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Renee Cox, Redcoat, from "Queen Nanny of the Maroons" series, an exhibition of more than 500 works of art spanning four centuries. See Page 3.

Photo courtesy Renee Cox

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## Corruption Rules the Day in Guyana

By Bert Wilkinson

Guyanese had hardly digested the dismissal of Yog Mahadeo, the flamboyant, pony-tailed chief executive officer of the Guyana Telephone and Telegraph Company (GT&T) and several of his top honchos in the wake of a swirling corruption investigation by its American owners on Friday, when former Assembly speaker and long-serving PPP executive member Ralph Ramkarran told the nation the following day that he was walking away from the Indo-dominated PPP because of its unwillingness to deal with corruption.

His dramatic but not unexpected departure came hours after he was severely

berated by executive colleagues for daring to wash the dirty linen of the PPP and government in full public view, at a time when the PPP is running the country with a thin one-seat majority, and when more and more Guyanese, Indians in particular, are speaking out against the runaway levels of corruption that had characterized the previous administration of Bharrat Jagdeo and is now bedeviling Donald Ramotar his successor.

Ramkarran, in his late 60s, and two-term Assembly speaker until general elections last November, had in recent months had n't been hiding the pain and hurt

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# Caribbean Roundup

## Antigua

Investigators probing the June 10 fire that caused at least US\$129 million in losses at regional airline LIAT, say there is a possibility that a battery-powered golf cart, left "unattended to charge" may have caused the blaze.

But the airline in a swift response described the report in the Antigua Observer newspaper as "extremely unfortunate" speculation and stressed that the cause has not yet been determined.

The Daily Observer quoted an unnamed "source close to the probe" as saying a golf cart left charging over the week-end has become "one of the central focuses" of the investigation.

The fire gutted the maintenance hangar, destroying the airline's longest-serving aircraft, two offices and a motor pool in its headquarters at VC Bird International Airport.

A team of investigators from the Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority, the regional civil aviation agency which is based in Antigua, together with fire service investigators, police and Antiguan forensic officers have been questioning airline and airport workers about the incident.

## Antigua

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has reinitiated its multi-million dollar Standby Arrangement (SBA) with Antigua and Barbuda after suspending it over concern about the use of

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H&M owner Mahmut Mavurkm (sixth from left) joins fashion designer Mr. Wetherspoon on his right, painters Ed Lestere, Mark Jewrel, Isa Anate (in front) and others to celebrate the "What's Wrong with Peace" charity event.

## Fashion & Art For Charity

By Tangerine Clarke

A stunning exhibition of the largest collection of art by African American artists in New York was celebrated during an evening of fashion, art and entertainment, at the H&M Gallery - Harlem Art, to raise funds for the Balian School of Performance arts and Reggae, and the Geores Malaika Foundation, Africa.

The first annual all-inclusive art show dedicated to the concept of peace, themed "What's Wrong With Peace" - was hosted by gallery owner, Mahmut Mavurk aka Mohamed, at his 17 East 125th Street location, that continues to

welcome the community in an effort to promote global consciousness of togetherness through culture.

The hot, June 21 afternoon brought out a large cross-section of the community to view the works of six of Harlem's best artists who showcased watercolor on canvas, portraits and framed pictures to name a few, to promote the talent and versatility of the neighborhood.

Harlem's fashion designer Mr. Witherspoon, who markets his collection at the 'Brownstone Boutique on 125th Street, complemented the charitable art event, with color-

ful shirts, pants and swimwear, inspired by Funk Era musicians Sly Stone and George Clinton.

The colorful shirts and pants designed from leather and cotton, Witherspoon said lent itself to the intrinsic canvases of landscapes to bring about cultural unity through the art project for charity.

The event was jazzed up with live music headed by organizer Isa Anate who praised Mohamed for opening up his space to benefit the community. He added that the gallery would continue to exhibit the art of limited editions, and where residents will enjoy entertainment on a regular basis.

## Westchester County pols honor Vincent HoSang

By Lorraine Muir

Westchester County Board of Legislators recently honored Jamaican entrepreneur, Vincent Hosang, CEO of Caribbean Food Delights for his remarkable achievements and contribution to the welfare of all citizens; notably citizens of Westchester County, and to the Caribbean-American Heritage.

HoSang's achievements and contributions are legendary. Being recognized by the Westchester Board of Legislatures was no surprise to the philanthropist.

"I have received so many awards, but there's much more work to be done. I wish I could encourage more citizens to commit to philanthropy and initiatives for the advancement of our people."

Hosang said.

Mr. Hosang is currently setting his sights on corralling donors to the Vincent Hosang Family Foundation for a much needed \$2.5Million Linear Accelerating Machine desperately needed for the treatment of urgent- and cancer-care patients, at the Montego Bay Hospital in Jamaica.

The Vincent Hosang Family Foundation has served the needs of the community through many initiatives, including a fully-equipped mobile health clinic worth US\$180,000 to Dr. Roy Streete of the Organization for International Development, providing free dental and medical services to the less fortunate people in Jamaica.

The VHFF donated US\$250,000 to Father Ho-Lung of Missionaries

of the Poor to build a chapel in Jamaica and donated computers to a number of schools in Jamaica.

Caribbean Food Delight. has served over 400 student athletes from Jamaica at the three-day track meet at Penn Relays since 1994.

Last Spring, Mr. Hosang received the First Commonwealth Award by the St. George's Society of New York. He also was presented with the medal by His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, patron of the Society of New York.

This sure is not the end of the road with accolades for Mr. Hosang. He is slated to be the recipient of the prestigious honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from the University of the West Indies in November.

## Carib islands impose new travel taxes

By Azad Ali

In the wake of concerns by tourism officials about the impact from higher travel taxes and duties imposed on overseas source markets, two Caribbean islands are introducing new travel taxes.

The Jamaican government said that an agreement was recently reached between the Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association (JHTA) and the government on tax measures to be imposed on the tourism sector under the 2012-2013 budget.

The agreement will see the introduction of a US\$20 fee for each arriving passenger, whose trip originates abroad, as of Aug. 1. Effective Sept. 1, an accommodation tax will be introduced for each occupied room per night of US\$1 for properties with less than 51 rooms, US\$2 for hotel with 51-100 rooms and US\$4 for hotels with 101 rooms and above.

The news comes on the heels of an announcement a week earlier that the Antigua and Barbuda government had presented and passed the Airport Administration Charge Act, 2012, which now takes the Antigua's overall airport taxes to US\$93.75 up from US\$63.75 and will be built into the cost of travelers' tickets.

The move was strongly condemned in March by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), which reportedly wrote a strongly worded letter to Civil Aviation and Culture Minister John Maginley stating that the new taxes would stand at a level that far exceeded the regional average and stood well beyond a viable level of airlines.

However, the Antigua and Barbuda government remained undeterred and following the June 6 passage of the act, it has mounted strong defense of the move.

Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer described the new tax measure as reasonable and fair while brushing aside suggestions that the move would bring irrevocable harm to the country's tourism industry.

The prime minister said the airport needed to be in a position where it would effectively pay for itself in the long term and the improvements to the airport terminal came at a price.

Similarly, Jamaica's Minister of Tourism and Entertainment, Dr. Wykeham McNeil staunchly defended his government's new tax measure.

# Caribbean: Crossroads of the World

Caribbean: Crossroads of the World is the culmination of nearly a decade of collaborative research and scholarship organized by El Museo del Barrio in collaboration with the Queens Museum of Art and The Studio Museum in Harlem. The exhibition, comprised of more than 500 works of art spanning four centuries, emphasizes the relationship between the Caribbean and the United States and the artists from both locales who contribute to ongoing conversations about national and regional identity and belonging.

Presenting work at the three museums and accompanied by an ambitious range of programs and events, Caribbean: Crossroads illuminates changing aesthetics and ideologies and provokes meaningful conversations about topics ranging from commerce and cultural hybridity to politics and popular culture. A single



(Left) Arnaldo Roche Rabell, *We have to dream in blue (Hay que sonar en azul)*, 1986. Collection of John Belk and Margarita Serapion. Courtesy Walter Otero Gallery. (Middle) Leo Matiz, *Peacock from the Sea (Pavo real del mar)*, 1939. Leo Matiz Foundation. Photo: Leo Matiz Foundation, Alejandra Matiz. (Right) Rigaud Benoit's 'Sea Goddess/Sirene' 1962. Courtesy Queens Museum of Art

"Passport to the Caribbean" purchased at any institution will allow admission to all three venues for the duration of the exhibition.

Margarita Aguilar, Director of El Museo del Barrio, notes: "El Museo del Barrio is very proud to be leading groundbreaking research into the artistic heritage of a region that scholars have too often overlooked. With our visionary collaborators, we are

expanding our understanding of the region. The rich history of the Caribbean and its global impact is astonishing, and we look forward to celebrating this with our communities through the arts."

Taking the Haitian Revolution (1791-1804) as its starting point, Caribbean: Crossroads engages the rich history of the Caribbean and its transatlantic cultures. The broad range of themes



examined in the multi-venue project draws attention to diverse views of the contemporary Caribbean and sheds new light on the encounters and exchanges among the countries and territories comprising the New World.

The works on view, culled from collections around the world, represent Caribbean perspectives and external perceptions of the region through a wide range of sub-

jects and artistic practices that include portraiture, spiritual and religious themes, depictions of labor and historical events, abstraction, and contemporary video and installation work. This selection provides a visual history of the Caribbean as a pivotal crossroads between Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas.

