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## Relief for illegal Carib children

**By Nelson A. King**

A major think tank in Washington, D.C. says that as many as 1.76 million illegal Caribbean and other immigrants under the age of 31 who were brought to the United States as children could gain a two-year grant of relief from deportation.

The Obama administration said it will begin on Aug. 15 to process applications from young illegal Caribbean and other immigrants expected to seek the deferrals.

On Jun. 15, President Barack  
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## PM shakes up cabinet

**By Nelson A. King**

Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe has shaken up his Cabinet nearly three months after he was appointed to lead the government.

In an e-mail late Monday, Lamothe provided no explanation for the changes, giving only the names of the new ministers.

Lamothe said he will no longer serve as foreign minister, giving that role to Pierre Richard Casimir.

The prime minister will, however, take on the Ministry of Planning and External Cooperation.

Thierry Mayard-Paul, a close, powerful confidant of Presi-  
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Masquerader adds color to her costume with the Grenadian flag.  
Photo by Leonard McKenzie

# BIGGER BOLDER BETTER

## West Indian American Day Carnival 2012

**By Kenton Kirby**

Thomas Bailey, president of the West Indian American Day Carnival Day Carnival Association (WIADCA) said this year's Brooklyn carnival festival will be "bigger, better and bolder." The famous showcase will honor and recognize the historic occasions of the 50th Anniversary of Independence for Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago, Bailey said.

Jamaican Reggae superstar, Mr. Vegas, will join Trinidad and Tobago Soca Maestro, Machel Montano on stage in an event designed to honor both Caribbean nations for achieving the important milestones in their national development.

In April this year, WIADCA underwent an administrative change, electing Mr. Bailey as their new president, along with a new board of directors, who have been working around the clock, putting the final touches on the 45th Annual Labor Day Carnival Festival & Parade.

**The 2012 Labor Day program of activities is as follows:**

~ Thursday, Aug. 30: All levels of masquerade contests: "Ole Mas" to Kings & Queens of the Bands. Including top calypso artists.

~ Friday, Aug. 31: Top Soca & Reggae artists will headline the popular Brass Fest. On stage will

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# CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

## BAHAMAS

The Bahamas government is buying 11 new vessels for the country's Defense Force and has appealed to nationals not to get into confrontation with nationals from the Dominican Republic on poaching in Bahamas waters.

Agriculture, Marine Resources and Local Government Minister Alfred Gray said a delegation, headed by Foreign Minister Fred Mitchell, is due to visit the Spanish-speaking country for talks with authorities there on the issue.



Addressing fishermen at a meeting recently, Gray said the newly elected Perry Christie government has agreed to purchase the vessels to complement the four now in operation by the Royal Bahamas Defense Force (RBDF).

He said the four vessels made it difficult for the RBDF to adequately patrol the local waters against poachers.

Gray warned local fishermen against approaching boats from the Dominican Republic and getting into any confrontation.

## BAHAMAS

Violent crime in The Bahamas is down six percent overall for the first half of 2012, according to Commissioner of Police Ellison Greenslade.



The commissioner said that armed robbery, which was up "marginally," was the only exception to the downward trend, but cases of murder, attempted murder, rape, attempted and unlawful sexual intercourse are all down.

He said two cases which had previously classified as murders were recently reclassified as manslaughter.

Up to July, there were 73 mur-



## Grenada wins first Olympic medal

Grenada's gold medalist Kirani James is flanked by silver medalist Dominican Republic's Luguelin Santos, left, and bronze medalist Trinidad and Tobago's Lalonde Gordon at the award ceremony for the men's 400-meter during the athletics in the Olympic Stadium at the 2012 Summer Olympics, London, Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2012.

AP Photo/Matt Slocum

ders for the year so far, police say.

July 2011 was the bloodiest month recorded in 2011, with 20 murders. May 2012 broke that record with 21 murders.

## GUYANA

At least three Brazilian miners were reportedly killed after a dredge they were working on capsized in the Cuyuni River recently.



They said investigators were sent to the Bartica area to investigate.

The Cuyuni mining area has been a scene of several tragedies for the year so far. In June, the co-

owner of a mining dredge was shot and killed during an altercation with another man and two miners were killed after a tree branch fell on their mining camp.

## HAITI

The Haitian government is promising to hold legislative and local elections before the end of the year.

Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe told a news conference in Washington DC recently that the vote will require about US\$60 million to become a reality.

The election seeks to fill 10 seats in the 30-member Senate.



The terms of those seats expired in May because elections were not held in time.

The race will include posts for mayors throughout the country.

Haitian President Michel Martelly announced in June the creation of a permanent election panel to oversee the vote.

He named a director to the nine-member body but the other seats have yet to be filled.

## JAMAICA

Jamaica police say they have "reliable information" that people involved in an illegal lottery scam are plotting to murder the head of the Lottery Scam Force, Superintendent Leon Clunis.

The intelligence arm of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) said it has reliable information of the plot as a result of a threat assessment done by the National Intelligence Bureau (NIB) which was sent to Deputy Commissioner Glenmore Hinds recently.



Clunis revealed that threats have also been made against other members of the task force, but steps have been taken to ensure their safety.

Since its inception earlier this year the lottery scam task force has managed to disrupt the activities of several people involved in the illegal activity, which has conned unsuspecting Americans out of millions of dollars.

The money is then used to finance lavish lifestyles including the purchase of expensive homes and high-end luxury vehicles.

However, the task force has gone after these assets and has already seized over US\$416,000 and 90 vehicles.

The main opposition Jamaica Labor Party (JLP) has already called on Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller to demand the resignation of two local government officials, including the deputy Mayor of Montego Bay, following their arrest in the multi-million dollar scam.

## JAMAICA

There is an outbreak of hand, foot and mouth disease in Jamaica with most cases reported in the Corporate Area.



According to Dr. Eva Lewis-Fuller, chief medical officer (CMO) in the ministry of health, up to 25 cases have been reported recently, 22 of which are in the Kingston

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Sanai Johnson, 9, (l) and Jaydyn Henry, 7, as “Paradise Peacocks.”  
Photos by Nelson A. King

## Children as birds for carnival

By Nelson A. King

Celia “Sherzel” Snell strongly believes her production can fly this Labor Day, as her creation, Sherzel Productions, presents “I Believe I Can Fly” in the Children’s Carnival.

“I do this for the fun, because I love the kids,” said Trinidadian Snell in a Caribbean Life interview at the mas camp, 504 Flatbush Ave., between Lefferts Avenue and Empire Boulevard in Brooklyn.

“Once the kids are happy, that’s my happiness,” added the producer, who was born in John John, Laventille, but grew up in “Never Dirty” Morvant in Trinidad and Tobago. “I just want to see the band go down the road. That makes me happy.

“It’s a lot of sleepless night, but I do it for the love of it,” continued Snell in her third successive production for the West Indian American Day Carnival.

She said “I Believe I Can Fly” comprises eight sections: Butterfly (toddlers); Canary; Amazon Parrot; Phirey Phoenix; Caribbean Flamingo; Paradise Peacock; Unicus Unicorn; and Scarlet Macaw.

Snell said the band is all-inclusive, meaning that masqueraders also get breakfast, lunch and “unlimited supplies of juice, drinks,” and parents of registered kids get a free T-shirt.

She said she’s catering for

large band category, with more than half already registered.

In 2010, the first year of production, the band placed first in the medium size category, with 132 kids. Last year, it placed third in the large category, with 247 kids, Snell said.

But she said, despite her relative success, her primary goal is having fun.

“I love this,” she said, as a team of volunteers, including her husband, Roderick Snell, son of renowned Trinidad masquerader Morris Stewart – 12-time King of the Bands – aids in costume preparation. “This is my passion.”

For more information, contact Snell at (718) 607-7717 or (917) 586-5332.



Reannia Snell, 7, posing as “Unicus Unicorn.”



Proud and delighted by the eloquence of language and courageous thought, Queens Councilman Jimmy Van Brammer (left) and Speaker Christine Quinn listen to fifth grader Kameron Slade read his speech supporting same-sex marriage.  
Photo by Tequila Minsky

## Fifth-grader supports same sex marriage

By Tequila Minsky

Kameron Slade is in the fifth-grade at PS 195 in Rosedale, Queens. Over two months ago, when he was assigned to write a speech, he went home and told his mom he wanted to write on something that was not discussed much.

It was just about the time that President Obama had publicly supported same-sex marriage. This was the topic –with his mom’s support– Kameron Slade chose to write about.

Kameron won the class competition but was not allowed to deliver his speech to the school-wide competition. Principal Beryl Bailey deemed the topic inappropriate.

At the school assembly, Kameron gave a speech on animal cruelty.

Meanwhile, Kameron’s story went viral, broadcast all over the Internet.

With Commission Den-

nis Walcott’s intervention, a few days later, the speech was delivered to his fellow fifth graders; the principal had time to alert parents.

On Wednesday, July 25, Kameron Slade was highly rewarded for such guts and independent thinking. At City Hall Council Chambers, Kameron received a citation and then, with the full City Council in attendance, Kameron redelivered his speech to a captive audience.

Among City Council members standing with the young statesman was Speaker Christine Quinn who married her female life partner in May and Queens City Council member Jimmy Van Brammer, who told the assembled he was getting married the upcoming weekend.

Before he began, Kameron said, “I think adults must realize that as

children get older, they become aware of these mature issues that are going on in the world. If children read or watch the news, they can also learn about things like same-gender marriage, so what’s the point in trying to hide it?”

In his speech, he refers to spending time with two women, his mother’s friends who are in a relationship. “They seemed like any other family,” he said. “The only difference was that they were two

moms instead of a mother and father.”

During the presentation, Councilman Van Brammer said, “When I saw you on TV, I thought you were the most courageous and wonderful young man I’ve ever seen.”

The legalization of same-sex marriage in New York State is at its one-year anniversary. Over 10,000 marriage licenses have been issued to same sex couples since late July, last year, when the law went into effect.

## PM shakes up cabinet

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dent Michel Martelly who served as his chief of staff, is replaced by former Minister of Social Affairs Ron-sard Saint-Cyr. It is unclear what role Mayard-Paul will play in the country’s gov-

ernance.

Former Planning Minister Josefa Gauthier is now minister of social affairs; Vanneur Pierre is the new education minister and Jean Vilmond Hilaire, minister of environment.

# Wyclef Jean shows support at AIDS march

By **Tangerine Clarke**

Mega superstar musician Wyclef Jean used his celebrity clout and freestyle rap to rev-up a crowd of thousands that gathered on the mall of Washington Monument, urging them in the words of Bob Marley to “Get Up and Stand Up For Their Rights.” He was among other artists during a day of activism and March on Washington to end the AIDS pandemic.

Jean took to the stage wearing a white shirt, and later stripped down to all black as he sweated under the swelter heat on July 22, singing his hits, “Shakira Hips Don’t Lie” to “Ready Or Not” and others.

The Grammy award artist waded into the crowd singing “Everything Is Gonna be Alright,” and continued with Marley’s “Trench Town” and “No Woman No Cry.”

Jean encouraged the spectators to “Keep the Promise” - the theme of the 2012 International AIDS Conference in Washington that opened with the live concert, and speeches by prominent politicians, activists and talk show hosts.

Hosted by comedian, and TV personality Margaret Cho, the afternoon was punctuated by Jean’s loud



Wyclef Jean and Margaret Cho at the Washington Monument.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

support for the AIDS community. He broke into his native Haitian patois, as he wowed the crowd, and told them to demand that the U.S. and other governments keep their promises to fund global relief programs in an effort to end AIDS.

The sea of red umbrellas that blanketed the mall were hoisted in support of the myriad of speakers like the Ambassador Andrew Young, the Reverend Al Sharpton, TV personalities, Tavis Smiley and Dr. Cornel West and Global Advocate Michael Weinstein, who all called on the crowd to pledge to hold the government accountable for the cuts in funding for AIDS program.

Sharpton said, “We must march for those that stand up; we are not marching in silence and shame. Civil rights are for everybody, or nobody.”

World-renowned AIDS advocate and apartheid fighter, the Archbishop Desmond Tutu delivered a powerful message of hope via satellite.

The International AIDS Society, located in Geneva Switzerland hosted the XIX AIDS conference in Washington DC, where 26000 delegates from around the world convened until July 27.

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# Over 1 million illegal Carib youth could gain relief from deportation

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Obama said certain young people who came to the United States as children and meet other key guidelines may be eligible, on a case-by-case basis, to receive deferred action.

