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Young masquerader, Heleena Aparicio, sports a costume from the band Celebration Time. See Page 3.
Photo courtesy Gizelle Fritz & Associates.

IN THE LINE OF FIRE

Jamaican soldiers to face trial

By David McFadden

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) - Jamaica's public prosecutor said Tuesday that three soldiers will be charged with killing accountant Keith Clarke, whose May 2010 shooting death occurred days after security forces launched an aggressive hunt for a fugitive underworld boss sought by the United States.

Clarke, the brother of a former government minister, was shot at least 22 times inside a bedroom of his home in the upscale Kingston community of Kirkland Heights. Security forces descended on the businessman's house while searching for

drug kingpin Christopher "Dudus" Coke.

In a letter to Jamaica's independent commissioner of investigations, Prosecutor Paula Llewelyn wrote that nagging questions about the controversial case can only be resolved by a jury in a criminal trial.

Circumventing a preliminary inquiry process in magistrate's court, Llewelyn said the Clarke case will be taken straight to the Home Circuit Court after the soldiers are arrested and charged by police, citing the "high public attention that this matter has commanded."

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Caribbean

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries are working on easing the convertibility of their individual currencies even though regional leaders have decided that certain aspects of the single currency will not be addressed in the immediate future, CARICOM Secretary General Irwin La Rocque said.

La Rocque was recently in St. Lucia to brief Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony on the July 4-6 CARICOM Summit held in St Lucia.

He told reporters that a single currency will not be among the dominant issues for the meeting.

La Rocque said there is still much to be done before the single currency, which regional leaders hope will form an integral part of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME), can become a reality.

"There is not going to be choice between the currency of the Eastern Caribbean Union (ECCU) or any other currency for that matter, the different currencies will contend.

The summit discussed several issues aimed at deepening the regional integration movement including the development of a foreign policy.

Antigua

An Antiguan man convicted of killing a Hispanic woman two years ago was sentenced to seven years in prison.

Damien O'Garro, who was described as a person of exemplary and impeccable character, was ini-

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Celebrate the Moment

-- Issac tells Graduates

Graduating students of the University of Birmingham, England have been told to "go forth with creative optimism, self-awareness, pride and confidence into a world where life, dreams and tremendous opportunities await."

The advice to the 800 students came from Dr. Kevin M. Isaac, Nevis' High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, during commencement exercises on July 12.

"Class of 2012, as you graduate today, I encourage you to celebrate the moment, pat yourselves on the back and say well done. But, I challenge you to embrace your new role and the responsibility which it implies," Isaacs added.

"You are co-creators of your unfolding destinies. I look at you and I see tomorrow's promise; and a decade from now, someone among you would be standing where I am today to share your journey," he told the graduates and their families.

"Do you realize that whichever direction you look in this Hall your eyes will probably eyes those of a future captain of industry; another big-thinker, a future statesman and woman; entrepreneur, innovator, diplomat, politician, professor or vice chancellor?," he asked as he urged them to think creatively



Dr. Kevin Isaac.
Government of St. Kitts & Nevis.

of the possibilities and opportunities which await them on the remarkable journey that will become their lives.

"Do not be discouraged by the irritating recycled news about unemployment, global financial crises and economic downturn. Instead challenge yourselves, at least to try to become the next employer, the next big IPO, or the factors of production which generate the new economic upturn," said Dr. Isaac, adding:

"I say this because I believe in my heart that the University of Birmingham has empowered and steeled you for success. And yes you have worked hard individually and deserve your own achieve-

ments; but collectively you have been gifted the Birmingham University legacy - which means you leave here today with the ability to blaze new paths and to fashion your destinies. One of you could very well join the privileged fraternity of Nobel Laureates of this university."

Dr. Isaac said he was quite privileged and indeed honoured to share this defining moment with the Graduating Class of 2012 as the ceremony recognizes the hard work, dedication and accomplishment by faculty and administration, parents and most of all the Class of 2012.

"As a proud alumnus, I thank the University for awarding me this honorary degree. As I was reminded a few days ago by one of my diplomatic colleagues, this degree honours my service, but more importantly, it celebrates the diplomatic community in London.

"I am grateful and humbled to be so honoured by such a renowned academic institution. And in sharing the stage with a group of people so rich in promise, I also wish to thank the Class of 2012 for letting me share your moment," he said.

Dr. Isaac pointed out that it was almost two decades ago, he had the good fortune to graduate from the University of Birmingham.



Alimuddin Mohammed (left), son of Dr. Kamaluddin Mohammed, the newest recipient of the Order of the Caribbean Community, accepts the Citation on behalf of his father from Chairman of CARICOM, Dr. Kenny D. Anthony, prime minister of Saint Lucia.

Photo courtesy of CARICOM Secretariat

Trinidadian gets region's highest award

By Azad Ali

Former Trinidad and Tobago government minister and CARICOM Ambassador Kamaluddin Mohammed was awarded the region's highest award, the Order of Caribbean Community, during the recent CARICOM Heads of Government four-day meeting in St. Lucia.

Mohammed, who was a founding member of the People's National Movement (PNM) who is ailing, was unable to travel to St. Lucia to receive the award, which was collected by his son Alimuddin Mohammed.

"Chach," as he is affectionately called, was a Member of Parliament and minister from 1956 to 1986. He acted as prime minister on several occasions during that period and later served as CARICOM Ambassador under the Basdeo Panday administration.

Mohammed is also the recipient of Trinidad and Tobago's highest national award.

In a letter to the CARICOM Secretariat dated June 27, 2012, Mohammed said he was pleased to be given the distinguished award.

He said he had fond memories of former prime ministers Dr. Eric Williams, Forbes Burnham (Guyana), Michael Manley (Jamaica) and others.

Mohammed said he also served with former Commonwealth Secretary General Sir Shridath Ramphal, while he was foreign minister of Guyana.

He expressed his gratitude to T&T Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar and the People's Partnership government for nominating him for the "prestigious honor."

Mohammed is the seventh

PM to attend N.Y. J50 Gala

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaicans will have another opportunity to meet and mingle with their nation's first female leader and current prime minister when she arrives to celebrate the annual independence gala in New York City.

For the second time this year, Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller is expected to serve as the guest of honor and honorary ambassador of the half century, golden jubilee event of the island/nation.

"We are honored that the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister will join fellow Jamaicans and well-wishers to celebrate this historic milestone in New York," Paulette Willoughby, chair of The Jamaican Independence



Prime Minister of Jamaica, Portia Simpson-Miller.

AP Photo/Evan Agostini

Celebration Foundation said.

The prime minister visit-

ed Brooklyn last spring and was greeted by nationals and friends.

During that visit she emphasized pride in the milestone achievement that Jamaicans have been claiming since the year began.

"This golden anniversary of independence is not only a moment to join together to look back on our journey and accomplishments, but to support our forward momentum as a people for the next 50 years," Willoughby added.

The 50th Independence gala will be held on Aug. 18, 2012 at the New York Hilton & Towers.

Music will be provided by the Fab 5 Band.

West Indian American Day Carnival 2012

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As part of the ceremonial launch of the mural, dance students from PS189 entertained in the school yard participating classes.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

Writing, story-telling and song for children

By Tequila Minsky

Haiti Cultural Exchange (HCX) is sponsoring a series of writing workshops for girls and also storytelling and song workshops for children this summer. This is all part of HCX's dynamic multi-generational programming.

Girls, ages 9-17, especially of Haitian descent, are encouraged to sign up for The Daughters of Anacaona Writing Project. The free 10-session workshops

meet Tuesdays, Wednesday & Thursdays from 1-3:30 p.m. from July 24 to Aug. 9 at the YWCA of Brooklyn, 30 Third Ave.

Targeted primarily toward Haitian immigrant and first generation teen girls residing in Brooklyn, the writing project is intended to cultivate empowerment, creativity, cultural awareness, community service, and college and career readiness.

One of the teachers is Haitian-born writer Ibi Zoboi—whose short stories have appeared in numerous anthologies and is a teaching artist in New York City public schools with Community-Word Project and Teachers & Writers Collaborative.

Haitian-American writer, performer, and youth worker Jennifer Celestin is also teaching the workshops. (Additionally, on Saturday, July 28 at Jennifer

Celestin will spin tales as part of Haiti Cultural Exchange's summer storytelling and song workshops. The location is to be announced.)

The writing workshops will culminate in a yearly publication of an anthology including the participants' best work and a reading for invited family, friends, teachers, and community members.

For more information contact programs@haiticulturalx.org.

Call for more support of immigrant businesses

By Tangerine Clarke

The burden of extra costs, excessive fines and needless red tape facing immigrant businesses in New York City was on the mind of Public Advocate Bill deBlasio when he spoke recently to members of the Guyana American Business and Professional Council (GABPC) at their 5th Annual Awards Gala at the LaGuardia Marriott Hotel.

