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New trial for murder accused

By Azad Ali

The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) with headquarters in Trinidad has rejected an application to free a Barbadian national on a murder charge and has ordered the registrar of the High Court in Barbados to fix the trial date for November.

Frank Errol Gibson was charged with the murder of Francine Bolden in January 2002.

With the exception of a 10-month period while he was on bail, Gibson remains incarcerated at Her Majesty's Prison

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Runaway lottery scam

By Azad Ali

Jamaica National Security Minister Peter Bunting has warned that thousands of jobs could be lost if the illegal lottery scam operating in the second city of Montego Bay is not brought under control.

In an address to the Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce, Bunting said the persons most likely to be affected are those employed in call centers and the tourism industry.

"Certainly the whole call center is going to be threatened and 10,000 or so jobs. Certainly tourism is going to be at risk as well, people are going to be fearful that they come here and if they run a

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What's an immigrant worth

NY Immigration Commissioner Fatima Shama heads list at CWS event honoring immigrants. See page 3

READY FOR A FIGHT

Carib bankers respond to United States Foreign Accounts tax law

By Bert Wilkinson

Caribbean banks prepare to confront a new U.S. law that requires Caribbean Americans and other citizens who have foreign or so-called offshore bank accounts with more than \$50,000 to report it to the IRS. New laws due to take effect next year would force the local banks to report their dollar balances and other highly personal information to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in a move U.S. officials say would severely minimize tax evasion.

The new regulations under the Foreign Accounts Tax Compliance Act come into force from the beginning of January and it is

already causing major headaches among governments, bankers and financial regulators as some of the U.S. clauses will clearly affect member states of the Caribbean trade bloc of nations.

So commercial and central bankers have formed a task force to examine the implications of the law and to what extent they could force managers to comply with the law without running into conflict with various country constitutions.

The task force has already held some meetings among itself but more importantly, and this were preparing for a major teleconfer-

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Bahamas

The Bahamas government will continue to implement programs aimed at reducing the opportunities for young Bahamians joining gangs of criminal groups.

This was revealed by National Security Minister Dr. Bernard J Nottage, who told an Anti-Gang Workshop recently that far too many young people see violence as a way to make a statement and that the new policies and procedures will help ensure “that our young people are not crossing the line from law-abiding citizens to budding criminals.”

Nottage said “organized gang crime” is posing a serious threat to the security of citizens within the region” and “we in the Bahamas are not immune to the impact of gang-related crimes.”

“The presence of the organized gang culture is a serious impediment to regional communities. The gangs are well-organized and sophisticated and are involved in activities such as drug smuggling, human trafficking, gun smuggling and money laundering.



Haiti

Hundreds of people in Haiti have protested against the high cost of living and called for the resignation of President Michel Martelly.

In a march through the capital, Port-au-Prince recently, opposition supporters and other demonstrators accused the president of corruption. They also said he had failed to deliver on his promises to alleviate poverty.

Martelly took office last year promising a fresh start for Haiti, devastated by an earthquake in 2010.

Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere. President Martelly came into power in May 2011, with 68 percent of the vote in a run off.

The former pop star vowed to bridge the gap between Haiti's tragic past with the aspirations of a new generation. But opposition demonstrators say he wasted public money in luxury vehicles and international trips.



Jamaica

A Magistrate Court in Jamaica has dismissed one of two counts of perversion of justice against a United States-based televangelist who had been acquitted of carnal abuse and indecent assault charges in 2011.

Dr. Paul Lewis, the founder and president of the New York-based The Messengers for Christ Ministries World Healing Center, had been accused of two counts of perversion of justice related to carnal abuse case.

The prosecution had alleged that, Lewis, an author and ordained minister, had attempted to bribe girls who were involved in the carnal abuse and indecent assault case, for which he was found not guilty by a seven-member jury.

Lewis, who is on J\$300,000 bail, will reappear in court on March 25, 2013 for the trial, which is expected to last three weeks.

St. Lucia

A Barbadian national was recently jailed for seven years after he pleaded guilty to gun and illegal drug charges in a St. Lucia,

Castries court.

Police said that Irone Bascombe was arrested along with three other persons, including Lennox Andrew of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, during a police roadblock in the southern town of Vieux Fort recently.

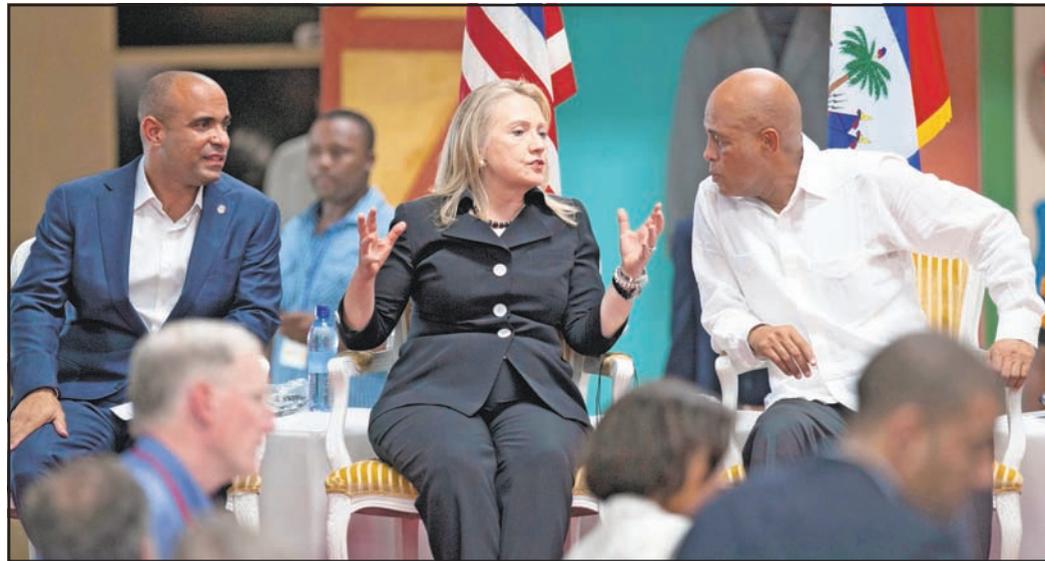
The authorities said all the occupants of the vehicle, including nationals Pamela Dorville and Wilson Alcide, were charged with being in possession of a controlled drug, possession with intent to supply, possession of an unlicensed firearm and possession of ammunition after a pistol was found in the vehicle.

Bascombe pleaded guilty to all charges and was jailed for seven years on each charge. However, the sentences will run concurrently.

The charges were dropped against the two other accused.

St. Lucia

The St. Lucia government averted a shutdown of the vital tourism industry informing workers that they will not be asked to pay Value Added Tax (VAT) on service charges.



Haiti launches new industrial park

Haiti launches new industrial park. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, center, speaks to Haiti's President Michel Martelly, right, during the inauguration of the Caracol Haiti Industrial Park on the outskirts of Cap Hatien, Haiti, Monday, Oct. 22, 2012. Clinton encouraged foreigners to invest in Haiti as she and her husband Bill led a star-studded delegation gathered Monday to inaugurate the new industrial park at the center of U.S. efforts to help the country rebuild after the 2010 earthquake. At left, Haiti's Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe. See story on Page 19.

AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery

Carolina couple who were stabbed to death in their Caribbean vacation home.

Meys h a n e Johnson recently made his first court appearance since his arrest on suspicion of killing Michael and Thelma King of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

His white T-shirt was pulled over his head as he was led into the courthouse. The hearing was closed to the media and public, but Solicitor General Taco Stein said later that the magistrate ruled there was enough evidence to hold Johnson for at least 10 more days pending further investigations.

Prosecutors must return to court after that if they want to keep holding Johnson. His lawyers say he denies killing the couple.

Police and prosecutors in St. Maarten have been in contact with the FBI, which offered assistance in the investigation.



Trinidad

The Trinidad and Tobago government will pump TT\$70 million into the Police Service to increase its fleet of vehicles.

Among the vehicles to be bought are marked and unmarked sedans, marked sport utility vehicles, dog vans, two ambulances and two trucks.

These proposals are contained in the 2012/2013 budget document entitled Stimulating Growth, Generating Prosperity: Public Sector Investment Program 2013 – 2015, which stated that the fleet of the Police Service will be increased by approximately 200 vehicles.

“The vehicles will be ‘fit for purpose’ and custom-built to facilitate the continued standardization of the fleet and to allow for improved mobility, as the vehicles will be sturdy enough for police use,” the document said.

It said they would facilitate patrols, implementation of the transformation initiative, deploy canine services throughout the country, medical emergency response involving its officers and community policing.

It said the transformation of the Police Service would continue over the medium term (2013 to 2015) at an estimated cost of TT\$50 million.



“The government of St. Lucia wishes to reassure workers throughout the hotel industry that the service charge owned by workers will not attract VAT,” said the Dr. Kenny Anthony.

National Workers Union (NWU) president Tyrone Maynard said that putting VAT on service charges would have a devastating economic impact on the hotel and tourism workers, who rely on the charge to improve their wages.

But in a statement, the Office of the Prime Minister said the government is surprised and disappointed by the statement of the NWU and assured workers throughout the hotel industry that the service charge will not attract VAT. Further for purposes of income tax, service charge is not taxable and hotel workers have had significant tax relief from the provision over the years.

The new tax measure (VAT) recently went into effect.

St. Maarten

A judge in St. Maarten ordered a Jamaican security guard held as a suspect in the killing of a South

Compiled by Azad Ali

Vincentian anniversary celebrations begin

By Nelson A. King

Vincentians in New York last Sunday began celebrating their country's 33rd anniversary of independence with an ecumenical service of thanksgiving at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn.

Hundreds attended the three-hour service at the church, whose pastor the Venerable Carver Israel, archdeacon of Brooklyn is Vincentian.

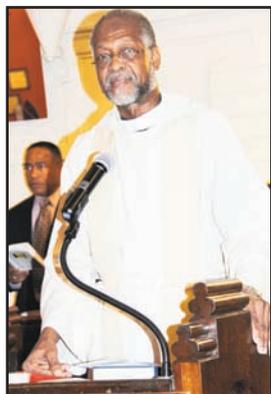
Congregants sang lustily and listened to Bible readings, prayers and preachings by at least a dozen Vincentian clergymen.

The Rev. Hoskins Prescott, assistant priest at St. Leonard's Anglican Church in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, and the Rev. Dillon Burgin, pastor, Bethel United Methodist Church in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, alternated as liturgists.

There were prayers by the clergymen, interspersed with hymns, for the United States (Rev. Derhinn Grant), the government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Rev. Berkeley Dougan), the youth (Bishop Robert Yearwood) and of thanksgiving (Bishop Kenroy Cuffy).

Addresses were also delivered by United Nations Amb. Camillo Gonsalves; United States Consul General Selmon Walters; and Laverne McDowald-Thompson, president of the umbrella Vincentian organizing group in the U.S., Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Organizations, U.S.A., Inc. (COSAGO), which, organized the church service and subsequent reception in conjunction with the New York Consulate General.

"What we need is to get the power of God in St. Vincent and the Grenadines," said the Rev. Dr. Lincoln Creese in his ser-



The Venerable Carver Israel, Archdeacon of Brooklyn.

Photo by Nelson A. King

mon.

"We need Christ back in St. Vincent and the Grenadines – to make St. Vincent and the Grenadines a prosperous land," added the pastor of New Millennium Tabernacle of Praise in Brooklyn.

Rev. Creese also appealed for special assistance for the youth, stating that "the children of St. Vincent and the Grenadines are in desperate help for direction.

"We need your help, we need your support," he preached. "God, we need a deliverance. We want to take back our young boys and girls from drugs and guns."

Rev. Creese, however, added that St. Vincent and the Grenadines is "blessed, and we'll be prosperous."

Gonsalves told the congregation that while independence is a "cherished thing," St. Vincent and the Grenadines' is "always under threat – from poverty, underdevelopment and from other countries."

He, therefore, urged that nationals unite for nationhood, lamenting: "We very rarely speak with one voice."

The U.N. envoy, however, said, even in the face of numerous impediments, the 150-square-mile island-nation can "overcome any struggle," adding: "We have to look out for ourselves."

HAUP celebrates 37 years

By Tequila Minsky

Haitian-Americans United for Progress (HAUP), the oldest Haitian organization in the New York area, based in Queens, is celebrating its 37th anniversary. HAUP was started to assist Haitian emigrants and their transition to American life and over the years has provided a much-needed safety net to countless emigrants.

Chairman Rulx Rosefort recently greeted the packed hall at HAUP's annual gala at Autun's noting the gains clients have accomplished in these past 37 years: legal status, settled into homes, and having built comfortable lives.

He said, "We are seeing the fruit of all these past efforts by the sheer number of young people who identify themselves as Haitians," proudly adding, "who are seeking and achieving the American dream and are working to give back or to take the community to new heights by getting elected to office or getting involved in public service."