In its latest report, the Migration Policy Institute (MPI), an independent, non-partisan, non-profit think tank dedicated to analysis of the movement of people worldwide, said its estimates are up from the 1.39 million it released on Jun. 15.

MPI said the latest figures reflect the updated Department of Homeland Security (DHS) guidelines that youths lacking a high school or equivalent diploma would be eligible to apply for deferred action, as long as they have re-enrolled by the date of their application.

MPI estimates that 350,000 unauthorized young adult immigrants, ages 16 and older, without a high school degree or

equivalent could potentially be eligible for relief from deportation if they meet the enrollment criteria.

"The deferred action initiative, with its education requirements, offers these youth a significant incentive to stay in school and get their high school diploma," said Margie McHugh, co-director of MPI's National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy.

"And to the extent it raises hopes for eventual passage of the DREAM Act, it may encourage thousands more to set their sights on a college degree," she added.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) director Alejandro Mayorkas said applicants will be charged US\$465 for each request.

He said applications, which will also include requests for work permits, will be considered individually, with each immigrant

undergoing a criminal and national security background check.

Mayorkas said information from the applications would not be used for immigration enforcement, which is handled by a separate agency.

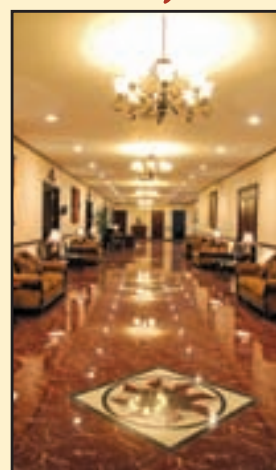
Nevertheless, he said Caribbean and other immigrants found to have serious criminal histories or to pose national security risks would be prosecuted for deportation, and anyone submitting a fraudulent application could face criminal prosecution.

Mayorkas said illegal immigrants can apply whether they are already in deportation proceedings or they have never been detected by the authorities.

He said applicants who have committed a felony, a "significant" misdemeanor like a firearms or burglary violation, or three or more misdemeanors will not be eligible.

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# MARCUS GARVEY DAY PARADE IN BROOKLYN

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaica's first national hero will be regaled by a parade through Brooklyn. Culminating with a concert and revelry, the 125th anniversary of the birth of Marcus Garvey will be remembered on Saturday, Aug. 18.

Starting at noon, at Avenue D & Albany Ave., the event will also honor the island's Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller and pay tribute to Jamaica's 50th anniversary of independence.

Co-ordinated by Paul "Jah Paul" Haughton, the publisher of Revelation Rastafari Newspaper, the annual celebration is expected to attract "conscious humans who believe in One Love."

It was Garvey's aim to promote "One Love, One Aim, One destiny," in his quest for unity.

Born in 1887 in St. Anne's, Jamaica, Garvey founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association at age 27. It was then that the motto of the organization – "One God! One Aim! One Destiny" was adopted. "Therefore, let justice be done to all mankind, realizing that if the strong oppresses the weak, confusion and discontent will ever mark the path of man but with love, faith and charity towards all the reign of peace and plenty will be her-



Black nationalist Marcus Garvey is shown in a military uniform as the 'Provisional President of Africa' during a parade up Lenox Avenue in Harlem, New York City, in August 1922. AP Photo

alded into the world and the generations of men shall be called Blessed."

Since his passing in 1940, many have broadened his hope by engaging "one God," "one heart," and "one truth" to emphasize determined unity.

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and St. Andrew area.

The CMO was quick to point out that there could be more of the disease in the island as not all cases have been detected, indicating she is trying to avoid panic.

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a human syndrome caused by intestinal viruses. It usually affects infants and children and is contagious.

The CMO advised that persons should take the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the illness.

### SURINAME

Suriname state-owned oil company Staatsolie is considering selling stock through a partial privatization similar to those carried out by state energy firms in Colombia and Brazil, a company official said.

Shares will also be sold in telecommunications firm Telesur and Suriname Air-



ways, which are state-owned and the Hakrin Bank, which is partly owned by the government.

The official said the company is preparing to conduct a study on a possible share offer in Staatsolie, which could help finance exploration of onshore and offshore areas that have drawn interest of overseas oil companies.

Suriname will likely approach any stock sale with caution given that a plan to privatize Staatsolie in 1999 met with widespread protest that ultimately forced the president to leave office.

"Staatsolie wants to explore the possibility of issuing shares," said the company's General Manager Marc Waaldijk in a statement.

### TRINIDAD

Former Trinidad and Tobago National Security Minister Martin Joseph was 'hog-tied' and robbed at his upscale home at Flagstaff recently.

Joseph said in a statement around 11.30 p.m. on July 22, 2012 he was at his home

at Flagstaff, when his stepson entered the house.

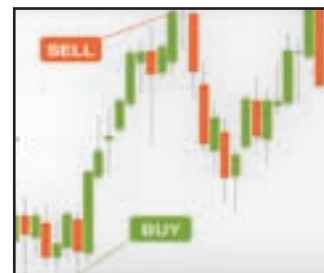
"I noticed that a masked man armed with a gun had followed him into the house. Upon entering the house, the man announced a robbery and proceeded to hog-tie my stepson. There was a short confrontation between the gunman and as I tried to wrestle the gun from his hands, I too was hog-tied as the bandit proceeded to rob me and others in the house.

"The robber then made his way upstairs to the bedrooms of the house and it was during that time I was able to untie myself, escape and call for help. The police were contacted and they arrived shortly after on the scene."

The bandit managed to escape in his stepson's car, which police later found abandoned a few miles away.

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# Bloomberg fails to support civic-based anti-gun efforts

By Alex Vitale

For years Mayor Michael Bloomberg has campaigned against the easy availability of guns.

This is a laudable goal as guns continue, even in low crime years, to take the lives of hundreds of New Yorkers. Bloomberg has also spoken out about the easy availability of assault weapons, which have played an important role in numerous mass killings such as last month's theater shooting in Aurora, Colorado.

Bloomberg's approach has been one of prohibition. He has urged Congress and local legislators to ban or otherwise restrict a growing list of guns as the best strategy for reducing the daily violence on inner city streets and in high profile incidents. To accomplish this he has spoken out personally, using his bully pulpit as the billionaire mayor of New York City, spent millions on media campaigns—including during the Super bowl, and spent big money to support pro-gun control politicians.

What these efforts share is that they are focused on stopping the supply of guns. Through new legislation and improved enforcement Bloomberg hopes to take guns out of the hands of the criminals. This is prohibition and interdiction at its finest and mirrors closely the effort to control drugs in the U.S.

The problem is that this approach has completely failed to reduce the availability of illegal drugs and has little chance of meaningfully reducing access

to guns.

While guns are harder to manufacture than drugs, the legal and political challenges to their being banned are much greater than for drugs. The efforts of the NRA combined with the ambiguous language of the Second Amendment almost guarantee that the manufacture and sale of a wide variety of guns will continue apace in large parts of the US. Bloomberg's War on Guns has the potential to be as great a failure as the War on Drugs has been.

What then is the alternative? We need to do more to address the demand side.

For many youth in our society guns are a symbol of power in world in which they are largely powerless. From suburban high school kids who are taunted and bullied to poor urban kids, who face failed neighborhoods, failed schools, and bleak economic prospects, the gun has a strong appeal as a tool of empowerment, however misguided or self-destructive.

If we are ever going to make substantial progress against gun violence in the U.S. we need to do more to address the needs of these young people by helping them to find alternative paths to personal safety, economic security, and psychic well-being.

This is exactly the work being done by hundreds of dedicated community activists across the country, who are working with young people to try to make up for some of the deficits of family and community they encounter.

# Strengthen state oversight of fracking

By Katherine McFate

I first heard about fracking (the drilling of natural-gas wells using a method known as hydraulic fracturing) in 2009 when environmental advocates charged that natural-gas drilling could endanger New York City's water resources. I lived in the city at that time, so the news that natural-gas drilling could threaten my drinking water was alarming.

Many other New Yorkers shared these concerns, and the question of whether or not to allow fracking in the state flared into an ongoing political battle, one being reenacted across the 30 states where natural-gas drilling is occurring. Nearly half a million natural gas wells are operating across the country, with more than 313,000 in just six states: New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, and West Virginia.

OMB Watch, a government accountability group I lead, recently published a new report on fracking, The Right to Know, the Responsibility to Protect, and what we found is troubling. Disclosure of chemicals used in fracking is spotty and incomplete.

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States have begun to respond to citizen complaints, but no state requires enough upfront collection of data and monitoring of drilling operations to ensure protection of local water supplies.

Here's how fracking works: A well is drilled thousands of feet vertically into the ground (through the water table). Then a horizontal hole is drilled into a shale bed, extending laterally from the first well bore. A "fracking" mixture comprised of thousands of gallons of water laced with sand and toxic chemicals is pumped into the well at extremely high pressure. This fractures the shale rock, which releases methane gas that is captured and sold. Once you visualize this process, the potential risks of contamination to water supplies are obvious.

You're probably thinking: Isn't there a law against poisoning water? The answer is yes (the Safe

Drinking Water Act) and no (a clause was inserted into the 2005 Energy Policy Act, exempting natural-gas drilling from that drinking water law). Just as hydraulic fracturing was getting cheaper and the demand and price for natural gas was rising, federal oversight was removed.

Our report examined actions state officials have or have not taken to require drillers to disclose chemicals used in fracking. Roughly a dozen states have passed a law or had agencies establish a rule requiring disclosure. But there are two gaping holes in these laws that render them essentially toothless.

First, owners and operators of natural-gas wells are not required to gather baseline information on sources and quality of water near their planned well sites before drilling. Without baseline water and air quality measurements, local communities can't test to see whether water sources are being contaminated. Measuring before drilling occurs is just common sense, but no state requires this. Only a few states even require companies to report the chemicals they'll use before fracking begins.

# Jamaican celebrity comes out

To The Editor:

As we mark the fiftieth Independence Anniversary of Jamaica and Trinidad, let us take this opportunity to reflect on the struggles of all sexual minorities. Emancipation from personal fears and sociopolitical demands are paramount as we move forward in the new millennium.

Far too often the voice of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals are unheard. The Caribbean has its share of sexual minorities and they must be protected under law. No longer shall gays and lesbians be slaughtered by any for their sexual orientation. A civil society protects all its citizens.

Sexuality is not an assignment by socialization, as sexual orientation is determined by your Creator. As we come of age we either choose

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to recognize our homosexuality or "hide in the closet" by (pretending to be heterosexual). Caribbean LGBTs are no longer closeted. We are making supplications to our government for legal protection. No government has the right to legally define how any individual expresses love. The job of lawmakers is to protect and ensure individual rights. When the government discriminates against its constituents for religious reasons, a redress of those laws are necessary. The LGBT Movement is an evolutionary step for all of humanity.

Former president, William Jefferson Clinton, made a formal apology for chattel slavery on the steps of

the White House and more recently celebrated dancehall reggae artist Beenie Man apologized for his anti-gay and homophobic lyrics. When legendary Bob Marley held the hands of then Prime Minister Manley and the Jamaica Labour Party's Edward Seaga at the One Love Concert on April 22, 1978, it was symbolized as a momentous change in Jamaica's political climate. Similarly, when international Jamaican soul-reggae singer Diana King announced on her Facebook page that she is in fact lesbian, it changed the course of politics throughout the Caribbean.

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# Does diplomatic immunity apply here?

“...she blew the cover off our political pretensions, revealing us as a people represented by arbitrary, opportunistic power to which merit and standards are no particular concern.”

Trinidad Express columnist Sunity Maharaj, who can always be relied upon for sober, thought-provoking insights on social re-ordering in Trinidad and Tobago, was referencing a diplomatic misfit who had been posted to Geneva by Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar after an abortive tenure as minister of health. Alas, the lady became an instant cause célèbre and a much viewed YouTube source of embarrassment for T & T nationals following a speech she delivered (“37 minutes of uninhibited rambling,” quipped Maharaj) in an international forum.

Curiously, Maharaj’s mention of merit and standards being of no concern applies seamlessly to a quite disturbing situation that has arisen at the Trinidad and Tobago Consulate in New York. No less an individual than the country’s ambassador to Washington, Neil Parsan, was quoted in a recent newspaper report as having described morale at the

consulate as slipping into negative territory, following the abrupt firing of eight employees, several of them long-serving staffers with individual records of service going back as many as 20-plus years, and the imposition of arbitrary, regressive contract stipulations for employees who, for the time being, still have a job. At the apex of this sordid turn of events is the Consul General Rudrawatee Nan Ramgoolam who, like that ill-conceived Geneva deployment, was shipped off to the New York Consulate gig after likewise coming up short in a cabinet post.