In his keynote address to the group, DeBlasio called on City government to by-pass the red-tape and slow paced development that burden the immigrant business community, and suggested instead that lines of credit and legal opportunities be offered to the group for economic growth.

"Immigrants start businesses at twice the rate of native-born citizens, based on



Pictured from left are: Dr. Thomas Auer; Dr. Suneel Parikh; Amb. Bayney Karran; Shanie Persaud; Viburt Berbard; Bill DeBlasio and Asst. Chief James A Secreto and GABPC Secretary Judith Balfe.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

a survey by Kaufmann Index of Entrepreneurial Activity," he said, adding that 90% of the businesses were started and maintained without City help.

"Immigrants are basically ignored in this country, a nation that is quintessential for immigrant opportunities,"

DeBlasio said, challenging the city to dole out more funds needed to help immigrant communities.

The mayoral hopeful singled out Guyanese nationals that he said brought their unique multi-cultural nation to America, and built upon it. "This is a community that understands

what is necessary to have a working neighborhood with a connection between the people and government.

"The Guyanese community is a dynamic part of Queens," he added.

Guyana Ambassador to the US, the Hon. Bayney Karran who was honored with the prestigious GABPC Award, commended the organization that he said has built mutually beneficial connections between American and Guyanese business and professional communities.

Karran expressed admiration for US-based Guyanese that he noted have established scores of organizations, from medical outreach to educational alumni, religious, cultural and sporting organizations that provide support for the needs of Guyana's citizens.

Supporters fete former Haiti leader



Mildred Aristide, wife of Haiti's former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, left, attends an event making Aristide's 59th birthday, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, July 15, 2012. AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — About a thousand people in Haiti have turned up to celebrate the 59th birthday of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The two-time president did not show up at a public event at the foundation named for him but his wife, Mildred, spoke briefly on his behalf.

The former first lady presented a new book of poetry written by Aristide in Haitian Creole that includes Swahili proverbs. The book is called, "Haiti - Haitii? Philosophical Poetry for Mental Decolonization."

Aristide has remained in his compound on the northeastern edge of the capital since he returned last year following a seven-year exile.

The one-time Roman Catholic priest served two separate presidential terms and was ousted both times. He lived in South Africa after a rebellion toppled him in 2004.

Security forces implicated

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Llewellyn identified the accused soldiers as Lance Cpl. Odel Buckley, Lance Cpl. Greg Tingling and Pvt. Arnold Henry.

A statement from the Jamaica Defense Force said it would not comment on matters before a court. Both Jamaica's military and police have said almost nothing about the case since the killing.

Clarke was shot in his suburban home a few days after security forces launched a manhunt for Coke that resulted in the deaths of at least 73 civilians in the Tivoli Gardens slum, a politicized "garrison" community controlled by Coke's gang.

Days before the fighting broke out in West Kingston, gangsters from across Jamaica had traveled to the barricaded neighborhood in a show of support for Coke. The gang leader was caught later and extradited to the U.S., where he was sentenced in June to 23 years in prison for drug trafficking.

The security offensive to catch Coke was one of the bloodiest episodes in the Caribbean island's recent history. Details of the operation remain murky but there have been numerous claims of unlawful killings, including the death of Clarke. Even the death toll is disputed. Former Prime Minister Edward Seaga, who built the Tivoli Gardens housing

complex in the 1960s and is still revered as a patron by residents, has estimated that as many as 150 people were killed.

An investigation by Public Defender Earl Witter into more than 1,000 complaints about rights violations by security forces during the state of emergency is still pending.

Terrence Williams, head of an independent commission that investigates abuse allegations against security forces, said his office is committed to assisting with the prosecution of the Clarke case. His report on the accountant's killing was sent to prosecutors in May, following a 24-month wait for ballistics tests.

Controversial bill up for debate

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Guyana's Parliament is expected to soon debate a controversial bill that would abolish the death penalty and repeal sodomy and cross-dressing laws.

Ministers say they plan to submit the bill before legislators break for a two-month recess in early August.

Human Services Minister Jennifer Webster said Saturday that the government also will hold public hearings on the issues.

The bill already has angered religious groups in the conservative South American country.

Under criticism, Guyana's government previously promised United Nations officials they

would at least take some of the issues to Parliament.

The country last hanged a prisoner in 1997. More than 30 convicted criminals remain on death row.

The country's laws also allow small fines to be levied for cross-dressing and up to 25 years in prison for people convicted of sodomy.

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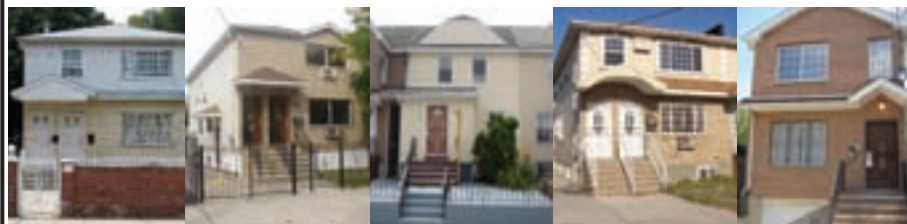
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tially charged with the murder of Maria Felix, a native of the Dominican Republic. However, on June 5 he pleaded guilty to the lesser count of manslaughter.

The 28 months that O'Garro spent in prison while awaiting trial was taken into account and will be deducted from the sentence,

O'Garro allegedly committed the unlawful act in February 2006, 2010, while at Felix's home on Lionel Hurst Street. The woman was stabbed in the chest and later succumbed to her injuries.

Barbados

As policyholders of CLICO International Life (CIL) anxiously await word on their fate, regional officials have warned there are "no easy" solutions to the now three-year-old debacle.

Following a presentation made by judicial manager Deloitte Consulting's Oliver

Jordan and Patrick Topping to a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Council for Finance and Planning in St. Lucia recently, officials said the Barbados government needed more time to study the prescribed plan of action.

One official was insistent that there was no "quick fix" solution.

"It is not a straight forward thing, it requires a regional approach and you must remember that Barbados started late in this whole (judicial) process," the official told the Barbados Sunday Sun.

Guyana

A Guyanese man, who was caught with 21 pounds of cocaine in an X-Box game and packets of biscuits during a stop over in the country was jailed for five years and in addition fined Guy\$1.5 million, which it not paid can serve another five years in prison.

Ivan Noel, 42, an electron-

ic trader of Georgetown, was sentenced in the Corporate Area Resident Magistrate Court following his previous guilty plea for possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking and importing cocaine.

He was fined \$500,000 on each charged or serve five years in prison. However, the sentences are to run concurrently.

Noel was caught at the Norman Manley International Airport on June 11 when he arrived on a flight from Curacao. He was destined for Panama.

Haiti

More than 1,000 Haitian marched through the capital to protest against a reported plan to destroy their irregular hillside homes for a flood-control project before they can find better, more permanent places to live.

Police fired tear gas in an attempt to control the protestors in Port-au-Prince, some of whom threw rocks.

The demonstrators walked through the city's metropolitan area, chanting threats to burn down the relatively affluent district where the shanties are located, if the authorities flatten their homes.

Pierre Andre Gedeon, the deputy chief of the environment ministry said on a local radio program recently that officials want to demolish several hundreds homes to build channels and reforest the hillsides in an effort to curb the deadly floods that come with the annual rainy season.

The protestors say that President Michel Martelly has already fallen short on his promise to build homes destroyed in the devastating 2010 earthquake.

The disaster destroyed ten of thousands of houses in the capital and other cities in the south and officials said 314,000 people died.

Jamaica

Fifty years after the

pullout, which led to the collapse of the Caribbean Federation, Jamaica's leader Portia Simpson-Miller has assured that the Federation's replacement - CARICOM - of her country's continued support.

CARICOM Secretary General Irwin La Rocque has been assured of Jamaica's full support to the integration movement by Simpson-Miller and Opposition Leader Andrew Holness.

The secretary-general was on a recent three-day official visit to Jamaica to meet with the prime minister and with Holness.

He also met with Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Senator AJ Nicholson and Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce, Anthony Hylton.

The prime minister and the secretary-general agreed on the need to put people at the center of the integration process and for more widespread dissemination of information on CARICOM and its benefits.

Turks and Caicos

The Turks and Caicos Islands Tourist Board has advised the traveling public that the Ministry of Health and Education (MOHE) and the Environmental Health Department (EHD) have continued to address the recent norovirus outbreak that occurred at a few hotels on the island of Providenciales.

The board reported that since, the commencement of this collaborative work and with help from the Caribbean Epidemiology Center (Carec) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), there has been a significant decline in the number of new cases.