"Caribbean: Crossroads is a vital extension of the Studio Museum's com-

mitment to exhibiting a broad and diverse range of artistic practices," declares Thelma Golden, Director and Chief Curator of The Studio Museum in Harlem. "We are thrilled to partner with our peer institutions, El Museo and the Queens Museum, to present this exceptional opportunity to explore the art, culture and history of a region that has influenced and inspired artists of African descent for centuries."

El Museo del Barrio is open Tuesday to Saturday, 11am-6pm; Sunday, 1pm-5pm, on view to January 6, 2013. Museum admission is by suggested donation: \$9 for adults, \$5 for students (with valid identification) and seniors. Free for children 12 and under. Wednesdays are free for seniors. The third Saturday of every month is free at El Museo, thanks to generous support from Target. [www.elmuseo.org](http://www.elmuseo.org), 1230 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029.

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he felt for being bypassed for the presidential candidate position in the PPP as Jagdeo, with the support of close political clones, had successfully conspired to make Ramotar the candidate rather than Ramkarran, a leading city attorney.

In a recent newspaper column, albeit in the party organ paper, *The Mirror*, Ramkarran had complained that the corruption "issue can no longer be ignored by the government" and that "corruption and allegations of corruption are not going to disappear if we do nothing else other than call for proof."

For many in the party, he had gone too far and it was time to mete out the same treatment that former executive members Moses Nagamootoo and Khemraj Ramjattan, now leaders of the seven-seat Alliance For Change (AFC), had received several years ago when they had spoken out against the existence of a government-directed private hit squad that was responsible for more than 200 executions. Both were constructively expelled from the PPP, publicly berated and called the Hindu language equivalent of ingrates.

Emarrassed by Ramkbarran's one-line statement basically saying that he was resigning, the party put out a statement late Saturday saying that "immediately, efforts were made to engage Mr. Ramkarran on his concerns and his decision. These efforts are continuing."

Whether he will join former colleagues Nagamootoo and Ramjattan on the AFC platform and further hurt the PPP in Indo strongholds is left to be seen, but his announcement had come barely hours after Atlantic Tele Network (ATN) had publicly fired CEO Mahadeo, its finance chief and several other top executives at the end of an emergency audit of records following months of suspicious spending by management.

As Mahadeo was handing over his office keys after two years as the helm, Ramotar's office was announcing the dismissal of Mohammed Sattaur as the controversial and highly disliked CEO of state television and radio, NCN (Channel 11), again at the end of an emergency audit that revealed widespread corruption.

Martin Goolsarran, the long-serving program manager, was spared a pink slip and instead given eight weeks suspension, even though he had admitted to asking GT&T to write NCN checks of about \$40,000 in his name to deposit in private accounts for commercial work done for GT&T projects.

How Ramotar will deal with corruption in the coming months is anybody's guess, but developments at NCN in particular have shown the AFC and the larger main opposition APNU, were correct in cutting its budget and that of several other departments including Ramotar.

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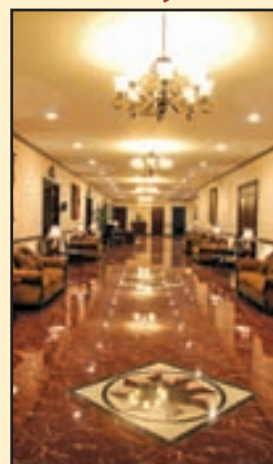
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the funds.

In 2010, the Antigua and Barbuda entered into a US\$110.4 million stand-by arrangement with the Washington-based financial institution. However, the IMF suspended the program last July immediately following a move by the Baldwin Spencer administration to join with the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) in the takeover of the struggling Antigua and Barbuda Investment Bank.

### Barbados

The Barbados government will table legislation aimed at regulating the "cash for gold" phenomenon and the sale of other metals, said Attorney General Adriel Brathwaite.

Speaking at the recent launch of Police Week, Brathwaite said the new legislation would also provide for stiffer penalties for people who engage in the theft of copper.

He said over the past several months, some of the most significant challenges have been associated with property crimes, burglary and theft on the street.

The AG said there is ongoing work to ensure that by the end of this year, the appropriate legislative reform would have taken place to facilitate the more effective regulation of the trade of metals.

### Guyana

Divers have so far failed to find the body of a crew member of a cargo ship which recently capsized in the Demerara River.

The missing man has been identified as Gerald Fraser, cook on the Miss Elissa which had been originally bound for Trinidad and Tobago before turning back for Port Georgetown when disaster struck.

The 67 year-old man was reported missing by his six colleagues, who were rescued soon after the vessel

overturned in the river.

### Haiti

A New Constitution that recently took effect gave two million Haitians living abroad more rights in their homeland, including the ability to run for some posts in government.

The amendments were approved last year but Haitian President Michel Martelly blocked them at the time because of unspecified errors.

The new constitution also paves the way for new Senate elections that would give Martelly a chance to bolster his tiny bloc of supporters in the legislature.

He fired the nine members of a provisional electoral council by decree in December but the new constitution enables him to form a permanent electoral panel.

Martelly signed the amended constitution into law recently at the National Palace with diplomats and lawmakers present.

### Haiti

A bus overturned in a rain-swollen river in southern Haiti and officials differed about the number of people who died.

A statement issued by President Martelly's office said about 60 people were on the bus when the driver attempted to cross the Glace River. It said that local civil protection officials have recovered the bodies of 40 passengers and are still searching the area. The statement said nine people were either rescued from the submerged bus or managed to swim to safety.

But Norman Wiener, an official from the Grand Anse department, said the bus owner who collected money from the passengers said that there were 27 people aboard and that only eight are missing. Wiener said another 19 people survived.

The accident occurred near the town of Pestel on Haiti's southern peninsula.

Police said that the driver apparently ignored warnings not to try to cross the river.

### Jamaica

Jamaica's ruling People's National Party (PNP) has issued a statement saying it was the organization that received US\$1 million from convicted Ponzi scheme operator, David Smith in the run up to the 2007 general election and not PJ Patterson, a former party president and former prime minister of Jamaica.

According to the PNP, its investigation has established that US\$1 million was received in an account on its behalf from Smith's investment firm Olint and spent on the party's election campaign.

"Though the party has not yet received documentary evidence as to the source of the sum, our information is that it came from Olint," party chairman Robert Pickersgill said.

Pickersgill also said the

party's investigators confirmed the truth and accuracy of the statement previously released by Patterson that he did not get any money from Olint.

The PNP chairman said in view of these findings, the party will be advising the authorities in the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI), so that the recipient of the funds is not wrongly identified.

In a Confiscation Order dated April 25, 2012, the TCI Supreme Court ruled that a number of payments made by Smith, a former Jamaican banker, are "tainted and caught by" the Proceeds of Crime Ordinance 2007.

Pickersgill said that the PNP's attorneys have written to the authorities in the Turks and Caicos Islands to request that they provide the PNP with any relevant information they may assist in the investigations.

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# Patients are the victors in affordable care ruling

*Courtesy American Heart Association*

American Heart Association CEO Nancy Brown issued the following statement today on the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling upholding the Affordable Care Act:

"The historic decision handed down today will benefit America's heart health for decades to come. Questions about the Affordable Care Act's constitutionality have overshadowed the law's progress. With this ruling, that uncertainty has finally been put to rest.

By upholding the law, the nation's highest court has sent a clear message that patients should be the first priority in an ever-changing healthcare arena. The court's action in support of the ACA helps remind us what's really important — enabling all Americans to obtain affordable, quality health care. We can now build on the significant advances already achieved under the act and truly transform our healthcare system.

Because of this ruling, the ACA can be fully implemented to help reach the American Heart Association's 2020 goal to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans and, more immediately, prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes over the next five years through the Million Hearts initiative. Under the law's robust provisions, we are expanding access to preventive care and medicines to reduce an individual's risk factors; placing a stronger emphasis on community prevention and wellness;

and providing access to the care patients need to recover after a heart attack or stroke so they can lead longer, more productive lives.

For the 122 million Americans with pre-existing conditions, including the 7.3 million with some form of heart disease or stroke who are uninsured, this decision will likely be met with a great sigh of relief. No longer will they be denied coverage or charged higher premiums because of their health status. Beginning in 2014, these Americans will finally be able to attain the lifesaving care they desperately need at a price they can afford.

The ACA has also placed an extraordinary emphasis on the one thing that can ultimately conquer heart disease and stroke — prevention. For individuals, the law will continue to provide screening services that help keep risk factors such as high blood pressure, cholesterol, obesity and tobacco use in check. At the state and community levels, the Prevention and Public Health Trust Fund will continue to provide the tools and resources Americans require to eat better, be more physically active and live tobacco-free.

Each and every one of us will need health care at some point in our lives. With this momentous decision, the Supreme Court has ensured that when we are patients, we can focus on our healing and recovery, instead of worrying about whether we can obtain or afford the quality care we all deserve."

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# Supreme Court's word game saves Obamacare

*By Sheldon Richman*

The Supreme Court decision upholding the health-insurance mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) has an Alice-in-Wonderland feel to it. As Lewis Carroll wrote in *Through the Looking Glass*, "When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said, in rather a scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less."