Ever since, with the attainment of republican status, a Trinidad and Tobago Consulate was established in New York, the consul general’s post has always been occupied by a career diplomat. Politicizing of the position has been the handiwork, one presumes, of either Persad-Bissessar herself or the man to whom she gave the foreign affairs portfolio, Suruj Rambachan. Rambachan is well known to be an unadulterated, unapologetic racist. Whether he was doing his administration’s bidding or engaged in some free-form soloing, there probably was

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By Les Slater

not much room for doubt in Rambachan’s intent, given the man’s pedigree, when he told the consulate staff in an early meeting with them, that the face of the consulate would have to change. In Consul General Ramgoolam, the foreign affairs minister evidently had a kindred spirit perfectly aligned with those new designs for the consulate operation.

In Trinidad, Reginald Dumas, former head of the public service, expressed misgivings when told of a written exam to which consulate staff members were subjected as part of the re-applying process to retain a place in the new order (as mandated by God-only-knows whom). Unquestionably well versed in these matters, Dumas was quizzical: who authorized such an exam, who set the exam, who marked the papers, how were the papers graded...? Added to which if, as is understood, the exam consisted primarily of ques-

tions about consulate functions and procedures, it does seem quite peculiar that members of the public seeking first-time employment at the consulate were given the very same test. All of which may have played into the nature of a report said to have been submitted by Ambassador Parsan about consulate goings-on, and which has now reportedly occasioned a halt to the consulate’s “restructuring” ambitions, pending cabinet review.

In the meantime, however, there’s the matter of a community of Trinidad and Tobago nationals still to be served by a consulate staff devastated by draconian measures the likes of which might elicit a scowl even from Wisconsin’s unabashedly anti-labor governor. No kidding! The employees dismissed in early July, in one instance after 23 years’ unbroken service, were simply told they hadn’t been successful in the exam and were being immediately terminated -- with no separation package whatsoever. The employees who “passed” the exam would learn that this entitled them to “temporary” status on a six-month contract which

could be terminated on one day’s notice, and which included absolutely no benefits (they previously worked under two-year contracts that included typical employee benefits). Added to which, at the end of the six-month “temporary” stint, they would be required to break service for a week and could then be offered another temporary gig for six months!

The circumstances here are so bizarre, one wonders whether we aren’t witnessing another instance -- not uncommon in Persad-Bissessar’s administration -- of process being paid scant courtesy, of governing authority being ascribed open-ended liberties it does not possess. The celebrated case of a junior officer, bogus credentials and all, being geared to become the country’s security chief remains perhaps atop the highlight reels of process discarded. Process hasn’t been a factor either in the case of the notorious Jack Warner, where malfeasance or the appearance of it hasn’t derailed his cabinet ranking, and with a law-unto-himself disposition still very much intact as he goes about state business.

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# Bauxite town buries dead, talks to end impasse

By Bert Wilkinson

Government and opposition officials in Guyana last week held the first major round of talks aimed at resolving the political impasses that followed last month's police killings of three opposition supporters and injuries to more than 20 but latest indications are that the angry residents of the bauxite mining town of Linden are digging in their heels for a protracted fight with the governing People's Progressive Party (PPP) administration which has so far bowed to only one of their key demands to review planned steep increases in electricity rates.

Since the July 18 deaths by out of control riot police, residents have locked down the town of 30,000 and have occupied the lone river bridge at the upper reaches of the Demerara River that provides access to the road to Brazil and to four administrative regions where most of the country's gold and diamond mines, timber concessions and other crucial investment projects are located, sending up food, fuel and other prices.

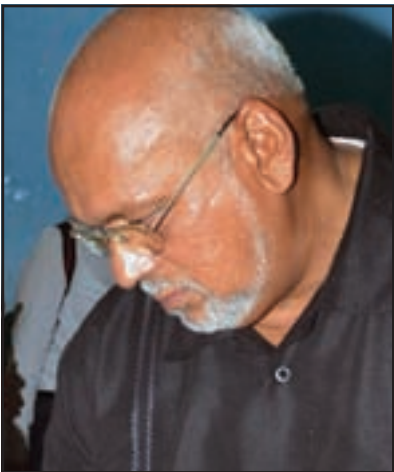
Worried about the ominous signs from residents who have faced down heavily armed police and soldiers each day since the senseless police shoot-

ings, umbrella private sector organizations that usually support the PPP have asked it to invoke good sense and come up with a sustainable economic plan for the community that basically depends on the Chinese-run bauxite sector for its existence.

At the heart of issue were planned steep hikes in electricity rates for Linden from the beginning of last month. For most in the community, authorities were taking up the rates as direct punishment and spite for the overwhelming anti-PPP vote in the late November general elections. Government said it wanted the community to pay the same rates as others in the country, ignoring heavy subsidies it gives to pro government sugar workers year after year.

So they took to the streets to protest the increases in a well publicized five-day campaign that escalated on day four when police opened fire randomly after plunging the area in darkness, killing the three and injuring many.

This past Wednesday, the bodies of the three were brought to the city for a ceremony and later taken back to the district for services and internment even as residents continued to block access to the town and the key interior regions.



President Donald Ramotar.

AP Photo

As an indication of how the situation could worsen, protestors have dug huge trenches across dirt roads that could have allowed 'the enemy' to circumvent the road blocks and still reach the interior.

Opposition officials say they will maintain the pressure on President Donald Ramotar and his cabinet after using their one-seat parliamentary majority to pass a no-confidence vote in National Security Minister Clement Rohee as the week began.

Additional rounds of talks are scheduled to address other access including releasing the state media control of Linden, an employment plan and others.

# Jamaica's citizen security program

By Azad Ali

The United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) will contribute US\$11.3 million to expand a citizen security program designed to reduce crime and violence in high-risk communities in Jamaica.

Jamaica, which has the highest homicide rate in the Caribbean, has identified citizen security as one of the most pressing issues. To address it, the Jamaican government has developed a long-term, nationwide crime prevention strategy and is carrying out targeted efforts to improve citizen security conditions in five parishes with the highest incidence of serious crimes.

The UK grant will help the Jamaican government reach a total of 50 communities under its Citizen Security and Justice Program (CSJP), currently financed with a US\$21 million IDB loan approved in

2009. At present, the CSJP is being carried out in 39 communities with risk factors such as gang presence, high youth unemployment rates and a generalized sense of lawlessness.

The CSJP builds in international best practices for strengthening community mobilization and governance, expanding social and economic inclusion opportunities for young people and prompting a law-abiding culture. According to assessments by the Planning Institute of Jamaica, communities participating in the program have experienced sharp decline in homicides, shootings and violence-related injuries.

Part of the UK grant will enable the Jamaican government to cover administrative costs and expenses incurred by the CSJP in order to avoid disruptions in the services and activities in the communities where the program is already in operation.

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# Real drop in Guyana's mother-to-child HIV infection

By Tangerine Clarke

Guyana health officials have made a stunning claim that their aggressive approach to eradicate mother to child transmission of HIV will result in a zero count by the year 2015.

In the year 2000, approximately 800 women gave birth to babies infected with HIV. However, the tide was turned last year when the number with infants affected with the virus decreased dramatically.

Minister of Agriculture, Leslie Ramsammy announced these findings during a presentation at the recently concluded International AIDS Conference in Washington, DC, stating that 12 years ago, almost 200 babies were born with HIV, but in 2011, only six infants were born with the virus.

The decrease, he said, was due to overall testing and treatment with antiretroviral medicines, which dramati-

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cally decreased the chances of transmittals, resulting in the low death rate.

"Our approach is to fighting the HIV and AIDS epidemic," Dr. Ramsammy said, "is to put in place an initiative to educate the masses, and policies and strategies for reducing and eliminating the stigma and discrimination."

Director of the National AIDS Program Secretariat, Dr. Shantie Singh, who was a part of the Guyana delegation in Washington, said in an exclusive interview with Caribbean Life said that Guyana has made "tremendous strides in the social and cultural norms, and progress in testing over 95 percent of the Guyanese population, including promiscuous persons and mothers who were at risk of transmitting the

virus to their children."

"We can safely say that Guyana is the first country in the Caribbean that has been working from the onset to eliminate mother-to-child transmission," Dr. Singh said, adding that at the end of last year, 100,000 citizens were tested -- a significant number, she said, considering Guyana's population of 800,000. Those tested were homosexuals, female commercial sex workers, men having sex with men and high-risk groups. "This is a remarkable achievement," she added.

The number of people coming forward has increased, and statistics show that this is the reason for the increased survival rate, Singh said.

A question was raised about why school-age children are not being provided with condoms. Singh said it was a cultural matter in the Caribbean because of the



Dr. Leslie Ramsammy.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

age-of-consent issue and added that the government of Guyana has instituted a health and family life program in high schools, in response to the AIDS epidemic. This program, she added, gets additional support from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) which send workers into schools to talk about factors that influence the high risk of HIV/AIDS.

"Like other Caribbean countries, we have been addressing the topic of condoms in school," Dr. Singh said.

## FDA approves anti-HIV pill

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the anti-HIV drug Truvada for PrEP, the first drug to reduce the risk of HIV infection for uninfected individuals.

The FDA's approval is for those who are at high risk of HIV infection. Truvada for PrEP, or pre-exposure prophylaxis, is strongly recommended to be used in combination with other prevention methods such as safe sex practices, risk reduction counseling, and regular HIV testing in order to reduce the risk of acquiring HIV.

A program has also been established to ensure that Truvada as PrEP will be used safely and appropriately.

The drug Truvada is a combination pill of two HIV antivirals (emtricitabine/tenofovir) that is already FDA approved for the treatment of HIV infection. Truvada as PrEP should be taken daily.

"Today's approval marks



an important milestone in our fight against HIV," said FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg, M.D. "Every year, about 50,000 U.S. adults and adolescents are diagnosed with HIV infection, despite the availability of prevention methods and strategies to educate, test, and care for people living with the disease. New treatments as well as prevention methods are needed to fight the HIV epidemic in this country."

Others agreed that Truvada for PrEP could play a significant roll in reducing HIV transmissions.

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# Delicious & healthy dessert for summer

By Tina Gowin

Everyone craves a little sweetness in life. With the summer months upon us, we now have berries – a delicious and healthy addition to any dessert.

Different types of berries have various health benefits. In general they are a good source of vitamin C, which helps boost immunity, and antioxidants, which help fight against disease. The best part is they are in season from early May into early September.

In the last few years, research strongly indicates that in addition to benefiting the nervous system and brain, blueberries can improve memory. Consuming strawberries may help prevent some cancers as well as build and maintain strong bones.

But berries are perishable. In just a few days after picking, they lose vitamins and begin to break down. Freshness is vital for any fruit, but for berries it is essential. So, it is important to find berries soon after they are picked, at the peak of freshness.

This Harvest Home farmers' market recipe below is as easy as 1, 2, 3. Each fruit is locally grown, in season, and packed with vitamins and nutrients. Now that you have your fresh fruits, what should you

do with them?

This delicious triple berry salad is perfect to enjoy on a warm summer day. Quick and easy, it is sure to please you and everyone in your family.

## TRIPLE BERRY SALAD

### Ingredients

- 1 cup strawberries, chopped
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup raspberries
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons mint leaves, finely chopped

**Preparation:** Combine fruits with other ingredients. Stir well. Let mixture sit for ½ hour before serving. No really. That is all there is to it.

Remember, healthy eating doesn't have to be boring. A combination of the right fruits and flavors can turn dessert into something delicious, satisfying, and most importantly, good for you.

*Tina Gowin is a full-time registered dietitian at EmblemHealth, one of New York's largest and most comprehensive health plans. EmblemHealth is a sponsor of Harvest Home, which provides access to locally grown fruits and vegetables at the Roy Wilkins Park Farmer's Market through Nov. 17, 2012.*

# Olympics can get kids moving

The 2012 Summer Olympics get underway this week in London. Most of us won't be able to watch the London Olympics in person, but we can still experience the thrill of victory in our own backyards. The American Heart Association hopes parents will use this two weeks as a jumping point for getting kids active.

"This is a great time to get kids interested and involved in sports and athletic activities, said Dr. Suzanne Steinbaum, AHA spokesperson and Director of Women and Heart Disease at the North Shore LIJ-Lenox Hill Hospital Heart and Vascular Institute. "Olympic athletes can inspire children to compete but to also simply participate in sports. And that could help them reach their recommended 60 minutes of play per day for heart health."

