



New York state Senator Roxanne Persaud.

Photo by Nelson A. King

## Persaud wins NY Democratic Primary

By Nelson A. King

A Guyanese legislator in Brooklyn handsomely beat her Haitian-born challenger to win the New York Democratic Primary elections on Tuesday.

New York state Senator Roxanne Persaud, who represents the 19th Senatorial District in Brooklyn, soundly beat Mercedes Narcisse, in a district that was previously represented by Guyanese American lawyer John Sampson.

The district covers the Brooklyn districts of Canarsie, East New York, Brownsville, Mill Basin, Sheepshead Bay, Bergen Beach, Marine Park, Flatlands, Mill Island, Georgetown, Ocean Hill and Starrett City.

Persaud received 9,986 ballots to Narcisse's 3,160, according to preliminary results, with just 13,526 of the district's 121,220 registered Democrats voting in the primary.

"Great!" exulted Persaud

about the results in a Caribbean Life interview at her victory party in Canarsie. "I was hoping to win by 70 percent.

"It shows that hard work pays off," she added. "People had assumed that, because my candidacy was endorsed by the country (Brooklyn), it would be easy. I was there in the community working hard.

"It's all about the needs of the community," she added.

"Right here, we have a fantas

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# US TAX DATE LOOMS

## Trinidad yet to sign tax compliance agreement

By Bert Wilkinson

It is becoming increasingly clear that Trinidad will likely miss the Sept. 30 deadline to sign an agreement with the U.S. to supply commercial banking and other financial information on Americans who stash cash and hide assets overseas.

The island's parliament was due to debate and approve the Foreign Account Tax Compliance (FACTA) this week but major political differences with the main opposition United

National Congress (UNC) have put paid to plans by authorities to get this burden out of the way.

Trinidad and Guyana are among a small band of Caribbean single trading bloc nations which are yet to sign bilateral compliance agreements with the U.S.

The punitive bill was approved by the U.S. Congress back in 2010 to track and trap American citizens and residents who have

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Widow, Mrs. Jennifer Kyte, (center) holds Dr. Walter A. Kyte Way sign, as Council Member Rafael L. Espinal Jr. (far right) pose, next to Assemblyman Charles Barron, and Council Member Inez Barron. Brother, Lloyd Kyte, far left, next to son of Dr. Kyte, Dwayne Parker and others.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

# Dr. Walter A. Kyte Way unveiled in Brownsville

By Tangerine Clarke

A Brooklyn street was named in honor of fallen Guyanese-American, Dr. Walter A. Kyte on Sunday, Sept. 11, a solemn, but historic day, when family members, joined New York Council members to commemorate the life of an educator.

Glenmore Avenue, outside of PS 18 / 98 – Betty Shabazz School, in Brownsville, where Dr. Kyte was principal, is now co-named, Dr. Walter A. Kyte Way.

Dr. Kyte was also an assistant principal, district superintendent, and a consultant to the Department of Education, before he died tragically in a road accident in his native Guyana in 2013. He was there on an educational mission, to conduct teachers' workshops in rural Linden, where he was born.

Council Member Rafael L. Espinal, Jr. who had introduced the co-naming resolution of Dr. Walter A. Kyte Way, in the City Council said "I am happy that all who drive by these streets, all the students who attend this school will take a pause to look up at the street sign and remember who Dr. Kyte was.

"I respect all the work Dr. Kyte's family has done for the Brownsville community," said Espinal who represents, District 37, where the street is located.

Council Member Inez Barron said Dr. Kyte was a great man, who lent his support when she was principal, and successfully formed a coalition for the

success of the school.

"He has a great legacy, and it is fitting that we have this time to commemorate the great work he has done for us," added Council Member Barron.

New York, Assemblyman, Charles Barron in turn, praised Dr. Kyte for his work, and lauded him as a strong black man who, succeed as an educator.

"I am proud of his African heritage, and how he instilled in children, the importance, of education. "It is great to see his name go up - it gives us great balance, because many of the streets in this community, are named after slave owners," said Barron, who called Dr. Kyte a liberator.

"The best way to keep someone alive, is to keep their name up, Dr. Kyte would never die in our community and our hearts," added Assemblyman, Charles Barron.

Former student, Christopher Durosinni, an enrollment specialist – Pre-K For All – DOE, thanked Dr. Kyte for mentoring him, and inspiring him with words of encouragement, that brought him (Durosinni) success.

"I not only live on Glenmore, I also live on Christopher and Dr. Walter Kyte Way. I will use all that he taught me to enhance the community," said Durosinni.

One year ago, Community Board District 16, District Manager, Viola Greene, and Chair, Denise Morgan put forward a resolution that was made official, by

Council Member and Chair of Consumer Affairs Council Member, Espinal Jr.

"It has been a pleasure working with Mrs. Kyte for this cause," said Greene.

Dr. Miatheresa Pete, superintendent of Brownsville's School District 23, called Dr. Kyte an education guru and thanked him for nurturing the community's youth.

The brilliant sunshine which shone on the large gathering was reflection of Dr. Kyte's legacy and motto, that his wife Jennifer repeated, "If I can help someone as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain."

Mrs. Kyte said after Mayor Dinkins renamed PS-198 18 years ago, it is an honor that the street outside of the school is being named for her late husband, Dr. Walter A. Kyte — a dynamic leader who made brought the school up to one of the top ten ranking in New York.

"Thanks to all who came out to support us," she said, as she acknowledged elected officials and Carlos Soto who played a part to ensure her husband's legacy lives on. She also thanked members of Grace SDA Church where Dr. Kyte was a pastor, family and friends, adding, "the work he has done and the life he lived will live on."

Other speakers included Pastor Howard of Grace Church, Lloyd Kyte, James Meertins, Charles Lardson, Marc Mandy and Cheryl Ainsworth Martin. Son, Dwayne Parker, was also present.

## Vincy consul general not singled out for recall

By Nelson A. King

Despite agitation in some quarters in New York, St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves says ex-New York Consul General Selmon Walters was not singled out for recall.

"It's what we're trying to make sure that we have fresh faces everywhere," said Dr. Gonsalves in an exclusive interview Tuesday morning. "These are people [diplomats], who have been around in excess of four to five years. The position of ambassador, in some countries, does not exceed five years. We want to ensure that we have fresh faces."

Last month, the Vincentian prime minister recalled Walters, who had been consul general in New York for five years, as well as two other overseas diplomats – Ambassadors to Cuba and Venezuela, Dexter Rose and Andreas Wickham, respectively.

Gonsalves, who was on a brief visit to New York, noted that La Celia Prince, the former ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States (OAS) departed office last year to assume a top position with the Washington-based OAS.

He confirmed that Cenio Lewis, the long-standing high commissioner to the United Kingdom, will leave office in a year's time.

Gonsalves also noted that the current Consul General to Canada, Fitzgerald Huggins, succeeded E. Bernard John, and that I. Rhonda King, the ambassador to the United Nations, took over from Camillo Gonsalves, who became foreign affairs minister and was elected, for the first time, in general elections in St. Vincent and the Grenadines last December.

"Now, it's time for Selmon (Walters) to go," the Vincentian leader said. "It's not a commentary on any particular individual."

Gonsalves said his Unity Labor Party (ULP) administration has "found a good replacement" in Howie Prince, the former head of the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO).

"Howie Prince knows how to work with people," he said. "It's difficult to find a person to work with the community.

"He (Prince) has a good temperament," he added. "I think people in New York will like Howie Prince."

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sir Louis Straker told Caribbean Life last month that Prince possesses "outstanding" managerial skills and experience, adding that Prince "will be good for the country."

## Antigua

The Antigua and Barbuda government had denied allegations it is turning a blind eye on the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBT) community.

The group has warned that a recent report by a member of the community to the international media could have negative repercussions for the island.

But the government in a statement said: "All persons irrespective of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity are entitled to enjoy in Antigua and Barbuda the protections provided by our constitution and by international human rights".



The statement titled, "Policy and Protection from violence and discrimination of persons of the LGBT community," states that "Antigua and Barbuda does not tolerate any acts of violence or discrimination against members of the LGBT community and maintains their right to protection under local law and international law."

## Bahamas

The Bahamas government is looking to tap into the billion dollar disabled travel sector and will now begin to place accessibility at the heart of tourism development in the country.

Director in the Office of the Ministry of Tourism Janet Johnson said that accessible tourism caters to visitors and residents alike and it also seeks to remove all barriers that would hinder and deny disabled persons from enjoying easy access to everyday activities.

She said, "It's a win-win for everyone. It's a good initiative because we are doing the right thing while potentially benefitting from a relatively new and lucrative revenue stream."



Johnson noted that Barbados is leading the charge and benefiting with creative measures for disabled guests to experience the country and incentives for businesses that make accommodations for the segment.

She said in 2014, the Persons with Disabilities Act was passed in Parliament to



## J'Ouvert in the spotlight

Mervyn Taylor, reknown mas man and poet, portraying 'Havana Joe' in the ole mas costume band "Havana Nights" at Brooklyn J'Ouvert 2016. See page 10

Photo by Keith Getter

eliminate discrimination against disabled people, allow access to public buildings, transport and education. It also mandated that businesses that employ 100 or more must employ a minimum of disabled people.

A government statement said the infrastructure audits of the country's facilities, such as hotel, public spaces and ports of entry, were being taken to see how the Bahamas measures up.

## Barbados

More than 50 Jamaicans have been deported from Barbados during the first six months of this year.

According to immigration statistics released by the Division of Defense and Security of the Prime Minister's Office show that 53 Jamaicans have been deported during the period January to June this year.

For the first six months in 2013 a total of 34 Jamaicans were deported: 48 the following year and 101 last year.

In 2013, a total of 10,816 Jamaicans arrived in Barbados; 10,031 in 2014 and 10,557 last year. So far this year, 5,332 Jamaicans have arrived in Barbados.



## Guyana

Guyana's Health Minister Dr. George Norton has apologized to the nation for the incorrect statements he provided to Parliament about payments for the New Guyana Pharmaceutical operation.

Last month, the main opposition People's Progressive Party (PPP) called for Norton's dismissal, claiming that his management of the health sector was way below par.

PPP General Secretary Clement Rohee then said that the opposition was not interested in getting an apology from the health minister.

Norton said the issue has already had an impact on his life and career.

He has promised to hand over a written apology over statements made to the speaker of the National Assembly.



Controversy recently erupted in the National Assembly when the Opposition asked Norton about government's plan to rent a building for a storage bond facility for Guy\$12.5 million per month.

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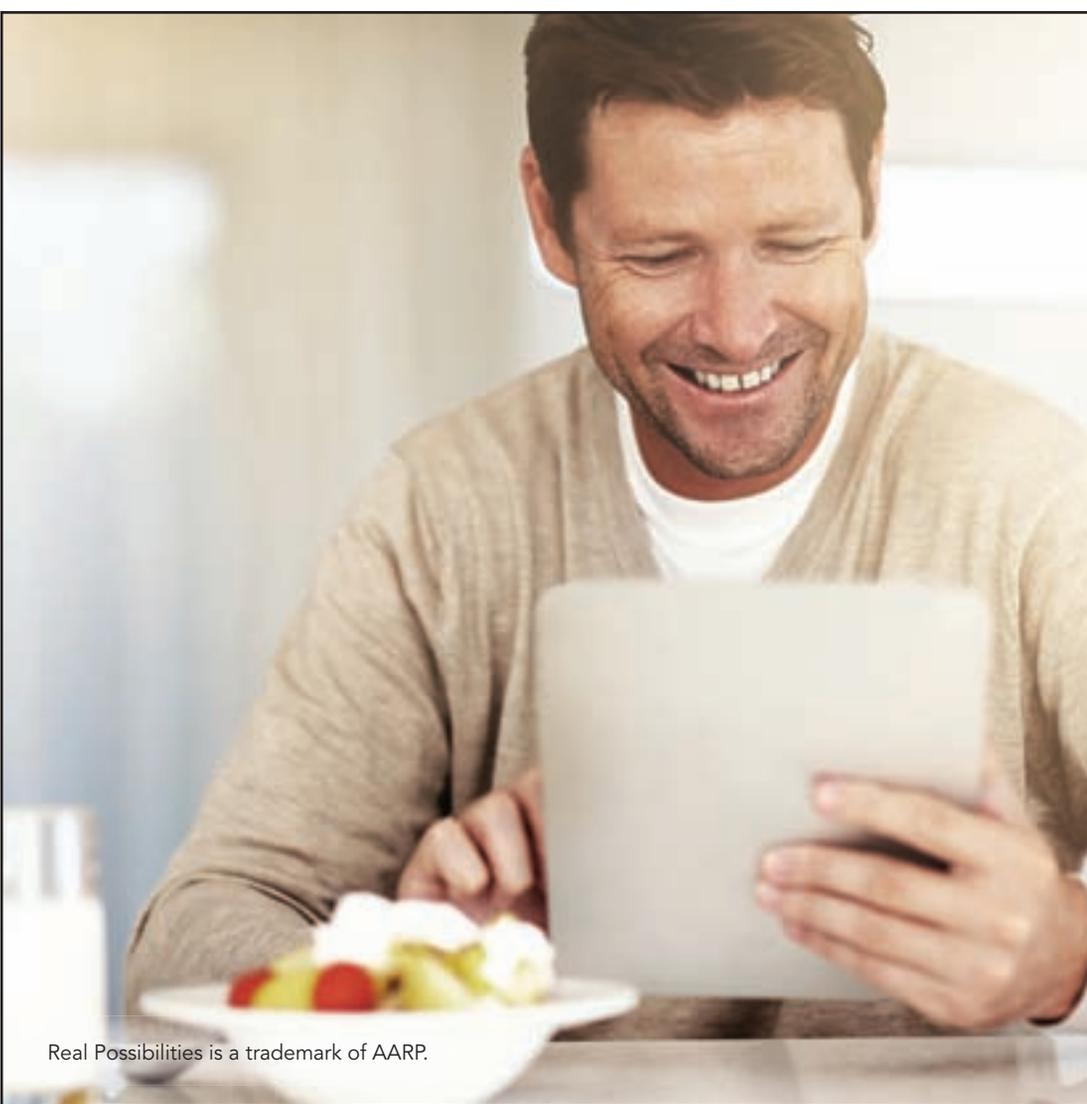
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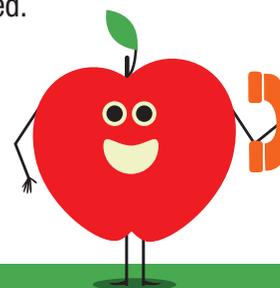


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# Tax deadline in doubt



Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Keith Rowley.

