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## Warrior Princess

Carol Lopez from the band Kaios appears in the Parade of the Bands at the West Indian American Day Carnival on September 3. Photo by Kevin Bollers.

## Caribs urged to avoid deportation

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke is urging eligible Caribbean nationals to apply for reprieve from deportation.

Last week, the United States began accepting applications from young illegal Caribbean and other immigrants for temporary reprieve

from deportation, and New York State officials said they are providing US\$450,000 in grants to groups that can help assist them.

In June, President Barack Obama announced the initiative, which grants two-year deportation deferrals and work permits to illegal Caribbean and other immigrants

brought to the U.S. as children.

With officials from federal, state, and local government, Clarke told a public forum in Brooklyn, on Monday, dubbed "From DREAM Act to Deferred Action," about the new immigration policy that will allow eligible youth to

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# GUYANA CRISIS AVERTED

## Gov't yields to township's demands

By Bert Wilkinson

After shutting down their community and the key access roads to the southern interior for more than a month because riot police had shot and killed three people and injured more than 20, government and representatives from the two major parties have signed off on an agreement to deal with a number of social and political ills in the bauxite mining town of Linden.

Sharma Solomon, the regional administrative chairman and clearly a future leader of the main opposition A Partnership For National Unity (APNU), signed the agreement with Prime Minister Samuel Hinds, and Khemraj Ramjattan of the Alliance For Change late Tuesday, setting the stage for a number of changes in the town of 30,000 if government this time decide to pull through with its side of the deal by implementing agreed decisions.

Among them are greater control of land

distribution in Linden and in Regional 10 in general, approval of a television broadcasting license for the region after government would have handed back equipment it had seized from residents, the drafting of an economic plan for Linden which now largely depends on bauxite for economic sustenance and a review of planned increases in electricity rates which had sparked the protest in the first place.

It is unclear whether how much of the prime waterside land between the Demerara and Berbice rivers is left as government had been known to be distributing it to mostly Indo Guyanese businessmen, ignoring the right of the Afro-dominated regional administration to have a say but Solomon called the inclusion of the land distribution clause a step in the right direction.

He pulled no punches in indicating that

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# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

## BAHAMAS

The Bahamas government will soon announce sweeping changes to the operations of the Royal Bahamas Defense Force to include an improved Coral Harbor Base, more resources and a link with the police in crime-fighting initiatives.

Prime Minister Perry Christie said the Ministry of National Security would make “a significant communication” on the issues that are impacting the work of the Defense Force and the government’s commitment to improving this.

“Our commitment to add to your manpower, ships and resources that you have, the ability to protect our borders and be able to interdict all of the criminal activities that are taking place whether human smuggling, drugs, gun-running or whatever it is to add to your capacity over the next period of time, as a result of the commitment we made to the people of the The Bahamas to be of assistance in a specific way to the Defense Force,” he said.

Christie said improvements would have to be made to the Defense Force Base to improve its infrastructure and make it suitable for the next two decades.

The Prime Minister said the government would find a way, to put in policy for the country to take advantage of the abilities of the Defense Force marines and use them for the greater good of the country.

## GUYANA

The Chinese-owned Bosai Minerals Group Guyana Incorporated says it is losing millions of dollars as it is unable to fulfill its international obligations as a result of the protest action that has virtually shut down the mining town of Linden.

“We are not producing nothing, so we can’t ship nothing, in other words we can’t sell anything,” the company’s community relations officer, Vanessa Davis told the Guyana Times newspaper.

Linden has been hit by protest action after residents there took to the streets to demand that the Donald Ramoutar administration reverse a decision to increase



## Jamaica’s 50th Independence Gala

Attendees dancing to the pulsating sounds of Fab 5 during Jamaica’s 50th Independence Gala in New York. See page 14.

Photo by Ajamu Photography

electricity rates and cut the estimated three-billion dollar subsidy to the Linden Electricity Company Incorporated by one third.

In addition, the bauxite pensioners say they no longer enjoy 300 kilowatt-hours free electricity and have been told they have to pay for the remainder of the existing market rates for other customers.

At least three protestors were shot and killed during clashes with the police on July 18. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has condemned the killings and the government has promised a Commission of Inquiry into the matter.

Davis said that the company, which in March this year announced plans to inject US\$200 million into expanding its operations, was only able to ship bauxite two weeks ago.

## GUYANA

Linden, Guyana’s Mayor and councilor Winston Smith are predicting a national economic shut-down if the Government does not meet with protestors to discuss the issues affecting them, such

as the hike in electricity rates and unemployment which have sparked weeks of unrest.

The residents of the bauxite mining town have been protesting since July 18 over the proposed hike in electricity rates. The protests resulted in the death of three people.

There was another standoff with the police recently which resulted in tear gas being thrown into the crowd of people, including children.

The action triggered a riot with seven buildings being gutted by fire and several people injured.

Smith said the Government needed to involve the people of Linden in stakeholder consultations to resolve the problem.

He said more than 70 percent of the people in Linden, Guyana’s second largest town, are unemployed.

## JAMAICA

The Jamaican Government is monitoring the elections in Venezuela as the fate of the country’s petroleum sector is tied up in the

outcome of the polls which are due in less than two months.

Energy Minister Phillip Paulwell says he is hopeful that President Hugo Chavez retains power as the stability of Jamaica’s economy depends heavily on the election results.

This is because Venezuela’s opposition leader, Henrique Capriles, who is seeking to unseat Chavez, has expressed plans to scrap the PetroCaribe agreement.

Under the agreement, Jamaica and other selected Caribbean countries receive preferential treatment in buying oil from Venezuela.

Paulwell says Jamaica is not in a position to lose PetroCaribe.

The Energy Minister said if the PetroCaribe deal should end, one of the biggest impacts would be seen in the amount of foreign currencies that Jamaica would have to pay out to purchase oil.

The elections in Venezuela are scheduled for October 7.

## JAMAICA

South African President Jacob Zuma has reached an agreement to strengthen ties with Jamaica.

Zuma, who was in Jamaica to attend the celebrations marking the island’s 50th anniversary independence from Britain, told reporters “we are committed to encouraging and facilitating South African companies doing business in Jamaica,”

Speaking at a joint news conference with Jamaica’s Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller, the South African leader said that a number of other draft agreements and memoranda of understanding between the two countries in the areas of sport, defense and security, public works, education and social development.

“These agreements will serve to foster mutual cooperation exchanges and best practices in the respective fields,” he said.

Simpson-Miller said that some of the areas being looked at include science and technology, tourism, the crafting of an air service agreement and increased trade between both countries.

## TRINIDAD

Heavy rains and flood caused more than TT\$100 million in damages to homes and infrastructure in the North Western peninsula of Trinidad recently.

Surrounding communities in the Diego Martin area in West Trinidad were hit by severe flooding over the August 11 week-end, leaving two residents dead and hundreds homeless.

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar who toured the flood-stricken area declared a disaster zone.

A total of 12 homes were destroyed and appliances lost in close to 1,000 homes, chairman of the Diego Martin Regional Corporation Anthony Sammy told a news conference.

He said that while the total initial assessment stood at more than \$109 million, the figure is expected to climb.

More than 1,100 people have been carrying out mopping up operations.

Compiled by Azad Ali



African women of the Muslim faith came together in prayer at Claremont Park in the Bronx on Sunday, as part of Eid ul-Fitr, celebrating the end of Ramadan.

## Festive Ramadan

By Tequila Minsky

Dressed in stunning festive garb, Muslims entered Claremont Park in the Mt. Eden section of the Bronx starting early this past Sunday to celebrate the grandest, most historical, and most important Muslim holiday of the year, Eid ul-Fitr.

From sunrise to sunset, Ramadan's fasting for 30 days is an exercise in self-control, sacrifice and obligation. The day after Ramadan is over is Eid ul-Fitr, the day that Muslims gather in group prayer, recognition of their religion's obligations and celebration.

Bronx mosques Tajul-Huda and Yankasa reached out to the African Muslim communities, bringing congregants from about 10 local mosques. In the grassy large open space in Claremont Park, more than 1,000 area African Muslims prayed together.

The majority of the West African celebrants were from

Ghana, but Nigeria, Togo and francophone Benin and Mali were represented.

Above the hubbub and excitement, community elders gave talks of inspiration and local politicians gave good wishes.

A full afternoon of family day activities followed.

Jaloff-yellow fried rice, wachey-rice and black-eyed peas, cooked vegetables with African spices, and barbecued chicken filled the communal food tables for any to partake.

A horse took children for a ride.

By the end of the day at 7:30 p.m., more than 2000 celebrants shared in the good spirits of the day.

Naaimat Muhammed who prays at the Yankasa mosque was on the organizing committee. "We did outreach to the African Muslim communities," she said, "This was our second year and we couldn't have asked for a better time. We're looking forward to next year."



This musician with his talking drum entertains during the Eid ul-Fitr celebration. Tequila Minsky

# Thousands attend inaugural Vincy Picnic

By Nelson A. King

Organizers were hoping for a large gathering, but they, clearly, did not anticipate such a massive turn-out, as more than 5,000 nationals last Saturday, Aug. 18, converged on Heckscher State Park on Long Island for the inaugural Vincentian Picnic.

Vincintians flocked to the picturesque site in the afternoon after heavy overnight and morning thundershowers threatened to dampen the historic occasion.

They came by bus and car loads from all over New York, as well as from far away as Toronto, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

All, with whom Caribbean Life spoke, said the convergence was long overdue.

"We wanted to be part of this," said Amelia Edwards, president of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Association of Massachusetts, Inc.

"That's why we left Boston (Massachusetts) in all the rain, and arrived in the rain to be part of this," she added, flanked by her vice president, Monica LaBorde. "We always go to 1,000 Is. (in eastern Ontario, Canada, for the annual Vincy Unity Picnic)," continued Edwards, whose group pooled five cars to be part of history. "We're Vincintians, so we need to stick to our culture."

Sam DeBique – a Brooklyn resident and former defender for the defunct Notre Dames football (soccer) team in St. Vincent and the Grenadines – said he was happy to link up with his



Young members of Century Steel Orchestra, U.S.A. playing Vincy hits.

Nelson A. King

brother Raymond DeBique, a national soccer defender, from 1954-56, who lives in Uniondale, Long Is.

"I think this is a great idea," he said about the picnic, with his wife, Adelle DeBique and other relatives listening in. "It'll pick up (in future years). This is togetherness."

As Century, U.S.A. Steel Orchestra, headed by Raymond Ballantyne, another former national soccer defender, beat out the latest hits from Vincy Mas and other soca rhythms, a family group, dubbed the South Rivers Possé, reveled in the merriment, feasting on local delicacies at the same time.

"This is the first Vincentian picnic (in New York), and I love it," exclaimed Daphne James, a registered nurse at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in Upper Manhattan.

"We hope this is going to be a yearly thing," she added, eating saltfish and cooked bananas. Other local delicacies included roast breadfruit, pelau, barbecue pork, curry chicken, saltfish cake and potato pudding.

"We all cooked," James continued. "Everybody got together and made a dish."

"I'm having a blessed day," chimed in cousin Terazin "Laverne" Lynch, "It's a wonderful day."

## Emancipation Day Celebration for Trinidadians

The Trinidad and Tobago consulate in New York, in collaboration with the Trinidad and Tobago Interfaith Council of New York and the Committee for the Commemoration of Emancipation Day (Brooklyn) held the first Emancipation Day celebrations at the verdant Prospect Park in Brooklyn on Saturday, August 4.

The celebrations started outside the Park with a parade comprising Trinidad and Tobago nationals in traditional African garb accompanied by drummers. The occasion was consecrated with prayers by Emancipation Committee members with traditional Yoruba rituals. Representing the Trinidad and Tobago Interfaith Council in New York were Dr. Glenville Ashby



Consul General R.N. Ramgoolam with Vice Consul Matthew Murray (far right) and celebrants at the Emancipation Day 2012 event.

and Bishop Allan Baxter.

Consul General Rudrawatee Nan Ramgoolam addressed the enthusiastic gathering and complimented them on their efforts to start the Emancipation Day

traditions in New York. She noted that the event was also auspicious because it coincides with the 50th anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. She also thanked

sponsor Conrad Ifill of Conrad's Famous Bakery for his generous contribution to the event.

Other activities are being organized by the consulate for the 50th anniversary. Follow activities on the consular website: [www.ttcgny.com](http://www.ttcgny.com), Facebook and Twitter and You-Tube for event updates, photos and videos.

The New York consulate exercises jurisdiction in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, and is focused on promoting Trinidad and Tobago and providing services for its Diaspora.

Inquiries may be directed to [consulate@ttcny.com](mailto:consulate@ttcny.com) and (212) 682 7272 ext 1103 or 1109.

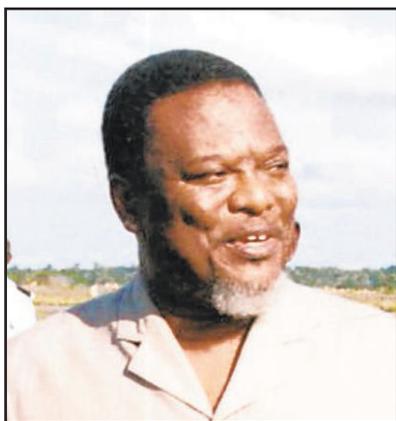
# Linden crisis deal signed: Residents remain mobilized

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administrators and residents trust government very little when it comes to keeping promises and implementing agreements telling Hinds and anyone who would listen that residents “remain mobilized” for any such breach, calling the post-agreement period as “a critical phase” in the struggle by Lindeners. Linden is 65 miles southwest of Georgetown, the capital.

“We trust this regime to implement the agreement because the people will see to it. The people of Linden/ Region Ten will hold this regime, the national leaders and the national assembly accountable for its delivery,” he said, noting that citizens remain concerned about the PPP’s infamous track record on implementing agreements. This agreement is a small step in our fight for equal rights and justice and of which the cornerstone of our struggles is premised,” he said.

The protests, the lock down of the town and closure of the interior jungle roads, had put severe pressure on the economy as most of the local and foreign-owned gold and diamond mines, as well as timber concessions were starved of food and fuel as supply



Guyanese Prime Minister Samuel Hinds. (AP Photo/Ken Moore)

trucks were stranded on both sides of the Demerara River bridge as hundreds of residents had camped out on it, demanding answers to the shooting.

A commission of inquiry is to begin its work likely next month. The team will include three Caribbean jurists, retired Jamaican Chief Justice Leslie Wolfe, former Jamaican national security, attorney general and attorney K. D. Knight and Trinidadian law professor Dana Seetahal.

# Caribs urged to avoid deportation

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obtain employment authorization and deferred action – which provides relief from removal or removal proceedings.

“I encourage anyone who is DREAM Act eligible to apply for this program that will give so many young people an opportunity to participate in our civil society,” said Clarke, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, who represents the 11th Congressional District in Brooklyn.