Upbeat Executive Director Elsie Saint-Louis Accilien reminded guests, friends, and colleagues, "Haiti remains a cause for concern as its leaders chart an uneasy path towards nation-



Ford model Monika Watkins (third from left) who received the Toussaint Louverture Award with members of Love and Serve who went to Haiti this past summer.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

building."

She voiced her deepened commitment both to the community and Haitian people for increasing impact and being ready to respond to natural disasters.

HAUP does not just work with Haitians but all in need of their services that include adult education, health programs, parenting and survival skills, a domestic violence project, and immigrant/refugee assistance with TPS education and assistance.

"Our largest program that includes Haitians and non-Haitians are our services for the developmentally disabled," said Deputy Director Marie Charles, whose competency has allowed Accilien to share the multiple responsibilities of running the growing organization.

"We've also extended our reach this year to an after-school program for 150 children, mostly of African and Haitian background, at P.S. 241 in Crown Heights."

The program focuses

on academics, part of the STEM-Science, Technology, English and Math-program with a goal to expose children to and develop interest in these subjects that minorities and women traditionally don't go into. The STEM fields have been identified as areas where there will be jobs in the future.

"We anticipate this work will lead to other programs geared to their parents," Charles says, looking toward ESL classes in the future for the parents.

Immigration Commish touts immigrants' values

By Kingsley Dougan

As Americans prepare to vote and with immigration simmering as a 2012 elections issue, the global humanitarian agency Church World Service (CWS) honored both the achievements and struggles of immigrants to the United States at its 7:00 p.m. cocktail reception Oct. 25 at the Museum of the City of New York, as CWS presented its first annual John Backer Award to broadcast entrepreneur Tony Hernandez and DREAM Act advocate Myrna Orozco.

New York City Immigration Commissioner Fatima Shama headed the list of speakers who sang the praises of immigrants' economic and cultural contributions

to the United States.

Hernandez, co-founder & CEO of Latino Broadcasting Company and son of a Cuban refugee resettled by CWS, lives in Miami, Fla. Myrna Orozco is an Immigrant Rights Advocate, particularly on the DREAM Act, and declares herself to be "undocumented and unafraid." She serves as an advisor to the organization United We Dream, and works with the Kansas/Missouri Dream Alliance (KSMIDA). She lives near Kansas City.

The award they received honors the late John Backer's 61 years of service to CWS as a staff member and volunteer. His first assignment was to wait by the piers in New York City to help new refugee arrivals from World

War II-ravaged Europe get to Penn Station to start the train trip to their new resettlement destinations in cities and towns across America. Mr. Backer worked in CWS's New York City headquarters offices until just a few days before he died in December 2011. Find more on Tony at <http://www.latinobroadcasting.com/>.

CWS is a global humanitarian agency working to eradicate hunger and poverty. Founded in 1946, it supports sustainable grassroots development, helps communities respond to disasters, protects refugees and other forcibly displaced people, and promotes public policies that contribute to building a world where there is enough for all.

In its 66 years, CWS has resettled more than 500,000 refugees and 300,000 Cuban and Haitian entrants to the United States. Other U.S.-based programs offer immigration legal services in seven cities, including New York City, also giving support to a network of such services in 17 of CWS's resettlement affiliate offices.

CWS administers the Resettlement Support Center Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya, which helps candidates for the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program prepare their case files. And it works around the world to increase forcibly displaced persons' access to essential services, protection and durable solutions. www.cwsglobal.net.

Rave review for Vincy Diaspora conference

By Nelson A. King

Vincintian Maxwell Haywood, chairman of the Brooklyn-based St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) Diaspora Committee of New York, says he was "pleased" with the outcome of the recent Diaspora and Development Conference held recently in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

"In many ways, it was a success," Haywood told Caribbean Life in an exclusive interview. The three main objectives of the conference: To provide an opportunity for the Vincintian Diaspora in the U.S. to focus on the development challenges and opportunities at home and in the U.S.; to strengthen the unity among Vincintians in the U.S.; and to "promote the opportunity for the grand periodic meeting of Vincintians at home and abroad in the U.S.A."

Held under the theme, "Embracing the Challenges and Opportunities for Development of St. Vincent



Maxwell Haywood (r) with Prime Minister Gonsalves at Brooklyn conference. Photo by Nelson A. King

and the Grenadines and the Vincintian Diaspora in the U.S.A.," the conference, among other things, addressed business challenges and opportunities facing the nation and the Diaspora in the U.S., the socio-economic development opportunities in SVG and in the Vincintian

Diaspora in the U.S., and building on current initiatives within the Vincintian Diaspora in the U.S. and between the Diaspora and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

SVG Prime Mimister Ralph Gonsalves delivered a two-hour keynote address on "The Role of the Vin-

centian Diaspora in the Development of SVG and its Diaspora."

"The content of the conference and the quality of the discussion were very high," said Haywood. There was "excellent response" from the government and institutions at home, from the prime minister and institutions at home such as, Invest SVG, the Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Non-State Actors Advisory Panel, LOVINSVG and the Red Cross.

Haywood, a United Nations development officer, said there were "important and active persons," who travelled from home to attend the conference as well as local supporters including U.S. Rep. Yvette Clarke, and Brooklyn Deputy Borough President Sandra Chapman, who was born in Guyana.

"The private sector supported the conference," Haywood said, adding that "representatives of sponsors such as LIME and AI

Real Estate company in SVG spoke at the conference. "I'm very pleased with that."

The New York Diaspora chairman said he was also pleased "because the conference addressed the creative tension existing in SVG Diaspora affairs.

"Despite the contributions that the Vincintian Diaspora had made over many decades, there is creative tension within Diaspora relations between SVG and its sons and daughters abroad," he said.

"This creative tension is a result of the recognition that SVG and its Diaspora could do more; and we must do more in order to make use of the great potential existing within Diaspora relations between SVG and its Diaspora," he added.

"The conference was a huge step forward in answering the questions: Where do we go from here? How do we realize the full potential in Diaspora affairs?" Haywood continued.

Lottery scam

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credit card, information is skimmed and they might become victims of fraud," Bunting said at the Chamber function organized to address crime in the western parish of St. James.

The National Security minister said there is no specific law in Jamaica that deals directly with scamming, as a result most of those detained for their involvement in the scam are not charged.

In commending the police for clamping down on some of the major players in the illegal activity, Bunting announced that additional security personnel have been deployed to the tourist resort town and the government is considering upgrading nearby police stations.

St. James has the highest number of murders per capita in the country fuelled largely by the predominance of the lottery scam

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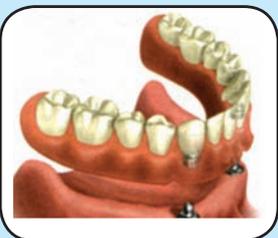
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Headaches over IRS tax law

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ence with the Caricom Secretariat as it takes the issue up the ladder chain and eventually to prime ministers and presidents in the coming months.

The law was passed by the U.S. Congress back in the spring of 2010 but lawmakers delayed its implementation until January to give enough lead time for compliance.

The new regulation also applies to green card holders or legal permanent residents and there is a clause as well, relating to similar demands for information from banks expected to yield

up personal information about persons with visitors visas, once they habitually spend two or more months in the U.S.

"Since the announcement by the U.S. of the enactment of FATCA, the Caribbean Association of Bankers (CAB) has been very concerned about the implications for financial services institutions in the Caribbean and the resultant impact on the economies of the region as a whole," said Carlton Barclay, chairman of the CAB organizing committee.

Gobind Ganga, deputy Central Bank governor of

Guyana says the issue is engaging the attention of banks region-wide and requires a thorough review of the legislation to ensure no humps in compliance along the way, but he added: "We need a unified position to move forward with."

Leaders raised the issue with President Obama at the hemispheric summit in Colombia earlier this year but there has been little movement so far and no one expects any, given the national distraction that comes with preparations for elections next month.

Of particular importance to

future victims of this law is a paragraph stating that failure of foreign banks anywhere in the world to report information to the IRS will result in up to a 30 percent withholding tax on all U.S.-sourced payments that include payments such as Microsoft dividends, U.S. bonds or maturing interests from an American corporation.

The law applies to a wide range of financial institutions ranging from brokerage firms to insurance companies, trust firms, retirement administrators, mutual fund companies and others.

New trial

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in Barbados.

In June, the CCJ stayed the matter and ordered that there could not be a fair trial if Gibson was deprived of the services of

a forensic odontologist.

An odontologist is a person who studies teeth and their surrounding tissues, along with the prevention and cure of the disease.

The CCJ considered then, that the proper course was to allow the parties to hold discussions in relation to funding of

an odontologist and those negotiations should culminate in the State paying for assistance of an expert.

Gibson was granted bail in the sum of \$10,000.

On Aug. 17, 2012, Gibson filed an application that the murder charge against him be dismissed

on the grounds that the state had failed to provide or make any reasonable offer to provide funding to secure an odontologist.

The court ruled that there was no basis for Gibson's claim and asked the registrar of the Barbados High Court to fix a date for his trial.

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Home affairs minister to stay

By Azad Ali

The Guyana government says it has no intention of removing Minister of Home Affairs Clement Rohee in the wake of calls for him to step down over the recent deadly police shootings in Linden, Agricola and other incidents of police misconduct escalated into fiery protests recently.

Passions inflamed over what was deemed by Agricola residents as “special treatment” for a police officer charged with the September killing of an Agricola teenager spilled over into a day of fiery protests, looting and armed clashes with authorities that day.

In a press briefing earlier that day Cabinet Secretary Dr. Roger Luncheon said the government was not prepared to axe Rohee and he told the opposition parties in the words of legendary American boxer Mohammed Ali: Let’s get ready to rumble” in response to an ultimatum given by Nigel Hughes, chairman of the Alliance for Change opposition party, to President Donald Ramoutar to replace Rohee.

Angry supporters who had been picketing the court appear-



Minister of Home Affairs Clement Rohee. Photo courtesy of GINA

ance of one of the accused, Constable Terrance Wallace, who is charged with shooting to death 17-year-old Shaquille Grant on Sept. 11, turned their protest on Dr. Luncheon, launching a protest outside his residence after the accused left the courts. Police are still looking for two other cops who are implicated in the killing.

The protest escalated and according to police reports, a large number of persons gathered on the roadway and threw

tires and other obstacles across both carriageways of the East Bank Demerara road at Agricola and set them on fire, causing traffic to come to a standstill.

Bricks and bottles were thrown at the police. The unruly crowd, some whom were armed with pieces of wood and cutlasses, blocked the Guyana Fire Service vehicles from getting to the location of the burning tires and other materials despite pleas from the Joint Services personnel.

Police had to use tear smoke to disperse the crowd. A car was also set on fire during the protest.

Thousands of commuters were left stranded on the East Bank public road between Agricola and McDoom after traffic was blocked for more than five hours.

Many motorists and passengers were reportedly robbed of their valuables.

Police managed to clear the streets after the Tactical Services Unit arrived on the scene.

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs Anil Nandlall condemned the actions of the protestors and refuted claims that the protests were as a result of statements made by Luncheon.

Carib wage inequality

By Nelson A. King

Despite recent gains, the wage gap between men and women in Latin America and the Caribbean still prevails, according to a new Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) study.

The study, entitled “New Century, Old Disparities,” compares surveys of representative households in 18 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

The study was released at the “POWER Conference,” a high-level meeting of experts including U.N. Women Executive Director Michelle Bachelet and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who gathered in Lima, Peru, to explore how to achieve gender equality in the labor markets.

The study, which also examines wage differences across ethnic minorities of the region, points out that, although the average gender wage gap decreased from 25 percent to 17 percent between 1992 and 2007, the disparity remains quite high and there is still plenty of work to be done.

According to the household surveys, women hold only 33 percent of the better-paid professional jobs in the region, which

include those related to architecture, law or engineering.

In these professions, the study says wage gap between men and women is significantly higher: 58 percent on average.

It says these jobs require quantitative skills, and despite women’s progress in education—leading men by half a year of education on average—they tend to focus on careers like psychology, teaching or nursing, where those skills are not developed.

“In terms of women’s participation in the work force, there has been progress in recent decades, but the wage gap between men and women still prevails,” says Hugo Ñopo, an IDB specialist in education and author of the study.

“The process of closing this gap has been very slow because misguided stereotypes and perceptions of the roles of men and women have distorted interactions, not only in the workplace but also at home,” he says.

“These stereotypes, which arise even in early childhood, discourage women, thus limiting their access to careers with a better future in the labor market,” Ñopo continued.

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Trial video shows panic during Guyana police

By Bert Wilkinson

The nearly month-long Caribbean-led commission of inquiry into the mid-July fatal police shootings of three Guyana opposition supporters reached an interesting stage this week with the probe team taking statements from organizers of the protest against the government-imposed electricity hike and from persons who were injured from police bullets.