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more than \$50,000 stashed in foreign accounts or have assets they care not to let the IRS know about.

The row in Port of Spain now means that time may be running out for the administration of Prime Minister Keith Rowley as it is clear that cabinet will be forced to ask Washington for an extension beyond the Sept. 30 deadline to comply.

Talks between government and the opposition on what the bill should contain failed this week and authorities bowed to UNC demands to send the bill to a select committee to pore over clauses line by line to determine what will be acceptable to both sides.

The UNC thinks that parts of the document gives too much power to people like Finance Minister Colm Imbert to order the release of personal financial information to the IRS and other federal officials, calling some clauses as breaches of the local constitution. This is despite the fact that the bill is largely the same one that was inherited from the UNC before it lost general elections a year ago this month.

"Put country first today. This isn't a time for politicizing," Imbert said during a sitting of parliament. "All banks would lose the corresponding relations

they have in the U.S. if this legislation isn't passed. We have to co-operate or T&T's banking systems will crash and the economy will crash," he added.

The bill needs a three-fifths vote or 26 of the 41 seats to be approved. Government is three short of this figure.

Commercial banks on the island and in the Caribbean in general had recently welcomed moves to comply with the legislation and American banks were already threatening to cut off relations with them because of demands for increased scrutiny by federal agencies. They claimed that this increased operational costs.

Asked to chip in on the matter, United States Ambassador John Estrada told local station TV-6 that he was amazed that the island is now in this position at this late hour.

# Williams unopposed

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tic team. They are the people who did what was necessary for me to represent the entire district."

Over the weekend, several Haitian American New York State legislators threw their support behind Persaud over their compatriot.

New York State Assembly Members Rodneyse Bichotte, Michaëlle Solages and Kimberly Jean-Pierre endorsed incumbent Persaud.

"It has been important for us to join with other legislators to ensure that the Haitian community gets its fair share of funds for housing, good schools, and safe streets," they said in a joint statement. "This is why we have come together to endorse a dear friend and colleague who we have witnessed her work and trust that she will continue to deliver in our fight for a better quality of life.

"The Haitian community in New York City, Long Island and other parts of New York State has become a vibrant political force," they added. "Each of us now serve in important capacities in the state and city level. In this capacity, we have been strong advocates for our people and have fought hard for the special needs our community requires."

The Haitian American legislators said Persaud has "stood in the fight to raise minimum wage, improve our

children's education, implement better staffing for nurses, support our seniors, make our streets safer and backed the Paid Family Leave Act. "

"Senator Persaud makes a difference," they said. "She has been a long-time community activist."

Bichotte, the first ever Haitian from New York City to be elected to New York State Assembly, also won her seat Tuesday night in the Democratic Primary.

She soundly beat challenger Victor Jordan in the 42nd Assembly District Brooklyn, capturing captured 2,305 votes to Jordan's 600.

There was no contest for Trinidadian-born Jaime Williams, who represents the 59th Assembly District in Brooklyn.

Williams, Persaud's former chief-of-staff, had won the Special Election in April in the seat that was vacated by Persaud, so she could contest the 19th Senatorial seat.

Even with no opponent, Williams, the first Trinidadian-American to win a seat in New York State, will still appear on the ballot in the November Presidential elections.

"Even though you are not facing any opponent, you can't take anything for granted," Williams told Caribbean Life at Persaud's victory party Tuesday night. "It makes me, as the assembly member, to work hard for the community."

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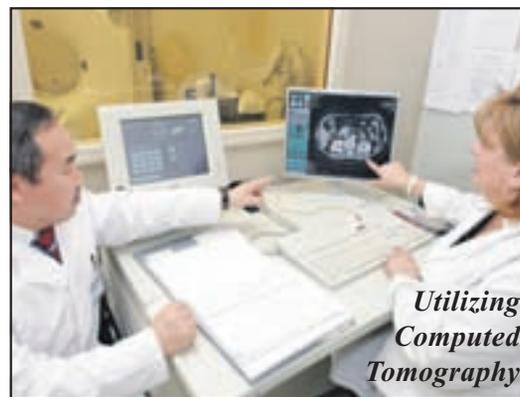
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# Barbados immigration under scrutiny

By George Alleyne

The immigration service in Barbados has again found itself in the Caribbean spotlight following recent allegations by two Jamaicans and a Guyanese of mistreatment after arriving at Grantley Adams International Airport.

The accusations of inhumane and degrading treatment are similar to those leveled in 2011 by another Jamaican, Shanique Myrie, who two years later won a landmark court ruling that set a legal precedent and caused 14 of the 15 CARICOM member states to brush up on their immigration practices.

Claiming that they suspect that Myrie was seeking to enter the island for illicit purposes, Barbados immigration officials not only denied her entry but, the Caribbean Court of Justice believed her report of being made to endure dehumanizing body cavity searches, along with insults and rough treatment before being sent back to Jamaica.

The CCJ's subsequent ruling that in accordance with prior CARICOM agreements, each Caribbean citizen is entitled to an automatic entry into, and stay of six months, in any of the 14 signatory states unless there is evidence that the person poses a risk, is a known criminal, or cannot



Jamaican High commissioner to Trinidad, David Prendergast, addressing Jamaicans resident in Barbados. Photo by George Alleyne

support his or herself with no proof of financial upkeep by a resident.

But in the past two weeks three female visitors to Barbados have been reported in the Barbados, Jamaica, and Guyana media with claims of mistreatment at Grantley Adams Airport.

The most recent allegation came Wednesday, Sept. 07, from a pregnant Guyanese woman, Annecia Alfred, who claimed that she was made to sit on a hard bench for some 12 hours with only a sandwich to eat while awaiting a flight back to Guyana after immigration officers said she was seeking work on the island without a permit.

"I explained that I never worked a day in my life, and asked why would I leave Guyana to come and work here with a big belly," Alfred said she told the Immigration officers.

She returned home that night and by the next morning her legs were still swollen from having to sit hours in one position..

It turns out that about the same time Alfred was sitting at the airport, the Jamaican High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago, David Prendergast, who holds responsibility for Barbados was in Barbados telling his country people of their rights if detained by immigration.

He also announced the appointment of an honorary consul, Ella Hoyos, to be the front person handling complaints of immigration hassles.

"We thought it was important to again have an honorary consul appointed in Barbados ... because we've had some cases recently. The case of Miss Marsha Cooke .... it's a case that we followed closely," he said.

That case of Marsha Cooke, a Jamaican, popped in the Barbados media on Sept. 04, after charges against her for assaulting police officers at the airport were dismissed.



Pregnant Annecia Alfred, showing her swollen feet, one day after arriving back in Guyana from Barbados.

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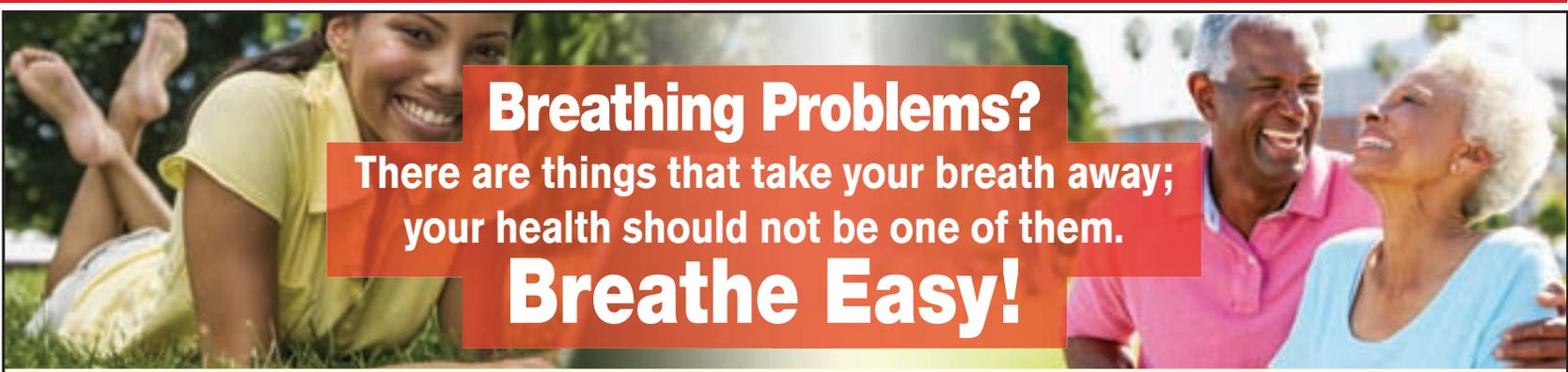
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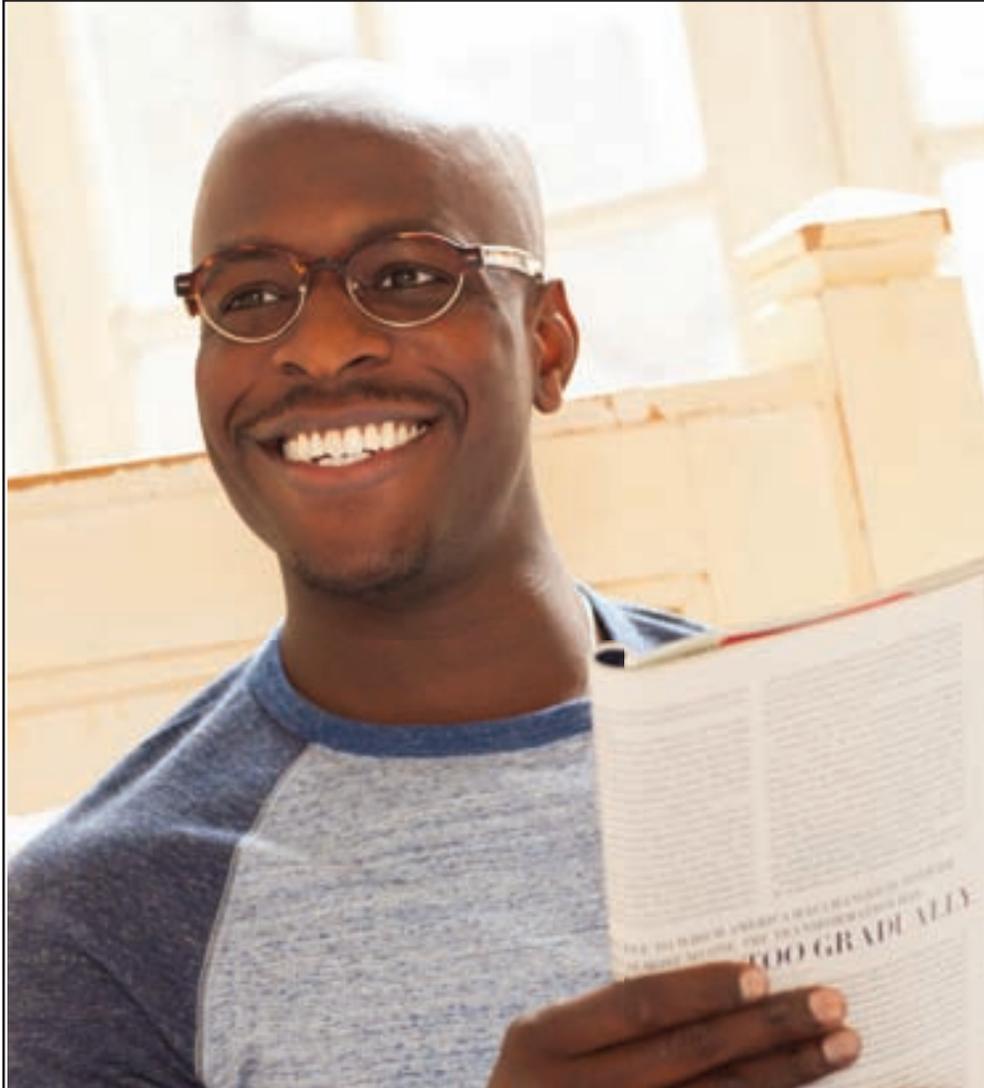
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# J'Ouvert, gun violence, and the need to heal

By Assemblymember Walter T. Mosley

As the father of two young children I cannot fathom the heartbreak I would feel if I lost either of them to gun violence, but on Monday morning two families went through that very situation.

