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Ill winds heading their way

By Nelson A. King

Having made what has been considered a strong recovery from the global financial crisis of 2009, the World Bank says economic activity in Latin America and the Caribbean is once again facing external and domestic headwinds.

The Washington-based financial institution said overall growth in the region eased to 4.3 percent in 2011, from a remarkable 6.1 percent post-crisis rebound in 2010.

In the Caribbean, the World Bank said growth was supported by "a continued, albeit subdued, recovery in tourism, and a notable increase in activity in the mining and extractive sectors."

"Increased concerns about the worsening of the situation in the Euro area during May has caused market sentiment to deteriorate globally," it bank said.

"Increased financial tensions have driven up the price of risk, caused most currencies to depreciate against the US dollar, and caused commodity prices

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Where stars are born!

Michael Woodward performs at the 2012 Apollo Spring Gala Benefit Concert. See page 3.

Photo by Shahar Azram/WireImage.

POWER PLAY IN GUYANA

Opposition moves to control the purse strings

By Bert Wilkinson

Guyana's opposition-controlled parliament has started the process of stripping away years of ministerial control over several agencies of state, including the power of the cabinet to decide how much money House, the Judiciary and the National Auditor's Office get in their annual budgets, so as to make them fully functioning and independent arms of the state, legislators said Monday.

A slew of motions to remove the Assembly and the Judiciary from

under the control of the Presidential Secretariat and the Attorneys General's chambers respectively were to be introduced in the House when hearings began on Wednesday in what could be a protracted but necessary process, legislators said.

Opposition legislators Joe Harmon of A Partnership For National Unity (APNU) and Moses Nagamootoo of the Alliance For Change (AFC) say that they want to end years of abuse by

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CARICOM Secretary General Ambassador Irwin LaRocque has rejected claims that CARICOM is in crisis and that its very existence is in question.

La Rocque made the statement recently when questioned by the media on the matter during a function at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port of Spain hosted by the T&T Coalition of Services Industries at the time.

Referring to a report submitted by a Project Management team to CARICOM Heads of Government Conference recently that "CARICOM is in crisis," LaRocque said, "I categorically reject that CARICOM is in crisis." Noting that "crisis" refers to something bad or fatal, he said the matter was mentioned mostly in the opening lines of the consultancy's report.

"It is most unfortunate. There was probably a target audience," he said.

LaRocque admitted, though, "We (CARICOM) have challenges and we have to find solutions rapidly. I will not stand and say everything is honky dory."

Bahamas

A judge in the Bahamas has dropped murder charges against a Pennsylvania teenager who had been accused of killing her mother in the Caribbean island chain.

Judge Roy Jones said prosecutors did not have sufficient evidence against 18-year-old Madison Pugh. She had been in custody since her extradition from Pennsylvania in May 2010.

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Grenadian leader's remains still not found after 30 years

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (AP) — A haunting Cold War mystery is getting a fresh look on the Caribbean island of Grenada, where officials are trying to locate the missing remains of a Marxist prime minister executed nearly 30 years ago during a coup that sparked a U.S. invasion.

Maurice Bishop was machine-gunned by a firing squad on Oct. 19, 1983, along with three members of his Cabinet and four others during the bloody upheaval, and no one seems to know where the bodies ended up. Rumors have swirled for decades that U.S. forces later hid the remains to prevent the grave from becoming a rallying point for the slain leader's supporters or that a political rival dynamited the bodies.

Grenada's government wants the mystery solved as a way of healing the national psyche of this now-tranquil country of nutmeg-scented forests known as "the spice island," which became a flashpoint in the last days of the Cold War. Forensic anthropologists recently failed to find the remains in a hillside cemetery in the capital of St. George's, but further searches are planned.

"It's important for all con-



In this May 1, 1980 file photo, then Grenada's Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, center, is flanked by Cuba's leader Fidel Castro, right, and Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega in Havana, Cuba. A haunting Cold War mystery is getting a fresh look on the Caribbean island of Grenada, where the body of the Marxist prime minister is still missing nearly 30 years after he was executed during a bloody coup that sparked a U.S. invasion. (AP Photo/File)

cerned to bring some closure to this chapter in Grenada's history," Finance Minister Nazim Burke said in his office, just down a winding road from the 17th century fort where the 39-year-old Bishop and the others, including his pregnant mistress, were executed by Grenadian soldiers fol-

lowing a coup by a radical faction of Bishop's Cuba-backed party.

This much is known about the remains: After the execution, one gunman slit Bishop's throat after he was dead and cut off a finger to steal a ring. The bodies were transported to a military camp six

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Threat to tourism in Jamaica

By Zadie Neufville

KINGSTON, Jun. 6, 2012 (IPS/GIN) - Experts here fear that the impact of climate change on Jamaica's fragile ecosystems will worsen the ravages of human activity and destroy the country's tourism industry.

Tourism is one of the few local sectors that experienced growth even as the global economy declined. In Jamaica, tourism grew some 4.2 percent between 2002 and 2007. It provides close to 2 billion U.S. dollars annually, roughly 50 percent of the island's foreign exchange earnings and about a quarter of all jobs.

The sector is aware of the challenges it faces, Tina Williams, a director in the ministry of tourism, told IPS. She noted that sea level rise is expected to inundate much of the island's coastal areas, its infrastructure, hotels and attractions.

More intense rainfall and hurricanes and drier and hotter days are also expected to intensify the pressure on local ecosystems and the tourism industry.

But Williams noted that while the sector is not focused specifically on climate change, stakeholders are implementing disaster risk reduction strategies and programs that they hope will make their product more resilient.

"Climate change will exacerbate all the vulnerabilities the sector faces - landslides, flooding - and with many small owners who are dependent on local agriculture, the industry will no doubt feel the impact," Williams, who is responsible for overseeing climate change policy in the ministry, told IPS.

The sector's dependence on natural ecosystems places it on the frontline of the climate change fight. Yet the industry itself has exacted a heavy toll on the local environment, causing irreversible damage in some areas.

Dying reefs

Reports indicate that as much of 30 percent of the island's original coastal vegetation has been lost. Most of the 1,240 square kilometres of coral reefs, with an estimated 111 species of coral, is mostly dead from a combination of human activities and disease. Of the remaining coral, about 60 percent are at risk, the World Resources Institute noted in a 2010 report.

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Guyanese celebrate independence

By Donna Lamb

Fourteen very deserving Guyanese Americans in film, television, theater, radio and music were honored with City Council proclamations, plaques and citations from the Guyana Tri-State Alliance and the Guyanese Consulate on the evening of June 8, as hundreds of their compatriots poured into Brooklyn Borough Hall to celebrate the 46th anniversary of their beloved country's independence.

The start-studded group included: Actor and director Marc Gomes, film producer and actress Rhona Fox, TV producer and director Tanuja Raghoo, radio producer Angela Massiah, communications and media professor Dr. Vibert Cambridge, and film directors and producers Mason Richards, Clairmont Chung, Dr. Paloma Mohamed, Mahadeo Shivraj and Major Mike Charles, "King of Drums" Akoyaw Rudder, master drummer Winston "Jeggae" Hoppie, and

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Rudy Bishop (right) receives City Council proclamation, plaque and citation from Ambassador George Talbot (left) and Council Member Mathieu Eugene (center). Photo by Donna Lamb



Apollo Theater, 2012 Hall of Fame inductee Lionel Richie performs during the Apollo Theater 2012 Spring Gala. Photo by Shahar Azran

New inductees at the Apollo

The Apollo Theater, one of the nation's greatest cultural treasures, raised \$1.2 million at the seventh annual Spring Gala Benefit Concert, at which they inducted Lionel Richie and the late Etta James into the Apollo Legends Hall of Fame on June 5.

Proceeds from the gala, go toward the non-profit Theater's arts, education and community engagement programs.

Apollo legend Gladys Knight remembered Etta James as the late singer was inducted into the Theater's Hall of Fame with a moving rendition of "At Last" and Revlon Chairman and Apollo board member Ronald Perelman presented Lionel Richie with the Apollo's highest honor.

Other highlights included 10-time GRAMMY winner Chaka Khan performing, "I'm Every Woman" in tribute to the late superstar Whitney Houston and Eddie Levert's touching words celebrating the memory of Soul Train creator Don Cornelius. Celebrated comedian and former host of Showtime at the Apollo, Sinbad, hosted the evening with American Idol's Ray Chew serving as musical director.

Lionel Richie and Etta James join past Apollo Legends Hall of Fame inductees—all legendary musicians, artists, and entertainers whose paths to fame included the Apollo—Stevie Wonder, Michael

Jackson, Aretha Franklin, Quincy Jones, Patti LaBelle, Smokey Robinson, James Brown, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Little Richard, and Ella Fitzgerald. Each Apollo Legends Hall of Fame inductee is honored with a plaque in the Apollo Walk of Fame, installed under the Theater's iconic marquee on 125th Street.

Lionel Richie's first Apollo appearance was in the early 1970s, with The Commodores, who were opening for Smokey Robinson and The Miracles.

"The Apollo is such an important part of music history in this country, and my own personal history," Richie said. "When they called and said they were putting me on that list of names, I was thrilled. It's an honor to be a part of the Apollo Legends Hall of Fame."

Additionally, each year at the Spring Gala benefit, the Apollo recognizes a corporation whose support enables the Theater to grow and expand its artistic, community, and education programs. The Apollo presented Citi with its 2012 Corporate Award, in recognition of its outstanding philanthropy and community leadership.

"Citi is proud to be a long-time supporter of the Apollo Theater," said Citi CEO Vikram Pandit. "The Apollo is world-renowned for discovering great talent and its education programs are second to none."

Tribute at the water's edge



Ancestral orchestra leads way to Atlantic ocean.

By Donna Lamb

Sad and celebratory. Searing and uplifting. How can these words possibly go together? Last Sat., they could be experienced as one at the Annual Tribute to Our Ancestors of the Middle Passage, held each year on the Coney Island boardwalk in Brooklyn to honor the tens of millions of Africans who, after being

kidnapped from their homelands, died during the voyage across the Atlantic – the Middle Passage – their bodies plunged into the ocean.

Why Coney Island? Because although that name is now synonymous with amusement park rides and games, Coney Island was once the site where slave ships pulled into harbor to sell their human cargo on

the auction block.

Some of these human beings, most of them children, became the property of the City of New York (previously New Amsterdam) itself. As examination of their bones in the African Burial Ground show, they were literally worked to death building this city. Many others were

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Students against high suspensions

Students with the Dignity in Schools Campaign-New York (DSC-NY) testified at a public hearing on the newly revised School Discipline Code before the NYC Department of Education at Stuyvesant High School on June 5.

Before the hearing more than 150 students, parents, educators and elected officials rallied at a press conference demanding positive alternatives to high suspension rates in New York City schools.

"My brother got suspended because he got into a shouting match with somebody, and then after that he continued to get suspended, and now my brother dropped out of school, and he's only 16," said Aiesha Vegas, an 18-year-old student at Satellite Academy in



Students, parents, educators and elected officials demand positive alternatives to high suspension rates in New York City schools.

the Bronx and a leader at Youth on the Move.

"When kids are getting suspended and they come back to school and they're behind, they feel more discouraged, and that's why they end up cutting school, which leads to

them getting arrested, and which leads to them not graduating," she added.

The newly revised Discipline Code takes some positive steps to limit the use of suspension, but still lists 25 infractions for which middle and high

school students can be suspended for an entire school year. There were more than 73,400 suspensions in the 2010-2011 school year alone.

City Council Member Daniel Dromm, a former teacher who worked in New York City public schools for 25 years, also spoke at the hearing.

"Despite the administration's stated commitment to helping Black and Latino students this demographic still comprises a disproportionately high number of students hurt by our schools discipline system. The criminalization of our students must stop. The focus should be on using the discipline system to address underlying issues that cause infractions in the first place," said Dromm.

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the Executive Branch which ensured they controlled the purse-strings of places like the Parliament and even the operations of the courts and travel for judges, among others.

Under the current systems, the budget of the judiciary and the magistracy is incorporated in that of the attorney general and legal affairs ministry, forcing the chancellor and the chief justice to interact directly with ministers and the ministry to obtain money for simple capital projects and even overseas

travel.

“Who pays the piper calls the tune and that we don’t want to tolerate anymore,” said veteran legislator Nagamootoo of the AFC, which controls the balance of power in the 65-seat Assembly with its seven seats.

Nagamootoo said the AFC will join with the 26-seat APNU in voting for the bills to strip away unnecessary powers from cabinet ministers and to make these agencies fully autonomous and removed from cabinet control.

The vote will be by simple

majority. Together the two have one more seat than the governing People’s Progressive Party (PPP). The opposition is confident the bills will pass once all their representatives are on the ground and in the country. They hope to complete the process before the August recess but are not totally hopeful it will be completed.

The agencies include the State Auditor’s Office which investigates fraud and other irregularities at government departments. The Ministry of Finance controls its budget.

Media employees charged with robbery

Two members of the media have been charged with robbing the owner of a Liquor Mart in East Trinidad of more than TT\$300,000 recently.

Express Crime Reporter Akile Simon and Caribbean Communications Network (CCN) TV6 cameraman Brendon Alexander along with two security guards from the company appeared in the Arima court on charges of robbery, shooting with

intent and impersonating a police officer.

Simon is also charged with uttering a forged document (a search warrant) and with breaking into the home of Justin Maharaj of Arima, on March 17, and stealing a safe containing TT\$120,000, US\$38,000, Can\$500 and \$90,000 worth of gold jewelry.

He is also accused of receiving a pistol, which was stolen from the home of former Commissioner

of Police Kenny Mohammed last January.

Police alleged that they caught the accused men as they were leaving the liquor mart after receiving a tip-off. The men who were armed were wearing bullet-proof vests.

A TV6 vehicle was parked outside the business place with Alexander behind the wheel waiting for the alleged bandits.

They were remanded in custody.

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and stock market indexes to decline markedly,” it added.

“This is in contrast to developments in early 2012, when improved sentiment in high-income Europe and the associated improvements in market expectations had prompted a robust rebound in capital flows, equity markets and regional currencies,” the bank continued.

It said the short-term outlook for Latin America and the Caribbean is clouded by a “fragile and uncertain external environment, still high oil prices and capacity constraints in select economies.

“Due to resurgence in tensions in the high-income world, the region is once again facing headwinds from marked declines in commodity prices and weaker capital flows,” the bank said.

The bank said growth in the Caribbean is expected to consolidate at 4 percent by 2014, due, in part, to improvements in labor markets in the United States.

It said the expected gradual recovery in the United States bodes well for Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Haiti – countries that have strong

industrial links to the world’s largest economy.

The recovery will also support remittances and tourism to Central America and the Caribbean, the bank said.

It said risks to growth in the region have shifted to the downside, stating that large fiscal deficits and public debts in high-income countries and very loose monetary policies “suggest that capital flows will remain volatile in the next years, making the fine-tuning of macroeconomic policies challenging.”

The World Bank said sharp deterioration of conditions in the Euro area is one of the main risks to the Latin American and Caribbean economies.

It said in such a scenario, global demand could drop significantly, and commodity prices, remittances, tourism, finance, and consumer and business sentiment would be negatively affected, potentially causing regional output to decline relative to baseline by close to 4 percent.

