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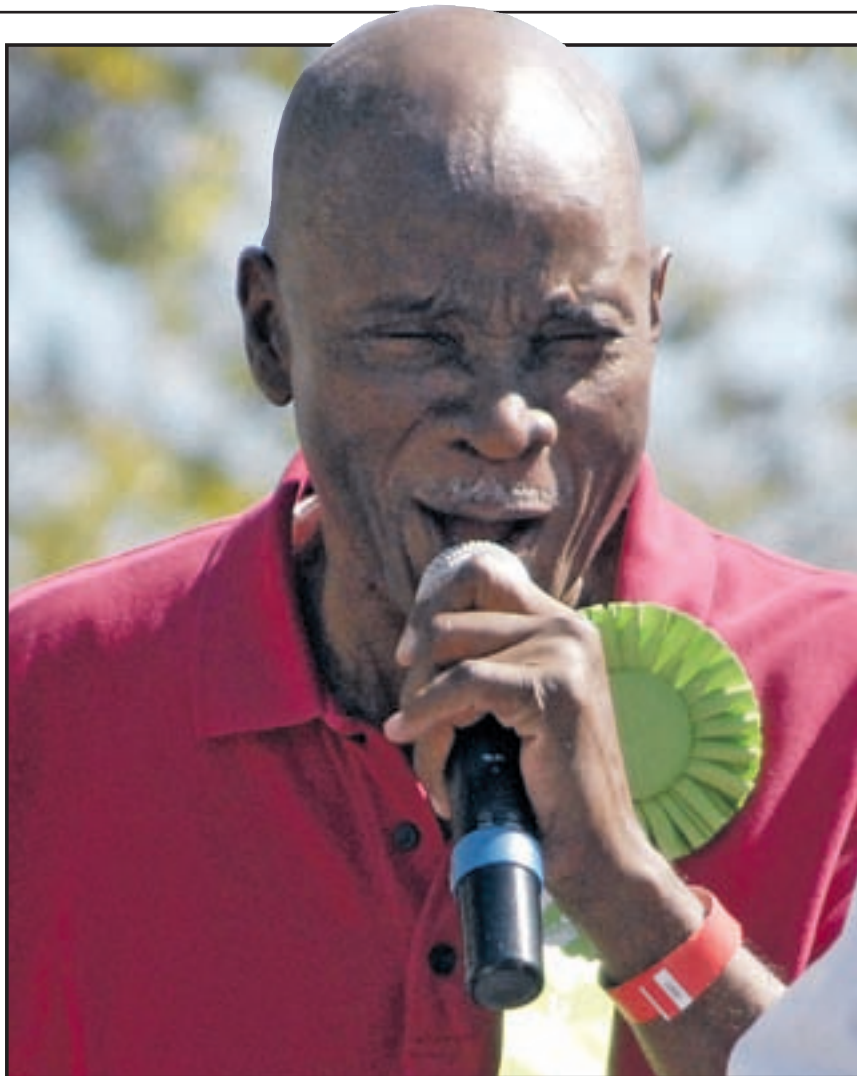


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CARIB DENIES CRISIS

Leaders seek to calm fears

By Guy Ellis

CASTRIES, St. Lucia (AP) — Caribbean leaders opened the annual summit of the Caricom trade bloc Wednesday by seeking to lessen concerns that the 15-member regional group is disintegrating.

The health of Caricom, along with freedom of movement within the Caribbean and climate change, were topics that featured prominently in opening speeches even though the region's external relations, especially with Europe, were being touted as the summit's main discussion point.

Simpson-Miller poured cold water on recent suggestions that her island might leave Caricom following allegations of unfair trading practices by Trinidad and Tobago.

If Caricom was not around, "it would have to be invented," she said, drawing applause. "Jamaica will continue to publicly reiterate the importance of the regional integration movement to the attainment of our national development goals and for the advancement of our region."

She also urged Caricom to consider

Jamaican Prime Minister Portia

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The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) interim national council in Toronto, Canada recently hosted a reception in Canada for the 31st anniversary of the founding of the OECS via the cultural and entertainment standing committee.

The celebration showcased business entrepreneurs' products and services and staged a cultural market place with fashion designers and models lighting up the catwalk with trendy outfits.

OECS nationals and others were warmly received by Consul/Liaison Officer E Bernard John. Community messages and remarks were delivered by consuls general and consuls from all member countries.

Chairman of the OECS working group, Honorary Consul General of St. Kitts and Nevis, John Alleyne, performed double duty, delivering his community message and reading a message from current OECS chairman, Dr. Kenny Anthony, prime minister of St. Lucia.

Anguilla

Anguilla received more than EC\$21 million (US\$7.7 million) in the export of fish last year, according to figures released by the Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources.

It said that total fish production of 643 tons last year, was nearly 40 percent more than the previous year and that

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U.S. may patrol Trinidad border near Venezuela

By Bert Wilkinson

Signaling that it might well be losing the battle against transnational and violent crime, the People's Partnership administration in Trinidad has formally asked the U.S. to seriously consider patrolling its borders to help stem a perennial trade mostly in drugs and guns that authorities blame for an average of nearly 400 murders a year.

Under pressure to bring down crime following his recent transfer from the Ministry of Works to the Ministry of National Security Minister Jack Warner said the island has to be prepared to acknowledge that its borders are poorly protected and even though he did not pinpoint any specific one, critics say attention will most likely be focused on the seven-mile stretch of water in the Gulf of Paria between Trinidad and Venezuela on the South American mainland.

Warner recently replaced retired army chief Brig. Gen. John Sandy at the Ministry of National Security following Sandy's less than stel-



Minister of National Security Jack Warner.

AP Photo/Shirley Bahadur

lar two-year stint at the ministry and he remains under pressure to deliver and to maintain his reputation as a go getter and trouble shooter as murders and gangland violence continue virtually unabated. That ministry is known to fail ministers with the best of intentions. Warner says he has no choice but to succeed.

One of the first things he has done since being appointed in the past two weeks is to approach

American Ambassador Beatrice Wilkinson-Welters, detailing a proposal to have American war boats help the local coastguard patrol waters off the 1,200 square mile island. Trinidad is the last and the most southerly of the Caribbean island chain.

"Our borders are porous and all the drugs and arms come through our borders and we need help. If we cannot help ourselves and the Americans could help us, I have no problem with that. I asked them specifically if a request is made of them for the Americans to assist us in patrolling our borders where the drugs and the guns come in and they were quite happy to do so," he told reporters after the weekly post cabinet briefing.

Since the mid 90s, Trinidad has signed on to one of the most comprehensive mutual assistance treaties with the U.S. among the 15 nations of the Caribbean trade bloc, dating back to the administration of Basdeo Panday and then Secretary of State Warren Christopher.



Former Prime Minister of Trinidad Basdeo Panday.

AP Photo/Brennan Linsley

Panday's integrity upheld

By Azad Ali

Eleven years after former Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Basdeo Panday was charged with three counts of failing to declare a London bank account, he was freed of them recently.

Magistrate Marcia Murray presiding in the Port of Spain Magistrate Court discharged Panday saying "the court is compelled to stop these proceedings to protect the integrity of the criminal justice system."

She ruled that the Integrity Commission had erred by not giving Panday a chance to be heard before a tribunal.

That meant he was deprived of due process of law, the magistrate said.

"The misconduct of the Integrity Commission was so serious that it would undermine public confidence in the criminal justice system and bring it into disrepute," she said.

Panday was before Murray for retrial for allegedly failing to declare a London bank account, contrary to the Integrity in Public Life.

He was accused of failing to disclose the account at National Westminster Bank Plc, Wimbledon, London, to the Integrity Commission for the years, 1997, 1998 and 1999.

In March 2006, Panday was found guilty and sentenced by Chief Magistrate Sherman McNicolls and jailed for two years.

The former prime minister appealed that decision and conviction, which was quashed and a retrial ordered by the British Privy Council.

Panday's attorney David Aronberg QC said the background of the whole prosecution was mischief-making in the run-up to the 2001 general election.

He had argued that Panday was not the beneficiary of the account but instead his wife Oma was.



A section of the crowd that attended Sunday event. Photo courtesy of Office of the Prime Minister

'Massive' turnout at G'da rally

By Nelson A. King

The "massive" turnout of Grenadians to the government's 4th anniversary rally on Sunday in Gouyave, St. John, is evidence that people understand and appreciate the government's efforts to build the Grenada economy and that Prime Minister Tillman Thomas enjoys the support of the Grenadian people in the

face of current challenges.

Richard Simon, Thomas' press secretary, in expressing this view said the "impressive gathering," which police estimated at 4,500, was a necessary boost to the government, which, he said, is focused on improving the living standards of all Grenadians.

During the rally Thomas told the gathering, "The gains that

we have made as a government must be preserved in the interest of a sustainable Grenada. The NDC needs to be returned to government to continue our march towards the building of a better society. This is necessary to be able to fully implement our plans for transforming Grenada.

"This means that we need

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USDEA Honduran confrontation

Alberto Arce

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) - Honduras' top human rights official said Monday he worries that the second fatal shooting by U.S. agents in Honduras is part of a widening confrontation between drug traffickers and U.S.-backed police and troops.

The Honduran government defended the work with the U.S., saying that the Americans have helped to dramatically increase drug seizures in the country.

Human rights ombudsman Ramon Custodio said Monday that "sooner or later air and sea operations won't be enough and we'll see military and police operations on land."

A U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration spokeswoman said Sunday that the pilot of a suspected drug flight was shot dead by two DEA agents this month after he refused to surrender and made a threatening gesture.

At the time, Honduran police said the twin-engine plane arriving from Colombia with a load of cocaine crashed on July 3 while being chased by government aircraft. Honduran officials said that one pilot died and a second was badly injured, but didn't say how the death occurred.

On Sunday DEA spokeswoman Dawn Dearden said that police arriving at the crash scene in eastern Honduras found the plane's two pilots and arrested the injured one. She said the second pilot was shot by the DEA agents after he ignored orders to surrender and made a threatening gesture.



Parkside Playground reopens with a splash

By Kingsley Dougan

The ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 30, at the opening of the new Parkside Playground in Brooklyn, between Bedford Ave. and Rogers Ave., was followed by special basketball, handball and chess tournaments.

Winthrop Street was closed off for a block party, with free

food, refreshments and games, provided by Council Member Mathieu Eugene, in conjunction with Community Board 9 and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation for children and their parents,

Brooklyn Parks Commissioner Kevin Jeffrey and Principal Diana Rahmaan of Public School 92 participated

in the 11:00 a.m. ceremony.

Council Member Eugene provided generous support for the project through funding allocations from his capital budget.

Renovations to the park included new play equipment, swings, and safety surfacing; a new spray shower featuring a custom-designed spray sculp-

ture and a seating area for parents and seniors; new bench seating and colorful planting beds; redesigned three full-sized basketball courts, an adult fitness area, painted games and an outdoor classroom featuring decorative concrete pavers; new game tables with benches; and new planting beds and tree pits.

T&T ministers sworn in

Five new ministers of the Trinidad and Tobago government were recently sworn in by President Max Richards at a ceremony at Knowsley building, Queen's Park, Port of Spain.

Among those sworn in were Minister of Environment and Water Resources, Ganga Singh, Youth and Child Development Marlene Coudray, Finance Minister Lary Howai and Jamal Mohammed (Communication).

Richards stated that 20 ministers had been reassigned with altered portfolios.

Among them were National Security Ministry Jack Warner, Dr. Roodlal Moonilal in the expanded Housing, Land and Marine Affairs, Chandresh Sharma, Transport and Nizam Baksh (Public Utilities).

Responding to concerns about the expansion of her Cabinet, Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar said while it is good to talk about numbers and size, what is important is that focus areas of concern to the population are being addressed by the reconfiguration and composition of the Cabinet.

DREAMers celebrate with NYIC

By Tequila Minsky

Jamaican-born Brooklyn resident Kyman Hutchinson, 21, came to the U.S. when she was almost 11 years old. She is one of the DREAMers, undocumented students who arrived before the age of 16 and like those 36 young people featured in the cover story of last week's TIME magazine have dreams for the future amidst the challenges of being undocumented.

Though Kyman has graduated John Jay College with a B.A. in Deviant Behavior and Social Control, she cannot get a job because of her immigration status.

Kyman joined other DREAMers at the NASDAQ MarketSite on Times Square, June 25, while N.Y. Immigration Coalition (NYIC)



Posing for a picture after the closing bell at NASDAQ are Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas and NY Immigration Coalition (NYIC) Executive Director Chung Wha Hong (center) and Kymane Hutchinson (second from right) surrounded by local undocumented DREAM eligible youth, who came as children to the U.S.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

Executive Director Chung Wha Hong with Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas rang the closing bell. This honor was to celebrate 25

years of service of NYIC to the state's immigrant community.

Vargas authored the recent TIME cover: "We are Americans, Just Not Legally" and is undoc-

umented himself.

Coalition Director Chung Wha Hong thanked the NASDAQ team and CEO Bob Greinfeld for hosting the Coalition and said, "As we celebrate our 25th anniversary this year, we are proud of the strong partnerships we've forged with the business community. Together, we share a vision of an immigration system that serves our economy and promotes opportunity for all. We know that immigrants are a critical part of the engine that creates thriving economies, and we need immigration policies that leverage their contributions."

The event's intention was to highlight the DREAMers, the young people who came to the U.S. as children.

Scientists to protect rare snake

By Danica Coto

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - A snake that scientists had declared extinct long ago has been found living in a nature reserve on a tiny isle just off the east Caribbean island of St. Lucia, conservationists said Tuesday.

At least 11 St. Lucia Racer snakes were spotted and tagged by a group of international scientists hunting for the snake in the Maria Islands reserve, which is part of St. Lucia and located about one kilometer (0.6 miles) south of the main island, according to the British-based Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust.