An estimated 28 lives have been lost in the past 10 years at J'Ouvert or surrounding areas of the overnight parade, which draws out roughly 250,000 people every Labor Day. In the predawn hours of the morning, crowds gather for "day break", the opening of the Carnival, which is celebrated throughout the Caribbean.

Here in my district of Crown Heights, the heart of the Caribbean-American diaspora of this city, we celebrate with colors and pageantry that rivals any of the home islands.

Unfortunately, over the last decade this vibrant festivity has been marred by violence, injury and the untimely death of too many of our friends and neighbors.

On Monday two more lives were lost during these annual celebrations when 22-year-old Tiarah Poyou and 17-year-old Tyreke Borel were caught in crossfire shootouts of rival gangs. These senseless acts of violence coupled with the loss of the governor's aide, Carey Gabay last year, has forced me to reevaluate my stance on the celebration. With gun violence

still plaguing the communities of central Brooklyn, it cannot be tolerated that this event has become a predetermined point of destination to settle individual disputes through violence. While I do not believe thousands of revelers come into my district with the intent of vengeance, it cannot be ignored that despite our best efforts to combat this brutality, the addition of 3,000 uniformed police, 200 light towers and one of the most extensive community police planning I have ever seen, still four individuals were shot, and two of them lost their lives.

It was my sincerest hope that after the tragic loss of Mr. Gabay last year and an intense community / police plan constructed over the course of a year with community leaders, parade officials, and the NYPD we would be rejoicing this year without tragedy and mourning. With another tragic result I can no longer plan, wait, watch, and hope that the parade I have previously supported does not continue to produce violence and injury. I, as an elected representative of the people, must do what I feel is right. I refuse to play trial and error with the lives of my fellow New Yorkers.

Residents of the community should not fear that year after year on Labor Day they will live in a police state. As J'Ouvert

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# Canceling J'Ouvert celebration is not the answer

By Council Member Jumaane D. Williams, representative of Brooklyn's 45th Council District

During the early morning hours of Sept. 5, two innocent bystanders lost their lives, and two others were injured in shootings during the pre-dawn carnival festivities known as J'Ouvert. The two victims, 17-year-old Tyreke Borel and 22-year-old Tiarah Poyau, were like many others, including myself, celebrating the start of Carnival in the annual tradition.

As a city and community, it's important we take this time to mourn their deaths and reflect on how and why incidents like these continue to take place; both in the context of J'Ouvert, but also in the context of the overall gun culture that prevails in this country.

This year there was a concerted effort by the administration, NYPD, elected officials, community groups and clergy to provide and coordinate additional resources aimed at public safety.

While the attention and focus on encouraging safety during J'Ouvert and the annual West Indian Day parade is needed and appreciated, we cannot divorce the violence that occurs during that time, with the violence that takes place in the City throughout the year. To do so is foolish at best, and willfully ignorant at worst. In fact and unfortunately a similar discussion could be

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happening after any weekend of the summer.

The primary response from many has been to "cancel" the event. The first question is: what exactly are you canceling? The only assumption that can be made is perhaps to cancel the parade. Therein lies much confusion. There is a parade event that happens on J'Ouvert morning.

There isn't a parade or event called J'Ouvert. That morning, tens of thousands of people take to the streets to celebrate the beginning of carnival.

The only way to cancel J'Ouvert is to implement some sort of martial law or curfew. Now the question becomes why only J'Ouvert? Why not the 4th of July or Memorial Day, where historically significantly more New Yorkers have been shot?

Perhaps all holidays that include people out in mass, invite this type of trouble, which sadly seems to always be the case.

I would be remiss not to point out the call to end specific types of celebrations for years. These include the more familiar carnival on Eastern Parkway, the events that precede nightly at the Brooklyn Museum, and the

African Drum circles in the park; with last two examples having had not one incident of violence.

Those of us who hesitate at "canceling" J'Ouvert aren't doing so because we don't care about the lives lost. On the contrary, we care enough not to allow people, many of whom have not worked on gun violence or issues around J'Ouvert, to propose simple solutions that will not solve the problem. Those of us who do work on these issues welcomed all of this year's changes and welcome many of the suggestions made, and hope to hear more after the families of those we lost have been supported and mourned.

Getting rid of the parade or J'Ouvert does not get rid of the violence. If the perpetrators of these crimes were brazen enough to pull a gun out and shoot someone, only feet away from police officers in a well-lit area, these same individuals will commit these crimes in the community regardless, as evidenced by the shootings that took place the same day in Harlem and on the days before and after J'Ouvert.

If we do not come together with realistic plans for that evening and beyond, we run the risk of giving the impression to the public that gun violence is not tolerated only some of time and in only some locations, while not earnestly addressing the body count plaguing these communities.

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# Their campaign downplays the factual

During his time engaged in trying to get the better of Hillary Clinton as the Democratic nominee, Bernie Sanders clipped in response to one of the assigned reporters, "Could we please forget the stupid emails and concentrate on the issues?" What a pity that unlike so many of us well aware of the obvious truth voiced by Sanders, a non-event, never mind the swagger pretending otherwise, remains a non-event. Those Republicans involved in calling stuff that isn't.

The attempt by GOP folks to make Clinton's inclusion of email while secretary of state as a big deal is all hogwash. Former GOP Secretary of State Colin Powell was involved in the same deal when he served under George Bush. The bottom line is that what Clinton did, as was earlier done by Powell, is obviously by no means a big deal, once protocol here remained an issue. To no one's surprise, of course, nothing is deemed good enough to stop the GOP onslaught. They pushed for an official congressional inquiry about the big deal they knew would surely result.

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

When the results proved different that these jokers expected, the congressional probing got it wrong, they insisted. This too is about doing the people's work, they would insist.

Trying to make the Republican case that Clinton is someone who should be considered a criminal, or something close to it, is downright malicious. The party heavyweights who have been hammering this stuff every way possible, are presumably overjoyed that on this, they share feelings with a guy named Trump. Quite a bit different from the picture given us by the prestigious New York Times. When the Times made known its feelings quite early in the game about Clinton, the crappy Republican stuff was nowhere to be seen. As in: "Hillary Clinton is the right choice for the Democratic Party to present a vision for America that is radi-

cally different from the one that the leading republican candidates offer — a vision in which middle class Americans have a real shot at prosperity, women's rights are enhanced, undocumented immigrants are given a chance at legitimacy, international alliances are nurtured and the country is kept safe."

The unrestrained enthusiasm of the Times in its views on Clinton provides perhaps all that needs be said about Clinton and the email non-story. The Times reputation surely means a whole lot more.

There's one aspect of what happens after the November balloting that is a major deal for all involved. To be sure, it really should have been an event already long behind us. Instead, fate ordained that there be a Republican senate majority when the Supreme Court's Justice Scalia died suddenly months ago. With Republicans blocking all hopes of a new guy before Obama leaves office, this year's election assumes even more critical importance. Clearly, chances down the line could be monumental.



Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton speaks during a campaign rally in Blackwood, N.J.

Associated Press / Mel Evans, File

Mrs. Clinton equipped herself well when she served as New York senator, leading to the attempt she initially made to become the nominee, which she finally lost to Obama. Her understanding of the matters that most resound to common folk has been shown, as The Times noted, to be quite impressive. And there's no lack of knowledge routinely observed over the wealth of knowledge she gained during her White House years.

Clinton is opposed in the

election by an individual who is convinced that he has no equal in the art of making folks believe everything he wants them to believe. He said he can't release his taxes. He said Mexico will pay for a wall he builds. He said he could make millions of American residents leave the country ASAP. And a lot more. In other words, a joker.

In terms of the Clinton comparison, this is a no brainer. One guy's nonsensical upstart should no way be construed as the real deal.



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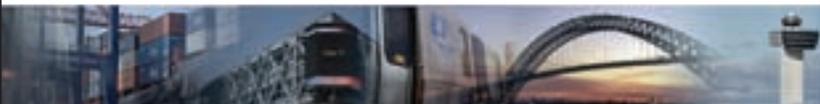
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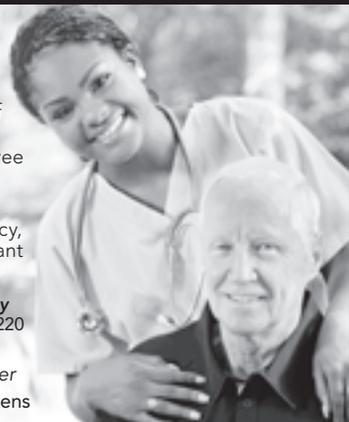
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# J'Ouvert gun violence

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has traditionally been an overnight celebration, Brooklyn has seen a noticeable increase of police made up of officers outside of our local precincts, all of which are on high alert; this presence only further divides our community and police.

I call for a suspension of the overnight J'Ouvert festivities. This is not a permanent banning of the event; I wholeheartedly wish to see this celebration continue, but in the safest manner possible. In preparing for future J'Ouvert festivals, I recommend that our community and police plans include creating a number of security checkpoints, similarly implemented to the Time Square's New Year's Eve cel-

ebrations. This includes having revelers screened by metal detectors before entering parade grounds. I also recommend a moratorium be placed on selling alcohol during any future J'Ouvert events.

I understand what my call means to some, that I am surrendering to violence, denying the expression of cultural heritage to a community that at times feels left on the margins, and left out of mainstream society. What it really means is putting the lives of our children and our community first. My hope is that community leaders and our police force can have time to implement measures that would ensure gun violence will no longer be a part of an important and historic celebration.

## Addressing aftershock of community violence

Global Trauma Research, Inc. (GTR) on Sept. 12, 2016 launched a 12-week psychotherapy community support group for Brooklyn, NY residents who have experienced psychological trauma and affects from highly publicized shootings such as that of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile in Baton Rouge, LA and Falcon Heights, the deaths and injury of police officers in Dallas, TX and Kansas City, MO and the mass killing in Orlando, Florida.

"This is a unique approach to address community violence and the mental health of our Brooklyn community members," says Dr. Florence Saint Jean, executive director of GTR. "Through this program we hope to provide an option for people to truly deal with the aftershock of community violence and heal."

The goal of this group is to address community depression and / or psychological trauma. Specifically, the group intends to prevent hospitalizations and undiagnosed mental illness, and help participants' cope by addressing matters such as anger, fear, anxiety, stress, loss, difficulty at home or work, avoidance, numbness, nightmares, or frightening thoughts.

Community violence is an unfortunate reoccurrence in some areas of Brooklyn and many people have nowhere to turn to deal with the aftershock. Through this program, GTR will provide free professional mental health counseling that will help community members heal and share their stories and experiences. In addition to providing psychotherapy, GTR will provide program participants with psychoeducation and skills that will assist with trauma management.

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Ben Goodwin from Crown Heights. "Shutting it down would make fans of the parade mad, and there's no way to know when violence is going to happen."

CNG / Alexandra Simon

## Vox pop: Should the city consider shutting down J'Ouvert?

By Alexandra Simon

The shooting deaths of two young parade-goers at this year's J'Ouvert parade is forcing local pols and community members to think about the possibility of permanently shutting down the parade. Critics of the annual pre-dawn carnival celebration — which starts in Prospect Heights and ends in Prospect Lefferts-Gardens — say the large gathering which is estimated to be 250,000 people, is an attraction for violent crime. Whereas fans of J'Ouvert say critics are using the cultural



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fest as a scapegoat, ignoring the crime that usually occurs in the area.