“I hope employment authorization will be one of the many other benefits that will be granted across the nation” she added.

Clarke warned individuals who intend to apply for deferred action to be “wary of scams and lawyers who may charge exorbitant fees to provide legal assistance.”

On Sept. 7, Clarke said she will host an appointment-only legal clinic in conjunction with the New York Immigration Coalition and several other nonprofit organizations.

“It is critical that we get information out to our immigrant communities so that people will know who is eligible for

deferred action and so that they can avoid being scammed,” said New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver.

Silver said State grants will support clinics, workshops and legal services across the state, where an estimated 80,000 immigrants between the ages of 15 and 30 could currently benefit.

The Assembly Speaker disclosed that the grants also went to Legal Services NYC and to a new state task force run by the New York Immigration Coalition and the New York State Immigrant Action Fund.

Officials at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the federal agency in charge of the initiative, said eligible young illegal immigrants can obtain valid Social Security numbers, and apply for driver’s licenses, professional certificates and financial aid for college.

The Washington-based Migration Institute, a nonpartisan research group, said about 1.2 million immigrants are eligible to apply now for the program.

It said another 500,000 chil-

dren will be able to apply when they reach the minimum eligibility age of 15 in coming years.

U.S. officials said to be eligible for the reprieve, illegal immigrants must have been in the country and under age 31 on Jun. 15.

They must also have come to the U.S. before they were 16 years of age and have resided in the country continuously for at least five years.

In addition, officials said the illegal immigrants must be in school, or have graduated from high school or honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces.

Officials said immigrants convicted of a felony, a serious misdemeanor (including a sexual abuse or drug violation), or three less serious misdemeanors will be rejected.

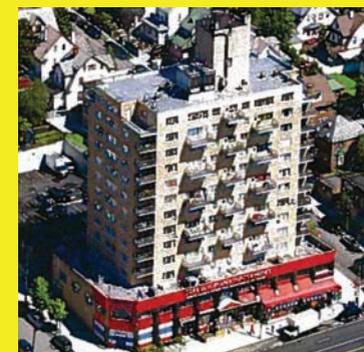
Anyone deemed to pose a threat to U.S. national security will also not be granted the reprieve, they said.

Officials said immigrants will not be allowed to appeal if their application is rejected, but they may re-apply and pay the US\$465 fee again.



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# T&T PM inducted into UWI park

By Azad Ali

Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar was recently inducted into a park in honor of University of the West Indies (UWI) graduates who are or have been heads of government at the UWI, Mona Campus, Jamaica.

A special plaque was unveiled to commemorate Persad-Bissessar in the park.

Prime Minister Persad-Bissessar is the first female prime minister and the 16th head of government to be inducted in the park.

A former student and lecturer at the Mona Campus, Prime Minister Persad-Bissessar said she was deeply honored to be added to the esteemed list of heads of government at the University Park.

Speaking at the induction ceremony, she expressed her gratitude for the honor and praised the role of UWI in her journey to success.

"Many of my most memorable experiences occurred right here during my time



Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, speaks during the World Economic Forum on Latin America in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Thursday, April 28, 2011. (AP Photo/Silvia Izquierdo)

Silvia Izquierdo

at the University of the West Indies. Indeed, this campus formed an integral part of my life's journey and my time here and has contributed significantly to the success I have achieved," Persad-Bissessar said.

Professor Gordon Shirley, pro vice-chancellor and principal of the UWI, Mona, delivered the opening remarks at the special ceremony and thanked Persad-Bissessar for her continued support of the university.

"We are most proud of the fact that we have produced such a large number of prime ministers and we are particularly proud of a prime minister who aside from being a member of the university alumni, was also a member of faculty and has remained an ardent supporter of the university, it's regional mandate and its commitment to the development of the people," Shirley said.

The Rev. Ronald Thwaites, Jamaica's minister of education in his address, said the government of Jamaica was elated at the graciousness of Persad-Bissessar's visit for the nations "birthday celebrations". He said the gesture reaffirmed the covenant that exists between the Caribbean islands and the members of CARICOM.

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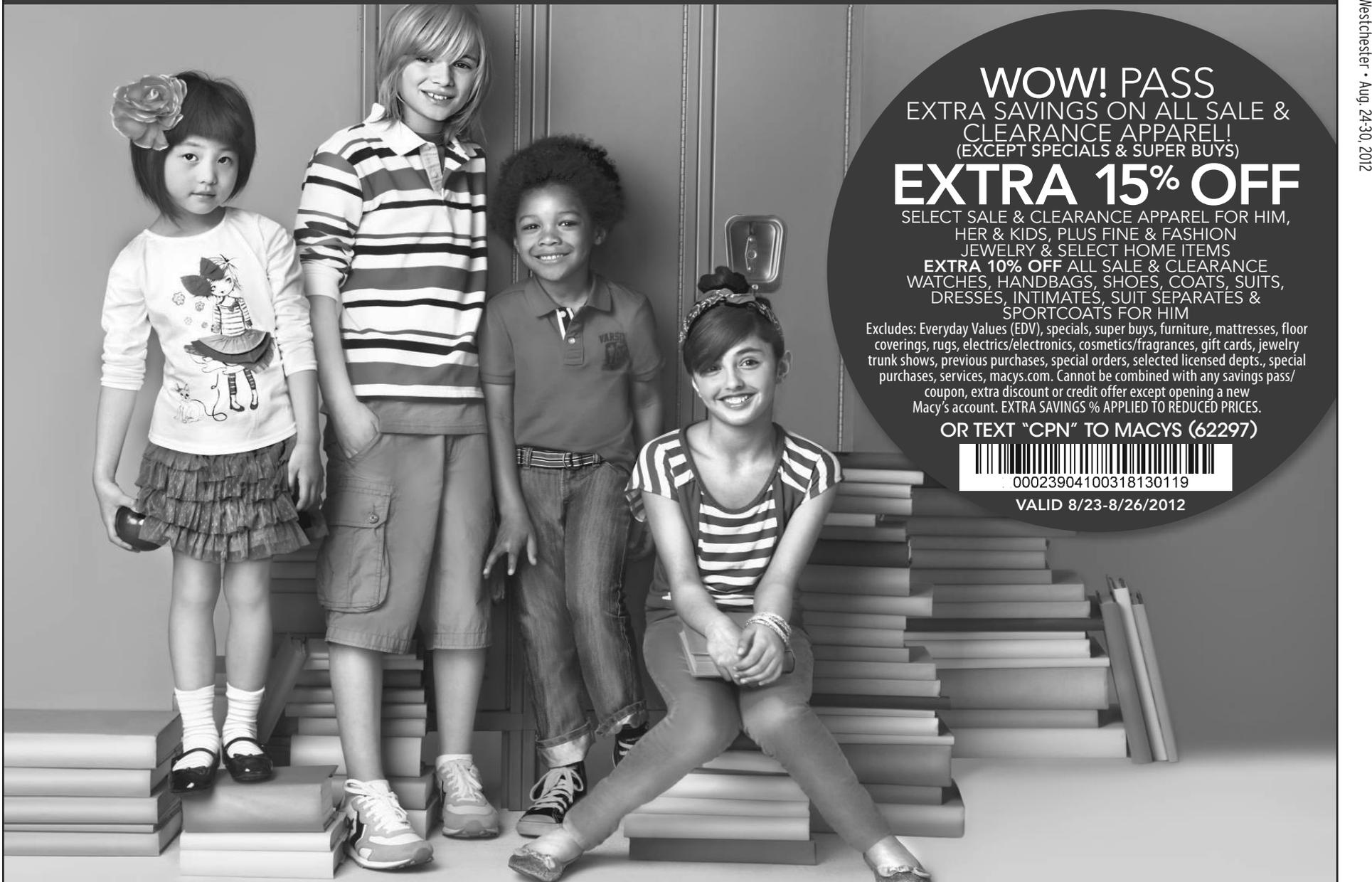
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# DREAMers attend legal clinic

By Tequila Minsky

They began lining up at 6:00 a.m. and the doors of St. Mary's Church on the Lower East Side opened about 10:15 a.m., earlier than planned.

Aug. 15 was the first day that DREAMers, undocumented youth, could apply for a temporary work permit and deferred action relief.

On that day, a legal advice clinic organized by New York Immigration Coalition offered preliminary consultations, a pre-screening with volunteer emigration lawyers, to undocumented young adults who arrived in the United States before the age of 15 and were younger than 31.

Flavia is now 23 and has a college degree in merchandise marketing. She arrived at the age of 11 from Bolivia but cannot work, legally.

One attendee, studying computer technology, came from Peru 11 years ago and another, a 27-year-old young man from St. Lucia, works as a deliveryman. They were among the packed consultation room with others from China, Bangladesh, and



From 10:15a.m. to 6:00p.m. at St. Mary's Church, volunteer lawyers consulted and fielded questions as a pre-screening for 1,000 undocumented young adult New Yorkers. A first step for deferred action.

Tequila Minsky

you-name-the-country, seeking information at this initial pre-screening.

By mid-afternoon, the doors were closed, the legal clinic could not accommodate anymore. Forty lawyers screened approximately 1000 young people during the day.

Max Ahmed, a senior studying chemical engineering at the City College of New York spoke to press as the day began,

"Deferred Action will grant some stability for me and over a million young people like me. This policy grants me more than a permit to work or to live here. It allows me to now pursue my dream of contributing to the city and to the country. I want to work on today's energy problems through my degree in chemical engineering.

City, state and national politicians attended the launch.

# Death penalty moratorium

By Azad Ali

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) has called on several Caribbean countries to impose a moratorium in the application of the death penalty.

In a statement to coincide with the release of its latest publication titled "The Death Penalty in the Inter-American Human Rights System: From Restrictions to Abolition," the IACHR said it had examined the death penalty situation in the nine-member states during the last 15 years.

It said countries involved are Barbados, Cuba, Guatemala, Guyana, Grenada, Jamaica, Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States.

"Taking into account these standards and developments in the region, and in light of the objective of gradually eliminating the death penalty in the inter-American system, the Commission urges the OAS (Organization of American States) member states that still have the death penalty to abolish it or, at least, to impose a moratorium to its application.

"In addition, the report rec-

ommends the states to ratify the Protocol to the American Convention to Abolish the Death Penalty; to refrain from any measure that would expand the application of the death penalty or reintroduce it ( and) to take any measures necessary to ensure compliance with the strictest standards of due process in capital cases."

The IACHR is calling on states to adopt any steps required to ensure that domestic legal standards conform to the heightened level of review applicable in death penalty cases, and to ensure full compliance with decisions of the Inter American Commission and Court, and specifically with decisions concerning individual death penalty cases and precautionary and provisional measures.

In the report, the Commission highlights some advances related to the imposition of the death penalty in the region in recent years. Of particular importance have been the advances related to the mandatory imposition of the death penalty, that, when this is imposed after a conviction for a crime without the opportunity for presenting or considering mitigating circumstances.

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# CSS Report: Struggles in Post-Recession NYC

The recovery of private sector jobs lost in the recession has not benefited women, blacks and older workers who are experiencing the highest rates of long-term unemployment. While jobs in low-wage industries and in high skills professional and technical service sectors increased during the post-recession period, workers with mid-level educational attainment, especially women, saw their unemployment rates go up.

A new report by the Community Service Society of New York outlining the scope and impact of long-term unemployment in New York City, from 2009 to 2011, found that women ages 55 to 64 who lost their jobs remained out of work longer than any other demographic group last year. Specifically, older women were jobless an average of 49 weeks, with 63 percent out of work more than six months. Among racial and ethnic groups, black New Yorkers had the longest average duration of unemployment (47 weeks) and the highest percentage of those who have been out of work long-term – 58 percent.

“We are in the grip of one of the worse stretches of sustained high unemployment in 36 years. Based on data from our recent report, half of the 380,000 city residents who are currently unemployed have been out of work for more than six months. A third of those have been out of

work a year or more,” said David R. Jones, President and CEO of the Community Service Society. “Older women and minorities – who tend to hold jobs in the center of the labor market -- have fared the worse. The problem has been that most of the job creation efforts are concentrated in either low-wage or high-wage fields while mid-level jobs continue to shrink.”

From 2009 to 2011, the city shed more than 20,000 public sector jobs. Women and minorities have traditionally comprised large percentages of the city's public sector workforce, which partly explains the disproportionate impact of long-term joblessness on these two groups. Indeed, half of discouraged workers in the city, who stopped looking for work because they believe there aren't jobs available for them, are black.

Recommendations for addressing the city's long-term unemployment problem are outlined in the report, “Women, Blacks and Older Workers Struggle in Post-Recession New York City.” They include pressing the city and state to do more to support job creation for mid-skill jobs; passing legislation in the City Council prohibiting hiring discrimination against the unemployed; and initiating a state re-employment benefits program similar to the one in Georgia which allows unemployment benefits to be used as an

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# Ryan Plan = trillions more in debt

By Sheldon Richman

Paul Ryan may be the conservative's conservative, but understand what that means: He's out to save the welfare/warfare state from its own intrinsic unsustainability. He's no small-government man.

Ryan's budget blueprint, at best, wouldn't balance the budget for three decades and meanwhile would add trillions in debt. He would only slow President Obama's planned spending increases. If Ryan got his way, spending as a percentage of GDP would fall only to 20 percent. It was 18 percent when Bill Clinton left office in 2001. Ryan also wants more military spending.

But there's more to Ryan than his budget. In virtually all other respects he supports big government.

In the Bush years, Ryan voted for everything: No Child Left Behind (which increased the

He's an advocate of the American empire, which endangers Americans physically and fiscally.

centralization of education), the Medicare drug entitlement, housing subsidies, unemployment-benefits extension, the bank bailouts, and the 2008 subsidies to failing Chrysler and GM. In voting for TARP (the Trouble Asset Relief Program), Ryan said, “Madam Speaker, this bill offends my principles, but I'm going to vote for this bill in order to preserve my principles.”

Ryan is equally committed to intrusive government in other areas. He supported Bush's wars

in Iraq and Afghanistan, voting for all the attendant big spending. When the House took votes on winding down the occupation of Iraq, Ryan voted no. He's an advocate of the American empire, which endangers Americans physically and fiscally.

His voting record on civil liberties is horrendous. He voted to make the USA PATRIOT Act, a collection of liberty-violating powers, permanent; he voted for warrantless surveillance after Bush got caught doing it illegally; and he voted for indefinite detention without trial or charge.

How, then, can we explain Paul Ryan? The fiscal crisis is the key. Unless the government reduces spending growth or raises more revenue (or does both), in a few years the federal government will be able to pay for nothing but interest on the debt. According to the

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## LETTER

# Setting the Record Straight

To the Editor

While some seek to divide our community in order to achieve political success and personal gain, Rhoda Jacobs has for over 30 years served our community with honor and distinction, and believes strongly in the democratic process. She believes that as long as candidates play by the rules and have our community's best interests at heart, no one should be excluded from the election process. Jacobs believes in ballot access, a major reason why she chose not to challenge the petitions of either of her competitors and did not attempt to short-circuit the election in the Courts.