Chief Justice John Roberts's opinion holds that the penalty for not complying with the mandate is both a tax and not a tax — depending on the question. If the question is whether someone may sue to strike down the mandate, the court says yes, because the penalty is not a tax. Under the Tax Anti-Injunction Act (first passed in 1867 but since updated), one may not ask for an injunction against a tax before it has been enforced. One must wait to be taxed, request a refund from the IRS, and if turned down, then sue the government. In the Obamacare case, the Court denied such an attempt to have the challenge dismissed by declaring the penalty not a tax.

But only for purposes of the Tax Anti-Injunction Act. It was another story when the question was whether the mandate is constitutional.

The government made two arguments in defense of its mandate. The primary argument was that Congress may require the purchase of insurance under the Commerce Clause. This clause, which empowers Congress "To regulate commerce ... among the several States," has long been interpreted to include even activities that merely affect interstate commerce. Roberts and four other members of the court (Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito) did not buy this argument. "The Framers gave Congress the power to regulate commerce, not to compel it," Roberts wrote. He rebutted in great detail the Obama administration's many arguments that penalizing people for not buying insurance was a way to regulate interstate commerce.

Fine. It does seem a stretch to claim that forcing people to engage in commerce (buying insurance) amounts to regulating commerce. As Roberts said, regulating something presupposes the existence of that something. But the mandate seeks to create commercial activity where it does not exist.

Interestingly, Roberts's four allies

on this point were actually in the minority of the overall case. The other four members of the majority (Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan, Sonia Sotomayor, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg) found the mandate perfectly consistent with the Commerce Clause.

So how did Roberts form a majority with those four to uphold the mandate?

The government had a backup argument for its claim, and this one found favor with the five. The government argued that should the Commerce Clause argument fail, the court can think of the mandate penalty as — wait for it — a tax! It's long been established in the law that Congress may regulate action (or inaction) by taxing it — even if it may not constitutionally regulate it directly.

Voilà! What seemed unconstitutional became constitutional. The penalty (the term used in the law) now is a tax, even though earlier in the opinion the Court said the penalty is not a tax. Justice Humpty Dumpty has spoken.

Strangely, some opponents of Obamacare are rejoicing over the decision. Randy Barnett, the constitutional law professor at Georgetown University Law Center who is credited with formulating the case against the government's Commerce Clause argument, wrote an op-ed in the *Washington Post* declaring, "We Lost on Health Care. But the Constitution Won." How's that?

Barnett's point is that Roberts's affirmation of limits to the Commerce Clause struck a historic blow for individual liberty and against government power. Considered in isolation, Roberts's refusal to include abstention from buying insurance under the rubric of "interstate commerce" could be applauded. Unfortunately, Roberts didn't leave the stage after singing that aria. He went on to say that other constitutional grounds exist on which the government can penalize us if we fail to buy insurance.

So where's the victory for liberty? There is none here.

The court has long held that the government may use its "all-embracing" constitutional taxing power to regulate our conduct. To the person being forced, does it really matter which constitutional clause is invoked?

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# Premature talk of a Roberts switch

By Les Slater

As if working from a single script, the pundits weighed in last week on Chief Justice John Roberts' pivotal role in upholding the constitutionality of the affordable healthcare act that has been President Obama's signature legislative achievement. Seen as part of the court's solid conservative bloc, Roberts stunned everyone and drew the ire of saber rattlers on the right when he joined the liberal justices to give the so-called Obamacare its 5-4 vote to remain on the books. It was the view of many a commentator that with this action, Roberts finally asserted himself as the court's leader – that how “swing vote” Justice Anthony Kennedy came down on matters before the brethren would no longer eclipse Roberts' role as the chief.

Given all that was riding on this healthcare issue and the strong media penchant for hyperbole, over-the-top interpretations of the Roberts vote aren't all that surprising. But we've seen this movie before -- great expectations sort of dying on the vine. The mayoralty of New York was an office that Mark Green seemed to have all but sewed up in 2001 until he put on one of the great self-destruction acts in New York City politics. It was with much pomp and circumstance, as well, that Texas Governor Rick Perry was championed as the ultimate presidential hope of conservatives in the current cycle, until reality stepped in and his candidacy cratered. So too could it be tricky to see Roberts' vote on healthcare as telegraphing a whole lot...at this stage. There's an enormous gulf between Roberts ruling that, not under the provisions of the Commerce Clause but within the government's power to tax, the law was constitutionally permissible, and the ground-breaking decisions authored, for example, by the court of Republican Chief Justice Earl Warren more than half a century ago.

Let's not forget that, at his core, Roberts is a conserva-

## Viewpoint

tive, as CNN legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin reminded viewers. He is still firmly of that group on the court that facilitated the moneybags mess that this election has turned into. And reaffirmed the mischievous action, even having seen its deleterious effect on the electioneering process, in a case also last week that asked the court to revisit the issue.

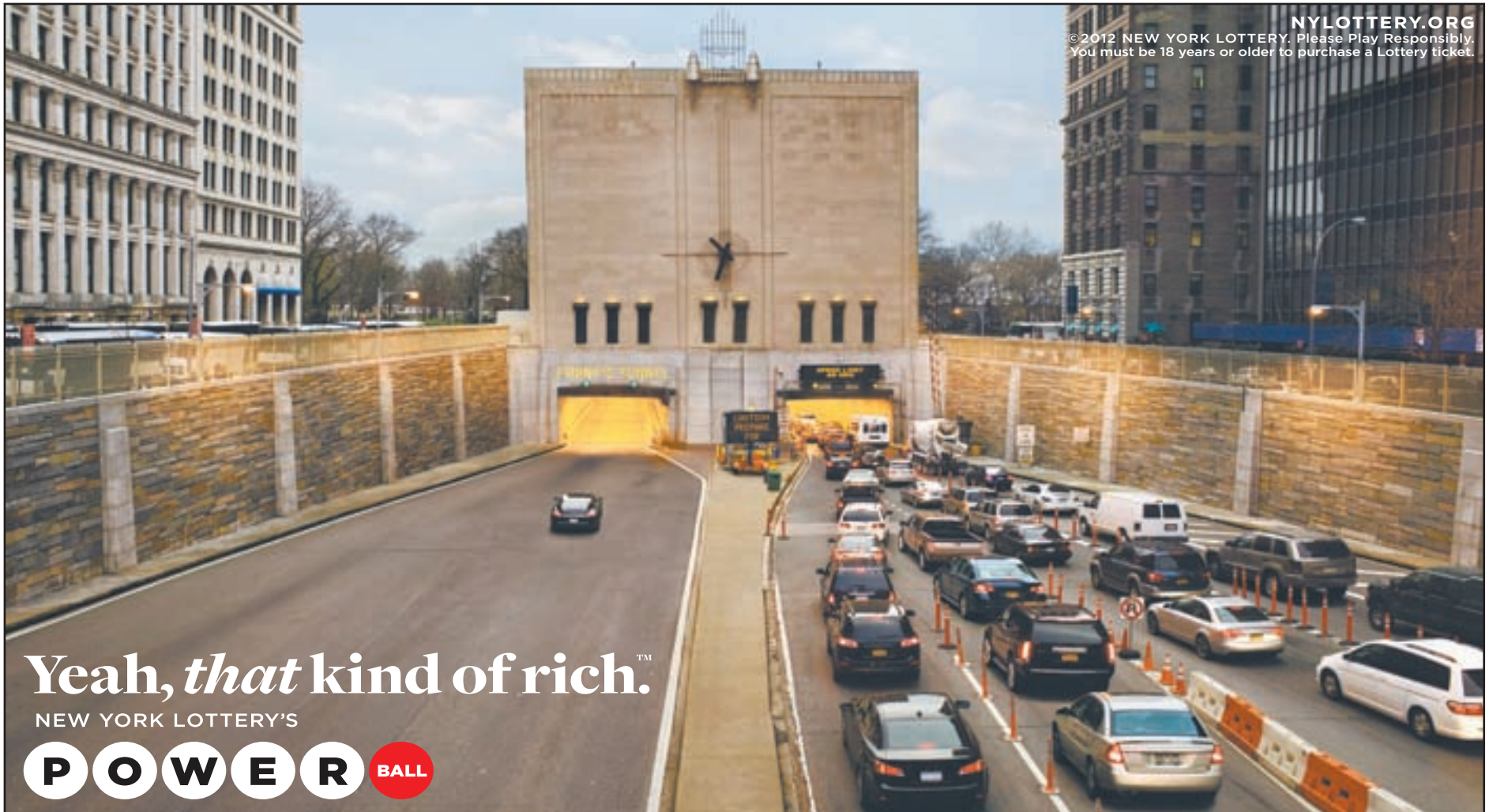
What's indisputable about Roberts is that he possesses a brilliant legal mind. Which sets the stage for all manner of speculation about what prompted him to vote in a way that turned convention in the current court on its head. One might dare hope that his brilliance isn't of a form akin to Antonin Scalia's whose legal scholarship has long been shown to be subsumed by right-wing ideologue beliefs. One might dare think of Roberts concluding that if building a legacy as one of the court's exceptional jurists is his aspiration, the Scalia template is hardly the preferred way forward. And the absolute nirvana of a frustrated progressive's hopes and dreams: that Roberts would have come to see another Republican appointee, now retired John Paul Stevens, as much more worthy of emulation.

Roberts' role in the healthcare ruling so dominated the national conversation, it tended to obfuscate Justice Kennedy's performance. As we've maintained heretofore, the “swing” label for Kennedy on the court looks to be something of an overreach. He should perhaps be better referred to as a conservative who sometimes has not fallen in with the conservative wing. His healthcare vote was not one of those times. Kennedy in fact came out swinging for the fences on this legislation, writing a dissent that called

for not parts of the bill but the entire thing to be struck down. Not much in the Kennedy take on Obama's healthcare reform that smacked of “swing.”