Overall, scientists estimate that 18 snakes live on the reserve, said Matthew Morton, Durrell's Eastern Caribbean program manager.

"In one sense it is a very worrying situation, with such a small population restricted to a single, tiny site," he said. "But in another sense, it's an opportunity ... It means that we still have a chance to save this species."

The non-venomous brown snake was declared extinct in 1936, but somebody later spotted one on the rocky reserve in 1973 and rare sightings have since been reported. Late last year, Durrell, with help from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other groups, launched a search for the snake on the larger of the two Maria Islands.

A team of six scientists and several volunteers spent five months scouring

the rocky outcrop where they found some snakes slithering around during the day, looking for lizards and frogs to eat. Once they captured the snakes, they implanted microchips that will transmit data for at least 10 years, including information about their lifespan and other unknown details, Morton said.

Scientists also collected DNA samples, but the results on whether the snakes are genetically diverse won't be known for several months. Diversity is important because it would allow for a more successful breeding program, scientists say.

There's currently a lot of in-breeding on the 12-hectare (30-acre) islet where the snakes live, but scientists did not spot many deformities, which is encouraging, Morton said.

Brian Crother, a U.S.-based expert on Caribbean snakes who was not involved in the project, said he was excited about the finding.

"It provides us with another opportunity to preserve a piece of biodiversity that we thought we had lost forever," he said.

As a result of the scientists' findings, Durrell called the St. Lucia racer the world's rarest snake, but Crother and other scientists disputed the claim.

"I think saying 'rarest' is a good way to bring attention to a desperate situation, but whether it really is the rarest, I don't think you can say for sure," said Crother, interim biology department director at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Caricom denies crisis

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allowing all categories of workers to move freely within the region under the Caricom Single Market and Economy program.

The group's secretary general, Irwin LaRocque, declared emphatically that "Caricom is not in crisis," saying now is the time for more integration.

The comments came a year after consultants reported that the bloc could fall apart within three years if it was not restructured. Among their recommendations was that Caricom generate more revenue, force nations to pay outstanding dues and commit to the implementation of programs members pledged to create.

LaRocque said that in meetings with people from various sectors of the

Caribbean community, they expressed concern about the slow pace of implementation of vital decisions and

Talks were also centered on abandoning the British Privy council.

programs.

They speak loudly about the need to create a regional environment that will be conducive to the ease of doing business throughout the single market," he said. "They have expressed anguish at the difficulties experienced at ports of entry."

Guyana President Donald

Ramotar called on Caricom to address climate change issues, and he said it should develop closer ties with Brazil and China to help lift the region out of its economic crisis.

The three-day summit also was scheduled to focus on expanding membership of a Trinidad-based regional appeals court, improving foreign policy coordination and reviewing single-market trading systems.

The prime ministers of Trinidad and Jamaica were expected to talk about their plans to abandon the British Privy Council as the region's final appeals court and join the Caribbean Court of Justice, which currently has three members in its appeals section: Guyana, Barbados and Belize.

The summit was scheduled to end Friday.

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Thomas noted that during the last three years, "we have negotiated and secured over EC\$ 600 million in concessional loans and grants for many projects to be implemented over the next few months and years. Some of these projects have started, others will commence before the end of this year.

"We have already begun to feel the impact of these projects on job creation, especially in the St. Andrews area. The development impact will be felt over the next few months and years.

Simon in a statement said, "The importance of this re-engagement cannot be overstated. This amounts to a rallying point for thinking people who are keeping abreast of the global economic difficulties and the resulting impact



Supporters greet Prime Minister Tillman Thomas following Sunday, rally in Gouyave, St. John.

Photo courtesy of Office of the Prime Minister

on our country.

"Sunday's rally was a significant source of encouragement and inspiration in a very difficult period," he added.

"What it showed is that despite the external and internal challenges, there is still confidence in the government which remains committed and focused on the task of development and to the ideals that got it elected in the first place,"

Simon continued.

He said the maturity displayed by the audience, which stood through close to five hours of speeches and presentations, indicated that "people did not just come to have a good time" but attended out of a genuine desire to hear from their representatives in government on their stewardship over the past four years and their vision for the way forward.

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the \$EC\$21.5 million (US\$7.9 million) revenue collected, surpassed the 2010 figure of EC\$15.09 million (US\$5.5million).

"The increase in the fish catch total for 2011 was primarily due to significant increases in fish and conch catches," said Fisheries Director James Gumbs, who is also encouraging fishermen to continue partnering with the authorities to improve data collection within the sector.

Dominica

Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit has defended the decision by his administration to invest US\$2.96 million in the cash-strapped regional airline, LIAT.

Skerrit said the airline has been working with the government to facilitate air travel into the island and that the decision to become a shareholder in the Antigua-based airline

would further improve air-lift.

He said LIAT had already introduced two flights to accommodate night landings in Dominica allowing Dominicans to take advantage of late connections from North America, Europe, Barbados and Antigua and Barbuda.

Hotelier and leader of the opposition Dominica Freedom Party (DFP), Judith Pestina, said while she supports the government's investment in the airline, which is owned by the governments of Antigua and Barbuda, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Barbados, there was need for transparency.

She said the government must inform us of the specific benefits in investing eight million dollars in LIAT.

Guyana

The Guyana government has signed an agreement with a subsidiary of

the United States-based Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (Anadarko) to undertake exploration in waters of the country's exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

The agreement was signed with Anadarko Guyana Company and according to the Government Information News Agency (GINA) the company had been involved in discussions with the administration since 2011.

Anadarko is among the world's largest independent oil and natural gas exploration and production companies with approximately 2.54 billion barrels of oil equivalent in proved reserves at year-end 2011.

GINA said the signing of the agreement comes as the government has awarded a license to NABI Oil and Gas Inc to undertake drilling on the coast of Guyana.

The government is

also collaborating with a number of internal partners, including the US, Canada and Trinidad and Tobago, to enhance its capabilities in the development of the oil and gas sectors.

Jamaica

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Senator AJ Nicholson has questioned the Opposition's proposal for a referendum to let the people decide whether the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) should become Jamaica's final appellate court.

"Why would the Opposition legislators not be willing to perform their duty, instead of wishing to leave the performance of that duty to the citizens who put them in the Parliament to carry out their obligations," Senator Nicholson asked.

He stated that, for almost 80 years, none of the 39 former colonies of Britain

had a referendum to move away from the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and to have their own final Court of Appeal.

A referendum, he said was, in essence, a general election "with a political campaign being the axis in which it spins."

He noted that neither in the constitutional arrangements nor the judgment of the Judicial Committee (of the Privy Council) was there any requirement other than that of a two-thirds majority vote to be obtained in each House of Parliament for Jamaica to subscribe to the Appellate Jurisdiction of the CCJ.

Nevis

Nevis Premier Joseph Parry says his country is seeking a closer working relationship with the French Overseas Department of Guadeloupe in areas such as education, agriculture, geothermal exploration and culture.

Parry said he held "fruitful" discussions with Paris-based French diplomat Fred Constant, who is charge of Regional Co-operation for the Caribbean and the Guianas.

While in France, Parry met with the Ministry of Overseas and Regional Development and discussed with the ambassador the possibility of a memorandum of understanding for cooperation in several areas.

He said the discussions involved the possible exchange of students and teachers between the two islands, adding it was important that local students learned French and for teachers to be able to teach the language.

Parry said while his administration is not seeking scholarships from the French universities, it would appreciate any opening that would benefit local students.

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The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2012, about 241,740 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and about 28,170 men will die of prostate cancer. About 1 in 6 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime. Other than skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common cancer in American men.

Prostate cancer can be a serious disease, but most men diagnosed with prostate cancer do not die from it. In fact, more than 2.5 million men in the United States who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point are still alive today.*

In this article, we seek advice from two award winning urologic surgeons, Dr. Vitaly Raykhman and Dr. Yuly Chalik. These two recipients of the prestigious Patient's Choice Award were also named America's Top Urologists of 2009 and 2010. They will tell us how to detect prostate cancer in its earliest stage and successfully fight it.

Doctors, what are the symptoms of prostate cancer? Can a man diagnose himself for this disease?

Unfortunately, prostate cancer will usually not exhibit outward symptoms in its early stages, so the patient is often not aware of the presence of a tumor. Because it is important to diagnose this disease before any symptoms occur, men over age 45 are strongly encouraged to undergo an elective urological examination at least once a year.

How do you diagnose prostate cancer?

The first step in diagnosing prostate cancer is analyzing PSA (prostate-specific antigen) in blood.

If cancer is suspected, a biopsy will be advisable, since it is the only test that can fully confirm the diagnosis of prostate cancer. At NYUI, doctors can perform a biopsy under anesthesia directly on premises.

NYUI's in-house specialized laboratory enables our certified and astute pathologist to quickly and accurately study prostate cells, shortening your diagnosis and treatment time.

Given the complexity of the diagnosis and of prostate cancer in general, we urge readers to be tested only using modern equipment at the most up-to-date clinics, such as NYUI.

What is the most effective method of treatment offered at the New York Urologic Institute?

When choosing a method of treatment, we take into account the stage of the cancer, the patient's age, risk of complications, as well as the wishes of the patient. There are a number of proven treatment options available, including radiation therapy, hormone therapy, and surgical treatment.

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Backyard gardening could save you money

By Desmond Brown

As a boy, Hilson Baptiste remembers going to his neighbor's home and giving them a large slice of pumpkin grown in his family's backyard garden. In return, he would be given two fish for his family.

But Baptiste, who is currently Antigua's minister of agriculture, regrets that in his country, those days are over. He is now part of an initiative to prevent the island from spending millions of dollars on importing food that could easily be grown, in some cases, in the backyards of many homes.

In 2010, the twin-island nation imported approximately 16 million pounds of vegetables, according to figures from the Antigua and Barbuda government. Baptiste said serious measures must be taken to drastically reduce that figure.

"I want to see that happen. You would not have to buy anything from the supermarket; you can grow your own and share with your neighbors," he said. He related his boyhood story of exchanging pumpkin for fish, noting, "We build better communities when we do this."

Even the island's ceremonial head of state, Dame Louise Lake-Tack, is supporting the initiative. The representative of Queen Elizabeth in Antigua and Barbuda, she has no problem getting her hands dirty as she seeks to boost food production in the country.

To ensure that the 80,000 inhabitants of this small two-island state understand the need to drastically reduce the millions of dollars spent on importing food, Lake-Tack

assisted the government by distributing seedlings to homeowners, a move authorities hope will address the issue of food security here.

Known as the National Backyard Gardening Program, the ministry of agriculture-led initiative is aiming at getting the population to produce four million pounds of food annually in their own backyards.

"We encourage people to grow all types of vegetables and even fruits," Owolabi Elabanjo, an agriculture extension officer, told IPS.

"We've seen a rise in (the) production of tomato, sweet pepper, okra, lettuce and seasoning like rosemary and thyme. We are also now introducing vegetables that (are not) common in many homes."

Family farming

The program initially began with the help of the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in 2008 and now, approximately 2,500 families are registered.

FAO's sub-regional coordinator for the Caribbean, Florita Kentish, said the FAO is a firm believer in activities to alleviate the effects of rising food prices and global economic hardship, and to ensure that even the most vulnerable have good nutrition.

"Home gardening has a long established tradition of offering great potential to improve household food security and alleviate micronutrient deficiencies in many ways," Kentish said. The FAO and the

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Education is key to restoring middle class prosperity

By A. Barry Rand

Last year, I called a meeting of the Howard University Board of Trustees to discuss a serious problem. More than 80 seniors at Howard had indicated they were going to have to drop out of school and would not be able to earn their degrees. The reasons were all economic. Some were overburdened by student loan debt. Others were told by their families that they could no longer afford to help them pay for college. And, yet others felt the need to find a job so they could help their families who were struggling to make ends meet because of the recession.

The problem we faced at Howard is a microcosm of what is happening today as Congress debates whether or not to extend the 3.4 percent interest rate of federal student loans, or to let it double to 6.8 percent on July 1. This decision affects approximately 7.4 million students who are estimated to take out these loans in the upcoming year.

At AARP, we see the student loan debt problem through a different lens, but it stems from the same circumstances. More and more older adults are still saddled with the burden of paying off student loans, either their own or those of their children, and in some cases, their grandchildren. According to a report from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Americans 60 and older still owe roughly \$36 billion in student loans, and more than 10 percent of those are delinquent. And, increasingly, older adults are postponing retirement in order to pay off student loan debt accumulated by their children or grandchildren.

The reason we were so concerned at Howard and at AARP-and why all Americans should be concerned today-is because higher education is not only the gateway to the American Dream, it is the key to restoring prosperity to the middle class. The facts are clear. The median weekly income for high school graduates last year was \$638 compared with \$1,053 for college graduates. Furthermore, the unemployment rate for workers with just a high school diploma is 9.2 percent, more than double the rate for those with college degrees.

Being able to attain an affordable education also concerns us at AARP because we know that being able to live the life you want at 50, or 60 or 80 depends largely on whether or not you get a good start in life and have access to an affordable, quality education. That's why we have joined forces to create AARP Experience Corps, a program that recruits older volunteers to



A. Barry Rand.

volunteer in schools to make sure that students are reading at grade level by third grade. If they're not, their chances for success in life diminish greatly.

We also see more and more people who reach a point where they want to do something different in their lives or they are forced to go into a different field because they can't find a job. So, they go back to school, maybe to become a teacher, or to get

a master's degree, or to pursue a field of study that has always interested them. Often, they rely on student loans to help finance their life reinvention dreams.

I get angry when I hear people question whether a college degree is really worth the investment. Of course it is. It's true, many people with college degrees have lost their jobs and are deep in debt. But this is an even more harsh reality for those without college degrees. They struggle even more.