The Tourist Board reminded visitors and residents to follow all health and sanitary guidelines promoted by health officials and report any symptoms of gastroenteritis immediately to health officials or tourism officials and/or doctor.

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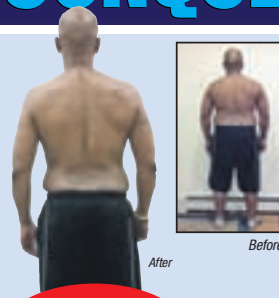
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St. Kitts hails its 'Founding Father'

By Vinette K. Pryce

A double-header held in lower Manhattan last week marked two significant historic tributes to the twin islands of St. Kitts & Nevis.

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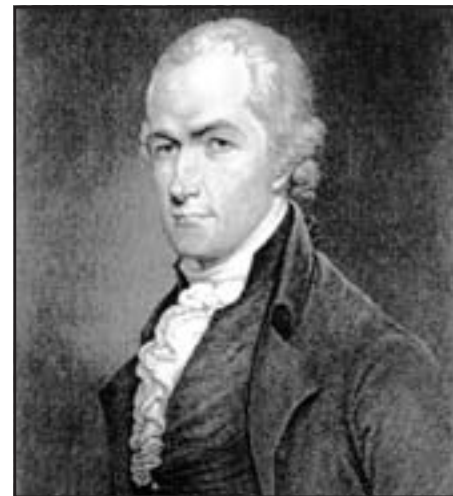
Later on that afternoon, Alexander Hamilton, America's first secretary of the treasury was honored with a wreath laying ceremony at his gravesite on July 12, the anniversary of his death in 1804.

The milestone anniversary event at Trinity Church was attended by nationals and friends of the Leeward Islands' former principal sugar colony.

Hamilton was hailed as one of America's founding fathers and a son of the Caribbean who was born in Charlestown, the capital of Nevis on Jan. 11, 1755.

He was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury by President George Washington on Sept. 11, 1789.

Last Thursday, the Bowling Green ceremony heralded his contribution with a



statement from Prime Minister Denzil Douglas.

The leader was attending business meetings in Dubai, however, his statement was read by Arthur Piccolo, the event coordinator and chairman of the Bowling Green Association.

Hamilton died at age 49 in New York City on July 12, 1804.



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We thank Commissioners LaShann M. DeArcy, Edward Gonzalez, and Iris Weinshall for their impassioned and unequivocal understanding that the taxi workers of this city deserve both a liv-

able income and benefits, but also protections against lease overcharges. We thank Commissioner Lauvienska Polanco for her support of the raise.

We thank our labor allies, especially President Vinny Alvarez of the Central Labor Council, Ed Ott and Richard Winsten.

We thank the City Council Members who stood with us in the final hours.

We thank the TLC staff who engaged in objective and good faith economic analysis of this industry and allowed the numbers, not the politics, to determine the story.

To TLC Chairman David Yassky, whose vision, fairness, and compassion led the way: you showed boldness and true character, refusing to make political shortcuts on the backs of working people. You have ushered in changes that fundamentally change the debate in this industry and finally move drivers from the margins.

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Calypsonians reflect on gender issues

By Maxwell Haywood

Calypsonians addressed many issues for Vincy Mas 2012. But issues related to male and female relations were quite prominent in some of the calypsoes. In particular, domestic violence was one of the issues they highlighted, showing that calypsonians continue to be relevant in a time when many are questioning the value of the calypsonian as a meaningful advocate for social change and development. And for sure, our society needs social change in connection to violence in male-female relationships.

Impact of gender violence

Gender violence came under scrutiny by several calypsonians. They describe the horrible ordeal of domestic violence in our society. The 2011 Calypso Monarch Tajoe is very clear in his song "Read Between The Lines." He highlights the fact that many women are beaten and battered by men. He points out in his song the treatment of women as hookers, and the situation in which underage daughters are being sexually abused. He sadly declares that the grievances are too many.

Diya, formerly known as Lady Diamond, in her song "Chant Down Domestic Violence" highlights the impact of this kind of violence. In the second verse of her song, Diya gets graphic and descriptive. She sings: "Many women have been beaten and killed/Grotesque crimes bring our heart to a standstill/Bones are broken and body parts are chopped off/The perpetrators seem to be having a good laugh/Many are badly injured and traumatised for life/All because of domestic strife/In villages and towns/You could find ah victim/For them this song I Diya must sing."

Sunny Banks, in his song titled "Violence Against Men," also sings about domestic violence but not against women; this time it is against men. He sings about his friend's experiences with domestic violence and describes his friend looking like Adam when he was deceived by Eve. His friend was pushed around like a shopping cart by his wife, and in his home, he feels like an intruder. In the end she got 68 per cent of the wealth and he got 32 per cent. He informs us that some men get buss head, beaten with frying pan and spoon, and even get hot water thrown in their faces.

In her song, "Under His Thumbs," Joy-C observes a relationship and she is of the opinion that the man's intention is to keep the woman under his thumbs. If the wife does not consult him about the family planning methods she is using, he gets upset. It is as if he is saying that babies should be born every

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Monday morning. This means that for everything she wants she must depend on him. She cannot have friends. The husband seeks to control how she relates to her friends and even her diet.

Causes of domestic violence

Calypsonians explore what could be causing domestic violence. In this connection, Tajoe says that women are failing to identify potential abusers. He is baffled at domestic violence and asks: Why do men want to abuse women? How could ah man hurt a lady; as a man he cannot understand violence against women. In addition, Sunny Banks says that his abused friend thinks his wife is ungrateful. She is possessed by the devil and displays demonic behaviours. He also hints that maybe his abused friend is not satisfying his wife sexually.

Diya was very direct in highlighting the causes. She points to drugs, insanity, poverty, inability to manage conflicts, power play within relationships, bully mentality, and extreme jealousy.

Solutions to domestic violence

The calypsonians share with us their conclusions about the solutions. In her song "Woman", 2012 Calypso Monarch Fyah Empress reminds us that if we look at women from certain perspectives, violence against them might be reduced and eradicated. She asserts that women are symbols of hope, trust, harmony, and strength of the family. Motherhood is an honour; thus men should cherish women, since they bring their children into the world. She goes further to indicate that if a man treats a woman right, she will always be there for him. She appeals to women to uplift themselves with education, because this will help build a better nation.

Seeing women as wonderful and beautiful, Poorsah in his rendition "Woman Is For Loving" reminds men that women are for loving, and it is time for men to realize that women are not pieces of merchandise. And with firmness, Tajoe asks, is violence the only solution? He proposes that women could avoid domestic violence committed by men against them. He wants women to read between the lines. He also wants men to seriously remember that women carry them for nine months in their stomach and then give birth to their lives; thus women should be treated with dignity. They deserve to be cherished and protected, and they should be treated as treasures.

After he got to know the details of his friend's situation, Sunny Banks advised

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Harboring a serial campus predator

By Les Slater

We actually heard the term, “overreaction” used in commentary by one of the talking heads in sports during the flurry of chatter in wake of Louis J. Freeh’s report on the Penn State scandal that saw the conviction of Jerry Sandusky, former assistant to Joe Paterno, the late coaching legend. As expected, some of the Penn State faithful, while acknowledging Sandusky’s misdeeds as a serial molester of young boys under cover of the school’s football program, stoutly maintained that no culpability for this attached either to Paterno or Penn State. It was seen by some of these inflexible defenders as way over the top that the Paterno/Penn State reputation be made to abide the suggestion already being bandied about that either the school, of its own accord, or the NCAA should suspend the football program for some period.

Loyalty has its place, but we have here something pretty much approaching sick reckoning when folks — whether members of the Penn State community, football fans or others — continue with an implausible insistence that Paterno and the high command at the school were blameless, even after release of what appeared to be a fairly thorough investigation by the former FBI director. Freeh concluded, based on all that had been unearthed, that it was concern over what bad publicity would do to the school’s image, that gave rise to the cover-

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up. A 2001 incident involving Sandusky’s predatory behavior with one youngster was about to be reported to the state authorities, the investigation revealed, and Paterno prevailed upon the others in the loop, including the university president, not to proceed as they had planned. It was just one more indication of why Paterno was routinely referred to as the most powerful figure on the Penn State campus. And it underscored a wrong-headed, very troubling growth pattern at some institutions, where an athletic program (primarily football or basketball) could develop into such a cash cow and become such an outsize campus presence as to require deft handling to ensure the part and the whole remain clearly defined. That the president kowtowed to Paterno in a matter of such gravity (the report alleged that even the lame alternative Paterno suggested was never acted upon) paints a sorry picture.