Jacobs' opponent—who unsuccessfully attempted to throw Jacobs' team off the ballot and successfully eliminated a third Assembly candidate—appears afraid to let the voters have their say, and hoped that the Courts would decide the election in advance by eliminating all of her competitors from the ballot, as she has done before.

Jacobs believes in letting the voters choose. It is not Assemblywoman Jacobs' job to knock

opponents off the ballot or block their good intentioned efforts to be our voice in the state capitol; it is instead her job to serve the neighborhoods that comprise our wonderfully diverse part of Brooklyn by understanding the issues most important to us and taking action on our behalf.

Assemblywoman Jacobs is proud of her longstanding relationship with the Haitian community, which goes back to the early 1980s. She continues to work hard to serve the Haitian community, through her daily attention to their needs and concerns, and through special efforts like sending medical supplies to Haiti following the floods and raising funds for those affected by the devastating earthquake that hit the Haitian homeland in 2010. In addition, Jacobs continues to advocate for legislation of importance to the Haitian community, such as the DREAM Act, voters' rights laws, temporary protected status (TPS), and the Haitian Family Reunification Program.

Jacobs remains a strong voice for the concerns of the Haitian

community as she is for the many faces of the district she calls home and has served in since 1978.

Her re-election year after year after year is a result of her dedication to all she has had the privilege to represent - Caribbeans and Americans, home-owners and renters – NOT because of a crowded electoral field, as her opponent alleges. In fact, in almost every recent election, Jacobs faced a single opponent and received a substantial majority of the vote.

Jacobs' opponent further alleges that the third candidate in the race was a plant from her campaign to split the vote—despite the fact that he announced his candidacy well before Jacobs even decided to seek re-election.

Of course, as they always do, the voters of the 42nd Assembly District will look beyond the rhetoric and the attempts to divide us, and see that Rhoda Jacobs' life of public service has helped us all and can continue to do so should we once again make the right decision on September 13th.

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# Thumbs-down, even for nailing Osama bin Laden

By Les Slater

The only explanation with even a whiff of plausibility, for that campaign nugget rolled out earlier about President Obama hogging all the credit for eliminating bin Laden, revolves around good old moola. Maybe the geniuses who hatched this one got kayoed real soon after leaving the starting gate, dashing hopes of what they figured to be a nice run, aping the 2004 number done on John Kerry. But that this 2012 variant would actually get a fanfare launching is the type of absurdity for which only the massive anti-Obama cash overflow offers some kind of twisted rationale.

Trying to make George Bush a one-termer in '04, Kerry, a decorated Vietnam veteran, was advised, or curiously advised himself, to not respond with rapid-fire ferocity when the infamous Swift Boat characters made their distortion of the man's service record a piece of heavy pro-Bush artillery in the campaign. This time around, some former Navy SEALs and other military types congregated in an ad hoc outfit -- whose intentions belie any non-partisan flag they might fly -- are similarly fixated, like the '04 bunch, on destroying the Demo-

## Viewpoint

By Les Slater

cratic nominee by any means necessary. Their weapon of choice is a video, reeking of smear and falsehoods that purport to dramatize an abundance of dirty pool engaged in by Obama in the run-up to bin Laden's capture and execution, and to draw attention to the president taking sole credit for the operation's success.

If nothing else, such villainy is indicative of the brainless limits to which zealots are prepared to take their passion for vitriol. Not prepared to rest their case after some vague, unfounded claim that the president had leaked sensitive information as intelligence and military personnel intensified the bin Laden hunt, these self-styled guardians of the military's interests couldn't resist tossing into the brew the charge that Obama wanted all attention focused on himself when he announced to the world that the despicable paragon of evil had been put out of business. They just

couldn't resist going where their perfidy would instantly expose itself. No-brainer!

On MSNBC's Hardball program a few days ago, a representative of the evidently desperate former Navy SEALs, one Gabriel Gomez, faced off against a former Army captain who served in Iraq. Hewing to the company line, the ex-SEAL insisted that the president, although he acknowledged the contribution of the military, was all about promoting himself as the true hero of the bin Laden takedown. Subbing for Chris Matthews, Michael Smerconish allowed that it was uncomfortable for him as host to disagree with what this former military man was saying, but he couldn't help the (relatively mild) rebuke that Gomez and his organization's offensive video were merchandising "a mischaracterization" of the president's conduct "I have a transcript right here," Smerconish said as he waved a copy of Obama's statement that fateful Sunday evening at this sap, so obviously enveloped in blind fury toward the president as to be lacking any capacity for fair-minded observation.

By contrast, the former Army captain, Jon Soltz, praised the presi-

dent for making a courageous call for the raid on the bin Laden compound to proceed, and affirmed, as everyone knows, that Obama profusely credited the military and counter-terrorism personnel whose joint efforts had been responsible for what went down in Pakistan. Soltz, who is involved in an organization called VoteVets, dismissed Gomez and his confederates as a "fringe group" that was "spreading lies." And he charged that "a lot of right wing neo-conservative activists" were part of the group.

Just as surely as Mitt Romney will get nowhere championing himself and Paul Ryan as Medicare's best friends, so too is foreign policy, military action and the like, considered by many to be the province of the GOP side of the national political divide. Quite improbably, if we care to be honest, President Obama has proven to be one heck of an exception to that general rule. So much so, in fact, that his policies on the foreign front have run afoul of some progressives who saw him as being too reminiscent of the Republican he succeeded. Upshot of this is that there isn't much in the way of low-hanging fruit in the foreign policy area for Republicans

to reach for. Thinking that the biggest Obama administration foreign policy achievement, the bin Laden mission, could be mined for possibly producing some bonanza, is a tactic so preposterous, it's scary to think there's money enough on the other side to fund even stuff like this.

What perhaps is most valuable about this 2012 reprise of the Swift Boat blindsiding maneuver is the cautionary tale aspect. Between now and November, what else is likely to jump out of the woodwork that speaks to what constitutes the other side's state of battle readiness? And what of inscrutable Karl Rove? What devious stratagem, maybe straight out of where bottom feeders dwell, might he be fixing to unleash? There is evidently more money than they need to deluge the electorate with advertising. Dare we speculate that the hordes of cash are so obscene as to literally buy votes where this might seem desirable? It's clear we have arrived at where nothing is sacred.

Oh, incidentally, that shameful Obama/bin Laden video was touted as getting 800,000 YouTube hits. The betting here is that the only thumbs-up votes reside with those already convinced Obama is bad news.

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# Romney may have made a fatal error

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Congressional Budget Office, Social Security and Medicare are projected to account for over 40 percent of the federal budget by 2020 — they're at 37 percent now — and will continue to grow, consuming half the budget in 2030. Today, program benefits exceed revenues. (Until recently the programs produced surpluses, which the politicians spent.) Their alleged trust funds contain Treasury IOUs that will have to be repaid with more borrowed money and interest payments — the full debt already surpasses GDP. The 75-year unfunded liability of the programs now stands conservatively at over \$30 trillion (PDF).

In other words, this can't go on forever, and as economist Herb Stein said, anything that can't go on forever will stop.

No politician can be happy with that prospect. A budget spent entirely on interest payments, Social Security, and

Medicare would leave nothing for war, occupation, and the other elements of an imperial foreign policy. Nor would there be money to buy off constituencies at election time. A politician with no discretionary funds at his disposal is an unhappy politician, indeed. Hence the desperation to do something.

The politicians' problem is that there is not a lot they can do. The public appetite for deep budget cuts is nonexistent. Even tea partiers say don't touch Medicare and Social Security. Conservatives don't like cuts in military spending. Mitt Romney's choice of Ryan as running mate implies that he thinks people are ready for a seeming budget hawk (even though Ryan really isn't one), but that may turn out to be a fatal error.

Nor can the government get out of its mess by raising taxes. Not only are higher taxes a bad idea in a floundering economy (and any other

time), revenues as a percentage of GDP have been steady since World War II (not counting recessions), regardless of tax rates. That means higher rates merely stimulate avoidance, evasion, and leisure over income-producing activity.

Now we can see what Ryan stands for. At its most optimistic, his budget plan would merely stabilize the government's fiscal condition at higher levels of spending without making any significant change in the welfare/warfare state.

Our freedom and prosperity, however, require that government be radically shrunk — which demands liquidation of the empire, respect for civil liberties, and conversion of entitlements to mutual-aid and other private organizations.

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# Older women fared the worse

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incentive for employers to hire the long-term unemployed. Under the New York program, unemployment benefits would be converted into temporary wage subsidies for permanent hires.

The report examines the 2009-2011 recovery period and unemployment among different demographic groups in the city. Data used in the report comes from the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey (CPS). During this period, the unemployment rate in the city declined — from 9.6 percent to 9.0 percent. At the same time, however, the city's labor force actually contracted, with the number of both employed and unemployed New Yorkers decreasing.

In terms of gender, the unemployment rate for women rose during the period while the overall unemployment rate for men went down. A partial explanation for this can be attributed to the drop in the labor participation rate for men, primarily younger and older men. Latinas and Asian women, along with women with mid-level educational attainment, experienced increases in their

unemployment rates between one and two percent. Black women comprised half of newly discouraged workers. The report also found a substantial decline in the labor participation rate for Asian women.

"The most telling aspect of the findings is that women seem to be sticking it out despite the torpid job environment while some men have chosen to leave the labor market," said Michelle Holder, author of the report and CSS Senior Labor Market Analyst. "Now that the private sector is rebounding the city's workforce is feeling the effect of a contracting government sector, and that effect has mostly been borne by women who comprise the majority of public sector workers. Women, on average, have fewer resources than men, and if they are out of work for six months to a year, their children are also affected."

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# Include immunizations on your back-to-school checklist

By Susan Beane, MD

It's back-to-school time, when parents are busy making sure that their children have everything they need to start the school year on the right foot.

If you're like many other parents, you probably have a checklist of things you need to do or purchase before your child returns to school. But one thing parents often neglect to check is whether their children are up-to-date with their immunizations.

In addition to buying pencils, pens, books, backpacks, and new clothes, you should also make sure your child is up-to-date on immunizations. Vaccines are the best way to keep kids healthy and protect them against life-threatening illnesses, including mumps, measles, rubella, influenza, and many others.

A large population of unvaccinated people – many of them children and teens – has caused some of these diseases to become a growing threat. For example, measles outbreaks were four times greater in 2011 than in previous years.<sup>1</sup> And, pertussis (whooping cough) has been on the rise in 2012. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that as of July 5, 2012, 37 states have reported increases in pertussis compared with the same time period in 2011.<sup>2</sup>

By neglecting to schedule an immunization, you could be putting your child at risk for a serious health problem. Because



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the diseases requiring immunizations tend to be highly infectious, leaving your child unvaccinated also puts other children at school and in your community at risk.

Fortunately, there's a simple solution to taking the guesswork out of determining whether your child's immunizations are up to date: contact your pediatrician. If you don't have a pediatrician, be sure to visit a health clinic in your community and discuss childhood immunizations with a doctor there. You should also check with your school to see if it requires your child to have any immunizations before returning to the classroom.

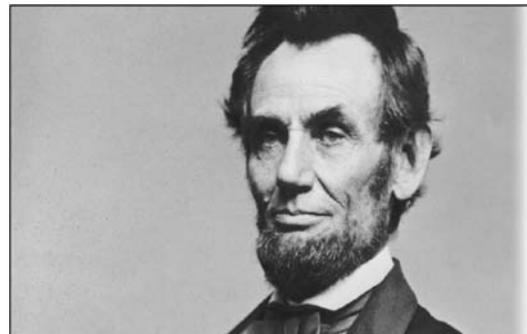
Making sure that your child has all the necessary

immunizations may be the most important item you need to check off on your back-to-school checklist.

*Dr. Beane is vice president and medical director at Healthfirst. For more tips on leading a healthier lifestyle, visit the Healthfirst Healthy Living website at [www.hfhealthyliving.com](http://www.hfhealthyliving.com).*

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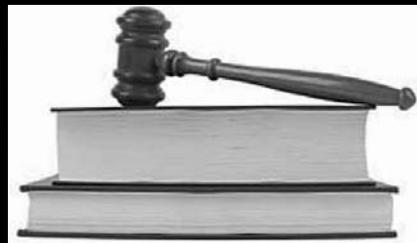
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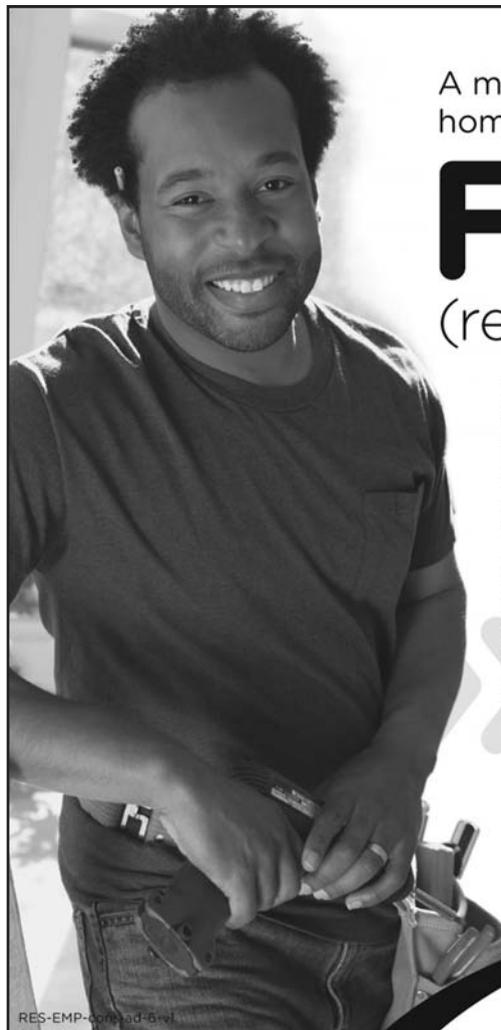
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Zanetta Leavelle, patient navigator for the Diabetes Program at Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, performs a glucose screening on Kathleen Chambers of Mount Vernon.

## Health centers mark national week

The Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center (MTVNHC) and the Greenburgh Health Center (GHC) located in Mount Vernon and Greenburgh/White Plains, respectively, held health fairs during National Health Center Week, Aug. 5 - 11, and provided blood pressure, height, weight, pregnancy, glucose, rapid HIV tests, vision, emergency contraception, nutrition, prostate, breast, colorectal and cervical cancer health screenings

and family planning all free of charge to the public.

Representatives from various agencies, service organizations, businesses and health organizations were on hand during both events distributing free information, education and literature to visitors. Refreshments, giveaways and entertainment were also part of the events.