I also understand that when people question the value of a college education, what they are really concerned about is the cost. They compare the cost of a college education with the current economy and question whether they can ever earn enough to justify the investment. But this speaks more to the downturn in the economy and the erosion of the middle class than it does to the value of a college education. The reality is that more and more of the jobs in the future will require a college degree at a minimum.

The undeniable truth is that over the past generation, more and more of the middle class have fallen off the cliff into poverty-pulled down by a lack of job opportunities, rising health care costs, inadequate savings, declining home values, a lack of consumer protections and stagnant wages that have not kept pace with the costs of meeting basic human needs. Working adults now comprise a record share of the poor in this country-nearly 57 percent according to the most recent census data.

Moreover, a majority of middle-class Americans today believe that the next generation of adults will be worse off than their parents. If that happens, it will be the first time in our history. We cannot allow that to happen. And the first step in preventing it is to ensure access to affordable, quality higher education.

As we engage in this debate over student loan interest rates, we must remember that it was the GI Bill, passed following World War II, that opened the door

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A slew of unanswered Romney questions

By Les Slater

The conventional wisdom at this point about November's vote seems to be that while at congressional level, Republican money could prove difficult for Democrats to navigate, in the presidential run the Obama camp should be well enough equipped to do the effective counter-punching necessary to prevail. Even had the respective resources in the Obama-Romney battle not been as they stand, it would be interesting to see whether the baggage Mitt Romney brings to this race could have withstood voters' scrutiny by the time we got to casting ballots.

One would think that given the exhausting primary/debate calendar Romney endured in securing the nomination, all that reasonably should have been laid bare about him character-wise, record-wise, etc would by now be part of the campaign narrative. It probably has to do with the "presumptive nominee" handle of which he was the early beneficiary or to which he helped himself, but Romney today has the nomination sewed up, still with a whole lot about him glaringly to be assailed. Chances are the tactic of stonewalling or employing fancy footwork to which he resorted during the primary process won't cut it in the real faceoff.

Once he vanquished his GOP competition, Romney was being touted as a conservative favorite. This, of course, wasn't how the dueling went down during that protracted series of primary contests that Republican chieftains aren't likely to reprise. Romney, back then, tried every which way to demonstrate how "severely conservative" he was, trying too hard in a truly shameless parody. One of his bigger challenges, in attempting to do this bit of awkward straddling, was distancing himself from the healthcare overhaul he had advocated and introduced in Massachusetts as governor. All things being equal, it would be highly improbable for Romney to survive an entire general election campaign

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without being dragged on the carpet big time over his vehement condemnation of the Obama Affordable Healthcare legislation in light of a Massachusetts plan which shares such features with the federal law as the individual mandate and the setting up of exchanges offering affordable health insurance.

Romney's gutless attempts to disavow what he piloted in Massachusetts, all in the interest of pandering to the GOP's controlling conservative base, is as indicting a Romney character flaw as it gets. Some surveys in Massachusetts last year showed support among residents for the state's health-care law to be in the range of a two-thirds plurality. Those numbers apparently don't mean squat to Romney who, if he had his druthers, would forgo any credit coming to him for the Massachusetts initiative in favor of the big score of right-wing backing for a presidential run. It speaks volumes about candidate Romney.

Those integrity questions were all over columnist Paul Krugman's piece in the New York Times a few days ago when he took aim on Romney's failure so far to tell it straight about his finances. Krugman compared this dodging tactic with the exemplary forthrightness of Romney's father, George, the onetime president of American Motors and Michigan governor who, when he made a bid for the Republican nomination in 1968, Krugman noted, released 12 years of income tax returns. By contrast today's Romney, after repeated demands during the primary campaign, reluctantly released one year's return and estimated earnings and taxes for a second year. Meanwhile, speculation is rife about funds Romney reportedly has parked away in Swiss accounts

and in investments in the Cayman Islands and elsewhere. You would think Romney knows that any obstinate "none of your business" posture about all of this would play large in sealing his doom. Said Krugman: "This refusal to come clean suggests that he and his advisers believe that voters would be less likely to support him if they knew the truth about his investments."

There's been some scuttlebutt about heavy hitters on the right being displeased with the Romney team and clamoring for personnel changes to be made. If true, one shouldn't be surprised if, given the usual Republican bluster, the discontent centered on things like a pattern of messaging that didn't go enough for the jugular and blithely ignored Romney's obligation to bare all about those finances of his. There is, too, the element of an unlimited cash flow which is understandably fueling an air of invincibility permeating the GOP ranks.

Romney has said he plans to keep the focus on the state of the economy, seeing this as his ticket to the White House. An economy far from fully recovered from the devastation the president inherited is hardly the ideal environment for any incumbent's return to office. Added to which, even quick-fix measures such as Obama has been advancing are guaranteed dead on arrival in a Republican controlled House notwithstanding, seen through non-partisan eyes, they legitimately have merit. The obsession on the other side with bringing a halt to what's seen as the freak accident of history that produced a President Obama four years ago is that strong. Somehow, though, Romney as axis point for this devilry could wind up compromising the grand design. Romney, it turns out, is not only every bit the make-believe, conveniently repackaged "conservative" primary opponents declared him to be. He is also proving to be, integrity-wise, one flawed entity whose true moorings are really the stuff of illusion.

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Child Care honors a Queens Councilman

Child Care Means Business project has honored Councilman James Sanders during the 10th anniversary graduation ceremony by the Business Outreach Center (BOC) Network on June 18.

Blanche Community Daycare hosted the occasion. Sherrill Kratenstein, program director of the Child Care Means Business project, presented Councilman Sanders with a certificate of appreciation for his continued financial support of the child care training program on behalf of BOC.

Blanche Community Daycare board of directors also received a certificate of appreciation from BOC for their commitment and dedication to the success of the program.

"We are so thankful for the backing of Councilman Sanders and the support of others in this room," said Ms. Kratenstein, adding, "quality home-based child care provides a stimulating, age-appropriate early learning environment for children, the foundation for their future success. It also offers entrepreneurs who love children a path to economic independence and self-sufficiency while providing a vital community service that enables parents to go to work or study and pursue their goals."

Thirteen graduates received certificates for completing nine weeks and 45 hours of child



Councilman James Sanders displays his plaque.

care business training classes. Upon completion of the training, these individuals are able to start or expand a home-based child care business as licensed daycare providers.

In addition to Councilman Sanders, the graduates also received citations of achievements from Congressman Gregory Meeks, who was represented by Jessica Luina, and State Assemblywoman Michele Titus.

The BOC Network Child Care Business Development Project strives to offer services that will guide people at any stage of business ownership.

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World Health Organisation are jointly involved in the initiative to improve nutrition.

Home gardening can help achieve such goals by offering direct access to a diversity of foods rich in nutrients. It also helps people save money by spending less on food and earn extra income by selling garden produce, ultimately increasing their purchasing power. During seasonally lean periods, home gardens can serve as an additional source of food.

The initiative is especially important in rural areas where income-earning opportunities are fewer, Kentish said, adding that it is becoming increasingly important for vulnerable households, including those headed by females.

The government is taking steps to better support the initiative, which has been extended to some of the nation's schools, Baptiste said.

"We are zoning Antigua and Barbuda into three or four zones

to focus on each zone once per month to ensure that we assist you to better supply yourself and your family with all the vegetables you need," he told those registered under the program.

In the month of May alone the ministry distributed more than 15,000 seedlings – among them tomatoes, butternut squash, zucchini, peppers and an assortment of fruit trees – to families.

Environmental challenges

But despite such drive and commitment to the program, Elabanjo said Antigua and Barbuda was at a disadvantage in terms of agricultural production, especially when climate change is factored into an already precarious environment.

Even before climate change became an issue, Antigua and Barbuda lacked an adequate water supply, Elabanjo told IPS. "All of the other islands can use free water (from streams and rivers) for production of food but an average farmer in Antigua has to pay for water." (IPS/GIN)

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to affordable higher education for so many, which in turn helped people achieve a higher standard of living and fueled the prosperity that built up the American middle class. It was access to education that helped boomers and others acquire the knowledge and skills to create the digital world we live in today.

At a time when we should be doing everything we can to restore prosperity to the middle class and to prepare our young people to create the world of tomorrow, we must also do everything we can to make sure that they have access to a high quality, affordable, higher education, not take steps like increasing interest rates that put it further out of reach. Our future depends on it.

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Axelbank family award students at Monroe Academy

By Gary Axelbank

The family of Eli Axelbank, who was a principal at the former James Monroe HS, has joined forces with the Monroe College Foundation in scholarship awards for graduates of the Monroe Academy for Visual Art and Design (MAVAD) and the Monroe Academy for Business and Law (MABL).

Represented by Gary Axelbank, one of Eli's three sons who is the BronxTalk television host, the Axelbank family has presented the award to students at the Monroe Academies (no relation to the college) at their graduations since his passing in 1982.

"Our family has done this for 30 years because my father's legacy as an educator, a father, and a community leader is worth passing on to future generations," Gary Axelbank said. "So we select students who have achieved not only in the classroom, but also in their communities."

Eli Axelbank's widow, Mickey, and the families of Arthur and Jeffrey Axelbank also contribute to the award. Long time educator, Tom Porton, who was a colleague of Eli Axelbank, administers the award on



Gary Axelbank presents the Eli Axelbank Memorial Award to Carmen Cancel, while MABL Principal Charles Ogundimu congratulates Carlos Gonzalez.

Photo courtesy of Gary Axelbank

behalf of the high schools and the Axelbank family.

The MAVAD winner this year is Carmen Cancel who was a four-year member of the leadership class, the captain of the school's blood drive, and on the senior council. She also fed the homeless, was in the art club, and worked with senior citizens.

The MABL award winner is Carlos Gonzalez who was a four-year basketball player, a member of the senior council and year book committee, and worked at feeding the homeless.

To help commemorate the decades of support the Axelbank family has provided, this year the Monroe College Foundation broadened the scope of the award with a scholarship to help the students pay for their college education.

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Preventing slips, trips and falls

As we age, time takes its toll on the bodily systems that keep us balanced, making us more prone to dangerous slips, trips and falls. And while a fall can be a life-changing or even life-threatening event for an older adult, reducing one's risk is easy.

The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) recommends the following simple safety tips:

Do a Home Safety Check

At least one-third of all falls involve hazards within the home.

Be sure to remove throw rugs and low furniture, eliminate clutter, and secure carpeting and other tripping hazards like electrical cords. Your home should be properly lit, so that even at night your vision is not impaired. Install grab bars in your bathtub and handrails on your staircases.

Get Regular Exercise

Start an exercise program that includes activities that improve strength, balance, coordination and flexibility.



Walking, water workouts and tai chi will not only contribute to your overall health, they can also reduce your risk of falls.

Consult a health care professional before getting started.

Manage Pain Differently

"The same pills meant to make older patients with chronic pain more comfortable may also make them more vulnerable to falls," says ACA President Dr. Keith Overland, who runs a practice in Norwalk, Conn. "Chiropractic services, including spinal adjustments and manipulation, exercise recommendations, rehab and nutritional and

lifestyle counseling, are a great non-drug alternative to medications that affect your brain's function and lead to dizziness or lightheadedness."

Taking multiple medications magnifies the risk of injury. Seniors who are on three or more drugs, or who have muscle weakness, are more likely to fall. Another risk factor is combining prescription drugs with alcohol, over-the-counter allergy or sleeping medications, painkillers, or cough suppressants. Ask your prescribing physician to review your medications and reduce your chances of falling by using the lowest effective dosage. Also, discuss the need for walking aids or supports while taking medications that can affect balance.

Prevent Serious Injury
Osteoporosis makes bones less resistant to stress

and more likely to fracture. Help limit the effects of osteoporosis by eating a diet rich in calcium and Vitamin D. Calcium-rich foods include milk, yogurt, fish, broccoli, collard greens, tofu and almonds. You can get your daily dose of Vitamin D with a little bit of sunlight.

If you do find yourself falling, fall forward on your hands or land on your buttocks -- not on your spine. Also, protect your head from striking furniture or the floor.

Improve Vision

Age-related vision diseases, including cataracts and glaucoma, and can alter your depth perception, visual acuity and susceptibility to glare. Schedule regular check-ups with your ophthalmologist and regularly clean your glasses. Improve your visibility so you can move safely and with ease.

For more information on reducing your risk of falling visit www.acatoday.org/healthyliving or www.acatoday.org/findadoc.



10 crucial nutrition tips for senior men

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in America -- and the older you are, the more likely you are to be diagnosed with this serious disease.

"There is good news for those who want to take control of their risk," says Dan Zenka, senior vice president of Communication at the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF). "Recent research shows that eating right can help decrease the chance of developing prostate cancer, reduce the likelihood of recurrence and slow the progression of the disease."

Here are 10 nutrition tips for men to stay healthy as they age:

- Avoid "empty" calories by eliminating junk food. Snack on fruits, vegetables and nuts instead. Swap out soda and opt for water or natural juices.

- Rely on herbs, spices and garlic for flavor, not sugar, salt and fat.

- While fat is a necessary component of a healthy diet, limit the amount you consume from red meat and dairy. Avocados, olives, nuts, seeds and tofu are healthy sources of fat. Trans fatty acids found in margarine, however, should be avoided.

- Avoid taking more than 1,500 mg of calcium per day. Skip the supplements and consume your calcium from leafy green vegetables, beans and fish.

- Eat more fish. Evidence from several studies suggests that fish can help protect against prostate cancer because they contain "good fat,"

particularly omega-3 fatty acids.

- A lack of vegetables in the diet is a risk factor for aggressive prostate cancer. Vegetables in the broccoli-family are especially beneficial. Use olive oil for cooking for a maximum health benefit.

- Avoid over-supplementation with megavitamins. Too many vitamins, especially folate, may "fuel the cancer," and while a multivitamin is not likely to be harmful, if you follow a healthy diet with lots of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fish, and healthy oils, you likely won't even need a multivitamin.