What’s shocking, now as at every step of the way of the public having been made wise to these happenings, is the short shrift paid to the damage done on the side of the victims. Everyone — school officials, Paterno supporters, Paterno’s family — who was heard from about this scandal made the obligatory compassionate remark about the youngsters abused by Sandusky. Problem

is, it’s difficult to reconcile such sentiments with a refusal to accept that others, beyond Sandusky, must share in the responsibility for what was perpetrated. The response of the Paterno family, in fact, bore evidence of not very smart counsel or of proceeding in ill-advised fashion if done on their own. In light of what was divulged in Freeh’s report, silence was an infinitely better option than Paterno’s son making the rounds to convince anyone willing to listen that his father was guilty of no wrongdoing.

Had Sandusky’s dastardly acts been known only to himself and those victims, the claim of innocence with respect to others on the campus would of course be sustainable. Sadly, that’s not the case, as meticulously detailed in Freeh’s report. It follows that the institution being made to pay some price for this immoral conduct that was condoned by some of its top brass becomes a no-brainer. The university’s board of trustees has acquitted itself well so far in this sordid chapter of Penn State history. Tapping someone with Freeh’s reputation to conduct the investigation sent a clear message that the trustees wanted no stone left unturned to determine how things had gone so terribly awry. Now, with the report presented, it’s probably the trustees’ call to take the initiative in the restoration process and the form of punishment that comes with it.

On that punishment question, some have

dared to argue that football is just too important to Penn State to be suspended. Not that they don’t sympathize with the unfortunate victims, mind you, but... And it’s fair to assume that none of those vehemently opposed to any shutdown of Penn State football would see their position as favoring a profit-driven campus activity over concern for defenseless youngsters perhaps emotionally scarred for life.

From a practical standpoint, it probably is best that the football program be suspended at least for a couple of years, anyway. There would likely be some cathartic effect in going that route. Having the program continue in some apparition of normalcy, as if a giant-size thunder bolt hadn’t rocked the campus, could well prove to be more of a stretch than its advocates bargained for. Maybe a couple of years in which to regroup is precisely what the football program needs.

As for the Paterno legacy, perhaps it’s best that fate intervened to make him no longer a presence by the time of the Sandusky conviction or Freeh’s report. Paterno’s family, in another ill-conceived attempt to put a positive spin on what seems pretty incontrovertible, resorted to saying no sane individual would have knowingly contributed to putting innocent children at risk. There’s a paper trail that says Paterno did just that, thereby changing everything, never mind those who stubbornly cling to a legacy that was.

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Create a different model for housing

By Doug Pibel

Recently, the story broke that foreclosures were at the lowest level since 2007. That sounds like great news—we're finally cleaning up the mess from the real estate bubble. Except for one thing: RealtyTrac.com, a marketer of information on foreclosed real estate, noted in April that the number of short sales (where a bank allows an owner to sell for less than is owed on the mortgage) were up by 33 percent from last year. In other words, there's still plenty of distressed real estate; the banks are just using a different method to get rid of them.

The fallout from the bubble and the associated financial meltdown continues to cause pain for a lot of people. The standard question among economists is, "What can we do to get things back to the way they were?" But it's not clear why we'd want to do that. There's no point in trying to return to inflated prices that have everything to do with speculation and nothing to do with real value. There's nothing to be gained by recreating a market where everyone buys the biggest house they can afford—and maybe a bit more.

Why not ask, instead, what we can do to create a different model for housing—one

that embraces the best of tradition and the best of new thinking. Since 1950, the average size of a new house in the United States has more than doubled, even as average household size has decreased by nearly a quarter. The average American now has living space just shy of 1,000 square feet—nearly the size of the average house in 1950. Have our needs really changed that much in six decades? Or have we been sold something we don't really need?

While not a scientific survey, here's an interesting data point: One of the perennially popular articles on the YES! Magazine website is the story of Dee Williams' tiny house. Williams moved from a 1,500-square-foot house to an 84-square-foot house she built herself for \$9,000. That's extreme, for sure, and no one expects the majority of Americans to go that far. But the continued interest in the concept says that people are realizing that smaller is better.

A return to smaller houses has many advantages. They're less expensive to build, so you don't have to get the biggest mortgage you can afford to own one—and your chances of ending up as a foreclosure statistic are lower. They're easier to heat and cool, saving both dollars and resources.

Not everyone is going to build a new

house, and there's a huge stock of existing larger houses. But those, too, offer the opportunity for living smaller. An increasing number of people are "doubling up," living with friends or family—whether out of economic necessity or desire to downsize both living space and expenses. The nearly 18 percent of existing housing stock that's larger than 3,000 square feet could be divided into multiple dwelling units.

The Census Bureau estimates that more than 18 million houses stood empty during 2011, even as hundreds of thousands of people were homeless. Millions more are insecure in their housing because they're burdened with underwater mortgages or because they're renting.

The real solution to the wrecked state of U.S. real estate is not to try to get things back to where they were. It's to find creative ways to match supply with demand, to change the way we finance housing, and to recognize that owning the biggest house on the block could be the American nightmare rather than the American dream.

Doug Pibel is managing editor of YES! Magazine, which recently published an issue on homes in a post-bubble world.
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him don't forget to pray and thank the Lord that you still have life. According to Sunny Banks, part of the solution to avoid the domestic violence his friend was experiencing was to improve his sexual power. To do this he must stay away from cheese, eat shark fin and various kinds of peas, and engage in exercises.

Diya also points out solutions such as finding ways to peacefully resolve conflicts, getting the entire nation to address domestic violence, awareness-raising about power issues in relations between men and women, and the need to internalize the principles of respect and love for humanity.

Joy C sings about breaking the cycle of poverty and making women more self-reliant. She must be educated and qualified in a profession. Queen B adds her voice too; she suggests that "Women Are Their Biggest Enemy." She seems to be suggesting that once women start protecting and promoting other women, maybe the negative things men do to them will stop.

Certainly this year, calypso has shown again its capacity for addressing issues of social change and development. Hence the need to ensure the art form is protected and given the support to continue growing.

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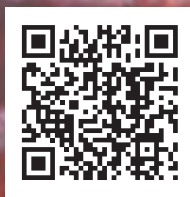
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BROOKLYN INDEPENDENT TELEVISION: ESSENTIAL, HYPERLOCAL COVERAGE OF THE BOROUGH

The discussion of “hyperlocal” coverage is a hot conversation topic among many public media outlets. Hyperlocal is another way to say “dedicated to the concerns of residents.” As more and more commercial networks focus on ratings and revenue, detailed coverage on the people, places, issues and events affecting neighborhoods – a.k.a. hyperlocal coverage - takes a backseat to larger, national stories and attention-grabbing headlines.

Brooklyn is a borough made up of more than 2.5 million people and consistently shares the news and television spotlight with Manhattan, Queens, Bronx and Staten Island, making it highly competitive for Brooklyn-dedicated issues to get coverage and channel time. As a result, there’s a lack of hyperlocal Brooklyn topics shown on commercial television outlets.

This is where non-commercial television like Brooklyn Independent Television (BIT) plays an important role. “Our mission isn’t to cover breaking news, and we’re grateful for that,” says Jonathan Lief, Associate Executive Producer for Programming. “It means we don’t

have to focus on the ‘who, what, and when,’ so we can spend more time to find the angle that shows you ‘why and how.’”

Launched by BRIC Arts | Media | Bklyn in 2006, BIT consists of more than a dozen shows featuring public affairs, Brooklyn neighborhoods, arts and culture, health and sports, business and more, all dedicated to telling in-depth stories so residents can be more informed and live their lives better.

“Giving a voice to Brooklynites who don’t normally receive media coverage is the most rewarding part of what we do,” says Associate Producer Charlie Hoxie. “Brooklyn is so vast and overwhelming that the borough tends to be lumped together and simplified in the media, but we try and parse out all the diverse strands that make it so vibrant and exciting.”

The programs you see on BIT go beyond the sound bites often used as “Brooklyn coverage” from other stations and focus on bringing viewers comprehensive reporting and storytelling unlike any other in the borough.

These are important stories and BRIC is proud that BIT is television made in Brooklyn, for Brooklyn, about Brooklyn.

“Brooklyn is my home,” says Public Affairs Senior Producer Brian Vines. “The programs we produce look like our lives from East New York to Williamsburg, our elected officials, our restaurants, our businesses—we are charged with reintroducing the neighbor to the neighborhood.”

Neighborhood Beat is a BIT series that spotlights Brooklyn’s diverse neighborhoods. Senior Producer Kuye Youngblood adds, “We’re covering stories that show Brooklyn in a positive light; stories that are not being covered by other media outlets.”

To learn more about BIT and get a full scope on what’s happening in your community, visit bricartsmedia.org/bit or watch Monday – Friday Noon – 3pm and 8 – 11pm on Brooklyn’s Cablevision 69, Time Warner 56, RCN 84 and in all five boroughs on Verizon 44.