But while lawyers representing the police have done their best to cast doubt as to whether riot police bullets actually killed the three and injured more than 20 at the bauxite-mining town of Linden, video footage tendered to the commission midweek has so far showed thousands of people running helter-skelter immediately after police had sounded the final dispersal warning and after reading an

anti-riot proclamation.

Witnesses have also testified that there was no other armed group on the bridge, and even officers have testified to shooting pellets down on the bridge at protesters to reduce the force with which it hit targets, appearing to confirm that cops had done the shooting that triggered a month of mass protests and a shut-down of the interior.

Linden is about 65 miles south of the city of Georgetown and a town of about 30,000 that voted overwhelmingly for the opposition in last November's general elections.

The footage also showed the wounded being attended to on the bridge across the Demerara River and in one case, the blood-stained body of one of the three men killed as police had tried to clear the bridge that is the lone road link between the

city and the southern interior. This is even as tear gas and pellets were still being fired and as riot police information had continued to move in on protesters as they fled to safety.

The footage, however, did not capture police actually shooting at Lindeners as wounded cameraman Vladimir Glassgow testified that he too was forced to run as police pellets and bullets rained down on them and as the dead and wounded fell around him.

Throughout the hearings that have been so far chaired by retired Jamaican Chief Justice Lensey Wolfe, police have maintained that they used only tear gas and buck shot from shotgun rifles but experts have testified that if they had used the Double Zero cartridge on protesters, the results would have been fatal as some defense lawyers suspect.

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A Noteworthy Accomplishment

By **Kenton Kirby**

Residents of the 11th Congressional District have good reason to celebrate the many accomplishments of their officeholder in the U.S. House of Representatives. The predominantly Caribbean district in Brooklyn, have watched with pride how well Rep. Yvette D. Clarke has acquitted herself in Washington.

This week Congresswoman Clarke, of Jamaican heritage, added yet another feather to her cap with the announcement that she had achieved a perfect score for her unrelenting campaign for human rights on the Human Rights Campaign's Congressional Scorecard.

"I am proud to have received a perfect 100 percent on the Human Rights Campaign Congressional Scorecard for the 112th Congress," Clarke said

after the announcement. "Our nation has a responsibility to focus on LGBT equality."

Members of Congress are rated in the Human Rights Campaign Congressional Scorecard based on their positions on issues that affect the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. For example, Ms. Clarke supported the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act, and the Uniting American Families Act, all of which are included in the scorecard.

"The rights of all Americans are important to me, and I will continue our work to fulfill the promise of the Fourteenth Amendment – that we are entitled to equal protection of the law," concluded Representative Clarke.

The full scorecard can be found at www.hrc.org/scorecard.

LETTER

Domestic violence awareness

By **Ed Powell**

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and while adult domestic violence is a serious matter, resulting in over 255,000 calls for police assistance in 2011 alone, violence among dating teens is just as serious. In New York City 11% of high school students report having been hit, slapped

or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend/girlfriend.

Many young people experience abusive behaviors, but do not identify the abuse as dating violence. For many, these behaviors are incorrectly seen as "normal," and are not considered problematic. Below you will find five signs of an unhealthy

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America's Drone Terrorism

By **Sheldon Richman**

In the United States, the dominant narrative about the use of drones in Pakistan is of a surgically precise and effective tool that makes the U.S. safer by enabling "targeted killing" of terrorists, with minimal downsides or collateral impacts.

This narrative is false.

Those are the understated opening words of a disturbing, though unsurprising, nine-month study of the Obama administration's official, yet unacknowledged, remote-controlled bombing campaign in the North Waziristan region of Pakistan, near Afghanistan. The report, "Living Under Drones," is a joint effort by the New York University School of Law's Global Justice Clinic and Stanford Law School's International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic.

The NYU/Stanford report goes beyond reporting estimates of the civilian casualties inflicted by the deadly and illegal U.S. campaign. It also documents the hell the Pakistanis endure under President Barack Obama's policy, which includes a "kill list" from which he personally selects targets. That hell shouldn't be hard to imagine. Picture yourself living in an area routinely visited from the air by pilotless aircraft carrying Hellfire missiles. This policy is hardly calculated to win friends for the United States.

Defenders of the U.S. campaign say that militants in Pakistan threaten American troops in Afghanistan as well as Pakistani civilians. Of course, there is an easy way to protect American troops: bring them home. The 11-year-long Afghan war holds no benefits whatever for the security of the American people. On the contrary, it endangers Americans by creating hostility and promoting recruitment for anti-

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American groups.

The official U.S. line is that America's invasion of Afghanistan was intended to eradicate al-Qaeda and the Taliban, who harbored them. Yet the practical effect of the invasion and related policies, including the invasion of Iraq and the bombing in Yemen and Somalia, has been to facilitate the spread of al-Qaeda and like-minded groups.

U.S. policy is a textbook case of precisely how to magnify the very threat that supposedly motivated the policy. The Obama administration now warns of threats from Libya — where the U.S. consulate was attacked and the ambassador killed — and Syria. Thanks to U.S. policy, al-Qaeda in Afghanistan spawned al-Qaeda in Iraq, al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, and al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb.

If that's success, what would failure look like?

Regarding Pakistani civilians, the report states,

While civilian casualties are rarely acknowledged by the U.S. government, there is significant evidence that U.S. drone strikes have injured and killed civilians.... It is difficult to obtain data on strike casualties because of U.S. efforts to shield the drone program from democratic accountability, compounded by the obstacles to independent investigation of strikes in North Waziristan. The best currently available public aggregate data on drone strikes are provided by The Bureau of Investigative Journalism (TBIJ), an independent journalist organization. TBIJ reports that from June 2004 through mid-September

2012, available data indicate that drone strikes killed 2,562–3,325 people in Pakistan, of whom 474–881 were civilians, including 176 children. TBIJ reports that these strikes also injured an additional 1,228–1,362 individuals.

The Obama administration denies that it has killed civilians, but bear in mind that it considers any male of military age a "militant." This is not to be taken seriously.

The report goes on,

U.S. drone strike policies cause considerable and under-accounted-for harm to the daily lives of ordinary civilians, beyond death and physical injury. Drones hover twenty-four hours a day over communities in northwest Pakistan, striking homes, vehicles, and public spaces without warning. Their presence terrorizes men, women, and children, giving rise to anxiety and psychological trauma among civilian communities. Those living under drones have to face the constant worry that a deadly strike may be fired at any moment, and the knowledge that they are powerless to protect themselves.

It's even worse than it sounds:

The U.S. practice of striking one area multiple times, and evidence that it has killed rescuers, makes both community members and humanitarian workers afraid or unwilling to assist injured victims. Some community members shy away from gathering in groups.

How can Americans tolerate this murder and trauma committed in their name? But don't expect a discussion of this in Monday night's foreign-policy debate. Mitt Romney endorses America's drone terrorism.

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Those 270 Electoral College votes loom large

The way it's shaping up, the presidential election this time around could have us more Electoral College conscious than we've been in a while. In 2008 the dramatic, historic emergence of Barack Obama, coupled with his facing a Republican opponent who rapidly sank to "also ran" level, led to Obama prevailing in unlikely states like North Carolina and running up an impressive Electoral College vote number. This year, at least following the first presidential debate, opinion surveys have been making the race out to be a tight one in which a road map to victory through numbers earned in the Electoral College looms ever more critical.

Truth be told, no way should there be any tight race. The 2012 Republican contender isn't that much different, as a package, from four years ago. Mitt Romney has shown himself to be a vacillating blowhard, absolutely lacking in conviction, ever since this second presidential quest of his began with that bewildering schedule of Republican primaries. It's good that the president has gotten to where he can poke fun at himself about the first debate. Some Obama partisans/sympathizers have had diffi-

culty facing up to and acknowledging a sub-par performance (to put it charitably) by the president. Some, in a bit of a reach, have even suggested it may have been planned strategy. Get a grip, guys! We should all be able to take a cue from the president's admission that he had a bad night.

Of course, starting with Vice President Joe Biden's deft handling of Paul Ryan in their encounter, followed by Obama's powerful comeback in his second go-round with Romney, the Democratic ticket has righted the ship from the heavy listing of the first debate aftermath. But going a long way toward re-charting the course of the election will be the extent to which Democrats can reconnect the electorate to those components of what's been sold as the Romney persona that have repeatedly belied the advertising. On the debate stage, the bunch of contradictions that had come to represent the Romney package just disappeared without a trace, as one more time, he rolled out his alter ego bit.

The Democrats' challenge is not an easy one after a reported 60 million plus people watched the first debate, with Romney's sales pitch

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

of: "This is the genuine article; forget the other stuff." The other stuff, however, isn't all that easy to forget. And there's the odd chance he might even aid the process, so hard is it sometimes to shake what's embedded. As he did, for instance, in the second debate in recounting his Massachusetts experience championing women's right to equal employment opportunity. Immediately, there came word from sources in Massachusetts that Romney's spiel about initiating an effort to find qualified women was all mush – that the names of credentialed women had earlier been independently assembled to be presented to whoever won the gubernatorial election.

Romney can't help it, one gathers – always reaching for over-the-top utterances guaranteed to be worrisome. During one Republican primary debate he famously invited one of his fellow contenders for the nomination to a \$10,000 wager. So

what if this helped to magnify the perception that the world of ordinary folk is one very distant from him?

Still, though, the pollsters tell us the presidential contest is in "toss-up" territory again. And how the voting goes in a few key battleground states could be the whole ball game. Expect nothing but a full-court press in states like Ohio, Virginia and Florida. In all three of those states momentum was with Obama going into the first debate. Now they seem to have transitioned to tight races, the plurality either man holds in polls not sufficient to warrant removal of the "toss-up" label. Conventional wisdom among the political cognoscenti has been for years that winning Ohio is essential to any Republican's chances of getting into the White House. If that holds true, the president would do well to make sure the small lead he still supposedly enjoys in Ohio remains intact and even gets ramped up to numbers that engender greater confidence among his supporters.

Wisconsin and Iowa are two swing states that seem to have bucked the trend of a troubling slide in the president's numbers

following the first debate. Unless things get shaken up pretty radically, Obama appears to have juice enough in Wisconsin and Iowa to put those electoral votes in his column.

On the other side, puppet masters, who not too long ago were into a serious doomsday drill, now pull out all the stops to turn the Romney first-debate boost into presidential pay dirt. Romney still isn't the puppet masters' guy, mark you, they being the usual hard-line conservative suspects. Not very enamored for sure of the reconditioned model Romney has unveiled at the debates. What endears Romney to the puppet masters is one thing: he isn't Obama.

The Romney-Ryan tandem has been under fire for offering a plan for putting the country back on sound economic footing, whose math just doesn't add up. We can be fairly certain that the camp's Electoral College math is letter perfect, though. How best to get to 270, that magical winning number of electoral votes, must be consuming the camp big time. Not that the Obama team doesn't have as much, if not more, of a 270 fixation.

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Affordable health care a one-stop 'SHOP'

By Veron M.O'Garra

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA or ACA) signed into law March 23, 2010, has mandated that each state establish a health insurance (or health benefits) exchange. This new law allows states to create a virtual, hybrid market place for individuals, families and small businesses to shop for health insurance coverage. The goal of this initiative is to significantly reduce the cost of health insurance coverage, provide all individuals with a standard essential health benefits plan, and create a "one-stop-shop" marketplace for millions of uninsured consumers to obtain health coverage.

This - health insurance exchange - will be a predominantly web-based portal for, health insurance quotes, coverage and billing options, premium tax credits, qualified health plans, insurance laws, links to brokers, plus online and telephone call center customer service.

This state run exchange

will actually encompass two health exchanges. 1) Individual Exchange, for individuals and families, 2) Small Business Exchange, for the small business market. Individuals and families that access the exchange will be offered a variety of health plans from which to choose. The single mom applicant will be referred directly to the child health plus Medicaid option. Uninsured intact families and single entrepreneurs can shop competitive pricing among premier health insurance carriers, and may also qualify for federal subsidies and tax credits designed to keep premiums affordable. The unemployed applicant will qualify for the Medicaid health plan option.

Business owners will be referred to the - Small Business Health Options Program - or "SHOP" Exchange. This entity will allow small businesses to competitively shop health plan options in a competitive market environment. The SHOP exchange will consist of an online mar-

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ketplace where business owners can comparatively shop for the most cost effective qualified health plans (QHP) for their employees. Data will be securely exchanged electronically between businesses and the exchange, to ease the burden of the application process. Customer service reps are available to assist the small business owners. Tax incentives and cost sharing subsidies are also available for all businesses that qualify.

Under this SHOP exchange model, employers can make defined contributions, and employees will be free to choose from an array of qualified health plans (QHP) that have been benchmarked against the best, State health plans, Government health plans, and private health insurance HMO/PPO plans. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) also mandates that each QHP (and

individual plan) must offer what is referred to as "Essential Health Benefits." This plan option must include 10 essential benefits; namely, inpatient hospitalization, emergency services, ambulatory services, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance abuse services, preventative/wellness services, prescription drug plan, pediatric services (including vision and dental care), lab testing services, and chronic disease management.