- Marinate meat and turn it frequently to prevent charring. Charred meat of any type can produce carcinogens. Alternatively, get your protein from vegetarian sources.

- No matter how sound your diet is, regular exercise is its perfect pair. Recent research has suggested that exercise may be one of the best natural antioxidants, eliminating inflammatory molecules that drive cancer.

- While eating well and exercising may make a difference in the long run, it doesn't always eliminate your risk of having prostate cancer. Start talking to your doctor about your prostate health and remember to get a prostate screening during your annual physical.

There are delicious ways to enjoy foods that are good for you. For recipe ideas, visit www.pcf.org/nutrition.

Black clergy work to end AIDS

A new study reveals that for black clergy members, traditional barriers to talking about HIV prevention are giving way to faith-friendly messages about getting tested for HIV and staying on treatment. The study, recently published in the prestigious journal Public Library of Science, shows that black community religious leaders now see battling AIDS as a social justice issue compatible with their religious teachings. The study results come at a time of immense hope for turning the tide against the HIV epidemic. As a result, more and more black clergy are joining the fight to help put an end to AIDS.

"We in public health have done a poor job of engaging African-American community leaders and particularly black clergy members in HIV prevention," says Dr. Amy Nunn, lead author of the study and assistant profes-



Pastors march in Philadelphia to help stop the spread of HIV and end AIDS.

sor of medicine at Brown University. "There is a common miss-perception that African American churches are unwilling to address the AIDS epidemic. The paper highlights some of the historical barriers in effectively engaging African American clergy in HIV prevention and provides recommendations from clergy for how to move forward."

The study consisted of interviews and focus groups with 38 African-American pastors and physicians and public health researchers

from Philadelphia, a city with an exceptionally high racial disparity of HIV infection. Seven in ten new infections in the city are among black residents.

Until participating in the research, many clergy members were unfamiliar with the severity of the HIV epidemic within their communities. With 32 million lives already lost due to HIV and grim statistics underlying grim health prospects for many in the black community, nearly all of the studies 27 male and 11 female clergy

said they could, and would discuss and promote HIV testing and treatment.

This seems fitting considering that according to CDC, African Americans are 14% of the US population but are 44% of new HIV infections. One in four African Americans will contract HIV within their lifetime. A recent study also showed that new-infection rates among black women in some U.S. cities are as high as in parts of sub-Saharan Africa. Infection rates in the U.S. are also alarmingly high among black men who have sex with other men. And with 20% of the more than one million people with HIV/AIDS in the U.S. not knowing they have it, there is a ticking time-bomb hidden within already deeply impacted communities.

Across the country, black houses of faith are now trying to fight back, both in the pulpit and out in the community.

VINCY LAUNCHES NEW BOUTIQUE

By Nelson A. King

A rising Vincentian fashion designer in the United States on June 23 launched a new fashion boutique in Brooklyn.

Zulema N. George, the only child of economist/accountant Auton "Frankie" George and registered nurse Edna George, née McDonald, opened AK Couture Boutique and Beauty Bar at 4516 Church Ave., between 45th and 46th Sts., Brooklyn to much fanfare.

"I am excited about the opening of my new boutique," George, in her 30's, told Caribbean Life in an exclusive interview. "As long as I can remember, I have always been into fashion.

"I had a way of transforming outfits into artwork with very little effort," she added. "Being an only child, standing out from the rest came naturally. People always admired my creations, so it only made sense that I did this and continue down this path. And I can honestly say that this is a dream come true for me.

"With my talent, I hope to be able to show and help people to think outside the box when it comes to fashion," George continued. "I want women and men to stand out in a crowd and be confident when doing so, which is why I work mainly with independent designers and choose clothing that sets a tone as opposed to follow a trend."

She said the AK Couture client is anyone who "loves fashion, loves to live fearlessly and most of all loves to stand out – on a budget, of course."

"While there are people who love designer clothing, etc., there are some of us who like the designer look without the hefty price tag," George said.

As a young Vincentian entrepreneur, she said she has "the best of both worlds."

"I'm able to relate and work with two different communities in regards to my clientele and business relationships," she said.

"I feel like I speak two languages, and it gives me an upper hand on entrepreneurs that can only market to one community," George added.

In hosting the grand opening ceremony, George showcased "many wonderful assortment of products," with music by Vincentian DJ Yung Hova.

She said AK Couture Boutique and Beauty Bar highlights her "keen eye for the unique and trendy," adding that the boutique's inventory will consist of "one-of-a-kind" pieces from independent designers.

George said the boutique also features a wide range of hygiene and beauty products, such as organic handmade soaps, including her signature body butter "Kisses and Fairy Dust."

A graduate of the historically Black Howard University in Washington, D.C., with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, George, who also holds a master's in public health from Long Island University, downtown Brooklyn, said she turned to fashion because of that passion.

"I love the sciences, but I have a passion for fashion," said George, whose initial interest was becoming a medical doctor.

She said she has been designing handbags for eight years, and opened her first boutique in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn in 2009, but closed it after a year after getting an opportunity to work for a Miami-based handbag company as its

head designer.

George, who currently owns an online fashion store, said, as an image consultant, she channeled her creativity and utilized her eye for detail while styling for recording artists, models and actors/actresses.

She said her vision was the centerpiece for several high-end music videos and photo shoots, subsequently deciding to follow her passion to design handbags after growing "increasingly weary of purchasing bags made from inferior materials that wore hefty price tags.

"A handbag is more than an accessory," George said. "It's an extension of you."

The relatively young fashion designer said AK Couture caters to "fashion-forward men and woman of all ages," and maintains the 'Zulema N. George trademark' of great fashion without having to spend a fortune."

By boasting a reasonable price, as well as showcasing exclusive pieces of jewelry and clothing from designers all over the world, George said AK Couture will be "a primary source for those who want to stand out from all the rest."



Zulema George inside her boutique.

Photo by Nelson A. King

In the coming months, George said she will "continue to raise the bar" by offering her clientele the best in fashion, accessories and beauty, making AK Couture "the stop for 'anti-clone' fashion."

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The project is slated to be complete by January 2013, however, funds are needed to continue to that deadline. To that end, a July 14 fundraiser will be held in Brooklyn at the Crystal Manor.

There, an abundance of jerk chicken and jerk fish will delight taste buds and help raise awareness and monies to help the island's premiere, capital city, public hospital.

For more info. Call 917-524-9517 or log onto www.jahjah-foundation.org

Harlem's Hue-Man Bookstore To Close

Hue Man Bookstore & Café, a Harlem literary hot-spot will no longer operate from its current location after July 31.

According to its CEO Marva Allen Allen "the confluence of events, changing landscape, the end of our lease and the international expansion of our vision, closing our physical location was the only sensible decision we could make."

She dispatched the information via email adding that "we find no viable alternative but to go back to the drawing board."

"Closing our beloved bookstore, I assure you was a very hard decision for us."

Not since Tree Of Life Bookstore closed on 125th has there been such displeasure about the departure of a literary establishment in New York City.

When Hue Man Bookstore opened its doors in Harlem the August of 2002, its neighbors included a Disney Store and numerous corporate retailers.

Many of those stores quickly relocated and were replaced by new operators many times over with banks dominating



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

the square block located a hop, skip and jump from the Apollo Theater.

Despite setbacks the small, independent store owner remained optimistic "We won't get rich doing this," she said back then, adding that along with her partners, and the eight staff people were spiritually enriched in their quest to build a reputable presence in the Black community.

"If I had a dollar for every person who comes in and thanks me for what we're doing -- I would be rich."

That the 4,000-square-foot space it occupied would invite U.S. presidents, celebrated athletes, movie stars, singers, fashion icons, and scores of African-Americans to its 124th St. location seemed unlikely back then.

And from the store's opening party -- attended by singer Stevie Wonder, actor Wesley Snipes, rapper Jay-Z, and poet Maya Angelou -- indications were widely optimistic that this would be no ordinary bookstore.

Former President Bill Clinton said his hand suffered cramping after signing books while promoting his 2004 publication, "My Life."

"American Gangster" Frank Lucas returned to Harlem after Denzel Washington portrayed him in film to field questions about his character and flamboyant lifestyle. It was at the bookstore that reporters and critics met him for the first time.

For a time, Allen along with co-founders Clara Villarosa, filmmaker Melvin Van Peebles, Rita Ewing, wife of Knick's

player Patrick and Celeste Johnson held firm with their enterprising venture.

But after a decade, a chapter ended and the store is destined for closing later this month.

"Closing the existing format of Hue-Man is forward thinking on our part and as we take pause to re-imagine the future of books and how to ensure that their purpose of entertaining, imparting knowledge and honing creativity is preserved."

"There is no way to re-imagine the bookstore of the future in our current space. To try to do so would be a stop gap and a waste of resources."

Allen said she wants to "reboot" the brand, and figure out a business model that embraces new technology.

"There are people who are going to want to read books, and there are people who are going to want to read e-books, and as an industry, I mean, it is the onus to try to figure out what is that balance," Allen explained.

Hue-Man plans to offer an online store with discounted publications an incentive to start.

The store has also applied for a grant from Chase Bank that would allow it to reopen its physical location at a later date, if awarded.

She also said rising rent prices factored in the decision to close.

In order to remain she would have had to sign another 10-year lease at the Frederick Douglass Boulevard location.

Although book sales were up 37 percent during the first half of the year she said it was not feasible to re-sign a new lease.

"The gentrification of the neighborhood ... doesn't seem to take consideration of the small businesses in the neighborhood, and/or the people who have been in the neighborhood," she said. Leases in the location she said are "somewhat predatory."

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Groovin' on a sizzling Sunday

By Chudi Chukwudi

New York: Scorching mid-summer temperatures in the tri-state didn't take anything away from the resounding success of the inaugural 'Groovin In The Park' concert Sunday, July 1 at Roy Wilkins Park in Queens, New York.

The sizzling one-day extravaganza which paid tribute to the independence of three nations -- the United States, celebrating its 236th as well as Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago who are both celebrating 50 years of independence was highlighted with solid production and stellar performances, topped by the king of lovers rock reggae Beres Hammond and Jimmy Cliff who both turned in magnificent sets.

Beginning promptly at 1:30 pm, 'Groovin In The



Jimmy Cliff.

Photo by Marjorie Flash

Park' got underway with Grammy award winning R&B vocal group Boyz 11 Men. The group had the ladies begging for more as they reeled off hits 'Water Runs Dry,' 'I'll Make Love To You,' 'Mama' and their 1992 Billboard hit single 'End of The Road' which earned the group their biggest ovation from fans.

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Whitney's mom to perform in Brooklyn

By Vinette K. Pryce

Summer is heating to boiling point in July but cooling centers are prevalent in every park with music, dance and spoken word the added quencher for entertainment and diversion from routine work.

This month, Brooklyn gets the nod for providing two stellar concert series, choice entertainment, free concerts and hot pop acts to last the rest of the season.

The Martin Luther King Concert Series and the Seaside Summer Concert Series kicks off next week with vintage and current acts including: Cissy Houston, Bobby Brown, Salt 'N Pepa,



Gospel singing star Cissy Houston.

AP Photo/Diane Bondareff

Gladys Knight, Gloria Gaynor, The Village People and Bootsy Collins.

Temperatures will soar on July 12 when Disco Night

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MUSIC HAITI

Summer with BeLO, Obed, Zing Experience



Paul Beaubrun is feeling it as he sings with Cynthia Casasola fusing roots, reggae and rock.

By Tequila Minsky

The upcoming performances sponsored by Haiti Cultural Exchange as part of their summer music program will be on July 19 with BeLO on acoustic guitar playing his signature "Ragganga"—

combining reggae, jazz, rock, world-beat and "rara."

Local singer Obed Jean-Louis will open the evening that will also include an intimate conversation with BeLO. The venue: The Shapeshifter Lab, 18 Whitewell

Pl. -1st & Carroll St. Park Slope, Brooklyn, 6:00 p.m.

This is the second in HCX's Mizik Ayiti (Music Haiti) series that kicked off mid-June with "son of a Boukman" Paul Beaubrun and Zing

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 Payphone**
Maroon 5 Feat. Wiz Khalifa
- 2 Somebody That I Used to Know**
Gotye Feat. Kimbra
- 3 Call Me Maybe**
Carly Rae Jepsen
- 4 Where Have You Been**
Rihanna
- 5 We Are Young**
Fun. Feat. Janelle Monae
- 6 Starships**
Nicki Minaj
- 7 Wide Awake**
Katy Perry
- 8 What Makes You Beautiful**
One Direction
- 9 Glad You Came**
The Wanted
- 10 Scream**
Usher

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 Overexposed**
Maroon 5
- 2 Living Things**
Linkin Park
- 3 Maybach Music Group**
Various artist
- 4 Believe**
Justin Bieber
- 5 PTX: Volume 1**
Pentatonix
- 6 Welcome To The Fishbowl**
Kenny Chesney
- 7 Up All Night**
One Direction
- 8 Mothership**
Led Zeppelin
- 9 Write Me Back**
R. Kelly
- 10 Rock Of Ages**
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"The heat doesn't bother me!" as evidenced by the joy in dancing to the music of Zing Experience. Photo by Tequila Minsky

Party at Putnam Plaza

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Experience at Putnam Plaza on Fulton Street.

In 2004, the turmoil in Haiti disrupted the school calendar and Paul Beaubrun, found himself in the U.S. finishing the school year. He graduated from Prospect Heights High School.

The youngest of four children of Manze and Lola Beaubrun, founding members of the esteemed racine (roots) band Boukman Eksperyans, Paul grew up in the band's sphere. It was "like going to

music school," he says, while naming all of the musicians in that circle he was exposed to: Eddy Francois, Bonga, and Zilibo.