“Countries that have fewer macroeconomic buffers could be particularly vulnerable in the face of a significant weakening in global demand,” it said.

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Drug dealer 'Dudus' gets the maxium

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaicans at home and abroad reacted with mixed emotions Friday when Judge Robert P. Patterson sentenced former Kingston strongman Christopher 'Dudus' Coke to the maximum penalty for his alleged crimes.

The judge pronounced a sentence of 23 years.

"That's all 'im get? Trudy McMillan, a Caribbean national asked "He should have gotten the book thrown at him."

But in fact, 23 years was the maximum prison sentence Coke could have received.

"The man has never been convicted of any crime in Jamaica, he should be sent home," a former Tivoli Gardens resident countered.

A diverse opinion on the acclaimed gangster who



Christopher 'Dudus' Coke.
AP Photo/David Karp

pleaded guilty to racketeering, waived his right to an extradition hearing in 2010 and was extradited to the U.S. to face drug trafficking and gun running charges two years ago.

Coke's criminal reputation may have attributed to the brief tenure of Prime

Minister Bruce Golding who resigned following mounting criticisms after acceding to the U.S. requests by sending both the Jamaica Defence Force and the Jamaica Constabulary Force into Tivoli Gardens to arrest Coke in May 2010.

That military action may have provoked a standoff between the armed forces and gunmen which resulted with the death of at least 73 persons and one soldier.

For months Coke eluded capture and remained a fugitive.

In the end, he was discovered in a car dressed in women's clothing – a wig – accompanied by a religious leader.

The Jamaican authorities released him to the custody of U.S. federal agents who transported him to New York City where he has been held awaiting sentence.

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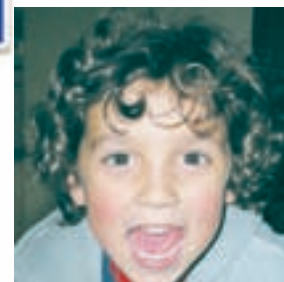
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Murder charges are still pending against her Bahamian boyfriend, 25-year-old Zyndall McKinney.

It is the second time that the couple has been tried for murder. A judge declared a mistrial last November. The body of Anna Garrison was found wrapped in sheets in the eastern New Providence Island in July 2009.

Security meeting

Barbados recently hosted security chiefs from eight regional central banks.

The two-day event discussed issues pertaining to harmonization of procedures, fighting criminal activity and sharing information and intelligence.

The meeting brought together security chiefs from Jamaica, The Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Guyana, Cayman Islands, Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, as well as local enforcement and government security agencies.

Coordinator of the conference and Chief of Security of the Central Bank in Barbados, Charles Pile said the meeting covered issues pertaining to regional cooperation, the regional legislative framework as it applies to a central bank's security operations, security units' support for departments with a central bank and the management of emergency situations.

Family homicide

Police in Guyana have charged the wife of a New York taxi driver and her cousin with his death.

Hemwattie Majid of Queen's, New York, appeared in court recently and the case was put off to later this month.

The 36-year-old nurse is not required to enter a plea since it is an indictable charge.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Seelal Persaud said her cousin, Seerjonie Permaul, is accused of contracting two men to kill Shakeel Majid in

April this year. Persaud said Majid's wife is accused of luring him to an isolated beach, where the two men beat him to death.

The two alleged attackers have not been held.

Police have asked the FBI to help investigate whether a multimillion dollar insurance policy on Majid's life was a motive.

Parenting credits

The Haitian government has launched a program that uses mobile phones to transfer cash credits to mothers who keep their children in school.

The program is called "Ti Manman Cheri," or Creole for "Dear Little Mother."

It aims to reach 100,000 families in four of the capital's poorest neighborhoods.

Mothers with children enrolled in the first through six grades can receive up to US\$20 a month if they keep their youngsters in school.

Venezuela's Petrocaribe fund is providing the US\$15

million for the program. The fund supplies fuel to Caribbean and Central American countries.

Similar conditional cash transfer programs have been employed in Brazil, Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Rights violations

Amnesty International has urged Jamaica's government to appoint an independent fact-finding panel to investigate human rights violations allegedly committed during a bloody state of emergency to catch gang boss Christopher "Dudus" Coke.

The London-based human rights organization complained that "two years have passed with no answers" since the May 2010 emergency was declared and security forces launched an offensive to capture the fugitive leader of the Shower Posse, a notorious Jamaican gang named for its members' tendency to spray victims with bullets.

Amnesty said an independent inquiry commission with a broad mandate and powers offers "the best way to shed light on the overall scale of the alleged human rights violations."

"It is now time for the government to take effective measures to prevent such violations being repeated," the group said.

An investigation by Police Defender Earl Witter into more than 1,000 complaints about rights violations by security forces during the state of emergency is still pending.

Earthquake watch

The magnitude 4.0 earthquake recorded off the coast of Antigua on May 11 is a warning that the Caribbean should prepare for a much more severe earthquake to come.

This warning has again been sounded by the University of the West Indies Seismic Research Unit in Trinidad and Tobago.

In confirming an earthquake occurred 50 miles east of Antigua and Barbuda's capital around 5:00 a.m., seismologist Dr. Joan Latchman said the region has not seen its largest earthquake for more than a century and based on historical data that indicated that the region has recorded a major earthquake every 100 years, the islands of the English-speaking Caribbean were overdue for one.

Dr. Latchman has stated that the pattern in which earthquakes have occurred in the region has been consistent, although authorities cannot predict when and where it will happen.

Speaking during a three-day visit to Nevis to make a presentation on disaster preparedness, Dr. Latchman said Caribbean islands live in an area of relatively high earthquake activity and that an earthquake of 8.0 could hit the Caribbean any day based on the patterns previously recorded.

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This picture taken Sunday, June 3, 2012, shows a bust of Grenada's former Prime Minister Maurice Bishop standing in a corner of a sprawling hillside cemetery where forensic experts believe the executed leader's body was buried in an unmarked grave in 1983 in St. George's, Grenada. AP Photo/David McFadden

Maurice Bishop's body still missing

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miles outside of town and partially burned in a pit.

Six days after Bishop's execution, about 7,000 U.S. Marines and paratroopers, along with a few hundred security forces from neighboring islands, invaded Grenada, toppling the post-coup military government.

Witnesses say the burned, decomposing remains were transported to the island's medical school and the body bags were later brought to funeral director Leslie Bailey, who was tasked by the U.S. military with burying casualties from the conflict. Bailey died without ever pinpointing where the body bags believed to contain the remains of the political leaders were buried.

Bailey's son, funeral director Clinton Bailey, said he wants to find the remains because people "still point fingers" at his family every time the island celebrates the anniversary of the U.S. invasion, which was almost universally welcomed by Grenadians and is observed each Oct. 25 as a holiday known as Thanksgiving.

"I will clear my father's name," said Clinton Bailey, who has carried out his own unsuccessful efforts to find Bishop's remains.

Experts suspect the remains of Bishop and the others lie in unmarked graves in St. George's sprawling cemetery, where his supporters erected a rough, unmarked bust of

the slain revolutionary leader among a tangle of white mausoleums and gravestones,

An international forensic team led by Marcella Sorg of the University of Maine was brought in by Grenada's Conference of Churches, the government and the island's medical school to find the remains.

The team spent almost two weeks in May excavating a roughly 25-foot stretch of the cemetery, first using a backhoe and then switching to small hand trowels. They scraped at the soil as bones began to emerge from an unmarked grave yards from where a gravedigger discovered three U.S. military body bags a decade ago.

Forensic experts say the scattered bones found are apparently not those of Bishop or the others, according to the Rev. Sean Doggett, a Roman Catholic priest who acts as spokesman for the Conference of Churches. But Doggett said he is hopeful that future digs could provide answers.

"They might be just outside the area searched," Doggett said in an email from his native Ireland, where is vacationing.

He did not say when the next search will take place, but officials say they will proceed once more money is available.

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Fight to keep viewability rule

By Rev. Sheldon Williams

The National Black Religious Broadcasters (NBRB) is a national coalition of over 10,000 black religious broadcasters would like to express our concerns that the expiration of the "viewability" rule could have a serious negative impact on viewers of faith-based programming throughout the country. Much of this programming is viewed on must-carry television stations.

We would like to ensure that our content reaches everyone who would like to see it - including those consumers that cannot afford, or are not aware that they need, a new cable box.

The Rev. Sheldon Williams, president of NBRB says, "if the FCC changes the viewability rule this would be grossly unfair to black religious broadcasters throughout the country. Therefore, we strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission to extend the rule because many of our 10,000 members will be directly and adversely affected by the in action of the FCC. NBRB believes that by extending the viewability rule it will signal the FCC's commitment to small and independent broadcasters. We plan to work hard to make sure that this extension is a reality."

As we understand it, the Commission is considering letting the rule that now makes sure must-carry stations be viewable by all cable viewers expire. We fear that this could have a devastating impact on our viewers, because many of them rely on analog cable service. Currently, roughly 22 percent of cable subscribers rely on analog service and many more use analog service on second and third TVs.

The end of the viewability rule would



allow cable providers to basically cut off must-carry stations from those viewers. In order to access our content, these consumers would be forced to go through the hassle and expense of purchasing and installing a new converter box. Ending the viewability rule would transfer the burden of complying with these requirements from cable providers to consumers.

The end of the rule also will reduce programming diversity. Our broadcasters offer unique faith-based programming targeting often underserved audiences. The stations that carry our programs are generally independent and cannot afford the lost viewership that is likely to result from allowing the current viewability rule to expire.

Today broadcast television is also making great strides in offering new opportunities for African-American voices, and now is the wrong time to take a step backward. NBRB members are not asking for a special rule or favor. We believe that cable providers should not have the ability to discriminate against small local broadcast stations that serve audiences who desire faith-based programming.

About NBRB

The National Black Religious Broadcasters (NBRB) is a national coalition of over 10,000 black religious broadcasters throughout the country who utilize broadcast and cable television, the internet and radio to host their ministries and spread the gospel according to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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The minimum wage: a hundred years later

By Christine Owens

June marks the 100-year anniversary of the first minimum wage law passed in the United States. And, while there is nothing new about low-wage work -- we should take this occasion to recognize an even more dispiriting fact about the low-wage workforce: It could have been a thing of the past.

The first minimum wage law in the United States was established on June 4, 1912 in Massachusetts. More than a dozen states would follow over the subsequent 10 years, and by 1933 the new U.S. Secretary of Labor, Frances Perkins, wrote an essay to make the case for a federal minimum wage.

Reading Perkins' essay today reminds us of the potential that minimum wage laws hold for shaping a fair and productive economy.

At the time of her writing, the nation was in the midst of the Great Depression, and Perkins feared the destructive potential of the growing number of "fly-by-night" sweatshop operators attempting to gain an unfair advantage over their competitors by selling cheaper products made possible by rock-bottom labor costs.

These low-wage sweatshop operators were, in other words, cheaters. They offered cheaper products by taking advantage of workers who, in a period of record unemployment, had no choice but to accept whatever job they could get -- in some cases, earning only 3.5 cents per hour.

The purpose of a minimum wage law was not only to protect workers from abuse by their employers, but to also ensure fair competition by requiring that all businesses play by the same rules.

The first federal minimum wage law was established in 1938, five years after Perkins' article appeared. Yet, after several decades of Congressional stewardship maintaining a strong minimum wage, the real value of the minimum wage was allowed to plummet over the last four decades. As a result, the minimum wage peaked in 1968, and has since trailed behind the rising cost of living. In fact, the minimum wage would be well over \$10 today if it had simply kept pace with inflation. Instead, it's only \$7.25 an hour -- or just over \$15,000 a year.

The problems associated with low wages are no longer just an emerging threat, as Perkins once feared, but have instead come to define a significant share of the labor market. These problems will persist. Low-wage industries are now among the economy's fastest-growing

sectors, and some of the lowest paid occupations are expected to create the largest numbers of new jobs over the next several years. For many employers low wages are part and parcel of a robust growth strategy. As of last year, no fewer than 35 of the nation's 50 largest low-wage businesses had posted profits that exceeded their pre-recession levels.

Meanwhile, the vast majority of businesses in the U.S. have yet to recover from the recession, particularly small businesses. A Gallup poll from earlier this year revealed that fully 85 percent of small businesses still have no intention of hiring or expanding their business because demand remains so weak.

We are now three years out from the official end of the recession, and workers' wages are actually declining rather than rebounding. From March 2011 to March 2012, real average hourly earnings fell 0.6 percent for all private sector workers and declined by a full 1 percent for non-supervisory and production workers.

Perhaps the saddest fact is that the low-wage workforce has become an all-too-familiar fixture of the American economy. If Perkins was alive today, she would only need one look at our outdated minimum wage law to know that our economy has become an anticompetitive environment where low-road employers can thrive at the expense of both other employers and workers.

Now, 100 years after the first minimum wage law was passed, low-wage industries once again threaten to impoverish America's workforce and derail the entrepreneurial ambitions of small business owners. And the American people have noticed. According to a recent poll, more than two-thirds of Americans support raising the minimum wage to over \$10 per hour. This support is behind a proposal by Senator Harkin (D-IA) that would raise the minimum wage to \$9.80 an hour, significantly raise the minimum wage for tipped workers (currently at \$2.13 an hour), and provide for annual cost of living adjustments for both.

There was nothing inevitable about the low-wage economy that we find in the U.S. today. What decades of experience tell us, however, is that unless we seriously acknowledge our responsibility to maintain the value of the minimum wage, we have little reason to expect anything different in the century ahead.

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A different gipper from this side

By Les Slater

They took note in the mainstream media a few days ago of the 25th anniversary of what was trumpeted as an iconic utterance from President Ronald Reagan, his exhortation to then Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, with reference to the infamous Berlin Wall: "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." If one were to judge from the reporting of mainstream media types, remembrance of Reagan's celebrated words, and their significance in the unfolding of history, comes across as something straight out of the propaganda mill of any outfit dedicated to the ex-president's continuing adulation. The wrong-headed inference is that upon Reagan's warning or demand or whatever it was, the Soviets hopped to it and down came the wall.

Reagan, the actor, could be counted on to give full dramatic flair to delivering any such loaded lines, and his performance with the Wall speech was no exception. But it's a bit of a stretch to suggest that, dramatic flourish and all, Reagan's call for action was the cue for ready compliance by Gorbachev and the Soviets. Gorbachev, to his credit, recognized during his "glasnost" and "perestroika" stint at the helm that the time had come for modification of the super-militarized state on which his predecessors had insisted. With or without Reagan's blast, a Berlin Wall was probably hardly likely to endure in Gorbachev's vision. Bill Clinton, after he became president, apparently sought Reagan's ear on occasion. While running in 1992, though, against Reagan's former vice president, George H.W. Bush, Clinton had a rather dismissive retort when the other side tried to take credit for the dissolution of the Soviet Union. The Reagan administration taking such credit, Clinton noted, "was like the rooster claiming credit for the dawn."