Though rain fell during the Greenburgh health fair held on Aug. 10, fes-

tivities continued in the GHC rear parking area as the large crowd of visitors gathered under a massive blue tent provided by the Health Center. Much of the crowd did not seem bothered by the rainy weather as they took advantage of various health screenings, enjoyed music played by a DJ, food, refreshments and ice cream. The now annual GHC health fair held its mark as a favorite event for locals and patients.

# Hydrate children with healthy drinks

By George Hulse

Did you know that one out of every six children in the U.S. is overweight, and that sweetened drinks tend to be a major factor in why they have weight problems?\*

In summertime, it's especially tempting for kids to turn to soda and other sugary drinks for relief from the heat. But these beverages are not only fattening; they can also rot kids' teeth and lead to serious health problems like diabetes.

Recently Mayor Bloomberg proposed that New York City restrict sales of sugary soft drinks to no more than 16 ounces a cup in city restaurants, movie theaters, stadiums and arenas. My boss, Healthfirst CEO Pat Wang, appeared at a press conference with him to show her support for the measure. Regardless of how you may feel about the mayor's proposal, we can all agree that it's better for kids to beat the heat with healthy, naturally refreshing drinks rather than weigh themselves down with artificially flavored and colored beverages loaded with sugar.

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Here are a few ways you can help your child steer clear of sugary drinks:

- Substitute natural fruit juices (especially those mixed with vegetable juice) for soda and powered beverages high in sugar.

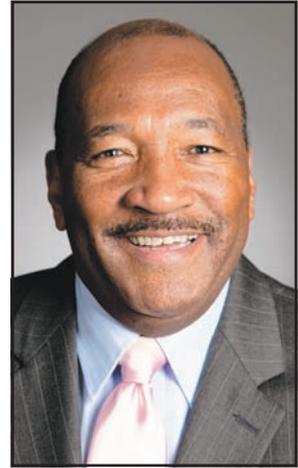
- Stock bottled water in the fridge so kids have easy access to them and can take one on the go.

- If you want to save money on store-bought purified water, use a water filter.

- Treat your family to chilled pitchers of fresh lemonade or decaffeinated ice tea (but go easy on the sugar).

Another important point to consider: If your child drinks lots of milk, you may want to switch to the low-fat kind. It's still rich in calcium and Vitamin D, but it doesn't contain all the fat of regular milk. Low-fat milk has fewer calories, too, so it's a healthy drink option that can help keep kids slim and fit.

During the summer, particularly in August when the



George Hulse.

temperatures tend to go especially high, kids crave drinks that will cool them off. Why not quench their summer thirst with healthy beverages? They'll feel better, and you will too knowing that they're staying hydrated the healthy way.

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# Bomani Jewels' Beauty Showcase & Fashion Show a big hit

By Donna Lamb

There's hardly a better way to show thankfulness for one's own budding success than to use it to help others succeed as well. That's what entrepreneur Tracy Bomani, founder of Bomani Jewels, feels, leading her to host a Beauty Showcase and Fashion Show in mid-August to highlight several other up and coming new vendors.

The event was held at The Venue NY (718.649.2015), a charming little indoor/outdoor private catering space at 762 Schenk Ave. (corner of Linden Blvd). The Venue is often called East New York's best kept secret because of its off-the-beaten-path location, but, as attendees at the event can attest, there's nothing off about the "sophisticated soul food," served up by owner Valerie Hunter.

After people had time to begin perusing the vendors' diverse offerings, Bomani Jewel's business manager, the extremely likable Cyril Silva, kicked off the fashion show and introduced Ms. Bomani. She thanked Elias Rivera, Bomani's graphic artist, and him for their hard work, declaring, "Without these two men, I would not have been able to pull this off."



LaTisha Dyann Graham shows her incredibly realistic ice cream sundae aromatherapy candle.

Ms. Bomani then provided all the necessary information about each complete outfit as the models strutted their stuff on the runway.

The clothing was from Sophisticated Sister's Boutique (718.884.9967), which made good its promise that woman of all shapes, curves and sizes from XS to 3XL can look fabulous in its eye-catching, beautiful apparel, offered at amazingly affordable prices.

The clothing was accessori-

zed with unique and stylish jewelry from the Bomani Jewels collection, along with sleek, gorgeous handbags provided by independent Beijo fashion consultant, Sarah Hudson (718.757.6439). A young model also rocked one of Shamel's Malay Hair ponytails (917.685.1060) while others looked stunning in make-up applied by Mary Kay cosmetics representative Ann Harkless, (718.909.3025).

Ms. Bomani herself styled each outfit, coordinating just the right dress, jewelry and handbag for a well put together trendy look, many of which elicited oohs and aahs when they hit the runway. Along with all the products to enhance a woman's outer beauty, there were vendors looking after a woman's inner peace and beauty. Nutritionist and wellness coach, Beverly Sapphire Wilson (718.930.8841), an independent distributor

for Soul Purpose, had products to promote harmony within all aspects of self – body, mind, and spirit – addressing a woman's entire lifestyle. "Knowing the elements of wellness helps you take where you are in your life and go to the next level," Ms. Wilson explained.

Perhaps the most imaginative products on sale were the "unique gel candles that mystify the eyes, tantalize the senses, and calm the soul." These aromatherapy candles, fashioned to resemble enticing cocktails and mouthwatering ice cream sundaes, were the main product of Effervest Scents, founded by LaTisha Dyann Graham (947.998.6053). "Most people are astonished when they see these are actually candles," Ms. Graham stated. "Their real purpose is to be lit, but some customers choose to just keep them for visual effect."

Upon arrival, each person had been given a raffle ticket, and toward the end of the event the winner got to select an item from the Bomani Jewel display table. Then, all the vendors joined in and pulled six additional winning tickets so that six more shoppers walked away with free gifts. Bomani Jewels also provided a "thank



Miss Lucky lights up the runway in a Sophisticated Sister's dress. Photos by Donna Lamb

you for coming" basket for everyone on their way out.

The event, which was totally packed by early evening, got so many hits on Facebook that The Venue asked Bomani Jewels to hold

another one on September 8. For more information call Cyril Silva at (917) 755-4510, Bomani Jewels customer service at (347) 760-9431 or email bomanijewels@yahoo.com.

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## Buy, buy baby

We shop before our kindergartener heads off to school

By Lisa J. Curtis

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threw ourselves into retail therapy, trekking up and down the avenues in search of jeans and lightweight jerseys to layer under his favorite tees (see above). We came to a consensus over unexpected objects, like a sandwich holder that

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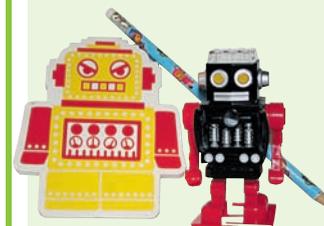
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Mom and dad thought Vince would look like a handsome young Republican in this long-sleeved jersey with applied tie (\$38 at Pink Olive in Park Slope). He just rolled his eyes.



But our little Democrat was all smiles when he sized-up this classic NPR T-shirt. (\$26 at Area Kids in Park Slope).



Vince said "domo arigato" for these robot-os, a jumbo eraser and walking pencil sharpener (\$4.99 and \$5.99 at Area Kids in Park Slope).

Vince promised that he would always get up on time for school if he had this Iron Man alarm clock (\$25 at Gift Man in Park Slope). It was also available in Spider-Man, Incredible Hulk, and Wolverine incarnations.



Vince thought this EcoKids sandwich keeper would help him learn about the solar system at lunchtime. He can't wait to show it off to his new friends! (\$6 at Area Kids in Park Slope).

Vince loved this shark-and-whale-themed thermos by Beatrix New York that promises to keep cold drinks extra cold. (\$16 at Area Kids in Park Slope).

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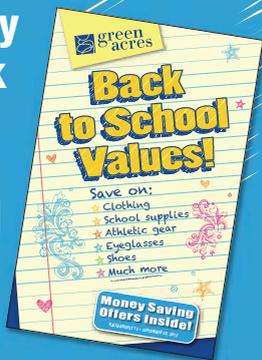
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# Spot the warning signs of potential teen violence

Routine news reports of teens and young adults lashing out at school or of violent streaks at home have become all the more common. While this frequency may cause some people to become desensitized to the issue, others may want to take heed of potential warning signs of teenage violence to help prevent dire results.

Experts say that there isn't a clear-cut reason why teens engage in aggressive behavior.

"There are many reasons and situations we feel contribute to violent behaviors in teens, and these are being watched and studied carefully," says Arnold Goldstein, PhD, a professor at the Center for Research on Aggression at Syracuse University.

There are some sociological and environmental factors that can put teens at risk for violence.

• Experts from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service say that a neighborhood that is socially disorganized with a high turnover

rate could increase potential for teen violence, and so can living in close proximity with very mixed cultures.

• Lack of economic opportunities or economic insecurity at home can be another factor.

• A family that moves frequently or one in which there is routine unrest at home could trigger aggressive feelings in teens.

• Access to and use of drugs and alcohol greatly increase the risk of violent behavior.

• Violence is sometimes a way for teenagers to earn respect from peer groups or to serve as retaliation to others who have wronged close friends. Teens who are members of social groups that glorify violence are very high risk for their own violent behaviors.

Often, teens who lash out violently have strong emotional feelings they do not know how to express otherwise. Here are some warning signs that teen violence can become

a problem with a particular individual.

- Frequent physical fighting.
- Risk-taking behavior increases.
- Frequent loss of temper.
- Talking about or carrying a weapon.
- Vandalism of property.
- Hurting animals.
- Increase drug or alcohol use.
- Frequent run-ins with authority.
- Having a strong desire to join a gang.
- Threatening others, bullying or verbal taunting.
- Acting out, like punching walls or throwing things.

Not every case of violent potential can be stopped or prevented, but teens will often follow adults' leads to work through feelings. Setting a good example and listening to what teens have to say — even when it is difficult — can go a long way. Parents should resist arguing over what is right or who is right. Getting teens to talk can be a good first start.

## How parents can get involved at school

Research indicates that children whose parents get involved with their education are more likely to earn better grades and less likely to have behavior problems in the classroom.

The concept of parents working in conjunction with schools is nothing new. A 1987 study by Paul G. Fehrman and colleagues documented the importance of parental involvement on their child's grades. Published in the *Journal of Education Research*, the study found that when parents stayed directly involved in their child's studies throughout high school, the child's grades improved.

There are many different ways for parents to get involved with their child's school.

Here are just a few:

### Work with the teacher

Teachers are increasingly facing obstacles with regards to time and funding. Many must preside over large classes and are responsible for outfitting their classrooms with certain supplies. This presents ideal opportunities for parents to step up and pitch in.

Volunteering in your child's classroom is a good way for you to help his teacher and get a firsthand account of what your child is doing in class. You may be asked to prepare and package homework assignments

or put together materials for craft projects. Some teachers welcome parents who come in to read books to the class or even give spelling tests. Think about chaperoning a field trip or helping with the set-up and clean-up of class parties.

### Attend meetings

Parent-teacher associations or organizations are often instrumental in helping a school to run smoothly. They are the people behind fundraisers and special activities outside of the classroom. The PTA is also privy to information on upcoming events before the rest of the school community.

Attending monthly meetings can keep you up to speed on the goings-on at your child's school. It will also ensure your voice is heard with regards to school policy.

### Attend special events

Not every parent can serve on the PTA or be present in the daily activities of the classroom. However, you can show your support by attending special events hosted by the school — such as fund-raisers or field-day activities.

Volunteer your time with the setup of teacher-appreciation lunches and bake sales, serve as a tour guide for the school when new parents are invited, or build sets or make costumes for a school play.



Parents can volunteer their skills in the classroom to help improve their child's learning experience.



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# Classroom layout can affect learning

When school begins anew, students are often excited about seeing their friends again and spending time with classmates they will be learning alongside all year. Who a student sits next to in class is important to students for one reason, but teachers have different motives behind classroom seating arrangements.

Classroom layout plays a role in how students learn, concentrate, and behave. Before the school year begins, teachers may establish a seating and learning environment unique from other classes. Throughout the school year, adjustments may be made in the best interest in children.

According to Scholastic, often, elementary school-aged children learn best when they're allowed to move throughout the classroom. Learning stations



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that allow such movement have become more popular in classrooms. One station may cater to auditory learning, while another may feature manipulatives

that is ideal for students who thrive by learning with tangible items. Computer stations are also common, and this variety of stations breaks up the mo-

notony of one type of learning by keeping students interested and engaged.

Some teachers prefer to arrange desks in different fashions depending on the teachers' teaching styles. The design of long rows of desks all facing the front of the classroom is not always practical for students or teachers. It can be difficult for teachers to see students in the middle or the back of the room, while students may find it difficult to concentrate on learning if they're staring at the backs of other classmates' heads.

Common desk layouts include grouping a few desks together to face one another for collaborative lessons. Some teachers prefer a "U" or circle layout to encourage discussions.

Students prefer different environments in which to learn, and teachers may be wise to create different scenarios inside of the classroom. An isolated cubicle or desk shielded by bookcases can be a good retreat spot for a child who

likes quiet for personal study. Other students like to study and work together, so a round group table may be the ideal place for them to gather. The classroom need not always be brightly lit for learning, either. Teachers can think about using different types of lights to set up nooks in the classroom to facilitate learning.

Hard seats, hard desks, and the same location over and over can sometimes be uncomfortable. Teachers with novel educating styles may prefer to switch environments from time to time to keep students' minds engaged. For example, they may take science lessons outside for children to learn first-hand about nature or animals. A trip to the school's theater or all-purpose room may be better for a language arts assignment, such as acting out a play. Students from the same grade may swap classrooms with another class so they benefit from a different teaching style and environ-

ment. Sometimes teachers put all students together for a group lesson to exchange new viewpoints.

Some designers and architects also have views on how classrooms should be designed. In 2011, the Laboratory for Visionary Architecture, with offices in Sydney, Stuttgart, and Shanghai, designed a concept for the "classroom of the future." It's a prefabricated and portable classroom unit that integrates into the landscape while enhancing the learning environment. The materials are cost-effective and sustainable.

Classroom environments may once have been about rigid rows of desks where all eyes were focused on the blackboard. But today, teachers and innovators have realized the benefits of switching things up to tap students' learning potential. From the use of smartboards and computers to the rearrangement of seats, variety in the classroom is often advantageous to students.

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## Back-to-school party ideas

Back-to-school season is on the horizon, and many students and parents are either loving or loathing the idea of starting a new school year. For some, a party to commemorate the new school year and the end of summer is customary. Hosting a fun event for the soon-to-be students is one way to make the most of vacation time.

**•Go with a theme.** Maybe the theme is rulers and text books, ABCs, or science, and it can run through the decorations used, the games played, the food served, and many other aspects of the event. Consider a science experiment-inspired volcano cake that is oozing strawberry jam.