Internationally performing and Grammy nominated Boukman Eksperyans was one of the early bands that mixed traditional vodou songs and rhythms with rock music. The band also incorporates folk melodies into their repertoire in addition to original music with very political lyrics. (The band fled the country in the early 90s because of their polit-

ical stand.) So much of their songs are "classics" for Haitians that when the band is performing the audience sings all the lyrics.

Paul, who is the image of his father – like turning the clock back 30 years – said, "I think I really look like him and we have similar personalities and similarities in how we see life spiritually. My dad is my hero, I really look up to him."

He doesn't leave out his mom. "My mom is everything, she's the backbone and conscience of the family."

Seaside concerts

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opens the Seaside Series at Surf Ave & West 21st St. in Coney Island. Dedicated to the memory of Donna Summer, tribute performances by The Trammops, Rose Royce and survivor Gaynor will headline the evening. Fans of the genre will likely echo the anthems of the era singing the lyrics of Gaynor's "I Will Survive," The VP's "YMCA," The Trammop's steaming hit "Disco Inferno" and the chart-topping 1976 hit "Car Wash" by Rose Royce.

Gladys Knight is also billed for this cool location.

In East Flatbush, The Martin Luther King Jr. Concert Series returns to Wingate Field on July 16. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., Funkmeister Bootsy Collins along with the SOS Band are

slated to launch this series of soulful acts.

Bassist William Earl Collins AKA "Bootsy" and Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame inductee with Parliament Funkadelic will likely deliver from his vast catalogue of hits which began in 1976 and includes: "This Boot Is Made for Fonk-N," "Stretchin' Out In Bootsy's Rubber Band" and compiles last year's "Tha Funk Capital of the World."

On opening night, Sounds of Success, the popular group better known as SOS will probably beckon fans to sing along to "Just be Good To Me," "Take Your Time (Do It Right)" and "The Finest."

Here is a partial lineup of confirmed acts:

Seaside -- July 12
Disco Night/Last Dance: A Tribute to Donna Summer

Gloria Gaynor, The Village People, The Trammops and Rose Royce

July 20

Squeeze, The Romantics

July 26

Annual Latino Music by the Sea

Oscar DeLeon, Luis Enrique, N'Klabe

Aug. 2

The Best of Classic Rock Night

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Aug. 9

Joan Jett and the Blackhearts

Aug. 16

Gladys Knight, The Commodores

MLK -- July 16

Bootsy Collins, SOS Band

July 23

Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago

Music legends

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When music legend, Jimmy Cliff romped on stage for a rare performance in New York, the crowd roared in anticipation. Cliff threw down a glittering high energy performance that excited fans. With numerous albums dating back to the 60's, delivering the goods was easy for Cliff as he glided through popular hits like 'Sitting in Limbo,' 'You Can Get It If You Really Want,' 'Wild World,' 'I Can See Clearly Now,' 'Harder They Come' and 'Many Rivers to Cross.'

Dancehall King Beenie Man, being the consummate performer that he is, delivering a spirited, high energy, fun filled performance. He charmed fans with 'Slam,' 'Old Dog,' 'Healing,' 'King Of The Dancehall,' 'Back It Up' and 'Wine Gal.' Midway his set, Beenie Man invited his 16 year old daughter on stage for a cameo appearance before he delved further into his catalogue of hit songs. He however earned his biggest ovation when he did an adapted version of the Black Eye Peas hit song 'I Got A Feeling' which was capped with the moonwalk dance, made popular by pop star Michael Jackson.

When veteran reggae crooner Beres Hammond, hit the stage at close to 6pm, excitement and pandemonium broke out in anticipation of the tasty musical treat that was to be offered. 'The Boss' dazzled the stage for well over 60 minutes, delivering a dynamic litany of love songs, including 'Rockaway,' 'In Love With You,' 'What On Dance Can Do,' 'She Loves Me Now,' 'Step Aside' among others. Supported by the Harmony House Band the reggae balladeer ran through other hits like 'Tempted To Touch,' 'Golden Touch,' 'Double Trouble' and 'Putting Up Resistance.' Midway his set, Beenie Man who was enjoying the performance from side stage, joined Hammond for a surprise cameo.

'Empress of Soul' Gladys Knight, who grabbed headlines last year for competing on the 14th season of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" brought the curtain down on the festival at 8:15pm with her mega hit 'Midnight Train To Georgia' which had the crowd hanging on to her every note. Other big hits from her catalogue which went over well with patrons included 'I Heard It Through the Grapevine,' 'Friendship Train,' 'If I Were Your Woman,' 'I Don't Want To Do Wrong' and the Grammy Award winning 'Neither One of Us,' which fans sang along word for word.



Beres Hammond.

Photo by Ajamu

Spider-Man settles scores with tormentors

"The Amazing Spider-Man"
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated PG-13 for violence and intense action.
Running time: 136 minutes
Distributor: Columbia Pictures

By Kam Williams

When Columbia Pictures first brought Spider-Man to the big screen in 2002, the Marvel Comics adaptation was such a box-office bonanza that it spawned a couple of equally-phenomenal sequels. Now, just a decade later, the studio has already seen fit to reboot the popular franchise.

Although that might strike some as too soon

to attempt to replicate a winning formula, director Marc Webb (500 Days of Summer) proves himself to be more than up to that daunting challenge. For "The Amazing Spider-Man" easily eclipses the earlier trilogy via a relatively-sophisticated combination of shadowy cinematography, edgier dialogue, seamless special effects and palpable romantic chemistry.

The film stars Andrew Garfield as unassuming Peter Parker-turned-superhero Spider-Man, opposite Emma Stone as his love interest, Gwen Stacy. At the point of departure of this origins adventure, he's still just a 98-pound weakling being bullied in school and secretly harboring a secret crush on a cute

classmate (Stone).

We learn that Peter has been raised by his Aunt May (Sally Field) and Uncle Ben (Martin Sheen) but remains consumed with solving the mysterious disappearance of his parents (Campbell Scott and Embeth Davidtz) years ago. So, he pays a visit to a former colleague of his father, Dr. Curt Connors (Rhys Ifans), a leading research scientist at Oscorp, a biotech currently attempting to develop a revolutionary limb regeneration serum.

Connors claims to be trying to create a world without weakness by splicing human genes with those of other species. But his interest isn't entirely altruistic, since he also happens to be missing an arm himself.

While snooping around



Andrews Garfield as Spiderman in a scene from the film.

Oscorp labs, Peter is bitten by a mutated spider which leads to his developing incredible strength as well as the ability to climb walls and spin web like an arachnid. This evolution conveniently dovetails with his need for a new

physique with which to impress Gwen and to settle the score with his tormentors back at Midtown Science High.

Moreover, his uncle's subsequent slaying by a mugger inspires the grief-stricken lad to embark on

a crime-fighting campaign as a masked vigilante. That doesn't sit well with Gwen's dad (Denis Leary), an NYPD captain opposed to citizens taking the law into their own hands.

Nevertheless, the ante is only upped when an impatient Dr. Connors morphs into a formidable, lizard-like creature after injecting himself with an experimental elixir. Worse, the drug leaves the power-hungry madman hell-bent on hatching a plan for world domination which the cops are ill-equipped to derail, but a challenge tailor-made for your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man.

A spectacular, satisfying summer blockbuster offering the perfect air-conditioned escape from the sweltering heat wave.

Independent & Foreign Films

Alps (Unrated) Assumed identity drama about a macabre business specializing in helping clients cope with grief by offering them the company of impersonators bearing an uncanny resemblance to recently-deceased loved ones. Starring Stavros Psyllakis, Aris Servetalis and Johnny Vekris. (In English and Greek with subtitles)

Ballplayer: Pelotero (Unrated) Baseball dreams documentary, narrated by John Leguizamo, chronicling the efforts of Jean Carlos Batista and Miguel Angel Sano, two of the Dominican Republic's top prospects, as they attempt to make it to the major leagues. (In Spanish with subtitles)

Deconstructing Dad (Unrated) Reverential retrospective directed by Stanley Warnow about his father, Raymond Scott (1908-1994), the prolific composer, pianist, bandleader, inventor, recording engineer and electronic music pioneer, perhaps best remembered for the catchy melodies on the score of over a hundred Looney Tunes cartoons, including Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Porky Pig. With appear-



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

ances by John Williams, Mark Mothersbaugh and DJ Spooky.

Family Portrait in Black and White (Unrated) Ukraine documentary highlighting the effort of adoptive mom Olga Nyenya's to raise sixteen biracial children in an Eastern European town marked by racial intolerance where they are surrounded by skinheads and bigoted neighbors.

Farewell, My Queen (R for profanity and brief graphic nudity) Homoerotic historical drama set at the outbreak of the French Revolution and revolving around the lesbian relationship of Marie Antoinette (Diane Kruger) and a servant (Lea Seydoux) who became infatuated with the imperious monarch. Cast includes Virginie Ledoyen, Xavier Beauvois and Gregory Gadebois. (In French, German, Italian and English with subtitles)

Gei Oni (Unrated) Middle East drama interweaving a novel love story with a depiction of the first wave

of Jewish European migration to the Ottoman-ruled Palestine of the 1880s. Starring Tamar Alkan, Zion Ashkenazi and Levana Finkelstein. (In Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish, Russian and Yiddish with subtitles)

The Imposter (Unrated) Fact-based docudrama about a con man (Adam O'Brian) who attempted to dupe the family of a Texas teenager into believing that he was their long-lost son, despite his being French and seven years older than the missing boy. With Anna Ruben, Cathy Dresbach and Alan Teichman.

Ponies (Unrated) Screen adaptation of Mike Batistick's award-winning play, set inside a seamy, NYC Off-Track Betting parlor, where a trio of beleaguered patrons (Kevin Corrigan, John Ventimiglia and Babs Olusanmokin) enjoy exchanging colorful banter while wagering. Supporting cast includes Tonye Patano, Joe Caniano and Meital Dohan.

Trishna (R for sexual-

ity, drug use, profanity and some violence) Bittersweet romance drama, loosely based on Tess of the D'Urbervilles, about the

star-crossed love affair between the daughter of a rickshaw driver (Freida Pinto) and a wealthy Brit (Riz Ahmed) who has

moved to India to work at his father's (Roshan Seth) hotel. Featuring Anurag Kashyap, Kalki Koechlin and Harish Khanna.

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Marcus Miller's musical 'Renaissance'

A generation is roughly defined as a period of about 30 years. Thirty years ago – in the early '80s - America was rolling with Ronald Reagan at the wheel and his conservative "back to family values" tenets.

A similar traditionalism was also being adopted by several prominent up-and-coming jazz musicians. While most of the then-young flock was looking back, Marcus Miller was looking ahead. By the middle of that decade in 1986, Marcus - the musician, composer and producer - was at the helm of one of the most impactful modern jazz masterpieces

of the era with some futuristic roots music he composed for the legendary Miles Davis entitled "Tutu."

Now with "Renaissance" in 2012, Marcus Miller surveys the landscape of not just music but society as a whole. In the same profound way that anointed gospel-soul singer Sam Cooke prophesized 50 years before in 1963, Miller feels that "a



change is gonna come."

And just as with "Tutu," he is ahead of the storm with "Renaissance," for release on Aug. 7, 2012 from Concord Jazz, a division of Concord Music Group.

Fortified by a team of hungry young players that includes trumpeters Sean Jones and Maurice Brown, alto saxophonist Alex Han, drummer

Louis Cato, guitarists Adam Agati and Adam Rogers, and keyboardist Kris Bowers along with veteran keys wizards Federico Gonzalez Peña and Bobby Sparks, Miller is creating the soundtrack for this musical, cultural and spiritual revolution.

"I feel like a page is turning," Miller muses. "The last of our heroes are checking out and we are truly entering a new era. Politically, things have polarized and are coming to a head. Musically, we've got all these cool ways to play and share music - MP3 files, internet radio and satellite radio - but the music is not as revolutionary as the media. It's time for a rebirth."

Renaissance finds Miller offering up an especially emotive 13-song collection that includes eight richly inspired original compositions that swing from a tip of the porkpie to the CTI Records sound of the '70s ("CEE-TEE-EYE") to an intro-

spective and ultimately hope-filled rumination about the island off the coast of Dakar in Africa known as "Gorée (Go-ray)."

"Renaissance" also includes five cover songs that canvas works by soul-jazz culture band WAR, new wave-soul starlet Janelle Monáe, New York jazz dignitary Weldon Irvine, Brazilian musical ambassador Ivan Lins and Christian composer Luther "Mano" Hanes. Though the CD primarily features Miller's smokin' new band, it also features special guest vocalists Dr. John, Rubén Blades and Gretchen Parlato.

"Renaissance is a word that resonates on a lot of different levels for me," Miller explains. "It's about getting back to the essential aspects of art. I'm focusing less on production and more on composition, so this is a very clear album for me. People have often called me a 'Renaissance Man.' Deeper still, "Renaissance" houses some of Marcus' most inspired and emotionally penetrating writing to date – particularly "Gorée (Go-ray)" which was inspired by a visit Marcus and his impressionable young band paid to the African island historically remembered as a

warehouse for human cargo before it was shipped from the motherland to places elsewhere for the people to become slaves.

Marcus' current touring band consists of trumpeter Maurice Brown (Tedeschi Trucks Band, Maya Azucena, Aretha Franklin), alto saxophonist Alex Han (Paquito D'Rivera, James Moody, Geri Allen), drummer Louis Cato (Beyoncé, Q-Tip, Sean Jones), guitarist Adam Agati (Lalah Hathaway, El Movimiento and Mary Mary), and 2011 Thelonious Monk International Jazz Piano Competition Award winner keyboardist Kris Bowers (Louis Hayes, Jay-Z & Kanye West, José James).