The ACA is a very comprehensive and complicated law. There are several aspects to this Act; however, in my opinion the small business community is a major driving force behind this health insurance exchange concept. The State exchange will market qualified health plans that will provide everyone with a standardized health insurance product that will include essential health ben-

efits. This in itself is a monumental accomplishment.

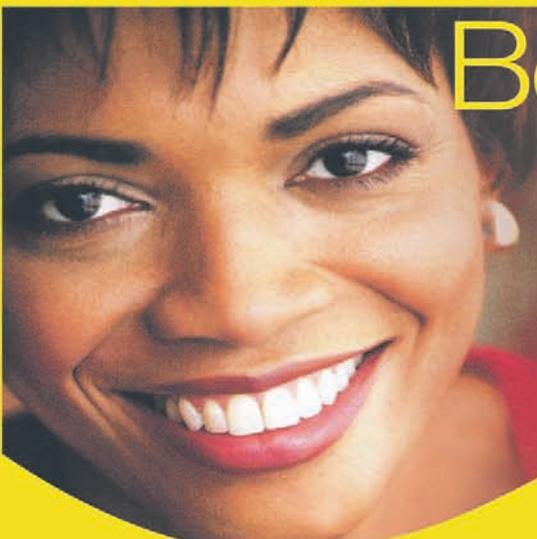
Another caveat of the SHOP Exchange provides general insurance agencies and brokers the flexibility to transition into the SHOP program. Small business owners can maintain their relationships with their brokers, because the health exchange recognizes that these relationships are important. It creates a win-win scenario. The health insurance brokers will market and promote the SHOP exchange to other small businesses, and the small businesses can work directly with brokers who are familiar with the SHOP process.

The State run health insurance exchange appears to be a wonderful concept. The ACA has certainly streamlined the health insurance process. But the debate against this legislation continues to rage on. Several issues that have come to the forefront include; State run health exchanges (like New York) will receive federal subsidies and tax credits. States

that opt to let the government set up their exchange will not receive a subsidy or tax credit. Without tax credits, individuals and businesses alike will not be able to afford health insurance. Will the ACA support a "pay-for-performance" model and eliminate "fee-for-service?" What long term effects will this Act have on Medicare and Medicaid? These are just a few of the topics that continue to fuel the pro and con rhetoric surrounding Obamacare.

Our health care system was in desperate need of a serious overhaul and President Obama has taken some bold and aggressive steps toward this goal. It's certainly not the end-all, be-all solution, but with some tweaking and bi-partisan support the ACA will transform health care delivery in these United States, and become a leading model for global health care delivery.

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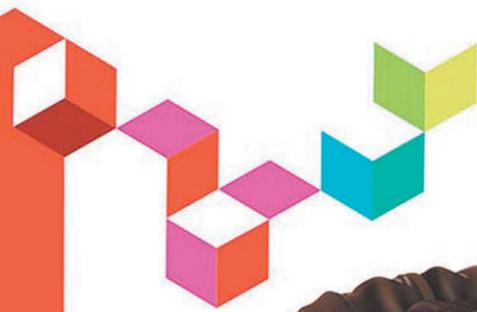
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Eight tips to stay healthy during this flu season

Flu season is upon us, bringing with it new strains of the virus. So now is the time to brush up on all the flu-fighting facts.

Here are eight wellness tips to help keep you and your family in tip-top shape – from what behaviors to avoid, to how homeopathic treatment can help:

1. Know your risk: Seniors, children under age five and pregnant women are at high-risk for developing complications from flu, as well as those with asthma, heart disease and weakened immune systems. Seek professional advice on your risk factors.

2. Wash your hands: Flu viruses are spread by droplets from infected people when they sneeze, blow their nose, or wipe secretions from their nose or eyes. Keep your hands out of your mouth, avoid rubbing your eyes and thoroughly wash your hands several times daily. Avoid alcohol and chemical-based hand sanitizers, instead opting for soap and

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water or a natural, essential-oil based hand cleanser.

3. Eat wisely: Foods containing vitamins C and E are believed to support the immune system. So stock up on sunflower seeds, almonds, citrus fruits, broccoli and green peppers. Limit your intake of concentrated sugar found in soda and candy, as it impairs immune response.

4. Sleep tight: Lack of sleep may profoundly inhibit your immune system. A full night's sleep will keep your body's natural defenses at optimum efficiency.

5. Stay hydrated: Staying hydrated will lessen your chances of coming down with flu. When you're under the weather, drink extra fluids to loosen mucus, keep your throat moist, and prevent dehydration caused by fever.

6. Nip it in the bud, safely:

Reduce the duration and severity of flu-like symptoms by listening to your body when you feel achy or run down. Don't wait until you're "sick enough" to act.

If you're concerned about side effects, drowsiness and drug interactions, opt for a natural homeopathic medicine such as Oscilloccinum, which is clinically supported. It has no known side effects and is safe for everyone ages two and up, including seniors.

Keeping something like this on hand can help you treat yourself sooner, allowing you to rest rather than trek to the store.

"The key is to watch for symptoms and be prepared to act quickly with a complication-free treatment," says Lawrence Rosen, MD in his newly published book "Treatment Alternatives for Children." Read more natural tips from his book at www.LawrenceRosenMD.com.

7. Exercise regularly: A recent study reported in the journal



"Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise" found that modest exercise may prevent the elderly from getting colds and flu.

8. Seek help if you get worse: The flu can be potentially dangerous, leading to other infections like pneumonia. If your symptoms become significantly worse after the first three days of illness,

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You can also visit the NYPD Domestic Violence homepage: http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/crime_prevention/domestic_violence.shtml

Powell currently serves as Democratic District Leader for the 42nd Assembly District.

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Clintons land in Haiti to showcase industrial park

By Josh Lederman & Trenton Daniel

CARACOL, Haiti (AP) — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton encouraged foreigners to invest in Haiti as she and her husband Bill led a star-studded delegation gathered Monday to inaugurate a new industrial park at the center of U.S. efforts to help the country rebuild after the 2010 earthquake.

Actors Sean Penn and Ben Stiller, fashion designer Donna Karan and British business magnate Richard Branson were among the luminaries at the opening of the new Caracol Industrial Park, which is projected to create thousands of jobs more than 100 miles from the quake-ravaged capital of Port-au-Prince.

Hillary Rodham Clinton told a roomful of investors gathered for a luncheon that she had made Haiti a priority when she became secretary of state.

“We had learned that supporting long-term prosperity in Haiti meant more than providing aid,” she said. “It required investments in infrastructure and the economy that would help the Haitian people achieve their own dreams.”

“So we shifted our assistance to investments to address some of the biggest challenges facing this country: creating jobs and sustainable economic growth,” she added.

Earlier Monday, thousands of Haitians lined the roadway to wave at her motorcade as it

wound its way from the newly renovated airport in the seaside city of Cap-Haitien. Clinton and other U.S. officials, including Labor Secretary Hilda Solis and Sen. Patrick Leahy, a Democrat from Vermont, toured a housing development for industrial park workers supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The secretary of state noted there were three presidents gathered in one room to celebrate the opening: her husband, former U.S. President Bill Clinton, current Haitian President Michel Martelly and his predecessor, Rene Preval.

Bill Clinton, now a U.N. special envoy for Haiti, arrived in Caracol separately from his wife.

The Clintons and their allies hope that the \$300 million industrial facility will transform the northern part of this impoverished country by providing thousands of desperately needed jobs.

But some Haitians say the industrial park does little more than replicate failed efforts from the past and will benefit outsiders more than Haitians. They also worry it will harm some of the few pieces of undamaged environment that still exist in Haiti.

“It’s really all-in on this project, and there’s a high bar to deliver,” said Laurent Dubois, a historian who teaches at Duke University and is author of “Haiti: The Aftershocks of History.” “It really needs to deliver in a big

way so that people will think, yeah, this was the right thing to do.”

The stakes are high in large part because the Clintons have been so heavily involved.

The Caracol project was in the works before the earthquake but it became a top priority for the Obama administration soon after the

disaster under Preval. Hillary Rodham Clinton’s chief of staff, Cheryl Mills, has made almost monthly visits to the site on Haiti’s northern coast.

In a nod to President Barack Obama who was preparing for the final, foreign policy-focused debate later Monday, the secretary of state said the Obama presi-

dency had made Haiti a central focus of its international development efforts.

The \$124 million put in by the U.S. makes the park Washington’s biggest single investment in the aftermath of the quake and it is certain to shape the legacy here of the Clintons, who last visited Haiti together in 1975 on a wedding gift following their

honeymoon in Mexico.

“We’ve had a deep connection with Haiti ever since,” Hillary Rodham Clinton said.

Monday’s trip is her third to Haiti since the earthquake, and there have been more than a dozen visits by her husband, who was co-chairman of an earthquake recovery panel before its mandate ended a year ago.

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From flu to whooping cough: Adults need vaccines too

While most people are aware of the need to vaccinate children, immunizations for adults are just as important. But unfortunately, adult immunization rates are well below government goals.

According to the American College of Physicians, 40,000 to 50,000 adults die from vaccine preventable diseases each year in the U.S.

Knowing what vaccines to get and when to get them can be tricky, especially if you have a complicated medical history.

“By talking to your internist, you can assess your vaccination status and find out what steps you need to take to stay healthy,” says David L. Bronson, MD, FACP, president, American College of Physicians, a national organization of internal medicine physicians.

Don't wait until it's too late. Be proactive and ask your physician at your next appointment what shots you are due to receive. Here are some recommended immunizations to discuss:

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Flu / Influenza

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that all adults receive the influenza vaccine each year. Despite the wide accessibility of the shot, which is often administered in workplaces and retailers, only 39 percent of adults received the vaccine in the 2011-2012 flu season.

This season, be sure to protect yourself against the flu. The vaccine is especially important for seniors and those with chronic conditions for whom the flu can be life-threatening. Just be aware that not all forms of the vaccine are recommended for everyone. If you have an immune system disorder or are pregnant, talk with your physician.

Tetanus, Diphtheria & Whooping Cough

According to the CDC, 5 percent

of adults with whooping cough are hospitalized or have complications, including pneumonia and death. Protect yourself against this dangerous disease, as well as diphtheria and tetanus by getting the Tdap vaccination. Follow up with booster tetanus (Td) shots every 10 years.

Tdap vaccination is recommended for nearly all adults, including persons 65 years and older; but is especially important for pregnant women, adults who are in contact with infants, and health care professionals. If you are not sure if you're due, check with your doctor about getting vaccinated.

Measles, Mumps & Rubella

If you never had these diseases as a child, nor were immunized against them, talk with your internist. These diseases, which can have serious complications for adults, are highly contagious and can be caught just by talking with an infected person. One series of two shots protects you.

Pneumococcal



Infections of the lungs, blood, or brain caused by this bacteria lead to 22,000 deaths each year in the U.S. A single shot protects against them. If you have chronic health conditions or you're over 65 and your pneumococcal vaccination was more than five years ago, ask your internist if you need a booster.

More information on adult

immunizations can be found at www.acponline.org.

So much of your health is based on chance. Keeping up with adult vaccinations is one way you can take control of your health and safety. If you can't remember the last time you were immunized, talk to your doctor about getting back on track.

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vital role in our organization's ability to deliver quality, patient-centered care to the 1.4 million New Yorkers who rely on us for their healthcare every year," said Corporation president Alan D. Aviles. "We thank them for the passion and commitment they bring every day

to care for our patients and their families." "This is a remarkable group of individuals who practice as staff nurses, educators, leaders, innovators, collaborators, coaches, mentors, and passionate patient advocates," said Corporation Chief Nursing

Officer Lauren Johnston, RN, MPA. "They touch lives every day, insisting on the best from themselves, their partners in care, and the patients we serve." The nurses were recognized during a reception and ceremony at Harlem Hospital Center.



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Specialist Copay	20%	\$15	\$0	\$15
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X-Rays	20%	\$10	\$10	\$10
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MRIs, CT Scans, PET Scans	20%	20%	20%	20%
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Know symptoms of breast cancer

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Not every person experiences symptoms of breast cancer. That's because, in its very early stages, breast cancer may not exhibit any symptoms or, if a tumor is present, it may be too small to detect during a breast self-exam. Furthermore, there are different types of breast cancer, each of which may have its own distinct symptoms. Some of

these symptoms may mimic symptoms of more benign conditions as well, making it difficult to determine if symptoms are indicative of breast cancer or another ailment.

But even though the following symptoms will not necessarily lead to a breast cancer diagnosis, it's still important to visit your doctor for further clarification if any of them appear.