Kennedy's reputation as the court's X factor won't go away. But there's no question that Roberts, with his game-changing vote last week, has injected an element of intrigue not formerly in the court. And the question becomes: To what extent was the Roberts vote aberrational or indicative of substantive compositional change? One assumes that Roberts himself knows the answer to that. What's ludicrous is that so many experts, real and contrived, took to describing Roberts' vote in sea change terms. Without a heads-up from the chief justice, how is this possible? What if every vote by Roberts over the next five years is straight down the conservative middle? Would he by then have reverted to not being the court's true leader?

Still in his 50s, Roberts is looking potentially at quite a long court tenure. The respectable legacy theory gets to be a bit more appealing. Still, we cannot lose sight of what has framed Roberts. His has been a one hundred percent Republican journey. He worked in the administrations of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. He was clerk to the former associate Supreme Court justice and chief justice, William Rehnquist. He was nominated by George W. Bush to the Supreme Court first as associate justice and months later, upon Rehnquist's death, as chief justice. Roberts, in other words, had a pre-high court career custom built for right-flank philosophy to be deeply embedded. The ability to interpret the law, absent such ideological orientation, is what has helped to define titans of the court over the years. Not just yet, but we'll find out soon enough whether Roberts is so endowed and, if so, if he really wants to go there.



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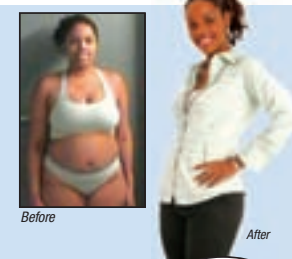
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# Caregivers in Grenada excel

Caregivers at the Queen Elizabeth Home (QEH) celebrated their graduation from REACH Grenada's Conscious Discipline Training Program on Friday, June 15, in Tempe, St. George's. Mrs. Marion Pierre, executive chairman of the Queen Elizabeth Home, delivered a keynote speech to the 15 graduates and an audience of friends and community members.

The June 15 graduation, which marked the completion of the caregivers' eight-month long training program, was sponsored by REACH Grenada and commemorated the certification of QEH caregivers in the area of Conscious Discipline. Conscious Discipline, a training program developed by Dr. Becky Bailey, equips teachers and caregivers with techniques that promote social-emotional learning in children. REACH Grenada worked in conjunction with neuropsychologist Dr. Barbara Landon of St. George's University to adapt this training program to the specific needs of the Grenadian care home population.

Congratulating the caregivers on the completion of the Conscious Discipline® training, Mrs. Pierre had this to say:

"Congratulations... on your graduation. I do believe that what Conscious Discipline teaches can help not only the children you care of but your own, and maybe a future if you decide to go into childcare outside of Grenada... It was indeed

heartwarming to hear those of you who gave testimony to the results of what you learned."

The completion of this Conscious Discipline training is part of REACH Grenada's overall Caregiver Education Program, which builds on the capacities of caregivers, increasing their ability to self-regulate and better attune with the children in their care. With their new Conscious Discipline® certification, caregivers are now empowered to creatively respond to daily conflicts and transform them into an opportunity to teach critical life lessons to the children in their care.

One caregiver reflected on the progress she and her fellow caregivers have made over the course of the training:

"The Conscious Discipline, oh my goodness, it's been really good. Now we're able to sit down and talk problems out with the children. Before, it was different-we would put them in time out...[Now] we're able to sit with them and talk to them and teach them how to express their feelings to each other and to us caregivers, without having to fight."

This training is currently in its fourth month at the Bel Air Home for Children and Adolescents, in Frequent St. George's. The success of the program at the Queen Elizabeth Home has now set the stage for the expansion of REACH Grenada's Caregiver Education Program to more caregivers on the island.

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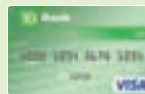
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### Surgical Procedures

Surgical procedures involve removing the inner part of the prostate through a special instrument inserted into the urethra. If the prostate has greatly enlarged, an open prostatectomy is necessary, where an incision is made in the abdomen from which the inner layer in the prostate is removed.

Because BPH and prostate cancer can coexist, urologists at the New York Urologic Institute are meticulous in diagnosing BPH and highly recommend regular screening for prostate cancer. If you experience excessive discomfort from your symptoms, do not hesitate to discuss your treatment options with one of the award-winning urologists at the New York Urologic Institute. If your life has

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## HIV prevention pill passes hurdle, questions remain

By Robert Folan-Johnson,  
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The Antiviral Drugs Advisory panel of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has voted in support of FDA approval for a once-daily pill to reduce the risk of contracting HIV, a prevention strategy called pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP. If the FDA approves the antiviral pill, known as Truvada, it would be the first drug indicated to reduce the risk of acquiring HIV. However, there are many serious unanswered questions about Truvada as an HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis drug.

The advisory panel recommended that Truvada PrEP be approved specifically for populations at high risk of contracting HIV. These include men who frequently have sex with men (MSM) and discordant couples in which one partner has HIV and the other does not.

The 22 member advisory panel consisted of researchers, clinicians and HIV infected community

members. Although the panel recommendations are not binding the FDA generally follows them.

"With their support for approval, the FDA's expert panel and its own scientists have followed the evidence. We hope and expect that the agency will follow their sound advice," said Mitchell Warren, executive director of Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention.

Supporters of Truvada PrEP were thrilled by the advisory panel's decision. With U.S. transmission rates failing to change from year to year, they believe Truvada PrEP will have a significant impact in reducing new infections at home and abroad.

"This brings us closer to a watershed for global HIV prevention efforts," Warren said. "PrEP, while not a panacea, will be an essential additional part to the world's success in ending AIDS."

The advisory panel meeting included several days of testimony and the presentation of study data. How much condom use and safe sex counseling contributed to the

success of these studies is still a subject of debate. The results presented ranged from the dismal to the impressive, depending on the study and the data being cherry picked from them.

One study among high-risk MSM showed an overall 44% reduction in new infections. However, for those in the study in which blood tests showed they actually took their daily dose of Truvada there was a 92% reduction in HIV transmission. If those good results hold up Truvada PrEP will be one among some other recent big advance in HIV prevention.

"This new drug indication is the baseline, or building block, for a new type of biomedical HIV prevention," said Marjorie Hill, PhD, of New York's Gay Men's Health Crisis. "PrEP drug development can be added to the vast array of HIV prevention tools including condoms, HIV testing and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis. Truvada as PrEP will clearly be one of the first iterations for Treatment as Prevention."



New data also showed that the reason Truvada PrEP failed to work in a study among African women was due to a lack of adherence to the once daily regimen.

"If you perceive yourself to be at risk, if you take your pill daily, and if you receive the drug as part of a comprehensive package of HIV prevention interventions and testing, oral PrEP can dramatically reduce your chances of becoming

infected," Mitchell Warren added.

But questions about Truvada PrEP remained unresolved even after the advisory panel meeting.

A proposed set of rules for patients and physicians, called the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy, was criticized by some at the meeting as being inadequate.

Despite the panel recommendations there is still no certainty on who should take PrEP. A recent cost/benefit study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* (AIM) suggests that making PrEP available to MSM who are at very high risk of HIV infection, and not for all MSM, makes sense. The advisory panel's decision seemed to reflect that approach. One recent study suggested that for some, dosing Truvada PrEP four days a week instead of once a day might work. Because lower dose Truvada PrEP will cost less than the currently estimated \$14,000 annually, the AIM study showed it would then make sense for the FDA to relabel the drug for use among those less at risk of infection.



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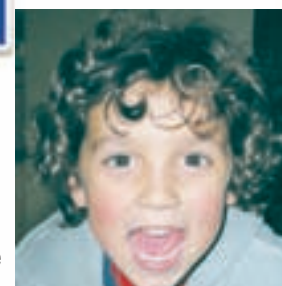
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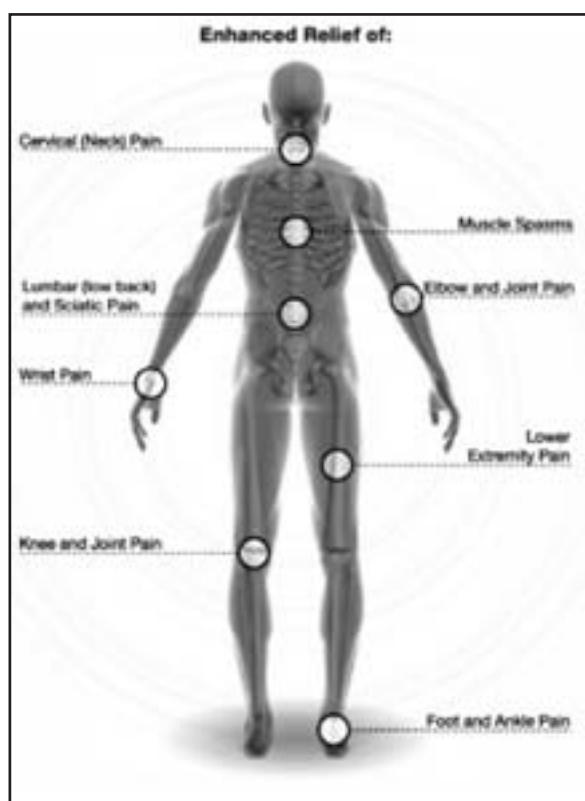
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**Art Exhibit** The Consulate General of Jamaica, 767 Third Ave. N.Y., is hosting Escoffery, The Exhibitions for Jamaica, Feel the Heart and Soul of a Nation, featuring paintings, drawings, and sculptures by the iconic Jamaica artist, Michael Escoffery, in honor of Jamaica's 50th Independence Celebration. For information call the Consulate at (212) 935-9000.