The big noise over the Reagan pronouncement 25 years ago

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also underscores the existing divide between people of color and the rest in the perception of Reagan as president. If Black America is not as inclined as others to join in the lionizing of Reagan, no one ought be surprised. Here's a guy who, in debating Jimmy Carter during the 1980 campaign, made the outrageous comment that he had never been aware of racial prejudice in this country. Even more astonishingly, there was hardly a peep heard from mainstream media following such a colossal hoof-in-mouth episode. Carter seemed overwhelmed by the office in his one term, and the fiasco in the desert that became the Iranian hostage rescue attempt was perhaps the perfect caption for the Carter image of overall weakness. That Reagan could coast to a landslide victory even after making such a ludicrous remark about the history of race relations in the country, spoke volumes, in the process not exactly inspiring confidence about African American-related issues being part of a national agenda in the age of Reagan.

Reagan toed the line on the by then established formula of an obligatory black face in the cabinet, with the inclusion of "silent" Samuel Pierce as secretary of housing in both his terms. Presumably Reagan became a bit more aware of the solitary African American cabinet presence as time wore on. But it didn't say much for the president's familiarity with the housing secretary, that early in the Reagan tenure Pierce was once addressed by his boss as, "Mr. Mayor."

The vestiges of Reagan's earlier role as a union man, in a manner of speaking, when he served as president of the Screen Actors Guild, seemed well behind him by the time he got into the White House, given the anti-union, hardball front he presented in his confrontation with the air traffic control-

lers. Subsequently, the administration's "bad dude" demeanor toward the union community telegraphed a message to African Americans that was anything but positive, the union collective providing urban blacks, particularly, with a source of empowerment that has been difficult to find elsewhere in the society.

Symbolically, though, the conduct from Reagan that probably stands as the most egregious "diss" to people of color was the rigid opposition he posed to the naming of Martin Luther King's birthday as a national holiday. Reagan signed the enabling legislation only after it became clear that had he vetoed it, there were votes enough for an override. It is one of the great anomalies of American history that Reagan's signature is the one affixed to the bill that commands national observance of the King birthday in January. But what does it say of Reagan (who was routinely said by all, blacks included, to be the absolute charmer in personal encounters), that he clearly found no merit to honoring the martyred civil rights icon in this fashion? One harks back to that incredulous debate showstopper about prejudice.

And, more importantly, what does it say of the legions who, if they had their druthers, would have Reagan forthwith installed as a Mt. Rushmore addition. The conservative element fawned over Reagan then and idolizes his legacy today because he dared to bring a take-no-prisoners swagger to his role on both the foreign and domestic fronts. Never mind that domestically, for instance, we are yet to see any proof of viability of the vaunted "trickle down" economics espoused by Reagan and company.

They will no doubt long continue, on the right, to throw up Reagan as embodying everything to be desired in the quintessential leader. There are abundant reasons for a vastly different take on him from this side.

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Stop and frisk Father's Day march

By Scott M. Stringer

During recent years, the NYPD's policy on Stop and Frisk has become one of the defining civil rights issues of our time. Across the city, New Yorkers are calling for reform of a strategy that targets people of color and erodes trust in immigrant communities.

Moreover, now that the Secure Communities program is active in New York, the consequences of stop-and-frisk may include "deportation and the breakup of families," according to Chung-Wah Hong, executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition.

We need to speak with one voice on this issue, so I invite you to join with me and a host of community leaders in a Father's Day March on June 17, where we will be calling attention to a NYPD policy that stops thousands of our fellow citizens every day--some 700,000 last year—and the vast majority for no reason at all.

We are not marching against the men and women in blue. I agree with Mayor Bloomberg and Commissioner Ray Kelly that New York's dramatic reduction in crime is one of the City's proudest achievements. It is a crucially important trend that underpins our economic vitality, our neighborhoods, and our quality of life.

But recent statistics about Stop and Frisk paint a troubling picture of how this policy is being imple-

mented in immigrant communities and other neighborhoods across our city. In 2011, the number of stops was roughly seven times higher than the number in 2002.

- In 94 percent of stops, no arrests were made.
- In 86 percent of cases, the person stopped was either black or Latino.
- In 99.9 percent of stops, no gun was found.

Don't get me wrong – there are times when police are justified in stopping and frisking subjects they deem to be a real threat. But we need to base these stops on something more than "furtive movement," which today is the most commonly checked box by police officers when asked to explain a stop.

The 4th Amendment right against unreasonable searches has been clearly defined by the courts: The only legal justification for a stop is when an officer has a reasonable suspicion, based on facts—not on a hunch, and certainly not the color of someone's skin—that the individual being stopped has just committed a crime or is about to.

Anything else is a clear violation of the U.S. Constitution.

I am encouraged that the NYPD has expressed some openness to improving training and accountability around stop and frisk. But much more needs to be

done.

We need to build bridges of trust and respect into every neighborhood by exploring innovative policing strategies that have worked in other cities, like Chicago, Boston and Cincinnati. These are strategies that work with communities, not against them, in the battle to reduce violent crime. It's a message I delivered nine months ago at an address in Riverside Church in Harlem, and since then I have spent many Sundays listening to congregants in other churches talk of the fear – and despair – they feel about a Stop and Frisk policy that so clearly targets people of color.

Last fall, I called on the Department of Justice to launch a probe of our Stop and Frisk program to see if civil rights are being violated. And I was proud to have worked with all 12 Manhattan Community Boards when they unanimously passed a resolution calling for reform of stop and frisk. But now all of us – from all parts of the city – must come together and make our voices heard.

That's why I hope you'll join us for our march on Father's Day, June 17 at 3:00 p.m., on 110th St. between Fifth Ave. and Lenox Ave. New York City can be tougher on crime by being smarter on crime. Once we do that, we'll make this a better, safer city for all of us.

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Here are some healthy ways to celebrate dad this Father's Day:

Go Fishing: Stress is harmful to both mental and physical health, so get some fresh air and a sense of relaxation with a day on the water. Evidence from several studies suggests that incorporating fish into one's diet can help protect against prostate cancer because they contain "good fat," particularly omega-3 fatty acids.

Barbecue: If a barbecue is your annual tradition, don't fret. That fish you catch will go perfectly on



the grill with a side of vegetables. Tomatoes and cruciferous vegetables such as broccoli are a great choice. And if you can't forgo the beef, don't char. Charred meats can contain cancer-causing carcinogens that lodge in the prostate.

Also skip the trans fatty acids found in margarine and give your meal a flavor boost with olive oil instead.

Move: Play golf, play tennis, or simply walk off your meal together. Obesity increases a man's risk of heart disease, aggressive

forms of prostate cancer, diabetes, stroke and hypertension, amongst other dangerous health problems, so make maintaining a healthy weight a priority for both you and dad.

Checkup: Prostate cancer affects one in six men, with more than 16 million men affected by the disease globally, and two million affected in the U.S. alone. Early diagnosis can improve one's prognosis, so encourage your father to schedule an appointment for a screening as soon as possible. Broader aware-

ness and understanding for this disease are crucial for saving lives.

Get Involved: You and dad can support men's health while enjoying baseball, by donating money to support finding better treatments for prostate cancer. Each year, during a special "Home Run Challenge," Major League Baseball and the Prostate Cancer Foundation encourage baseball fans to make a financial pledge for every home run hit during select games June 7-17 at www.homerunchallenge.org.

More healthy living tips, a free nutrition guide, and nutritious recipes can be found at www.pcf.org/nutrition.

If you really want to show dad how much you care this Father's Day, consider forgoing a gluttonous meal and spend the day promoting healthy habits instead.

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Doctor, Doctor Questions Often Asked

By Herbert Okun, M.D.
Diplomate American Board of Urology

Don't panic even if your PSA rises

PSA is the name of a blood test used to find evidence of the possible presence of cancer of the prostate. Each of the letters in PSA stands for the first letter of each word in the phrase, "Prostatic Specific Antigen."

We are concerned about PSA because a rise in the level of PSA may possibly indicate the start of such a cancer. So having your PSA checked once a year by your doctor is a good early warning system. Age 50 for Caucasians, and age 40 for Afro-Americans and all men with a family history of prostate cancer is a good age to start.

However, there are several other non-cancerous conditions, which may cause your PSA to rise, so just having an elevated PSA, while an important signal for you to seek further investigation of your PSA abnormality by a specialist in urology to be sure you don't have cancer of the prostate does not by itself prove a diagnosis of prostate cancer.

Simple benign prostate enlargement, so common, as men get older, is frequently a non-cancerous cause of PSA elevation. This is because a benign prostate also produces PSA and the bigger the benignly enlarged prostate, the higher will be the PSA level.

A non-cancerous inflammation of the prostate, known as prostatitis is another very common cause of a rise in the PSA in the total absence of cancer. Prostatitis can cause symptoms vary-

ing in intensity from very severe, to barely noticeable or even completely absent. Appropriate antibiotic therapy can very often successfully be used to treat prostatitis resulting in a drop in the PSA to normal levels. Not every prostatitis however is caused by a bacterial infection that would respond to antibiotics; many are simply inflammations of the prostate in the absence of bacteria (germs) so it's important to listen to the advice of your doctor.

The prostate gland like other parts of the body has blood vessels and these blood vessels can be affected as any other blood vessel in any other part of the body. So if an artery in the prostate gets clogged by atherosclerosis, the portion of the prostate dependant on that vessel for its blood supply will die and in the process, the PSA will rise. This condition is known as a prostate infarct and is akin to a "MI," or Myocardial Infarction or "Heart Attack," where a portion of the heart muscle gets cut off from its blood supply. Despite the rise in PSA, there is no cancer involved.

So there are a number of causes of PSA elevation, which are not related to cancer and it's important for you not to get frantic if you're told that your PSA is up. Just discuss it with your doctor and get a referral to a urologist.

Have a question? Call Dr. Okun at 718-241-6767.

Tips for men to stay healthy as they age

With age comes wisdom. Unfortunately, it also comes with an increased threat of developing certain health problems.

Prostate cancer and other diseases affect a disproportionately large amount of American men. According to the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF), more than 16 million men are affected by the disease globally, and American men represent nearly 2.5 million of that figure.

Given these statistics, American men should be especially vigilant about their health. With a few lifestyle tweaks and attitude adjustments, you can help stay healthy as you age.

Eat Right

If you've eaten a particular way your whole life, you might find it difficult to change. But cutting out the junk in favor of fruits, vegetables and whole grains is well worth the effort. Not only will you look and feel better, certain foods have

even been proven to reduce your risk of developing diseases like prostate cancer, coronary heart disease and diabetes.

Opt for fish over red meat. Evidence from several studies suggests that fish can help protect against prostate cancer because it contains "good fat," particularly omega-3 fatty acids. Choose olive oil over margarine. While monounsaturated fat found in olive oil is beneficial to health, trans-fatty acids contained in margarine contribute to clogged arteries, high cholesterol and an increased risk of stroke and heart attack.

A free nutrition guide and tasty recipes are available at www.pcf.org/nutrition.

Stay Active

A sedentary lifestyle contributes to your risk of obesity, heart disease and



cancer. You don't need to become a marathon runner, however, to experience benefits from a more active lifestyle. Start with what you can handle, like a 20 minute walk once a day. If you have bad joints, consider a low impact activity like swimming.

Get Checked

While it's always important to be open with your physician about your health and your family's health history, starting at age 40 it becomes crucial. The older you are, the more likely you are to be diag-

nosed with prostate cancer and other diseases. In fact, more than 65 percent of all prostate cancers are diagnosed in men over the age of 65, according to PCF.

Your doctor can help you determine your risk of developing various diseases, and make recommendations accordingly. Regular doctor's visits are also an important component of early diagnosis. While these tests may not be fun, they can save your life. If you have a history of prostate cancer in your family, consider a yearly rectal examination and a Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) test starting in your forties, or even earlier if your doctor recommends it.

Broader awareness and understanding of the health risks associated with aging can save lives. So don't shy away from talking to your friends and family about your health, and theirs.

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Guyana mulls pullout from airport rebuilding contract

By Bert Wilkinson

If Guyanese had any lingering doubts about the governing People's Progressive Party's penchant for getting in bed with corrupt persons or entities, just paying attention to the latest scandal involving China Harbor Engineering Company Ltd. (CHEC), a contracting firm the PPP hired to build a new airport terminal facility and extend the main runway at Cheddi Jagan International Airport to handle the world's largest cargo and commercial passenger planes, would confirm their suspicions.

Last week, Guyanese taxpayers were alerted to the fact that the World Bank had slapped a 10-year bidding ban on CHEC, the state-owned Chinese firm identified as the main builder in the \$138M project to modernize the Guyana airport, because of its involvement in corrupt practices in the Philippines.

The fact that locals now

know that China Harbor is blacklisted was not due to the decency of Guyana government officials but rather from Jamaica's Contractor General Greg Christie, who blew the whistle on the integrity of the Chinese firm, which has major infrastructural contracts on the island, after checking out its background.

Additionally, Guyanese only knew that their government had signed up with CHEC in the first place when a Jamaican newspaper ran the story a few weeks before last November's general elections, triggering derision and campaign vows to cancel the deal.

Guyanese officials belatedly admitted that there was in fact an agreement because, as Works Minister Robeson Benn said, the Chinese were giving away millions of dollars in free money at a China-Caricom forum in Trinidad last fall, (and) authorities rushed to cash in but never thought

for a moment about telling Guyanese taxpayers about it.

Now the Guyana opposition, Partnership For National Unity (APNU) and the Alliance For Change say they will most likely scrub the deal altogether especially now that the firm is blacklisted and if it is unclear that taxpayers aren't getting value for their money. The two parties have a one-seat majority in parliament and whenever they get together, usually prevent government from getting its way.

Caught off-guard by all this, former president, Bharrat Jagdeo, reacted quickly from New York suggesting that the World Bank's ban on CHEC should be taken seriously, even noting that the contract should be reviewed. Opposition critics say they are sure the project is way overpriced and that many in government had already gotten their rewards during negotiations.

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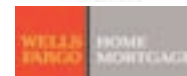


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“sold down the river” – shipped to the South where they suffered some of the worst cruelty known to man as their unpaid labor was exploited to create the wealth that built this nation. These were crimes against humanity for which the United States still owes reparations.

This year’s tribute began with a libation ceremony performed by Mdut SeshrAnkh and Mut Nfirt Ka Raet. Following it was a drum invocation led by Guyanese Master Drummer Menes de Griot and Shanto New Generation, the Congo Square Drummers, joined by many others in the Ancestral Orchestra. During this invocation, carried out in all four directions, Grandmaster Kham chanted sacred recognition of the ancestors.

Drum tributes were made to Professor Charles Jones, Gil Noble, Louis Reyes Rivera, Whitney

Houston, Hal Jackson and other recent ancestors, with a special remembrance of Dr. Mary Umolu, founding member of the People of the Sun Middle Passage Collective, which sponsors this tribute each year in conjunction with Akeem Productions and the Medgar Evers College Student Government Association.

The invited speaker of the day was Medgar Evers College President Dr. William Pollard, who spoke movingly of having learned the results of his own DNA test that traced his ancestors on both sides back to Central Africa. “Knowing that, this annual ceremony will never have the same meaning for me,” he declared. “Instead of thinking of faceless Africans, I will think of Pollards and other family ancestors who were transported, some of whose bones now lie in the Atlantic Ocean.”