Established in 1984, J'Ouvert, which means "daybreak," celebrates the start of carnival on the eve of the West Indian day parade. This year was the first time the parade was given an official city permit, but additional officers and light towers on ground did not stop the influx of gun violence.

We asked local Brooklynite's, if the city should consider shutting down the J'Ouvert parade because of the violence?



Joseph J. from Prospect Lefferts-Gardens. "I don't want to see it shut down, but I want people to stop the violence. I'd like to see the parade every year — it's a fun cultural thing."

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Jean Philippe from Manhattan. "If any parade that's supposed to be a celebration of history, has violence when police presence is increased — it should be shut down."

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# Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center earns national award

National Research Corporation (NRC), has selected client Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center of Brooklyn, NY, as a recipient of its 2016 Excellence award. Kingsbrook was recognized at the 22nd Annual NRC Picker Patient-Centered Symposium in San Diego on Sunday, Aug. 28.

NRC selected Excellence award recipients based on their achievement within categories that patients have identified as being most important to the quality of their care. The award is only bestowed upon those organizations that are ranked by patients as being a top performer in one of the following categories: Overall Hospital Rating, Overall Provider Rating, Improvement Planner Champion, Value-Based Purchasing Champion, and Patient-Centered Care Champion.

The winners were selected from the extensive database of NRC hospital clients for their performance over the last four quarters. Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center was selected out of 133 hospitals and is the only medical center in the tri-state area to receive this recognition.

“Implementing improvement processes are difficult and require large amounts of time and resources, so when organizations make the commit-

ment to look past those constraints, it really defines who the winners are,” said Helen Hrды, senior vice president of Client Service at NRC. “We congratulate Kingsbrook for truly defining patient-centered care.”

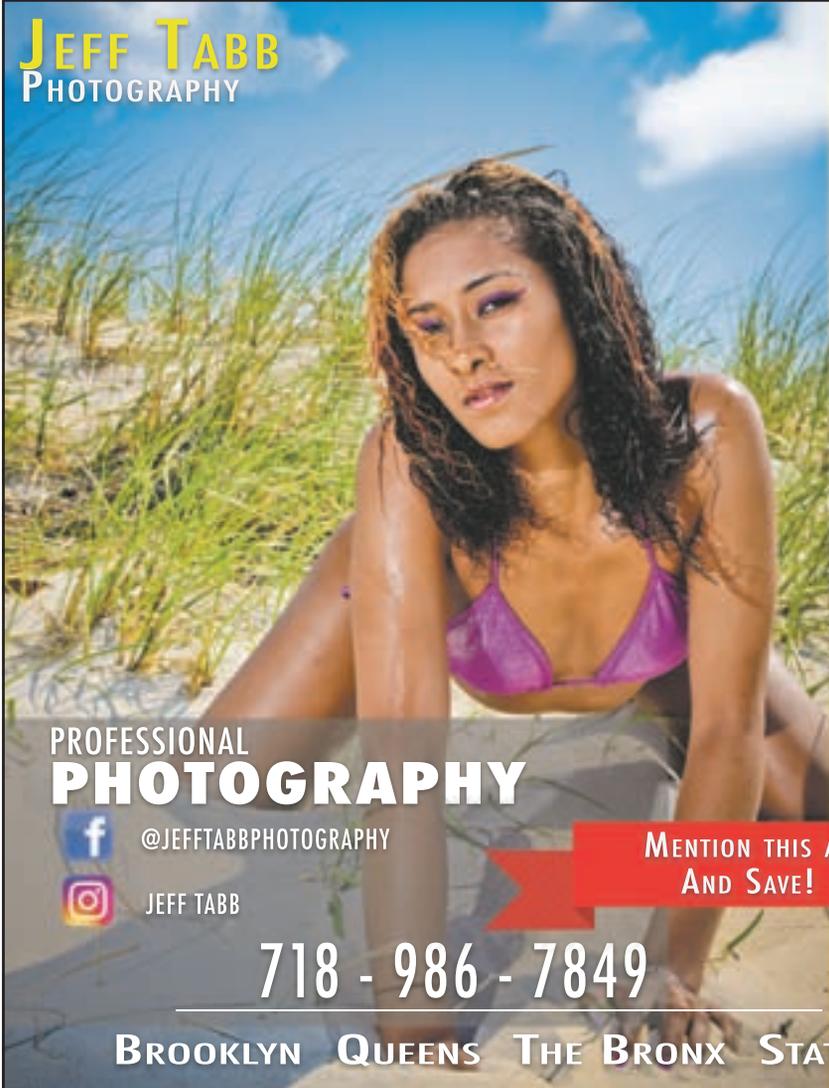
As a 2016 award recipient, Kingsbrook is among a select group of healthcare innovators leading the way on the path to patient-centered care.

“This recognition demonstrates our level of commitment to patient satisfaction and quality care, both of which are extremely important to our advancement here at Kingsbrook,” said Dr. Burney, chief medical officer, Sr. VP Quality Effectiveness. “As such, we are very proud of our dedicated team of medical specialists who have helped us reach this important milestone.”

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# Caribbean Diaspora to help shape foreign policy

By Nelson A. King

A top United States official is calling on Caribbean nationals in the U.S. to help shape Washington's foreign policy.

"Our diversity is our strength, and it needs to move faster," urged Juan Gonzalez, deputy assistant secretary for Central America and the Caribbean, U.S. Department of State, in addressing an extraordinary panel discussion on the Caribbean Diaspora last Thursday at Medgar Evers College.

The event, which examined the social and economic problems facing Caribbean nations, took place at the college's Founders Auditorium, and was organized by Medgar Evers College and the U.S. Department of State.

It represented the first partnership between the college and the U.S. Department of State to "underscore the deep connections between the U.S. and the Caribbean," according to Medgar Evers College.

"I would encourage you to join us and to help show how our foreign policy is designed," said Gonzalez, one of the three panelists.

The others were Lowell Hawthorne, the Jamaican-born president and chief executive officer of Golden Crust Caribbean Bakery and Grill, and Dr. Sheilah Paul, associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Education at Medgar Evers College, who was born in Trinidad's sister island of Tobago. Tony Best, the Barbadian-born senior editor at New York's *Carib News* newspaper, moderated the discussion.

Gonzalez said extant U.S. policy towards the Caribbean surrounds education, security and energy security, lamenting that the Caribbean pays more than the rest of the world for energy.

"If we can help the Caribbean, it'll have implications for the world," he said.

On exchange, Gonzalez said the goal is to have 100,000 students study in the Caribbean, stating that President Obama earlier this year launched the Young Future Leaders initiative to aid, among others, Caribbean young scholars.

The State Department official said the U.S. has a "special interest in the Caribbean," which is aimed at seeing "prosperity and security" in the region thrive, disclosing that Washington has provided US\$427 million to the Caribbean since 2011.

"The Caribbean Diaspora is an incredible force," Gonzalez said. "The community here can have an impact on the Caribbean."

He disclosed that he migrated to the U.S., when he was only seven years old, adding that "this country affords lots of opportunities."

Gonzalez said the Caribbean Diaspo-



State Dept. official Juan Gonzalez speaks to the audience at Medgar Evers College.

Photo by Nelson A. King

ra can influence U.S. foreign policy in much the same way as the Colombian American community.

Hawthorne said Golden Crust — which is located in 33 countries, with more than 35 restaurants in Brooklyn alone — "exists to take the taste of the Caribbean to the world."

"A vision without execution is nothing but hallucination," he said, stating that his company is the largest producer of Jamaican patties in the world.

"Let your success be for your family, the Caribbean," Hawthorne said. "Reject the naysayers."

"You can get it if you really want," he added, using a line from one of Reggae super star Jimmy Cliff's songs. "The world is as big as your dream."

Dr. Paul said 76 percent of the foreign-born students at Medgar Evers College came from the Caribbean, primarily from Jamaica, Haiti, Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago.

Speaking on the topic, "The Problem of Social Inclusion of People of Physical Disabilities," Paul said that, "for a long time, the problem fell on private organization."

She noted that a top priority for Caribbean nations is special education, regretting that many students leave the region's education system "undiagnosed and untreated."

"We can now agree that Caribbean

countries are not able to keep pace with the UN's Human Rights for People with Disabilities," said Paul, stating that the problems facing disabilities are "limited resources and lack of political will."

At Medgar Evers College, Paul said: "We have established a record of educating children with disabilities," revealing that the largest group of students with disabilities are African Americans and Hispanics.

"Our pipeline initiative is making a difference in the lives of our children in our Diaspora," the educator said.

"One thing a child can't afford is a promissory note marked insufficient funds," she added, borrowing a line from civil rights icon the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s popular "I Have a Dream" speech.

Medgar Evers College President Dr. Rudolph Crew said the college "has been the place where many students have got this start."

"This college is such a gem, because it had all that energy," he said. "Here, we celebrate the positive and prosperous venture. We want the college to lean towards the global community."

"Our courses, our opportunities, are our way of embellishing what we are all about," added Dr. Crew, disclosing that Medgar Evers College now has a number of bilateral agreements with some Caribbean countries.



Claire A. Goring with the GCA Lifetime Achievement Award and citation from Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

## Cultural icon receives award

By Tangerine Clarke

The name Claire Ann Goring is synonymous with folk culture in Guyana and is one of the most recognized names in the Guyanese and Caribbean community. Her outstanding creative work has won her many accolades over three decades, putting her in the company of great cultural icons before her.

On Aug. 31, Goring received a well-deserved honor. She was presented with the Guyana Cultural Association Lifetime Achievement Award, at the 13th Annual Awards ceremony at the Brooklyn Borough Hall.

She was also presented with a Citation from Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams.

Goring is the cultural director of GCA — the organization she nurtured, and built to the prominence it now enjoys.

Quiet, and unassuming, her brilliant work in the field of visual arts, and award-winning costume designing, will go down in the annals of history, as she continues to inspire future generation of young people.

Her one-of-a kind, greeting cards, journals, programs, and iconic doll figures, have been lauded by many industry professions, and called, phenomenal.

Goring, a patriotic Guyanese-American, thanked everyone under the sun, who inspired her through her journey, and for helping her to created history on many occasions in the Guyanese community.

"I am truly humbled, and honored to receive this award," she said.

She is the first woman to present a costume band under Solo Productions Mas in Guyana back in the 70s and 80s. She is also an innovator and creative genius in all aspects of Guyana's arts festival.

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ous PP government, said it would not be charging for storage of medical supplies imported for government.

### Jamaica

Violent crime in Jamaica is on the decline in Jamaica, according to the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) which is reporting a 22.8 per cent reduction in six of the seven categories of serious and violent crimes committed between January and June 2016 when compared to the corresponding period last year.

The PIOJ said these include aggravated assault, break-ins, larceny, rape, robbery and shootings.

PIOJ Deputy Director General Richard Lumsden said the number of offences committed decreased from 151 per 100,000 persons to 117 per 100,000.



He was at the time speaking at the weekly media briefing where he provided an update on the figures.

Lumsden said there was a 2.4 per cent increase in the seventh category, murder, which rose to 22.2 per 100,000 during the review period, up from 21.7 per 100,000 in 2015.

Besides murder, he said the figures reflect the "continued downward trend in overall crime rates that began in June 2010, into a sixth consecutive year.

### St. Lucia

The St. Lucia government has warned that attempts to use the export of agricultural products for the trafficking of illegal drugs would frustrate efforts by the Allen Chastanant administration to revive the agricultural sector.

Agriculture Minister Ezechiele Joseph was responding to a report out of Britain recently that a consignment of cocaine was discovered in a shipment of breadfruit and plantain that arrived at the Gatwick Airport from St. Lucia.



A search of the 93-box consignment by UK Border Force officers found 6.8 kilos of cocaine concealed in nine hollowed out breadfruits.

The minister said he was happy that

British authorities were able to find the drugs and that the Ministry of Agriculture would assist in the investigation.

### St. Kitts

St. Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris is taking legal action against his predecessor, former prime minister Dr. Denzil Douglas, in relation to what he claimed was "false, malicious and libelous" statements.



According to Harris, former Prime Minister Douglas, leader of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labor Party, which was defeated in general elections last year, made defamatory public statements on Freedom FM 106.5.

In a press release Harris said "Freedom FM 106.5 published false, malicious and libelous statement on its Facebook page."

The prime minister's attorney has commenced legal action against both Freedom FM 106.5 and Douglas for the publication of the allegedly defamatory statements.

### Trinidad

The Court of Appeal has set Oct. 17, 18, and 19, 2016 to hear the United National Congress (UNC) challenge to the People's National Movement (PNM) win in five constituencies in the 2015 general election.

During the Sept. 7, 2016 general election, the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) extended the voting time by one hour because of inclement weather.



The UNC is challenging the legality of this move after the party lost at the polls.