Today, about one in three American kids and teens is overweight or obese, nearly triple the rate in 1963. Even our



Get kids moving.

Courtesy of American Heart Association

obesity is now the No. 1 health concern among parents in the United States, topping drug abuse and smoking. Obese children as young as age three show indicators for developing heart disease later in life. The American Heart Association recommends making simple lifestyle changes, like eating healthier and exercising 60 minutes per day, to help improve children's health.

The Olympics can inspire kids to participate in everyday activities like riding bikes, playing basketball, volleyball, swimming, running or walking.

"Parents don't need to buy expensive equipment to host a backyard kiddie Olympics pool party or hula hoop competition. Kids can create their own pentathlons or obstacle courses in the yard and invite neighborhood kids to participate. They can create their own medals and have a heart-healthy awards celebration. Just be creative, have fun and the exercise part takes care of itself," said Steinbaum.

For more tips on how to make the most of kids play, visit [www.heart.org/healthierkids](http://www.heart.org/healthierkids).

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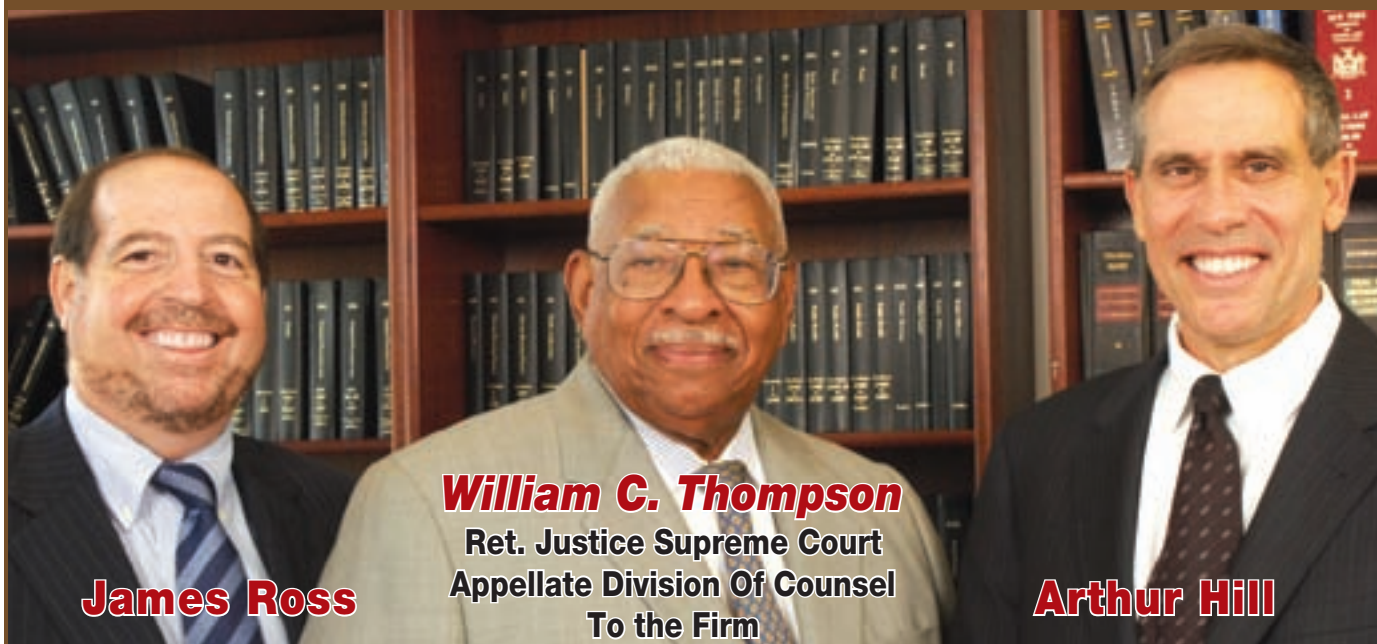
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# UPI Elderhood Rite of Passage -- A Legend Untold

By Chudi Chukwudi

UPI stands for United Peoples Inclusive, a movement poised in a 26-year-plus history rooted in the Caribbean Women Socio-Cultural Association of America (CWSCAA) celebrating past and present grassroots-up legends whose stories typically remain untold. This incisive movement highlights and celebrates the selfless tenacity of such persons

and groups whose altruism supplies the human virtues of originality, instincts, skills, innovation and drive to enlarge the marketplace of competing ideas where socioeconomic justice inherently struggles to advance sustainable global harmony.

With this in focus, CWSCAA was inaugurated, on June 26 1986, at the New York-based United Nations; to highlight the fact that

woman embodies the true soil of creation from which fruits of humanity (good, bad or indifferent) derive. Thus, woman should be justly honored and relied upon to advance gender-accord—the bedrock ingredient of nurture for wholesome building-blocks spanning the global community.

Elderhood Rite of Passage

From said frame of ref-

erence where woman gets justly honored and relied upon to secure general health of society, every societal construct of peaceful prosperity should be erected on a foundation of true Elderhood for enduring growth and development. Admitting that western social structures scantily rely on this authentic African tradition; for revisiting this cultural vitality of paying respect to the

Elders, CWSCAA gave birth to the Elders Recognition & Respect Accord (ERRA) on May 16 2004. Thus the UPI cycle came of age on CWSCAA's 25th anniversary. Therefore, in perpetual honor to womanhood, her right to preside over the Elderhood Rite of Passage throughout the global community is impartially confirmed.

Following his seventy-fifth birthday, November 17th 2012, Austin H. Tuitt (CWSCAA's Progenitor) will receive the First-Elder-rite-of-passage honor citing the paragon body of work he amassed building the United Peoples Inclusive edifice. "On this enduring rite-of-passage axis, Tuitt stresses; UPI is that touchstone voice routinely heralding the untold stories of our past and yet emerging legends."

Community Alliance Bloc-By-Bloc

The conventional definition for bloc says that a bloc consists of a group

of persons, institutions or nations pursuing a common goal. This means that to safeguard the foundation of a region or neighborhood, various blocs must be interconnected with an identified common purpose in focus. On this premise, UPI launched the Community Alliance Bloc-By-Bloc (CABBB) medium on June 24 2012. UPI concedes that in our rapidly expanding technological era, the basic common needs of our communities are likewise increasing. Therefore, blocs emerging from diverse social sectors such as education, health care, culture, politics, industry and commerce must be inclusive and interconnected for protecting general public interest. It is by working in concert; blocs adeptly fuel the engine of sustainable socioeconomic justice.

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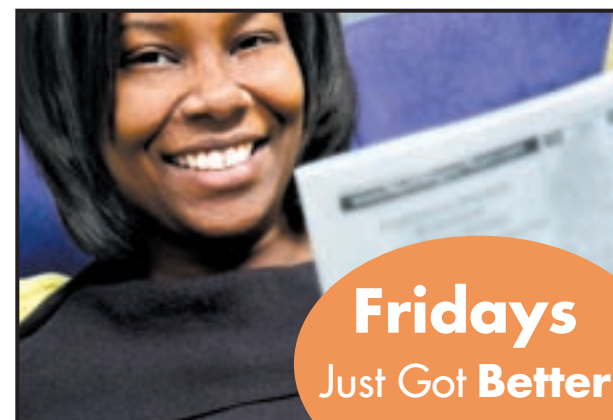
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The Post is partnering with Fox 5 and getting an exuberant assist from quintessential New Yorker Regis Philbin, who has emceed the award ceremony for nine

consecutive years.

"I'll be there for this year's great stories from the people in this city who have done something to make you feel good about New York," said Philbin. "There are so many things like that going on in this town. If you know somebody who does good things, let us know; we want to say thanks and tell them how important they are to all of us."

You'll find it easy to nominate someone. Just log on to [nypost.com/libertymedals](http://nypost.com/libertymedals) and submit nominations in the eight categories outlined below: Leadership, Courage, Lifetime Achievement, Young Heart, Freedom and one each for the city's teach-

ers, cops and firefighters.

Just tell us in 100 words or less why your nominee deserves to be the toast of the town. You may nominate only living people. And please nominate as many heroes as you like.

A panel of notable New Yorkers, including NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly, FDNY Commissioner Salvatore Cassano and Lew Leone, vice president and general manager of WNYW-Fox5 and WWOR-My 9, will choose from among the nominees in each category to determine the winners, who will be honored by The Post on Oct. 17.

Each winner will receive a medal engraved with Lady Liberty's torch and specially designed for The Post by New York graphic artist Milton Glaser, who created the iconic "I ♥ New York" logo.



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to the world.

### ■ New York's Bravest Medal

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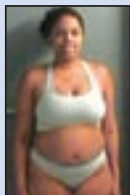
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Laparkan Shipping has announced its sponsorship of the two match Twenty20 cricket series to be played here next week in celebration of the 50th Independence anniversary of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

Laparkan chairman and chief executive officer Glen Khan made the announcement during a visit to the company's new warehouse and corporate offices by members of the Caribbean Consular Corps, Caribbean American community leaders and members of the press last Friday.

Khan handed over a check to Trinidad and Tobago's Consul General Dr. Anil Ramnanan and President of the Jamaica Diaspora Organization Dr. Susan Davis. In making the presentation Khan said Laparkan "cherishes the relationship we have developed over the years with the people of both countries and we are



Laparkan Chairman and chief executive officer Glen Khan (Left) hands over his company's sponsorship check to Trinidad and Tobago's Consul General Dr. Anil Ramnanan and President of the Jamaica Diaspora Foundation Dr. Susan Davis in Miami.

Photo courtesy Caribbean Trade CenterMiami

thankful for their business. Our sponsorship of this Twenty20 cricket showdown between the national teams of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago is in keeping with our commitment to giving back to the communities that support us."

Both Dr. Ramnanan and

Dr. Davis thanked Laparkan for its sponsorship of the matches noting that without such sponsorships these would not have been possible. They also praised Laparkan for its ongoing good corporate citizenship, which should be a model for other companies.

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# Talking tech as an economic driver

By Fabian Burrell

There is a tremendous amount of money in Tech! Along with it is a huge drive to identify and support via investments, the next generation of leading tech companies!

There is a movement underway to add diversity into the Tech communities! Yet Blacks and in particular Black women, have not jumped at the opportunity.

It's time to start "Talking Tech" as an economic driver.

Partners Bonnie Sandy and Antonio Mark have challenged a group of their peers to accept responsibility and lead.

As a partner in Tibiae Tech, Inc and Brooklyn community liaison for the Newme commune, Sandy accepted another challenge to pull together a Brooklyn Business Conference/Expo with a tech focus to coincide with the influx of Caribbean nationals visiting New York City during the West Indian Labor Day celebrations! Her focus is to ensure our community is not left behind in the digital revolution! Educating and informing on the current state of development is a vital part of that process!

To ratchet up the effort, a call is being made for spon-



Bonnie Sandy.

sors/partners, others vested in the economic development of our community to participate in this event!

Sandy, a Black female, has been in the New York Tech room since 2005/6. In the past seven years she has taken what she learned and shared it with the community. Now, together with co-founders she is starting a tech startup, Tibiae Tech Inc, in Brooklyn with plans to expand into the Global Diaspora community.

Growth is natural for Sandy. At the beginning of this year, she agreed to partner and become lead architect of Tibiae Tech Solutions Inc., a New York-based tech startup that is in the business of change management;



Antonio Mark.

addressing the glaring problem of the lack of minority-owned businesses in today's tech sector and the adoption of technology in today's business culture.

For her, it meant putting aside her design work so that she could reconfigure an approach that was culturally relevant! Seven months into the process they understand the gargantuan task they have undertaken but are frequently reminded that there is no other solution! "It is overwhelming, but we are focused on a legacy of change!" Sandy opined.

Ten cofounders and partnering sponsors later, brings them to the next phase – securing space! Each cofounder is an expert in their

field with experience working with, consulting or servicing local entrepreneurs. The first order of business was to bring them up to date with the technology, where it currently is and where it is headed, and strategizing on cultural adaptation. Ten co-founders and partnering sponsors later, brings them to the next phase – securing space!

Tibiae Tech Solutions Inc. will provide technology, funding, mentorship, incubation, marketing and distribution to enable experts in niche local micro sectors who answer the question "What would you do with technology if you could?" to access and develop technologies, focused on scalable next generation concepts.