**•Include some educational games.** Some students experience educational backsliding during

summer vacation. That is why many schools have summer reading lists that educators feel promote lesson reinforcement for the coming school year. With this in mind, plan activities around concepts children learned in school. Think about math problem relay races, art projects, reading a story and reenacting it in a play form, or science experiments.

**•Host a campout reading marathon.** Encourage guests to bring sleeping bags and favorite books to a campout under the stars. Most of the time can be spent reading, while breaks can be devoted to exercising, making campout snacks, or telling campfire stories.

**•Plan a group event at the beach.** Spending time seaside can be educa-

tional and enjoyable at the same time. Enlist the help of a few chaperones and set up an area on the beach where kids can play and explore the wonders of nature around them. Pack picnic-type snacks or ask attendees to bring items.

**•Plan a trip to the school.** First-time students may be anxious about what to expect during their first days of school. Having friends who are slightly older accompany younger kids to school to give a tour and show them the ropes makes the experience less frightening.

**•Host a classic pool party.** Of course, some kids want to commemorate the end of summer vacation by enjoying the pool one last time. Have a classic pool party and barbecue in the yard for everyone to enjoy.

# Prepping for kindergarten makes an easier transition

**K**indergarten used to be a time when kids grabbed a nap in between fingerpainting and playing outside, but today's coursework is much more rigorous and kindergartners are now introduced to concepts that were once taught in later years of elementary school. Preparing children who have never attended school for their first day could take a little time prior to the start of school.

## Signing up

Each school district has its own requirements to begin kindergarten, so parents should familiarize themselves with their district as soon as possible. Kids generally have to meet an age requirement (usually age 5), meaning their birthdays have to take place prior to or by a cut-off date.

Public schools will also require proof of residence. They often require utility bills with the student's address on them. Private

schools typically have more lenient residence requirements.

Most entering students also will need to have received all the necessary vaccinations.

## Getting prepared

Some children are anxious to be "big kids" and begin school. Others may be nervous about what's in store. The best way to prepare children is to think about enrolling them in some sort of social program. Preschool is the avenue many parents choose, but simply spending time with other kids in a structured setting is enough for many kids to get acclimated.

Talking about what to expect at school can also ease jitters. Parents can establish a school-like structure at home to illustrate their points. Have set times for meals and snacks, require small chores be done on time, and set additional rules and limits. Bed time and wake

times should be the same each day as well.

Parents should inquire about touring the school to help calm kids' nerves. This way children will see exactly what environment they will be working in each day.

## Honing skills

Children will partake in

a variety of activities during kindergarten. They'll begin learning to write and perform other activities that require fine-motor skills. Parents can introduce their children to pencils, crayons, markers, and safety scissors so they can learn the proper grip and how to maneuver these tools.

It's also never too early to read with children. Studies indicate that kids who frequently read with their parents or others tend to have greater success in school. The National Education Association says that children who were read to frequently are more likely to:

- Count to 20, or higher

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- Write their own names
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Dual-income families are relying on after-care programs more and more.

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# After-school care options for dual-income families

In a perfect world, school and work hours would run concurrently. But the average school day begins at 9 am and continues until 3 pm, while the average work day lasts from 9 am to 5 pm. As a result, parents must arrange for child care during those hours when school is out, but they are still at work.

The two-income family is more common than ever before. Today, roughly 80 percent of families in North America have both parents working.

Dual-income families often have to make difficult choices about child care. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2010, 48 percent of children ages 0 to 4 with employed mothers were primarily cared for by a relative. Twenty-four percent spent the majority of their time in a center-based arrangement. As children grow and attend elementary school, traditional day care is usually not an option.

### School-based care

Many schools offer programs both before and after school, many of which are reasonably priced. This helps dual-income families, but may not be practical during early-release days, during teacher planning days, or holiday breaks.

Programs that help parents before school typically allow them to drop off their children before they head to work. The students are kept in the gym or cafeteria until the regular school day begins. At dismissal, after-care students will return to the designated location to work on homework or engage in some activities with others until their parents arrive to take them home.

### Family and friends

Parents frequently turn to friends or family members to bridge the gap between

school and work. Students who carpool may be dropped off early at the driver's home and stay there after school until their parents get home.

In addition, many families have welcomed older relatives into their homes in light of the struggling economy. In such instances, grandparents or aunts and uncles can look after the kids once school has ended for the day.

### After-school programs

Some children are enrolled in care centers that watch them before school, bus them to school, and then return in the afternoon to pick up the children again. This is one of the more costly options in child care. However, it may be more educationally structured than the care programs provided at school.

When the decision is made, there are some questions parents should ask before enrollment:

- What is the ratio of caregivers to students?
- What is the cost of the program?
- How are delayed opening days and early dismissal days handled? Holidays and breaks?
- What happens if I arrive late?
- What activities will take place?
- Are caregivers teachers or volunteers?
- Are background checks conducted?
- Is financial assistance available?
- Is there a nurse available?
- How are emergencies handled?
- If my child is absent, do I receive a refund for that day?
- How long is the waiting list?

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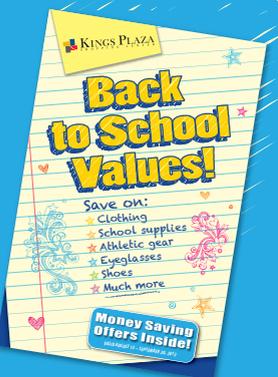
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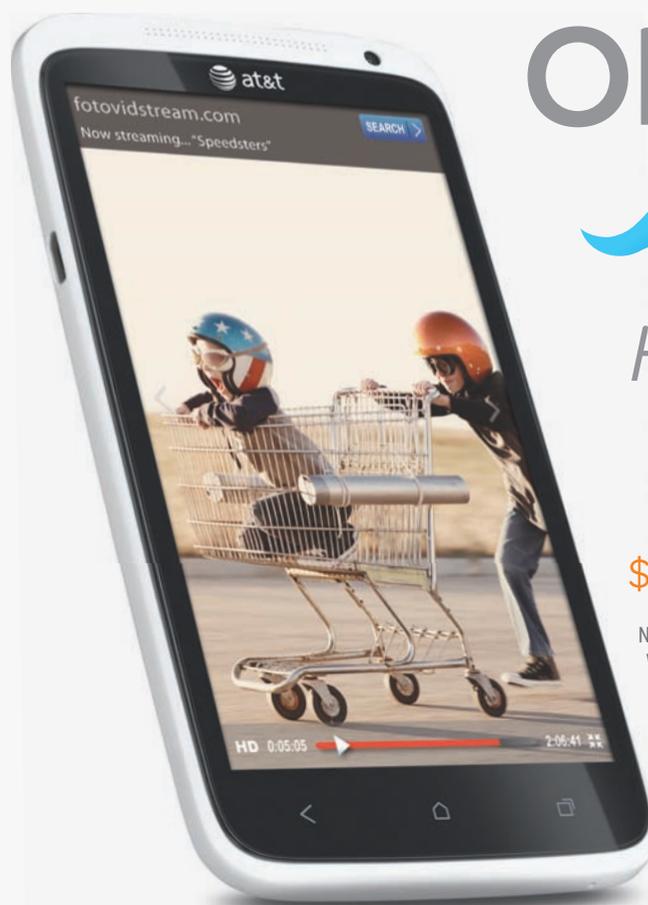
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# Tips for a successful road trip

A good road trip can be the ultimate spring or summer experience. With the open road ahead, life's troubles seem to melt and there's just the oneness of the driver and the road.

For a road trip to be successful, it's not just a matter of taking to the road and putting the pedal to the metal. There are a host of considerations to make, which can ensure safety and peace of mind when beginning your excursion. The hot sun that can bake the roadway — and your body — can also take its toll on your car, contributing to breakdowns. And there are other factors to be aware of.

Maintenance should never be overlooked when it comes to prepping for a road trip. At the least, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends that drivers have their tires, battery, belts, fluids, and air conditioner checked by a qualified mechanic prior to starting any long trip. But the list does not stop there. There are many other precautions to heed before taking to the road.

## Have all documents on hand

Nothing can stall a road trip faster than getting pulled over by a police officer and being without your license, registration, and proof of insurance. These are required documents to operate a vehicle,

and it's definitely worth a second check in your wallet and glove compartment to be sure they are where they should be.

## Get an oil change

Driving long intervals can be taxing on a car engine, as can the start-and-stops associated with getting stuck in road trip traffic. Do yourself and your car a favor by getting an oil change to ensure there will be proper lubrication of the engine and that thick, old motor oil won't contribute to a breakdown.

## Update navigation system

If you will be using one of these devices as your primary tool for navigation, update the device's maps before departure. Roadways are always being changed, and without downloading the proper updates, you could end up driving in circles instead of moving on to your destination.

In addition, many navigation system models come equipped with pinpointing points of interest, such as restaurants, tourist areas, hotels, and rest stops, which should be update before beginning the trip. Follow the guidelines spelled out in the owner's manual that comes with your unit.

Consumer Reports also advises knowing the local ordinances regarding navigation device use. For example, a windshield-

mounted unit is not allowed while driving in Minnesota.

## Plan who will drive when

A long road trip — one that will be done primarily in one day — could necessitate splitting up the trip between two or more drivers. Not only does this banish boredom, it also reduces the risk of driver fatigue. The administration estimates that approximately 100,000 police-reported crashes in the United States each year involve drowsiness and fatigue.

## Protect your eyes

The weather and the position of the sun could change depending on where you are driving. If you wear glasses or contacts for driving, be sure you have them with you. Keep a few pairs of sunglasses in your car to shield your eyes from sun glare. If the sun proves problematic, pull over for a little while or try an alternate route that prevents oncoming sun on the windshield.

While you are packing sunglasses, also be sure to bring along — and wear — sunscreen, as the sun's rays can be magnified through the window glass.

## Bring along refreshments

Frequent stops for bathroom breaks and simply to stretch your legs are advisable, but limit rest-stop fare whenever possible. Not only do these foods tend to be

unhealthy, they are often expensive. Keep your road trip budget down by packing healthy food and drinks that you can enjoy on the go.

## Know your car's fuel level

Play it safe when gassing up the car. On rural roads or stretches of country with which you are unfamiliar, you never know how far away filling stations might be from one another. That means you should take the opportunity to top off the gas tank whenever you get the chance. This way you always will be confident you have enough gas to get to the next station. Don't risk coasting into your destination on fumes, unless you want to arrive at your destination hitched to a tow truck.

## Be wary of hitchhikers

Although hitchhikers are few and far between nowadays, there is still the possibility of coming across someone thumbing for a ride on the side of the road. Do not pick up a stranger who is hitchhiking, no matter how reputable the person may seem. If you come across someone who has broken down, offer to call for help instead of allowing the person into the car.

## Use bathroom at each stop

You never know how few and far between restrooms will be. Unless the idea

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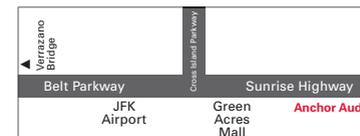


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# Stocking a vehicle roadside repair kit

Regardless of a vehicle's age, a roadside emergency can occur at any time. Drivers should be prepared with a basic kit of tools and equipment to get the car back on the road as soon as possible.

At the very least, a roadside emergency can be an a minor inconvenience. At the worst, it can compromise the safety of the driver and passengers. Anything from a blown-out tire to an overheated engine can necessitate pulling over for a quick fix. Having the right tools can make the process go far more smoothly and help drivers avoid the seemingly endless wait for service personnel to arrive.

Stocking a roadside repair kit requires some necessities. It's also a good idea to routinely check the stock of the kit to be sure everything is in working order. Here are the items to keep on hand.

**First aid kit:** Handling major or minor emergencies may require a first aid kit to mend scratches, abrasions or minor burns. Become familiar with the kit before it is needed.

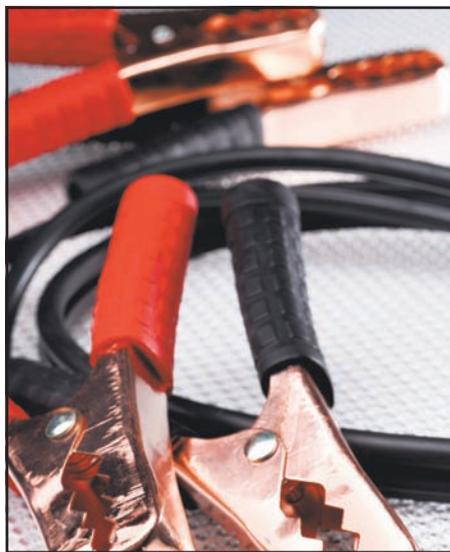
**Cellphone:** It's never a good idea to talk on a cellphone while driving. However, a mobile phone can prove invaluable if there is an emergency. Simply call for assistance instead of having to seek out a phone or flag down a motorist.

**Flares or warning light:** A breakdown at night or when visibility is poor can be dangerous. Keep a warning light, caution triangle, or flares in the trunk to illuminate the location of the vehicle.

**Inflated spare tire:** Always keep a spare tire on hand, as tire blowouts or leaks tend to be one of the most common causes of breakdowns. Be sure to have a tire iron, jack, and lug wrench.

**Spare fuses:** A burnt-out fuse may be responsible for an electrical problem. Replacing the fuse is an easy fix.

**Jumper cables:** A dead battery can be revived with jumper cables, provided another car is available to offer the jump. A



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portable battery booster is another handy tool in case there are no other cars to recharge the battery.

**Flashlight:** This simple tool can be invaluable at night, especially if keys or tools are dropped.

**Gloves, cleaner, and rags:** Cars are full of oils, fluids, and grease. That means even a simple repair can get a person dirty.

**Pen and paper:** Ideal for leaving a note or taking down information in the event of an accident. A disposable camera can also be handy to take photos of an accident scene.

**Money:** When traveling, always carry cash for emergencies. Not every place takes credit or debit cards.

**Snacks and water:** A roadside emergency may mean some time spent stranded. Keep a stash of non-perishable items in the car to alleviate hunger pangs and keep riders quenched.

## Road trip

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of a road-side pit stop is high on your list of road trip excitement, play it safe and use the restroom whenever stopping. Few things can make a stretch of road seem more interminable than the pressure of a full bladder.

### Plan for sightseeing

Part of the enjoyment of a road trip is

to actually take the scenic route and enjoy roads that you may have never traveled before.

This is not a race and no awards will be given out at the end for making good time. Therefore, slow down and enjoy the scenery. Isn't that why you're driving, after all?

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In addition to robbing a car's interior of its aesthetic appeal, the buildup of dirt and grease can also cause the vehicle to degrade over time.

It's common to associate vehicle maintenance with what's under the hood, but drivers should also make maintenance a priority

for the vehicle's interior. When cleaning a car's interior, address each and every nook and cranny.

## Clean consoles

Perhaps no part of a vehicle's interior is more susceptible to dirt and grease buildup than the center console, which is typically home to a vehicle's cup holders.