- swelling of all or part of the breast
- skin irritation or dimpling
- breast pain
- nipple pain or the nipple turning inward
- redness, scaliness, or thickening of the nipple or breast skin
- a nipple discharge other than breast milk
- a lump in the underarm area
- changes in the size or symmetry of breasts
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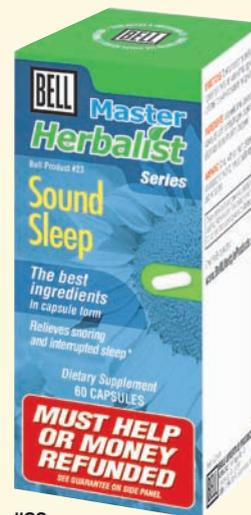
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MSG transforms arena with 'Garden 366'

Madison Square Garden is in the midst of a three-year, top to bottom transformation process that will distinguish the sports and entertainment complex as the "world's most iconic and famous arena."

With reconfigured seating in the upper bowl of the arena; larger, more comfortable seats; additional restrooms and retail locations, 18 completely remodeled suites, state of the art center-hung scoreboard and restoration of the ceiling, the new and improved venue will likely be transformed to one of the most envied in the nation.

However, those are only part of the enhancements to a complete transformation.

Recently, Hank Ratner, president and CEO of MSG Company unveiled two unique exhibits that personify the 133-year history of the arena and also add to the reformation of the city's most accommodating institution.

From MSG's first location at 23rd St. & Broadway, Rat-



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

ner introduced "Garden 366" and "Defining Moments," two visual commemoratives to launch the second phase of the three-year construction makeover.

First, Ratner introduced 10 of 20 defining moments from a leap year total of significant events staged at Manhattan's most acclaimed complex.

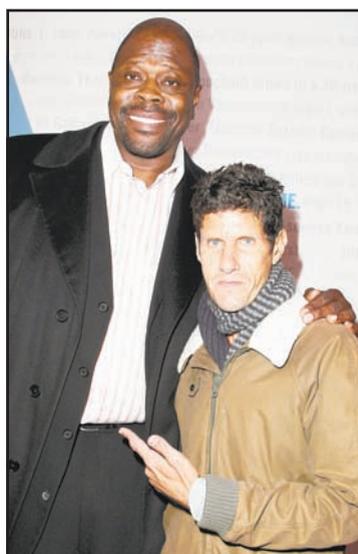
"Over the last 133 years, the Garden has played host to some of the most memorable moments in sports, entertainment and politics and it was important to us that we celebrate and honor this unparalleled history by capturing these incredible moments as part of the transformed Garden."

Amplified with the presence of world Hall of Fame wrestler "Rowdy" Roddy Piper; former N.Y. Knicks

Walt "Clyde" Frazier, New York Liberty WNBA player Kym Hampton; former CCNY standout college players Floyd Layne and Ron Nadell; the sons of boxers Sugar Ray Robinson and Gene Tunney; Stanley Cup winning hockey players Mark Messier, Adam Graves, Rod Gilbert and Brian Leetch; former boxing world boxing champion Bernard "the Executioner" Hopkins; Beastie Boys founder Mike D and hip-hop music legend Daryll Mc Daniels of Run DMC, another defining moment seemed eminent.

"MSG put hip-hop on the map," Mc Daniels said. "When Run DMC played the Garden, it was the first time hip-hop had ever been in the Garden."

Seemingly transported back in time, the legendary rapper related how excited



Patrick Ewing and Beastie Boys founder Mike D. Photo courtesy of MSG

and delighted he and his two collaborators Run (Joseph Simmons) and DJ Jam Master Jay (Jason Mizell) felt on Aug. 17, 1987.

"It was the best of the best," he added.

He said the trio wore a very unpopular brand of sneakers.

"That night I took off my 'didas and held it in the air and the entire crowd did too."

The trio then performed "My Adidas," a song that landed them a \$1.6 million endorsement deal. It is also regarded classic rap.

"After that we became the first non-athletic act to endorse sneakers. Thank you MSG."

Jamaica-born Ewing provided reminiscences of his championship-winning game against Indiana Pacers. He recalled the dunk that clinched the game and how he jumped

on a table, showing off his number 33, and embraced the fans at MSG.

Starks reflected on his May 25, 1993 game against the Chicago Bulls. He could not help laughing through the nostalgia of driving a left-handed tomahawk slam

dunk that upset Michael Jordan. Jordan, he said gave him a look that he has not forgotten.

"Everyone plays their best game at the Garden."

Former Governor Cuomo revealed a long kept secret about being signed to a baseball contract by Branch Rickey. According to the three-term state leader, Rickey offered him more than he paid Mickey Mantle.

Cuomo, a student at St. John's Prep was signed for a whopping \$2,000. The year after baseball, legend Mantle yielded \$1,100.

That revelation merited a hearty chuckle.

Married 58 years, the 52nd governor of the state reminisced about his athletic rendezvous before entering politics. His speech was engaging and nostalgic.

Harking back to a period when unemployment was a full three points higher than the now 7.8 percent national figure; crack, AIDS and HIV he said, were new concerns.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Caribbean Christmas comes 10 days early



The University Singers of UWI, Jamaica.

By Vinette K. Pryce

The Caribbean's most acclaimed chorale group promises an early Yule on Dec. 15 when they arrive in Brooklyn to deliver a musical package billed: "Christmas in the Caribbean with the University Singers."

Jamaica's 55-year-old musical ensemble are booked for a one-night only

concert at Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College where they plan to gift patrons loads of nostalgia, holiday treats and a prelude to the most festive holiday season.

On their visit to the Flatbush section of the borough, the cultural ambassadors will perform a potpourri
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Flatbush Film Festival expands

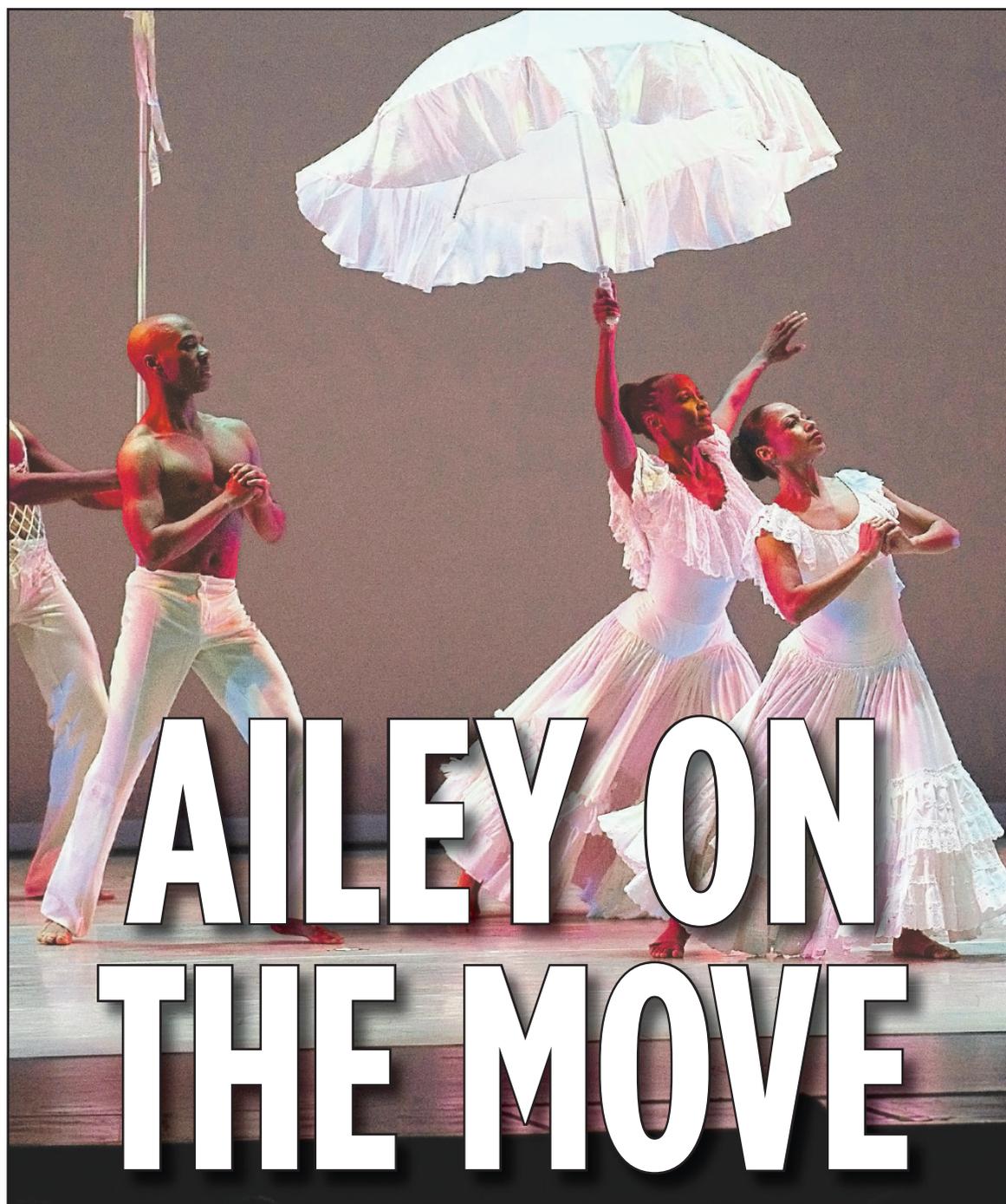
By Tequila Minsky

The Flatbush Film Festival has grown bigger with more films and venues than its previous two successful and sold-out years. This year's West Indian Edition—held on seven nights between Oct. 25 and Nov. 14—starts at Harlem's Maysles Cinema, followed by film screenings in Brooklyn Heights and Tribeca, more at Maysles, with a final screening at Brooklyn College on Nov. 14.

On Nov. 1 at Brooklyn
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Shelley V. Worrell.



AAADT in Alvin Ailey's Revelations.

Photo by Christopher Duggan

Dancers prepare for second season

After bringing international audiences to their feet in Switzerland, Spain, Denmark, and Israel, Ailey's extraordinary dancers have returned to New York to prepare for their second season led by Artistic Director Robert Battle and inspiring holiday

performances at New York City Center from Nov. 28 – Dec. 30, followed by 21-city U.S. Tour. Upcoming rehearsals at the Ailey studios will be focused on a variety of premieres by Kyle Abraham, Garth Fagan, Jii Kylaian, Robert Battle and a new production

of Ailey Classics by the Company's founder.

The season will open on Nov. 28 with an Opening Night Gala where comedienne Mo'Nique will serve as honorary chair and Revelations will

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **One More Night**
Maroon 5
- 2 **Blow Me (One Last Kiss)**
Pink
- 3 **As Long As You Love Me**
Justin Bieber Feat. Big Sean
- 4 **Some Nights**
Fun.
- 5 **We are Never Ever Getting...**
Taylor Swift
- 6 **Good Time**
Owl City & Carly Rae Jepsen
- 7 **Too Close**
Alex Clare
- 8 **Let Me Love You**
Ne-Yo
- 9 **Don't Wake Me Up**
Chris Brown
- 10 **Everybody Talks**
Neon Trees

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **The Heist**
Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
- 2 **Babel**
Mumford & Sons
- 3 **Lace Up**
MGK
- 4 **Halcyon**
Ellie Goulding
- 5 **Pitch Perfect**
Soundtrack
- 6 **Afterman: Ascension**
Coheed And Cambria
- 7 **Don't Panic**
All Time Low
- 8 **#3**
The Script
- 9 **The 2nd Law**
Muse
- 10 **Some Nights**
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Caribbean Christmas

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of compositions to include a joyous holiday program highlighted by Christmas music, Caribbean rhythms and Jamaican folksongs.

A tribute to Jamaica's 50th anniversary of independence will also feature classic Jamaican compositions.

The program is slated to begin at 8:00 p.m. with traditional Christmas songs composed and arranged by members of the group.

"When the Star of Bethlehem Arise" and "Never a Baby Like Jesus," both arranged and composed by the group's musical director, Noel Dexter will combine with classic holiday songs "The First Noel," "Mary Did You Know," and "O Holy Night" to provide a feast of festive Christmas songs that will fill the second half of the Caribbean and Jamaican folk music presentation.

Patrons will likely appreciate "the essence of the group's culture is brought to life through colorful

costuming and traditional movements."

Storytelling songs include "De River Ben Come Dung," "Love in de Cemetery," and "Dalfus Gone."

Jamaicans will be particularly appreciative of the homage to the island's 50th anniversary, which will be presented through a suite of reggae, dancehall and festival songs.

"Christmas in the Caribbean" promises to entertain and imprint nostalgia of past yuletide seasons Caribbean and Jamaican style.

Founded in 1957, The University Singers of the University of the West Indies (UWI) have grown from an ensemble of seven undergraduate students to more than 40 under-graduate and graduate members.