BROOKLYN INDEPENDENT TELEVISION’S LINE-UP:

A Date at the Library: Produced in partnership with the Brooklyn Public Library, *A Date at the Library* features top contemporary authors talking about their work.

BK 4 Reel: The only show featuring the work of Brooklyn’s young and up-and-coming videographers.

Brooklyn Elected Officials: Provides a weekly platform for local elected officials to inform their communities by addressing the issues and concerns of their constituents at large.

Brooklyn On Site: Our longest-running community events program, *Brooklyn On Site* offers a front-row seat to the borough’s parades, panel discussions, concerts and more.

Brooklyn Review: Our semi-monthly public affairs news magazine is hyperlocal coverage of the people, places, and events of Brooklyn.

Caught in the Act: Art in Brooklyn: Each month, we profile Brooklyn’s emerging and professional artists working in fine art, dance, music, theatre, and other forms.

HealthBeat Brooklyn: A unique program dedicated to coverage of important health issues to all Brooklynites.

In the Zone: Spotlights the best and brightest in Brooklyn sports, offering distinctive coverage of high school, intramural, and professional events.

Intersect: Provides a forum where Brooklyn’s community activists, political leaders, entrepreneurs, residents, and journalists tackle topics important to the people of Brooklyn and beyond.

Neighborhood Beat: Strives to introduce “Brooklyn to Brooklyn” by encouraging viewers to become tourists at home and highlights historical information, culture, food, small businesses, and an eclectic mix of local

personalities and organizations in more than 30 Brooklyn neighborhoods.

Sector B: The Business of Brooklyn: Our Brooklyn-focused business program, *Sector B* helps viewers find the tools and institutions that can help them build or sustain any business.

BIT Specials: Our special programming slot airs Brooklyn Cyclones home games, events at Borough Hall, Celebrate Brooklyn! concerts, and much more.



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Sat., Aug. 18, 11am - 1pm

Tues., Sep. 4, 6 - 8pm

Sat., Sep. 15, 11am - 1pm

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This four-week course puts you directly inside a television studio so you can learn the ins and outs of shooting a production on set. You'll learn to use professional-grade studio cameras, audio equipment, studio lighting, and video switchers as well as an introduction to floor management and multi-camera direction—all the basic skills needed to produce your own studio television show.

Mon. & Wed. | July 30 - Aug. 22 | 1-4pm

Mon. & Wed. | Sept. 9 - Oct. 1 | 1-4pm

VIDE BLOGGING 101, \$10

If you want the world to see your video, you need to put it on the web. This hands-on class will take you through the steps needed to set up a blog, upload your footage and the benefits of having your video on the Internet.

Wed., July 25, 6 - 8pm

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INTRODUCTION TO GRAPHIC DESIGN, \$60

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Mon. & Wed., Sept. 10 - Sept. 26, 6-9pm

We provide students with hands-on experience working with professional production equipment, in a wide variety of classes taught by knowledgeable instructors. Upon completion of a certification course, BCME graduates have free access to our professional, state-of-the-art equipment and media facility and the opportunity to create television programming.

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL MEDIA, \$10

Learn how to connect to the rest of the world using popular online social media platforms. In these workshops, we'll focus on the use of Facebook and Twitter and how they help you connect with your audience. Common lingo, shortcuts and practices will be covered as well as a discussion about privacy settings and the sharing of photos, videos and links. Participants will need to have a valid email address and feel comfortable using the Internet to get the most out of this class.

FACEBOOK: Mon., Aug. 27, 6 - 8pm

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BASIC MARKETING TECHNIQUES, \$10

Do you have a great product, message or program that you want to tell the world about? These workshops are a general overview of marketing practices and strategies that can help you take your message to the next level.

HOW TO START: Mon., July 30, 6 - 8pm

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PRODUCER PROFILE CORNER

Get to know the Brooklynites who create programming for the BCAT TV Network



Len Heisler
Breakthru DD & Breakthru Grief
 Airs various times in the month

Brief bio: Executive director of a musical theater company for young adults with Down Syndrome, Asperger syndromes and Autism.

Describe your show: *Breakthru DD*—Most people, when they see the appearance of a Down Syndrome kid, that’s all they see; the show is to break down the stereotyping. *Breakthru Grief*—Interviews with men, women and kids who have lost family members, explaining how they cope with the loss of their loved one.

What inspires you to produce? I’m at a point now where really what is meaningful to me is to try and improve other people’s lives.

What do you like best about community access television? Being able to use the equipment. Getting all the help and the community atmosphere.

For the complete interview, visit bric.me/u/lenheisler



Serrina Goodman
The Serrina Goodman Show
 Tuesday, 7pm
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Describe your show: It’s a current events talk show, very eclectic.

Why did you start your show? I started in the industry as a plus-size model. Most of the time when you turn on television...you don’t see representation of the everyday woman. I wanted to do a television show that gave me a platform to be a voice to women that people don’t hear from all the time.

What do you like best about using BRIC’s community media services? For me, it’s the level of professionalism. When you bring your guests here...they don’t feel like they just came to some mediocre place. They actually walk away feeling that they’ve just had a very professional experience, and that’s important to me.

For the complete interview, visit bric.me/u/serrinagoodman

HOW TO AIR A PROGRAM ON THE BCAT TV NETWORK

Airing a television program on the network is completely free of charge, just follow these simple steps!

1. **Call 718-683-5605** and ask to make an appointment with our Programming Department.
2. **During your 15-minute appointment**, show us an unexpired government-issued photo ID and a utility bill listing your name and Brooklyn address.
3. **Fill out a form or two** saying you take full responsibility for all content to be aired during your assigned timeslot.
4. **Upload your program** into our system.
5. **Turn on your television** or computer and watch your show.

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BRIC Arts | Media | Bklyn presents contemporary art, performing arts and community media programs that reflect Brooklyn’s creativity and diversity. BRIC also provides resources to launch, nurture and showcase artists and media makers. All of BRIC’s offerings are free or low cost, to advance access to and understanding of arts and media. Each year, upwards of one million people in Brooklyn and citywide are served through BRIC’s programs.

BRIC is the community media access television organization for Brooklyn. Its community media programs offer residents free access to media production facilities and equipment and low-cost media education through the Brooklyn Center for Media Education. BRIC’s community media programming also includes programming initiatives aired on the BCAT TV Network: community-produced Brooklyn Free Speech TV; BRIC-produced, Brooklyn-focused Brooklyn Independent Television; and Brooklyn Bulletin Board, a 24/7 looping announcement service used by Brooklyn non-profits.

BRIC acknowledges public funds for its community media programs from New York State Council on the Arts; New York City Department of Cultural Affairs; New York City Council members Mathieu Eugene, Vincent J. Gentile, Letitia James, Brad Lander, Stephen Levin, Darlene Mealy, Domenic M. Recchia, Jr., and Albert Vann.

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Don't let heat stroke ruin your summer

By George Hulse

Summer is the season of fun in the sun. But it's also the time of year when intense heat waves can be overbearing. Our senior citizens are especially affected by increased risk for heat-induced conditions such as exhaustion, dehydration or heat stroke. With sweltering temperatures extending for sometimes weeks, you need to be prepared to "keep your cool" when the thermometer rises to dangerous levels. Some simple steps include:

- Making sure fans or air conditioners are working properly
- Take a cool shower or bath
- Close your shades and curtains to keep out the sun
- Drink lots of water

For seniors without adequate cooling equipment in their homes, there are several cooling centers in your area that

are free to visit and will accommodate you all day. Your local senior center is a great place to visit to cool off. Many offer services such as free health screenings, seminars and activities.

And don't forget, you can always stay with family or friends who have good air conditioning. Or if you're lucky enough to have good air conditioning in your home, consider asking a friend or relative who is not as lucky to come cool off at your place.

Active seniors will always enjoy outdoor summer activities, such as picnics, barbecues, and trips to the park and beach. But use caution and follow the guidelines above to help "beat the heat" and enjoy a healthy summer.

For more information on preventing heat stroke, visit the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene



Health

Protect against UV radiation this summer

By Susan Beane, MD

It's that time of year again when we all need to be careful to avoid overexposure to the sun. While you're enjoying the barbecues, beach outings, park picnics and other fun outdoor activities of the summer season, remember to take the necessary precautions to protect yourself from the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays.

A sun burn is bad enough, but you should be aware that there are more serious consequences to soaking up too much sun. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, overexposure to UV radiation leaves us vulnerable to skin cancer (the number one form of cancer in the United States) and other kinds of skin damage. It can also cause eye problems, including cataracts, which make vision cloudy and require surgery to remove.

Fortunately, there is a variety of



Susan Beane, MD.