Spilled coffee or soda is something every driver can relate to, and cleaning such spills is harder than it sounds. Make sure to clean up spills as soon as they occur.

## Sweep under carpet

Particularly after a long winter, a vehicle's carpets can be a major eyesore. Remove the floor mats and thoroughly vacuum any dirt buildup that might have multiplied

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## When cleaning a car's interior, address every nook and cranny.

## Wipe dashboard

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## Address upholstery

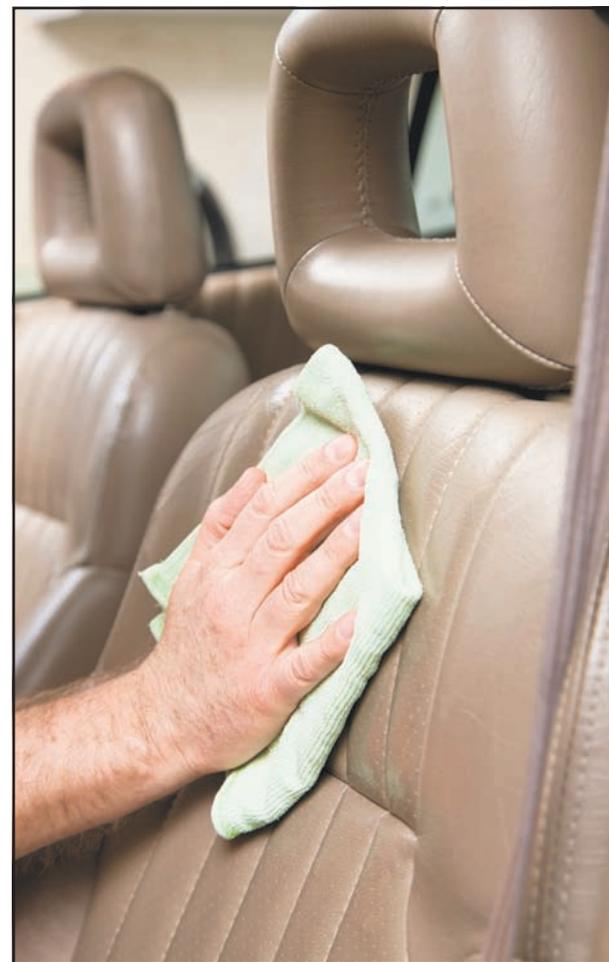
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# President Obama: No Usain Bolt race

Olympics entered the political, campaign dialogue recently with President Barack Obama injecting athletic context to his presidential race.

While speaking at a fundraising event in the Hyde Park, Chicago, neighborhood, home he lived before moving to the White House, the president said:

"This is not going to be a race like Usain Bolt where we're like 40 yards ahead and we can just kind of start jogging 10 feet before the finish line."

"We're going to have to run through the tape. But we're really well positioned to not just win but to keep America moving forward."

Attended by approximately 100 people who paid US\$40,000 a head for the exclusive invitation, the president referenced the Jamaican legend who recently won the 100 metres and 200 metres sprint double at the London Olympics.

He predicted a tough



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

contest in November with Republicans Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan.

### SPARKS FOR ARTHUR ASHE QUEENS FESTE

Singer/actress Jordin Sparks is among the celebrated entertainers billed for the 17th annual Arthur Ashe Kids' Day in Flushing, Queens on Aug. 25.

Television's "American Idol" winner and star of the movie "Sparkle" will co-host -- with Quddus -- entertainment by pop-vocal sensation The Wanted, chart-topping singer Carly Rae Jepsen, special guest performer Owl City, teen quartet Mindless Behavior and X-Factor star Rachel Crow at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

Spark's appearance will follow her premiere debut

acting performance in the film which also stars the late Whitney Houston.

CeeLo Green and Mike Epps also co-stars in the last film Houston made before her untimely passing earlier this year.

In the film Sparks is featured in a duet singing with Houston that will be released as the official single from the soundtrack of the film, "Sparkle: Music from the Motion Picture."

"We are thrilled to kick off the 2012 US Open with the 17th annual Arthur Ashe Kids' Day presented by Hess featuring the most popular names in sports and entertainment today," Gordon Smith, USTA Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer said.

At 1 p.m., New York Rangers' center, star Brad Rich-

ards will team up with current world rated number one rated Roger Federer, reigning US Open Champion Novak Djokovic, U.S. number one men's singles player John Isner, three-time US Open Champion Kim Clijsters and Mardy Fish for a three-hour live, tennis exhibition match.

Kids 12-and-under with stadium show tickets will receive a free Arthur Ashe Kids' Day hat from the USTA and Hess on a first-come, first-served basis.

"The event holds a long-standing history of providing a day of fun-filled family activities as attendees celebrate the life of Arthur Ashe and his mission to empower children of all ages through tennis."

Throughout the years, Arthur Ashe Kids' Day has featured many of music's biggest acts including Justin Bieber, Rihanna, Jonas Brothers, Demi Lovato, Sean Kingston, Britney Spears, Ne-Yo, Gavin DeGraw, Jessica Simpson, Backstreet

Boys, Cody Simpson, Bow Wow and Hanson.

Tennis at the stadium begins on Aug. 27 and continues thru Sept. 9.

### MORE GOLD FOR T&T OLYMPIAN

Trinidad & Tobago rolled out a red, black and white carpet to welcome teen-aged, javelin Olympic champion Keshorn Walcott who brought gold and glory to the republic.

At Piarco Airport in the twin-island capital of Port-of-Spain, thousands greeted the only athlete from the English Caribbean to win the event in 60 years.

His victory also marked the first Olympic gold for the republic in 36 years.

For his triumph, the 19-year-old was promised two and a half million TT dollars (US\$390,000), a luxury home, acres of land, scholarship to university, a lighthouse and his name inscribed on one of the planes flown by Caribbean Airlines, the nation's national carrier.

"Keshorn, each of these rewards honor you, there is nothing greater than the glory you have brought to this nation and no greater expression ever than the pride and gratitude every citizen feels," Prime Minister Kamla Persad Bissessar said.

She said the gifts represented gratitude for "bringing pride and recognition to the nation of Trinidad and Tobago."

One day after declaring a national holiday to celebrate the victory, the leader addressed a crowd gathered at the airport to welcome the athletes saying: "A Caribbean Airlines aircraft will be commissioned to bear the proud name of Keshorn Walcott."

The athlete gushed with pride and appeared emotional when the leader of the republic added that "The lighthouse a historical site, will now be known as the Keshorn Walcott Lighthouse standing as a beacon to guide us all towards what it takes to get to our dreams."

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## Top names in entertainment slated

By Nelson A. King

Leading expatriate and local entertainers from St. Vincent and the Grenadines will converge at the Mahalia Jackson High School in Brooklyn Saturday, Aug. 25, when Club St. Vincent convenes its biannual cultural exhibition in New York.

At 6:00 p.m., the entertainment segment which wraps up the day's activities will feature a host of well-known individuals and groups, including the incomparable musical arranger extraordinaire Frankie McIntosh and his uncle, Harold McIntosh; Becket; Scorcher; the revived band, Clymax (back just for the exposition); the award-winning Starlift Steel Orchestra, Winston Soso and Cauldric Forbes are expected to bring much nostalgia to Vincentians and other Caribbean nationals.

Other performers include: the United Vincie

Cultural Group of Brooklyn; Abena Amory (daughter of Erlene Williams-King and Vance Amory, former premier of Nevis); Chico Ellis and Omari Neverson (with poems in tribute to the late Shake Keane); Red Tiger Jiu Jitsu Academy; Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) national dress and slide presentations (national dress worn by nationals of their respective countries); Fayola and a flag ceremony.

The sound system is furnished by calypsonian Groovy D, formerly Dread Condition, whose real name is Vincent Kennedy.

Arthur said the performance of perennial panorama champions, Starlift Steel Orchestra, will be the high-point of the evening.

"We have raised the bar a little higher," she said. "This is an historic moment for Starlift – the first time ever to perform in the United States. They promised to make us proud."

## Audrey Johnson Show comes to Brooklyn

By Tangerine Clarke

Guyana-born celebrity Internet host, Audrey Johnson, of the Audrey Johnson Show, who has brought star-studded entertainment to her site by interviewing five-time Grammy Award artist, Janet Jackson, legendary performer Melba Moore, and movie and TV actor Steven Baldwin, will launch "Go Guyana" - a culture and lifestyle show highlighting the beauty of



Audrey Johnson.

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Comedian Susan Kennedy.

# CALYPSO 'N SOCA

## All-star Caribbean cast to perform in Revue Tent

By Michelle Edwards

As part of Brooklyn's Carnival, the 2012 Calypso & Soca Revue-Tent will open on Sunday, Aug. 26 and end on Saturday, Sept. 1. All seven nights of tantalizing soca and calypso will be held at Tropical Paradise Ballroom, 1367 Utica Ave. Count Robin, the Revue-Tent manager says, "We

call it The Independence Calypso & Soca Revue-Tent in celebration of Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago 50th anniversaries of independence. More than 20 artistes from Becket of St. Vincent to Swallow of Antigua, Dance Master of Jamaica, Shadow and Duane O'Conner, the 2012 National Calypso Monarch of Trini-

dad & Tobago, are part of the all-star cast. Two icons, The Mighty Sparrow and Calypso Rose, will perform at Opening Night. Rose and Sparrow and other Trinbagonian-Americans will be honored for enhancing the image of Trinidad & Tobago during the nation's first 50 years. A VIP

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Lights**  
Ellie Goulding
- 2 **Wide Awake**  
Katy Perry
- 3 **Payphone**  
Maroon 5 Feat. Wiz Khalifa
- 4 **Where Have You Been**  
Rihanna
- 5 **Call Me Maybe**  
Carly Rae Jepsen
- 6 **Somebody That I Used to Know**  
Goyte Feat. Kimbra
- 7 **Titanium**  
David Guetta Feat. Sia
- 8 **Let's Go**  
News
- 9 **Scream**  
Usher
- 10 **Blow Me (One Last Kiss)**  
Pink

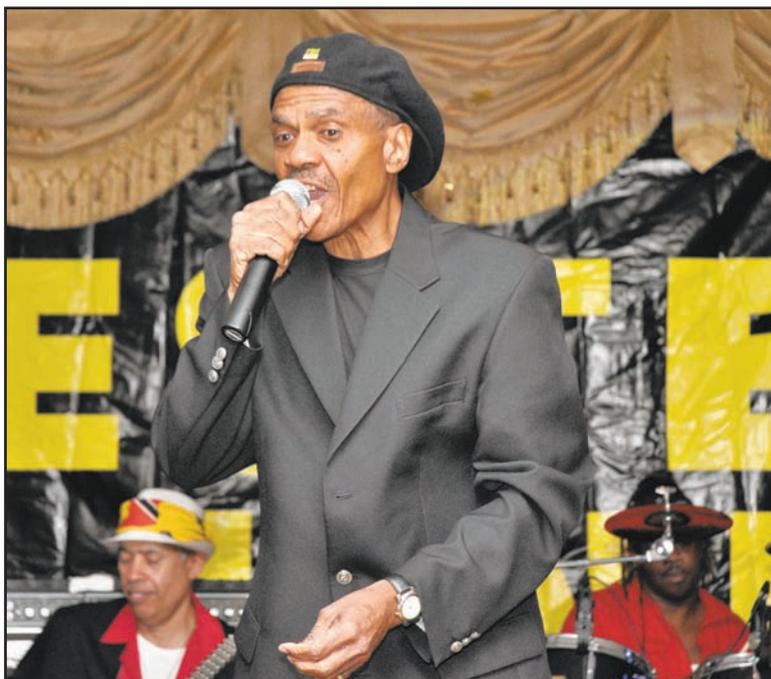
### TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Nothing But The Best**  
Frank Sinatra
- 2 **God Forgives, I Don't**  
Rick Ross
- 3 **Now 43**  
Various Artists
- 4 **Perfectly Imperfect**  
Elle Varner
- 5 **The Complete 2012**  
John Mayer
- 6 **Some Nights**  
Fun.
- 7 **The Lumineers**  
The Lumineers
- 8 **Declaration of Independence**  
Colt Ford
- 9 **My Head Is An Animal**  
Of Monsters And Men
- 10 **Overexposed**  
Maroon 5

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# Calypso and Soca in Bklyn



Becket of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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Gala Reception for the recipients of Independence Awards will begin before the Revue opens.

### WORLD SOCA MONARCH

The World Soca Monarch competition has been added to the Revue-Tent. Soca artistes across the Caribbean and from England have entered the semifinals on Tuesday, Aug. 28 when 10 will be selected by the judges to compete for the Bacardi World Soca Monarch title on Thursday, Aug. 30.

Artistes who have competed in previous World Soca Monarchs include Iwer George, Edwin Yearwood and Ronnie McIntosh.

### CALYPSO & SOCA ARTISTES

Artistes at the seven nights of calypso and soca include Sugar Aloes, Singing Sandra, Sexy Suzie, Count Robin, The Mighty Sparrow, Calypso Rose, Shadow, Brown Boy, Becket of St. Vincent, King Swallow of Antigua, Duane O'Conner,

Dance Master, Lord Nelson, Poser, Susan Kennedy, Fatman George from Grenada, Edwin Yearwood and Statement from Barbados, Pick and Daddy Chess from Dominica.

"The Calypso & Soca Revue-Tent is not a physical tent," explains Herman Hall, a producer of the Tent. "The air conditioned and luxurious Tropical Paradise Ballroom is the venue."

Here is the schedule:

Sunday, Aug. 26: VIP Awards Reception toasting Trinidad & Tobago on its 50th anniversary of independence and debut of Tent. Artistes performing include The Mighty Sparrow, Calypso Rose and Becket. Sparrow will take the audience back to 1962 by singing his famous Independence song.

Trinidad & Tobago will always live on A nation is born let me tell you

Monday, Aug. 27 is Ladies Nite. Two ladies enter on one ticket. Performers include Sugar Aloes, Singing Sandra, Sexy Suzie, Dance Master and Fatman George.

Tuesday, Aug. 28 is the World Soca Monarch Semifinals. The judg-



Sugar Aloes. Photo by Sharon Bennett

es will select 10 to participate in the finals.

Wednesday, Aug. 29 is the Icons of Calypso Night and a special tribute to Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago on their 50th anniversary of independence. Performers include Lord Nelson, Poser, Susan Kennedy and King Swallow.

Thursday, Aug. 30 is the Bacardi World Soca Monarch Finals when 10 artistes will compete for the title and first prize of \$3,000 to \$5,000. A famous soca superstar will make a guest appearance.

Friday, Aug. 31, the 50th independence anniversary of Trinidad & Tobago and the best place in N.Y. to celebrate is at the Revue-Tent when Shadow, Calypso Rose, Singing Sandra, Swallow, Duane O'Conner and other superstars will perform.