Performing a versatile repertoire of classical choral works, original music by Caribbean composers, American Negro Spirituals, jazz and gospel arrangements,



The University Singers of UWI, Jamaica.

The University Singers have distinguished themselves as one of the leading choral groups in the Caribbean.

The singers have performed around the world, and in the presence of many notable figures including, former South African President Nelson Mandela; the former Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan; former Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa Desmond Tutu; Queen Elizabeth II; and former Botswana

President Dr. Quett Massire.

They have been recognized with the prestigious Jamaican Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in 2003, the Vice Chancellor's Award for sterling contribution to the University of the West Indies, and a National Gold Musgrave Medal from the country's premiere institution of culture, the Institute of Jamaica.

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Film Festival

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Heights Cinema, two features and a short film are on the schedule. The Trinidadian film, "I'm Santana," (6:30 and 10:30 p.m.) is brought back by popular demand, a comedy about a digital puppet. At 8:00 p.m., the film "Ring di Alarm," eight short films about modern day Jamaica made by the New Caribbean Cinema filmmakers collective, will be screened with the short "Cabbie Chronicles" from an animated series about a Jamaican taxi-driver, navigating the absurd complexities of modern Jamaican life.

On Nov. 2, Patricia Benoit's film on Haitians living in the Diaspora in the 80s, "Stones in the Sun" that premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival, will screen at 7:15 p.m. at Tribeca Cinema, 54 Varick St. Benoit lives in New York City and used many local actors in her film. "Ring di Alarm" will follow this film at 9:15 p.m.

Other highlights of the Festival are two Cuban subject films – the first for this festival – screening on Nov. 9 at Maysles at 7:15 p.m. "Barrio Cuba" (2005), by the late esteemed Humberto Solas, is a warm human portrait of a society desperately seeking upbeat moments in relentlessly downbeat circumstances. The film provides an invaluable cinematic record of a city that looks on the verge of collapse.

Brooklyn College's Tanger Auditorium will host the final screening at 3:00 p.m. on Nov. 14. "Doubles with Slight Pepper," a short family drama will be screened along with the Trinidadian & Tobago film "No Soca, No Life" about a teenage girl from an impoverished community with a fabulous singing voice, honed in the church choir, who must confront family obstacles in her quest to sing Soca. For full film info: www.caribbeing.com/film.

Founder and Executive Director Shelley Worrell, whose parents are from Trinidad, studied anthropology and Caribbean studies at Brooklyn College with graduate studies in media at the New School. Why did she start this festival? "Caribbeans are under-represented in the media in one of the most significant Caribbean cities in the world – Brooklyn." This is the motivation for the festival that is a project of the cultural organization caribBeing. After the public reception to the first edition of the Festival at Brooklyn College, with the screening of two Haitian films, Worrell saw the opportunity.

The Festival director is forced to go outside the community to screen films because of an absence of theater screens in the Flatbush area. "We go where the venues are," she says, with two added locations to show films, this year. "Last year, we had 500 attendees to our films," Worrell said, expecting to double the attendance, this year.

Alvin Ailey on the move

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be sung live by Tony Award winners Audra McDonald, Brian Stokes Mitchell and Anika Noni Rose.

Renee Robinson to Receive Dance Magazine Award and Conduct Revelations Master Class Series Prior to Final Performance with Ailey after Three Decades

After over three decades lighting up the stage, beloved Ailey star Renee Robinson will give her final performance with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. A revered Ailey dancer since 1981, she is the last remaining company member selected by founder Alvin Ailey, the female dancer with the longest tenure in the Company's history, and the only dancer to have performed under all three Artistic Directors. In recognition of her artistry, Ms. Robinson will receive the prestigious 2012 Dance Magazine Award on Monday, December 3rd at an event held at The Ailey Citigroup Theater. On Thursday evenings in November, Renee will lead a special Revelations Master Class Series at The Ailey Extension featuring the fundamentals of the Horton technique, movements from Revelations, live accompanists, and original music.

For more info on classes with a renowned interpreter of one of

the great works in modern dance on Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29 from 7:30-9:00 p.m., visit www.aileyextension.com. Performance schedule info and tickets are available at New York City Center Box Office, through CityTix® at (212) 581-1212 or online at www.alvinailey.org or www.nycitycenter.org.

Ailey Arts In Education Brings Inspiring New Workshops to the Bronx

Ailey Arts In Education & Community Programs will host an exciting series of workshops at the New Settlement Community Center in the Bronx from Oct. 15 – Dec. 22, 2012. Workshop techniques will include modern dance, West African, and jazz/hip-hop led by Ailey teaching artists for youth ages 7-17 and adults ages 18 and up. Recently opened in September at a ceremony attended by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott, the 172,000 sq. ft. Community Campus is dedicated to cultivating creative, artistic and educational growth for the entire community. For additional information on Ailey's Arts In Education and Community Programs visit alvinailey.org.

For additional information on the New Settlement Community Center visit settlementhousing-fund.org.

An introspective tale of female empowerment

“Middle of Nowhere”

Excellent (4 stars)

Rated R for profanity

Running time: 101 minutes

Distributor: AFFRM

By Kam Williams

“Middle of Nowhere” is a cinematic masterpiece reminiscent of those rare treasures that have managed to capture an authentic slice of African-American life, ala such black classics as “Love Jones” (1997), “The Best Man” (1999), “The Visit” (2000) and “Brown Sugar” (2002). However, this introspective tale of female empowerment simultaneously touches on several universal themes apt to resonate with an audience of any demographic.

The picture was written and directed by rising star Ava DuVernay, this year’s winner at the

Sundance Film Festival in the Best Director category. The story revolves around Roberta “Ruby” Murray (Emayatzy Corinealdi), a med student who is on the brink of becoming a doctor when her husband, Derek (Omari Hardwick), is sentenced to eight years behind bars for a drug conviction.

Rather than abandon the love of her life, the loyal wife decides to drop out of med school to give her man the emotional and financial support he’ll need while in prison. This means she’ll have to endure long bus rides just to see him, and also have to pay his legal bills on a nurse’s salary.

However, the shame and separation eventually take a toll on the relationship, especially when



Derek (Omari Hardwick) and Roberta “Ruby” Murray (Emayatzy Corinealdi) in a scene from “Middle of Nowhere.”

Derek has a jailhouse romance and sabotages his chances for an early parole with fresh criminal charges for fighting. Suddenly

Ruby finds herself questioning the wisdom of her slavish devotion, and she begins entertaining the advances of a bus driv-

er (David Oyewolo) she’d befriended.

To date or to wait, that is the question? Ruby has a couple of confidants to turn to for advice, but neither proves to be of much help. One is her sister, Ruth (Lorraine Toussaint), a single-mom with a bad track record of her own with men. The other is their embittered mother (Edwina Findley) who can only muster up ineffective, if well-meaning, suggestions like “Hold your head up, please.”

So, in the end, it’s up to Ruby to decide for herself, but only after lingering interludes of reflection and contemplation. A refreshing alternative to the superficial mainstream fare that tends to stereotype sisters as either sassy mummies or compliant sex objects.

Independent & Foreign Films

The Black Tulip (Unrated) Afghan drama about a pro-Western family, which ends up targeted by the Taliban after opening a coffeehouse where women are treated as equals and are welcome to read feminist poetry onstage. Starring Haji Gul Aser, Sonia Nassery Cole and Walid Amini. (In Dari, Pashtu and English with subtitles)

Citadel (Unrated) Primal horror flick about an agoraphobic father (Aneurin Barnard) who enlists the assistance of a vigilante priest (James Cosmo) to rescue his baby daughter from the clutches of the same hooded gang that had murdered his wife (Amy Shiels). With Jake Wilson and Wunmi Mosaku.

The Loneliest Planet (Unrated) Romance drama about the strains placed on the relationship of an engaged American couple (Gael Garcia Bernal and Hani Furstenberg) backpacking across Eastern Europe after their guide (Bidzina Gvajbidze) proves to be more heroic at a moment of crisis than the hapless hubby-to-be.

Long Shot: The Kevin Laue Story (Unrated) Hoop dreams documentary



Kam’s Kapsules

By Kam Williams

recounting the efforts of a 6’10”-tall center to become the first, one-armed, NCAA college basketball player.

Orchestra of Exiles (Unrated) Holocaust documentary recounting the heroic exploits of Polish violinist Bronislaw Huberman who rescued some of the world’s greatest musicians from the Nazis en route to creating the Israeli Philharmonic. Featuring commentary by Joshua Bell, Itzhak Perlman and Zubin Mehta.

The Other Son (PG-13 for violence, drug use and brief profanity) Mistaken identity drama, set in Israel, about a Jewish soldier (Jules Sitruk) and a Palestinian med student (Mehdi Dehbi) whose lives are suddenly turned upside-down after one discovers genetic proof that they were switched at birth. With Pascal Elbe, Emmanuelle Devos and Areen Omari. (In Hebrew, Arabic, French and English with subtitles)

Pusher (R for nudity,

violence, graphic sexuality, heavy drugs use and pervasive profanity) English-language remake of the 1996 Danish crime thriller of the same name about a drug pusher (Richard Coyle) whose life spirals out of control over the course of one very eventful week. Cast includes Bronson Webb, Mem Ferda and Paul Kaye.

The Revisionaries (Unrated) Flat Earth Society documentary chronicling a Bible-thumping Creationist’s reelection campaign for chairman of a very influential Board of Education.

The Sessions (R for graphic sexuality, frontal nudity and frank dialogue) Fact-based drama recounting the plight of a paralyzed polio victim (John Hawkes) who seeks his parish priest’s (William H. Macy) approval of his plans to hire a sex surrogate (Helen Hunt) to lose his virginity. With Moon Bloodgood, Adam Arkin and Rhea Perlman.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

BOOK LAUNCH: Acclaimed photographer, film producer and digital artist, Andre Walker, releases his compelling and inspirational book, "Vision Beyond the Brick," a compilation of his artistic work with a diverse compilation of original poetry by Ashley Rochford, beginning at 12 noon at 177 Prince Street, Penthouse #6 in Soho, N.Y. Portion of the proceeds will go to the Liberian children's charities. To RSVP and for additional information, call (646) 244-8615.

HALLOWEEN PLAY: The Bronx Library Center presents Boo! A Halloween Birthday Bash, a play with live music for children and families written by Ave Maria Cross about a child coming to terms with the concepts of free will, self-awareness and the loss of innocence in a madcap theatrical performance, 2:30 in the Bronx Library Center's auditorium, 310 East Kingsbridge Road, Bronx. For information, call (718) 579-4244.

HALLOWEEN CRAFT WORKSHOP: Celebrate Halloween from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. with a free Halloween craft workshop where children can get a jump-start on collecting their candy including prizes for best costume along with live jazz from the Louis Armstrong House Stompers at the Louis Armstrong House Museum, 34-56 107 Street in Corona, Queens. For information, visit www.LouisArmstrongHouse.org or call (718) 478-8274.

DINNER DANCE: The First Mary Magdalene Temple of Faith Church is holding a dinner dance at Crystal Manor, 1460 Flatbush Ave., between Glenwood and Farragut Rd., Brooklyn, 10:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m. For more information, call (718) 953-3048.

POETRY READING: Radical Women is hosting a Poetry Reading: A Banquet of Poems with Ground-breaking Feminist Nellie Wong, reading poems inspired by her immigrant family, workingclass roots and decades of social activism, 7:00 p.m. at Freedom Hall, 113 W 128 St., between Malcolm X/Lenox and Seventh Ave., Harlem. An Autumn Harvest supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. for a \$10 donation; door donation \$3. Childcare provided. Wheelchair accessible. For information, call (212) 222-0633.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

HARVEST CELEBRATION: All Souls Church, 88 St. Nicholas Ave., between 114 and 115 streets, N.Y. will be holding its Harvest Celebration featuring a Halloween Parade of costumes by the children. A luncheon, with a \$10 donation, will follow the service. So bring your children and join in the pre-Halloween event. For information, call (212) 663-2351.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

T&T MINI FESTIVAL: The Brooklyn Public Library presents a T&T Mini Festival featuring A Winter Tale, a film by Frances-Anne Solomon following six Black men, all patrons at Miss G's Caribbean Takeaway Restaurant, who



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.

form an ill-fated support group in an attempt to salvage their broken spirits and besieged community after a tragedy, 6:30 p.m. at the Central Library Dweck Center, Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Heights. For information, call (718) 230-2100.

ONGOING

ART EXHIBIT: Regine Romain presents Portraits for Self Determining Haiti included in the "Photography Works" show at Clover's Fine Art Gallery, 338 Atlantic Ave. and Hoyt St., Brooklyn, on display thru Nov. 11, 2012. For information, call Ms. Romain at (347) 669-1791.