The former PP government challenged the PNM's victories in six constituencies and last November the Appeal Court ruled in the UNC's favor and paved the way for a legal challenge. One of the constituencies was struck out due to late filing.

Last month, the High Court dismissed the five election petitions, even though the judge found that the EBC acted outside its remit to extend the voting time.

— compiled by Azad Ali

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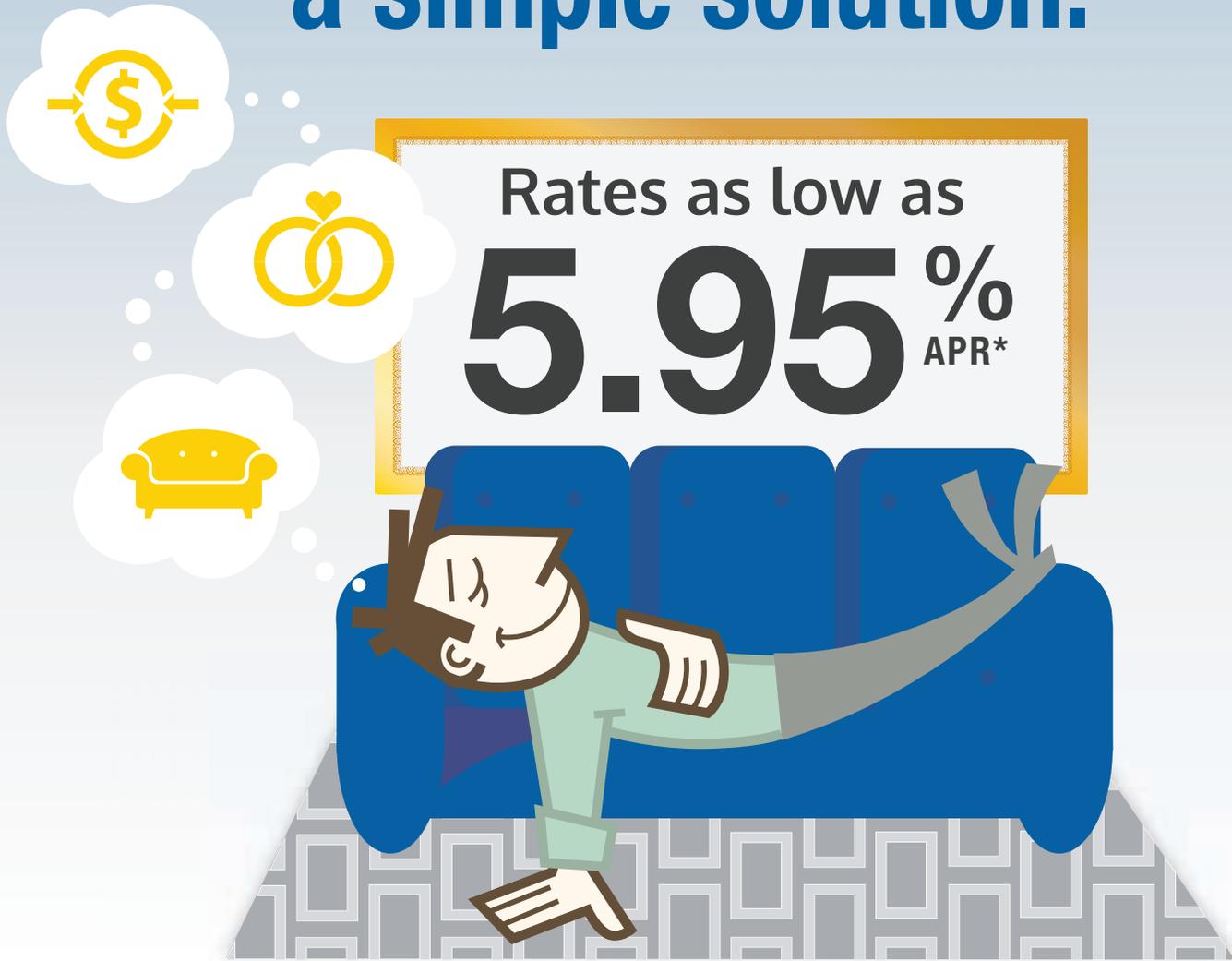
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# Vincentians pay tribute to lawyer Olin Dennie



Olin Dennie's close relatives in front pew Photo by Nelson A. King

By Nelson A. King

Several Vincentians in New York on Friday night paid their last respects to prominent lawyer Olin Dennie, who died on Sept. 1 in New York, according to his sister Roslyn Dennie. He was 63.

Ms. Dennie did not disclose the reason for her brother's death, but told Caribbean Life that he was ailing for some time. She said Olin had come to New York to seek medical attention.

Speaking on behalf of the Brooklyn-based St. Vincent and the Grenadines Progressive Organization of New York (SPOONY), an arm of the main opposition New Democratic Party (NDP), Claude Leach, the Bequia-born founding member of the group, told mourners, at a funeral service at Fenimore Street United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, that Olin Dennie was "an outstanding example of the citizen public servant and politician in modern civil society."



Olin Dennie. Dennie Family

Leach said Dennie was born into "a family of educators and community leaders" in Troumaca, a popular village in the North Leeward constituency in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and that he was "rigorously tutored in the finest traditions of the English primary and Grammar School systems."

Leach said Dennie had "remained an enthusiastic and committed supporter and activ-

ist of the NDP to the end," adding that "the people of North Leeward will surely show their appreciation when his mortal remains are returned to the land of his birth."

Roslyn Dennie said Olin's body was flown home on Saturday for the final funeral service this Friday, Sept. 16, at the Kingstown Methodist Church. She said her brother, like other members of the Dennie family, was a staunch Methodist.

William Dennie said his first cousin maintained equanimity for most of his life, stating: "You can also call Olin 'Mr. Cool.'"

"You hardly see Olin vex (angry)," William told mourners, but added: "When he vex, he started to stutter."

"Olin was a good guy, he was a nice guy," William continued. "He's gone, and we're going to miss him."

Relative Joy Harry-Lawrence, who journeyed from Philadelphia for the funeral service, noted that the last

time she came to New York was four years ago – for Olin's mother, Stella Dennie, funeral. Stella was a prominent member of the Chancel Choir at Fenimore Street United Methodist Church. Olin had read his mother's obituary at her funeral service at the same church.

"As one writer puts it, 'it's not the years in your life, but the life in your years' (that matters)," said Harry-Lawrence, disclosing that she was related to Olin through the Cottle side of the family and that she was the oldest member of that family. Stella Dennie's maiden

name was Cottle.

"Olin is safely home," Harry-Lawrence said.

As done at Stella's funeral service, the Matthews' siblings — Betty, Dawne, Mylene and Benedict — who are related to the Dennie family, performed a skit, revealing glimpses, humorously, of Olin's life.

They said Olin, who "came from lowly beginnings," got his kindness from both his father, former Education Minister and Member of Parliament for North Leeward, Alphonso Dennie, and Olin's mother, the Matthews' aunt.



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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

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The girl was green when they finally found her.

Officers Lucius Boggs and Tommy Smith smelled her long before that, long before they found her covered in garbage in a vacant lot, dead just a few days. They immediately recognized her as the woman they'd

seen with former police officer Brian Underhill, until she ran from them.

She'd been pretty once; young and light-skinned and there was the problem: it was just after World War II, the mayor had recently forced the Atlanta Police Department to hire new policemen from the segregated parts of town, and racial lines

were drawn thick. Few in charge cared about the death of some Negro woman; that the policemen who found her were black, too, only added to the apathy.

Rookie Officer Denny Rakestraw had no issue with Negroes in general, or with those now in the APD, but his partner, Lionel Dunlow sure did.

Dunlow was as racist as they come, and Rakestraw figured that having to patrol the edge of Darktown only boosted Dunlow's fury. Rakestraw noticed that Dunlow, in fact, seemed to take pleasure in torturing any Negro they saw on the streets, including those who were only minding their own business.



Book cover of “Darktown” by Thomas Mullen.

As a rookie, Rakestraw didn't think it wise to make enemies but he hated seeing that, just as he hated that Underhill seemed to be getting away with murder and Dunlow was

covering for him. So when Rakestraw learned that Boggs had decided on his own to solve the Negro woman's death, he offered Boggs a deal: they'd quietly investigate what they could in their respective racially-divided departments, and share their information.

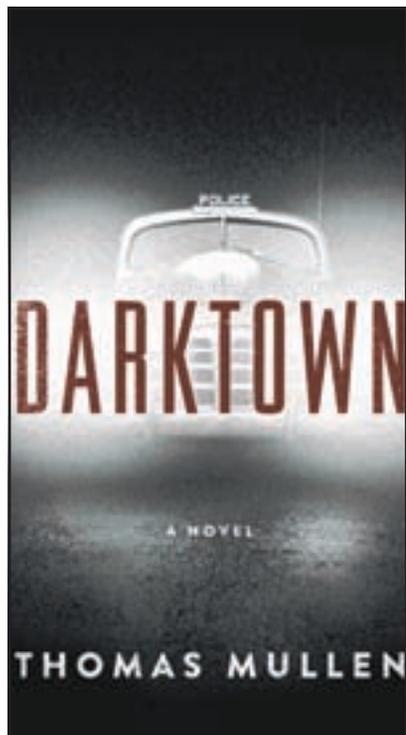
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Reading “Darktown” was a brand-new experience for me: I wanted to wash my hands, my arms, my hair, to get rid of the grit that pours out of this story. I could smell dirt and thick air and rotting wood. I squirmed, before I dived in for more.

It was impossible not to, because this novel is noir all the way: author Thomas Mullen sets a tone of a rainy midnight even in his daytime scenes, while the timeframe of the story, mixed with an angry-yet-resigned neighborhood of beat-down residents, just lends to the deliciously keen edginess. As for the main characters, the both-sides-of-the-same-coin frustration they feel simmers throughout each page. You may begin to wonder if either man makes it to the end of this novel.

I'm not about to be a spoiler — you'll have to find that out yourself. But know this: if you want a sandpaper read that's sticky as cold fog, “Darktown” is what to reach for first.



Book cover of “Darktown” by Thomas Mullen.

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# Ziggy Marley shares family recipes in debut cookbook

By Alexandra Simon

Let's get together and...eat alright.

Coming from a large musical family and the oldest son of legendary reggae artist Bob Marley — Ziggy Marley naturally explored his musical talents and thrives in it. But now he is delving into a different industry and branching his talents into the kitchen with the release of his debut cookbook.

The “Ziggy Marley and Family cookbook,” includes recipes from Marley’s childhood as well as dishes he makes with his family. The musician and married father of three, emphasizes eating food that benefits health, and wants his fans to try the tasty dishes he composed for his cookbook.

“Besides eating the food, I want this book to open people’s minds to other ways of eating — and to have that experience,” said Ziggy Marley. “We want people to experience the book with us in bringing the world together through food.”



A family affair: From left, Karen Marley, Abraham Marley, Gideon Marley, Orly Marley, Ziggy Marley, and Judah Marley. Ryan Robert Miller

The cookbook has recipes from Marley’s childhood, which is traditional Jamaican food and Ital cuisine — food that adheres to the Rastafarian diet and beliefs.

“Traditional Jamaican food is very flavorful — it’s healthy and good fat, but sometimes it can be a little greasy,” said Marley. “Ital is less greasy, less salt, and we use garlic and onions to

cook it — it has more healthy benefits.”

Marley gained the idea for the cookbook after sharing a photo of some food he cooked with a friend, and wanted to share the recipes he made with his family. The cookbook predominately features several recipes that are vegan and vegetarian, but also includes meat and fish recipes, some of which are fusions of Jamaican cuisine, and his wife’s Israeli and Iranian background — food Marley promises that anyone can enjoy even if they are not Jamaican.

“It’s balanced and it’s not strictly your typical Jamaican food — it has Mediterranean in there, and there are recipes that will fit anyone’s plate.”

Everything from salad to soups, to pancakes to jerk chicken recipes are in the book, dishes Marley considers healthy and made up along the way.

“My favorite recipe is the coconut dream fish, because when I was making it, I was making it up as I cooked,” said Marley. “It’s



At the table: Marley eating rice and peas with his family. Ryan Robert Miller

a very innovative thing to do when you’re cooking. When we were trying to recreate it for the book, we had people trying to figure out the measurements.”

But even as the cookbook will attract fans of healthy-eating, there are no calorie information. Marley said that physical activity is an important aspect to wellness as much as healthy eating.

“I don’t count calories because I’m active,” said Marley. “You burn calories everyday, and you have to choose your food choices wisely. If you’re eating healthy and checking your portions, you don’t have to count it.”