Saturday, Sept. 1 is Independence Fete Nite and the grand ending of the 2012 Revue-Tent. Shadow, Duane O'Conner, Sexy Suzie, Becket, Sugar Aloes and other stars plus New York's top soca DJs will entertain.

## VaShawn Mitchell releases 'Created 4 This'

Six-time Stellar Award winner and GRAMMY nominated recording artist VaShawn Mitchell will release his new project, "Created 4" on, Aug. 28. The new album was recorded live in his hometown of Harvey, IL. "Created 4 This" will also be released as a Deluxe Edition CD + DVD, which features 13 songs, three live performance videos, and exclusive behind-the-scene footage.

The first single, "Turning Around

For Me," enters at #5 this week on Billboard's Top Singles chart. At Wal-Mart, the exclusive single contains a unique QR Code. By scanning the code using an Android or iPhone compatible device, fans are granted access to exclusive video streams and more.

Mitchell's promo tour kicks off in New York at Donnie McClurkin's New York Call on Saturday, Aug. 25. There will also be a series of album release events including the Official Release

Day Celebration at the Baptist Worship Center in Philadelphia (Tuesday, Aug. 28), Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston (Thursday, Aug. 30), Union Temple Baptist Church in Washington, DC (Friday, Aug. 31), and the Back II School Album Release Skate Party in Charlotte (Monday, Sept. 3). Mitchell will also co-host Verizon's How Sweet The Sound event in Detroit (Saturday, Sept. 15) and Los Angeles (Friday, Sept. 21).

# Audrey Johnson

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her native land.

The Audrey Show that has also featured stirring interviews with musical great Dianne Warwick and TV hosts, Montel Williams and Carson Kressley, plans a loud debut of "Go Guyana" on Sunday, Sept. 2 at the Annual Guyana Folk Festival, as part of the show's artistic concept.

The entertainment interview segment will highlight the multicultural event of music, song and dance, at the jamboree, scheduled to take place at the Prospect Heights School Campus, located at 883 Classon Ave., near President Street.

The Audrey Johnson Show, which burst onto the California scene just two years ago, has taken the East Coast by storm with streaming live presentations from the rich and famous playground of the Hamptons to New York Fashion Week and the Oscars Gala highlights in Manhattan.

"Go Guyana" was conceptualized in the Republic in 2008, said creator, Johnson who reflected on her youth while growing up in Guyana and the joy she experienced while visiting the Stabroek Market, a landmark that she compared to Disneyworld.

"Stabroek Market is where the people come together to negotiate and share the beauty of the riches that Guyana has to offer. It is also a community place where many share experiences," said Johnson

The Audrey Johnson Show whose tagline states "Being Interviewed by a Third Party Gives You Star Power" is aimed at showcasing interesting people, exciting events and hidden treasures in the community. The show is produced by Glenn Scheper and could be found by logging on to [www.theaudreyjohnsonshow.com](http://www.theaudreyjohnsonshow.com).

To become a guest of the Audrey Johnson show, please call 805-795-3350, or email. [Audrey@goGuyana.com](mailto:Audrey@goGuyana.com)

# Spike Lee directs disappointing drama

“Red Hook Summer”  
Fair (1 star)  
Unrated  
Running time: 120  
minutes  
Distributor: Variance  
Films

## By Kam Williams

Flik Royale (Jules Brown) is 13 by the time his mother (De'Adre Aziza) is finally ready to introduce him to his grandfather (Clarke Peters). Trouble is the bourgie mamma's boy was brought up in suburban Atlanta where he's been raised vegetarian and been attending private school.

So, when his single-mom decides the two should get acquainted over the summer, it means the boy will have to live in the projects in Red Hook, an area of New York City teeming with dangers and temptations he hasn't been exposed to before. Still, she figures he'll be okay, since her dad, Enoch (Clarke Peters), happens to be the pastor of the Lil' Peache of Heaven Baptist Church.

Flik grudgingly agrees to stay with the Bible-thumping bishop, and their strained relationship supplies the raison d'être of Red Hook Summer. Directed by Spike Lee, the movie might



Flik Royale (Jules Brown) and Enoch (Clarke Peters), pastor of the Lil' Peache of Heaven Baptist Church, in a scene from Red Hook Summer.

superficially resemble some of his classic films like Do the Right Thing and She's Gotta Have It, being a char-

acter-driven drama set in a sweltering Brooklyn.

Unfortunately, that's where any similarities start and end. This is a movie that might earn high marks were it the work of a first time director. However, coming from a two-time Oscar-nominee (for 4 Little Girls and Do the Right Thing), it can only be described as a bitter disappointment.

The primary problem is that the acting is mediocre. Secondly, the screen is littered with the sort of buffoonish stereotypes Spike has been criticizing Tyler Perry for, one-dimensional caricatures running the

gamut from ghetto gangstas to church ladies. Third the film fails to generate any palpable tension.

The director makes a cameo appearance as pizza deliveryman Mookie, reprising the role he played as the protagonist of Do the Right Thing. Sadly, that distraction merely serves as a sad reminder of how much Spike's skills have eroded since his glory days.

Picture a two-hour episode of Amos 'n' Andy on crack. Holy mackerel, Sapphires!

To see a trailer for Red Hook Summer, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CX9xKcz4w>

## Independent & Foreign Films

Death by China (Unrated) Outsourcing expose' explaining why America has been in economic decline since the Peoples' Republic joined the World Trade Organization in 2001 at the behest of Congress and multinational corporations.

General Education (PG-13 for sexuality and a drug reference) Teen comedy about a high school senior (Chris Sheffield) who has to hide from his parents (Janeane Garofalo and Larry Miller) that he still has to complete a science course over the summer in order to graduate and enter college in the fall on a tennis scholarship. With Bobby Campo, Elaine Hendrix and Maiara Walsh.

Hermano (Unrated) Overcoming-the-odds saga about a couple of siblings (Fernando Moreno and Eliu Armas) from the slums of Caracas who make the most of the opportunity of a lifetime when they are offered a tryout with their hometown's pro soccer team. Featuring Beto Benites, Gonzalo Cubero and Marcela Giron. (In Spanish with subtitles)

Knight Knight (Unrated) Medieval comedy about a couple of knights in training (Tom Eykelhof and David Wayman) who embark on a



## Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

zany adventure in search of cash and comfortable underwear. With Jonathan Hansler, Christina Bucher and Mingus Johnston.

Little White Lies (Unrated) Ensemble dramedy about a Parisian restaurateur (Francois Cluzet) whose annual summer getaway to Bordeaux with his wife (Valerie Bonneton) and friends turns confessional after one of the guests (Jean Dujardin) is left near death by an auto accident. Cast includes Marion Cotillard, Benoit Magimel and Gilles Lellouche. (In French with subtitles)

The Revenant (R for graphic violence, pervasive profanity, drug use, sexuality and graphic nudity) Horror comedy about a recently-deceased Iraq War vet (David Anders) who comes back to life as a bloodthirsty zombie. With Annie Abbott, Senyo Amoaku and Amy Correa.

Samsara (PG-13 for sexuality and disturbing images) Non-narrative meditation exploring assorted wonders of the world from the mundane

to the miraculous while delving into the unfathomable depths of humanity's spirituality.

Somewhere Between (Unrated) Roots documentary about the struggle of four teenagers to make sense of their lives after being adopted in China and raised in the U.S. from infancy.

Teddy Bear (Unrated) Asian bride drama about a lonely, 38 year-old bodybuilder (Kim Kold) desperate for true love who travels from Copenhagen to Thailand to find the girl of his dreams (Lamaiporn Hougaard). With David Winters, Elsebeth Steentoft and Barbara Zatler. (In Danish, Thai and English with subtitles)

The Victim (R for profanity, drug use, graphic sexuality and gruesome violence) Psychological thriller about a woman (Jennifer Blanc) who comes to rely on help from a hermit (Michael Biehn) she meets in the middle of the woods while being chased by the perpetrators (Ryan Honey and Denny Kirkwood) of a murder she's just witnessed.

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# SUN KULCHA

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

**POTLUCK SOCIAL:** Radical Women is hosting Women's Rights Day Potluck Social, celebrating the 92nd anniversary of women's suffrage, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the office and garden of Black Women's Blueprint, 279 Empire Blvd., between Rogers and Nostrand avenues, Brooklyn. Bring a dish! Admission free. For information, call (212) 222-0633.

**COMEDY/VARIETY:** No Name & A Bag O' Chips comedy/variety show host/producer, Eric Vetter, celebrates his 50th birthday with comic Liz Miele, comedic actress Marilyn Torres, illusionist Lee Alan Barrett and a few surprises along with the funky sounds of The Summer Replacements, at 7:00 p.m. at Otto's Shrunken Head, 538 E 14th St., between avenues A and B, Manhattan. No cover, no minimum. For more information, call (212) 228-2240.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

**HEALTH DAY:** The Bethany Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 962 Prospect Ave., Westbury, N.Y. is holding its Annual Health Day featuring Vernon L. Dawson, founder of The Voice in the Wilderness Mission. Event will offer Divine Service at 11:00 a.m., lunch in Fellowship Hall at 1:30 p.m. and a health seminar at 3:30 p.m. focusing on information on child, youth, senior & family health topics. For information, visit [www.bethanysda.com](http://www.bethanysda.com) or contact Mr. Augustin, Health Ministry Leader at (516) 997-4758.

**TASTE OF BROOKLYN:** The Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave., at St. Marks Ave., is holding its annual Taste of Brooklyn foodie celebration, Sat., 8/25 & Sun. 8/26, where you can sample ice cream, pretzels, cheese cake, yogurt and sweet treats, some available in vegan and kosher, and offering workshops run by local Brooklyn cooks and restaurants. All programs and seating is available on first-come, first served basis. All ages. For information and event times, call (718) 735-4400 or visit [www.brooklynkids.org](http://www.brooklynkids.org).

**ZUMBA:** The Eastern Queens Alliance is offering a free Zumba fitness class with a contagious blend of upbeat Latin and international rhythms with easy-to-follow choreography that provide a fun and effective workout with no prior experience necessary, 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at Idlewild Cricket Field in Idlewild Park Preserve, 223 St. and 148 Ave., Springfield Gardens. For information and directions, call (347) 824-2301.

**KIDS DAY:** Jordin Sparks and Quddus are hosting the Arthur Ashe Kids Day 17th Annual Music and Tennis Spectacular featuring a full day of tennis and music for children and family including interactive games, musical entertainment and grounds activities at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, Queens, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tickets available thru Ticketmaster at (866) OPEN-TIX, [usopen.org](http://usopen.org) or at the Tennis Center box office. For information, visit [www.arthurashekidsday.com](http://www.arthurashekidsday.com).



**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.



**FOOD STAMP OUTREACH:** Find out if you are eligible to receive Food Stamp benefits! A representative from the NYC Human Resources Administration will be available to assist you with eligibility pre-screening and to answer any questions every Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Community Board 12, 4101 White Plains Road at 229 St., Bronx. For more information, call (718) 881-4455.

**LIBRARY PERFORMANCES:** A Moment of LOUD presents Get Gong'd w/Rashu Aten bringing his sacred instrument for an interactive workshop where patrons will create their own healing sound vibrations using gongs, 2:00 p.m. at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125 St., at Amsterdam Ave., N.Y. For event details, visit [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org) or call the library at (212) 662-9727.

**CARIB GOLD:** Carib Gold presents Taste the Caribbean, a salute to Trinidad & Tobago's 50th Independence featuring food, fun and music by the City South Steel Orchestra on the New Rochelle Library Greens, Lawton St., New Rochelle, N.Y., 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Free tastings; free admission. For information, call Mr. Boone at (914) 513-9087 or Ms. Pitcan at (718) 655-5369.

**CONCERT:** Red House Records presents Paul Geremia in Concert, featuring the release of his new album, "Love My Stuff," offering rare and classic live blues performances that were recorded at theaters and clubs from California to New York, 7:00 p.m. at The Gas Light, 400 West 14 St., N.Y. For information, call (212) 807-8444.

**SICKLE CELL FORUM:** The Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patients Network presents a wellness program public forum, A Healthy Guide to Liv-

**TAI CHI:** Stop. Breath. Relax. Join Tai Chi Easy, a wellness practice combining Tai-chi, Qigong, meditation and Chinese healing, taught by Daniel Weicher, certified teacher in Integral Qigong and Tai Chi, every Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Moore Street Market, 110 Moore St., entrance on Humbolt St., Brooklyn. Donations are appreciated. Call (914) 673-6016 for information.



ing with Sickle Cell, featuring topics on health maintenance, knowing your rights, why you need to be empowered, and more, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Bldg. 1263 West 125 St., Room 215, Harlem. For information, visit <http://sctph.org> or call toll free (877) 812-4216.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL:** The Kings Church of Christ, 1371 Rogers Ave., Brooklyn, will be holding its annual "Back-to-School Rally & Cultural Extravaganza," providing free school supplies to needy/low-income families along with free clothing and food as well as games, rides, face painting and more. For information, visit [www.kingschurchofchrist.org/backtoschoolrally](http://www.kingschurchofchrist.org/backtoschoolrally) or call (718) 859-8683.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 27

**JAZZY MONDAYS:** Jazzy Mondays presents The Jeff King Band for one night only at For My Sweet, 1103 Fulton St., between Classon Ave. and Claver Pl., Brooklyn. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Performances at 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Cover price, food and drinks available. RSVP to [jazzymondays@gmail.com](mailto:jazzymondays@gmail.com) or call (718) 857-1427, (917) 757-0170 or (718) 753-

3302 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

**HARLEM SUMMER:** The New York Historical Society, Dimenna Children's History Museum, 170 Central Park West, N.Y. presents August Reading into History Book Wrap and Meet the Author Event featuring "Harlem Summer" by Walter Dean Myers. Share reactions, see cool museum objects and documents related to the story and meet other historical fiction fans, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For ages 9-12 years. For information call (212) 485-9293 and to RSVP for this education program, e-mail [familyprograms@nyhistory.org](mailto:familyprograms@nyhistory.org).

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

**BACK TO SCHOOL JAM:** The Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave., at St. Marks Ave., is holding a Back to School Jam where youngsters are invited to a party in their honor, especially those going to school for the first time, at a hands-on party filled with crafts, music, fashion show sponsored by STORK and including street games, indoors or outdoors, rain or shine. All ages. For information and event times call (718) 735-4400 or visit [www.brooklynkids.org](http://www.brooklynkids.org).

### ONGOING

**SOCCER REGISTRATION:** Registration is now open for Mayor Dwayne D. Warren's First Annual Caribbean Cup 7 vs. 7 One-Day Soccer Tournament, Saturday, 9/8, 9:00 a.m. at Monte Irvin Orange Park Soccer Complex, N.J. For complete requirements, rules and information call Slim at (973) 868-1444 or Mr. Romano at (973) 489-7700. For online registration visit <https://www.gotsport.com/form/app/?EventID=27191>.