He stated that this new awareness strengthens

even further his sense of obligation to educate Black youth as a means of keeping them from “the modern-day slavery of ignorance, incarceration, and poverty.”

Councilmember and Congressional candidate Charles Barron was also on hand to greet the crowd and pay his respects to the ancestors because, as he said, “We all stand on their shoulders.”

With WBAI’s beloved Habte Selassie and the renowned Jamaican spoken word artist Osagyefo hosting, the tribute unfolded with soul stirring drumming, dancing and presentations by speakers, poets and singers. Among the performers were Medgar Evers College Preparatory School’s Spirit of Joy Chorale and Dancers, inspirational speaker Abdul Perez, spoken word artist Messiah, and singer DuPree. Members of the Temple of Anu elicited audience participation in performing their songs about life, strength and prosperity, while young women from the Sunu Thoissane International Learning Center energized everyone with their dances that were a mixture of Coucou, from the Sussu people of Guinea, West Africa and Manjani, a social dance of the Malinke people of Guinea and Mali.

As always, the celebrated poet, multi-instrumentalist, singer and songwriter Ngoma wowed the crowd with his unique brand of hard-hitting yet often humorous truth telling. He was joined by Osunyoyin Alake, whose poetry also resonated deeply with the audience.

The Congo Square Drummers’ playing heightened the spiritual feeling that pervaded the atmosphere, inspiring many participants to dance in honor of the ancestors, several being taken by the divine spirit as they did so. Shanto New Generation’s irresistible rhythms also brought people to their feet, this time in a joyful dance in celebration of the ancestors.

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Patients who have suffered with debilitating lower back pain have found relief from its use, says the doctor. It's used primarily to

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"This is just one of the many tools we offer," says Dr. Chiappetta. Manual manipulation is another option, as are joint injections. The latter, too, uses technology so doctors can work more efficiently. In this instance, an ultrasound machine provides the doctor with a picture of the area that needs treatment, and this allows him to guide needles precisely to these affected areas.

The Nostrand Avenue facility offers many forms of treatment, including chiropractic care, neurology, orthopedic, pain management and physical therapy. The facility's medical director is Dr. Igor Stiler, a neurologist, who oversees the care of those who suffer with neurological disorders, as well as patients recovering from surgery or accidents.

Orthopedic specialties include sports medicine, pediatric orthopedics, and care to feet, ankles, hips, knees, shoulders, elbows, hands, and spine.

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The goal is to find the cause of the pain.



Dr. Nick Chiappetta is just one of Healthquest's chiropractors who offer innovative treatments for patients, including the use of the spinal decompression machine.

"You want to treat the cause, not the symptoms," he says.

HealthQuest also offers a unique program to help smokers quit.

"By tapping into certain points through the ear to the brain, chemicals are balanced, and cravings vanish," says Dr. Stiler. No pain or drugs are involved, he says, "and one treatment is all that is usually needed."

A weight loss treatment is similar, as "very light stimulation to precise points on the ex-



Dr. Nick Chiappetta and staff members Debbie Candido, Julissa Cardenas and Kiara Alvarado use the latest technology available to treat pain.

ternal ear" is used to reduce cravings.

"It is proven to be an effective and painless option that enables one to lose weight," says the doctor.

Weight loss can also help alleviate joint pain. HealthQuest has been servicing the community since 1994. Most major medical plans, including No Fault and Medicare, are accepted. The facility is handicapped accessible, and there's parking on the premises. Check HealthQuest's website for educational seminars that help improve quality of life.

HealthQuest [3500 Nostrand Ave. between Avenues U and Z in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 769-2521]. Open Mondays through Fridays, 9 am - 7 pm, and Saturdays, 9 am - noon. For more, visit www.hqbk.com.

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Cliff shines at 'Celebrate Brooklyn'

By Vinette K. Pryce

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee Jimmy Cliff easily surpassed expectations opening night of the 34th Celebrate Brooklyn concert at Prospect Park by reprising the hits that distinguishes him as one of reggae's most prolific, songwriters and performers.

Introduced onstage by both Christine C. Quinn, the Speaker of the City Council and Marty Markowitz, Brooklyn Borough President -- who attended a gala fundraiser for the summer series -- Cliff was lauded for his showmanship and stellar achievement in the music industry.

"I had the privilege to be present at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame event when he was inducted," Quinn said, "I remember that Bruce Springsteen followed afterwards and he was hard to follow."

Markowitz remarked



Reggae legend Jimmy Cliff performs during the first weekend of the 2012 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, Friday, April 13, 2012, in Indio, Calif.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

that Cliff's kick-off of the annual in the place GQ Magazine recently named "coolest place on the planet" seemed significant.

The Brooklyn ambassador may not have known that the birthplace of the

reggae ambassador was also recently ranked by CNN "the third coolest nation in the world" (behind Brazil and Singapore).

However, a few flag-waving Jamaicans reacted with awareness that the news

agency made public and were willing to spread the word on the 'cool' status of the Caribbean country.

Cliff added to the island's allure demonstrating some of the popular dances that originated there -- Scooby

Doo, Signal The Plane, Chaka Chaka, Tek Weh Yusef and acknowledged its beauty and milestone independent anniversary legacy singing the nostalgic "Miss Jamaica."

"Big Up! Jamaica!" Cliff urged patrons.

"I hope you are all feeling irie."

Cliff played the guitar, the drum and danced as if he was half his age.

He also unleashed an arsenal of hit songs from his 40-year musical career:

"Wild World," "I Can See Clearly Now," "Afghanistan" "The Harder They Come" "You Can Get It...If You Really Try" "Save Our Planet," "By The Rivers of Babylon," and "Putting Up Resistance."

Born 1948, James Chambers realized his dream early and changed his name to Cliff after relocating from rural Jamaica to the Kingston capital.

Two years after a reggae Grammy category was estab-

lished, Cliff claimed one.

Two decades previously he starred in the film "The Harder They Come."

Many identified with his renegade Ivan character to establish the film as a cult attraction and underground, box-office success.

Years later he also starred in "Bongo Man" and appeared in "Club Paradise" and "Marked for Death."

And two years ago Cliff was inducted to the music industry's shrine of pride the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Cliff was honored in his homeland in 2003 with an Order of Merit (OM), Jamaica's third highest award. He is the only living musician to hold the distinction.

Cliff ended his set with his signature "Wonderful World...Beautiful People."

He made a national television appearance two days after his Brooklyn performance on "Late Night With David Letterman."

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DEP PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE TO KICK-OFF WATER QUALITY PLANNING PROCESS FOR LOCAL WATERWAYS

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is kicking off its program to develop Long Term Control Plans (LTCPs) for NYC waterbodies impacted by combined sewer overflows (CSOs) with a Public Open House on:

Tuesday, June 26, 2012
3:00pm to 8:00pm

Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Visitor Center
329 Greenpoint Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11222

DEP will provide a brief presentation on the LTCP process at 4:00pm and again at 6:30pm. Poster displays will be open to the public between 3:00pm and 8:00pm.

WHAT IS A LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN?

On March 8, 2012, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and DEP signed a groundbreaking agreement to reduce CSOs using a hybrid green and gray infrastructure approach. As part of this agreement, DEP will develop LTCPs, or comprehensive evaluations of long term solutions, to reduce CSOs and improve water quality in NYC's waterbodies and waterways. The goal of each LTCP is to identify appropriate CSO controls necessary to achieve waterbody-specific water quality standards, consistent with the Federal CSO Policy and the water quality goals of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

At the Open House, you will be able to learn about DEP's current and upcoming efforts to reduce CSOs and how you can provide input on possible solutions. Also, DEP and DEC staff will be available throughout the session to answer any questions you may have.

To RSVP, please email Shane Ojar at SOjar@dep.nyc.gov or call DEP's Community Partnerships Office at (718) 595-3496.

For more information on DEP's CSO program, please visit our web site at www.nyc.gov/dep or on www.facebook.com/NYCWATER

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Guyanese celebrate an independence anniversary

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Guyana's musical visionary and premier pianist Rudy Bishop and broadcaster and playwright Francis Farrier, who was recognized for 50 years of service which has left a lasting impression on countless lives throughout Guyana.

The event was co-sponsored by City Council Member Dr. Mathieu Eugene and the Guyana Tri-State Alliance, headed by Patricia Jordon-Langford.

Host of the evening, Deputy Brooklyn Borough President Sandra Chapman, expressed her own immense pleasure at having the audience as her guests at Borough Hall.

Dr. Eugene delivered not only his own greetings but those of Council Speaker Christine Quinn and the City Council at large. He was later joined by Council Members Letitia James and Jumaane Williams, along with Assemblyman Nick Perry.

The evening's keynote speaker was George Talbot, Guyana's ambassador to the United States, who spoke of the country's successful exploration for oil and precious minerals and the vast promise of the South American continent that is opening to Guyana for people to people exchange. He stated, "If there is a note I wish to sound tonight it is a note of cooperation. Each



Enid Fraser (left) is recognized by Patricia Jordan-Langford and the Guyana Tri-State Alliance on her 94th birthday.
Photo by Donna Lamb

and every one of us, both at home and abroad, must play our part and help our leaders make the best of this special moment as the country is on the threshold of unprecedented progress. We must ensure that our nation is well positioned to seize the opportunity of this time."

A presentation of flowers was also made to Enid Fraser by Ms. Jordon-Langford in recognition of Ms. Fraser's 94th birthday.

The evening's festivities included a piano interlude by Dr. Keith Proctor, performances by students from the Verna Walcott Dance

Studio as well as the Tassa Drummers, along with a rendition of the Whitney Houston hit song "I Will Always Love You," sung by 11-year-old Victoria Labban.

The audience was also treated to the showing of two short films written and directed by Guyanese cinematographers: Mason Richards' "The Seawall" winner of a Cannes film festival award, and Marc Gomez' "Stir Crazy," which is being shown at film festivals around the world.

The evening concluded with a reception in the Rotunda.

Students against suspensions

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DSC-NY is calling for a 50 percent reduction in suspensions by September 2013.

The coalition is also calling on the DOE to: End all suspensions for minor behavior infractions, like defying or disobeying authority, shoving or pushing, that are listed in Levels 1-3 of the Discipline Code.

Require that schools use positive interventions before they can suspend a student, including for behaviors like fighting listed in Levels 4-5 of the

Discipline Code.

End long-term suspensions of more than 10 days.

Fund and implement positive school-wide approaches to discipline in 10 high need schools, and in each of those schools designate and train a Restorative Discipline Coordinator.

"My brother got suspended for wearing a sweatshirt in school. He felt so targeted in that school that eventually he dropped out. Each suspension plays a role in the long run of students' educational careers. When a student misses a

class they miss important information needed to pass their classes; eventually it becomes easier to fail and drop out of high school," said Adilka Pimentel, a member of Make the Road New York.

"Schools need to implement and require the use of positive interventions and alternatives to suspensions. I am worried that if these types of changes are not made that more students like my brother and sister will continue to be pushed out of school and not on the path to graduation," she said.

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On the road again: Ready your car for summer travel



Summer road trips can prove disastrous if drivers don't take the right steps to prepare their vehicles for travel.

The return of warm weather marks the return of road trips for millions of motorists across the country. Whether going to the beach or heading off to parts unknown, hitting the open road with the windows down is a time-honored tradition for drivers of all ages.

But such road trips can prove disastrous if drivers don't take the right steps to prepare their vehicles for summer travel. The following are a few ways motorists can ensure their cars are ready to tackle the open road.

- Tighten things up. Loose parts, such as exhaust clamps, license plates, and interior trim panels, can create rattles and cause parts to get damaged or fall off. What's more, rattling sounds can be a noisy nuisance for drivers and passengers alike.

- Wash your car. A newly

washed car not only looks good, but it's often much safer as well. Take your car to a car wash a few days before the trip and have the vehicle thoroughly cleaned. A thorough cleaning will remove dirt and grime from the vehicle's undercarriage, not to mention unsightly bird droppings and water spots or salt stains leftover from winter.

- Fix foggy headlight lenses. Many summer road trippers travel at night so their days can be spent soaking up some sun at the beach or lake. Before heading off for parts unknown, motorists should inspect their headlight lenses to reduce risk of accident. If the lenses are yellowed and foggy, that's likely because salt, ozone, and road debris has dulled them to a point where vision can be impaired, placing drivers and their passengers at risk.

- Check the battery. Over time,

battery terminals and cables will start to corrode. Such corrosion will eventually eat away at the battery's parts, creating a bad connection that sooner or later will require the battery be replaced. Check the battery before your trip and remember to clean the battery periodically as part of routine vehicle maintenance.

- Address windshield nicks and bull's-eyes. Nicks and chips in the windshields are a common problem regardless of the season. But such damage is most prevalent in the winter because of the extra debris that's on the road. These nicks and cracks need to get fixed as soon as possible to prevent them from spreading and resulting in the need for a windshield replacement. Oftentimes, motorists can address nicks and bull's-eyes in their own driveways in a matter of minutes.

Stop paying so much at the pump

Fuel prices have traditionally been at their highest during the summer months. That's unfortunate for vacationers and road trip enthusiasts who must budget the cost of fuel into their vacation expenses. Those costs can be considerable, especially if gas continues to hover around \$4 per gallon as it has for much of 2012.

But, as costly as gas has become, drivers can still mitigate those costs by employing a few strategies aimed at increasing their driving efficiency. The following are a few ways drivers can offset high fuel costs regardless of the time of year.

- Maintain a consistent speed. Though it might be hard to maintain a consistent speed when driving during rush hour, it should not be too difficult to do so when hitting the open road. If most of your driving is done on the highway, go easy on your engine by maintaining a consistent speed. The easier you are on the engine, the less taxed that engine will be and the less fuel it will need as a result. If going on a long road trip, or if your daily commute involves long stretches of highway driving, rely on your vehicle's cruise control function to make things easier on your engine and conserve fuel.



Drivers can employ several strategies to conserve fuel and save money at the increasingly costly gas pump.

- Don't drive when you can walk or bike. It might sound simple, but the best way to conserve fuel is not to use it at all. During the warmer months, walk or ride your bicycle when performing local errands. This is especially beneficial during the summer, when gas prices are typically higher. Save a few gallons of gas by running errands on foot or on your bicycle. If a physical condition makes it hard for you to walk or bike, make use of public

transportation when you need to travel locally.

- Obey the speed limit. The open road entices many drivers to put the pedal to the metal, but driving over the speed limit is both illegal and expensive. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that drivers pay an additional \$0.31 per gallon for every five miles they drive over 60 mph. Since gas prices have already hovered around \$4 per gallon for much of the year, drivers would be wise to obey the speed limit and conserve their fuel as well — as their money.

- Don't make your vehicle into a traveling closet. Many drivers keep excess materials in their cars, whether it's a cooler for picnics, a set of golf clubs, or an old baby stroller. Excess weight will rear its ugly head at the pump. The Department of Energy notes that an extra 100 pounds in a vehicle can reduce its miles per gallon by as much as two percent. Before hitting the highway, check your trunk and the backseat and remove any unnecessary items.