Photo by Lori Cannava

common sense approaches to having fun in the sun while minimizing your risk of UV exposure:

· Be sure to apply a generous amount of sunscreen on your skin before going outside.

· If you're going to be swimming, use a waterproof sunscreen that won't wash out in the water and leave you unprotected.

· Wear sunglasses to shield your eyes.

· Use a sports cap or wide-brimmed hat to protect your eyes, head, and face.

Another important tip: Be sure to check your area's UV index, which measures the intensity of UV radiation and forecasts your risk of exposure. You can look up your UV index on The EPA website (www.epa.gov) at any time, so you'll always be prepared to protect against the harmful effects of the sun.

Don't let UV radiation ruin your enjoyment of the summer sun. Follow the simple guidelines above to have a safer, healthier summer.

Dr. Beane is vice president and medical director at Healthfirst. For more tips on leading a healthier lifestyle, visit the Healthfirst Healthy Living website at www.hfhealthyliving.com.



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FDA approves rapid in-home HIV test

By J. Carlton Zeigler for Healthy Living News

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the first rapid over-the-counter HIV test for sale directly to consumers. The OraQuick In-Home HIV Test can detect antibodies to HIV with an oral swab, providing a confidential testing option with results in around 20-40 minutes.

According to the FDA, a positive result from the test does not mean that an individual is definitely infected with HIV, just that additional testing should be done to confirm the results.

Similarly, a negative test result does not mean that an individual is definitely not infected with HIV, especially if exposure may have been within the previous three months.

The test has the potential to identify many previously undiagnosed HIV infections, especially if used by those unlikely to use standard screening methods. Most HIV testing is done in a clinical setting where counseling is also provided.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1.2 million people in the United States have HIV. However, about one in five are not aware of it. It's they who may be largely responsible for the 50,000 new HIV infections that occur in the U.S. each year.

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"We set out with a clear purpose – to dramatically impact the number of people getting tested for HIV," said Douglas A. Michels, of OraSure Technologies. "OraQuick brings us much closer to accomplishing that goal."

"Knowing your status is an important factor in the effort to prevent the spread of HIV," added Karen Midthun, M.D., of the FDA. "The availability of a home-use HIV test kit provides another option for individuals to get tested so that they can seek medical care, if appropriate."

The test is not 100% accurate however. For HIV-infected individuals, the clinical studies revealed one false negative result per every 12 tests. For uninfected individuals, the number of false positives was far lower. There was about one among every 5,000 tested.

The OraQuick In-Home HIV Test is expected to be available for purchase this October. A "live" toll-free consumer call center and website will be available. The bilingual call center (English/Spanish) will be confidential and will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Many additional access points to testing are optimal," said Minister Franklin



Hobbs, founder and director of Healing Our Lands and long-time HIV activist and survivor. "There are people who need additional privacy who would not access traditional HIV testing points or locales."

The retail cost of the test has not been announced but it could initially be as high as \$60 per kit. The packaging and live customer support account for the steep price. That could make the test too costly for some HIV at-risk individuals and so reduce its usefulness as a diagnostic tool.

A 2006 Annals of Internal Medicine study did show that HIV home testing will attract an "affluent clientele" who are not really at high risk of contracting HIV.

According to the report, that may increase overall false test results but not lead to any significant decrease in the number of those who don't know they have the virus.

On the other hand, the excitement surrounding recent treatment as prevention breakthroughs could lure at-risk, test leery individuals into trying the new test. That is if they can afford to purchase it.

The in-home test also comes at a time when the CDC is being forced to direct funding for HIV testing and other prevention programs to states with high HIV transmission rates. That leaves many clinics in other states without the funding for HIV or even STD testing. Insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") are now required to cover these tests in a clinical setting. But that is only for those with health insurance. This is resulting in an HIV testing-access-gap in some parts of the country that will not be readily filled by an expensive in-home test.

"I am concerned that overpricing home-based tests and defunding other proven testing methods is just another example of privatizing, or outsourcing efforts, to fight a public health emergency," said Kim Sue of the AIDS activist group, ACTUP/Boston. "This indirectly shortchanges poor, HIV-impacted, communities most in need of having access to subsidized home HIV tests and reliable connections to care."

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Kingsbrook's free health screenings

By Kingsley Dougan

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center will offer hypertension screenings at its main campus Thursday, July 26 and Friday, July 27, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in its temporary clinical suites on Minkin 5. Stroke screenings will also be available July 24-27 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Vascular Lab located on Katz 4.

Both screenings will be held at Kingsbrook's main location at 585 Schenectady Ave., between Winthrop Street & Rutland Road.

In addition, Kingsbrook's off-site family health center, Pierre Toussaint, will hold an open house on Thursday, July 26, offering free screenings for diabetes, hypertension, asthma and breast health education from 8:30 a.m.-6:45 p.m. at 1110 Eastern Parkway (corner of Utica Avenue).

These additional screenings speak to Kingsbrook's overall commitment to a healthier community, starting with early detection efforts that help residents better understand risk factors, hospital officials say.

"We are very diligent in our early detection efforts and strive to make access to quality care easier for our community," states Enid Dillard, director of public affairs at Kingsbrook. "Early detection is important and can prevent

'We are very diligent in our early detection efforts and strive to make access to quality care easier for our community.'

severe damage and disease progression, which is why we make sure to provide a year-long calendar of opportunities to make sure everyone who needs a free screenings can receive one."

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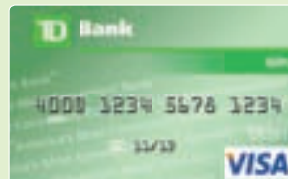
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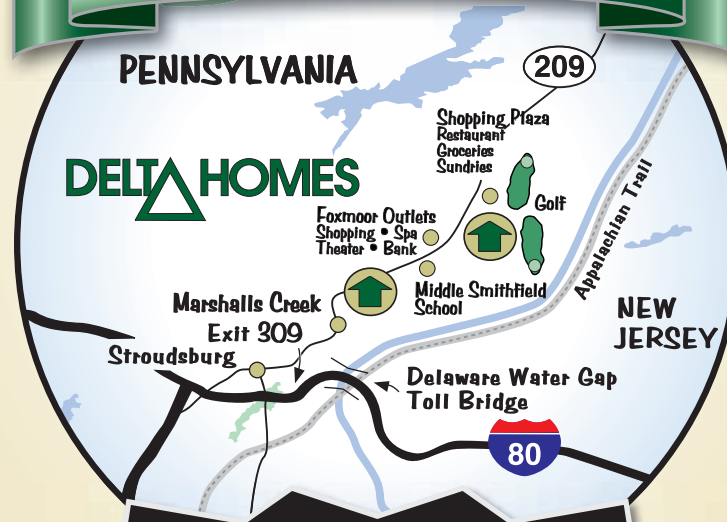


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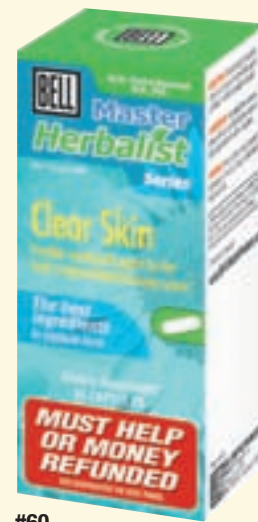
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Visit Water's Extreme Journey, where you'll travel through a 1,500-square-foot maze, learning about the environmental threats that plague our waterways on their way to an ocean-themed destination.

Water's Extreme Journey interactive maze is located under the pavilion tent at the NY Aquarium. Children will be engaged with a range of interactive experiences as they ride a zipline through pollutants, put together water cycle puzzles, spin a wildlife wheel of facts and learn the importance of water. Educational messaging helps visitors to become caring, informed stewards of our local and global waterways and the wildlife that depends on them. Guests will also learn about the aquarium's New York Seascape, a conservation program designed to restore healthy populations of local marine species—many of them threatened—and to protect New York marine waters.

Water's Extreme Journey is open daily all summer. A-MAZE-ING Water will also feature special hands-on activities that will take place on weekends only and include the Take Action Mailbox, Giant Community Mosaic, Model of Local Watershed, NY Seascape Interactive, and a Water-Themed Art Exhibition.

WCS's expansive Global Marine Program conducts conservation efforts in 20 countries and all four oceans to help save threatened and endangered species. Most recently, WCS launched the New York Seascape, a local conservation program part of WCS's A SEA CHANGE initiative, a 10-year plan to revitalize the aquarium and ignite the rebirth of Coney Island. An additional component to A SEA CHANGE includes construction of the Ocean Wonders: Sharks! exhibit, scheduled to break ground later this year.



Three North American river otters born at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Prospect Park Zoo explore their surroundings in the exhibit on Discovery Trail.