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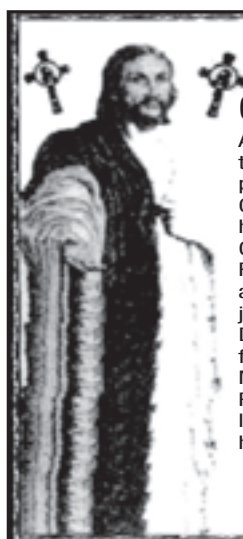
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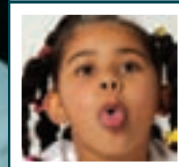
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# 'Respect J50' London Concert Bills 50 Reggae Acts

England is poised to be the destination for travel when Caribbean nationals celebrate sports, music and national pride during the summer Olympics. However, Jamaicans will be particularly enthusiastic about their independence jubilee and optimism of gold at the games.

For 12 consecutive days leading to Jamaica's Aug. 6 Independence Day, "Respect Jamaica 50" will spotlight the island's music and culture with nightly concerts at the IndigoO2 venue in London.

"Jamaica is excited to be associated with AEG Live to present Jamaica 50," Robert Ryan, Director of the Jamaica 50 Secretariat said.

Fifty popular artists are confirmed for the series.

They include: Damian Marley, Lee 'Scratch' Perry, Jimmy Cliff, Tappa Zukie, Jamaican Legends Band, Mutabaruka, John Holt, Freddie McGregor, Tarrus Riley, Toots & The Maytals, Young Toots, Horace Andy, Morgan Heritage, Raging Fyah, Yellowman, Dennis Alcapone, Benjamin Zephaniah, U-Roy, The Abyssinians, Winston Reedy, Mad Professor, Mighty Diamonds, Leroy 'Heptones' Sibbles, Marcia Griffiths, Maxi Priest, Gyptian, Johnny Clarke, Derrick Morgan, Max Romeo, Jah9, Sir Lloyd Coxson, Michael Prophet, Junior Murvin, Gaylads, Bob Andy, Fatman Hi Fi, Jah Shaka Sound System and Shaggy.

"We were approached to be a part of that. I liked the line-up. I just think throughout that time, Jamaicans will be the favorite in the Olympics and it's a good gesture to give us a very strong presence during the Olympics, and to be a part of this in any capacity is good. I think it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I'm looking forward to that," Shaggy said.

Ryan added that the "Jamaica 50 Secretariat recognizes this as an official celebratory event of Jamaica's Jubilee celebrations and is delighted that such an outstand-



## Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

ing line-up can be made available during the London 2012 games, when we expect even more great Jamaican moments."

He said in addition to the concerts a "Jamaica House, located in the O2 during the Olympic Games, will also be showcasing and providing an authentic Jamaican experience in honor of this special year."

The two week extravaganza begins July 25 to Aug. 6 and will include Jamaican singers, deejays, writers, comedians, actors and poets who will perform at various venues throughout the O2 facilities.

Rob Hallett, President of International Touring at AEG Live said: "Having held a lifelong affection for Jamaica and its culture I am honored that AEG Live, along with Jamaica 50 will be presenting the entertainment as part of Jamaica's official celebrations in London of 50 years of independence with the greatest array of Jamaican talent, over 12 nights, that this country (England) has ever seen."

Jamaican comedy will dominate at Proud2, another venue, from July 27 - August 6.

Other outstanding cultural events include a photographic display, "Messenger: The Bob Marley Exhibition" at the BME July 24 - October 22.

Visitors will be invited to explore a retrospective featuring personal memorabilia, candid photographs, old concert posters, records, music clips and archive video footage.

Guests can also look forward to exclusive merchandise, special offers for multiple ticket purchases and exclusive surprise performances across the schedule of events.

25 July: Lee "Scratch" Perry / Junior Murvin / Mad Professor

26 July: Damian Marley

28 July: Tappa Zukie / U-Roy / Yellowman / Dennis Alcapone & Winston Reedy / Ras Lawi with Reggae Vibes

29 July: Jamaican Legends Band: Ernest Ranglin, Sly Dunbar, Robert Shakespeare & Monty Alexander

30 July: Mutabaruka live with the Lloyd Parks Band / The Abyssinians / Jah9 / Benjamin Zephaniah

31 July: John Holt / Mighty Diamonds / Leroy Heptones Sibbles

1 August: Freddie McGregor / Marcia Griffiths / Maxi Priest / Johnny Osbourne

2 August: Tarrus Riley / Gyptian / Nomadz

3 August: Toots & The Maytals / Junior Toots / Chantelle Hernandez / followed by Sir Lloyd Coxson & Fatman Hi Fi until late

4 August: Horace Andy / Johnny Clarke / Michael Prophet with the Dub Asante Band followed by Jah Shaka Sound System.

5 August: Morgan Heritage / Shaggy / Raging Fyah

6 August: Jimmy Cliff & Oneness / Derrick Morgan / Max Romeo / Gaylads / Bob Andy / followed by David 'Ram Jam' Rodigan.

RespectJamaica50.co.uk is the portal for information on the lineup.



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'Beasts of the Southern Wild is a visually-enchanting fantasy shot from the perspective of a naïve waif magically untouched by the 21st Century.'

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## Lehman tribute to Adalberto Santiago

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts continues its 31st season celebration with a night of spectacular music honoring a world-famous salsa singer and living legend -- A Tribute To Adalberto Santiago -- on Saturday, July 7, 2012 at 8:00p.m. Performing at this extraordinary event will be some of salsa's most celebrated singers -- Adalberto Santiago, Bobby Cruz, Nino Segarra, Ray Sepulveda, NG2, Frankie Vazquez, Johnny Cruz, Ray Bayona, Cheo Medina, Javier Marrero, Yolanda Rivera and special invited guests Renzo Padilla, Eddie Montalvo and Johnny Rodriguez. The concert is produced by Johnny Cruz in association with Lehman



Adalberto Santiago.

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Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is on the campus of Lehman College/CUNY at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West, Bronx, NY. Tickets for A Tribute To Adalberto Santiago featuring Adalberto Santiago,

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## Simmons anchors his debut exhibition

By Kingsley Doyle

Strivers Gardens Gallery and Souleo Enterprises, LLC, an event/media production company, present eMerge: Danny Simmons & Artists on the Cusp. The exhibition will feature the works of renowned visual artist Danny Simmons and nine innovative and visionary contemporary artists from New York City and London repurposing everyday materials into elaborate works of art. Co-curated by Lisa D. Hayes, Esq., manager of Strivers Gardens Gallery, and Souleo of Souleo Enterprises, LLC, the exhibit will run from July 12 through September 7 at Strivers Gardens Gallery.

Anchoring the exhibition is a presentation of abstract-



Danny Simmons.

expressionist painter, Daniel "Danny" Simmons, Jr., featuring select works from the last four decades. Each piece exists on a continuum of Simmons' exploration of the human relationship to spirit. With contemporary and indigenous art as inspiration, Simmons investigates how

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Paparazzi.

Photo courtesy Funstation4 Media

## Jone's Beach Extravaganza with Machel

By Chudi Chukwudi

Foreign Bass Entertainment presents the 1st Annual Caribbean Beach Fest, themed Machel On The Beach (M.O.B), live at the renowned Nikon at Jones Beach Theater in Wantagh, NY.

M.O.B. highlights Trinidad & Tobago's road march and soca monarch Machel Montano, groovy soca sensation Kerwin Du Bois, Grammy-nominated Jamaican dancehall artist Baby Cham, soca artist Patrice Roberts, the talented Farmer Nappy, lyrically-conscious reggae singer I-Octane, and guest artists Phoenix, daughter of the

Mighty Sparrow; DEVYN, the Soca Princess; European soca sensation, Walker and the Ahtik Studio Family. Showtime is at 5:00p.m.

Complete with giveaways to include:

M.O.B. promises to be one beach party you won't forget, according to promoters: Foreign Bass, Caribbean Airlines, Super Wings, Couture Limousine and One Coconut Water.

The 1st Annual Caribbean Beach Fest also highlights the commemoration of Trinidad & Tobago's and Jamaica's 50th anniversary of independence.

Foreign Bass Entertainment, one of the most respected sound systems in the U.S., was established in 1989 by Garth George, Gary Pierre and Michael Nurse. Playing at annual carnivals, festivals and night clubs in London, Canada, Europe and the United States, the group can also be heard weekly on 99.9 FM. Foreign Bass members are self-proclaimed musical ambassadors for Trinidad & Tobago.

Email: [info@caribbeanbeachfest.com](mailto:info@caribbeanbeachfest.com) or call 917-930 2823, 914-536-5600 or 917-829-7922 for more information.