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The pros and cons to third-row seating

Third-row seating has become a priority for many people purchasing new vehicles. Many consumers actively seek out a car or SUV with a third-row seat so they'll have plenty of room for passengers during commutes or school carpools. There are many advantages to a third row of seating, but there are also some disadvantages. Weighing the pros and cons before purchase will help shoppers determine if a third-row seat is really what they need.

Advantages

The primary reason for purchasing a vehicle with a third-row seat is to increase passenger capacity. Most standard cars and mid-size SUVs can seat five passengers comfortably. However, a third-row seat can add a spot for an additional two to three passengers.

The need for a third row of seats stems primarily from the increased prevalence of booster and other child safety seats, which tend to take up a lot of space. This enables more children to be seated safely, a boon to parents who carpool.

Third-row seats are also advantageous to commuters who carpool. Several adults can sit comfortably and ride into work together, splitting the cost of gas and tolls. Many vehicles with third-row seats offer good gas mileage, making carpooling an even greener method of getting to work.

The third-row seat can often be folded down and allow for more cargo room when not needed. In some models, a third-row seat can be removed entirely.

Disadvantages

While the third-row seat offers more passenger room, it cuts down on storage space. Many vehicles that offer the extra row of seating do so at the expense of trunk or cargo



Third-row seating is a feature that many potential car buyers look for in their vehicle.

space. There may be little more than a few feet of room to store groceries or luggage.

Vehicles with a third-row seat tend to be more expensive than comparable cars and SUVs without one. Some minivans are more expensive than similarly sized SUVs. If money is a factor, a third-row seat may not be an asset. In addition, insurance companies might charge more for a larger car.

Size might also be a disadvantage to some drivers. Larger vehicles might be difficult to park in urban areas and may require special parking spots in parking garages.

Third-row seats can be very advantageous for people who frequently transport several people. But they may not be the best option for individuals looking for a lower-priced car or one with maximum cargo space.

These gadgets make driving safer

Guys love gadgets. Be it the newest smartphone or the latest model television, men revel in staying up-to-date on the latest gadgets and gizmos to hit the market. While many popular gadgets are geared toward entertainment, some are aimed at making life safer for consumers. Such is the case with the following gadgets and innovations, each of which makes the roadways safer for drivers and their passengers.

•**Blind spot detectors:** Blind spot detectors and intervention systems use radar or image detectors on side mirrors to determine if an object is in the car's blind spots. Intervention systems are connected to the braking system of the car. The systems pull the vehicle back to safety should the driver attempt to change lanes into potential danger. While this technology has the poten-

tial to prevent accidents, sometimes the detectors offer false positive warnings, picking up oncoming traffic, parked cars, and even trees.

•**Back-up cameras:** In an era of monster-sized vans and trucks, some drivers have difficulty gauging the length of the vehicle with respect to items behind it. Also, taller vehicles may have obstructed vision in the back by the rear bumper, which can be a safety hazard should a child or object be in the path of the vehicle. The camera can provide an image of what's behind the car to better assess whether it's safe to go in reverse. A beeping sound or other signal also may alert to a potential obstruction.

•**Lane departure warning:** This mechanism is designed to warn a driver when a vehicle begins to move out of its lane, unless a turn signal is activated to alert

to the lane change. These systems use a camera or another tracking device to pick up on the visual lines on a roadway, accommodating for turns. Some will signal with an audible sound, visual notification, or a vibration of the steering wheel if the driver is veering into another lane. Other systems will work in concert with the steering to keep the car in its lane.

•**Night-vision technology:** Individuals who do a good portion of driving at night may want to consider night-vision options on a vehicle. This is a system that increases the driver's perception and seeing distance in darkness or poor weather beyond the scope of headlights. Many systems rely on the driver looking at a screen that portrays a video image, which some assert is a danger in itself because it takes one's eyes off of the road.

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How to maintain a healthy environment inside your car

Over the last several years, homeowners have increasingly emphasized clean air in their homes. The growing popularity of home air purifiers suggests today's homeowners want to make certain the environment inside their home is as healthy as possible.

While protecting the environment in a home is important, it's equally as important for motorists to maintain a healthy environment in their vehicles. The average American spends roughly 10 to 15 hours per week inside a car, where dust, odors, smoke, and other potentially sour smells can make riding in a car rather unpleasant. In addition, air pollution and allergens inside a vehicle can pose a significant health risk to drivers and their passengers. Fortunately, there are several steps drivers can take to maintain a healthy environment inside their vehicle.

•Improve air quality. Perhaps the best way drivers can ensure their passengers

have a healthy environment while traveling in a car is to improve the air quality within the vehicle.

•Clean the vehicle's interior. Many automobile owners pay particular attention to the appearance of their vehicle's exterior. However, those same drivers don't spend nearly as much time, if any, tending to the vehicle's interior. But a neglected interior doesn't just fall victim to spills and dirt or other particles brought in from the outside. Over time, a neglected interior might begin to grow mildew, which is both unhealthy and unpleasant. In general, clean the vehicle's interior once a month to prevent mildew growth and the buildup of



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•Don't fall in love with the "new car smell." Few consumers can resist the famed "new car smell." Though enticing, the new car smell is actually an outgassing of toxic chemicals from newly formed plastics, and the chemicals in these gases have been linked to birth defects, impaired learning, liver toxicity, premature births, and early puberty in laboratory animals. Though this doesn't mean consumers should avoid buying new cars, it should inspire

consumers to address the new car smell immediately.

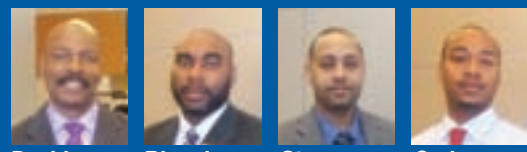
•Vacuum carpets, floor mats, and between seats. Carpets and seating are an-

other collection point for dirt and pollutants and need to be vacuumed thoroughly. Make sure to get the floor mats, the floor under the floor mats, and all the way under the seats. Pound your seats with something large like a baseball bat to loosen and knock out all the dirt and soil that has settled into the creases and stitching.

•Protect newer vehicles on hot days. Hot weather can take its toll on drivers, and it can also wreak havoc on their vehicle's interior. Heat from the sun can cause the vehicle's plastics, vinyl, or leather parts to emit volatile organic compounds, or VOCs, which, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, can produce both short-term and long-term adverse health effects. Whenever possible, park in the shade or use a sun shade on the windshield. In addition, slightly opening the windows in spring and summer promotes air flow through the cabin, helping reduce the risk of VOC buildup inside the vehicle.

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Routine auto service never more important

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Car care extends the life of your vehicle and can prevent minor problems from growing into much more expensive issues. Worn brake pads, if ignored, can escalate into more costly rotor repairs.

A “check-engine” light may signal something as minor as the need to replace an inexpensive oxygen sensor. But if ignored, costly damage to the catalytic converter can ensue.

Nor should service intervals be ignored. Failure to change out the engine’s timing belt according to the owners manual’s schedule can result in major engine damage if the belt fails.

Much less dramatic are routine things such as scheduled oil changes, replacing dirty filters, or simply paying attention to



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tire pressure. These seemingly minor services help you get better gas mileage.

Automotive Service Excellence — the

group that tests and certifies automotive technicians — offers the following tips on locating a good repair shop:

- Start shopping for a repair facility before you need one.
- Ask your friends and associates for recommendations; consult local consumer groups.
- Arrange for transportation so you will not choose a shop based merely on location.
- Look for a well-organized facility, with vehicles in the parking lot equal in value to your own and modern equipment in the service bays.
- The staff should be courteous and willing to answer your questions.
- Look for policies on estimated repair costs, diagnostic fees, guarantees, and methods of payment.
- Look for signs of professionalism such as civic, community or customer service awards.
- Look for evidence of qualified technicians: trade school diplomas, certificates of advanced course work, and certification by Automotive Service Excellence.
- For major jobs, ask whether the repair facility usually handles your type of repair work.

What to do with a cracked windshield

The scenario is all too common. Drivers are traveling down the road, and a pebble gets kicked up and hits their windshield, causing a small chip to appear. Slowly but surely that chip turns into a spreading, snaking crack that only gets worse with each bump and pothole.

Having a broken windshield is not only unsightly and a big inconvenience, it can also be illegal. That’s because the crack reduces the efficacy of the window safety composition, meaning it may shatter in the event of an impact accident and cause extensive injuries. The crack also may impede a driver’s ability to see the road clearly.

It’s important to note that liability car insurance typically doesn’t cover a cracked windshield that occurs in a collision. Instead, drivers hoping to be covered need to have collision insurance on their vehicle. However, not all windshields crack in a car accident. Many are damaged in nonaccident related circumstances, whether this be a tree branch that falls on the car or a rock kicked up from the roadway. It’s important to read an



A windshield crack is something that should be remedied soon.

insurance policy thoroughly to be sure that nonaccident related cracks to the windshield will be covered.

Even if the damage is covered, it may not be worth the expense of paying the insurance deductible and filing a claim, which may end up raising your rate in the long run.

Many small nicks can be repaired easily with a kit purchased from an automotive supply store. Inexpensive and user-friendly, the instructions guide users through the process of sealing the crack and preventing it from spreading.

If the crack is beyond the scope of a do-it-yourself fix, a windshield repair service that specializes in this type of work might be necessary. These companies use products that harden quickly and reglaze the windshield so that the crack may not even be noticeable afterward.

Upon inspection, a mechanic or a windshield replacement company may determine that the crack is not something that can be mended. The entire windshield will have to be replaced at this point. In some cases the windshield can be removed and replaced in the same day.

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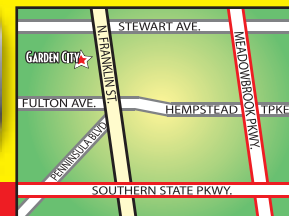
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Threat to tourism in Jamaica

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High levels of nutrients from agricultural run-off and the disposal of sewage in coastal waters have also damaged the reefs. According to government data, the resort towns of Negril, Montego Bay, Ocho Rios and areas along the south coast in the Portland Bight protected area have felt the greatest impact.

Marine biologist Andrew Ross noted that ongoing coral bleaching, overfishing, land clearance and pollution - particularly that of sewage - have all contributed to the decline of reefs.

"Places with regular tourism visitation will see a lot of accidental and/or anchor damage and even some harvesting or collecting for the knickknack shelf," he said.

But nowhere is the situation more telling than along the Negril coastline. Here, the sand dunes have long given way to concrete houses, hotels and sewage plants. Here, scientists say, the widespread destruction of coastal vegetation, forests and wetlands is providing a glimpse of the ravages climate change is expected to bring.

The true cost of development

Negril's tourism infrastructure was built at the expense of its coastal wetlands. Coastal mangrove forests and sea grass beds were removed to provide access to the gleaming white sands that tourists love.

Now, the famous white sand that earns roughly half of Jamaica's tourism earnings is being washed away at rates between a half

and one metre per year. According to reports, some areas have lost as much as 55 metres of beach in the last 40 years.

The erosion, scientists from the University of the West Indies (UWI) have found, is the direct result of development. When they removed the wetlands, developers destroyed the carbon-secreting organisms that inhabited the sea grass beds and produced at least half of the sand.

"The significant lack of coral in the beach sand indicate that algal fragments are probably not derived from the reef but rather from algae in the shallow shelf environment of the inner bay," the 2002 study said.

"Human activities also play a major role" in reef degradation, noted a report from the Risk and Vulnerability Methodology Development Project (RiVAMP) of the United Nation's Environment Program (UNEP), even as the report acknowledged that external phenomena were nonetheless important factors.

The report noted that the traditional use of sea grass as compost for farming and its use in traditional drinks have taken away from existing beds. Locals also cut down mangroves to provide fuel wood and as material for housing.

The future of tourism in Jamaica

Even as visitor arrivals are projected to increase to 3.1 million by 2050, climate change could see the numbers fall to 2.7 million by that time, experts have said.

Jamaican tourism is rooted in its white sand beaches and sun and is location-specific to resort towns such as Negril. Much of the island's infrastructural development has gone into these resort areas, which also happen to lie within predicted flood zones.

Increasingly, the industry is expanding its offerings to include bird watching, community tourism, nature trails and health tourism.

To lessen the impact and repair some of the damage, the island is undertaking a broad-based climate change adaptation and risk reduction program, replanting hardwood and mangrove forests as well as sea grass beds. One local NGO, with assistance from corporate Jamaica, is building an artificial reef in the Portland Bight area, as well as in Negril.

Williams noted that the tourism ministry is also working with other agencies to sensitise stakeholders.

Central to the adaptation plan is a Natural Resources Valuation process aimed at developing tools to aid stakeholders in assigning monetary value to natural resources, environmental economist Maurice Mason told IPS.

"We are building formulae that will help us to determine the value of our natural resources whether we want to develop, keep it for future use or just keep it for the satisfaction of having it," he said.

Mason, who works with the UWI Risk Reduction Centre, noted that the

methodologies will provide authorities with the tools to help with decision making that promotes the sustainable use and development of the natural environment.

"It will also aid in the development of alternative employment for the many poor Jamaicans for whom alternative livelihoods must be found if the natural ecosystems are to be preserved and/or sustainably exploited," Mason said.

Ross, whose company Seascapes Caribbean specialises in the replanting of coral reefs, pointed out that it will take "absolute commitment" to halt the decline of the local environment on which the industry depends.

"We could be talking about a return of the 1970s heyday of us providing the best scuba diving in the world," he said. "Return of coral also means return of the fisheries and coastal protection, including protection of roads and infrastructure."

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Jamaican Parliament marks British Royal Jubilee

Jamaica's Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller made it very clear to the nation and the world that her country's relationship with the British crown will remain secure.

"I wish to publicly state that notwithstanding the expressed desire to complete the independence of Jamaica and to reinforce our identity as an independent people, Jamaica holds and will always hold the British monarchy in high esteem," Simpson Miller said.

"There is no doubt that Her Majesty has been a gracious and engaging lady and a model of dedication to duty," Prime Minister Simpson Miller said.

While paying tribute to Queen Elizabeth II, the first female leader of the nation lauded the British way of life saying she "has found within that institution many areas for emulation as we pursue a path for sustainable development for all our citizens," Simpson



In this March 6, 2012 file photo, Britain's Prince Harry, left, is welcomed by Jamaica's Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller to a lunch in Kingston, Jamaica. Harry toured the Caribbean as part of a Diamond Jubilee tour in honor of Queen Elizabeth II as she celebrates 60 years on the throne.

AP Photo/Collin Reid



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

Miller said.

The nation's parliament commemorated the diamond jubilee (60th anniversary) of the reign of the English monarchy last week by convening two sessions in Jamaica's House of Representatives.

Tributes were paid to the queen and her country by the prime minister and Opposition Leader Andrew Holness as well as selected members of parliament.

Four beacons were lit across the island in celebration of the milestone achievement.

The locations were St William Grant Park in Kingston; Montego Bay Civic Centre; Seville Heritage Park, St Ann; and the Port Antonio town centre, Portland.

The beacons, designed by the Jamaica Defense Force (JDF) and built by students from the Caribbean Maritime Institute (CMI) were lit simultaneously and remained lit for 24 hours.