**JOUVERT:** Roy Pierre and Associates presents "Harlequins and Pierrots," open nightly, 6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. at mas camp Charl-Ena Chateau, 3820 Church Ave., corner E. 39 St., Brooklyn. Pictures and costumes on display. Register and play mas with us for J'ouvert 2012. For information, call (718) 282-1229 or (718) 462-5164.

**FARMERS MARKET:** The Hattie Carthan "After Church" Farmers Market featuring locally grown fresh fruits, veggies, herbs and eggs and offering sessions on growing food and herbs and how to prepare healthy food is open every Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. until November at 49 Van Buren St. off Tompkins Ave., Brooklyn. We accept WIC/Senior FMNP Checks, EBT, Health Bucks and cash. For information, call (718) 638-3566 or email [haticarthangarden@yahoo.com](mailto:haticarthangarden@yahoo.com).

**QUEENS SICKLE CELL:** The Queens Sickle Cell Advocacy Network, 207-08 Hollis Ave., Queens Village, N.Y., presents a Parent to Parent Support Group meeting every first Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m. For directions and registration, call (718) 712-0873 or email [Qscanorg@verizon.net](mailto:Qscanorg@verizon.net).

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## U.S. Open kick off

Pop-vocal sensation The Wanted, chart-topping singer Carly Rae Jepsen, special guest performer Owl City and from Nickelodeon's How to Rock, Cymphonique Miller and Max Schneider, will team up with reigning U.S. Open Champion Novak Djokovic, U.S. No. 1 men's singles player John Isner, three-time U.S. Open Champion Kim Clijsters and Mardy Fish at the 17th Annual Arthur Ashe Kids' Day presented by Hess Saturday, Aug. 25 at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y., from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Hosted by AAKD alumnus Jordin Sparks and TV personality Quddus, the popular full-day tennis and music festival for children and adults alike features interactive games, musical entertainment and tennis activities. Arthur Ashe Kids' Day presented by Hess will kick off the 2012 U.S. Open, which runs from Aug. 27 – Sept. 9.

From 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., kids and their families can enjoy an exciting schedule of free tennis games, live

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## Gayle back with Sydney Thunder

By Azad Ali

West Indies superstar batsman Chris Gayle has once more signed with Sydney Thunder for another season of Australia's glitzy Twenty20 Big Bash. The 32-year-old left-hander played for the Thunder last season and was a hit at the ANZ Stadium, smashing 252 runs at an average of 42.

"I am really happy to have signed with the Thunder," Gayle said.

"After my experience last year, I always wanted to return. I love Sydney so I cannot wait to get amongst the guys again. The Thunder squad is looking good with a solid mix of youth and experience."

Gayle was only recently recalled to the West Indies side following a 15-month hiatus, owing to an impasse with the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB).

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# STRANGLEHOLD BROKEN

U.S. Michael Orozco, front, celebrates after scoring during a friendly soccer game against Mexico in Mexico City, Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012. AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo

## U.S. defeats host Mexico

By Patrick Horne

When the U.S. came away with an historic 1-0 win over host Mexico in an international friendly at the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City on Wednesday, Aug. 15, it severed a 75-year-old psychological stran-

glehold that Mexico held over its most fierce CONCACAF rival. It may possibly signal a new era in this very competitive rivalry – one that could lead to more U. S. wins south of the border.

Before the historic win at Azteca, the

U.S. had failed in its quest for victory there in its previous 24 tries, managing only a 0-0 draw against 23 defeats since 1937. Also significant is the fact that new U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann has not lost

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music and attractions taking place throughout the grounds of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. Inside Arthur Ashe Stadium from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., the live tennis and music show will feature fun exhibition matches and skills competitions with Novak Djokovic, John Isner, Kim Clijsters, Mardy Fish and other top players and celebrities with musical performances by The Wanted, Carly Rae Jepsen, Owl City, Cymphonique Miller, Max Schneider and other talent to be announced.

Stadium show tickets are on sale now through Ticketmaster (1-866-OPEN-TIX), usopen.org and at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center box office. American Express is the official card of Arthur Ashe Kids' Day. Arthur Ashe Kids' Day will be broadcast nationally by CBS on Sunday, Aug. 26, from 12 noon - 1:30 p.m (ET). Kids 12-and-under with stadium show tickets will receive a free Arthur Ashe Kids' Day hat from the USTA and Hess on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We are thrilled to kick off the 2012 U.S. Open with the 17th annual Arthur Ashe Kids' Day presented by Hess featuring the most popular names in sports and entertainment today," said Gordon Smith, USTA executive director and chief operating officer. "The event holds a long-standing history of providing a day of fun-filled family activities as attendees celebrate the life of Arthur Ashe and his mission to empower children of all ages through tennis."



One of the many youths enjoying free tennis games at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. Photo courtesy of USTA



West Indies batsman Chris Gayle

AP Photo/Lynne Sladky

## Chris Gayle

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During his time away from international cricket, he increased his Twenty20 stocks significantly with successful stints in Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and the cash-rich Indian Premier Leagues.

Gayle is one of the four West Indies players already confirmed for the Dec. 7 to Jan. 19 showpiece.

Mystery off-spinner Sunil Narine will debut for the Sydney Sixers, batsman Kieron Pollard will play for the Adelaide Strikers, while fast bowler Kemar Roach has signed for Brisbane Heat.

# U.S. defeats Mexico

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to Mexico in his two matches against the Tri-colors, since taking over from Bob Bradley last summer. The U.S. tied Mexico in Klinsmann's only other encounter, but this time, two substitutes combined to get the win: defender Michael Orozco Fiscal, of Mexican descent, scored in the 80th minute off an assist from forward Terrence Boyd during a goalmouth scramble.

The victory does much for the Americans' psyche, especially considering the way it was achieved. The untried U.S. team - with only four regular starters in goalkeeper Tim Howard, Maurice Edu, Landon Donovan and Jermaine Jones - were outplayed in midfield but preserved the shutout. The victory could signal the start of a new generation of players with fearless intent when playing south of the border.

There are those who won't give much credence to the U.S. win because the game was a friendly, but they underestimate the psychological significance at stake. The U.S. considers Mexico its staunchest opponent in the region and the only team that prevents it carrying the label of 'best in CONCACAF' a longstanding U.S. ambition and one that is expected to be realized with Klinsmann at the helm. Being the best in CONCACAF is part of the campaign to take the 'U.S. to the next level' or, in other words, beyond CONCACAF and be considered a serious contender to win the World Cup.

The rivalry makes these teams better; beyond the U.S. and Mexico, the rivalry also strengthens the Confederation as the other national teams such as Honduras, Jamaica, Costa Rica, Pana-

ma, Guatemala and others in the region constantly try to close the gap between them and the CONCACAF big two.

In Mexico City on the historic night, Howard got his 28th international shutout and confirmed his status as one of the best, if not the best, goalkeeper in the world; he exhibited tremendous leadership. "It took a lot of grit and determination," Howard said. "We went out there and played our hearts out tonight. It's not lost on any of us that we made history. We're just so proud of those guys. We worked hard. We played well and we had to weather their storm most of the game and we did that."

Midfielder Edu played at central defense with young Geoff Cameron, and in helping to preserve the shutout, showed his versatility; Jones and Donovan were steady as usual and Fabian Johnson, moved from his customary left defensive position to the right, was also model in versatility.

"We were well aware that we've never won here at Azteca and this is an amazing experience for all the players," Klinsmann said. "We told them before the game, 'This moment is for you, go and grab it.' We are aware that is was a lot of work. Tim Howard kept us in the game I don't know how many times. It was an absolutely fantastic performance by Tim. Also, the back line was holding their strength for the whole 90 minutes. It was a fantastic team performance. We know we still have to improve in many elements. We have to keep the ball longer, we have to create more chances and we have to do a lot of work still, but I think this gives us a lot of confidence."

## Carib Cup heads into semifinals

The Caribbean Cup is into its semifinal stage after quarterfinal results were completed last Sunday at Jefferson High School Field on Shepherd and Flatlands avenues in Flatlands, Brooklyn. Last Sunday, Nigel Codrington scored in the 60th minute to give Guyana a 1-0 victory over St. Vincent and the Grenadines in one of two quarterfinal games; in the other quarterfinal, defending champion Jamaica beat Panama.

In the previous quarterfinal match ups the week before, St. Lucia won by forfeit over Antigua and Barbuda, and Grenada

pummeled Trinidad and Tobago, 6-0. On Sunday, Aug. 26, starting at 3:00 p.m., St. Lucia plays Jamaica in the first semifinal while Grenada takes on Guyana in the other. The championship game is set for Sunday, Sept. 2.

In the Bronx New York International Soccer League, which plays its games at Evander Childs High School Field near Gun Hill Road and Eastchester Avenue in the Bronx, the semifinal field is set to kick off on Sunday, Aug. 26. Arantes takes on Upsetters at 5:00 p.m. and undefeated Havoc plays Kandia immediately after.

# South Africa tops ICC Test Standings

## Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Some useful all rounder performances from the South African players propelled their team to the top of the ICC test standings. South Africa went passed England after they won the third test match at Lords by 51 runs. South African inform batsman Hamish Amla scored a century in the final Test at Lords bringing his total amount of test centuries to 15 from 61 tests at an average of 49-61. Opener Robin Peterson scored a century the second test, Jacques Kallis scored a century in the first test. Abde Villiers came on with some useful scores as well.

### SPECIALIST BOWLERS DID THE JOB

South Africa has five spe-

cialist bowlers that can top-ple and carry the challenge to many top batsmen in the world. Morne Morkel, Vernon Philander, Dale Steyn, Jack Kallis and spinner Imran Jahir took the challenge to the English batsmen and won. These bowlers capitalize on the conditions and South Africa's Captain Craeme Smith never over used any of his bowlers. He used them appropriately. Vernon Philander, the pacer, got the ball to move around frequently along with some swing causing him to pick up five wickets for 30 runs from 14.5 overs. South Africa stood to their task and their specialist bowlers did the job. South Africa won the Three-Test series 2-0. Winning the Basil Doli Veira trophy.

### INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL TEST STANDINGS

South Africa: 120; England: 117; Australia: 116; Pakistan: 109; India: 104; Sri Lanka: 98; West Indies: 90; New Zealand: 80; Bangladesh: 0.

### INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL STANDINGS

England: 121; South Africa: 121; India: 120; Australia: 112; Sri Lanka: 108; Pakistan: 105; West Indies: 94; New Zealand: 74; Bangladesh: 71; Zimbabwe: 50; Ireland: 35.

### ICC TWENTY20 IN SRI LANKA WILL BE VERY COMPETITIVE

The six top teams in Twenty20 cricket are England in first place, South Africa - second, Sri Lanka - third, Bangladesh - fourth, Pakistan - fifth and Australia - sixth.



South Africa's Jacques Kallis hits a ball from England's Graeme Swann during the third day of the third Test match at Lord's cricket ground, London, Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012. (AP Photo/Tom Hevezi) Tom Hevezi

West Indies is at number nine. Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka will be the teams desperate to move up the ladder. Sri Lanka will be playing at home under their customary conditions. Bangladesh

and India understand those conditions fully too. India will be making every effort to move from the number eight position. West Indies have the batting but their bowling may be in for some

heavy battering. Captaincy will play a significant part in the series. How well Sunil Narine, Kumar Roach, Jino Best and Dwayne Bravo bowl may determine if the West Indies win or lose. Their batting is destructive but their bowlers will have to limit the runs scored. Andre Russell should bat up in the order. He has proven repeatedly that he has a huge appetite for runs. He deserves to climb the ladder and take care of business. This competition will be rigorous and the team that can contain the swash buckling of runs will win the competition. South African and Indian bowlers are good at containing runs. A fierce competition is ahead.

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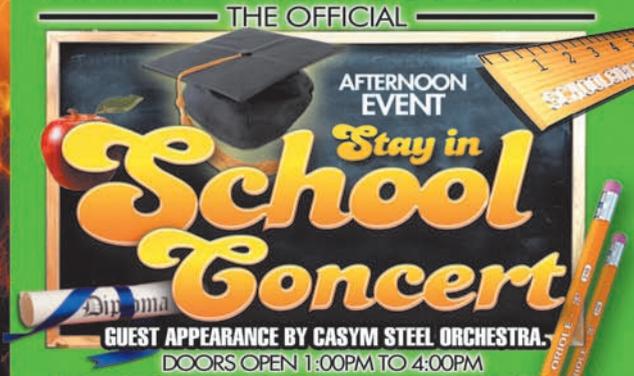
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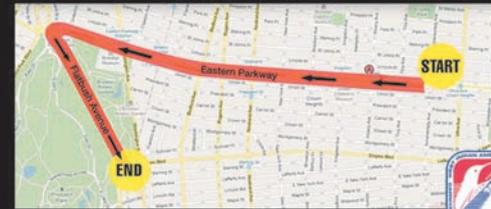
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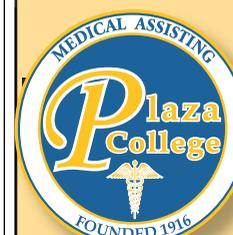
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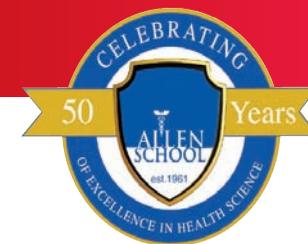
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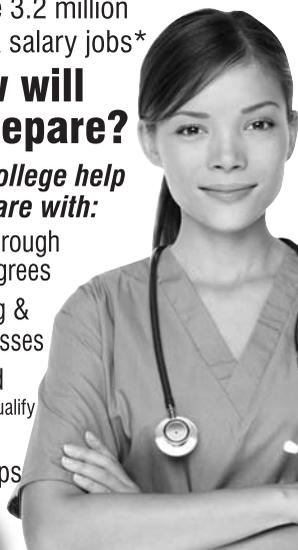
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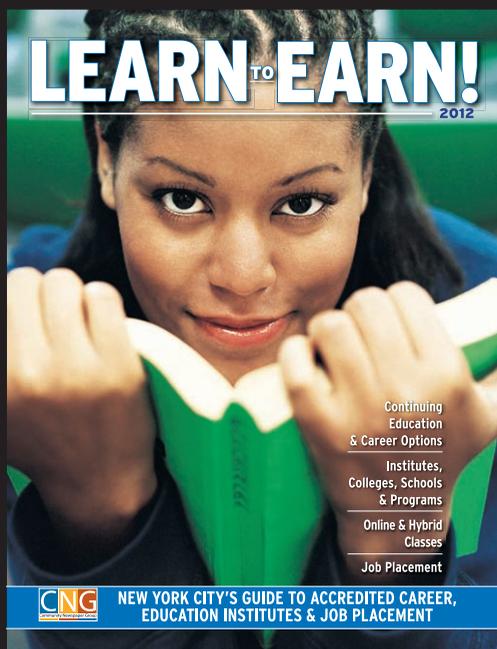
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