ART EXHIBIT: The Thelonious Monk Society for American Arts presents Reflections of Monk: Inspired images of Music and Moods, an extension multi-media exhibition featuring the work of 45 nationally and internationally renowned artists including Romare Bearden, James Denmark, Paul Goodnight and more, on display thru Dec. 8, 2012 at the Wilmer Jennings Gallery, 219 East 2nd St., at Ave. B, N.Y. For information call (212) 674-3939.

SISTAS: Sistas: The Musical, an uplifting

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musical journey of a multi-generational African American family based on a series of interviews conducted with Black women over a six-year period, set to the lyrics of songs that captures the mood and issues of the time, is now playing at St. Lukes Theatre, 308 W 46 St., between 8 and 9 avenues, N.Y., Saturdays and Sundays at 4:30 p.m. For more information on pricing, availability, student group rates, contact Nicole Judd at (718) 703-2260 or (845) 313-4956 or nicolejudd@gmail.com.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY: Vy Higginsen's Mama Foundation for the Arts presents back-to-back musical matinees every Saturday featuring Sing, Harlem, Sing! at 1:00 p.m. and Mama, I Want To Sing: The Next Generation at 4:30 p.m. at The Dempsey Theater, 127 West 121 St., between Lenox and Seventh avenues., Harlem. Tickets are available for both shows through SmartTix.com (212-868-4444) or by calling the Mama Foundation at (212) 280-1045.

AQUATICS PROGRAM: BronxWorks Community Center, 1130 Grand Concourse, Bronx, has announced its Fall '12 aquatics program running from now thru Nov. 16 featuring swimming instruction for all ages and levels, a clinic to help experienced swimmers to sharp-

en their skills and aqua aerobics, an exercise class open to teens and adults, including non-swimmers. For applications to participate in classes and more information, contact Eileen Towey at (718) 508-3071.

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.

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

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

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

REVERSE MORTGAGE COUNSELING: Are you a senior homeowner struggling to make ends meet? A reverse mortgage may be an answer. NHS can help determine if this is the best option for you. All programs discussed are backed by the federal government. For information, call (718) 469-4679.

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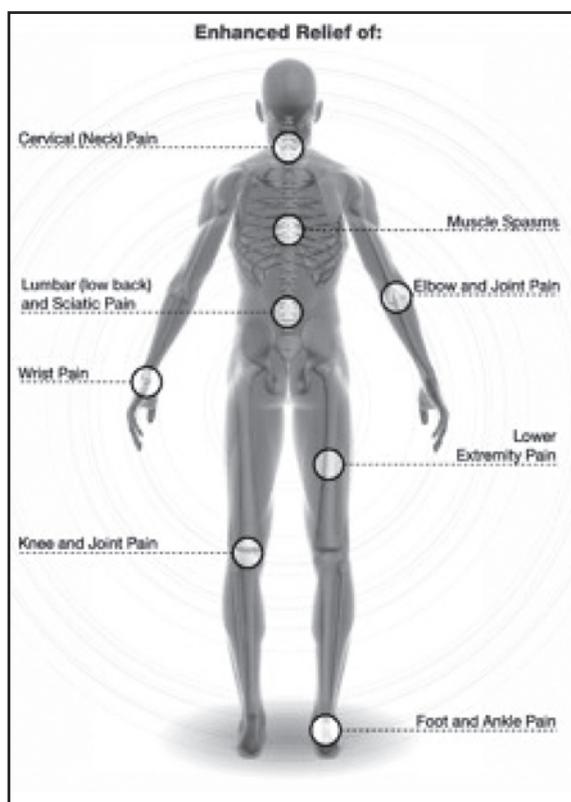
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SPORTS



Irwine Clare, founder and CEO of Team Jamaica Bickle. Photo by Robert Elkin

Duo capture big prizes

By Robert Elkin

Last Saturday marked the second annual Team Jamaica Bickle races within Baisley Park, in Jamaica, New York. The event was held in conjunction with the Awesome Power Track Club. There were three separate events walk, one mile run, and 5K run. The theme of the festivities was to promote healthy lifestyles.

The turnout about 150 entrants on a delightful Saturday morning was much better than they had last year. And the course took the runners around the pond.

The male and female winners each

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Hunte praises West Indies

By Azad Ali

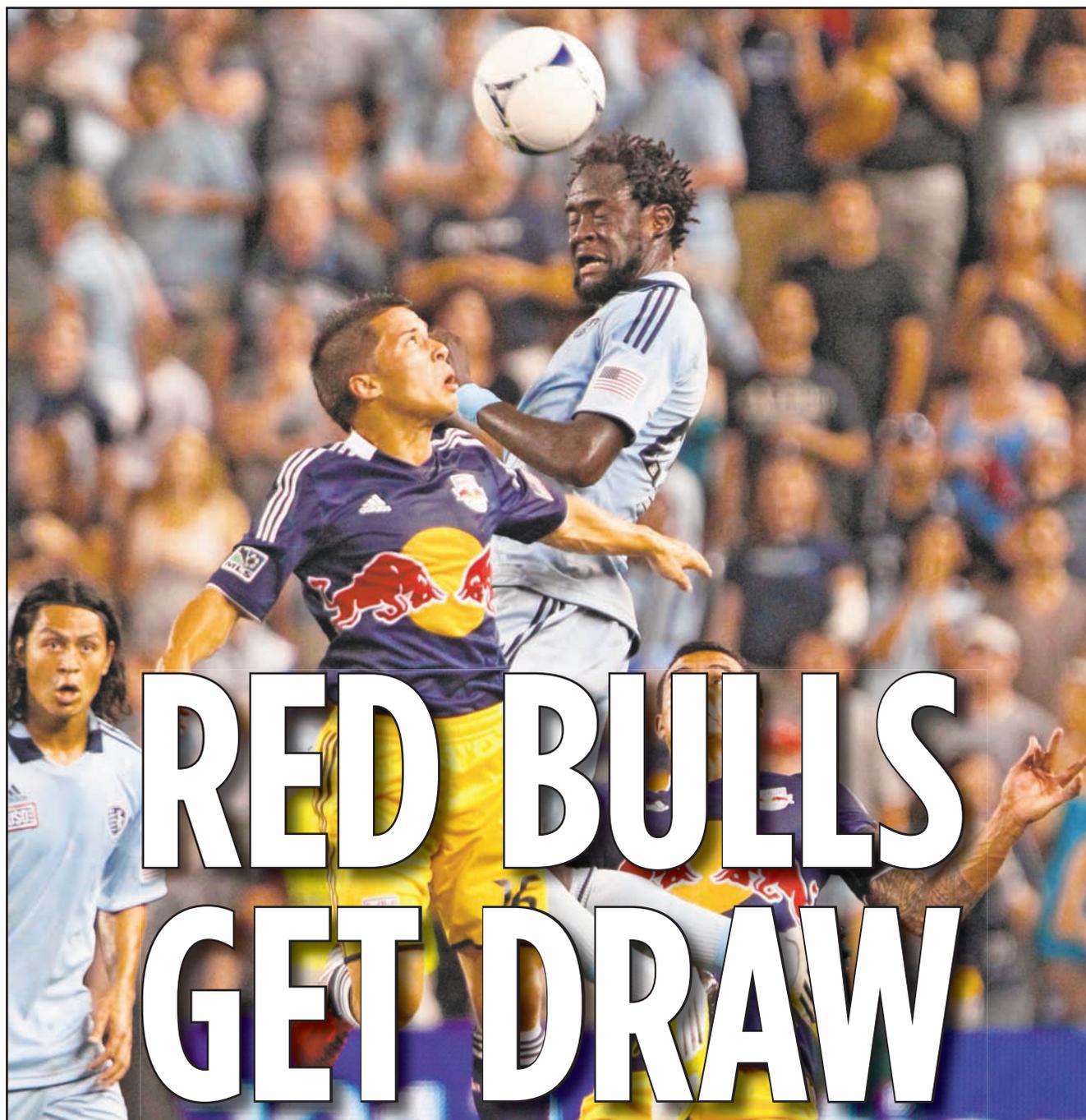
“Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012 will go down in history as one of the great days in West Indies cricket.”

That was the view of West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) President, Dr. Julian Hunte, who showered the regional team with praises, following their “sensational performance,” which saw them beat host Sri Lanka by 36 runs at the Premadasa Stadium in Sri Lanka to win the ICC Twenty20 World Cup for the first time.

In the final, West Indies posted 137 for six in 20 overs and dismissed the home team for 101 in 18.4 overs.

The ICC World Cup is the fourth major

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RED BULLS GET DRAW

Kei Kamara #23 of the Sporting KC elevates over Connor Lade #16 and Dax McCarty #11 of the New York Red Bulls during the MLS game between the New York Red Bull and the Sporting Kansas City at Livestrong Stadium in Kansas City KS.

Cal Sport Media via AP Images

Secures play-off berth against Houston

By Patrick Horne

The New York Red Bulls played to a goalless draw with Sporting Kansas City (17-7-9, 60 pts.) in front of a sell-out Red Bull Arena crowd last Saturday night. The one point put the Red Bulls (15-9-9-, 54

pts.) in fourth place in the Eastern Conference, good enough for its third straight play-off appearance.

As it stands now, the Red Bulls will meet fifth place Houston Dynamo (14-8-11, 53 pts.) in a one-off game to advance

to the Conference semi-finals. The winner of this game will play Eastern Conference leader Sporting Kansas City, while the second-place DC United (17-10-6, 57 pts.) will play third-place Chicago Fire (17-11-5,

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Red Bulls Get Draw

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56 pts.) in the other semi-final. Chicago lost to New England Revolution, 1-0, last Saturday. Conference semi-finals and finals are two-game, home-and-away events.

The big play-off surprise in the Eastern Conference is the late surge by DC United which was lingering below fifth place most of the season; the surge, which lifted United to fourth place and then into third, continued surprisingly despite of the absence of top player Dwayne De Rosario, who is on the injured list. DC rallied to beat Columbus Crew, 3-2, last Saturday night to push it into second place, ahead of Chicago Fire, and knock the Crew out of playoff contention. Houston meanwhile helped its cause by defeating Philadelphia, 3-1, to stay in the fifth spot. All teams have a game in hand, but there could only be slight positional changes depending on the last-game results.

The Red Bulls-Sporting Kansas City game was a ho-hum event as neither team seem to be able to muster a sustained attack to wrest the game. Opportunities to score were sparse and player on either side was able to step up and make a difference. The Red Bulls' best opportunity

came when Thierry Henry found himself in front of the left side of the goal and fired a point-blank shot at visiting goal keeper Jimmy Nielsen, who parried the ball down in front of his goal and had to make another stop to save the day; Kei Kamara could have put away the game for Sporting when his header just moments from the final whistle went straight to home-side goal keeper Luis Robles for an easy save. New York plays at Philadelphia on Saturday, Oct. 27, in its final regular season match.

In the Western Conference, host Seattle's defeat of FC Dallas, 3-1, last Sunday night helped second-year franchise Vancouver Whitecaps (11-13-9, 42 pts.) clinch the fifth and final play-off spot in the Conference. The Whitecaps and the fourth-place Los Angeles Galaxy (15-12-6, 51 pts.) will meet in the one-off match to determine the semifinal opponent for Conference winner San Jose Earthquakes (19-6-8, 65 pts.); second-place Seattle Sounders (15-7-11, 56 pts.) will clash with third-place Real Salt Lake (17-11-5, 56 pts.) in the other semifinal.

In other MLS news, the San Jose Earthquakes won the 2012 Supporters' Shield by virtue of having



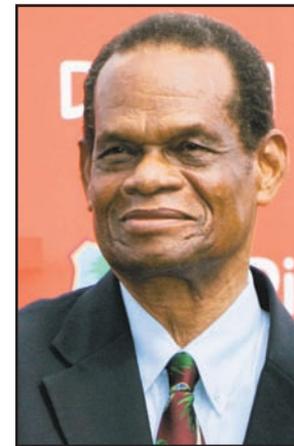
Panama's Tauro FC Ruben Martinez, right, is chased by U.S. Real Salt Lake Nat Borchers, left, during a CONCACAF Champions League soccer match in Panama City, last month.

AP Photo/Arnulfo Franco

the best regular season record. The annual award gives the winner home-field advantage throughout

the MLS Cup Playoffs. San Jose Earthquakes previously won the Supporters' Shield in 2005.

Hunte hails W.I. team



Dr. Julian Hunte.

AP Photo/Andres Leighton

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international title for the West Indies.

Clive Lloyd's all-conquering team won the inaugural Cricket World Cup in 1975 and repeated in 1979.

Brian Lara's team won the ICC Champions Trophy in England in 2004.

West Indies is the only team to win the 50-over World Cup Trophy and the World Twenty20.

"Huge congratulations to captain Darren Sammy and the players and head coach Ottis Gibson, team manager Richie Richardson and the support staff," Hunte said in a WICB statement recently.

He hailed the victory as a gift to West Indies supporters all over the world.

"This was an outstanding display of tenacity, fight, courage, will power and belief. To come to Sri Lanka and beat them on their home turf in the grand final, when all was on the line, is truly remarkable.