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# Guyanese designer debuts eco-friendly designs



Fashion designer Rochelle Porter

By Alexandra Simon

Pursuing fashion was not on her immediate table but finding a loophole into design whilst having a full time job is what brought this designer to the industry.

Fashion designer Rochelle Porter recently debuted her home decor designs in her pop-up shop at the West Elm furniture store in Manhattan. The now Atlanta-based designer, originally from East Flatbush — never faithfully studied fashion, but by teaching herself the craft and having a passion for human rights, it brought her to the world of eco-friendly fashion.

“I’m not an environmental activist, but I was every interested in the human aspect of fashion,” said Porter, designer and founder of Rochelle Porter Designs. “This is my way of doing this business. I would love that for everybody, it’s not just an environmental issue.”

Growing up in between New York City and Atlanta, the

Guyanese-born Porter studied English and history at Rutgers University, and later attended graduate school to study media. When Porter decided to descend into the world of fashion she was in shock to learn some truths of fashion-industry practices.

“I took a fashion design class at the Fashion Institute of Technology and my first class — I liked it,” said Porter. “Then I took a second class and the teachers talked about going to China to get clothing made, and I thought a lot about human rights abuse.”

The eye-opening experience gave Porter second thoughts about fashion, and introduced her to the world of eco-friendly fashion.

“After that class I realized I did not want to be involved in this,” said Porter. “It upset me greatly when I learned about sweatshops. That was something that struck a chord with me.”

Despite her lack of formal

training in fashion, she taught herself designing. Equipped with a love for drawing and doodling, she became curious about seeing her artwork on home items — such as pillows.

“I did my research. I would see things on greeting cards, home decors, and wonder ‘how does that happen, how do you get artwork on clothes,’” said Porter. “So I went through conferences to learn about ethical fashion and print design.”

As a fashion enthusiast, Porter says the safety of the workers who work in factories producing the clothing are just as important in fashion, explaining that this initiative she takes will benefit the fashion industry if more designers considered the material used to make the clothes and the damage chemicals from it can cause.

Now only a year since she began focusing on fashion, Porter works in technology. She hopes the opportunity to display her designs at more

pop-up shops grows so she can pursue it as a career.

“I had to learn this all while working full time. Hopefully, not too much longer, I’ll be able to generate a complete income,” said Porter. “Coming

from a Caribbean background, we are expected to be doctors or lawyers. There are many Caribbean adults who don’t want to pursue an artistic career — and there definitely needs to be more of us.”

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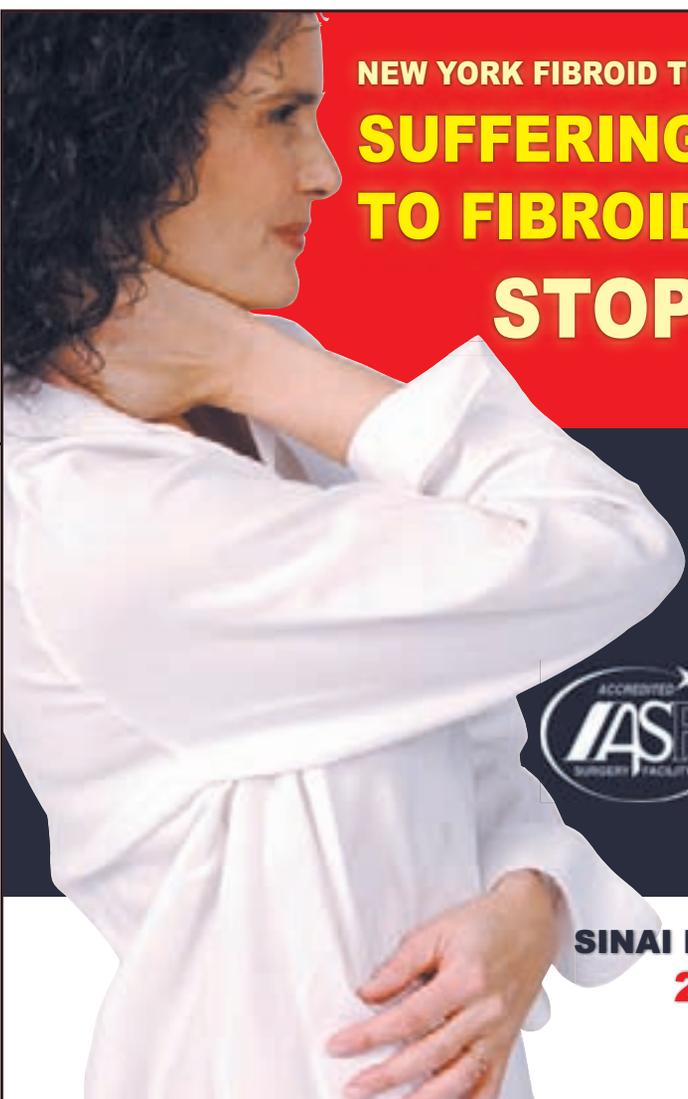
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# Jamaica's pioneering king of ska dies in Miami

The coronation of Jamaican royalty has always been multi-dimensional.

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Born in Kingston, Jamaica, on May 24, 1938, Cecil Bustamante Campbell surpassed obstacles and is one of the champions who probably symbolized the duality of a regal status by being crowned prince and king.

Acclaimed as boxer Prince Buster, the Jamaican who transitioned to become a music innovator and producer honed his craft and emerged the pioneering, king of ska.

The prince who became king died on Sept. 8 in Miami, Florida at age 78 after suffering from heart ailments resulting with a series of strokes, one in 2009 that left him paralyzed and unable to walk.

Regarded internationally as the individual that revolution-



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

ized Jamaica's music industry, Prince Buster's reign preceded Bob Marley's rule as the king of reggae and predated the birth of the beat the legend ruled with the Wailers.

Named by his parents with the middle name Bustamante, he inherited an association with Sir Alexander Bustamante, one of Jamaica's founding fathers.

Reputedly a formidable street fighter, his earliest aspiration was to be a boxer therefore it was an easy decision to adopt a title for the ring.

Allegedly he was dubbed Prince Buster by seasoned trainers who noticed his potential to be a young, king.

How he emerged from being a force to reckon as a boxer to the crowned champion of ska allegedly evolved from being hired by Sir Coxsonne Dodd to being a security guardian.

The music innovator who established Studios One Records and also the individual who steered Marley to world acclaim proved the catalyst to the ska music kingdom.

The access the boxer and security strongman was afforded during his tenure with the music producer enabled him to discover his ultimate and highest crown when he pioneered the world acclaimed music form known as ska.

Prince Buster left Dodd in the late 1950s to set up his own record store, he named it Buster's Record Shack.

Simultaneously, he also established his own sound system which he named, the Voice of the People.

Influenced by the sound system innovations of Tom The Great Sebastian, Prince Buster's "Voice of the People" system quickly became one

of "the island's most revered, rivaling legends the likes of Dodd and Duke Reid," who were the forerunners and rulers of the music form.

From his own stable Prince Buster produced and recorded a litany of hits, among them: "Ten Commandments of Love," "Forward March," "Black-head Chineyman," "Wash Wash," "Madness Is Gladness," "Enjoy Yourself," "Judge Dread," "Burke's Law," "What A Hard Man Fi Dead," "Humpty Dumpty," "30 Pieces of Silver," "They Got To Go" and too many more to list.

"Ten Commandments" debuted on the Billboard Hot 100, becoming a big hit single in America.

In 1965, he was the first Jamaican to have a top 20 hit in Britain with a track called "Al Capone."

Prince Buster traveled extensively and particularly in the United Kingdom he was regarded as Jamaica's first international superstar.

According to Britain's Guardian newspaper — "his influence went far beyond Jamaica.

He became rich, living the high life of sharp suits and fast cars, though remaining an aggressive champion of the underdog."

"He toured the country regularly to sell-out crowds," and appeared on "Ready Steady Go" a TV dance program there, the newspaper reported in an obituary.

It was in England in 1964 that he met Muhammad Ali, the world heavy-weight boxing champion.

The proven "greatest" invited him to attend a Nation of Islam meeting at Mosque 29 in Miami, Florida and the Prince, king and producer attended and converted to Islam.

He changed his name to Mohammed Yusef Ali and established his own imprint label which he named "Islam."

Some claimed that Jamaica's Mohammed Yusef Ali was a carbon copy of America's Muhammad Ali.

In similar braggadocio-style, the former boxer exalted his prowess and 'greatness.'

One of the releases on his

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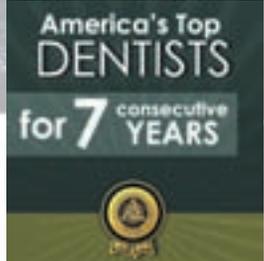
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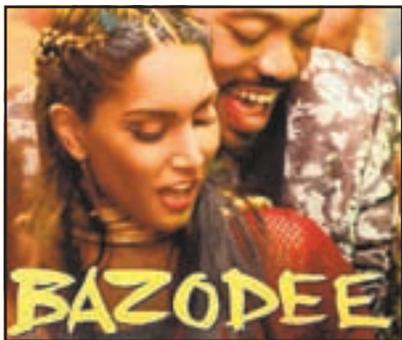


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# ENTERTAINMENT

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Machel Montano stars in "Bazodee."

## Montano debuts in 'Bazodee'

By Tangerine Clarke

Soca Monarch Machel Montano could now add film star to his incredible career, after a compelling acting debut in the role as Lee de Leon — a struggling musician who falls in love with the daughter of an Indian businessman — in the blockbuster "Bazodee."

The film received rave reviews for its unique storyline that bonds two families, in a romantic musical and carnival backdrop, that kept the audience engrossed. Not only with Montano's infectious music,

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## Art of carnival

By Alexandra Simon

Florida-based artist Weldon Ryan has painted many pieces of art depicting carnival-partying people for almost three decades. Frequenting carnival events in Miami and Brooklyn, Ryan captures images from these colorful events, and paints them on canvases. He recently showcased these artworks, some for the first time, and he is ready to paint even more.

His paintings were recently on display for "Art of Carnival" exhibit at Clover's Fine Art Gallery from Aug. 26 – Sept. 2, sharing artwork he painted as far back as 2002.

"I think carnival is a special celebration that we as Caribbean people do," said Ryan. "It's our custom — it demonstrates exactly how we can make joy out of pain. I like the carnival theme, and one

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United Vincie Cultural Group in Brooklyn during their performance last Sunday.

Photo by Nelson A. King

## Brooklyn group electrifies at annual showcase

By Nelson A. King

Vincientian and other Caribbean cultural aficionados got more than their monies' worth at an electrifying cultural show Saturday night at the Miracle Temple Ministries in Brownsville, Brooklyn.

The standing-room-only 11th annual cultural package, hosted by the United Vincie Cultural Group (UVCGB), attracted a diversity of Caribbean nationals, including Jamaicans, Guyanese and Trinidadians.

"To me, it was another mission

fully accomplished," said UVCGB President Dr. Roxie Irish in a post-show interview. "I'm pleased with our performance.

"This year, we had more diversity," added the former St. Vincent and the Grenadines' national netball star. "We're selling St. Vincent and the Grenadines to people we don't know. We're on a quest to be the best promoters of St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

UVCGB members performed a number of selections, dramatiza-

tions, skits and dances, including new ones written by choreographer and producer Randolph "Randy" Liverpool and Ada Johnson, a lawyer and retired Registrar of the High Court in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Most of the folk and other songs were arranged by Gordon "Don Sutherland," a renowned cultural figure in the country's second largest town, Georgetown.

The four-hour-long show also featured, among others, "Welcome to

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES

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

### TOP 10 ALBUMS

- 1 **Birds in the Trap Sing McKnight**  
Travis Scott
- 2 **Bad Vibrations**  
A Day to Remember
- 3 **Blonde**  
Frank Ocean
- 4 **Lemonade**  
Beyonce
- 5 **Suicide Squad: The Album**  
Soundtrack
- 6 **The Sun's Tirade**  
Isaiah Rashad
- 7 **Dig Your Roots**  
Florida Georgia Line
- 8 **If I'm Honest**  
Blake Shelton
- 9 **All Time Greatest Hits**  
Lynyrd Skynyrd
- 10 **Purple Rain Soundtrack**  
Prince and the Revolution



# VINCY CULTURE

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SVG" by former Vincentian calypsonian-turned-gospel artiste Angus "Brigo" Lynch, Trinidadian comedienne Susan Kennedy, and Ska dancing by Jamaican Nikhidia Harris and her dad.

"The cultural show was excellent," said Liverpool, who, a year ago, moved to New Jersey, from where he commutes for rehearsals in Brooklyn. "The hectic schedule of rehearsals and preparations have paid off big time!

"All members of the United Vincie Cultural Group of Brooklyn performed exceptionally well," added the former school teacher in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and retired detective superintendent in Bermuda. "I am so proud to be a member and choreographer of the group."