There is a lot of talk about "Changing the Ratio" and increasing the numbers of minorities and women on the start-up scene! Tibiae Tech's goal is to increase the number of minority, especially Black-owned startups within the New York tech landscape. Few know of The New York Tech Meetup, a non-profit organization with over 25,000 members supporting the New York technology community, which is the lead organization.

In a population estimated in 2011 at 8,244,910 that is a mere dent. Yet that sec-

tor is thriving. Of the more than 350 startups on the Tech Made in NY about 85-90 percent is hiring!

Starters, many do not know exactly what is the "Difference between a Startup and a Small Business?"

One google search defines the Difference Between a Startup and a Small Business. Both are exactly the same, except how the owner thinks about their business. A small business owner is focused on doing it tough for a number of years and hoping they can make it as a business. However a startup thinks big, they dream of their application/product or service being used by millions around the world and funded by VC's and that is how they direct their business. Small business owners think about doing things slowly and building their business over time.

According to Sandy, "It takes 50-58 hrs to plan a new business". While some startups are designing that blueprint in as little as three days, small businesses may take six months to a year or more -- often at a huge financial cost, that eventually caustest their demise!

Then there is the challenge of execution. Having an idea is one thing successfully

bringing an idea to market is another!

Thus, far many local businesses are unable to take advantage of new and emerging technology to address issues in their sector. Few understand the scope and capabilities and as such they are unable to innovate, cut cost and increase turnover and revenue. On the other hand few tech developers and even investors understand the challenges within the sectors. Local mom and pop businesses require the same resources and must execute at the same level to ensure success.

Earlier this month Tibiae Tech began leading a select group on a self-guided online series that will bring to light where current technology is at and how small businesses can leverage their experience and eventually create startups that will not only "address needs in their niche but by adapting early, garner valuable market share!"

Participants were asked to set aside a minimum of 28 hours to research and educate themselves. Free to the first users (few spots left) this version would be followed by workshops and tech talks during August!

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# Young Achievers honored in Harlem

**By Gideon Manasseh**

Metro-Manhattan Chapter, The Links Incorporated and Alpha Gamma Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated held their "Young Achievers Ceremony" at the Harlem State Office Building at Melba's Restaurant for 10 Young Achievers who have graduated from the 2011-2012 program and high school, and are moving on to a new phase in their education.

The program has enhanced the lives of the Young Achievers and exposed them to new ideas, skill development and growth opportunities. Highlights from the 2011-2012 program include: College Information Fair, Oratorical Contest, Financial Literacy Workshop, College Essay Writing Workshop, Etiquette Dinner and Career Day.

All 10 of the Young Achievers will be attending college this September



From left, 2012 Young Achievers Honorees Royal Skeete, Heriberto Alteri, Elliott Vazquez, Vaughn Mesquita, Shawn Persaud and Wilvin Lopez.

Photo by Gideon Manasseh

ber and are anxious and excited about the transition to the next step in their lives.

Carlos Rivera, associate director of admissions,

Lehman College was the evening guest speaker. Young Achiever, Oratorical Contest Award Presentation was given to honoree Vaughn Mesquita, 1st Place

Young Achiever, Class of 2012. Special guest honorees were Janifer Lighten, Barbara Delany, Harry Delany, Michelle D. Foust and Michael Bryant.

## NOTICE OF DISTRICTING COMMISSION HEARINGS FROM AUGUST 13, 2012 TO AUGUST 23, 2012

The NYC Districting Commission will hold five public hearings from August 13, 2012 to August 23, 2012. These hearings are open to the public. The purpose of these hearings is for the NYC Districting Commission to hear testimony from the public concerning the initial phases of its work in drafting a new districting plan for the New York City Council. Individuals wishing to pre-register for speaking time or to submit written testimony in advance may do so by signing up online at <http://www.nyc.gov/districting>. Individuals wishing to speak at any hearing will be provided up to three minutes of speaking time.

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# EDUCATION

FALL 2012

## Downtown is college town

By Alfred Ng

Pop quiz — which location boasts a larger student population: Downtown or Cambridge, Mass.?

With more than 57,000 students, Brooklyn's most bustling neighborhood beats out the country's most famous college town, proving that the quickly transforming community is growing into a major academic hub.

The neighborhood boasts Long Island University, City College of Technology, SUNY Empire State College, Brooklyn Law School, and the Polytechnic Institute of New York University, which was ranked as the 34th best engineering school in the world by Business Insider. Nearby in Brooklyn Heights, undergrads hit the books at St. Francis College, while students not far away in Clinton Hill study at St. Joseph's College and hone their art skills at Pratt Institute.

Although Downtown and its bordering neighborhoods lack frat houses, ultimate frisbee, hacky sack, and other classic campus staples, the area makes up for its shortcoming of collegiate atmosphere with its growing number of trendy businesses, superb transit access, and proximity to Manhattan and other trendy Brooklyn neighborhoods, students say.

"I have the opportunity to study at an exceptional institution which is only a short train ride away," said Omar Yassin, a sophomore from Bensonhurst studying biomolecular science at NYU-Poly. "The

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## Time management tips for busy college kids

Today's college students are busier than ever before. Tuition hikes and higher cost of living has forced many to work part-time jobs in addition to their full-time jobs as students.

In addition to the need to work, college students are also embracing extracurricular activities in an attempt to make themselves stand out in an increasingly competitive post-college job market.

While that ability to multi-task might one day prove attractive to prospective employers, it's an ability many students must learn. Time is often a commodity for college students, and managing time effectively can make the difference between a successful student and one who is overwhelmed by stress.

- **Learn to prioritize.** For some college students, the weekend is the ultimate priority. Though

this might be a recipe for fun, it's not a recipe for success. Prioritizing both academic and social commitments is a very important step for students looking to manage time more effectively.

First and foremost, school should be a student's top priority. After studies, it's up to a student to choose what's the next most important priority. This is often very difficult, as colleges typically offer a bevy of activities. Socializing is an important aspect of college life, but students must be careful not to place socializing too far up the totem pole of their priorities. When prioritizing, it's best to keep in mind education comes first. Keep school and school-related activities high on the list of priorities.

- **Don't over-extend.** Many students love college for the very reason that



Time management is a skill all college students must learn to ensure their success.

there is so much to do. In an effort to ensure all students make the most of their college experiences, colleges and universities provide many different avenues by which students can express themselves and become a part of the college community's fabric. However, with all those activities, it's easy for college kids to go overboard and over-commit themselves. Attempting to do too much can lead to feelings of stress and burnout, often resulting in poorer academic performance. When managing time, students should schedule some daily time to relax and take a breather.

- **Keep a planner.** Daily planners might seem very adult, but they're also very practical. Students with academic, extracurricular, and social commitments should write things down in a daily planner to help keep

their heads from spinning. Larger things like midterm exams or research papers don't need to be included in a daily planner. But smaller details that tend to get lost in the shuffle should be written down to help students stay on track and make the most of all of their commitments.

- **Stay as flexible as possible.** While today's busy college students might scoff at the suggestion they stay flexible, flexibility is an important element of time management. Few plans ever go off without a hitch, no matter how well planned they are. Something unexpected tends to pop up around every corner. By remaining flexible with their time, students are putting themselves in positions to better handle these unexpected surprises, be it a sickness, a computer crash, car troubles, etc.



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# EDUCATION

## Downtown

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resources of the city are right next door.”

Downtown doesn't feel like “the quad” yet, but as more students flock to the neighborhood, politicians say the neighborhood should come to reflect its new inhabitants.

“Many of our students commute, so we are always striving to create a greater sense of campus life in Downtown Brooklyn, which is strategically located to New York City finance, advertising, technology, and service industries,” said Borough President Markowitz. “As we learned from the creation of the MetroTech complex, it's important that we continually invest in redevelopment in order to grow our college community.”

And that redevelopment is already in the works.

NYU-Poly plans to renovate and retrofit an eyesore of a building at 370 Jay St. and turn the old Metropolitan Transportation Authority office facility into its new Center for Urban Science and Progress — an applied science research institute studying how cities can grow and adapt.

The project is slated to be completed by 2016, and even Mayor Bloomberg sees it as a boon for the booming college town.

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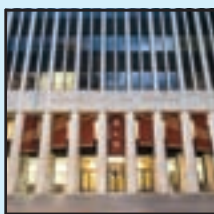
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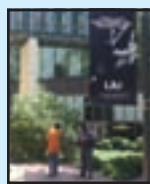


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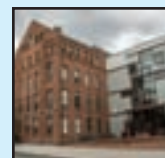
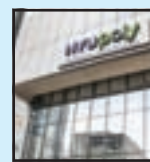
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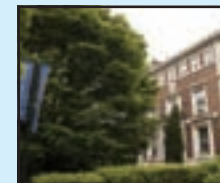


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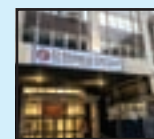


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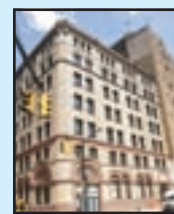


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# Dr. Steven C. Tawil: Colon Cancer Screening & Prevention

By Camille Sperrazza

Stop postponing your colonoscopy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

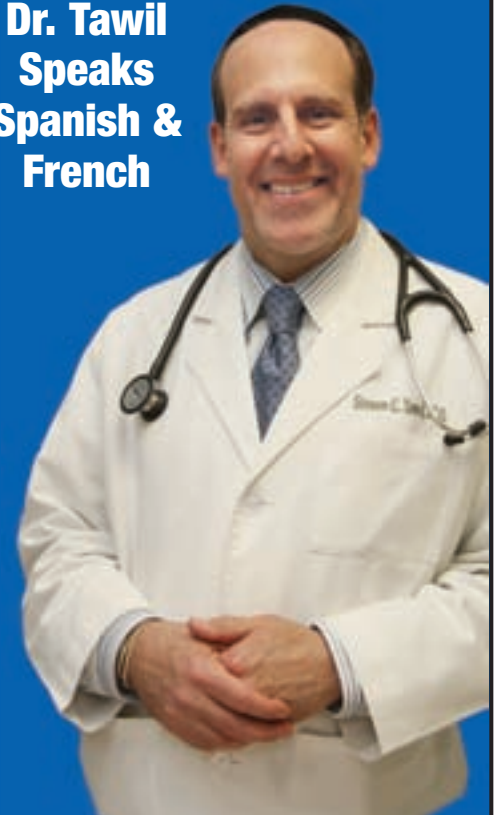
A graduate of Syracuse University, Dr. Tawil trained at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine for five years. He is on staff at the New York Methodist Hospital, and is a member of the American College of Physicians; the New York State Medical Society; the American Medical Association; and the American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

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

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# Jannie Louise Weston celebrates 100 years

By Gideon Manasseh

Jannie Louise Weston celebrated her centennial birthday with family and friends at Holiday Inn, LaGuardia recently. She is known for her gospel music, two of her most well known songs, "Move on Up a Little Higher" and "When I Take My Vacation to Heaven," gained her fanfare.

Born on July 25, 1912 in Pantego, N.C., and move to New York City in the 1930s with her aunt until she was ready to go off on her own and worked in a tie factory, a common job for women at that time. She and her late husband raised four children, two boys and two girls. But with her advanced age, Weston ended up out-living her beloved sons. In the 1970s, Leon Weston was shot on the streets of New York City and last year, at age 79, Benjamin Weston, Jr. passed away.

When she had her children, they started living in Hunts Points, Bronx, and she finished raising them in Queens, where she was a missionary at the Refuge



From left, Pauline Weston, Jannie Louise Weston and Ruth Weston Brown. Photo by Gideon Manasseh

Temple Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally after retiring, she was able to watch her children become successful and respected adults. Ruth Brown became vice chair in the Helene Fuld College of Nursing while Pauline Weston, now retired, worked as a New York City school assistant in P.S. 143 in Queens. Leon Weston worked with his father at their family owned candy store in the Bronx, and Benjamin Weston, Jr. worked as a hospital

custodian.

At her birthday celebration Jannie sang, "I Know a Man from Galilee" and "When I Take My Vacation to Heaven" showing her strength and ability to sing at the ripe young age of 100. Her daughter Ruth Brown said, "The party was successful. There were 79 people there! My mom really enjoyed it." She also said, "even though Jannie has short-term memory loss, she remembered all the words to her songs."

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## Poor response to Haiti's needs

By Azad Ali

The United Nations says it is cutting back on the amount of international aid money it is seeking to help Haiti because the response from donors has been disappointing so far this year.

