rays when outside. Sunglasses that guard against UV-A and UV-B rays are recommended.

- Keep dangerous household products, like detergents, paints, glues, and solvents, stored out of reach or behind locked doors.

- Exercise caution with everyday items or tools. For example, do not run with pointy items in hand.

- Store loose belongings in the trunk of a car or cargo bed, as loose objects can become projectiles in an automobile accident.

Protecting your eyesight should be a priority, and it's important to exercise caution at work, at home or during play to protect you and your children's eyes from injury.

Vision and aging

Eyesight changes age-related vs. not

As a person gets older certain bodily changes are to be expected. For example, muscle tone may diminish and bones can become more fragile as we age. Exercise and healthy eating may be able to stave off some of the effects of aging, but avoiding vision problems may require some additional effort.

Vision naturally diminishes as we age, but not all vision changes are related to aging. Many natural changes are not severe and may only require a minor adjustment in prescription glasses or contact lenses. Improved lighting or bigger print may help remedy other issues, including blurry text.

However, certain conditions that people blame on getting older really may be hereditary or a byproduct of an illness. There's a difference between changes that are the result of aging and those that are not. Recognizing the differences can help individuals get the treatment necessary to prevent permanent eye damage.

Age-related changes

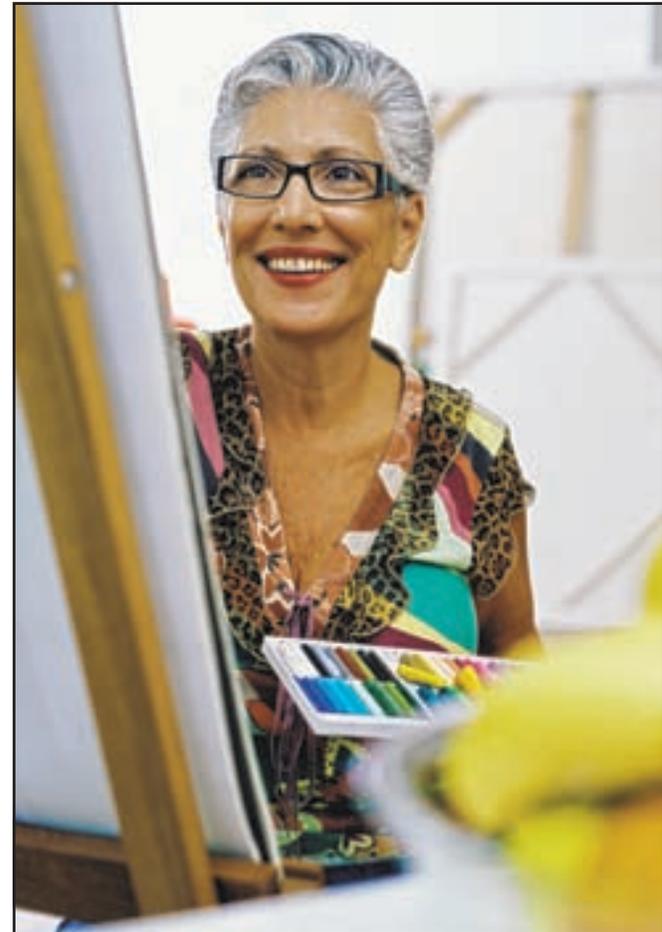
Difficulty seeing clearly for reading and close work is one of the most common age-related vision issues. This condition can begin as early as age 40 and worsen as a person gets older. Variation in the eyes' ability to focus properly is called presbyopia, and it will worsen over time.

Other normal signs of aging include problems with glare from headlights or the sun. Lens changes in the eye can cause light to be scattered rather than focused on the retina. This leads to more glare. In dim conditions, a person may find he or she needs more light to see well. That's because muscles that control pupil size and reaction to light lose some strength.

Changes in color perception also may begin. The normally clear lens of the eye can discolor, making it difficult to distinguish between certain hues.

Changes not directly tied to aging

Certain eye disorders may



Not all vision problems are directly correlated to aging. Adults should speak with their eye doctors about any problems they may be having.

become more prevalent as a person gets older, but that does not mean they are a byproduct of aging. Macular degeneration, which causes spotty loss of detail or sudden and severe loss of central vision, may occur. This condition is a result of damage to the macula, the central part of the retina responsible for detail, color and daylight vision.

Risk factors for macular degeneration include high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, and untreated high blood pressure. Poor circulation to the retina is the most common cause of macular degeneration.

Glaucoma is another condition linked to aging. Glaucoma is caused by damage to the optic nerve by fluid pressure inside the eye. Patients with glaucoma typically do not exhibit early symptoms. Glaucoma is only detectable through routine vision examinations.

According to the Mayo

Clinic, about half of all 65-year-old Americans have some degree of cataract formation in their eyes. People who have cataracts may think they're an unavoidable part of getting older.

While aging may increase the risk of getting cataracts, according to Lighthouse International its true cause is unknown. Other risks include long-term exposure to the sun's rays, high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, and eye injury.

Illnesses like diabetes can affect eyesight in many different ways. Proper treatment for diabetes and management of the condition can prevent a number of eye disorders.

Adults should not assume all vision changes are a direct result of getting older. Annual vision examinations by qualified eye doctors can pinpoint the cause of problems and find treatment options that are successful.

Sports eyewear tips

What athletes should look for in eye protection

Thousands upon thousands of sports-related injuries affect children and adults each year. Prevent Blindness® estimates that water and pool activities, followed by basketball and then baseball and softball account for more sports-related eye injuries than any others. Men are twice as likely to suffer from sports-related eye injuries than women, but all athletes should prioritize protecting their eyes during competition.

Protective eyewear can help prevent sports-related eye injuries. Many professional athletes don safety eyewear, a trend that has caught on in amateur athletics as well. Many sports feature fast-moving balls or other equipment that pose a potential risk for injury. Should balls strike the eye, considerable trauma can occur.

Choosing protective eye-

wear or sports goggles is an important safety step. Many types of protective eyewear can guard against the following conditions:

Corneal abrasions: Damage to the front surface of the eye.

Blunt trauma: Damage that occurs when the eye is compressed through sudden impact.

Penetrating injuries: Occurs when the eye is poked or foreign objects get pressed into the eye. This can cause long-term damage to vision.