"I've got these next generation musicians in their '20s with me now that aren't afraid of breaking boundaries," Marcus concludes. "They're absorbing and admiring the whole picture – from Clifford Brown to J.Dilla - honestly feeling both sides which, to my Black Experience, is what it's all about. This young band fears nothing so we are free to go anywhere. I'm finding that to be incredibly inspiring. I am writing music for us that encompasses the full landscape."

'Except' extended at Harlem Firehouse

By Vinette K. Pryce

Legendary Tony Award winner George Faison has announced that his recently staged theater production "Except" has been overwhelmingly endorsed at the Faison Firehouse

Theater and will be extended thru July 22.

Written by Karimah, the play focuses on the struggle for justice in America from slavery to modern day Gay Rights. In attendance on opening night, opera sing-

er Kathleen Battle, Woody King, director of the New Federal Theater and Robert Johnson, the first African-American district attorney to represent the Bronx each seemed amused and entertained by the production.

The storyline follows two individuals caught between centuries to tell a familiar 21st century story.

Both are young, ambitious, Black and fearful of their bigoted community.

That they meet in a tree in a New York City park provides enlightening focus when each seek refuge from pursuing mobs.

One is a former slave from 1741, the other a young woman in 2012.

The cast is led by young spoken word artist/poet and actress Cynthia Keteku, known as Ceez Liive and Tyree L. Young.

Together they provide insight to humorous and poignant perspective on the very short distance some segments of the society has travelled since slavery.



A scene from the play Accept "Except."

Photo by Tonya Ford

"How much has the world changed in 250 years, how far we still have to go to achieve equality? Faison questions and argues that timeline.

"The play is based on the

13th Amendment of the United States Constitution and my mission and my theater's purpose is to pursue the truth, confront the issues and present positive alternatives and possibilities

for living," Faison added.

Located in Harlem at 6 Hancock Place at West 124th Street between St. Nicholas and Morningside Ave., the theater is staged inside a beautifully, refurbished firehouse.

Recently, the setting has hosted a film festival and will soon host cabaret in the pole-significant section of the landmark space.

This is the second installment in the author's series of five presentations.

See it to understand and unravel the distance, if any we have travelled.

The performance schedule is as follows:

- July 12, 7:30 p.m.
- July 13, 7:30 p.m.
- July 14, 3:00 p.m.
- July 14, 7:30 p.m.
- July 19, 7:30 p.m.
- July 20, 7:30 p.m.
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Stay Fit, Have Fun The Eastern Queens Alliance is offering free fitness classes featuring yoga with Leslie Taylor focusing on posture, breath control and meditation, 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. at Idlewild Cricket Field in Idlewild Park Preserve, 223 St. and 148 Ave., Springfield Gardens, N.Y. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring your own mat. For information and directions call (347) 824-2301 or info@easternqueensalliance.org.

Blues and Soul Local blues favorites Renee and The Derelicts (redux) perform two sets of classic and original blues and soul tunes at 78 Below (formerly the P&G Cafe), 380A Columbus Ave., at 78 St., Manhattan, 10:00 p.m. No cover. For information, call (212) 787-5150 or www.reneandthederelictsredux.com/.

Cancer Walk Patients and families, local community and pediatric cancer specialists from The Children's Hospital at Montefiore will hold a 1.5-mile walk to "Stomp Out Sarcoma", 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon at Van Cordtlandt Park, 240 St. entrance at Broadway, Bronx, N.Y. After walk, lunch will be served and arts-n-crafts activities will be available for children. For information, call Montefiore Medical Center at (718) 920-4011.

Poems and Songs The Morris Park Library, 985 Morris Park Ave., Bronx, N.Y., presents "A Versified Voyage" with Beverly Chavies, Bob McNeil and special guest performer sharing poems and songs, celebrating freedom, love, the summer season at the proud history of the Bronx, and also featuring an open mic jam session for attendees, 2:30 p.m. For information, call the library at (718) 931-0636.

Vaccination Clinic Petland Discounts and Luv My Pet is offering low cost dog and cat vaccination clinics in Queens at 34-60 48 St., between 48 and Northern, Long Island City, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; 91-08 Atlantic Ave., Pathmark Shopping Center, Ozone Park, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and on 7/15 at 43-10 Ditmars Blvd, Laguardia Center, Long Island City, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and 8989 Union Turnpike, Stop & Shop Center, Glendale, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. For information call Amy Eisenberg at (631) 273-6363.

Beer Tasting The New York Historical Society presents a beer tasting event featuring Genesee Cream Ale, Dundee Pilsner, Dundee Pale Bock and others, 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Robert H. Smith Gallery South at the N.Y. Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, N.Y. You must be 21 years + to enjoy the program. For information, call the Museum at (212) 873-3400 or online at www.nyhistory.org.

MONDAY, JULY 16



Financial Coaching The NHS of East Flatbush is offering The Financial Capabilities and Coaching Program focusing on helping you reach your goals such as paying off bills, saving for a home, improving credit scores and more. For more information, call (718) 469-4679.



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Theater Festival The Midtown International Theater Festival presents its 13th season of full-length plays and musicals, running thru Aug. 5 at the June Havoc Theatre and the Dorothy Strelsin Theatre, 312 W 36 St., 1st Fl. For information on complete listings, times and venue, visit www.MidtownFestival.org.

Spay/Neuter Clinic Petland Discounts and the ASPCA Mobile Unit is offering a dog and cat spay and neuter clinic in Queens at 30-28 Steinway St., between 30 and 31 avenues, Astoria and on 7/19 at 37-55 82 St., between 37 and Roosevelt, Jackson Heights, 7:00 a.m. at both venues. For information, contact Amy Eisenberg at (631) 273-6363.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

Free Music at BAM BAM presents its continuing R&B Festival featuring Orchestre Poly-Rythmo playing a blend of Afrobeat, vodoun music, and James Brown-inspired funk, 12 noon at Metrotech concert stage located on the lawn

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at MetroTech Commons in Downtown Brooklyn between Jay St. and Flatbush Ave. where Myrtle Ave. ends. For information, visit BAM.org.MetroTech or call (718) 636-4100.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Stay Fit, Have Fun The Eastern Queens Alliance is offering free fitness classes featuring Line Dancing with instructor Barbara Fraser offering line dancing to all kinds of music, 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., at Idlewild Cricket Field in Idlewild Park Preserve, 223 St. and 148 Ave., Springfield Gardens, N.Y. For information and directions, call (347) 824-2301 or info@easternqueensalliance.org.

ONGOING

Acting Contest Registration is being held for the CNS Acting Contest, July to August, at TRS Business Center, 44 East 32 St., 11th Fl., off Park Ave., by appointment only. For detailed information, actual contest dates, rules and for registra-

NY Historical Museum The New York Historical Society Museum and Library, 170 Central Park West, N.Y., is pleased to announce that a rare copy of the "Stone" facsimile of the Declaration of Independence, one of approximately 50 in existence, will be on display in the Judith and Howard Berkowitz Sculpture Court thru July 15. For information on this and other Museum events, call (212) 873-3400.

Fairway Market Shuttle Fairway Market is now offering a free group shuttle bus to its Red Hook, Brooklyn store at 480-500 Van Brunt St., Mondays thru Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. For pick-up reservations for groups of 10 or more, within a 5-mile radius of the store, call Viola Williams or Marcy Rosenblum at (347) 750-1251. There will also be pickups on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at 589 Prospect Ave., between 11 and 10 avenues. All seniors get a 5 percent discount in the store. Each group will have an hour and a half to shop and/or enjoy a bite to eat in the picturesque cafe by the waterfront.

Farmers Market Seeds in the Middle is sponsoring The Crown Heights Farmers Market, offering fresh fruits and vegetables, including calaloo and Caribbean favorites and accepting EBT, WIC, Snap, FMNP, Health Bucks and Fresh Connect. The market will be operating every Thursday from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m. at Hamilton Metz Park at Albany and Leffers avenues, Brooklyn. For more information, visit www.seedsinthemiddle.org.

Computer Training Mount Carmel Worship and Outreach Center is holding adult and children computer training programs, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Call (917) 609-0909 for registration details.

Summer Repairs Warmer weather is home repair weather. Do you need major repairs done but lack the finances? NHS of East Flatbush can assist you. For more information on our Home Improvement Programs, call (718) 469-4679.

Foreclosure Services Are you behind in your mortgage or seeking a modification? The Flatbush Development VCorp., NHS of East Flatbush and the Center for N.Y.C. Neighborhoods are offering free services and assistance. Referrals for free legal assistance are also available. To schedule an appointment call (718) 469-4679.

SummerStage Kids City Parks Foundation presents SummerStage Kids, a unique, interactive family festival presenting free performing arts events at park locations citywide featuring dance, music, storytellers, theatre, contemporary circus juggling, poetry, puppetry and including expanded day programs where families enjoy at full day of family entertainment and adults are invited to stay for an evening concert and film. For complete schedule for all programming, visit <http://www.CityParksFoundation.org>.

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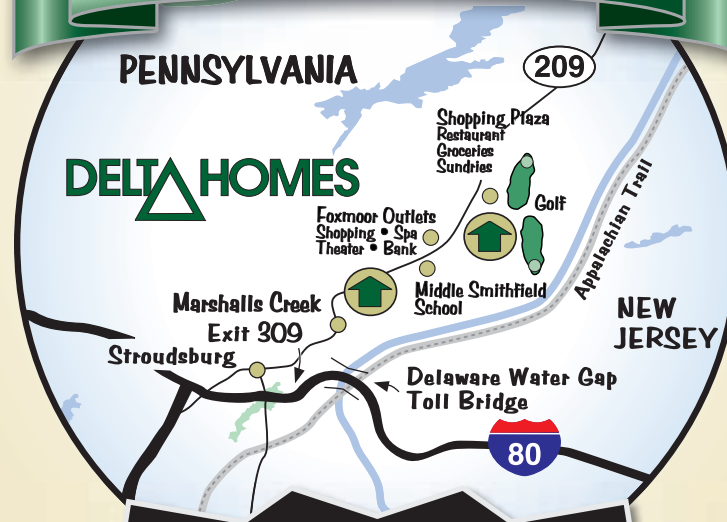
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Don't be blind to the problem of sun glare

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Sun glare can be a nuisance and make for dangerous driving, particularly in the early morning or late afternoon when the sun is low on the horizon. The angle of the rays may render sun visors useless. Accidents due to sun glare do occur and more frequently than drivers may know.

In October 2007, sun glare was responsible for at least two accidents in Colorado. In the first few months of 2010, data compiled by the Abu Dhabi Traffic Department showed the sun's glare was blamed for 22 minor crashes. Sun glare is a problem all around the world.

To prevent sun glare from becoming a hazard when you're driving, consider these safety tips.

- Delay driving times to occur before or after sunrise or sunset.
- Use polarized sunglasses that can help prevent glare.

- Do not use high-gloss products on the dashboard, which can contribute to extra glare.

- Keep the inside and outside of the windshield clean.

- Make use of sun visors.

- If glare is a problem, leave extra space between your car and others in the event of sudden stopping or other road hazards.

- Drive slowly and be mindful of obstructions.

- Try taking another route that goes in a different direction than the one from which the sun is shining.

- Leave extra time so that you don't feel rushed getting to your destination.

- Eye exams or surgery can make eyes more sensitive to the sunlight. Avoid driving after these appointments.

Things that mar an automotive paint job

Most people purchase a car for its looks and performance. However, unless it is kept in a garage and never driven, it is impossible to keep it in pristine condition. In many cases, damage to the clear coat or enamel paint on the car is something vehicle owners expect.

A car owner who decides he wants the car to remain in the best shape possible will have to take an active role in maintenance and damage prevention. One of the key things to remember is to never allow any substance to remain on the paint for too long; otherwise the risk for damage increases. Also, it may be very difficult to clean if the offender is allowed to sit on the paint. Here are some other factors to consider.

- UV light: Just as UV light can affect skin, hair, and other parts of the body, it also can affect the paint on a car. The rays oxidize the paint and cause a white, powdery film to form on the car. Washing the car frequently enough and applying the best quality wax will help keep UV rays from penetrating through the paint.

- Over sprays: Life does not stop to allow cars to drive through, particularly when it comes to construction zones. It's possible for a car to be doused in paint spray, tar, concrete, and other chemicals that are routinely used in construction. Do not allow these substances to harden on the car. Rinse promptly with automotive soap. Try to avoid construction zones whenever possible.

- Rain: Both acid rain and regular rainwater (and other sources of water) can dissolve

paint over time. The U.S. Geological Survey has said that water is a uni-



Washing off harmful substances promptly can reduce the chances of damage to a paint job.

versal solvent because it can dissolve more substances than any other liquid. Whenever the car becomes wet, it should be dried with a towel or chamois and not allowed to air dry.

- Natural substances: Tree sap, bird droppings, and splattered insects contain compounds that can erode the paint on a car. Avoid parking under large trees where sap and bird droppings may be prevalent. In terms of bug splatter, try to wash it off as soon as possible to alleviate damage.

- Bleach: A bleach-and-water solution is often heralded for its ability to clean many things, but it should not be used on a car. Bleach is an oxidizer and it will pit metal and discolor paint. Be careful with pool chemicals too, as chlorinator is usually regular household bleach.

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Tire maintenance is essential safety on road

Maintaining a vehicle is a great way to stay safe on the road while extending the car's life. Routine maintenance can keep a car running like new for years as long as vehicle owners stay on top of things and stick to a maintenance schedule.

Most drivers are aware of when to get their oil changed and other fluids checked, but not all drivers know how to maintain their vehicle's tires. Proper tire maintenance makes a car safer for drivers and their passengers and can even pad a driver's pocket with a little extra money.

Routinely check tire pressure

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that tire-related crashes are most often caused by under-inflated tires. Underinflation isn't always caused by a leak. In fact, gradual loss of pressure is natural, particularly when the seasons change and temperatures dip. An underinflated tire makes

handling difficult and can even cause structural damage to a vehicle. Drivers should check their vehicle's tire pressure at least once a month. Those who have long commutes should check their tire pressure more frequently, and it's always a good idea to check tire pressure before and after a long road trip. Recommended tire pressures are listed in the owner's manual.