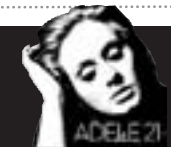
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### TOP 10 SINGLES



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

### TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Believe**  
Justin Bieber
- 2 **Welcome To The Fishbowl**  
Kenny Chesney
- 3 **The Idler Wheel is Wiser**  
Fiona Apple
- 4 **Oceania**  
The Smashing Pumpkins
- 5 **Rock Of Ages**  
Soundtrack
- 6 **Up All Night**  
One Direction
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# Annual music recital

By *Tequila Minsky*

Ankh Ra Amenhetep, vocal coach for Puff Daddy and talent judge for MTV's *Making the Band-4* opened the second half of Maa Sa-Ankh Performing Arts Academy's 13th annual recital by bestowing a bouquet of flowers on Mut Hefen Sa-Akhi, the school's visionary, co-founder and director.

Mut, a teacher and composer, started the Academy by teaching piano and keyboard to Brooklyn children, subsequently incorporating lessons in voice, guitar, percussion and music theory.

After the flowers and kudos to Mut, Ankh revived the Wee Rock Band in an encore performance of "Stand By Me;" the five rockers, four-to-six-years-old, had closed the first half of the recital. Urging the audience to sing along, he crooned with a velvet voice. The "Wee" rockers were rewarded with a standing ovation.

Three "Rhythm Babies," including three-year-old Havana Hyatt, opened the recital's program. Four-year-old Brice Bryan, has been in the Academy for a year. His mom said that since attending, he is more outgoing in school.

The Sunday afternoon program at P.S. 226 on Caton showcased the progress of the students. Encouraging them and under the watchful eye of Mut or music instructor Motheo Matlala, each student who played keyboard, came out, took a bow, and then settled in their seat to play. After the applause following their performance,



**Four-year-old Brice Bryan shows off his percussion chops at the recital.**  
Photo by *Tequila Minsky*

each bowed again.

Some like Zenobia Grant enjoyed musical embellishment with Motheo. "I love the school," vocal coach Ankh said, during the first half of the recital. "I've known Mut for the last 30 years and respect her musicianship. It's not just a school; she creates a family atmosphere. The school started on the second floor of her home. The students are all her children."

Referring to the smiling, anticipatory, parents in the audience, he said, "And, she's brought all these people together."

Nearing the end of the first half, some students participated in a dialogue "I am Grateful". One, who read a brief history of Scott Joplin, concluded by saying, "I am grateful for Scott Joplin who made great music for me to play."

## Art on the Cusp

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a spiritual connection is developed and nurtured through the creative process to be sustained beyond the realm of physical art. Featured in this exhibition is Simmons' *The Door* (1989), a fusion of painting and poetry on a wooden door that serves as a literal and figurative gateway to the exhibition's eMerging artists.

"My life's work has been dedicated to providing opportunity to emerging artists. My Rush Arts Gallery has helped to launch the careers of some of the world's most noted artists of color," said Danny Simmons. "This opportunity to exhibit with artists on the cusp of entering the global arts discourse is very gratifying and a great way to demonstrate my respect and admiration for new and exciting talent."

"eMerge will be the first in a series of annual exhibitions

featuring the work of new and exciting visual artists," said Hayes. "This exhibition is a multi-medium exploration of form, portraiture and abstract expressionism using a variety of mediums. Doors, tea bags, pins, sneakers, threads and buttons are transformed from the ordinary to visual expressions of memory and tribute."

Artist Beau McCall visually imagines W.E.B. Dubois' concept of double consciousness in *Until We're Free* (2012), a statement that opens the discourse on race, class and politics in the 21st century; McCall combines decorative buttons with glow in the dark thread to transpose the American flag over the color pattern of the Pan-African flag on four panels of crowns, the latter inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In her U.S. debut, Londoner Shirley Nette Williams pays tribute to iconic

and tragic women of song in *A Nice Cup of Tears* (2012), stitching onto teabags portraits of singers Whitney Houston, Billie Holliday, Tammi Terrell and Florence Ballard. Greg Frederick celebrates pop cultural icons and highlights the cyclical nature of pop by creating portraits of Andy Warhol and Notorious B.I.G. with broken record vinyl and record sleeves. Andre Woolery challenges negativity and stereotypes through his thumbtack portraits of Jay-Z (*The Tackover*, 2010) and Jimi Hendrix (*Electric Feel*, 2011). Sean Paul Gallegos analyzes ancient cultures and recreates their most sacred objects using mass consumed goods, transforming old sneakers into sacred objects of worship in *Giant Paracas Skull* (2012). Similarly, David Hollier challenges mass consumption and commercialism through *Greenpoint Sky* (2012), with images of corporate logos on canvas. Laura Gadson pushes forth the tradition of art



**Until We're Free by Beau McCall.**

quilting in the hip-hop inspired piece *Old School Hip-Hop* (2010), paying tribute to Kurtis Blow. JaSon E. Auguste incorporates technological resources in the digital age with a tribute to Jean-Michel Basquiat in *JMB Code* (2011); the interactive piece integrates QR (quick response) codes throughout the work and, with a mobile scanning device, transports viewers into the digital world to explore the history and impact of Basquiat.

# Santiago Salsa

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Bobby Cruz, Nino Segarra, Ray Sepulveda, NG2, and others on Saturday, July 7, 2012 at 8pm are \$60, \$55, and \$45 and can be purchased by calling the Lehman Center box office at 718.960.8833 (Monday through Friday, 10am-5pm and beginning at 12 noon on the day of the concert), or through 24-hour online access at [www.LehmanCenter.org](http://www.LehmanCenter.org). Lehman Center is accessible by #4 or D train to Bedford Park Blvd. and is off the Saw Mill River Parkway and the Major Deegan Expressway. Low-cost on-site parking is available for \$5.

Adalberto Santiago, born in barrio Pozas of Ciales, Puerto Rico, began his professional career singing with trios and playing bass and guitar. Known for his flawless lead vocals, he can be heard on over 75 recordings. After stints with Chuíto Vélez, Willie Rodríguez and Willie Rosario, he recorded seven albums between 1966 and 1972 as lead singer for Ray Barretto's band before leaving to co-create *Tipica '73*, with whom he recorded three albums. He later formed *Los Kimbos* and was a founding member of the *Fania All-Stars*. In 1977 he released the first of many solo albums, *Adalberto*, produced

by Ray Barretto, which was reissued in 2006. This was followed by *Adalberto Featuring Popeye El Marino* (1979) co-produced by Adalberto and Louie Ramírez. *Feliz me siento* (1980) was made in tandem with the Grammy-nominated Ray Barretto collaboration *Rican/Struction*. The rootsy *Adalberto Santiago* (1981) was produced by La Sonora Matancera's long-time pianist Javier Vázquez. The Grammy-nominated *Tremendo Trio!* (1983) was a collaboration with Barretto and Celia Cruz. After 1984's *Cosas del Alma*, a set of lush boleros, he returned to harder-edged urban salsa in 1985 with *Más sabroso on Tropical Budda*. *Sex Symbol* (1989) and *Hay algo en ella* (1991) were Adalberto's contribution to the salsa romántica movement. He sang lead vocals on recordings by such artists as Lou Pérez, Louie Ramírez, Tito Puente, Roberto Roena, Alfredo Rodríguez, Larry Harlow's *Latin Legends Band*, Papo Lucca, *Jazz Hamilton y Las Estrellas Del Pueblo*, Ralph Irizarry and Mario Ortiz Jr. Santiago has written songs for a number of the albums on which he has appeared, both as bandleader and solo artist, and provided compositions for other artists to record, such as Joe Cuba.

# Carefree cherub laments climate change

Beasts of the Southern Wild  
Excellent (4 stars)  
Rated PG-13 for profanity,  
mature themes, child imper-  
ilment, disturbing images  
and brief sensuality.  
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Hushpuppy feels sorry for children growing up on the land in nearby New Orleans because they eat fish wrapped in plastic and have been taught to fear the water. And while those city kids were caged in strollers and baby carriages during their formative years, she's been free to explore surroundings teeming with vegetation and a menagerie of wild-life.

Yet, her existence is far from idyllic, given how much she pines for the mother her ostensibly-widowed daddy explained simply "swam away" one day. The heartbroken little girl tries to fill the void via flights of fancy coming courtesy of a vivid imagination that enables her to carry on imaginary conversations with her long-lost mom.

Hushpuppy's vulnerability is further amplified by her father's failing health and by an ominous



6 year-old Hushpuppy (Quvenzhané Wallis) and her ailing father, (Dwight Henry).

foreboding that climate change could destabilize the eco-system of her natural habitat. For, she's been warned by Miss Bathsheeba (Gina Montana), a sage soothsayer who also serves as her surrogate mother, that "The trees are

gonna die first, then the animals, then the fish."

So unfolds *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, a compelling, coming-of-age parable marking the extraordinary directorial debut of Benh Zeitlin. An early

entry in the Academy Awards sweepstakes, this surreal fairy tale about the prospects of the planet so richly deserves all the accolades already heaped upon it at Sundance, Cannes and other film festivals.

Considerable credit must go to newcomer Quvenzhané Wallis, a talented youngster who not only portrays protagonist Hushpuppy but narrates the film as well. Like a clever cross of Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* and Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*, the movie repeatedly reminds us of a pre-pollution, pre-digital era when children were still encouraged to plunge headlong into nature to experience the world firsthand rather than artificially through electronic stimuli.

A visually-enchanting fantasy shot from the perspective of a naïve waif magically untouched by the 21st Century.