UV exposure: UV radiation can damage the cornea and other components of the eye, which can lead to cataracts, cancer, macular degeneration, or sunburn of the retina.

It is best to work with an eye professional to find the right type of protective lenses for a particular sport. Sport goggles may be stronger than

sports glasses at resisting impact. Polycarbonate lenses may be recommended for other sports. Eye centers can properly select and fit the eyewear so that it is comfortable for a child or an adult. Also, staff at such centers can recommend styles that will flatter the wearer's face. Those who already wear prescription lenses often can have the prescription added to sports eyewear as well.

Eyewear retailers are great places to find sports eyewear, but sporting goods retailers also may have relationships with protective eyewear specialists or even have a kiosk in their stores.

For those shopping online, be sure to get recommendations on eyewear type and measure correctly for a perfect fit. For children, do not buy a size up to get another year out of the goggles or glasses. This can compromise the fit and



Protective sports eyewear safeguards vision and helps prevent injuries. Goggles and glasses are worn for everything from skiing to baseball to swimming.

level of protection. If you are concerned about buying online but your budget is tight, ask a brick-and-mortar store to price match an online retailer.

New York Methodist Hospital recognizes its surgical techs

NEW YORK METHODIST HOSPITAL From Sept. 20 to 26, New York Methodist Hospital celebrated its 53 certified surgical technologists during National Surgical Technologists Week. Surgical technologists are an important part of surgical teams in hospitals across the country; when time is tight and a patient's life is on the line, an outstanding "tech" can make all the difference.

"Everyone has that image from television shows or movies of a surgeon calling, 'scalpel!' and the instrument automatically appearing in the surgeon's hand. At the other end of that exchange is a surgical technologist," said registered nurse John Jacobs, vice president for surgical services at the hospital. "But in actuality, the job goes well beyond 'call and response.' In fact, many interactions between surgeon and surgical technologist are entirely un-

spoken, because a tech not only knows thousands of surgical instruments on sight, but also what an individual surgeon's preferences are, as well as the preparations and requirements for specific procedures. He or she can anticipate what will most likely be needed and when. In an emergency situation, this seamless coordination between surgeon and technologist can be life-saving."

Just as physicians and nurses have to keep pace with the latest advances in medicine, New York Methodist's surgical technologists need to continuously update their knowledge of the equipment used for the procedures where they assist, including table types, cautery tools, microscopes, endoscopes, suction and irrigation devices, and more. In addition to their work during an operation, which is performed under the supervision of the surgeon,

surgical technologists arrange operating rooms in advance of procedures and help ensure that they remain sterile environments throughout. All surgical techs have training in a wide range of procedures, but they may also specialize in areas such as cardiac surgery, orthopedics, or neurosurgery.

"I know all the instruments, I always pay attention to the progress of the procedure; I want to be able to anticipate everything the surgeon does before he or she does it," said surgical technologist Lorraine Tantuccio. She regularly assists at neurosurgical procedures at the hospital, such as aneurysm clippings and craniotomies. "A good tech is always learning — it's a very exciting job, and that's what I like about it."

"I gravitated toward otolaryngology — ear, nose and throat — procedures over time," said surgical technolo-



Nahama Narcisse, a resident of Canarsie, is one of more than 50 certified surgical technologists who work at New York Methodist Hospital. The hospital will celebrate its surgical technologists during National Surgical Technologists Week. New York Methodist Hospital

gist David Satriano, who has worked at New York Methodist Hospital for three years. "Many of my family members are in medicine, and my sister talked me into doing the training to become a certified tech. She told me it was a fast-paced field that I would enjoy. I've now been a tech for almost 20 years — it looks like she was right!"

"A great technologist is one who thinks of the patient even when that patient isn't in the room," noted surgical technologist Nahama Narcisse.

"We treat our surgical instrument table like there is a force field around it. Those instruments need to stay sterile not just for the surgeons, but for the patient undergoing the operation."



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A better mammography at Bay Ridge Medical Imaging

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Incredibly, one out of every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, says Dr. Joseph Abrams of Bay Ridge Medical Imaging.

"It is the second leading cause of cancer death among women, after lung cancer."

Breast Cancer Awareness Month reminds us to go out and get that mammography.

"It's the most effective weapon in the fight against breast cancer," says the doctor.

Now there is a new modality that makes detection even more efficient.

Bay Ridge Medical Imaging is proud to offer this breakthrough technology — the three-dimensional mammography — at its 99th Street office. This revolutionary procedure, also known as tomosynthesis, enables the radiologists there to view the inside of the breast, layer-by-layer, getting a clear image of the tissue.

In the past, if the images seen on the screen were unclear, women might have been asked to undergo ultrasound testing or an MRI, so radiologists would have better images. While such diagnostic tools are still used and may be required, depending upon the circumstances, the 3D mammography images are so much clearer, it often reduces the need for additional testing.

This particular machine — the G.E. SenoClare — "has 40 percent less radiation than other 3D-imaging machines on the market," says Dr. Abrams. "We are the only facility in Brooklyn with this specific machine."

Technologist Jaclyn Crimi has been using this technology since Bay Ridge Medical Imaging obtained it in July.

"Women find the machine more comfortable because the panels are slightly more flexible," she says.

The breast is still com-



(From the top clockwise) The staff of Bay Ridge Medical Imaging. Dr. Joseph Abrams and technologist Jackie Crimi show off the new SenoClare, a machine that can take a three-dimensional mammography. Dr. Abrams checks the results. Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

pressed, and the machine takes sweeping photos to get the 3D images. Knowing that these images provide doctors with a clearer picture of their breast tissue gives women some extra peace of mind, says Crimi.

The test is covered by many insurance plans, including Medicare and GHI. If women don't participate in a plan that covers it, Bay Ridge Medical Imaging will accept the existing insurance plan, and charge an additional \$75 to use this ground-breaking technology.

The American Cancer Society and the American College of Radiology recommend yearly mammography screening after the

age of 40, says Dr. Abrams. If there is a family history of breast cancer or ovarian cancer women may want to come in before then.

He notes that too many people wait until they see a lump or experience discharge coming from the nipple before they decide to get a mammogram.

"By then, the cancer may be more difficult to treat and cure," he says. By making it a point to obtain a mammogram once a year, breast cancer, if it exists, can be detected sooner. As a result, "the vast majority of women are cured," he says.