Look for abnormal wear and tear

Tires will wear down over time, gradually losing tread. However, drivers should inspect tires for excessive wear and tear, which could be indicative of other issues, including underinflation and



Tire maintenance, including routinely checking pressure, is an essential element to safe driving.

alignment problems with steering and suspension. Additional issues to look for include bulges or cracks on the sidewalls

or tread and any signs of a punctured tire.

Rotate tires

Most drivers have heard of tire rotation but might not know how often tires should be rotated or even why rotation is necessary. The owner's manual will solve the first problem, identifying how often tires should be rotated (most suggest every 6,000 miles). As for why it's good to rotate tires, doing so helps achieve even tread and extend the life of the tires. Tires are expensive, and rotation can help drivers get more bang for their buck. Drivers of front-wheel drive vehicles will notice their front tires wear down faster than their rear tires. That's because the front tires are doing most of the work, bearing the brunt of the force of braking, steering and driving. Rotating tires effectively levels the playing field.

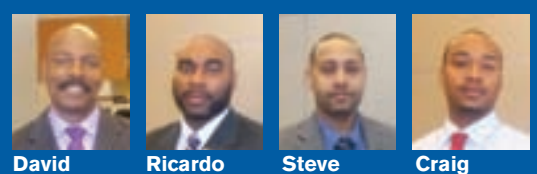
Stay balanced

Sometimes tires become unbalanced. When taking a car in for routine maintenance, ask the mechanic to see if there

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Research into vehicle safety and performance history is essential, but perhaps nothing gives drivers a better idea of how well a car meets their needs and driving style than a test drive. Many dealers allow people to test drive vehicles by themselves, allowing buyers to get the feel of a car without feeling pressured or distracted by salesmen.

When test driving a vehicle, it's always good to comparison shop, test driving different vehicles to get a better idea of what's available. Drivers who have owned and driven the same vehicle for a number of years can be easily overwhelmed when test driving a new car, which is likely more smooth and boasts more amenities than an older vehicle. That's why it's important to test drive a handful of new vehicles. This gives drivers a better point of reference for what a new car offers better than

its competitors, and not a one-sided issue of what a new car offers compared to an older vehicle.

The following are some of the factors to consider when deciding which car to buy.

Visibility

Many drivers buying a new car after years driving the same vehicle might find it difficult to judge visibility. Familiarity with an old car can make it hard to get used to a new one. When judging visibility, determine if the view of the road is adequate and if the side and rearview mirrors can meet your needs. Sometimes a rear window is too small for drivers used to bigger rear windows, and this can prove a safety risk down the road. Don't be distracted by the vehicle's comfort. If the visibility is poor (and visibility varies for each individual), then the car probably isn't the right fit.

Comfort

Comfort is important for many reasons. Cars are big investments, and drivers have the right to drive a comfortable vehicle. A comfortable ride can also speak volumes about a vehicle's engineering. If a car is noticeably uncomfortable, drivers should be suspicious about the rest of the vehicle. Suspension plays a role in comfort, but suspension might also depend on the type of vehicle. A sports car, for example, might feel each bump in

the road, but the superior handling attracts drivers who revel in acceleration. Comfort often depends on the type of vehicle, and buyers who have a specific type in mind should only test drive vehicles within that type. This will give an idea of which one within a certain category is the most comfortable.

Braking

Braking can be hard to evaluate, but it should feel smooth and should not feel as if the car is stopping too fast or too slowly. If possible, bring a passenger along and ask if he notices anything when the car brakes.

Handling

How a vehicle handles will go a long way toward how it avoids emergency situations on the highway. The vehicle should be easy to maneuver on the road. Take note if the vehicle moves too quickly or too slowly with sudden movements. Unless you experience an emergency while test driving a car, it's impossible to gauge how a vehicle will respond in an emergency. However, publications like Consumer Reports perform road tests that include emergency handling tests. Such information should be considered before buying a car.

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One of the best ways to stretch a dollar is to take better care of your vehicle. Buying a home and financing a college education are perhaps the only times many will spend more money than they do when buying a car. But unlike a home or an education, few people take their vehicles seriously, all too often avoiding maintenance that can greatly increase a car or truck's life.

Drivers who want to keep their cars going strong for years to come can do so in several ways.

•Prevent, prevent, prevent. The efforts of preventive maintenance are

well worth it. Oil changes and filter replacements are quick and easy jobs, but pay major dividends over the long haul. Drivers who aren't comfortable performing these tasks themselves need not worry about costly trips to the mechanic. Routine jobs like an oil change or air filter replacement are relatively inexpensive, and today's vehicles can go much longer between changes.

•Stay balanced. Balanced tires are tires that will last longer. But an out-of-balance tire will not only shorten the life of tires, it can also do damage to the rest of the vehi-



Routinely hitting the open road is one of the easiest ways to add years to a vehicle's life.

cle while simultaneously making riding in the car much less comfortable. An out-of-balance tire shortens the life expectancy of suspension components, including bearings and shocks. Repairs that result from an unbalanced tire can prove costly. Should a vibration occur as the

vehicle accelerates (typically, this vibration will be noticeable at speeds of 40 to 45 mph), chances are the tires are not balanced.

•Look good, feel good. A car that looks good likely feels good as well. Washing and waxing a car regularly helps avoid rust under the carriage and

in the wheel wells. The longer a car goes between washes, the more likely it is to rust, and the paint is likely to corrode as well. There is no quick fix to either of these problems, but preventive maintenance, like routinely washing and waxing, can keep these potentially menacing issues

from ever rearing their rusty heads.

•Getoutanddrive. Cars that spend most of their life in stop-and-go traffic likely won't last as long as those that routinely get out and go. That's because city driving with lots of stopping and going is very taxing on an engine. On a highway, air flows to the radiator, oil flows to the engine, and everything that makes a car run is much more consistent, reducing the stress on the engine as a result. Constantly accelerating and decelerating is hard on an engine. City dwellers should get out and drive on a highway at least once a month. This is also a good way to get rid of potentially harmful condensation that can negatively impact engine performance.

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Learn the proper way to rotate tires

Rotating tires is something that many people do religiously, while others put off the task until they notice a problem with the car's performance. Rotating tires not only extends the life of the tires, but it also helps ensure safer driving.

One may not realize that the front tires often bear the brunt of the work. Making turns or parallel parking requires the force of the front tires. The frequent use and requirements of the tires produces friction on the road, and eventually heat.

Tire rotation essentially means the front passenger-side tire will be moved to the back passenger-side position. The same thing will occur on the driver's side. There's a reason for this: tires have unique wear patterns that are related to the suspension and the alignment. Should you switch the tires in a criss-cross pattern, it could affect the alignment and lead to a bumpy ride.

These scenarios can



Vehicles owners should know when to rotate the tires of their cars, as rotating tires not only extends the life of the tires, but it also helps ensure safe driving.

depend on the vehicle and the tire, however. Certain vehicles have tires of different sizes in the rear and front, which prevents front-to-back rotation.

Many tires should be rotated every 3,000 to 5,000

miles, even if they don't show signs of wear.

Consult with a service station to determine the best pattern for rotating your tires and the ideal time interval between rotations.

Tire safety

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are any issues regarding balance. Out-of-balance tires can cause significant issues that stretch beyond just uneven tread wear. An out-of-balance tire can wear down the vehicle's suspension. When driving at highway speeds, drivers might notice a considerable thumping. This is often indicative of an out-of-balance tire.

Stay cool

Sudden tire failure can often be traced back to overheated tires. A tire can overheat for a number of reasons, including aggressive driving. Frequently driving on coarse surfaces or at high speeds can also increase tire temperatures, as does ambient temperature. Driving at high speeds on a very

hot day increases the risk of sudden tire failure, as does driving at high speeds on coarse surfaces. To reduce tire temperature, avoid doing these things simultaneously. If it's an especially hot day, for example, don't drive aggressively, and maintain lower speeds.

Don't mix and match

A vehicle's balance can be affected significantly if owners mix and match their tires. Having different tires on the left and right sides is likely to upset a car's balance. When installing tires, do so in front or rear pairs or even complete sets. Pairs should also be the same size, brand, and type, and should have the same tread wear as well. Should one tire go bad, it's almost always worth it to buy two tires. When buying two, always put the two new

tires on the rear wheels, regardless of which type of transmission (rear-wheel drive, all-wheel drive, etc.) the vehicle has. The rear wheels need maximum traction so the vehicle can remain stable.

Don't overload a tire

Check tires for their maximum load range, which will be listed on the tire sidewall. This maximum load should never be exceeded. Doing so will increase tire wear and shorten the tire's life. Excessive load also increases the risk of sudden tire failure. It's important to note the maximum passenger and cargo load intended by the vehicle manufacturer is often significantly less than what the vehicle can actually hold. But drivers must adhere to this figure to ensure their vehicles are safe and reduce the risk of sudden tire failure.

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Coach looks to season after running

By Robert Elkin

While Nicholas DiBenedetto of Wantagh captured the Sean Ryan 5K road race in 16:56 and Robert Devinney became the first Long Beach finisher in 19:20, which earned him fourth place, the overall 14th place person to cross the finish line was Hudson Georges.

A fairly new Long Beach resident, Georges ran the first mile in 6:23, was clocked at a pace of 6:43 for the 3.1 miles, and covered the course in 20:50. He went home with a third place award in his age group.

The 34-year-old Georges, originally from Haiti, enjoys running in his home town of Long Beach and on its boardwalk. He would have run faster but the heat and humidity slowed all the competitors' times down.

“The boardwalk is an easy course,” he said after the race, which drew 285 finishers, mostly from Long Beach. “Running on the boardwalk doesn’t put too much

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WICB/WIPA negotiations

By Azad Ali

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) and the West Indies Players Association (WIPA) have started negotiating a revised collective bargaining agreement (CBA) and memorandum of understanding (MoU).

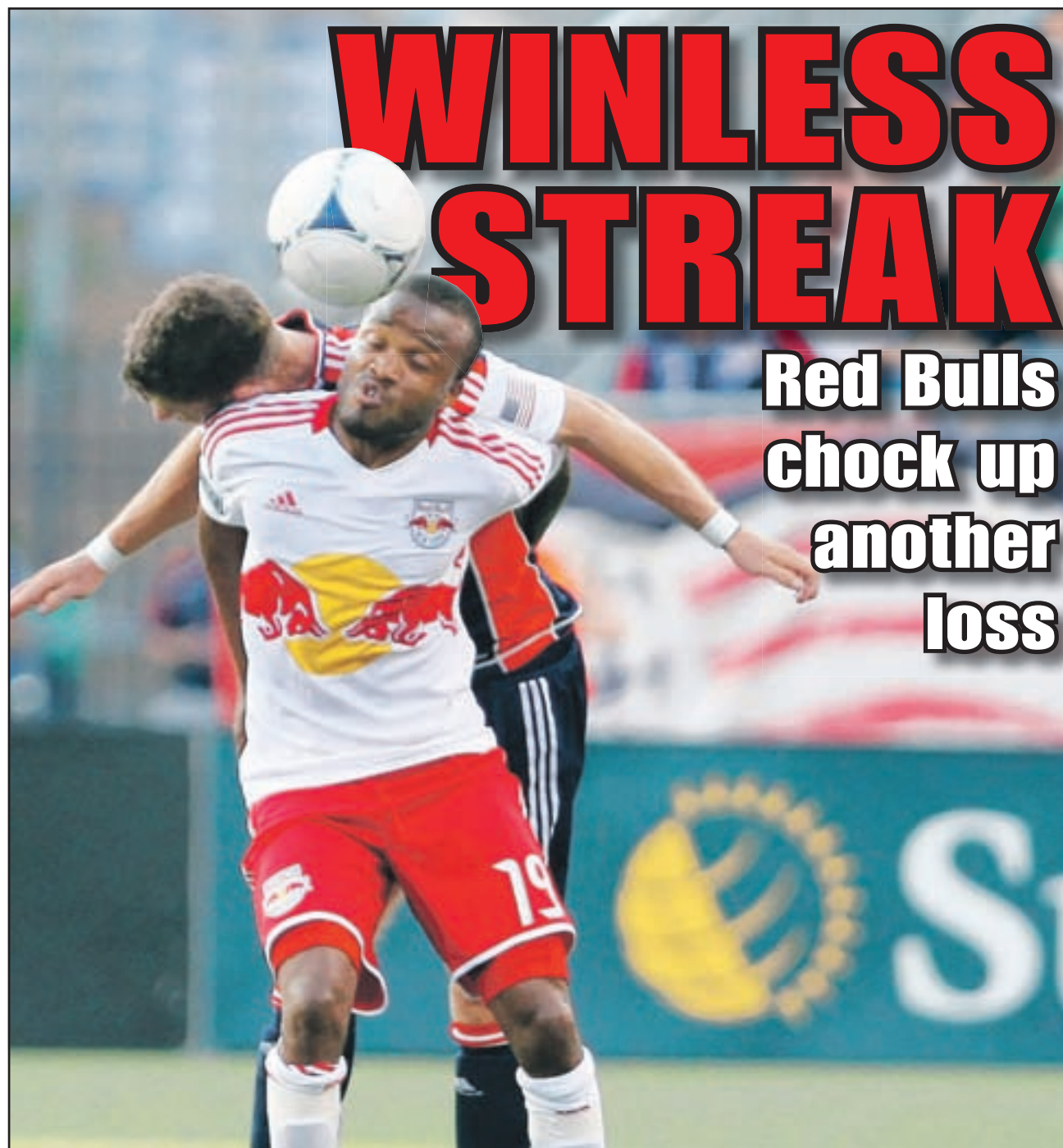
The negotiations recently started in Barbados in a bid to chart a positive way forward for what has been a difficult issue to resolve, WIPA said.