He said supporters have even compared the UVCGB to the Georgetown Folk Creation Group, of which he was an integral part in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, in the mid-70s.

"It appears that the audience was greatly entertained by the variety of renditions we performed — folk songs, skit, dances, choral speeches, com-

edy, etc. — and everyone got their money's worth," Liverpool said. "I am also filled with joy that I am part of promoting Vincy culture in the USA and keeping the culture alive amongst the Vincy Diaspora.

"Most importantly, we are doing so for a good cause — to provide medical supplies to clinics and hospitals in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and to help others in dire need, which can ultimately make an immense positive difference in the lives of fellow Vincentians," Liverpool added.

Sutherland said the group's performance is improving by leaps and bounds.

"Each year our group is performing at a higher level," he said, stating that three new original folk songs — "Keep Our Culture Alive," written by Johnson, and "Callin List" and "Where all the Childhood Days Gone," written by Liverpool — were up-tempo folk songs, "which touched our audience."

"It took me a couple of years to get my buddy Randy to move to the Tri-State (area) to join the group," Sutherland said. "His presence is helping us raise the bar."

He said the band — with



Trinidadian comedienne Susan Kennedy in action.

Photo by Nelson A. King

him on lead guitar, Jeffery Holder on guitar, Ike Jeffers on bass, Raul "Winky" Decaul on keyboard, and Uwusu Slater on drums — "did an excellent job."

"Our group loves SVG (St.

Vincent and the Grenadines) very much, and we are giving back to our fellow Vincentians," Sutherland said. "Our goal is to promote folk culture in SVG and in the Caribbean community in America."

## 'Bazodee'

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and Bollywood dancing, but also the exceptional cinematography, and breathtaking scenery of Trinidad where the film was shot.

Last Thursday, co-founders of the Caribbean Film Academy (CaFa), Romola Lucas and Justin Blaize, hosted the first, Brooklyn screening at BAMcinematek, much to the pleasure of Bazodee's screenwriter and producer Barbadian-born, Claire Ince, and co-producer, Trinidadian-born Ancil McKain, a husband and wife team.

The reaction of the audience to "Bazodee" was overwhelmingly positive. There were laughter, applause and retort to the supreme writing and exceptionally produced flick, released in 40 markets nationwide.

Directed by Todd Kessler and distributed by German-born Susan Bohnet, the film which was 10 years in the making, began with a phone call to Montano by screenwriter Ince, who said the crew experienced difficulties while working on the Caribbean island.

During a Q&A after the screening, the producers who

began their careers producing videos for non-profit organizations to do what they enjoy doing — produce content for movies — were ecstatic at the reaction the film received from fans, and the positive reviews from prominent media outlets.

Ince said Machel Montano's music was the inspiration for the film. "We were listening to music just after carnival had ended, and thought, it would be really cool to produce a soca musical, and felt Machel's music was a good fit, for this Bollywood style movie.

Ince intertwined the music with the narrative, which at times were difficult, since she had to choose the correct songs, to make the movie organic, in the script.

She added that most of the actors in the film were Trinidad locals, whose acting skills were phenomenal, something that was certainly great to experience.

"Making a movie with a female lead, (Natalie Perera) was a big part of this film and I felt it was important to tell a story from the Caribbean. We wanted to make a difference, in this type of Caribbean film with music, and fun. That was hard, because Caribbean genre film is not firmly established yet."

## Carnival artwork

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of the reasons is because the freedom that you see — you have a little joy, a little sin, and a little sex."

Many of the people in Ryan's paintings range in all ages and genders in an almost realistic style, from masqueraders dressed in costume, to happy onlookers. Specializing in abstract and realistic art, Ryan says the realistic art expresses

thoughts that jump out to people in a more relatable way.

"I work from photographs because my whole art is about realism," said Ryan. "I try to get things real. It's festive and it's very creative, I take from life, I imitate life and take from art. I paint people. I bring that out in my paintings. I like painting my people. I take from art that we are a viable and energetic beautiful people."



Real to realism: Artist Weldon Ryan with his painting titled "Leh We Whine." Ryan paints realistic art inspired by photographs taken at carnivals around the country.

Richlin Burnett-Ryan

# Hanks plays hero pilot in miracle on the Hudson

“Sully”

Excellent (4 stars)  
Rated PG-13 for peril and brief profanity  
Running time: 96 minutes  
Distributor: Warner Brothers Pictures

By Kam Williams

US Airways Flight 1549 had barely taken off from New York’s LaGuardia Airport on the afternoon of Jan. 15, 2009 when it sighted Canada geese flying in its path at about 2,800 feet. The Airbus 320 was unable to avoid the flock and the ensuing strike disabled both of its engines.

At that point, Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger immediately took control of the powerless plane from copilot Jeff Skiles (Aaron Eckhart) and informed the tower of his dire predicament.



Tom Hanks as Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger in the movie “Sully.” [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com)

After weighing his options in the next few seconds, Sully ignored air traffic controller Patrick Harten’s (Patch Darragh) suggestion to return to LaGuardia in favor of the fateful decision to ditch the

crippled jet in the Hudson River.

Thanks to a combination of calm seas and the veteran captain’s years of experience as both a glider pilot and flight safety instruc-

tor, the plane managed to make a smooth landing without triggering a fire or disintegrating upon impact. Instead, the 155 souls aboard found themselves simply floating downstream

as the cabin slowly filled with icy water.

Sully ordered his passengers and crew to disembark into the inflatable life rafts and onto the wings where they were soon rescued by the commercial ferries and emergency vessels rushing to the scene. Amazingly, not a single life was lost in the crash quickly dubbed the “Miracle on the Hudson.”

Directed by Clint Eastwood, Sully revolves around not only a reenactment of the death-defying stunt but around the subsequent investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board. What we learn here is that while Captain Sullenberger was publicly being celebrated as a national hero under an avalanche of positive press, the wisdom of his water landing was simultaneously being questioned behind closed doors by the NTSB’s brass.

## Independent & Foreign Films

**The Beatles: Eight Days a Week** (Unrated) Ron Howard directed this reverential retrospective featuring found footage from interviews and concert performances by the Fab Four recorded between 1963 and 1966. Including commentary by Whoopi Goldberg, Sigourney Weaver and Elvis Costello.

**Cardboard Boxer** (Unrated) Bum fight drama about a Skid Row hobo (Thomas Haden Church) pressured by some spoiled-rotten teens to box other homeless men. Featuring Terrence Howard, Marlo Thomas, Macy Gray and Boyd Holbrook.

**Is That a Gun in Your Pocket?** (R for profanity and sexuality) Battle-of-the-sexes comedy, ostensibly by Spike Lee’s Chi-Raq and/or Aristophanes’ Lysistrata, revolving around a stay-at-home mom (Andrea Anders) who recruits the women in her Texas town to withhold sex from their husbands until they surrender their weapons. With Cloris Leachman, Horatio Sanz and John Michael Higgins.

**Mr. Church** (PG-13 for mature themes) Eddie Murphy plays the title character in this bittersweet drama about a chef who befriends a little girl (Natalie Coughlin) while cooking meals for her terminally-ill mother (Natascha McElhone). Cast includes Britt Robertson, Lucy Fry and Xavier Samuel.

**Silicon Cowboys** (Unrated) American Dream documentary about the trio of entrepreneurial BFFs who founded Com-

paq Computers over brunch at a Texas diner back in 1981.

**Wild Oats** (PG-13 for sexuality) Buddy comedy about a widow (Shirley MacLaine) who embarks with her best friend (Jessica Lange) on a hedonistic getaway to the Canary Islands after a life insurance company makes a multimillion dollar error in her favor. With Demi Moore, Alan Arkin, Judd Hirsch and Billy Connolly.

### BIG BUDGET FILMS

**Blair Witch** (R for profanity, terror and disturbing images) Found-footage horror sequel revolving around a college student (James Allen McCune) who leads a group of classmates deep into a Maryland forest in search of the long-lost sister who disappeared during a similar expedition. Ensemble includes Callie Hernandez, Corbin Reid, Brandon Scott, Wes Robinson and Valorie Curry.

**Bridget Jones’ Baby** (R for nudity, profanity and sexual references) Renee Zellweger reprises the title role in this baby-daddy dramedy which finds the British bachelorette pregnant but uncertain as to whether the father is her ex (Colin Firth) or her new lover (Patrick Dempsey). With Jim Broadbent, Gemma Jones and Sally Phillips.



### Kam’s Kapsules

By Kam Williams

RENÉE ZELLWEGER COLIN FIRTH PATRICK DEMPSEY

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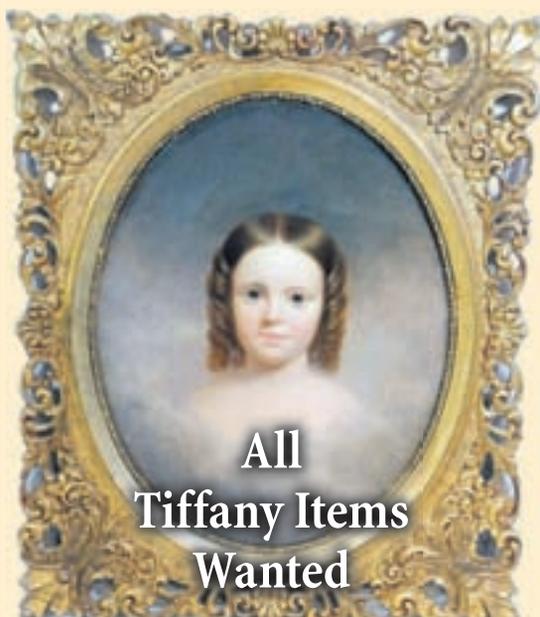
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Former West Indies cricketer Courtney Walsh. Associated Press / Aijaz Rahi

## Walsh hired as Bangladesh's bowling coach

By Azad Ali

West Indies fast bowling legend Jamaican Courtney Walsh has been appointed the new Bangladesh bowling coach.

The West Indies record holder for the most wickets in Tests has signed a three-year contract with the Bangladesh Cricket Board. He took up the position from Sept. 1, 2016.

In a statement released by the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB), Walsh

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## Windies remain at the bottom

By Azad Ali

West Indies continues to languish at the bottom of the standings in Test cricket, while cricketers from the region have made little progress in the player's rankings.

The regional side, which recently lost a Test series against India 0-2, remained at number eight in the rankings just above Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

The highest ranked West Indies batsman is Darren Bravo who is in 28th position, while fast bowler Kemar Roach who is listed at number 23 in the bowler's rankings.

However, South Africa has moved up a few places and their paceman Dale Steyn

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## ALTIIDORE SCORES TWICE

United States' Jozy Altidore (17) and Trinidad & Tobago's Carlyle Mitchell, right, fight for possession of the ball during the first half of a CONCACAF World Cup qualifying soccer match, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016, in Jacksonville, Fla. Associated Press / John Raoux

## US advances with 4-0 win over T&T

By Mark Long

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) – Jozy Altidore made U.S. history. So did Christian Pulisic.

Altidore scored twice in a three-minute span of the second half, Sacha Kljestan and Paul Arriola had goals and the United States beat Trinidad

and Tobago 4-0 on Tuesday night to reach the final round of qualifying for the 2018 World Cup.

The Americans (4-1-1) finished atop Group C of the semifinal round in the North and Central American and Caribbean region and open the hexagonal on Nov. 11 against Mexico.

That match almost certainly will be in Columbus, Ohio, where the U.S. has won four straight qualifiers over El Tri by 2-0 scores.

"No doubt in my mind," coach Jurgen Klinsmann said of the site.

U.S. Soccer Federation President  
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said he is looking forward to getting started with the group”.

Walsh, 53, took a record 519 wickets from 132 Tests during an illustrious career which spanned West Indies' dominance of world cricket and their precipitous decline.

He retired in 2001 and has since served as West Indies Under-19 team manager for the 2012 World Cup and as a senior team selector for the last two years.

## Windies



West Indies batsman Darren Bravo plays a shot during the third and final One-Day International cricket match against Sri Lanka in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Associated Press / Eranga Jayawardena, File

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has stormed back to the one position for Test bowlers according to the latest International Cricket Council (ICC) rankings released recently.

Steyn, who grabbed five for 33 in the second innings against New Zealand in the Centurion Test recently in what was his 26th five-wicket haul, finished with match figures of eight for 99 to help his team complete a 204-run victory.

Pakistan currently tops the team standings while there were no major changes in the list of batsmen with Australia captain Steve Smith leading the table. South Africa has moved up two places to fifth in the Team Rankings, while New Zealand has slipped two places to seventh.