Otter Pups Debut at Prospect Park Zoo

First otters born in New York City zoo or aquarium since 1956

The three otters were born this spring to Dixie, a 3-year-old female, and Oogie, a 10-year-old male. The pups are the first North American river otters born in a New York City zoo or aquarium since 1956 at WCS's Bronx Zoo.

North American river otters are members of the weasel family and are found near lakes, rivers and coastal areas of Canada, Upper Great Lakes, New England, and Atlantic and GulfCoast regions of the United States.

In the early 1900's, otter populations dramatically declined in large portions of their historic range due to fur trapping, water pollution, and habitat destruction. Conservation practices that have improved water quality and regulated hunting and trapping have helped to restore otter populations in many areas of the United States. The Wildlife Conservation Society's North America Program works across North America to save wildlife and wildlife habitat.

Aquarium seeks volunteer docents

The Aquarium is looking for aquatic animal lovers for its docent program, which is made possible in part through partnership with National Grid. Docents teach schoolchildren and other visitors about animals and help aquarium instructors with a variety of exciting wildlife-themed activities.

For more information call 718-265-3450 or visit www.nyaquarium.com/docents. Applications are accepted once a year. The docent program is open to individuals 15 years and older and is very competitive. College students & adults are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is July 20.

More information about New York Aquarium events is available at www.nyaquarium.com

Wildlife Conservation Society's **New York Aquarium** opens every day of the year at 10am, and closing times vary seasonally. Admission is \$14.95 for adults, \$10.95 for children ages 3-12 and \$11.95 for senior citizens (65 and older); children under 3 years of age are admitted free. Fridays after 3pm, admission is by suggested donation. The Aquarium is located on Surf Avenue at West 8th Street in Coney Island. For directions, information on public events and programs, and other Aquarium information, call 718-265-FISH or visit our web site at [http://](http://www.nyaquarium.com)

www.nyaquarium.com. Now is the perfect time to visit and show support for the New York Aquarium, Brooklyn's most heavily attended attraction and a beloved part of the City of New York.

The Wildlife Conservation Society's **Prospect Park Zoo**—\$8.00 for adults, \$6 for seniors 65 and older, \$5 for kids 3-12, free for children under 3. Zoo hours are 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. weekdays, and to 5:30 P.M. on weekends and holidays, April through October. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. November through March. The Prospect Park Zoo is located at 450 Flatbush Avenue in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. For

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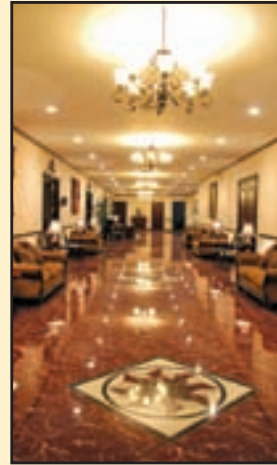
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It Takes a Village to Raise a Child

By Chudi Chukwudi

For the 15th year in a row the Seamen's Society for Children and Families will prove the notion that it takes a village to raise a child at its Annual Youth Scholarship dinner on Wednesday, July 11 at 6.30pm at The Vanderbilt at South Beach on Staten Island.

"It takes a village to raise a child" said Nancy Vomero Seamen's Society's president and CEO. "It takes everyone in this room, and many more besides, to help our young people achieve their dreams of attending college but just look what can happen when we all work together. I couldn't be more proud of our scholarship recipients for holding onto their dreams and working so hard to attain them."

Since the program's inception in 1998 the scholarship program has attracted supporters from all walks of life

and income levels. There are corporate sponsors such as TD Bank's Charitable Foundation and Con Edison, local organizations like the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, families and individuals who have endowed scholarships in the memory of a loved one and, most touchingly, scholarships that are supported by the Brooklyn Foster and Adoptive Parents' Association (FAPA) and the PS 19 Young Helpers group.

"When I went to the first scholarship dinner and saw how those children's faces lit-up, when I felt the energy in the room because they knew they were getting the right help to go to college, I knew I had to do something too" explained Joan Arnold, president of the Brooklyn chapter of FAPA. Joan went back to her foster and adoptive parents group and convinced them that they needed to support this scholarship program and support it they have



The Brooklyn Foster and Adoptive Parents Association (FAPA) has funded a Seamen's Society Scholarship for 14 years. Pictured (L/R front row): Lawrell Arnold, Jade Venson, the Scholarship recipient who attends Manhattanville College; Betty Rock, Sharon Brown and Betty Ward. Middle row: Dorothy Foy and Jean Harrington. Back row Ruby Halloway, (the foster mother of one of the scholarship recipients, Matthew West, not pictured) and Joan Arnold, president of the Brooklyn Chapter of the FAPA. Photo Credit:FAPA

by holding bake sales and pledging their own money every year for 14 years. "I understand what it means to put a child through college" Joan continued. "I wouldn't have been able to educate my own children without the help and support of scholarship organizations and, especially, my church and so I work to help someone else's child turn their life around."

The scholarship recipients are all young adults who have been through the Seamen's Society's programs which range from preventive services to the agency's Preparing Youth for Adulthood (PYA) programs. Eileen Bruno a PYA consultant to the Seamen's Society explains that the youth in her charge receive help with everything from filling out college and financial aid applications to getting support for buying text books and applying for help from other not-for-profits, such as New Yorkers for Children, which provides underprivileged youth with their own laptops to take to college.

"Really, we do everything on a case-by-case basis" said Eileen. "We make sure that the teens are aware of and properly applying to programs such as the Higher Education Opportunity Program, which helps them with placement and scholarships at private colleges, the CUNY SEEK program, which meets the needs of students who are considered to be economically disadvantaged and academically underprepared and the SUNY EOP program which provides access, academic support and financial aid to students who show promise for succeeding in college but who may not have otherwise been offered admission.

"We help them with dorm shopping, drive them to the DMV to get their licenses and make sure that their benefits are transferred to their colleges so that their room board and meal plans are covered" explained Eileen. "We pretty much handle anything that the parent of a college bound teen would do."

The PS 19 Young Helpers Group from Staten Island's West Brighton neighborhood have been raising the annual scholarship for four years. The 4th and 5th Grader's social action group chose to help out college bound teens because their own parents have so impressed upon them the importance of a college education, according to their staff facilitator and teacher, Jeanne Raleigh.

"You can ask any of the children at the school, kindergarten through 5th Grade, and they will tell you: 'We don't get anything out of the work we do to support Seamen's Society, except that warm fuzzy feeling in our hearts!'" Jeanne said.



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Mckinney Nursing Center honors a centurion

Wanda Francis Mobley, a native New Yorker, attended Public School in Brooklyn and graduated from Erasmus High School. Ms. Mobley was born July 20, 1912 and lives in the Rose Court Community at Dr. Susan Smith McKinney Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, at 594 Albany Ave. in Brooklyn New York.



Wanda Mobley.

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McKinney Nursing and
Rehabilitation Center

During her formative years, Wanda was a professional dressmaker/ designer, who lived by the mantra: "I would always look for a job where I could be the boss."

Mrs. Mobley was married to William Booker T. Mobley in April 1929. He recently passed away after 72 years of marriage.

As a civic-minded activist, Ms. Mobley faithfully served her community and gave countless hours of dedicated volunteering time to causes which she was passionate about and those which made life better for

her community.

Her major accomplishment/s were as a pioneer for the Auxiliary of King County Hospital Center.

She served as president of the Auxiliary for three terms and thereafter as its parliamentarian. A strong believer in values, Ms. Mobley built a strong relationship between the Auxilians and the Kings County Hospital Center staff.