The meetings are to discuss the terms and conditions, which could result in a mutually agreed CBA and MoU between the two parties.

The CBA and MoU came into effect on Sept. 1, 2005 with the provision that they could be changed or replaced with the agreement of both parties. If not, they would continue to be in force.

However, in 2011 the WICB signaled its intention to unilaterally terminate the CBA and the MoU.

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WINLESS STREAK

Red Bulls chock up another loss

New York Red Bulls midfielder/forward Dane Richards (19) and New England Revolution defender/midfielder Chris Tierney (8) in action at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts. Anthony Nesmith/CSM (Cal Sport Media via AP Images)

By Patrick Horne

The New York Red Bulls (9-5-4, 31 pts.) was facing a 16-game winless streak in Foxboro Stadium when it took on the hosts, New England Revolution, on Sunday afternoon in an MLS game, but the trend continued. The winless streak

- now 17 games, including 13 losses and four draws - was extended because of the Red Bulls' negative approach to the game. Instead of going on offense to score goals, which is how you win games, New York went into a defensive mode and played as if its primary purpose was not to allow

a goal.

The problem with this defensive approach, a 4-1-4-1 formation with a lone forward, is that playing to not allow a goal could mean that you may not lose, but more importantly, you may not win

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New England Revolution forward Blake Brettschneider, left, looks to get the ball past New York Red Bulls goalkeeper Ryan Meara (18).
AP Photo/Stephan Savoia

Revolution carried the offense throughout

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either and this is anathema to the purpose of play games – which is to win. The fact that the Red Bulls were without starters Thierry Henry, Rafael Marquez, Jan Solli and Heath Pierce obviously influenced Hans Backe's decision to go defensive, but the coach has to show confidence in his substitutes and allow them to approach the game in a positive manner.

The Red Bulls' 2-0 loss to the Revolution was mostly because of such a defensive approach to

the game, which resulted in New York's zero shots on goal in the first half, while New England took a 1-0 lead in the 24th minute off a 22-yard shot by Lee Nguyen. The hosts went on offense from the outset, which is what you have to do to win games, especially playing at home.

New England imposed itself on the visitors, constantly getting behind a stacked New York defense with left winger Sauer Sene and Nguyen getting their share of shots at Red Bulls goalkeeper Ryan Meara.

New England was playing with veteran midfielder Shalrie Joseph on the bench, so it was midfielder Benny Feilhaber and forward Blake Brettschneider who instigated the Revs offense and created numerous opportunities for themselves and their teammates.

Although the Red Bulls changed their approach and went on the offense in the second half, which led to lone striker Kenny Cooper's shot that hit the crossbar in the 55th minute, it was still too little too late; the Revs were on go.

Joseph came off the bench in the 80th minute to supply the assist on New England's second goal. He received a pass from Sene, gave the return pass to send Sene in on goal for a point blank shot, which Meara saved, but the rebound fell to newly-signed Jerry Bengtson for his first goal in MLS in the 84th minute. Bengtson was the leading scorer in the Honduran National League. New York next hosts the Seattle Sounders at Red Bull Arena in Harrison (NJ) on Sunday in a 4:00 p.m. kick-off.

World Soccer Briefs

Montreal Signs Nesta

The Montreal Impact defeated Columbus Crew, 2-1, at Saputo Stadium on Sunday, but the inspiration most likely came from the news on Thursday that the club has signed former Italian national defender Alessandro Nesta for the rest of the MLS season. The former AC Milan and Lazio defender, who was in Montreal last week to see the Impact debut of his friend and former Lazio teammate Marco Di Vaio said that he was "... very happy to be here." Nesta said that he was looking for a new challenge in choosing Montreal Impact while turning away from offer to continue in Europe.

MLS

In other MLS games, Los

Angeles Galaxy got a pair of goals from Robbie Keane to defeat the hosts Chicago Fire on Sunday. Keane scored a penalty in the first half when a Fire defender was called for a handball in the penalty area. He latched on to a Landon Donovan pass in the second half to score his second goal. Donovan came off the bench in the second half to give the assist; the Galaxy was without Englishman David Beckham, who was serving a one-game ban for bringing the game into disrepute a week ago after a 4-3 Galaxy loss at San Jose.

Also, Philadelphia topped Toronto FC, 3-0, as Freddy Adu got on the scoreboard; Real Salt Lake knocked off Portland Timbers and Seattle beat Colorado Rapids, 2-1. There were three games that ended in goalless draws: hosts Sporting

Kansas City versus Houston Dynamo, FC Dallas and the San Jose Earthquakes, and Chivas USA against Vancouver Whitecaps.

France's New Coach

Didier Deschamps was named the new coach of the French National team, it was announced by the French Football (Soccer) Federation announced on Sunday after Laurent Blanc was said to have turned down a new contract offer.

Deschamps was the captain of France when it won the 1998 World Cup and 2000 European Championship. He also won the 1993 Champions League with Marseille, the club he coached until a week ago, after leading it to a league title and three French League Cups.

"Didier Deschamps is obviously the right man for this job," French league president Frederic Thiriez said. "In this difficult context, the France team needs a man with his character and experience."

Legendary Portugal and Benfica FC forward Eusebio is reportedly recovering well in a Lisbon hospital after suffering a stroke at the recently concluded European Championships, where he traveled with the Portugal National Team. The 70-year-old Eusebio da Silva Ferreira, named one of FIFA'S 10 best players of all time, is still the only player to score four goals in a World Cup finals game. He did this against North Korea at the 1966 World Cup in England. Eusebio, "The Black Panther," led Benfica to numerous titles in the 1960s.

Runner determined to succeed

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pressure on one's joints. And it was fun to run by the water (and beach)."

A former soccer player in his native land of Haiti, Georges was a versatile player, for he could play any position except at goal, as he would say, "I was a jack of all trades."

He also played volleyball.

Georges trains about four days a week before the sun comes out and is very dedicated to the running sport. He also tries to produce as best as he can at Great Neck South High School where he coaches the cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field teams.

He would like to put his teams back on to where it was when Bob Baratta coached them. The latter is now retired from coaching but one can still catch him at the championship meets giving a helping hand.

Georges attended Huntington High School, majored in visual arts at State University of New York at Old Westbury, received his Masters in Art Education at City College and is in his 11th year of coaching at Great Neck South.

In addition, his goal is to get back into shape of running after he has been out of it for about two years.

Cricket contract dispute

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WIPA objected to the move, stating that only did the parties intentionally omit a unilateral termination clause, but the agreement mandated to the parties to negotiate and come to an agreement themselves, roll over agreements for another three years, or that a new agreement be formed by a third party pursuant to a dispute resolution clause.

WIPA also got a court order forcing the WICB to treat the CBA and MoU as in full force and effect.



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Clones left fielder on a hot streak

By Will Bredderman

Cyclones left fielder Stefan Sabol is on a tear — but he wouldn't even know it if his father hadn't tipped him off.

The first-year phenom from California's Orange Coast College went on an 11-game hitting streak from June 25 through July 5 — but he didn't realize it until he heard from dear old dad.

"I was aware I was seeing the ball well, making good contact," said the California native, who started his string of successful at bats with a single in the team's shut out victory over the Hudson Valley Renegades. "It wasn't till I was talking to my dad and he just said, 'You've got a seven game hitting streak going on,' that I realized it."

But Sabol — who sent a fast-ball over the left-center field wall on July 4 against the Crosscutters for his first minor league home run — said he made sure not to let his success at the plate go to his head.

"It's in the back of my mind, I'm sure," Sabol said before last Friday's game, when his streak came to an end. "But if I get a sac fly or a key walk that gets in a

run, I'll be happy with that."

Sabol didn't get a hit that night, but he ended up reaching base on a throwing error and crossing the plate on a wild pitch — helping lift the Clones to a 7-6 victory in the rubber match against the Crosscutters.

Sabol said he never picked up hits in more than four straight games while playing ball in school and wasn't eying the all-time Mini-Mets record: 17 in a row, set by left fielder Lucas Duda — now a full-grown Met — in 2007.

"I'm just trying to have good at bats, find the holes, and help the team win."

Record-breaking will have to wait for now, but Cyclones skipper Rich Donnelly said he definitely hasn't been putting the pressure on his left fielder.

"The only thing I've said to Stefan since he's been here is 'Hello' and 'Good game,'" said Donnelly. "When a guy's doing his work well, you don't need to say much to him."

The 19-year-old is batting .308 in the last 10 games with a .413 on-base percentage, is trailing only first basemen Cole Frenzel on the team in hits.



Making contact: Cyclones center fielder Stefan Sabol went on a hitting streak from June 25 through July 5, but broke it during Friday's game. He still managed to reach on an error and score a run to help edge the Crosscutters.



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Windies must continue its discipline batting

Having Chris Gayle back into the West Indies team surely serves to boost the morale and confidence among players. Gayle's three half-centuries in four innings clearly indicates the authority in his batting and the other players in the team should learn and learn quickly to advance their batting skills. Gayle was named Man of the Series for the two Twenty20 games played in Fort Lauderdale, Florida against New Zealand.

Adjustments Must Be Made

The One-Day International cricket game comprises 50 overs and the West Indies must be determined to bat out their allotted overs and have their strategy in place to score a maximum competitive amount of runs.

Johnson Charles should be given the opportunity to play in the One-Day Internationals because he has the technique to defend and attack at will.



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Lendl Simmons is a fine player and a brilliant fielder, but he has to curb his cross-batting ways. He gets well set at the wicket and then he apparently loses concentration along with over-confidence and plays carelessly.

Dwayne Smith is fond of big hitting but the 50-over game calls for constant singles.

Working The Ball

Working the ball around keeps the pressure on the opposition. With the big hitters the West Indies have and the experienced players who have the knowledge to keep the added pressure on the opposition, the West Indies could be staging big wins. However, every player must contribute in their own manner to boost the team's efforts.

Selectors Must Be Careful In Shifting Bowlers

Kemar Roach is out injured and it is essential for the selectors to have their opening bowlers in place. Fidel Edwards should not have participated in the Twenty20 matches. Instead Tino Best should have been in the Twenty20 team. During that time Edwards should have been preparing for the One-Day Internationals and Test matches.

Ravi Ram Paul needs to have an experienced bowler with him to carry the new ball. Roach, whenever he regains his fitness, should be in the squad. Players tend to lose their rhythm when they are not playing at the highest level frequently.

Kirk Edwards may have a huge problem because he is not participating in One-Day Internationals and Twenty20 cricket. How many Test matches will the West Indies play in one year? Much more One-Day cricket



West Indies' Chris Gayle, right, bats as New Zealand wicket-keeper Tom Latham, left, looks on during a Twenty20 cricket match on Saturday, June 30, 2012, in Lauderhill, Fla.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

is being played, which puts Edwards at a disadvantage.

Shivnarine Chandernaul is much more experienced and can

quickly adjust after returning from a long break. Kirk Edwards should be given the opportunity of playing One-Day cricket.

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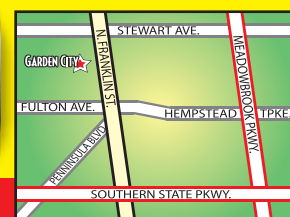


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18. Members of the media
19. Beat hard
21. *Type of checkers
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25. Beauty treatment site
28. Tibetan priest
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35. *Journey from college to retirement
37. Master of his castle
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40. Desktop picture
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43. Drunken reaction
44. Welsh dog breed, pl.
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48. Eternal, in the olden days
50. Time distortion
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7. Poetic "even"
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9. Wrong ____
10. S-shaped molding
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15. State of one's emotions
20. Sell illegally
22. As opposed to mishap
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25. Pizza serving
26. Edging of small loops, as on lace
27. In front of
29. Sound of disapproval
31. Right hand column, like in baseball
32. The lowest deck
33. "Round up the ____ suspects!"
34. *Game of apologies
36. Denotes engineer
38. Prima donna
42. Plural of "carpus"
45. Be inherent in something
49. A husk of corn
51. *Blinky, Pinky and Inky game
54. Habitual practice
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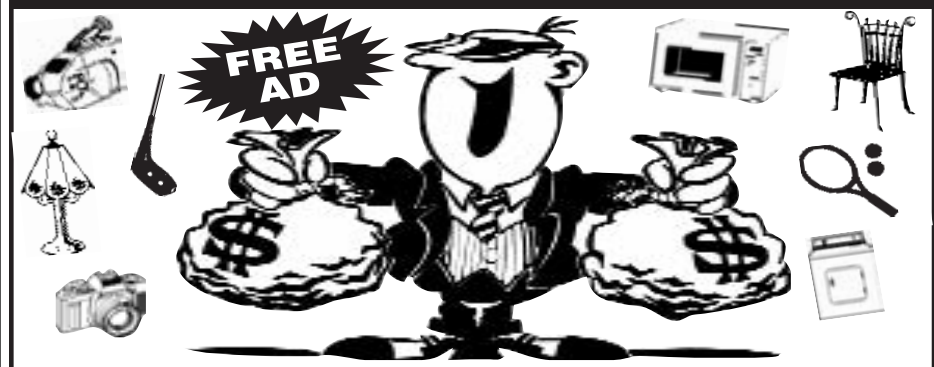
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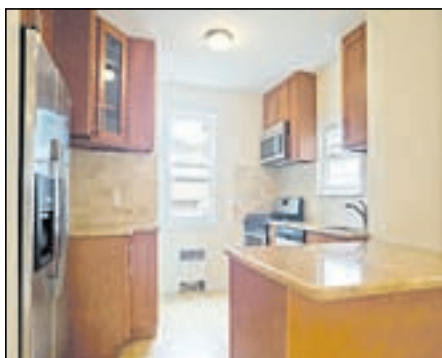
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