West Indies' Kumar Roach. Associated Press / Themba Hadebe, File



Trinidad & Tobago's Levi Garcia (16) and United States' Jozy Altidore (17) battle for possession of the ball during the first half of a CONCACAF World Cup qualifying soccer match, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016, in Jacksonville, Fla. Associated Press / John Raoux

# US PREPARES TO FACE MEXICO

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Sunil Gulati later tweeted: “Guerra Fria?”

After U.S. hosts Mexico, it plays four days later at Costa Rica.

Altidore, who missed most of the 2014 World Cup and all of this year's Copa America because of hamstring injuries, hopes to remain on the field.

“I'm just trying to stay healthy, man,” he said. “I know I have a lot to give if I'm healthy. But that's the key. For me, it's just trying to stay on the field, and I know if I do that, I can help the team.”

Altidore etched his name in the record book by becoming the United States' leader with 16 qualifying goals, two more than Clint Dempsey.

Pulisic made his first U.S. start after seven appearances as a substitute, and at 17 years, 353 days, became the youngest American to start a qualifier. Landon Donovan had set the mark of 18 years, 184 days against Honduras in 2001 — the last home qualifier the Americans lost.

Pulisic, who had two goals and an assist against St. Vincent and the Grenadines last week, showed pace and an ability to take on defenders down the left flank. He assisted on Altidore's second goal.

Pulisic also had a memorable miss when his sliding shot in the first half hit the left post, ricocheted across the face of the goal and bounced off the right post.

“I don't think I've ever seen anything like that,” he said. “After that, I didn't think I was going to score because

there's no way after something like that. Disappointing.”

Coaches and teammates raved about the teenager's poise.

“It's crazy,” Altidore said. “Seventeen years old and he has a calmness when he gets the ball. He can glide by people almost effortlessly. The challenge for him is to stay hungry and keep improving and for you guys to leave him alone. He doesn't need to be reading about himself too much right now. He just needs to keep his head and keep working.”

Added Klinsmann: “I don't want to give him too many compliments. Got to keep him down on the ground.”

Trinidad (3-2-1) already had clinched a final-round berth and finished two points back, one ahead of Guatemala (3-2-1), which was eliminated despite a 9-3 rout of St. Vincent that included five goals by Carlos Ruiz.

Kljestan put the U.S. ahead in the 44th minute, and Altidore doubled the lead off Fabian Johnson's cross in the 59th. Altidore got his 37th international goal three minutes later, and with the chance for a hat trick chipped over the crossbar after Pulisic helped him break in as injury time started.

“We were flowing,” Altidore said. “It was good. Guys were moving and creating space and being crafty. When we're like that, we're on our game and we're at our most dangerous.”

Kljestan scored with a toe shot from 10 yards out. After a throw in, Johnson played the ball to Kljestan, who flicked it back to the left back. He passed to Pulisic, whose cross was knocked out by

Khaleem Hyland to teammate Radanfah Abu Bakr. His clearance hit Kljestan's midsection, and Kljestan scored for the second straight game since his return to the national team, his sixth goal in 48 international appearances.

Johnson set up the second goal with a cross to Altidore, who juked MeKeil Williams, turned and scored from 13 yards.

His second goal was even niftier. Pulisic used a give-and-go with Kljestan to get open and then crossed to Altidore for a tap-in near the far post.

Arriola was making his second appearance. He scored in an exhibition win at Puerto Rico on May 22.

“We're a little bit more dynamic,” said Tim Howard, who made his 32nd World Cup qualifying appearance and passed Kasey Keller for the most among American goalkeepers. “We added some young players to the fold. Well, maybe they were part of it but they're getting opportunities now. They make us a little more dynamic. We're shifty. We're able to press. It's been a good change for us.”

They can only hope it continues against Mexico.

“Now going into hexagonal with a big chest, saying, ‘OK, let's take on Mexico in the first game,’ with a lot of confidence and respect, obviously,” Klinsmann said. “We see ourselves on the right path.”

Notes: Costa Rica won Group B, beating second-place Panama 3-1 on two goals by Christian Bolanos and one from Ronald Matarrita. Luis Tejada converted a 90th-minute penalty kick for the visitors. Both teams already had clinched.

# Keisha N. Brown named executive VP, chair of Health and Wellness Practice

LOS ANGELES (Sept. 7, 2016) — Lagrant Communications (LC), a multicultural integrated marketing communications agency, announces the promotion of Keisha N. Brown to executive vice president and chair of the new Health and Wellness Practice. As chair of the practice, Brown will drive creative solutions for all of the agency's healthcare clients. With more than two decades of healthcare experience working with clients on a local, regional and national level, LC is excited to launch their Health and Wellness Practice with a skilled professional who works across all disciplines and cultures.

"I look forward to leading the new Health and Wellness Practice at the agency and utilizing my experience and passion to make a difference in the lives of African Americans and Latinos," said Brown. "I have worked on health care accounts for more than 20 years, and understand the

challenges that impact behavioral change to make our communities healthier and people live longer."

Brown brings a wealth of experience, insight and maturity to the Health and Wellness Practice. She has worked with corporate, not-for-profit and government clients, including American Cancer Society, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), Novartis and the Office of National Control Drug Policy, to name a few. Relying on her keen understanding of health disparities and cultural nuances amongst African American and Hispanic communities, Brown has successfully executed award-winning campaigns with multi-million dollar budgets and led multidisciplinary teams. She now manages the advertising and marketing account for Covered California, educating African American consumers about their services and maximizing the number of Californians enrolled in health

insurance coverage. In addition, under KB's leadership the team will focus on entities such as hospitals, healthcare plans, not-for-profit, government, biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies

"Brown is the biggest success story of the agency's internship program," said Kim L. Hunter, president and CEO of Lagrant Communications. "She is the epitome of what an IMC specialist is and does. Brown is one of the few communicators who has a good understanding of the three disciplines (advertising, marketing and public relations) and how they intersect with one another to create a truly holistic campaign."

As a 21-year veteran of the firm, Brown is an integrated marketing communications specialist that has successfully executed integrated advertising, marketing and public relations campaigns for clients such as L.A. Care Health Plan, The Los Angeles County

Department of Public Health and the Martin Luther King Jr., Community Hospital.

Throughout her career, Brown has been recognized for her work and expertise in multicultural communications. Most recently, the firm received the Healthcare Public Relations & Marketing Association (HPRMA) Golden Advocate Award for the launch of the L.A. Care Covered

Campaign, a project headed by KB. Johnson Publications, the publishers of Ebony and Jet magazine, also named Brown "One of the Most Outstanding Women in Marketing and Communications" and PRWeek Magazine featured her in a roundtable discussion regarding diverse viewpoints on multicultural communications.

The Los Angeles native holds a bachelor's degree in journalism with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in business administration from Howard University in Washington, DC.

# Jamaica, Haiti get the boot

By Azad Ali

Jamaica and Haiti were booted out from World Cup contention after losses in their penultimate matches of CONCACAF qualifying at separate venues recently.

The Jamaicans World Cup dream were dashed after a crushing two-nil loss to Panama at the Estadio Rommel Fernandez in Panama City, while Haiti hopes crumbled with a one-nil loss at the hands of Costa Rica at the Sade Sylvio Cator in Port-au-Prince.

Panama, who have 10 points, join group leaders Costa Rica (13 points) as the two teams advanced from the group to the final round of CONCACAF qualifying.

Meanwhile Trinidad and Tobago Soca Warriors advanced to the final round of the CONCACAF Zone 2018 World Cup qualifying competition when they drew with Guatemala in Group C at the Hasley Crawford Stadium, in Port of Spain last Friday night in.



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Man's Hell."

Since that time, Prince Buster not only parodied the lifestyle of a devout Muslim but also eased away from the music scene though he produced records for some of the new breed of Jamaican DJs, including Big Youth and Dennis Brown.

By the early 1970s, when rock steady was transitioning into roots reggae, Buster's influence and interest began to wane — 'partly because as a Muslim he found it difficult to move along with the Rasta-influenced tide.'

It was then that he moved to Miami to pursue various business interests, including the running of a jukebox company he had established.

Reportedly his influence resurfaced in the late 1970s when his music emerged the key inspiration for the ska revival in Britain. In 1978, a London band called Morris and the Minors renamed

themselves Madness after Buster's classic song "Madness is Gladness."

And in 1978 their first single, "The Prince" skyrocketed to the top 20.

In addition, the band later reached number seven with a reworking of the Prince Buster song "One Step Beyond."

Many of Prince Buster's compositions were released on the Blue Beat label in the UK.

For a time, a blue beat ska movement erupted with a segment of the UK population identifying with black and white fashion stylings while infusing other unique identifiers highlighted by the Jamaican music becoming the choice for many who declared themselves mods and skinheads.

Prince Buster did not indulge in his British resurgence but reappeared onstage in the late 1980s and 1990s touring Japan with ska legends, the Skatalites as his backing group. He even recorded again in 1992 and in 1998 re-entered the British charts for the first time in 31 years with a new version of an old

song, "Whine and Grind."

Many described his comeback as "low key." Prince Buster made a cameo appearance in the 1972 movie "The Harder they Come."

He was featured in the Jimmy Cliff blockbuster in the role of a DJ.

In 2001 he was awarded the Order of Distinction by the Jamaican Government for his outstanding contribution to the music industry.

On hearing of the passing of the ska legend, Olivia "Babsy" Grange, Jamaica's Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport said: "It is with regret that I learn of the passing of the iconoclastic Prince Buster — a true stalwart in the development of Jamaican popular music."

"Those such as myself, coming of age in the period when Prince Buster first emerged on the scene had the opportunity to follow his career and the growth of Jamaican popular music through his innovative productions."

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**TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21**  
Others are paying attention to you this week, Aquarius. Bounce your ideas off of other people and don't be surprised by the positive feedback you receive.

**GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, your energy and attentiveness are in abundance this week. Use this combination to tackle tasks you have been putting off. Offer others help if they need a hand.

**CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22**  
You have an uncanny ability to tune into the way people think, Cancer. You can put this skill to work at the office or use it to network and explore new business ventures for yourself.

**LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, a family member needs help getting through a tough time. You could be the first person they call on to lend a helping hand. Offer your unconditional support.

**VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Put your creative energy to good use this week, Virgo. Think about renovating a portion of your home or discovering a new hobby to keep you busy when things slow down.

**LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, use this week to tackle a financial project this that has been on your mind for some time. Completing this project will provide some relief.

**SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, you have a lot of energy and a desire to do everything to the best of your abilities. This week that approach will serve you well in your professional life.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, a request of you may require some help to be fulfilled. Trust your instincts and don't be afraid to seek assistance if you think this requires a team effort.

**CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, make the most of a sudden burst of energy. Apply this to both your personal and professional lives. Bring new people together in your social circle.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18**  
A new friend is keeping you on your toes, Aquarius. Embrace this person's joie de vivre and go with the flow. You will be glad you let your hair down.

**PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20**  
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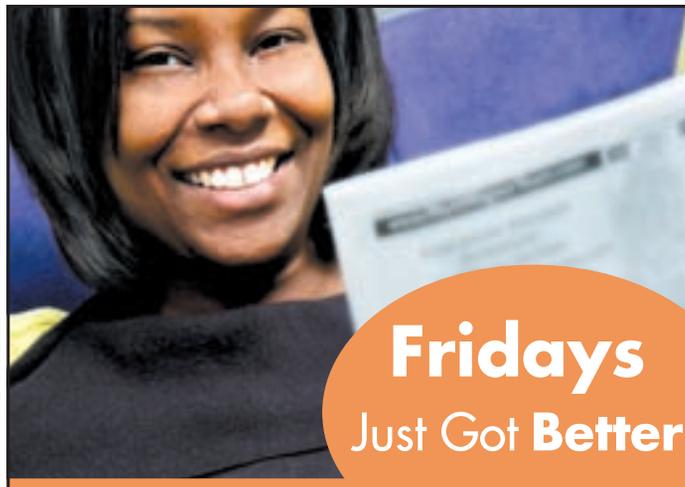
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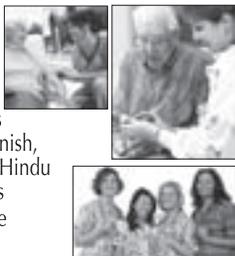
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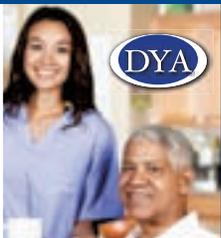
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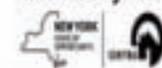


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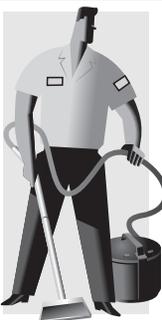


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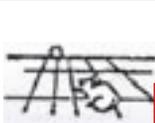
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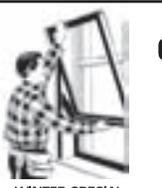
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