## Independent & Foreign Films

**China Heavyweight** (Unrated) Two-fisted documentary revolving around the effort of boxing coach Moxiang Qi to turn raw teenage recruits from rural peasant villages into Olympic medal contenders. (In Mandarin with subtitles)

**Crazy Eyes** (Unrated) Romantic romp about a rich playboy (Lukas Haas) who seduces and abandons a string of beautiful women until he finally fixates on the first object of his affection (Madeline Zima) able to resist his charms. With Jake Busey, Ray Wise, Tania Raymonde and Regine Nehy.

**The Do-Decca-Pentathlon** (R for profanity) Sibling rivalry comedy about a couple of estranged brothers (Mark Kelly and Steve Zissis) who decide to settle a score by competing against each other in a 25-event Olympics featuring contests in ping-pong, laser tag and billiards. With Jennifer LaFleur, Julie Vorus and Brendan Robinson.

**The Magic of Belle Isle** (PG for mature themes and suggestive language) Morgan Freeman stars in this drama about a wheelchair-bound, best-selling novelist who rents a cabin at a scenic summer retreat where he



### Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

overcomes alcoholism and writer's block with the help of a single-mom (Virginia Madsen) with several kids (Madeline Carroll, Emma Fuhrmann and Nicolette Pierini). Directed by Rob Reiner, and featuring Kenan Thompson, Fred Willard and Ash Christian.

**The Pact** (Unrated) Haunted house horror flick about the spooky goings-on around the childhood home of a grieving woman (Caity Lotz) who has just returned to town for the funeral of her recently-deceased mother. With Casper Van Dien, Kathleen Rose Perkins and Agnes Bruckner.

**Starry, Starry Night** (Unrated) Coming-of-age drama about a troubled, 13-year-old girl (Xu Jiao) whose friendship with an ostracized transfer student (Lin Hui-min) blossoms into love soon after she stops cruel classmates from bullying him. With Rene Liu, Kenneth Tsang and Harlem Yu. (In Mandarin with subtitles)

**United in Anger: A History of ACT UP** (Unrated)

Inspirational documentary revisits the rise of the AIDS activist movement in the face of corporate greed, homophobia and government indifference.

#### Big Budget Films

**The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13 for violence and intense action) Andrew Garfield stars as Spider-Man in the title role of this origins adventure in which his alter ego, Peter Parker, falls for a high school classmate (Emma Stone) and solves the mystery surrounding his parents' (Campbell Scott and Embeth Davidtz) disappearance before morphing into your friendly neighborhood superhero en route to a showdown with the diabolical Lizard (Rhys Ifans). Featuring Denis Leary, Martin Sheen and Sally Field.

**Katy Perry: Part of Me** (PG for smoking, mature themes, mild epithets and suggestive content) Reverential biopic chronicling the trajectory of gospel singer-turned-pop icon Katy Perry's meteoric

rise via a combination of concert performances and backstage footage.

**Savages** (R for nudity, drug use, graphic sexuality, gruesome violence and per-

vasive profanity) Oliver Stone directed this grisly crime thriller about a Berkeley grad (Aaron Johnson) and a former Navy Seal (Taylor Kitsch) who join forces to

rescue the girlfriend they share (Blake Lively) from the clutches of a Mexican drug cartel. Cast includes Salma Hayek, Benicio del Toro and John Travolta.

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## Mateo leads Boys of Summer in big week

### Cyclones 3 Renegades 0

*June 25 at MCU Park*

The Cyclones' pitching staff blanked the Hudson Valley Renegades at home in Coney Island on Monday night, continuing the team's winning streak and once again lifting them to the top of the McNamara division.

Righty Luis Mateo picked up his second win of the season with another exceptional outing, striking out seven batters in six innings and allowing just two hits and one walk. The bullpen showed similar strength, leaving the Baby Rays hitless for the rest of the game, with reliever Paul Sewald striking out three with no walks, and closer Tyler Vanderheiden earning the save despite walking Renegades left fielder Marty Gantt and committing a throwing error that let center fielder Joel Caminero reach base.

First baseman Cole Frenzel put up two of the Clones' three runs, advancing to home on a second inning balk by Renegades pitcher Taylor Guerrieri and again in the eighth on a single by right fielder Eudy Pina that also helped catcher Kevin Plawecki

complete a circuit around the bases — Pina's fourth hit of the night.

### Renegades 4 Cyclones 2

*June 26 at Dutchess Stadium*

Two Cyclones throwing errors allowed the Hudson Valley Renegades to take a two-point lead in the seventh, giving the Baby Rays a 4-2 win at Dutchess Stadium.

The Clones started strong, racking up two runs in the second inning on singles from first baseman Cole Frenzel and right fielder Eudy Pina.

But Frenzel gave Hudson Valley a run in the seventh by botching a force attempt — Frenzel's first error of the season. The mistake was compounded moments later when a throwing error by left fielder Stefan Sabol allowed Renegades third baseman Leonardo Reginatto to advance to third. A wild pitch by Dwarin Frias brought Reginatto home.

### Cyclones 4 Renegades 1

*June 27 at MCU Park*

The Clones took an early

lead over the Hudson Valley Renegades and made it stick, splitting the series 2-1 and moving the team one game ahead for the top spot in the McNamara Division.

Brooklyn's boys of summer got on the board in the second when left fielder Stefan Sabol crossed the plate. Right fielder Eudy Pina and second basemen Juan Carlos Gamboa added runs in the following inning — and Pina wasn't done for the night. In the fourth, Pina — who went two-for-three on the night and leads the team with 11 RBIs this season — drove in designated hitter Nelfi Zapata. The Renegades bullpen held the Mini Mets scoreless in the last five innings of the game, but the damage was done.

Cyclones starter Hansel Robles turned in a strong performance, holding the Junior Rays scoreless and giving up just four hits and no walks before being pulled for reliever David Wynn in the sixth inning. A lone run from Hudson Valley left fielder Joel Caminero foiled a Clones shutout.



(Above) Cyclones top prospect Brandon Nimmo high-fives teammate Cole Frenzel after a reliever for the reviled Staten Island Yankees walked in the winning run in the eighth inning of the season opener at MCU Park. (Inset) Pitcher Luis Mateo.

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*'Sunil Narine proved his potential as a spin bowler by creating all sorts of trouble for the New Zealand batsmen.'*

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Toronto FC's Ryan Johnson, left, tries to head the ball into the net against New York Red Bulls' Brandon Barklage.

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## Bulls stall

By Patrick Horne

The New York Red Bulls (9-4-4, 31 pts.) coming off one of its best performances in MLS so far this season in a 3-2 home win over DC United on Sunday, June 24, stalled in Toronto's BMO Field last Saturday, June 29 when it only managed a 1-1 tie. Red Bulls midfielder Jan Gunnar Solli had given the visitors a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute, but that was all the scoring New York could manage. Two minutes later, Toronto's Danny Koevermans equalized with a header from a Torsten Frings corner kick; from then on, the game was somewhat of a stalemate. Solli's goal was his second of the season and came off assists from Jamaican international Dane Richards and defender Brandon Barklage.