Should something suspicious be detected, Bay Ridge Medical Imaging does biopsies on the pre-

minally invasive needle biopsies can be performed, using ultrasound guidance and guidance obtained via MRIs, says the doctor. When necessary, a biopsy can be performed on the same day as the mammogram.

Make no mistake about it: having annual mammography saves lives, says Dr. Abrams, who attended medical school and performed his residency at New York University. He completed a fellowship at Memorial Sloan Cancer Center, specializing in breast imaging and the detection and diagnosis of abnormalities.

Women are encouraged to make an appointment,

and to bring family members and friends who may be remiss about getting there themselves.

About one percent of men will be diagnosed with breast cancer, too.

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Corinne Innis explores police brutality through art

By Alley Olivier

To say the temperature of relations between police officers and those they protect are lukewarm is an understatement.

Recent video coverage of various acts of violence has residents of all shades, sizes, and cultures confused, nervous, and upset. Tackling these various emotions through the style of cartooning is U.S. Virgin Islands artist Corinne Innis.

Her latest exhibit, "Like Clockwork," lends inspiration from the list of viral videos like Sandra Bland seen on social media feeds, hashtags like #BlackLivesMatter and her own heritage.

"I see a real danger of law enforcement essentially turning against the people they're supposed to protect and serve. I went back to the tradition of cartooning; using characters to prove a political point," Innis explained.

Connected to members of the police force in varying ways, Innis is a granddaughter, sib-



Corinne Innis explores the feelings of trauma associated with being arrested and compares it to the same emotions experienced by rape victims.

ling, first-cousin, and aunt to members who have served in varying degrees as a policeman.

She does not discount the hard work or challenges members of the police force handle. Instead, her art is a reflection of the confusion many feel by those being captured wearing the uniform in a violent matter.

"I know that I've been taught to think of policing and law enforcement one way but my eyes don't lie," she said.

In many of her pieces, Innis

includes jumbees – ghosts – in the background representing those who were victim of this type of violence. Often seen as teddy bears or flowers, items typically left behind at public vigils for lost loved ones.

"Jumbee is a ghost like you see in Shakespearean plays there's always like a luminous presence in the back. I wanted the jumbees to be in the back representing some of the people that have been murdered or died without ever being brought to justice," she said.

Likening these violent acts to a sense of power experienced by rapists, many of Innis' pieces depict nudity. Specifically stripping the police officers of their uniform, many are nude from the waist down, some even dressed in bondage suits.

"My images say that police violence is sexual. It is law enforcement XX, fueled by adrenaline, S and M, and an unwilling submissive," she explains in her artist statement.

"I feel these rogue cops are



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dishonoring the uniform so I'm stripping them bare of the uniform to say I'm exposing you," she added.

A noted character Innis punctuates in her work is Alex from the novel turned movie "Clockwork Orange." An ultraviolent villain who enjoys inflicting harm, Innis creates her own Alex character and puts a badge on him – drawing on a parallel between the fictional violence

and reality.

"A known sociopath in 'Clockwork Orange' but I'm seeing the same person; it's like that's not a police officer that's Alex," she said. "I'm seeing Alex's knee on the back of a teenager, ripping out a young man's spine. They're supposed to be taking a person to justice, not beating them up with a club. Am I seeing the movie or am I seeing reality?"

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Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce



From left, Art Arellanes, South-South Awards Executive Producer, Ambassador Alexandru Cujba, Afaf Konja, Communications Director, Stan Bian, South South Steering Committee member and Yves Sorokobi, UN Media Advisor.

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This week the whole world is watching New York.

With the very first visit to the city by the very first Papal leader from the Americas — Argentina-born Pope Francis is attracting the attention of 70 million Roman Catholics who reside in the USA.

In addition, the fact that 144 heads of governments will convene the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly here is also an internationally alluring magnet to view.

Add to that performances by Beyonce, Pearl Jam and Coldplay at the Global Citizens Festival in Central Park on Saturday, and the South-South Awards slated to reward governments, organizations and individuals for making strides in combating poverty and hunger, hardly any other city comes close to rivaling the attention the city is attracting this week.

"I have never seen so many black cars, people talking into their sleeves or traffic gridlock as I am seeing this week," Art Arellanes told Caribbean Life.

Arellanes has produced the half-time Superbowl entertainment shows and a long list of

impressive nationwide showcases as well as twice previously, executive produced the South-South Awards.

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UVCGB performs "The Amazing Breadfruit."
Nelson A. King

Brooklyn cultural group holds successful concert

By Nelson A. King

The United Vincie Cultural Group of Brooklyn (UVCGB) recently held a very successful cultural show in Brooklyn in its continuing efforts in raising funds to assist, with medical supplies, hospitals and health centers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The 2 ½-hour event, which took place at Meyer Levin Intermediate School 285, attracted many Caribbean nationals, including a significant amount of Jamaicans who worship with some