In a statement on the beacon lighting Simpson Miller said that Jamaica would always hold the British monarchy in high esteem.

"I also wish to reiterate that we will continue to value our membership in the Commonwealth which provides an important platform for deepening and strengthening cooperation between Jamaica and the United Kingdom, and among the other commonwealth members, both developed and developing," she added.

Similar ceremonies were held elsewhere on June 6, with the celebrant Queen Elizabeth II lighting the

National Beacon in London.

Reportedly, as many as 2012 beacons will be lit this year to mark the 60-year reign anniversary.

On the island, an exhibition will showcase royal visits to Jamaica.

Reportedly it will include significant reminders of Jamaica-Britain relations and the recipients of awards presented by the sixty-year ruling monarch.

Allegedly, the queen's representative -- Governor General Sir Patrick Allen -- will present commemorative jubilee medals to members of the armed forces, emergency services and prison service personnel on the island.

In addition to the many tributes paid to the queen, the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the occasion also marked the historic British event.

Sports Tourism Talk Kick-Off Carib Week In NY

Jamaican author Carole Beckford was the special guest at the kickoff event for travel agents attending Caribbean Week in New York festivities at The Yale Club recently.

Beckford, publicist for Usain Bolt gave an enlightening presentation to the audience and engaged listeners with the topic "Tapping Into the Lucrative Niche of Sports Tourism."

Among the officials to participate in the event were: Hugh Riley, Secretary General of the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO); Richard Sealy, Minister of Tourism, Barbados; Carole Beckford, President, Business of Sport, Jamaica; Richard Skerritt, CTO Chairman & Minister of Tourism and International Transport, St. Kitts & Nevis and John Lynch, Director of Tourism, Jamaica Tourist Board.

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Summer with Satchmo 2012

Louis Armstrong House Museum announces Summer with Satchmo 2012 that includes Hot Jazz/Cool Garden concerts and special events for all ages!

Hot Jazz/Cool Garden celebrates its ninth season with a stellar lineup: The Hot Sardines on June 16, Bria Skonberg Quartet on Saturday, July 21 and the Lucky Dogs on Saturday, Aug. 18.

Held in the Armstrong Garden at 2:00 p.m., these concerts feature traditional jazz bands that play and promote the music of Louis Armstrong.

Louis Armstrong Birthday Historic House



Louis Armstrong.

Tours will be given on Wednesday, July 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Louis always celebrated his birthday on the Fourth of July. The museum honors Louis with special tours

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Preserving Haitian music and dance

By Tequila Minsky

The first of three Ayiti Fasafas (Haiti Face to Face) concerts, celebrating Haitian traditional singing, drumming and dance was presented in a “Rasanble: Come Together” in Brooklyn recently.

The next will be Friday, June 22, 7:00 p.m., with “Rele Ounto: Remembering the Life and Legacy of Frisner Austin,” the master drummer, teacher and transmitter of traditional Haitian culture, who passed away suddenly in Haiti on Feb. 28. This celebration of his life will be held at Roulette, 509 Atlantic Ave. and will be in collaboration with La Troupe Makandal, the performance company Frisner directed.

The Sunday “Rasanble”



Backed by the percussionists (in picture, Evens; Silibo Seney and master Edmonde; Guysot; Fortere), pianist, vocalist and dancer Goussy Celestin sings the traditional.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

event started with a music video shot in Haiti by Kongo. And then, this pro-

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KY-MANI TAKES THE STAGE

More rhythms at MetroTech Festival



Ky-Mani Marley at the Voices against Brain Cancer Foundation’s “Sounding Off For A Cure” Benefit at the Fillmore Miami Beach at The Jackie Gleason Theater Photo by Paul Emmans/PictureGroup) via AP IMAGES

By John Marrast

The 2012 Bam Rhythm and Blues Festival at the MetroTech Commons, which began on June 7 will end on Aug. 9 with eight more artistes to perform during the midday event on Thursdays.

This free outdoor summer concert series features an eclectic roster of legendary trailblazers and emerging musical visionaries of R&B music.

On June 21, Ky-Mani Marley,

the youngest of reggae legend Bob Marley’s sons will perform. He has continued in his father’s footsteps with both faithful tributes and new hip-hop infused twists on that legendary sound. The latter can be heard on his album “The Journey,” a rich amalgam of R&B production and Marley’s behind-the-beat vocals, while the former comes through on Marley’s sophomore release, “many More Roads.” an uncanny evocation of Marley Sr.

The funk-punk-metal-ska septet Fishbone will perform next on June 28. This was one of the few bands which stood out in the 80’s. The band’s eclecticism was matched only by its hyperactive stage energy and exuberance.

R&B multi-instrumentalist Van Hunt will display his skills on July 5. Hunt arrived in 2004 with a brilliant, self-titled retro-soul debut, which featured him as

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Somebody That I Used to Know**
Gotye Feat. Kimbra
- 2 **We Are Young**
Fun. Feat. Janelle Monae
- 3 **Payphone**
Maroon 5 Feat. Wiz Khalifa
- 4 **Call Me Maybe**
Carly Rae Jepsen
- 5 **Starships**
Nicki Minaj
- 6 **Wild Ones**
Flo Rida Feat. Sia
- 7 **Glad You Came**
The Wanted
- 8 **What Makes You Beautiful**
One Direction
- 9 **Where Have You Been**
Rihanna
- 10 **Stronger**
Kelly Clarkson

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Born And Raised**
John Mayer
- 2 **What We Saw From the Cheap**
Regina Spektor
- 3 **Here**
Edward Sharpe And The Magnetic Zeros
- 4 **21**
Adele
- 5 **Up All Night**
One Direction
- 6 **Valtari**
Sigur Ros
- 7 **American Idol: Season 11**
Phillip Phillips
- 8 **Making Mirrors**
Gotye
- 9 **Some Nights**
Fun
- 10 **My Head Is An Animal**
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Van Hunt.

Ky-Mani at MetroTech

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both songwriter and player of nearly every instrument on the record.

A week later, July 12, Shemekia Copeland and NRBQ will be at the MetroTech Center. A forceful soul singer in the vein of Etta James, Copeland swings with ease from the dirtiest of Chicago blues to lazy-day acoustic Gospel fare.

The stage will be set for some Afrobeat, vodun music and James Brown-inspired funk with the arrival of the 11-member Orchestre Poly-Rythmo. This group is revered in its native Benin

and is one of the oldest active post-independence bands in West Africa.

On July 26, the Pedrito Martinez Group will be on stage. Havana-born vocalist and percussionist is a former member of the popular New York band Yerba Buena. He is a master of the sultry Afro-Cuban rumba.

Rapper Blitz the Ambassador - the "Ghanaian Chuck D" will be performing on Aug. 2. He has emerged as one of hip-hop's most respected and conscientious artists, seemingly immune to the genre's glitches.

The final act will be on Aug

9 with Aloe Blacc. He is a multi-instrumentalist and neo-soul singer who transcends the genre entirely. He is best known for his punchy single, "I Need A Dollar," which was featured as the theme of the HBO series "How to Make It In America."

Larry Graham and Graham Central Station and Arturo O'Farrill and the Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra performed earlier this month.

Past performers have included George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic, Los Lobos, Jimmy Cliff, The Wailers, Odetta, Amadou and Mariam, and The Spinners.

Haitian Music

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gram brought together a wide sampling of local traditional singers including Marie Veronique Antoine, Wozna - invited from the audience, Madafi Pierre and singer/dancer Erol Josue. Sarah Dupuy, sang a Capella, mixing in some jazz, and then, playing guitar, was joined with a friend contributing hip-hop.

Arranger and performer Monvelyno Alexis, jazz singer Pauline Jean, and multi-talented Goussy Celestin stamped their approach to the traditional. This was followed by the next generation, Riva Precil playing the guitar and singing both a traditional and then an original number. Ernst Severe's group of three Gran Chimen rounded out the styles presented.

While the songs were predominately traditional, the after-

noon's music mixed in contemporary genres, revealing how the traditional can thrive alongside the current—each embellishing the other.

The singers were backed by an array of percussion talent under the direction of Jean-Mary Brignol, who plays jazz, rara, and Vodou drumming styles. Along with Evens "Zilibo" Seney and Fritz "Fito" Vivien, Edmonde "Guysot" Fortere, an elder drummer in the community, one of the first musicians to sing and record traditional music and who focuses solely on Vodou styles, performed. Mateo Chao, an active member of Fasafas, played the bell.

For over a year, members of the Haitian cultural community have been meeting with the Center for Traditional Music and Dance, a local organization working in partnership with



Erol Josue, born into the Vodou tradition and initiated as a priest at 17, has natural abilities as a singer and dancer within the religion, from which he draws inspiration as a choreographer and song writer.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

ethnic and immigrant communities to preserve and nurture traditional performing arts. The Haitian Community Initiative of performers and cultural activists are striving to bring traditional

Haitian music and dance to a wider audience. Through programs such as this series, they aim to fight negative cultural stereotypes and preserve cultural knowledge of Vodou.

Satchmo

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that include celebratory birthday photos, audio clips and a complimentary cupcake for kids 12 years old and under! Regular museum admission applies.

Louis Armstrong House Museum's Summer with Satchmo 2012 also features the York College Blue Notes free concert in the Armstrong Garden on Saturday, Aug. 4, at 2:00 p.m. This annual big band concert showcases the swinging York College Summer Jazz program.

Jazzmobile Concert, the Louis Armstrong House Museum annual free summer block party sponsored by Jazzmobile, will be held on Thursday, Aug. 16 at 7:00 p.m. featuring Cuban-born trumpeter and multi-Grammy award winner Arturo Sandoval. This is a rare chance to hear one of the world's greatest trumpeters and a Summer with Satchmo highlight.

Planning Your Visit

The Louis Armstrong House Museum is located at 34-56 107th Street in Corona, Queens. The museum is open Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday from 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Guided 40-minute house tours start every hour on the hour. The last tour of the day is at 4:00 p.m. The gift shop, exhibit area and garden can be explored before or after the tour.

Parking is available within the neighborhood and the museum is accessible by subway via the 7 train.

The Louis Armstrong House Museum is closed on all Mondays and the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. It is always open on July 4, the date when Louis's birthday is traditionally celebrated.

Camp and tourist groups are encouraged. Reservations can be made at www.LouisArmstrongHouse.org.

Darker side of Snow White's fairytale

"Snow White and the Huntsman"

Very Good (2.5 stars)
Rated PG-13 for intense violence and brief sensuality.
Running time: 127 minutes
Distributor: Universal Pictures

By Kam Williams

The primary problem with "Snow White and the Huntsman" is that it was released right on the heels of "Mirror Mirror." Sure, a new version of Snow White has been brought to the big

screen about once a decade since its debut in 1902, but how much of a call could there be for another just a couple of months after the last one opened in theaters?

Secondarily, while "Mirror Mirror" is a wholesome family film, this decidedly-darker reinterpretation carefully courts the teen demographic via the popular vampire theme coupled with fairly graphic violence. The film stars Bella Swan, I mean, Kristen Stewart, of Twilight series fame, opposite Chris Hemsworth, the hunky heartthrob who plays Thor in the Marvel Comics franchise.



Snow White and Eric the Huntsman.

But it's Charlize Theron who turns in the picture's sole dynamic performance as Queen Ravenna, a vain villainess in constant need

of reassurance that she's still "the fairest of them all" from her magical mirror. Like a bloodsucking vampire, she preserves her #1

status by literally draining the youth out of all of her comely competition.

The narcissistic grand dame keeps Snow imprisoned in a dungeon with plans to suck the life out of her as soon as the blossoming beauty comes of age. Somehow, the spunky girl escapes, taking refuge in the forest following a spectacular mountaintop plunge down a waterfall reminiscent of Harrison Ford's iconic scene in "The Fugitive."

Meanwhile, back at the castle, the miffed monarch dispatches Eric the Huntsman to track down and slay Snow White.

However, the widowed warrior shifts loyalties as soon as he sets eyes on her and wises up about evil Ravenna's true nature.

Directed by Rupert Sanders, "Snow White and the Huntsman" is an emotionally-flat, special effects-driven affair, its incessant display of technical wizardry, notwithstanding. Unfortunately, the film simply fails to measure up to "Mirror Mirror," despite the presence of Chiclet-toothed, ingénue of the moment Kristen Stewart.

A brazenly-blasphemous overhaul of "Snow White" designed to exploit the trendy vampire formula.

Independent & Foreign Films

Extraterrestrial (Unrated) Screwball, sci-fi comedy, set in Madrid, about two strangers (Julian Villagran and Michelle Jenner) who awaken in bed together the morning after a drunken one-night stand to find a horde of UFOs hovering above an evacuated city. With Miguel Noguera, Raul Cimas and Carlos Areces. (In Spanish with subtitles)

Follow Me: The Yoni Netanyahu Story (Unrated) Bittersweet biopic about the brother of Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a Lieutenant Colonel who died leading the 1976 raid in Entebbe, Uganda which resulted in the successful rescue of 103 hijacked airplane passengers being held hostage by Palestinian terrorists.

The Girl from the Naked Eye (R for violence, sexuality and pervasive profanity) Vigilante thriller about a chauffeur (Jason Yee) for a seedy escort service who embarks on a manhunt after the murder of a call girl (Samantha Streets) he had a crush on. With Gary Stretch, Dominique Swain, Ron Yuan and Sasha Grey.

Ikland (Unrated) Anthropological adventure chronicling the present-day quest to locate the Ik people, a lost African tribe long-rumored to be sadists who torture their own children and practical jokers who defecate in front of each others' huts for fun.



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

The Kite (Unrated) Ensemble drama revolving around a half-dozen tales of transformation unfolding during Uttarayan, India's annual kite festival staged in the ancient city of Ahmadabad. Cast includes Mukkund Shukla, Seema Biswas and Nawazuddin Siddiqui. (In Hindi with subtitles)

Marina Abramovic: The Artist Is Present (Unrated) Reverential biopic about Marina Abramovic, chronicling the Serbian performance artist's preparations for a retrospective at Manhattan's Museum of Modern Art.

Rowdy Rathore (Unrated) Romantic comedy about a con man (Akshay Kumar) on the run from a gang of criminals who goes gaga over a girl (Sonakshi Sinha) he meets at a wedding he wasn't even invited to. With Yashpal Sharma, Paresh Ganatra and Nassar. (In Hindi with subtitles)

Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap (R for sexual references, drug content and pervasive profanity) Hip-Hop documentary, directed and narrated by Ice-T, tracing the evolution of rap music from ghetto kids' form of experimental expressions into a

global phenomenon. With appearances by Chuck D, Ice Cube, Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre and Mos Def.

The Tortured (Unrated) Revenge thriller about a couple (Jesse Metcalfe and Erika Christensen) who decide to even the score with the psychopathic serial killer (Bill Moseley) who'd abducted and murdered their six-year-old son (Thomas Greenwood). With Bill Lippincott, Aaron Pearl and Viv Leacock.