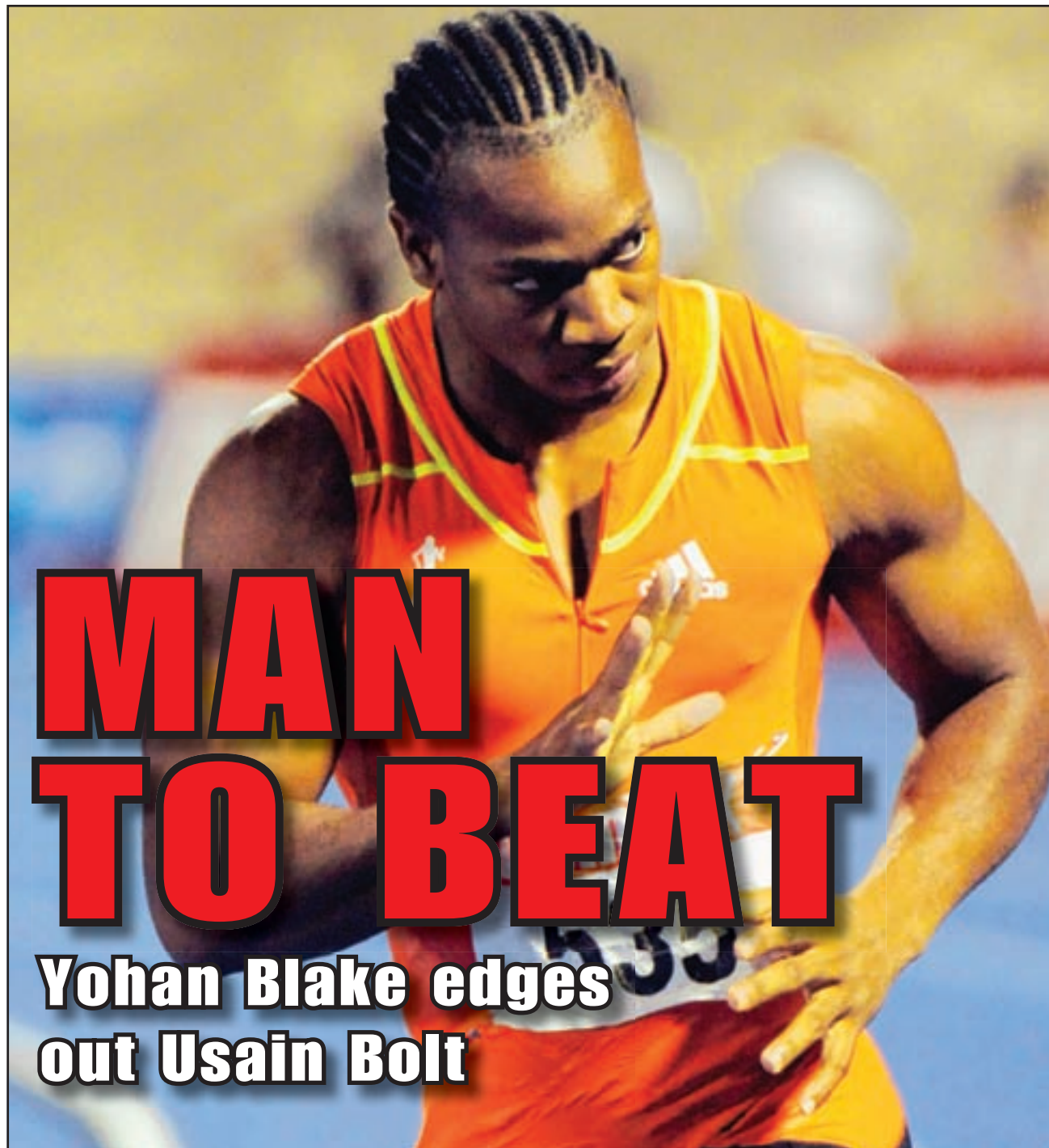
## Sifuentes loses in tennis final

By Robert Elkin

Gabriel Sifuentes recently reached the final of the Level One West Side Tennis Club Junior Tennis Championships, a United States Tennis Association sanctioned event in Forest Hills.

He bowed to top-seeded Gardner Howe of Locust Valley, Long Island 6-0,6-2, in the championship match of the Boys 12 Singles.

Sifuentes, a resident of Flushing, tried his best to pull it out, but the balls were bouncing in his rival's direction. He seemed just not it have 'it.' However, he is doing better and better, each time he steps on to the court, according to his father, Carlos Sifuentes, who manages a restaurant, where he had to run off to after the match.



# MAN TO BEAT

## Yohan Blake edges out Usain Bolt

Sprinter Yohan Blake gestures to the crowd after winning the 200m final at Jamaica's Olympic trials in Kingston, Jamaica, Sunday, July 1, 2012. Blake edged world-record holder Usain Bolt by 0.03 finishing in 19.80 seconds.

By Eddie Pells

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — No posing, no salutes, no fist pumping. First, Yohan Blake fell to both knees and rested his head on the track. A bit later, he simply paced in front of the jam-packed

grandstand at National Stadium and stared into the crowd, letting all those fans soak in a nice, long look.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is the man to beat at the London Olympics.

In a result that no longer feels like

a surprise, Blake beat Usain Bolt in the 200 meters at the Jamaican Olympic trials Sunday, finishing in 19.80 seconds to edge the world-record holder by 0.03.

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# Sunil Narine wrecks New Zealand

Sunil Narine proved his potential as a spin bowler by creating all sorts of trouble for the New Zealand batsmen. The New Zealand batsmen failed to read his line and variation and their batsmen were left to guess. Narine picked up 3 for 34 on Saturday and returned on Sunday in the second match grabbing 4 wickets for 12 runs from 4 overs.

In the second Twenty20 played at the Fort Lauderdale ground in Florida at Central Broward Regional Park, the West Indies defeated New Zealand by 61 runs in the second Twenty20.

West Indies scored 177 runs for 5 wickets in 20 overs. Chris Gayle scored 53 from 39 balls, Dwayne Bravo 35 from 11 balls and Johnson Charles 36 not out from 32 balls. Nathan McCullum picked up 2 for 19 from 3 overs.

New Zealand players were bowled out for 116 runs in 18.4 overs. Dwayne Bravo bowled 2.4 overs and picked up 2 for 23. Marlon Samuels 2 for 25 from 3 overs.

Sunil Narine was the pick of the West Indies bowlers



## Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

taking 4 for 12 from 4 overs. Narine picked up the first two wickets to fall for New Zealand, Rob Nicol for 7 and Martin Guptil for 18. New Zealand struggled at 26 for 2 in the sixth over. Narine did the damage for the West Indies.

### Windies Defeats New Zealand

Some fascinating batting from Chris Gayle and Kieron Pollard boosted the West Indies to 209 runs for 2 wickets in their 20 overs against New Zealand. Gayle top-scored with 85 runs not out from 52 balls with 7 fours and 5 sixes while Kieron Pollard scored 63 not out from 29 balls with 5 fours and 5 sixes.

Gayle and Pollard shared in a partnership of 108 runs in 6.5 overs. Johnson Charles scored 24 from 29 balls.

New Zealand scored 153

runs with spinner Sunil Narine picking up 3 for 34. West Indies won by 56 runs.

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# Bolt loses to Blake

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When it was over, Bolt was the first one to approach his training partner and buddy and give him a big bear hug. Moments later, Bolt was down on the ground, getting his right hamstring stretched out, while Blake was going through his understated celebration. At one point, he raised one finger to his mouth, as if asking everyone to “shh-hhh.” But the fans didn’t listen. They now have not one, but two, legitimate gold medal prospects for the men’s sprints in London.

“Usain always gives me a lot of encouragement and tells me to keep coming to this race,” Blake said about the 200.

Boy, did he.

The win came two days after Blake, the reigning world champion at 100 meters, beat Bolt in the 100 by running a personal-best 9.75.

That was a shocker, but

there were explanations — most notably the terrible starts Bolt got off to throughout the 100 heats and in the final, to say nothing of any doubt that might still linger over the false start that scratched him from worlds last year.

Bolt has always considered the 200, which better suits his lanky 6-foot-5 frame, his real work. And now, indeed, he has work to do there, as well.

As they approached the finish, Bolt was grimacing — or was that the hint of a frustrated smile? — as he looked to his left to see what very few thought possible earlier this week: Blake beating him to the line for the second time in three days.

“I can never be discouraged,” Bolt said. “I’m never worried until my coach gets worried, and my coach isn’t worried, so I’m OK.”

Said Glen Mills, who coaches both runners: “Usain, he has the experi-

ence, the ability, he has been there already. He might be a little off at the moment, but I’m sure when the time of delivery comes around, he’ll be on top of his game.”

The clock is ticking. As of Sunday, there were 34 days until the start of the men’s 100 heats at Olympic Stadium.

In the women’s 200, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce ran a personal best 22.10 seconds to also complete the 100-200 sweep. She’ll be joined by Sherone Simpson and two-time defending Olympic champion Veronica Campbell-Brown.

Fraser-Pryce took the world by surprise four years ago when she won the 100 at Beijing. Her next act could be this 200, her second-best event, where she beat Simpson with lots of room to spare, a 0.27-second margin.

“I’m still learning, you know,” Fraser-Pryce said.



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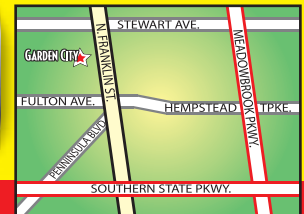
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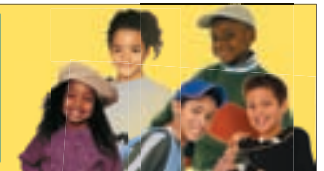
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trouble trusting adults. Foster care parents will need to be patient and willing to understand a child's background and situation to make the relationship work.

The ethnicity or race of children awaiting adoption in foster care systems is mixed depending on the state. According to the most recent national report from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System, the majority of children are Caucasian (38 percent), African American (30 percent) or Hispanic (22 percent). Those who decide to

become foster parents should realize that they may face difficulties, including emotional issues, stemming from the child's past. Parents should be willing to work closely with a foster agency on a regular basis. In the event that a birth family will be reconsidered to take back the child, the foster family may have contact with the biological family as well.

A person doesn't have to be married or have prior child-rearing experience, but there are some criteria that may have to be met to be a foster parent. Keep in mind that regulations vary from state to state and could be very different outside of the country. A training, screening and licensing process is often required, in addition to these criteria.

- Individuals must be 21 years or older. Some states will not accept people who are older than 65.

- The foster parents must have the financial ability to provide for their own family.

- There must be room for a child in the home. Some programs require a separate room

for the foster child or at least his own bed and storage space.

- The home must meet certain safety standards.

- Foster parents must be in good physical and mental health.

To start the foster care process, individuals can request an information packet from the Division of Social Services in their state. It will offer information explaining requirements and the steps to take. Those who are still interested can fill out an application. If the application is accepted, a social worker will start a home study and background investigation. The process can take several months. At this point, a training course may be recommended. If the certification and training goes well, a person will become a certified foster parent and an agency will try to find a child that is a good match and can enter the home. The child can stay for several months, some up to a year or more.

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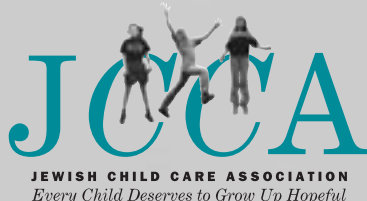
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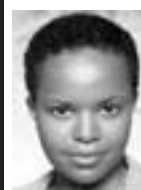
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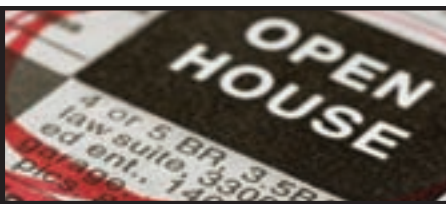
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