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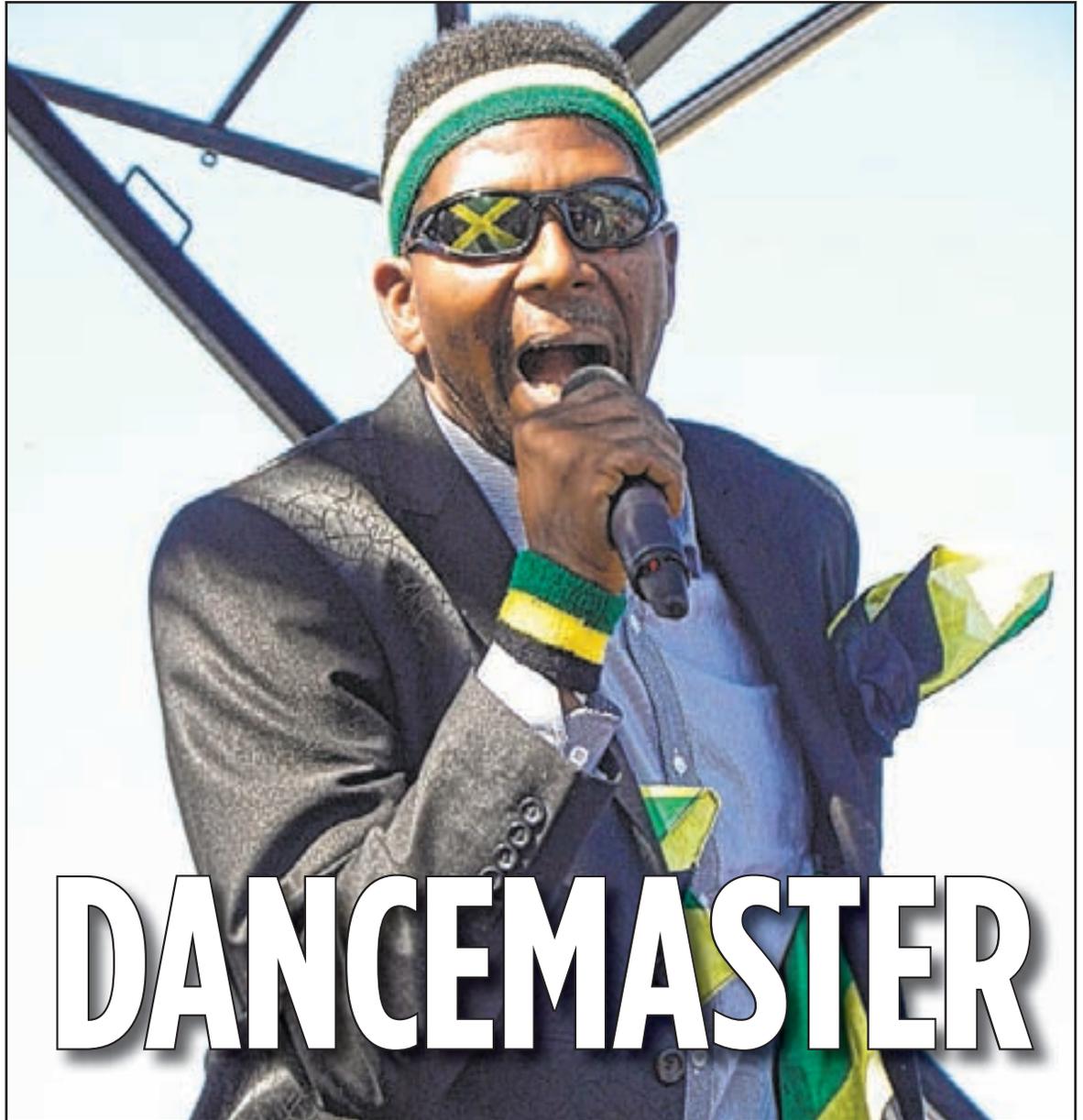
Jamaican producer releases 'Best of Rootsman'

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaican producer Charley Simpson honored the legacy left by calypsonian Rootsman who died on Aug. 21 in Trinidad & Tobago by releasing "The Best of Rootsman" a CD which compiles 11 dance tracks that most identify the style and contribution of the legendary recording artist.

"It was a rush to get his music out there by Labor Day," Simpson said, "his 'Parkway' song is actually the anthem for Brooklyn's biggest fete and so we wanted to make sure his fans had something that honor his work."

According to Simpson, since the pass-
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Noel 'Dancemaster' Stevens performing at IRIE Jamboree.

DJ BanditFW

DANCEMASTER

Jamaican Yardie promotes Soca

By Vinette K. Pryce

It's hard to believe that the name Noel "Dancemaster" Stevens is still not a household word.

Believe it or not, those familiar with the Jamaican performer regard him as the trailblazing Yardie who has been promoting soca music for longer than most.

As a matter of fact, in addition to being a renowned master on the dancefloor, Stevens is also widely acclaimed Jamaica's ambassador of soca.

Two decades ago, he might have been regarded as a novelty act.

Afterall, few Jamaicans actually dedicate the largest chunk of their musical pursuit to singing and dancing to the beat of any other genre than reggae, the island's national music.

But from the last century until this 21st, Dancemaster has been relentlessly honing and refining his career singing and dancing, to the music associated with the Eastern Caribbean.

Through it all he has always boasted his birth-island.

However, when he takes the microphone to voice lyrics he often pens, it is calypso/soca that echoes.

He recently released "Dem Nuh Know 'Bout Me," an infectious dance track which lists some of the places he is still unknown.

"My God, dem nuh know 'bout me, dem nuh know bout me... in Switzerland, Japan, Korea, Venezuela, Trinidad, Guyana, Nigeria, Zimbabwe..."

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By Kam Williams

Traveling Pastor Don Piper was thinking about having his own congregation on his way home from a Christian convention when fate intervened in tragic fashion. His car was crushed so badly by a tractor trailer that he was declared dead right on the spot by first responders who couldn't find a pulse.

Since the cops were in no hurry to extract him from the twisted wreckage, he was still lying there over an hour



A scene from the movie "90 Minutes in Heaven."

Quantrell Colbert

later, when a minister (Michael Harding) passing by the accident scene decided to stop and pray for the repose of his soul. But upon approaching the

auto, instead of a corpse, lo and behold, the Good Samaritan found the supposedly deceased to be very much alive.

In fact, Pastor Piper was

faintly singing a Gospel spiritual, despite his considerable loss of blood. A rescue team with the jaws of life was immediately summoned and he was soon

extracted and rushed to the hospital in excruciating pain.

And although he would fight to survive for the sake of his wife (Kate Bosworth) and their three kids (Hudson Meek, Bobby Batson and Elizabeth Hunter), Don was actually torn over whether he really wanted to live or die. For, during his near-death experience on the side of the road, he'd briefly entered the proverbial Pearly Gates.

There, he not only experienced an unparalleled feeling of never-ending bliss, but enjoyed reunions with a number of dearly-departed loved ones, including his great-grandmother (Sallye McDougald Hooks) and a couple of childhood friends (Matthew Bauman and Trevor Allen Martin). By comparison, being back on Earth was relatively painful, given the 34 operations he needed to undergo over the next several months to fix torn muscles, disfigurement, broken bones and shattered disks.

Independent & Foreign Films

99 Homes (R for profanity, sexual references and brief violence) Diminished dreams drama, set in Orlando during the housing market collapse of

2008, about a cash-strapped single-dad (Andrew Garfield) who ends up having to take a job with the ruthless realtor (Michael Shannon) who'd foreclosed on his home. With Laura Dern, Noah Lomax and Cynthia Santiago.