The UN Humanitarian Coordinator (UNHC) in Haiti, Nigel Fisher, said that funding for remaining humanitarian needs clearly is insufficient and that the original budget for 2012 had been estimated at US\$231 million.

He said by midyear, only 20 percent had been received to help Haiti as the French-speaking CARICOM country recovers from the January 2010 earthquake that killed an estimated 300,000 people and left more than a million others homeless.

According to the UN, as a result of the slow response from international donors the new budget has been put at US\$128 million.

"The original budget for 2012 for Haiti was US\$213 million. However, in the middle of the year, the consolidated appeal was only funded by 20 percent. Therefore,

facing this sharp reduction of humanitarian resources available, the humanitarian country team and national authorities have revised the consolidated appeal at the mid-term review," he said.

The consolidated appeal seeks international funding to support Haiti's most vulnerable population affected by humanitarian crises. Three sectors still need urgent support.

The UNHC said while cholera epidemic has diminished, it remains at epidemic proportions with 50,000 cases reported so far for this year.

It said the number of people still living in camps following the earthquake has declined to 390,000, but with the hurricane season going on till the end of November, funds are needed for preparedness and emergency response.

OCHA head in Haiti, Johan Peleman told reporters that a withdrawal of donors has had an impact on managing shelters and IDP camps, the health sector, the water sector and the sanitation and protection sector.

# West Indian American Day Carnival

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be Trinidad's premier Soca Maestro, Machel Montano and Reggae Superstar, Mr. Vegas from Jamaica, along with a huge cast of top-notch performers from Barbados, Dominica and other islands.

~ Friday, Aug. 31: (Daytime) free Cultural Youth Stay-In-School Program.

~ Saturday, Sept. 1: WIADCA's eagerly-awaited Steelband Panorama Competition

~ Saturday, Sept. 1: (Daytime) Junior Carnival and Competition

~ Sunday, Sept. 2: Dimanche Gras: All-Star line-up, including: Calypso Rose, Shadow, King Ajamu, Black Stalin and many others, along with winners of all competitions; Something Positive Dance Troupe and (direct from Trinidad & Tobago) traditional characters including "pan-around-the-neck" steelband musicians.

~ Monday, Sept. 3: Grand marshals from Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago and New York, along with scores of "who's who" including: the youngest ever parade grand marshal, Machel Montano; New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomb-

erg, parade sponsors and leading politicians, the giant carnival parade of thousands of colorful, costumed revelers and millions of spectators will enjoy the pulsating music, spectacle, camaraderie, fun, food and friends.

"WIADCA is now in the final planning stages of its Festival Program, with an impressive lineup of artists and activities for the four days and nights at the Brooklyn Museum grounds located at 200 Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn," said WIADCA spokeswoman, Jean Alexander.

The celebration culminates with the gigantic Labor Day Carnival Parade where an estimated 40 masquerade bands and some three million jubilant spectators and supporters from around the world will converge on Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn -- from Schenectady Avenue to Grand Army Plaza, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Labor Day, September 3, 2012.

WIADCA's theme for this year: "Caribbean History, Culture & Unity" reflects a renewed commitment to work together while acknowledging a common and shared heritage," Bailey said. "Additionally, the New WIADCA

Team understands that without the full support of its corporate sponsors, elected leadership, supporters of Mas & Steelbands and millions of loyal fans, there will not be a carnival festival."

The organization is hard at work reorganizing all of its operations while executing its 2012 Carnival Festival program," Bailey added.

"In this light, WIADCA has held a number of high-level meetings with NYPD (Brooklyn South Command) and have been assured that every security precaution will be taken to protect masqueraders, spectators, and other participants throughout the Festival and Parade. Assistant Chief Thomas Chan has made it clear that the protection of the general public and ensuring that the festival is fun-filled and safe, is his top priority."

"WIADCA will continue to provide regular updates, however, the public is invited to check out its new website to get more information, purchase tickets and / or make a donation to support the Mas & Steelband Programs at Brooklyn Museum at: [www.wiadcacarnival.org](http://www.wiadcacarnival.org). the WIADCA president said.

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# Red Plastic Bag is 2012 Calypso King



A section of audience at the 2012 Calypso Monarch show in Barbados.



Red Plastic Bag (left) receiving his trophy from Minister Stephen Lashley.  
Photos by Clyde Jones

## By Clyde Jones

According to the National Cultural Foundation (NCF), “anticipation, expectation and intrigue, 10 calypso gladiators battle for approximately four hours to not just win a brand new car, but the right to be called the Calypso Monarch of Barbados.”

During the Pic-O-De-Crop finals Red Plastic Bag won the 2012 Calypso Monarch, beating the reigning King David Hall “Popsicle” into fifth position.

The ten-time Calypso King (RPB) received a cash prize of \$10,500 and a KIA Cerato Sedan.

Bag beat into second place Ian Webster followed by veteran 9-time King Mighty Gabby and Adrian Clarke.

Red Plastic Bag received his trophy from Minister of Culture Stephen Lashley to a packed audience held at the Garfield Sobers Gymnasium at 2:45 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4.

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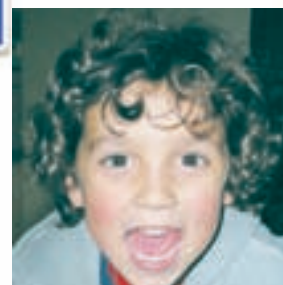
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# Tyson defends boxing title on Broadway

**F**ormer heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson is making his Broadway debut in a one-man presentation detailing his rocky-road to success.

“Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth” introduces an articulate athlete whose millionaire lifestyle led him to controversy and often bizarre behavior.

According to Playbill.com “the evening promises a rare, personal look inside the life and mind of one of the most feared men ever to wear the heavyweight crown... This riveting one-man show goes beyond the headlines, behind the scenes and between the lines to deliver a must-see theatrical knockout.”

“I will just be telling (my) story,” Tyson said.

“People have said the story mesmerizes.” When asked if any aspect of his life was off limits, the former boxing champ said, “If anything comes across kind of fake, (you’ll) see it right



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

away. To avoid that, (I’m) putting everything on the table. But it’s not all good stuff! It’s going to be a rollercoaster of emotions.”

Directed by Academy Award nominee Spike Lee, the actor/director is making his Broadway director debut with this presentation.

“Human beings want to hear stories. Whether it’s a play, a documentary...a song, a musical, a novel or a movie, we love great stories, and we love great storytellers. And, with Mike Tyson on the stage, you are going to hear a great American story... Mike’s a great storyteller,” Lee said.

The autobiographical production was written by the boxer’s wife Kiki along with Randy Johnson.

The show is slated for a

limited run at the Longacre Theater and ends on Aug. 12.

## Bronx and Brooklyn teens bask in Olympic glory

Sports fans in the Bronx and Brooklyn are on a high after watching two of the early competitions of the Olympic contests in London. After swimming and gymnastics performances, Brooklyn’s 17-year-old Lia Neal will bring home an Olympic medal.

Although John Orozco placed eighth and did not medal this year, the Bronx-born Puerto Rican is looking to gymnastic redemption in Brazil, in 2016.

On the very, first day of swimming competitions at the Aquatic Center, the



Former boxer Mike Tyson, left, and director Spike Lee pose backstage at the “Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth” event on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012, in New York.

Photo by Donald Traill/Invision/AP&#xA;

borough of kings crowned 17-year-old Neal the water queen after she swam the third leg in the women’s freestyle 4x100 relay.

Her effort powered the US team to win the bronze medal.

Neal’s role in determining the outcome of that race puts her in the Olympic his-

tory book — with the first Black — as the second African-American woman to do achieve that feat.

Not only is Neal the second African American woman to medal in swimming in Olympic history, she is also the second to make the U.S. Olympic team.

Maritza Correia was first

to claim the honor. She won a silver medal in the 4x100 freestyle relay in 2004.


Neal lives in Brooklyn and started taking swimming lessons when she was six. By the time she was eight, she had joined the swim team and started training at Asphalt Green Unified Aquatics on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.

And while many swimmers are known to hail from Florida, California and other warm-weather coastal states, Neal comes straight out of Brooklyn.

Her father Rome Neal is a talented actor who won an AUDELCO Award for his portrayal of jazz legend, Thelonious Monk in an Off-Broadway production.

Her brother Rome is a senior video web producer at the New York Post newspaper. After his sister’s victory he penned an article in honor of her success which was posted at the website.

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## Da'Ville's 'Krazy Love'

By Kingsley Doyle

Internationally renowned Jamaican singing sensation, Da'Ville has already garnered strong acclaim from the masses with his new album, "Krazy Love."

Released digitally on June 19, Krazy Love has already won rave reviews across the board, with its first single, Took a Break earning a top 10 spot on the MTV Base AfricaDancehall/Reggae chart.

So far, the track which has become the fan favorite is "Woman," a track produced by Push a Yute Productions and Fashozy Records, a song dedicated to the plight of independent females who continuously sacrifice and work tirelessly to provide for their loved ones.

"This Love," a heart-pounding ballad which speaks of the triumphs and trials of a relationship, has also resonated well as it has also become one of the



Da'Ville's new album, "Krazy Love."

Photo Fashozy Records

compilation's most popular tracks while "Thug Like Me" and "You Got Di Ting," songs which show an edgier side of the prominent singer have already earned rotation on local and international radio stations since the album's release.

Additionally, reflective tracks such as "Now I Am Strong," "I Was Wrong" and "Give You My Love" have also been popular amongst fans; again showing the vast

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## Cultural mission to SVG

Erica M. Zuniga, a Garifuna dancer/choreographer from Los Angeles California, joined The Garifuna Cultural Retrieval Workshop in Yurumein/St.Vincent and the Grenadines on July 30.

While Erica may be new on the cultural scene in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, she is no newcomer to the cultural stage in the U.S.A where she can add vocalist, teacher, and actress, as well as entrepreneur and editor to her many credits. Born in Los Angeles to Garifuna parents, Eric Zuniga of Hopkins, Belize, and Emma Petillo Zuniga of Dangriga, Belize, she was the first of her siblings to be born in the Unit-

ed States. Her three older siblings were born in Belize before the family migrated to Los Angeles. Erica said her parents emphasized the importance of knowing the Garifuna culture to her and her younger siblings, and while they were taught Garifuna and English, Garifuna was the only language spoken in their home.

She graduated from the University of Southern California (USC) and received two Bachelor of Arts' degrees: one in English and the other in Theatre. She also holds an Associate Degree in Spanish from West Los Angeles College. While at USC, Erica

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Ahmaya Knoelle Higginsen and Elijah Ahmad Lewis, the musical directors for Vy Higginsen's Gospel for Teens Choir.

## GOSPEL AT GINNY'S

By John Marrast

Vy Higginsen's Gospel for Teens Choir will provide the musical entertainment for "A Gospel Gathering at Ginny's" at Ginny's Supper Club, the sister venue to Samuelsson's Red Rooster Harlem, located at 310 Lenox Avenue (between 125th and 126th Streets). The acclaimed Gospel for Teens Choir presented by award-winning chef and author Marcus Samuelsson will perform three half-hour sets of rousing gospel tunes (at 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.) during the venue's new Sunday buffet brunch, served weekly between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Vy Higginsen's Gospel for Teens Choir is a nationally recognized and award-winning ensemble that is currently featured in the Off-Broadway production of Mama, I Want to Sing: The Next Generation (performed on Saturdays at The Dempsey Theater, located at 127 West 127th Street). The subject of an award-winning "60 Minutes" documentary in 2011 (currently Emmy nominated), the choir comprises talented young performers who emerged from Gospel for Teens, a program of Ms. Higginsen's Mama Foundation and her School of Gospel, Jazz and R&B Arts, located in Harlem, which offers

musical education and training to young people at no cost. Gospel for Teen Choir's other national TV appearances include performances on "The Celebrity Apprentice," "The CBS Early Show," and "The Nate Berkus Show."

The choir took the grand prize in their division at the 2011 Pathmark Gospel Choir Competition of Harlem (their very first competition) and then went on to another win at Verizon's How Sweet the Sound Gospel Competition. They have recently performed at the prestigious TED Conference in Long Beach, CA; the

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## TOP OF THE CHARTS

### TOP 10 SINGLES



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

### TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 Gossamer**  
Passion Pit
- 2 Channel Orange**  
Frank Ocean
- 3 Handwritten**  
The Gaslight Anthem
- 4 Life Is Good**  
Nas
- 5 Uncaged**  
Zac Brown Band
- 6 Tomorrow Never Knows**  
The Beatles
- 7 Up All Night**  
One Direction
- 8 Dark Knight Rises**  
Soundtrack
- 9 The Blueprint 3**  
Jay-Z
- 10 The Lumineers**  
The Lumineers



# Gospel at Ginny's

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Stellar Gospel Music Awards in Nashville, TN; and Moncler Grenoble's winter show at New York Fashion Week. The Gospel for Teens Choir has had the privilege to perform with such artists as Cissy Houston, Arsenio Hall, Clay Aiken, and Madonna. Their debut album will be released later this year on Harlem Records.