The Woman in the Fifth (R for sexuality, profanity and violent images) Adaptation of the Pawel Pawlikowski novel about a disgraced professor (Ethan Hawke) who emigrates to Paris to reconcile with his ex-wife (Delphine Chuillot) and estranged daughter (Julie Papillon) only to instead be seduced by a beautiful widow (Kristin Scott Thomas) implicated in a string of mysterious slayings. (In English and French with subtitles)

Your Sister's Sister (R for profanity and sexuality) Character-driven drama, set on a scenic island on Puget Sound, where a woman (Emily Blunt) offers a grieving friend (Mark Duplass) use of her family's cabin for solitude

only to have the emotionally-fragile ingrate put the moves on her vulnerable sister (Rosemarie DeWitt) during a drinking binge. With Mel Eslyn, Jeanette Maus and Mike Birbiglia.

Rock of Ages (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity, heavy drinking and suggestive dancing) Screen adaptation of the Broadway musical, set in L.A. in 1987, revolving around a waitress (Julianne Hough) and busboy (Diego

Boneta) who fall in love at first sight while pursuing their dreams of superstardom. A-list cast includes Oscar-winner Catherine Zeta-Jones, nominees Tom Cruise, Alec Baldwin and Paul Giamatti, along with Russell Brand, Mary J. Blige and Will Forte.

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Jazz: Brooklyn Beat The Heart of Brooklyn and WBGO 88.3 FM present Jazz: Brooklyn's Beat featuring Brandee Younger at the Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave., 1:30 p.m. Free with Museum admission. For information, call (718) 638-7700.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Spay/Neuter Clinic Petland Discounts and the ASPCA Mobile Unit is offering dog and cat spay/neuter clinics in Queens on Sun., 6/17 at 171-33 Hillside Ave., between 171 and 172 streets, Jamaica and Mon., 6/18 and Wed., 6/20 at 21-11 Broadway, corner of 21 St. in the Rite Aid Shopping Center, Astoria, all beginning at 7:00 a.m. For information, call Amy Eisenberg at (631) 273-6363.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Cabaret Night No Name & A Bag O' Chips Comedy/Variety presents Uptown Cabaret Spotlight with composer, lyricist and playwright Joshua H. Cohen at the Indian Road Cafe, 600 West 218 St., N.Y., 8:00 p.m. No cover, no minimum. For information, call (212) 942-7451 or visit www.nonamenyc.com.

Home Energy Community Board 12 and Sustainable South Bronx are hosting a home energy conservation seminar focusing on reducing high utility bills and saving money, at Town Hall, 4101 White Plains Rd. at 229 St., Bronx, at 7:00 p.m. For information and to RSVP, contact Ms. Ngome at (646) 400-5437.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Comedy/Variety No Name & A Bag O' Chips Comedy/Variety presents special guest stars as well as the funky sounds of The Summer Replacements including Carl (Baby Freak) Fortunato, 7:00 p.m. at Otto's Shrunken Head, 538 E. 14 St., between avenues A and B, N.Y. No cover, no minimum. For more information, call (212) 228-2240 or (347) 885-3466.

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Compiled by Ida Eisenstein

Dr. Steven C. Tawil: Colon Cancer Screening & Prevention

By Camille Sperrazza

Stop postponing your colonoscopy.

Everyone age 50 and over needs one, but African-Americans are at an especially high risk of developing colon cancer, says Dr. Steven C. Tawil, gastroenterologist and internist.

"It is recommended that they be screened for colon cancer at age 45," says the doctor.

The reasons the mortality rate is higher for African-Americans is not known, says Dr. Tawil, but the good news is that having this simple procedure "can improve the numbers."

It has never been easier or more convenient to undergo this procedure. It can be done right in Dr. Tawil's Brighton Beach office, with an anesthesiologist present.

"This means it is an 100 percent painless procedure," says the doctor.

The administration of the anesthesia is quick, so patients feel no pain, he assures. The presence of the anesthesiologist also means that a patient's vital signs are constantly being monitored.

"It's another pair of hands in the room, another doctor checking oxygen, heart rhythms, and pulse," says Dr. Tawil. "It's all about the comfort and safety of the patient."

Dr. Tawil's office is recognized by the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery. Facilities accredited by this organization must meet rigorous standards of cleanliness and other criteria that assures the highest standards, says the doctor. This feat is not an easy achievement, and he takes pride that his practice is held in such high esteem.

The Brighton Beach Avenue facility, at the same location since 1991, recently moved from the second floor to the third floor, securing a new 6,000 square foot office. Among the highlights is an endoscopy suite with a private changing room, a recovery room, and a private bathroom in the recovery room. Such a set-up makes screening easy for the patient, as there's no running down a hall to find a toilet. Everything is convenient and private.

Make an appointment to see him if you have rectal bleeding. This could be a sign of colon cancer, and should never be ignored, says the

doctor. A change in bowel habits or unexplained weight loss are other reasons to undergo an exam. If there is a history of polyps in the family, being screened is a must, he says. Polyps are small growths that occur on the wall of the colon, and if they are not removed, some may eventually turn into cancer, says Dr. Tawil. The removal of polyps can be done right after the colonoscopy is performed, while the patient is still under anesthesia. That way, patients don't have to return to get another procedure.

Patients can also come to him to get their blood pressure checked and their sugar levels monitored. He also treats heartburn, ulcers, constipation, liver issues, and stomach ailments. He specializes in the treatment of hepatitis, particularly hepatitis C.

"We have the latest treatment, available right in the office," he says.

Dr. Tawil's credentials are impeccable. He is board-certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology, which means a "double certification," he notes. In addition, he is re-certified every 10 years, which involves undergoing a seven-hour test. It all proves he is at the top of his game, aware of the most recent developments in the field.

A graduate of Syracuse University, Dr. Tawil trained at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine for five years. He is on staff at the New York Methodist Hospital, and is a member of the American College of Physicians; the New York State Medical Society; the American Medical Association; and the American College of Gastroenterology.

The office accepts most major health plans, including Medicare and Medicaid. For the convenience of his hard-working patients, the office is now open on Sundays. It is handicapped accessible, and convenient to bus and trains. The doctor sees patients by appointment.

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Meet your 2012 Cyclone hurlers

BY WILL BREDDERMAN

And now, your Brooklyn Cyclones pitchers!

Cyclones skipper Rich Donnelly gave the Courier an exclusive sneak preview of the Mini Mets' pitching roster for the 2012 season, which kicks off June 18 with a home game against their hated cross-harbor rivals, the Staten Island Yankees.

Donnelly said this season's team — mostly chosen out of 106 draft picks at spring training camp in Port Saint Lucie, Fla. — will feature just one of the players who took the Cyclones to the playoffs last season, with first baseman and gnarly-gloved gladiator Cole Frenzel coming back for a second go-round on the good ship Cyclone.

Frenzel joined the Cyclones after the season began, but quickly made a name for himself as a steady first baseman — and for the fact that he would tape up the unraveling pocket of his beloved Rawlings mitt with medical tape.

The seasoned veteran manager Donnelly, who'll



HOPING FOR A HURLER: Cyclones coach Rich Donnelly says he hopes his roster of righties will be worthy of the MCU pitcher's mound, like Eric Niesen was in 2007.

begin his second year at the helm, said the club's focus early on will be on building a pitching staff that has a great rapport with his catchers.

"I like pitchers who throw the ball over the plate and catchers who can catch the ball. The offense will

take care of itself," Donnelly said, adding that he hoped to see his team lead the league in fewest walks again this season.

So, without further ado, here's the first look at the Brooklyn Cyclones 2012 pitching staff, which so far doesn't include any left-handers:

•**Gabriel Ynoa:** Donnelly calls the Kingsport Mets transplant "a throwing machine" who gets his pitches over the plate. He walked only four batters in the 56 innings he's pitched during the last two years.

•**Luis Mateo:** One of the best arms in the entire organization, according to Mets Veep Paul DePodesta, Mateo is a flamethrower who posted 80 strikeouts and a 2.00 ERA in 13 appearances with the Dominican Summer League Mets in 2011.

"His numbers in the Dominican last year were outrageous," said Donnelly.

•**Luis Cessa:** This hurler went 4-2 for the Gulf Coast Mets last year, with a 3.16 ERA for the season, where he walked 13 bat-

ters in 53 innings. Donnelly says Cessa had potential as either a starter or as a reliever.

•**Matthew Bowman:** A first-year draft pick out of Princeton, Bowman had two shutouts and gave up just one home run in 2012.

•**Matthew Koch:** A massive 6-foot-3, 204-pound third-round pick out of Louisville, Koch is 8-5 with a 3.40 ERA in his two-year career in college ball, and allowed just eight walks in 32-1/3 innings last season.

Donnelly says he's excited about his roster of righties, but he hasn't seen all of them in action: he won't see Bowman or Koch pitch until he gets back to Brooklyn.

But character was just as important as skill, he said.

"I look at numbers before they get here, but then I want to see what kind of kid they are. I look at when things go bad, how they act," said Donnelly. "You really don't know what you're going to get till you open up that stadium and turn the lights on."

'Williamsburg Night' takes hipsters out to the ballgame

BY BEN LOCKHART

The Brooklyn Cyclones are courting the borough's hippest baseball fans by shattering an unwritten rule of hipster branding: never openly market to them.

The borough's minor league team will host Williamsburg Night on July 3, offering discounts for bearded fans, skeeball tournaments, and skinny jeans races around the diamond.

Cyclones staffers say they hope hipster night sells out — even if the attendees swear they never will.

"Williamsburg is a group we typically haven't been able to reach," said Billy Harner, the director of communications for the ball club. "Hopefully this event will help them feel welcome at the ballpark."

Hipsters have a reputation for shying away from just about anything that directly acknowl-



HIPSTER FREEFALL: Madness is expected to ensue on Williamsburg Night.

edges their hipsterism, but Brenna Ehrlich, co-author of "Stuff Hipsters Hate," believes Williamsburg Night will dispel that silly mainstream notion.

"Hipster Night or no, isn't there free beer for wearing skinny jeans and a beard? Hipsters would go to the opening of a Duane Reade (and did, on Bedford) if there's free beer involved," said Ehrlich in an e-mail interview. "Any sane human would."

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'Every effort must be made to always have the best team to represent the region.'

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Fludd looking for a college

By Robert Elkin

Leroy 'Truck' Fludd, a forward at Boys and Girls High School, is trying to make some 'noise' somewhere during this off season so he may be able to land at a decent college. He would like just to be able to get some time at the next level.

Fludd and his high school teammates, along with his rivals in the Public Schools Athletic League, recently finished competing for the Juice All-Stars team in the IS 8 League, contested on schedule in Queens.

"I'm still waiting," said the 6'6" Fludd after he finished playing in the Spring High School Classic Playoff semi-final game when he scored 19 points for his team in south Jamaica.

"Every time I go on to the court I play hard. I still have to work on my skills, including the jump shot and ball handling. I'm not too far away from signing."

He did not specify which college he would like to continue his basketball and academic careers.

Fludd is a senior at Boys and Girls located in Brooklyn. At his school, he was one of the premier players in the PSAL. He had transferred from Grady High School also in the public schools system after his freshman season and has done very well on

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Rousseau slams WICB for failures

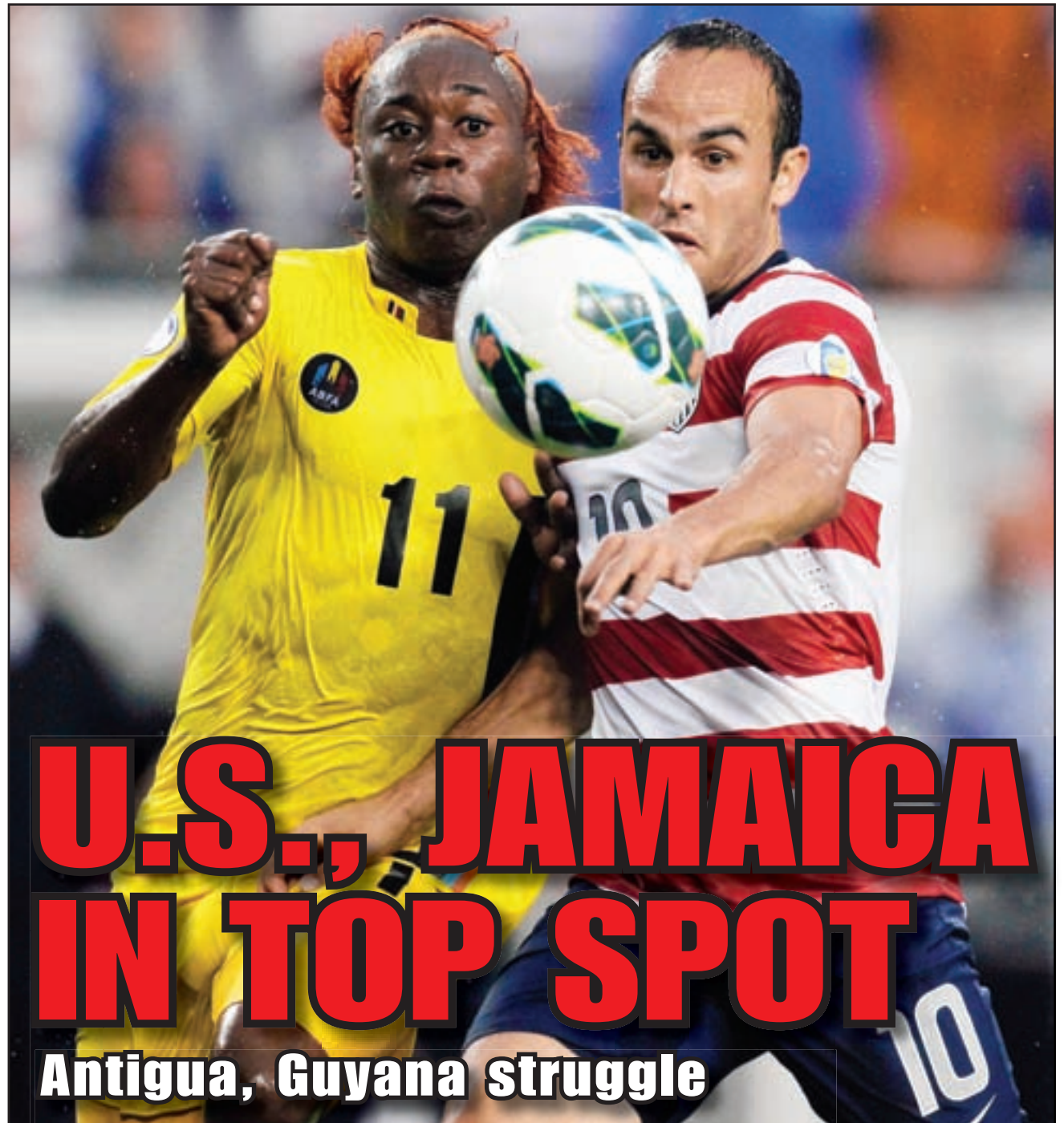
By Azad Ali

Former West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) President Pat Rousseau has slammed the regional governing body saying it is responsible for the current problems facing the West Indies team.

Rousseau, in an article in the NationNews, Barbados, argued that the WICB failed to properly manage the challenges brought by the success of Twenty20 cricket and instead resorted to rigid tactics to dissuade players from choosing club over country.