The Anomaly (Unrated) Futuristic, sci-fi about thriller an ex-soldier (Noel Clarke) in a race against time to escape the clutches of a mind-control biotech company that plans to kill him in less than 10 minutes. Featuring Alexis Knapp, Brian Cox and Luke Hemsworth.

Drunk Stoned Brilliant Dead (Unrated) Rise and fall documentary about National Lampoon, the subversive humor magazine which morphed into a Hollywood phenomenon before finally flaming out in 2010 when its CEO was sent to prison for artificially inflating the company's stock in a Ponzi scheme. Featuring commentary by Chevy Chase, P.J. O'Rourke and Bill Murray.

The Keeping Room (R for rape and graphic violence) Civil War saga, set towards the end of the conflict, about a couple of resourceful Southern Belles (Hailee Steinfeld and Brit Marling) who, with the help of a slave girl (Muna



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Otaru), take up arms to defend their home from marauding Union soldiers. With Sam Worthington, Kyle Soller and Ned Dennehy.

Labyrinth of Lies (R for sexuality) Justice delayed drama, set in Berlin in 1958, revolving around an idealistic young prosecutor (Alexander Fehling) frustrated by government bureaucrats in his attempt to prosecute fugitive, Nazi War criminals. With Johannes Krisch, Hansi Jochmann, Andre Szymanski and Johan von Bulow. (In German with subtitles)

Mississippi Grind (R for profanity) Road drama about a couple of down-and-out, riverboat gamblers (Ryan Reynolds and Ben Mendelsohn) who join forces in a desperate attempt to change their fortunes. Support cast includes Yvonne Landry, Anthony Howard and Jayson Warner Smith.

The Reflektor Tapes (Unrated) Rockumentary about the making of the band Arcade Fire's album Reflektor.

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- 3 **The Hills**
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- 6 **Lean On**
Major Lazer & DJ Snake ...
- 7 **Cool For The Summer**
Demi Lovato
- 8 **Cheerleader**
OMI
- 9 **Shut up & Dance**
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- 10 **Uma Thurman**
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- 1 **That's the Spirit**
Bring Me The Horizon
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- 3 **Illinois**
Brett Eldredge
- 4 **Story Of Sonny Boy...**
Gary Clark Jr.
- 5 **90059**
Jay Rock
- 6 **Repentless**
Slayer
- 7 **Da' Nic (EP)**
TIP
- 8 **1989**
Taylor Swift
- 9 **Got Your Six**
Five Finger Death Punch
- 10 **Paper Gods**
Duran Duran



Dancemaster

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from the time dem hear soca start... can't jump and wine like me... mi nuh know why dem wining so... my God dem nuh know bout me... none ah dem nuh know bout me..."

Arranged to a familiar Jamaican folk song Louise Bennett recorded about "Gungoo Walk," the catchy track adds to a repertoire that has made him a sought-after performer who injects fun to each and every performance.

A few years ago, Dancemaster released a song in tribute to Usain Bolt's Olympic victories.

At a function for the Jamaica Progressive League, he donned athletic gear, handed out Jamaican handkerchiefs and flags and like the fastest man in the world, raced around a Bronx ballroom singing in tribute to the champion.

The patrons attending the fundraiser cheered his patriotic exercise.

Perhaps his most revered showcase, he repeated the track race in Brooklyn when Everybody's Magazine opened a calypso tent at The Utica Ave. located Tropical Paradise.

Dancemaster is good at paying tributes.

He has also paid into the legacy of Michael Jackson performing in tribute to the king of pop soon after he died in 2009.

And while those two memorable appearances won accolades, it is his "In The Center" party-track that is most requested wherever he is billed.

Another favorite listed "Sugar Cane" to his growing soca, discography.

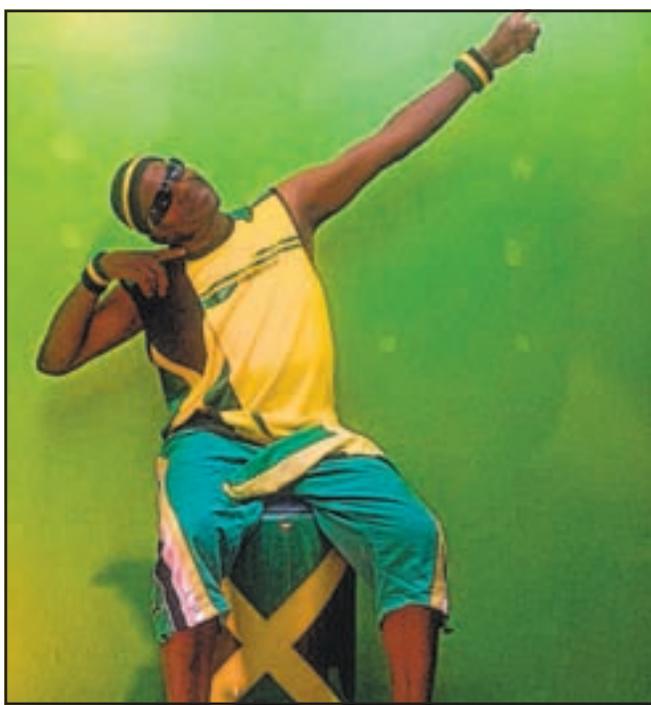
Based in Brooklyn, Dancemaster is also a licensed electrical engineer.

That skilled ability proved handy when he decided to build his own recording studio. Fully wired and operable, he now broadcasts from a radio station he constructed to air The Money Train, a show he produces and hosts on WVIP 93.5 FM.

The show airs on Sunday from 4 pm to 6 pm and Wednesdays 9 pm to 11 pm.

Added to that he is known as the Juiceman, a proponent of healthy juicing habits using fruits, vegetables and a special protein powder.

On any given day, from a Nostrand Ave. location, the choreographer, dancer, sing-



Dancemaster strikes a pose for Usain Bolt.

Noel Stevens

er, electrician and songwriter blends smoothies and other healthy concoctions that evidently keeps him fit and spry for his energetic soca sessions.

Probably among the hardest working Caribbean men in show business, Dancemaster maintains the reputation of being the only Jamaican to qualify to the finals in the prestigious International Soca Monarch Competition in Trinidad & Tobago.