Downstairs at the Red Rooster Harlem is the spirited sister venue, Ginny's Supper Club. With a hat tipped to Harlem's Renaissance, Ginny's is a modern reincarnation of the glamorous speakeasies and Harlem nights of the Twenties – an intimate lounge with a warm bourbon glow and an even warmer welcome. Kindled by the hottest live music, creative cocktails, soulful food, inclusive spirit and Harlem's vibrant culture, Ginny's is devoted to hosting afternoons and evenings out with a little bit

of magic. And, as its creators chef Marcus Samuelsson and Andrew Chapman will tell you, that means style, culture and genuine down home fun for everyone.

Samuelsson was the youngest chef to receive two three-star ratings from The New York Times while at Aquavit as executive chef. In 2003, he was named "Best Chef: New York City" by the James Beard Foundation. A proud Harlem resident, he opened Red Rooster Harlem in 2010. Samuelsson is an award-winning author with cookbook titles in both English and Swedish, and his memoir, "Yes, Chef," was recently released. On television, he starred on "Inner Chef" and "Urban Cuisine," and was the winner of "Top Chef Masters -Season 2" in 2010. Marcus has also had the privilege to serve as the guest chef for the first State Dinner of the Obama administration.



Vy Higgeinsen's Gospel for Teens Choir performing weekly at award winning Chef Marcus Samuelsson's Gospel Gathering.

Photo by Lewis Myrie

## Cultural mission to St. Vincent

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studied theatre for a year at the British American Drama Academy (BADA) in London, England which ended in her performing theatre at the end of both semesters in London. She has travelled to France, Scotland, and Ireland.

She created her company, Weyu Le, in March 2008 as an organic food business in Los Angeles. "Weyu Le" is Garifuna and means "This is the sun" or "This is the way," and together, "Weyule" means "today." She is currently transitioning Weyu Le into a creative education company that blends music, dance, theatre and education. Erica is also the director of Arts and Cultural Performances for GAHFU (Garifuna American Heritage Foundation United) and the director of GAHFU's Lidereibugu Garifuna Ensemble (LGE). "Lidereibugu" means

"Powerful" in Garifuna and is a cultural vocal, dance, and drumming group based in Los Angeles, California. LGE's objective is to continue preserving a rich Garifuna culture through songs, dance and drums. Their legacy is to maintain and share the Garifuna language with the world. LGE dances the traditional Garifuna dances – such as Hungu-Hungu, Paranda, Chumba, and Punta, as well as Garifuna-American routines with a contemporary twist.

Erica recently performed with The Caribbean Heritage Organizations' "Tribute to Hollywood" Gala event at the Hollywood Forever Park; a "Forum and Fundraiser for Haiti" with actor and activist Danny Glover. She has also opened for Aurelio Martinez at Los Angeles "Gran Festival Hondurenisimo" and the "Punta

Rock for Education Summer Concert." She is also a member of the Central Avenue Dance Ensemble (CADE), a multi-aged performance group led by Chester Whitmore. She travelled with Chester to Russia in May 2011 to perform a variety of dance styles – Tap, Lindy Hop, Swing, Be-Bop, and Charleston – with the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra (SJMO). She performed at several special concerts with SJMO which featured music and songs by jazz greats Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Jimmie Lunceford, Benny Carter and Benny Goodman.

The concerts were held at various concert halls in several Russian cities, including the Moscow International House of Music, the Kazan State Conservatory, the Philharmonic Hall in Samara and the Spaso House (the residence of American ambassadors in Moscow).

A few months after the Russian tour, Ron Parker, Artistic Director and Assistant Choreographer to CADE's, invited Erica to perform in the History of Black Dance in America (HBDA). She accepted and he began to teach her Black dances that have influenced the current dance styles here in America. She also performs Flamenco and Modern Dance, as well as, occasionally singing and acting at different venues in Los Angeles.



Erica Zuniga.

## Da'Ville's 'Krazy Love'

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personalities of such a charismatic artiste such as Da'Ville.

So far, the reaction from fans has been overwhelming across social media and outlets since Krazy Love's release, with many insisting that this versatile record has touched their hearts while

soothing their ears.

"This is the Da'Ville I've been longing for. I am really loving this album. My favorite songs are This Love and Woman so far. Excellent job Da'Ville, excellent," said one fan.

"Da'Ville has taken a break and came back with this lovely album

that was well worth the wait. I'll be playing this album daily," commented another fan.

With so much early buzz surrounding the album, "Krazy Love" is fast becoming a hit; setting the stage for a deserved culmination for Da'Ville following his recent hiatus.

"Krazy Love" is being distributed by Zojak World Wide and Tad's Record Inc.

*Courtesy Avalanche Sound*

# Tribute to the human spirit of a Rasta rock god

**"Marley"**  
Excellent (4 stars)  
Pated PG-13 for violent images, mature themes and cannabis consumption.  
Running time: 145 minutes  
Distributor: Magnolia Home Entertainment

## By Kam Williams

When most people think of Bob Marley, what probably comes to mind is reggae, Jamaica and marijuana. But how did a street urchin raised by a teen-mom in a country shack with no electricity manage to become a beloved icon admired all over the world?

That little-known side of Bob's life story is the subject of Marley, an intimate biopic produced by his son, Ziggy,

and directed by Scotsman Kevin Macdonald. Because of the participation in the project of so many relatives, friends and colleagues, the picture paints a fascinating portrait which fully fleshes out its subject, thereby resisting the temptation of merely placing him on a pedestal.

At the point of departure we learn that Robert Nesta Marley was born in 1945 to Cedella Malcolm, a young local gal, and Captain Norval Marley, a British plantation overseer already in his 60s. Bob never really knew his father or the rest of the Marleys, a prominent family with a construction business on the island. In fact, his request for financial help to kickstart his career was rebuffed out of hand by his relatively-rich white relations.

Rejection was a recurring theme during Bob's

formative years, when he was teased as a "half-caste" by other boys for being mixed. And he was equally unpopular with the opposite sex, since "Every girl's dream in Jamaica was to have a tall, dark boyfriend." He was even abandoned by his mom who moved to America while he was still in his teens.

Fortunately, Bob eventually found salvation through a love of music and the embrace of the Rastafarian community. Seeing his guitar as a way out of poverty, he let his hair grow while writing popular songs about equality, world peace, and cannabis, which is considered a sacred herb by the dreadlocked adherents of his pot-smoking religion.

After struggling to make it for over a decade while getting ripped-off by unscrupulous producers and promoters, Marley finally landed his



Photo courtesy of Magnolia Pictures

Bob Marley in a scene from "MARLEY," a Magnolia Pictures release.

big break in 1973 when he and the Wailers signed with Island Records. The group went on to record such hits as

"One Love," "Jammin'," "No Woman No Cry," "I Shot the Sheriff," "Redemptive Song," "Get Up, Stand Up," "Stir It Up" and "Is This Love?" to name a few.

The 2½ hour combination concert/interview flick allocates a decent portion of time to archival footage of The Wailers' performing many of the aforementioned anthems. Attention is also devoted to the reflections of folks like Bob's widow, Rita, who talks about how she was really more of her his guardian angel than his wife.

After all, he had 11 children by seven different women and often needed help juggling his groupies and baby-mamas. As Bob's attorney, Diane Jobson, explains it, her client considered himself faithful to God, if not his spouse.

Among Marley's many lovers was gorgeous Cindy

Breakspear, Miss Jamaica 1976, who went on to win the Miss World title. Not so lucky was Pascaline Ondimba, the daughter of the African nation of Gabon's prime minister. She recounts how Bob had called her "ugly" because she straightened her hair, and had encouraged her to cultivate and appreciate her natural beauty.

Sadly, Marley's life was marked by tragedy, too, including an assassination attempt and later the skin cancer to which he would succumb at the tender age of 36. Still, his "One Love" legacy is likely to withstand the test of time and inspire generations to come with its all-embracing message of understanding and tolerance.

A wonderfully-revealing, warts-and-all tribute to the human spirit of a Rasta rock god!

## Independent & Foreign Films

2 Days in New York (R for profanity, sexuality, drug use and brief nudity) Chris Rock and Julie Delpy co-star in this cross-cultural comedy as a couple cohabiting in Manhattan whose domestic bliss is destroyed when her father (Albert Delpy), sister (Alexia Landeau) and ex-boyfriend (Alexandre Nahon) arrive from France unexpectedly. With Kate Burton, Dylan Baker and Malinda Williams. (In English, French and Italian with subtitles)

Almayer's Folly (Unrated) Bittersweet drama loosely based on Joseph Conrad's debut novel about an ambitious Dutchman's (Stanislas Merher) futile search for a buried treasure for his half-Malaysian daughter (Aurora Marion) who means the world to him. With Marc Barbe, Solida Chan and Sakhna Oum. (In English, French and Central Khmer)

Drought (Unrated) Climate change documentary examining the mass exodus in search of water now undertaken annually by the parched residents of the Cuates de Australia region of Northern Mexico. (In Spanish with subtitles)

Freelancers (R for nudity, violence, drug use, graphic



## Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

sexuality and pervasive profanity) Crime saga starring 50 Cent as the revenge-minded son of a slain police officer who joins the NYPD and teams with his father's former partner (Robert De Niro) in search of justice. Cast includes Forest Whitaker, Dana Delany and Beau Garrett.

Goats (R for profanity, nudity, sexuality, drug use and underage alcohol consumption) Culture shock comedy about a freshman's (Graham Phillips) attempt to adjust to life at an exclusive, East Coast prep school after being raised by his flaky hippie mother (Vera Farmiga) in the foothills of Tucson, Arizona with the help of a sage goat whisperer (David Duchovny) who served as his surrogate father. With Keri Russell, Ty Burrell and Justin Kirk.

The Green Wave (Unrated) Democracy-deferred documentary revisiting Iran's short-lived, student revolution of 2010 which was successfully suppressed by the Islamist regime via a combi-

nation of cracking heads and censoring the internet. (In Persian, English and German with subtitles)

It Is No Dream (Unrated) Sir Ben Kingsley narrates this reverential biopic highlighting the life and times of Theodor Herzl (1860-1904), the Hungarian Jewish attorney-turned-journalist considered the father of Zionism and the State of Israel.

The Lion of Judah (Unrated) Holocaust documentary chronicling Lithuanian survivor Leo Zisman's heart-breaking return to his roots accompanied by 36 young people on a historical tour of the concentration camps at Majdanek, Birkenau and Auschwitz.

Meet the Fokkens (Unrated) Dominatrix documentary about identical twins Louise and Martine Fokkens, 70-year-old prostitutes who are ready to retire after plying their trade in Amsterdam's Red Light District for the past 50 years. (In Dutch with subtitles)

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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

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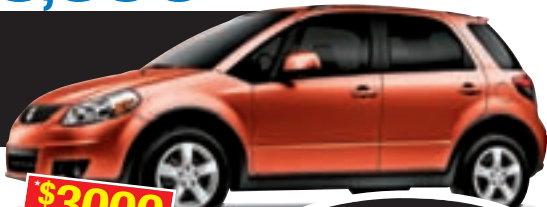
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Smush Parker.

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## Smush Parker blossoms

By Robert Elkin

All eyes were on Smush Parker, a former cager with numerous teams in the National Basketball Association. He had his run and as of now is probably sticking with going overseas.

As a teenager and even afterwards, Parker was more noted for his playing in 'outside' leagues than in high school. But he tried to do the best that he could while at Washington Irving in Manhattan and then at Newtown in Elmhurst both members of the public schools system.

He advanced onto Southern Idaho Junior College and then blossomed out when he

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## Joseph traded to Chivas

By Patrick Horne

Something good happened to Shalrie Joseph on Wednesday, Aug. 1. The veteran MLS defensive midfielder - born and raised in Grenada, West Indies, and graduated from Brooklyn's Wingate High School before playing collegiate soccer at national powerhouse St. John's University in Queens (NY) - was traded to Chivas USA in Southern California.