"As I write, no clear policy exists for international T20 cricket tournaments. The IPL-type tournaments are proliferating and we now have them in Australia, England, Bangladesh and South Africa and a start-up in Zimbabwe and a promised tournament in the United States all directed at generat-

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U.S. forward Landon Donovan (10) vies with Antigua and Barbuda midfielder Quinton Griffith (11) for the ball during the first half of a FIFA World Cup qualifying soccer game Friday, June 8, 2012, in Tampa, Fla. AP Photo/Chris O'Meara

By Patrick Horne

Jamaica, the most experienced English-speaking Caribbean team of the three competing in the semifinal round of CONCACAF qualifying for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, lived up to its billing.

After two games, the Reggae Boyz garnered a win and a draw for four points to share the top spot in Group A with the U.S. Among the other two Caribbean teams, Antigua and Barbuda managed its first points in its first appearance in a CONCACAF semifi-

nal round, while Guyana failed in its attempt to make an impact.

After beating Guatemala 2-1 at home in the first game on Friday, June 8, Jamaica travelled to Antigua and Barbuda four days later and had to fight

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Former West Indies Cricket Board President Pat Rousseau.

AP Photo/Robin Nowacki

Rousseau slams WICB

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ing large sums of money for the respective countries," he said.

"The WICB solution has not been to develop early, an exciting and profitable version of Twenty20 cricket but to enforce its old existing rule about playing in its regional tournaments to qualify for the West Indies team and to badger and harass the players into complying," he declared.

The Jamaican advised the WICB to invest heavily in the regional Twenty20 competition, which will give financial incentive to players to align themselves with the board.

Meanwhile, Rousseau has disagreed with WICB Non-member Director, Sir Hilary Beckles' assertion that Captain Darren Sammy is the man to lead the team forward.

"Sir Hilary then shows the way forward in the leadership of Darren Sammy, whom he mentions in the same context as two of our most successful captains in cricket ever, Sir Frank Worrell and Clive Lloyd, a palpable insult to these two icons, who stand above most people who have played the game for their exceptional performances and achievements," said Rousseau.

U.S., Jamaica

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tooth and nail to get a draw. The match, by all reports, gave the home team the upper-hand, and considered Jamaica lucky to come away with a point.

The Antiguan were buoyed not only by the home field advantage, but also because of the team's good showing in a 3-1 loss to the USA in the first match. The goalless draw gave Antigua and Barbuda the point that keeps its hopes alive in Group A, where it now sits in a third-place tie with Guatemala, which tied the U.S. during the second day of games on Tuesday, June 12. Pete Byers, who scored the only goal for Antigua against the U.S., came close to scoring on two occasions against Jamaica.

The Reggae Boyz, in their win over Guatemala, got goals from Demar Phillips and Ryan Johnson; it was Jamaica's 10th win in 13 games against Guatemala. Dwight Pezzarossi scored late in the contest for the visitors.

The U.S. failed to hold onto a 1-0 lead late in its second game, at Guatemala and have only four points after two games. Clint Dempsey put the U.S. ahead in the 41st minute off a pass from left full back Fabian Johnson, but it was Johnson who fouled Guatemala's Carlos Ruiz in the 83rd minute to give Marco Papa the goal from a free kick just outside the penalty area for the 1-1 draw. The U.S. had defeated Antigua and Barbuda on goals by Captain Carlos Bocanega, Clint Dempsey and Hercules Gomez

at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, FL.

Mexico Wins

In Group B, Mexico in command with the full six points from two wins when it squeaked past hosts El Salvador, 2-1, in the team's second on Tuesday. Held goalless in the first half, Mexico scored in the 60th minute through Jesus Eduardo Zavala, who took a through pass and beat El Salvador goal keeper Benji Villalobos. Less than five minutes later, Alfredo Pacheco scored a free kick, but Hector Moreno got the winner for Mexico in the 82nd minute.

Mexico beat Guyana, 3-1, in the first game, but it was a tough battle for the Mexicans at home against Guyana. Carlos Salcido, Giovanni Dos Santos and John Rodriguez scored for Mexico. Guyana also lost to Costa Rica, 4-0, at home on Tuesday and is without a point at the bottom of Group B; Costa Rica is in second with four points and El Salvador in third on one point.

Costa Rica got a hat trick from striker Alvaro Saborio and a fourth goal from teenager Joel Campbell to bounce back from its 2-2 home tie against El Salvador in the first match. Saborio is one of four MLS players who scored during the qualifiers; the others were Blaz Perez for Panama, Johnson of Jamaica and Papa of the Chicago Fire.

Panama Wins Two

Panama is an emerging

Mexico's Aldo De Nigris, top, heads for the ball under pressure from Guyana's Leon Cort during a World Cup qualifying soccer match in Mexico City, Friday, June 8, 2012.



AP Photo/Christian Palma

CONCACAF power and the evidence is in its perfect record so far with wins at Honduras and at home Tuesday versus Cuba. The Canaleros is atop Group C with maximum six points. Nelson Barahona scored the only goal of the match in the 58th minute as the Canaleros blanked Cuba, which suffered its second loss. Panama in its first game, upset Honduras, 2-0; Cuba previously lost to Canada.

Coming off that 1-0 road win

at Cuba, and considering that Honduras's lost, much more was expected of Canada at home against the Hondurans in the team's second game, instead, the game was a stalemate goalless draw. The Canadians are in second place with four points in Group C, Honduras is in third with a point and Cuba is without a point at the bottom. The top two teams in each of the three groups will advance to the final stage, which begins early next year.

Fludd still looking for a college

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the court.

Meantime, during this off season, he is playing in a league and tournament so that he could be in the limelight to be recruited for a college. He certainly impressed the recruiters from both the senior and junior colleges last week at the Spring High School Classic, featuring some top players, especially those not yet committed to college. He was certainly knocking those shots into the basket.

Fludd was one of the 15 players on the Juice team of Brooklyn coached by 'Tiny' Morton, who is the varsity coach at a very successful Lincoln High School of Brooklyn team, which produced

such players as Stephon Marbury and Sebastian Telfair, both of whom made it into the National Basketball Association.

"Playing in this league gives us experience (to move up to the next level)," said Felix Balamou, who played for Team Flight in the IS 8 League and played his high school ball at Our Savior New American in Centereach, Long Island. "I saw that I have to still work on my skills."

Ask Chris Obekpa about playing in the IS 8 League whose games were also contested at the Variety gymnasium in Long Island City. Obekpa, the league's outstanding player in the League, has nothing but praise for the competition in the circuit.

He would like to walk on to a college, and hopefully something will come up. He felt great in receiving the outstanding player of the year award in the league.

Obekpa would like to walk on to a college team. It is hoped that something would come up in the near future.

Many recruiters packed the IS 8 Gymnasium for a semi-final and then the championship game of the Spring HS Classic for 19 and younger high school players. While some 50 teams entered the league, some squads were even turned down from competing in the league as there were not any more spots to fill. Games were played on small courts at two

sites. Basketball is always fun and exciting.

"The best players play here (in this league)," said a tournament spokesman. "The bottom line is if you show up here you can play anywhere."

It took over time before Team Flight, led by 33 points turned in by Jordan Washington, a junior at Pathways College Prep High School, to defeat the Rens, 91-83, in overtime before a SRO crowd. Team Flight played a little hungrier than their opponent and showed it on the court.

The championship game was very intense with some great plays, especially on offense. The purpose of the league is not the outcome on the court, but for the players to be seen by the recruiters, as these high school players want to get that scholarship to a college.

Chanderpaul must bat at number four

West Indies middle order batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul must be moved one spot forward in the batting order to the number four position thus accommodating the less experienced Darren Bravo to number five. This move will assist to modify the West Indies strategy in creating some stability in the top order.

Chanderpaul with 25 Test centuries to his name must serve as a stable force in the top order making the way quite possible for the West Indies to gain useful scores and grip the advantage in Test cricket. It is therefore necessary for Chanderpaul to bat at number four.

Windies Needs to Strengthen Vital Areas

West Indies cricketers ought to work very hard in strengthening their weak areas. Batsmen have to adopt a principle of settling down in Test cricket

before attempting rash stroke play and batting aggressively.

Looking at the just concluded Test series between West Indies and England, most of the West Indies players, particularly the batsmen, were overwhelmed with the conditions and the experienced bowling attack from England. Pacer Stuart Broad and the expert swing bowler James Anderson totally embarrassed the West Indies batsmen.

Marlon Samuels and Shivnarine Chanderpaul are the only two players who staged a real challenge and performed well. Openers Adrian Barath and Kieron Powell were constant failures along with Kirk Edwards and Darren Bravo.



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Lack Of Experienced Players

The absence of West Indies players Chris Gayle, Ramneresh Sarwan and Dwayne Bravo in the Test series against England caused a great negative effect on the team's performance resulting in the team losing the series 2-0.

Darren Bravo and Kirk Edwards are still learning and because of the critical importance of the number three and four batsmen in Tests is necessary to have the very best players in those positions. The constant failures of West Indies batsmen in those positions have created chaos for the team resulting in the team losing in Test cricket. With the openers failing and



West Indies' Shivnarine Chanderpaul, center, hits a ball from England's Stuart Broad during the 1st day of the first test match at Lord's cricket ground, London, Thursday, May 17, 2012.
AP Photo/Tom Hevezi

other front line batsmen scoring low that certainly created serious problems for the West Indies.

The West Indies management, coaching staff and selectors hopefully has learnt a good lesson in not

making the best effort to have the best possible players available.

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ACROSS

- 1. A woman of refinement
- 6. *He made it an official holiday in 1966
- 9. Locus, pl.
- 13. Italian friends
- 14. Promissory note
- 15. It's twirled and thrown
- 16. Opposite of unravel
- 17. Beaver construction
- 18. Teamsters, e.g.
- 19. *Royal father
- 21. *Father to Sasha and Malia
- 23. Trifecta, e.g.
- 24. "The ____ Show" (1976-1980)
- 25. ____ Lanka
- 28. God of thunder
- 30. Mouth infection, mostly in infants
- 35. Arising from trunk
- 37. Wading bird
- 39. Spanish saint
- 40. UN civil aviation agency
- 41. Cheat or trick
- 43. One on a list
- 44. Mulled wine
- 46. Poet Pound
- 47. It meanders through Egypt
- 48. Small cave
- 50. Boys
- 52. Corn piece

53. High-strung

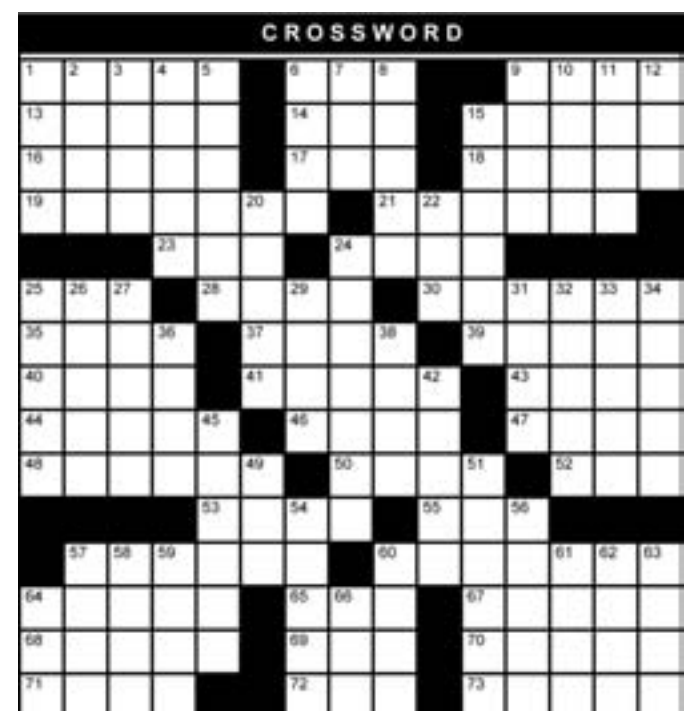
- 55. Signature substance
- 57. Russian truth
- 60. *Sofia Coppola's dad
- 64. Unit of electrical energy
- 65. North American country
- 67. "Moulin ____!"
- 68. It starred Sigourney Weaver
- 69. Defective firework
- 70. Craze
- 71. Japanese money, pl.
- 72. "Oui" in English
- 73. Cubic meter

DOWN

- 1. *Dad to J. Lo's twins
- 2. Wet nurse
- 3. Mariah Carey, e.g.?
- 4. Sour
- 5. Cereal grain
- 6. Hats
- 7. Flapper's accessory
- 8. Huge or giant
- 9. Legendary actress Turner
- 10. Ear-related
- 11. One who hangs in the galley
- 12. Weary traveler's welcome spot
- 15. Borough in Scotland
- 20. Principal of right and wrong

22. The little one "stopped to tie his shoe"

- 24. Salmon lover
- 25. David's weapon of choice
- 26. Kind of potato masher
- 27. Idealized image
- 29. Bassoon cousin
- 31. Golfer's disdain
- 32. Unlace
- 33. Commemorative stone slab
- 34. *Dad to Lisa, Bart and Maggie
- 36. Round of influenza, e.g.
- 38. "Que sera ____"
- 42. Rock bottom
- 45. *Liv's "judging" dad
- 49. Not divisible by two
- 51. Pilfers
- 54. Tasteless and flashy
- 56. Type of whip
- 57. There's one north and one south
- 58. Downfall
- 59. A in IPA, pl.
- 60. Bell-bottoms or Chia Pets, e.g.
- 61. Antibiotic to infection, e.g.
- 62. Composer Stravinsky
- 63. Withered
- 64. *Head of "Modern Family"
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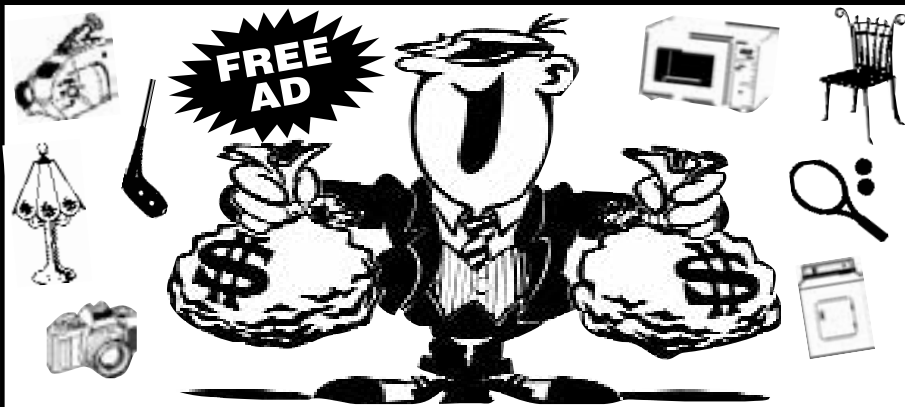
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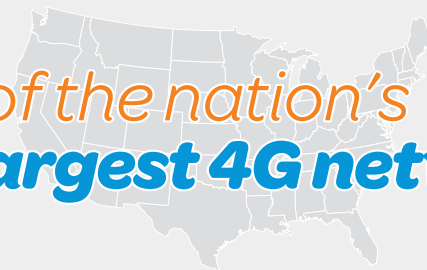
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