This past Labor Day weekend, Dancemaster performed at Rawlston Charles' annual outdoor Saturday, fete where The Mighty Sparrow, Swallow and KC, the James Brown of Soca entertained thousands along Fulton Street.

The following day, Sunday, he joined Irie Jam revelers in Queens for a 22nd anniversary session that also billed Kymani Marley and Jamaican dancehall sensation Gully Bop.



Ralphie Cunningham acts as "Papa Lulu" during a presentation by The United Vincie Cultural Group of Brooklyn.

Nelson A. King

Culture

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UVCCB members at an evangelical church in Brownsville, Brooklyn.

UVCCB members performed a number of selections, dramatizations, skits and dances, including new ones written by Ada Johnson, a lawyer and retired registrar of the High Court in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and arranged by her fellow compatriot Don Sutherland, a renowned cultural figure in the country's second largest town, George-

town.

Johnson wrote – and received rave reviews for – "Chatoyer" in honor of the nation's first and only National Hero and Paramount Carib Chief; and "The Amazing Breadfruit," recognizing the national fruit from which myriad dishes are made.

Johnson, who recently became a UVCCB member, also took an active role in the 11th Annual Cultural Show, along with Sutherland, who is the group's musical arranger.

UVCCB's band, coordinated by Geoffrey Holder, of Byera Hill, provided backstop music for performers.

Rootsman

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ing of the entertainer born Yafeu Osei, foremost on his mind was a nagging thought about how to fully pay tribute to his friend Roostman.

Considering "the jollification he added to the Labor Day" party singing "we goin' jam on the Parkway...with wi band on di Parkway..." the revelry could "not go on without Rootsman."

Simpson said "Rootsman had not even been to New York when he recorded the party song."

"He is a wonderful songwriter and after talking to people who attended the Labor Day events he wrote the song that became number one on the WLIB radio charts for weeks and weeks."

Simpson is known in some circles as the original importer of the T&T pre-Lenten celebration to Jamaica.

He has often said that prior to Byron Lee launch of a Jamaica Carnival he shared his intentions with the popular bandleader. Simpson claims because of his lack of

sponsorship, political affiliations and ready cash, Lee allegedly capitalized on his brainchild to introduce a carnival concept to the mostly-reggae populous.

Simpson in the late 80s forged a much smaller soca/calypso event in Jamaica, introducing the genre and pageantry to audiences in Portmore and downtown Kingston. Those carnivals were broadcasted on WLIB-AM, the then sole Caribbean outlet for news and information.

"Rootsy also recorded a song about Jamaica carnival but that song was never released," Simpson added. He said is in possession of that track and will ensure its release.

In addition, he wrote songs about carnivals in Canada, St. Vincent and Belize.

On this latest project, he compiled popular tracks — "Soca in de Palace," "Rack Me Rack Me," "Something Wonderful," "Save We Culture," "Allegations," "Rocking All Night," "Little Black Girl," "Belizean Woman," "Live Nice" and the alluring signature carnival song "Miami Vibes."

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Compiled by Natalie Henry

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Runners cross the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge at the start of the New York City Marathon, Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014, in New York.

Associated Press / Jason DeCrown

College athletes move on

By Robert Elkin

While the New York City Marathon is the highlight event during the upcoming months going into the winter season, the sport of cross country is midway through the fall for both the high school and college athletes. In the collegiate ranks, the runners are gearing up for their championship meets, which are contested at Van Cortlandt Park in The Bronx and at CW Post College and Bethpage State Park in Long Island, for

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Taylor new Windies Women captain

By Azad Ali

Jamaican batsman Stafanie Taylor has been appointed the new captain of the West Indies Women, replacing the long-serving Merissa Agulleira.

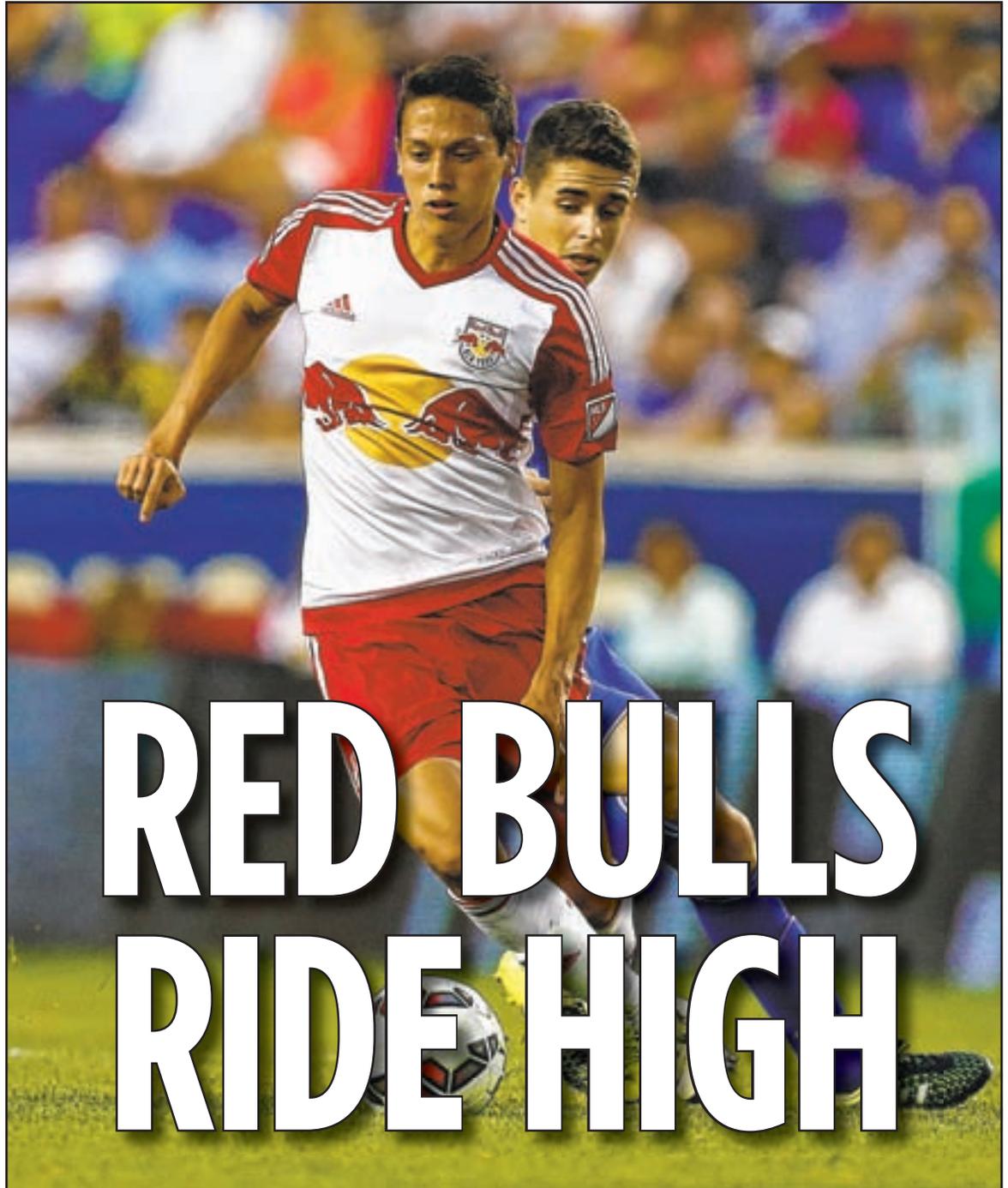
The change was announced by the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) recently when it named the 18-member training squad for the home series against Pakistan starting next month.