Joseph spent the past nine-and-a-half years with the New England Revolution, the only MLS team he has played for after being drafted from St. John's in 2002,

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Grenada's Kirani James reacts to his win in the men's 400-meter final during the athletics in the Olympic Stadium at the 2012 Summer Olympics, London, Monday, Aug. 6, 2012.

## OLYMPIC GOLD

### Kirani James blazes the trail

AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus

By Azad Ali

Grenadians celebrated with a public holiday the small Caribbean island's first ever Olympic Gold medal when 19-year-old Kirani James (The Jaguar) won the 400 meters men's at the Olympic Stadium at the 2012 Summer Olympics, London on Monday, Aug. 6.

There was jubilation in the streets of Grenada, especially in James' home village, Gouyave from where Prime Minis-

ter Tillman Thomas congratulated him in London after he accomplished the remarkable feat.

Prime Minister Thomas said James' victory was an inspiration to the country.

"He is a real good role model for our young people. He's very disciplined, very organized and very focused," Thomas told reporters.

PM Thomas gave Grenadians a half day

holiday on Tuesday.

James, already the world champion became the first non-U.S. athlete to run the distance in under 44 seconds. His time of 43.94 seconds is the fastest ever by a Caribbean athlete in the 400 meters.

"I am very proud for my country and everyone who is affiliated to my country and me. Words can't explain," he told reporters in London after his victory.

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Grenada's Kirani James crosses the finish line to win gold in the men's 400-meter final during the athletics in the Olympic Stadium at the 2012 Summer Olympics, London, Monday, Aug. 6, 2012.

AP Photo/David J. Phillip

## Kirani James brings home Olympic gold

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Council Member Jumaane D. Williams (D-Brooklyn), the first person of Grenadian descent to be elected to the New York City Council in a release stated, "In just 43.94 seconds, Kirani James changed Grenada and its people forever. Not only has he distinguished himself on the track, but the humanity he displayed off it gave us all reason to cheer. We began to dream of what was possible with his historic performance last year in South Korea, and today our shared dream is his reality. Olympic gold will inspire a generation of Grenadians and Grenadian-Americans

to seize onto their potential and achieve their own personal victories.

"I congratulate all of our Olympic competitors, including local stars like Lia Neal and groundbreaking champions like Gabby Douglas. This particular moment is a great and historic one for Kirani James and Grenada, for which my heart beats with pride."

Last year, at the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Championships in Daegu, South Korea, James finished first and won the first medal of any kind for Grenada at track and field's world championships.

In the same event, 23-year-old Lalonde Gordon, who ran third in the event became the second athlete from Trinidad and Tobago to earn an Olympic medal in the 400 meters.

Gordon got home in 44.52 seconds in the men's one-lap final to secure bronze, joining 1964 silver medalist Wendell Mottley.

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar also sent a congratulatory message to Gordon saying his achievement had brought glory and pride to Trinidad and Tobago with his medal-winning performance.

"As a small twin-island state, we have once again

made our mark on the world stage with excellence in the international sporting arena," Persad-Bissessar, who was in Jamaica attending the island's 50th anniversary celebration said.

Congratulations also poured in from National Security Minister Jack Warner, who is acting as Prime Minister Jack Warner and is also acting Sports Minister, saying Gordon's accomplishment is a shining example to all the hard work and dedication has its rewards and it is my hope that this win will be an inspiration to our youths who are in need of positive role models.

## Summer league

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entered Fordham University. Grades and academics were always a problem, but not his basketball ability.

The much traveled Parker played with Cleveland, Atlanta, Detroit, Miami, Phoenix, and both Los Angeles franchises—the Lakers and Clippers. He also went overseas and played in Russia, Greece, China, and Venezuela.

"It's difficult to get acclimated...to be able to play in the NBA," said Parker.

He had 'it' playing with so many teams in the National Basketball Association. But he continued with his playing and recently completed his summer with a team called the X-Men in the Nike Summer League with all games conducted at Baruch College in mid-



Keybren Clark (#3) takes a short jump.

Photo by Lem Peterkin

town Manhattan.

Parker scored 18 points, grabbed four rebounds, and assisted six times in 33 minutes during a 123-106 victory over Queensbridge last week.

## Shalrie Joseph

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but the Revs has been in a tailspin the past five years. The team reached the MLS Cup on four occasions (2002, 2005, 2006, 2007) and came away empty-handed each time; Joseph joined the team in 2003. The constant downward spiral prompted a change in the off-season when head coach Steve Nicol (2002-20011) was replaced by former Revs midfielder Jay Heaps in an effort to rejuvenate the club.

The trade to Chivas, a team that has been slowly putting pieces of the puzzle together to become a formidable MLS club, will revive Joseph's career. The 34-year-old four-time MLS Best XI select is seen as possibly the final piece of the building blocks that Chivas USA head coach Robin Fraser has been putting together the past two years. Joseph is expected to team with Ecuadorian Oswaldo Minda to form what some believe could be one of Major League Soccer's most effective central-midfield tandem.

"Obviously, Shalrie is a very, very accomplished



New England Revolution midfielder Shalrie Joseph controls the ball against the Kansas City Wizards during the first half of an MLS soccer game at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass., Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010. (AP Photo/Stew Milne)

Stew Milne

player in this league," Fraser said following Chivas' 1-1 MLS Reserve League draw Friday morning against Vancouver. "He's a winner, he's a battler. I remember playing against him his first game into the league; I thought, 'Oh, this kid's a pretty good player.' And he's sure surpassed that.

# Windies must continue its winning ways

West Indies cricket team performed remarkably well against New Zealand winning the twenty20 series 2-0, the One Day International series 4-1 and the test series 2-0. Windies batsmen came on pretty well in all three series. Chris Gayle and Dwayne Smith dominated the twenty20. Gayle, Samuels and Russell contributed well with the bat in the One Day Internationals. In the two test matches Marlon Samuels dominated the batting scoring heavily in the test series. Opener had a solid knock in the first test match in Antigua scoring a century, Gayle struck 150 in the first innings. Marlon Samuels scored a century and a half. Century in the last test in Jamaica winning the man of the match. Sunil Narine and Kemar Roach bowled outstandingly in the two test matches. Jino Best played the last test in Jamaica and bowled very well picking up vital wickets at crucial times. Narsingh Deonarine the right



## Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

hand spinner from Guyana bowled very well in the last test match and he took some Remarkable catches. Sunil Narine, Kemar Roach and Narsingh Deonarine spear headed the Windies bowling attack.

### Kemar Roach is Man of the Test Series

Kemar Roach stood up with Shivnarine Chanderpaul and pushed the West Indies out of danger in the second test match in Jamaica. The West Indies won by five wickets. Roach was named man of the series mainly because of his superb bowling picking up wickets frequently.

### Areas of Concern

The opening position in test cricket remains a serious concern. Kieron Powell

has not yet cemented his position at the top. The reasonable decision to make is place Adrian Barath at number three or Kieron Powell. It would be better to open the innings with Chris Gayle and Adrian Barath the left and right combination and maybe place Powell at number three. Powell has multiply flaws that he has to work on. As Sad Fuda-din and Powell have been constantly playing across the line and getting trapped leg before. West Indies still have to decide on a number three batsman in order to strengthen the top order in tests. Too much pressure is on Sunil Narine. Darren Sammy's bowling seem to be of no use, his batting falls under the corresponding category of useless. Windies selectors need to put a



West Indies' batsmen Shivnarine Chanderpaul, left, and Kemar Roach run between the wickets to score 100-runs partnership against New Zealand during the fourth day of their second cricket Test match in Kingston, Jamaica, Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012. West Indies won the Test series 2-0 by five-wickets.

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captain in place that earns the respect of the team and a performer that would con-

tribute significantly either with bat or ball or both. Darren Sammy's captaincy

is too sloppy and he must be replaced. Windies selectors must act quickly.

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# CYCLONES CONFIDENTIAL

## This top Mets prospect is on a tear

By Will Bredderman

Brandon Nimmo has been swinging for the fences — ever since he actually started swinging at pitches.

The 19-year-old and first-round Mets draft pick struggled early in the season, when his greatest asset seemed to be his ability to draw walks. But now he's on a tear, batting .372 in his last 10 games and going on a seven-game hitting streak between July 28 and Aug. 4.

Clones skipper Rich Donnelly says it's all because the kid from Cheyenne, Wyo. has been willing to take risks at the plate.

"He's just been more aggressive," Donnelly said after an Aug. 2 matchup against the Connecticut Tigers in which Nimmo kept his streak alive with a single in the bottom of the eighth. "He's swinging earlier in the counts, and not just waiting to get a walk."

Nimmo has racked up the

most bases on balls of any Cyclone — 29 for the season, compared to 22 for left fielder Stefan Sabol and shortstop Philip Evans.

But since July 26, he has only picked up two walks. Meanwhile, he has come to lead the team with 46 hits (16 of them in the past two weeks) and 28 runs (11 of them in the past two weeks).

Donnelly said he and hitting coach Bobby Malek remind the center fielder daily to step up to the plate and swing — a skill the manager said is necessary to the red-hot prospect's future in the sport.

"He's going to progress by hitting the ball, not by walking," said Donnelly.

For Nimmo himself, the improvement has been more mental than physical. The ballplayer joined the Clones straight out of high school and the high expectations left him tense and mechanical at the plate — and unwilling to

take chances on pitches.

Now he says he was just psyching himself out.

"The worst pressure is the pressure you put on yourself," Nimmo said. "But lately I've just been relaxing, not worrying about whether I got out, just trying whenever I get up there."

Nimmo is still working to pull himself out of the hole he dug early in the season: he's batting just .264 on the year. But the Cyclones number nine says he isn't letting the past bother him.

"You just try to go up there every day and get your ball when it comes. Because they don't always come often," Nimmo said.

Not bad for the youngest everyday player on the Mini-Mets — as Donnelly is quick to note.

"He's playing up," said Donnelly. "He's a freshman playing on a varsity team. But he's mentally mature. He makes guys like me feel embarrassed."



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Seasons greetings: Outfielder Brandon Nimmo has been making progress, batting a .372.

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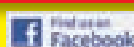
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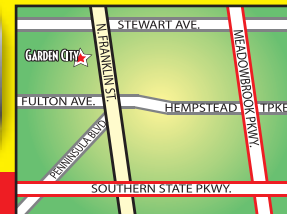


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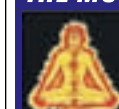
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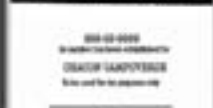
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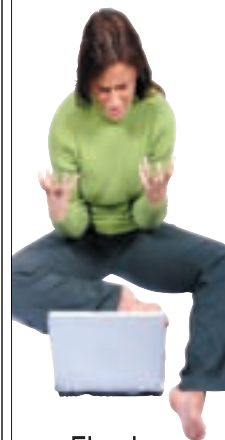
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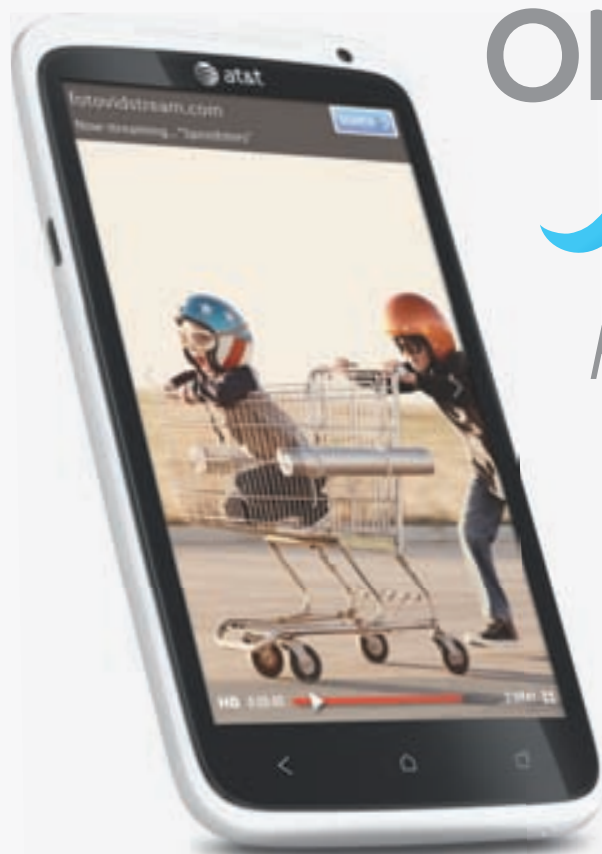
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