"The entire region was behind this team as they left home to compete, to participate in this high-profile tournament.

"West Indies cricket has a rich history and we are proud of what those who have played before have done for us and what they have achieved. Now in this era, we have a new group of champions who have given their all and made us proud. Today, we salute our champions," Hunte said.

Athletes head for Reggae Marathon

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received a trip to Jamaica, West Indies to compete in the Reggae Marathon as they received an automatic entry on the initial weekend of December and an entry to reside at the Riu Resort Hotel. It is an all expense paid trip for both of them.

The female winner and the journey down south was indeed a thrill for Inelsi Diaz, who is only 18 years of age. She clocked in 18:03.51. The male and overall victor was turned in by Dave Alm, who, however, for the immediate future is concentrating on competing in the upcoming New York City Marathon.

"I don't have a time goal for the marathon," Alm said. My marathon training hasn't been going good. "(During the race) I chased two other runners for the first half of the race (last week), (eventually) caught them, and took over the pace. "We ran on a great course (and had to do it twice around). We ran on a nice and flat course, and I couldn't ask for better weather."

The 37-year-old Alm started running when he was in his mid

20s. After he attended college he wanted something healthy to do, competitively.

Lance Fleming, a former runner at Brooklyn's Bishop Loughlin High School, finished behind Alm, who clocked in 16:47.63 to Fleming's 17:19.56. Robert Sweeney finished third in 18:02.

In making his debut, Fleming, a one-time runner at York College faced a great runner in Alm. Fleming didn't have the turnover speed to catch him.

In another event that preceded the feature one was the 5K Fitness Walk whose overall winner belonged to Neville Mitchell, who was timed in 39.41, one place ahead of Carlyle McKetty (40.44) and two ahead of Barrington Campbell (40:45).

Mitchell got in by an invitation to participate in the festivities from Team Jamaica Bickle, and made his initial debut in such a race.

"I worked out and jogged (before competition), but this was my first actual race," said the Bronx resident. "I'm originally from Jamaica and went to Kingston College High School and (then) Bronx High

School of Science. I played soccer in both places. I try to stay in shape and I'm in pretty good shape."

The 48-year-old Mitchell is an attorney and is currently running for City Council in the Bronx District 12 during a special election.

The female fitness walk went to Michelle Cooper with a time of 41.45, followed by Nonne Andrews (42.23) and Marjorie Waite (42:49).

Meanwhile, the male mile run for the youth was taken by Elan Fox, who was clocked in 5:15, with runner-up position going to Declan Kearns; (5:17) and third place finisher Shah Raiz, who covered the course in 5:54. The female winner was Kuara Summler, who covered the course in 5.32, with Kaylah Quarshire running a second place time of 5.33, and Maya Dumpson covering the course in 5.34.

When Fox got hold of the lead, he held on to it right away and stayed in first place. Fox, a student at St. Ann's High School in downtown Brooklyn, where he is on its cross country and track teams, enjoyed running in the event. He enjoyed the way it was organized.

He also competes for the Awesome Track Club.

The top three finishers male and female in each of the races received medals and prizes.

As for the organizers, Team Jamaica Bickle was formed 18 years ago as an organization primarily to help and assist athletes from Jamaica, who participate at the Penn Relays.

"Since that time we evolved and have grown," said Irwine Clare, its founder and CEO of Team Jamaica Bickle. "Not only we have support athletes from Jamaica, but also from Bahamas, Grenada, Trinidad, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Team Jamaica Bickle is an organization that supports track and field.

"We have good athletes right here in the community. There's no stipulation to say that you have to belong to the organization to participate in the 5K. Many of these athletes have gone on to represent respective nations in the Caribbeans and receive track scholarships to major universities."

The race committee is happy that they had the support of the community in Jamaica, Queens.

Spinner Sunil Narine has great potential

West Indies spinner Sunil Narine has exhibited some extraordinary skills as a bowler and he has been taking wickets in all three formats of the game. He bowled well during every game of the just concluded World Twenty20. In the semi-final and final matches, he came on very strong and delivered well for the West Indies. It is necessary to have strike bowlers in any team. West Indies may have struck gold when Verasammy Permaul, the spinner from Guyana, was named in the squad to tour Bangladesh. West Indies Test team needs two quality spinners to accompany Kemar Roach and Ravi Rampaul in the bowling department. With four specialist bowlers on show, the West Indies should make easy their victories providing their batsmen step up and score big.

Middle Order Stability

It is very essential that the middle order batsmen



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

carry through and build winning totals. The backbone of the batting stands in the middle. A good start from the openers or not, it is still vital that the middle order batsmen perform well by showing their batting strengths. Kirk Edwards, Darren Bravo, Marlon Samuels and Shivnarine Chandernpaul are in the middle and how well they perform may demonstrate whether the West Indies are going ahead to retake Test cricket honors or not. If Kirk Edwards was able to regain his spot in the squad, why opener Adrain Barath was not named in the touring party to Bangladesh? Both Barath and Edwards failed miserably in England but players must not be analysed from only one bad tour. Both Barath and Edwards scored a cen-

tury each on their debut respectively. Bravo went through a long period of poor performance also but he is still being named in the West Indies squad.

Winning Ways

Experience counts, and the West Indies team has the knowledgeable players that were around for a while and they are acquainted with international conditions. West Indies batsmen have lifted their batting performance, not only by scoring useful totals, but by greatly improving their skills in batting spin. If such standard is consistent, then the West Indies should have no problem gaining the top spot in Test cricket. Bravo, Edwards and Denesh Ramdin ought to step up their batting and score useful runs.



West Indies spinner Sunil Narine during a Twenty20 match against New Zealand in Florida.

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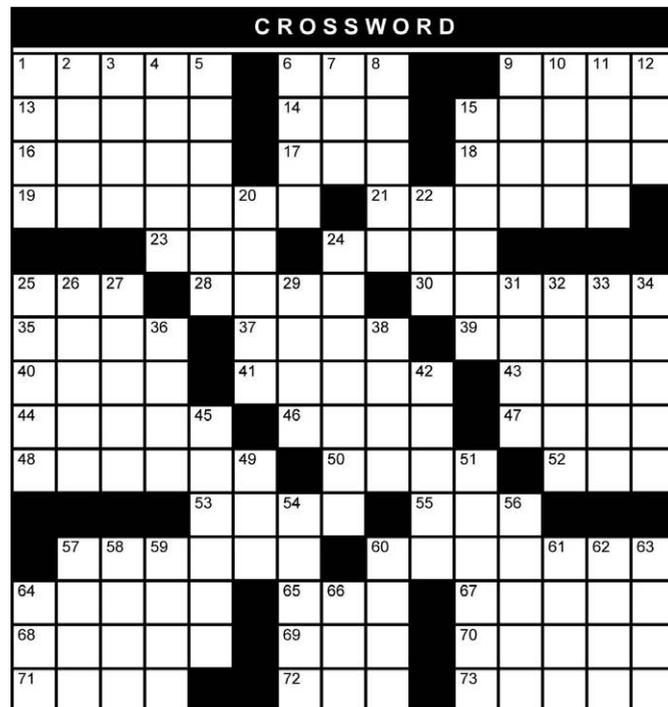
1. Still no cure for these
6. Grandmother in Britain
9. Soothing plant gel
13. Copycat's behavior
14. Yoko ____
15. Fill with high spirits
16. Edible seaweed
17. Stir or fuss
18. Rock bottom
19. *Unstoppable hitman in "No Country for Old Men"
21. *Wilkes and Ratched, e.g.
23. Beauty treatment site
24. ____ Verde National Park
25. *Simian planet ruler
28. The Destroyer in Hinduism
30. Composure under strain
35. Plumbing problem
37. Inside scoop
39. Relating to tone
40. Liars break this in court
41. Official language of Lesotho
43. Hindu princess
44. "Caribbean Queen" singer
46. "Place" in French
47. ____ dong
48. Anise-flavored herb
50. Opposed to

52. U Rah ____!
53. * ____ the Butcher
55. Piece of evidence
57. *Girl's possessor, 1973
60. *Seven deadly sins avenger
64. Lubricate again
65. Life energy in Chinese philosophy
67. Hill or Baker, e.g.
68. Reddish brown hair dye
69. England's airforce
70. Denim brand
71. Oil group
72. Will Ferrell's Christmas character
73. Precise

DOWN

1. Branch of math, abbr.
2. Moonfish
3. Given name of founder of #70 Across
4. The ____ of society
5. Maple or corn _____, pl.
6. Famous flood survivor
7. A conjunction
8. Not a soul
9. Unfortunately, exclamation
10. Place a load on
11. "Sittin On the Dock of the Bay" singer
12. Poetic "ever"
15. Fascinated or enthralled
20. They catch perpetrators off guard
22. Heard throughout the Olympics

24. _____ arts
25. Remote in manner
26. Symbolized by olive branch
27. *Like Hannibal Lecter's victims?
29. Bowed, fretted and stringed instrument
31. * ____ Voldemort
32. Currently broadcasting
33. Old Testament miracle food
34. *Allegedly cruel captain
36. *Kirk's antagonist
38. That time
42. One up
45. Interstellar cloud
49. "30 Rock's" ____ Lemon
51. Clinton claimed he didn't do this
54. Moolah or dough
56. Building extension
57. Peeping Tom's glance
58. First-rate
59. Zn
60. One moment
61. Cher, e.g.
62. Relating to ear
63. Sunrise side
64. Greek R
66. * ____ 9000



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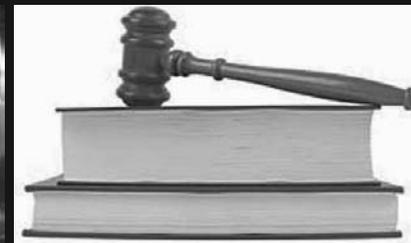


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Prospects: The job market has never fully recovered from the recession that began in 2007, and many have been out of work for several years. If your desired field of work is not thriving, then your prospects of finding gainful, rewarding employment might be rather slim. Of course, the economy can still recover, and that recovery might open up a wealth of attractive opportunities, but switching careers to a field of work that is struggling financially might not be worth the gamble.

Qualifications: Some careers only require experience, and your experience in your current field might easily translate into a new line of work. Other careers, however, might have certain requirements with regard to education. In such instances, you might have to go back to school. Your willingness to learn new skills and possibly return to school should weigh heavily in your decision to change careers or to stay put.

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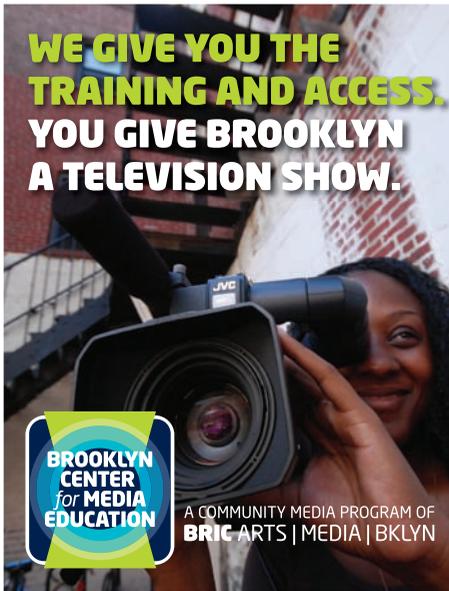
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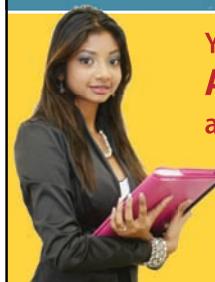
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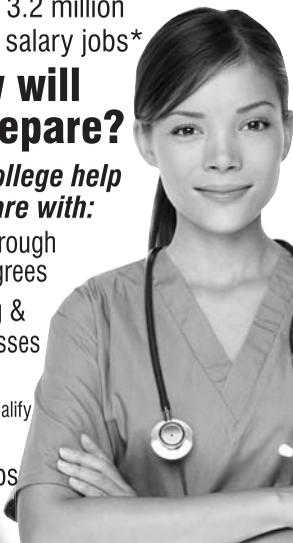
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Index No. 52054/2012
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fault for the relief de-
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grounds of Irretrievable
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Months. Relief sought:
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favor of Plaintiff. Ancillary
relief sought: either party
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Respondent FROM: Laurie
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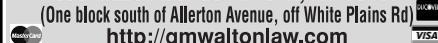
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Audrey & Frank Peterman: Groundkeepers of the Earth
 By L'Nzinga Strickland
PEOPLE: They love each other, their six (combined) children, 16 grand children and three great-grandchildren, and along with that, the nation's leading Black environmentalists, Audrey and Frank Peterman of Florida, love the grandeur, breathtaking beauty, and sustainability of an ecological system that many lovingly call "mother earth." Comments (1).

Reggae ambassadors return to New York
 By Violette K. Pryce
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