Agulleira led the side for six years, during which time they managed to reach the final of the ICC World Cup in 2013 and the semi-finals of the last three Twenty20 World Cup.

Chief selector Clive Lloyd said the time had come for a change.

Taylor has been one of the most pro-

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RED BULLS RIDE HIGH

New York Red Bulls midfielder Sean Davis (27) moves the ball as Chelsea FC midfielder Oscar (8) follows in the first half during a soccer match in Harrison N.J., Wednesday, July 22, 2015. The Red Bulls defeated Chelsea 4-2.

Associated Press / Rich Schultz, File

Clinches a spot in MLS Eastern Conference

By Patrick Horne

It's not an easy task to go into Providence Park in Portland, Oregon and beat the Portland Timbers, but the New York Red Bulls did just that last Sunday afternoon in an MLS game. Goals a minute apart from Felipe (43rd minute) and Damien

Perrinelle (44th min.) led the visitors to a 2-0 win.

The road win at Portland — where there is always a full house of raucous fans, which acts as a formidable twelfth man for the Timbers and also sidekick Timbers Joe, who promises a slab of timber for each home-team

goal scorer — reflects the success of the Red Bulls (14-8-6, 48 pts.) so far this season. The team is in first place in the MLS Eastern Conference and the first to clinch a playoff spot. The Red Bulls also are in the race for the Supporters' Shield, the trophy for

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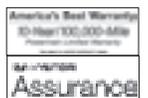
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instance.

Last Saturday morning about 15 colleges mostly from the metropolitan New York area from Division II and Division III colleges as well as junior colleges entered representatives to Long Island University-Post College for its annual cross country meet on the grounds in Brookville, New York. Over some of the previous years, Post College had some outstanding runners on its team.

Now the Post athletic department would like one day to field the program that it once had.

One college which sent representatives to Post College was Pace University, more noted for its basketball program, and lists three campuses, including sites Manhattan and Pleasantville, upstate New York. Pace posted some decent times in last week's meet.

While Sara DiGiovanna, a senior at Pace, finished fourth in their section of Division II and Division III and junior college athletes in the same race, Moriah Jno-Charles, only a freshman, became a bright spot with great potential, individually and as a team. Charles wound up eighth in their category with a time of 19:33.15.

She is the daughter of Cleve Jno-Charles who came from the island of Dominica in the Caribbean and according to her, ran on a team that competed only in high school.

"Sometimes he (my father would) give me some pointers in running, and to focus on the people who would be in front of me," she added. "And don't worry about time."

Her personal best time was when she ran the above 19 minute clocking. She attends classes in Westchester County She began running when she was in the third grade. And she attends college in Pleasantville. She stays on campus.

She felt that college running is more difficult than running in high school.

"The workouts are a lot more serious now than it was when I went to high school," she added.

Windies

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lific batsmen in the women's game in recent years.

The 24-year-old right-hander has garnered 2115 runs from 84 One-Day Internationals, already with five centuries and 20 half centuries.

In Twenty20s, she has managed 1814 runs at an average of 36, with 16 half centuries.

WICB president, Dave Cameron said he believed the changes would be "in the best interest of the women's team."



Benfica player Jonathan Rodriguez (25-L) battles for the ball with New York Red Bulls player Damien Perrinelle at the International Champions Cup, on Sunday, July 26, 2015 in Harrison, New Jersey.

Damian Strohmeyer / Associated Press for International Champions Cup

Red Bulls advance to the playoffs

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the team with the best regular season record. The team shares the best record in the league with Western Conference leader Vancouver Whitecaps (15-11-3, 48 pts.).

Felipe scored from a 30-yard shot when Timbers defenders failed to shut him down; a minute or so after, Perrinelle climbed above all defenders to head in a Sacha Kljestan cross from the left wing. Kljestan recorded his team-leading 11th assist, and the game marked the 100th straight MLS regular season start for Red Bulls goalkeeper Luis Robles.

The Red Bulls' success to date could be traced to the early season pressure created when the new management made a host of changes. The new boys on the block, including coach Jesse Marsch and U.S. national team midfielder Kljestan, felt that they had to prove themselves to justify the changes. With changes come doubts and a skeptical wait-and-see attitude, and as Kljestan says, "I still feel like people undervalue us."

Kljestan continued in an interview with the media on the team's success,

"At the beginning of the season no one picked us to make the playoffs, maybe we were supposed to finish fifth or sixth in the East. We've done a great job of proving people wrong, but also proving to ourselves that we do have a good team, we have a great identity as a club and we're continuing to get better even as the season pushes on late. For us, the motivation is still there."

Marsh chimed in: "There are a lot of little things that we can still show what we're about and earn everybody's respect," Marsch said after training on Tuesday. "Ultimately, that comes down to finding ways to win championships. It's about getting this club over the hump. We have an opportunity in front of us and we all know that. We earned the right to be in a good spot here at the end of the year, but that doesn't mean anything."

Meanwhile Red Bulls defenders Matt Miazga and Kemar Lawrence, have been named to the MLS "24 Under 24" list, which ranks the best players in the league under 24 years old. Miazga is fifth on the list, while Lawrence is 15th. New Jersey native Miazga, a central

defender, recently played for the U.S. under-20 team and is a member of the national under-23 squad that will compete in the CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Tournament in October. Jamaican international Lawrence, a left back, was one of the best defenders in last summer's Gold Cup.

The Red Bulls host Brazilian Kaka and Orlando City SC on Friday night at 7 pm at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, New Jersey.

MLS

In MLS games last weekend, Sporting Kansas City knocked off FC Dallas, 3-1, and Toronto FC beat Colorado Rapids by the same score; Columbus Crew topped DC United, 2-1; New York City FC got past San Jose Earthquakes, 3-2; Real Salt Lake set back Los Angeles Galaxy, 3-0; Seattle Sounders surprised Vancouver Whitecaps, 3-0; Orlando SC over Chicago Fire, 1-0; and Montreal Impact defeated New England Revolution, 3-0; finally, Philadelphia Union beat Houston Dynamo, 2-0.

Shai Hope should perform well in Sri Lanka

Barbados and West Indies opening batsman Shai Hope, 21 years, should do well in Sri Lanka conditions. The Sri Lankan bowlers are not as quick as the Australians, Mitchell Johnson and Michael Starc, so the process for Hope should be much easier if he negotiates the movement of those wickets well.

Hope has played 14 first class matches and his most successful was the 2014-2015 Regional Four-Day Competition, when he scored 628 runs from nine matches. This included a double century against the Windward Islands. He made his debut against Australia at Test level in 2015.

DENESH RAMDIN SHOULD BAT AT NUMBER FOUR

West Indies former Test Captain, Denesh Ramdin has played 69 Test matches, scoring four Test tons and 13 half centuries, averaging 26:28. Ramdin has approximately 10 years of international experience. He made his debut against India in July 2005 and in spite of his statistics his is not that impressive. Ramdin can certainly build on his



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

average with the captaincy off his back. Ramdin at four, pushes Marlon Samuels to number five and Jermaine Blackwood at six. Stability must be the objective of the West Indies batsmen.

ANCHOR AND SETTLE, THE RUNS WILL COME

Darren Bravo and Denesh Ramdin batting at the top of the order must be good for the West Indies, because they are experienced players. Darren Bravo, 26 years, has played 37 Tests, scored six centuries and 11 half centuries averaging 41:22.

West Indies Head Coach Phil Simmons must impress on all the players the need to focus on their game and compete skillfully. West Indies squad to Sri Lanka: Jason Holder (captain), Kraigg Brathwaite (vice captain), Devendra Bishoo, Jermaine Blackwood, Carlos Brathwaite, Darren Bravo, Rajindra Chandrika, Shane Dowrich, Shan-

non Gabriel, Shai Hope, Denesh Ramdin, Kemar Roach, Marlon Samuels, Jerome Taylor and Jomel Warrican.

Note: The Sri Lanka /West Indies series starts Wednesday, Oct. 14.

WICB MUST FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING TEST TEAM

West Indies Cricket Board and West Indies Senior Coach Phil Simmons must create a well comprehensive plan to rebuild the West Indies Senior test team. Chief of selectors Clive Lloyd has bravely selected a group of young players giving them the opportunity to blossom in their careers. For the West Indies to re-gain respect as a cricket team, they must excel at test level. In spite of the popularity of Twenty20 and One-Day International, Test cricket still holds its supreme status.



West Indies' Shai Hope, left, and batting partner Darren Bravo, center, run between the wickets as Australia's bowler Mitchell Starc, right, watches during the second innings on the fourth day of their second cricket Test match in Kingston, Jamaica, Sunday, June 14, 2015.

Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco

Simmons must give the guidance to the younger players on how to be successful at bowling and batting. The steps to a successful cricketing career is what is essential to be taught to these youths. Sachin Tendulkar, Brian

Lara, Sir Vivian Richards, Gordon Greenidge and Alvin Kallicharan were successful at their game because of the discipline they exhibited in learning the challenges that goes with the game.

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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
It is very important to find balance, Taurus. Many activities are coming up, and you have to figure out a way to juggle them all. This will take some creativity.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, avoid overindulging this week. Even though it may seem like you can never get enough, over time something special may lose its spark. Practice moderation, instead.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, everything will work out the way it should if you keep a smile on your face this week and continue with the status quo. Soon you can shake things up.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you may be compelled to get more involved in your community or a volunteer project this week. A desire to give something back propels your actions.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
You have a soft spot for underdogs this week, Virgo. Anyone who seems to be struggling will have your attention, and you will offer to lend a hand.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
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SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you may find yourself waking up extra early just to accomplish everything you need to get done. Try not to burn the candle at both ends for too long.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you will enjoy downtime much more after you complete an important task and feel a sense of accomplishment. Rest may still be a few days away, so be patient.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, things may be a little confusing of late, but you will find a clear path to get things done. Ask a friend or colleague to lend a helping hand if things get too hectic.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Relationships are very important this week, Aquarius. Nurture both the personal and professional relationships that you want to grow, and you will be happy you did.

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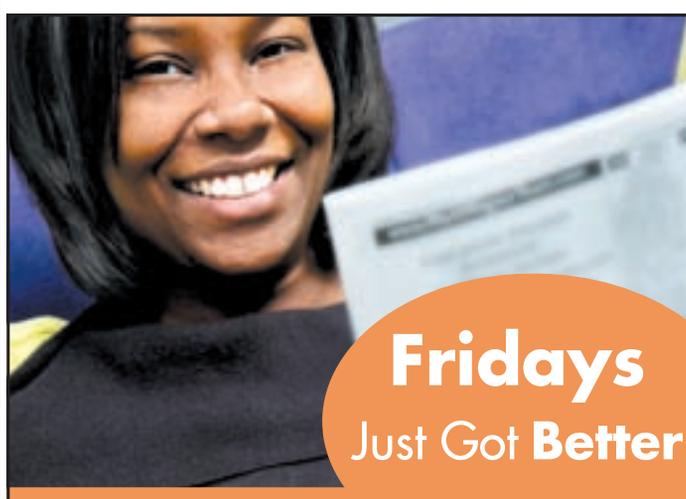
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