She was recognized for

her outstanding contributions and received some commendations from city elected officials for many of the Auxiliary's Patient Care Initiatives, including:

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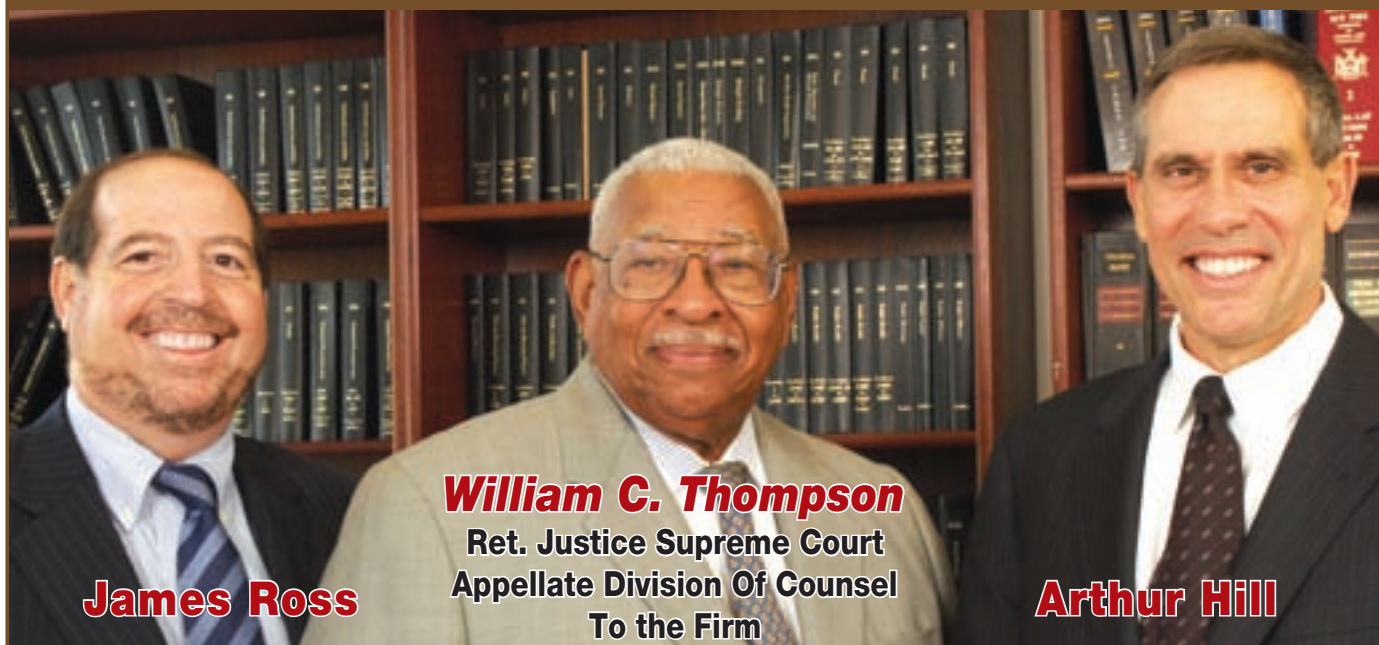
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The significance of a driver's license never truly dissipates, which makes it difficult for aging people to address their abilities as a driver and whether or not they can still safely share the road with other motorists. Many drivers can safely stay behind the wheel well into their golden years, but others begin to recognize their skills are starting to diminish as they approach senior citizen status. For those who want help gauging their abilities as a driver, some self-examination can help.

Assess your eyesight

Healthy eyes are essential to being a safe driver, and drivers can assess their eyesight in a number of ways. In addition to

visiting an eye doctor for an eye examination, drivers should look for signs that they're having difficulty with driving. If signs and street markings aren't so easy to read anymore, you might need a new prescription for eyeglasses. When the glare of headlights at night makes it difficult to see, your driver's seat might need to be adjusted or you might want to consider antiglare eyeglasses that make it easier to see at night.

Know your comfort level

Safe drivers are also comfortable drivers. To assess your comfort level as a driver, ask yourself the following questions before getting back behind the wheel.

- Is it troublesome to look over your shoulder and change lanes?
 - Has steering become difficult?
 - Has your reaction time when switching from the gas pedal to the brake pedal decreased?
- If you can answer "yes" to any of the questions above, then it could be that you're beginning to

lose strength, coordination and flexibility, which can make it more difficult to operate a motor vehicle. Answering "yes" doesn't mean you have to give up your driver's license.

In fact, your doctor might be able to prescribe therapies or medicines or suggest a fitness regimen that can make it easier for you to comfortably drive a car. In addition, if you're having trouble steering or operating a motor vehicle in any way, you might just want to find a vehicle that's easier to drive, such as one with an automatic transmission that has power steering and brakes.

When assessing your comfort level, also examine your mental state while driving. If other drivers make you uncomfortable or traffic signs are confusing, this can make it difficult to safely operate an automobile. Such feelings when driving could also be a side effect of a particular medication, so discuss the issue with your doctor to see if that's the case and if there are any alternatives.



Aging drivers should weigh a host of factors when determining if it is still safe for them to be on the road.

Consider others' concerns

Aging drivers are often the last to notice if their abilities behind the wheel are starting to diminish. Loved ones are often put in the position of talking to aging drivers about their abilities, and this can cause friction. If loved ones have expressed concern about your abilities as a driver, honestly address these concerns, even if it's initially hurtful or embarrassing to do so. Your loved ones are sharing their feelings out of genuine concern for your well-being, so don't look at it as

an assault on your self-sufficiency. Some organizations, including the AARP and AAA, offer driving classes for mature drivers to help them more adequately handle the challenges aging drivers might face.

Aging drivers face obstacles they may or may not be prepared for. When such challenges arise, that doesn't necessarily mean it's time to stop driving entirely. Instead, honestly weigh a host of factors before deciding if it's still safe for you to be behind the wheel.

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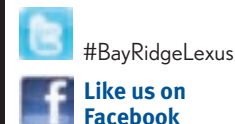
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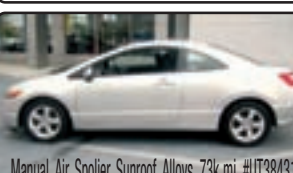
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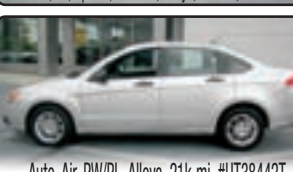
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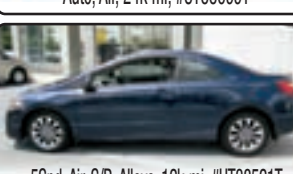
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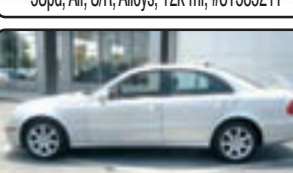
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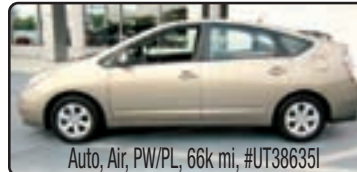
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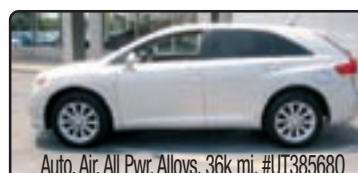
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Stop paying so much at the pump with these tips

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But as costly as gas has become, drivers can still mitigate those costs by employing a few strategies aimed at increasing their driving efficiency. The following are a few ways drivers can offset high fuel costs regardless of the time of year.

- Maintain a consistent speed. Though it might be hard to maintain a consistent speed when driving during rush hour, it should not be too difficult to do so when hitting the open road. If most of your driving is done on the highway, go easy on your engine by maintaining a consistent speed. The easier you are on the engine, the less taxed that engine will be and the less fuel it will need as a result. If going on a long road trip or if your daily commute involves long stretches of highway driving, rely on your vehicle's cruise control function to make things easier on your engine



Drivers can employ several strategies to conserve fuel and save money at the increasingly costly gas pump.

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- Don't drive when you can walk or bike. It might sound simple, but the best way to conserve fuel is not to use it at all. During the warmer months, walk or ride your bicycle when performing local errands. This

is especially beneficial during the summer, when gas prices are typically higher. Save a few gallons of gas by running errands on foot or on your bicycle. If a physical condition makes it hard for you to walk or bike, make use of public transportation

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- Obey the speed limit. The open road entices many drivers to put the pedal to the metal, but driving over the speed limit is both illegal and expensive. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that drivers pay an additional \$0.31 per gallon for every five miles they drive over 60 mph. Since gas prices have already hovered around \$4 per gallon for much of the year, drivers would be wise to obey the speed limit and conserve their fuel as well as their money.

- Don't make your vehicle into a traveling closet. Many drivers keep excess materials in their cars, whether it's a cooler for picnics, a set of golf clubs, or an old baby stroller. Excess weight will rear its ugly head at the pump. The Department of Energy notes that an extra 100 pounds in a vehicle can reduce its miles per gallon by as much as two percent. Before hitting the highway, check your trunk and the backseat and remove any unnecessary items.

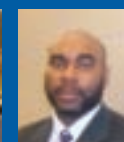
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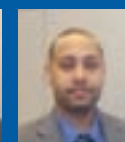
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Motorcycle safety prevents accidents

Motorcycles have been around for decades, and so have riding enthusiasts. Through all of the innovations and motorcycle design changes, safety while riding remains of the utmost importance.

Very often, motorcycle accidents are attributed to lack of rider skill. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that there are roughly four million registered motorcycle riders on American roadways. There may be many others who are unlicensed and still hop on a motorcycle as a preferred mode of transportation.

There are several advantages to motorcycles. With some models, motorcycles offer a ride with good fuel economy. Cycles take up less space than cars, and they can be easier to park and maintain in an urban setting.

The administration's statistics indicate that motorcycle fatalities make up around five percent of all traffic fatalities. Eighty percent of motorcycle accidents result in injury or death, compared to the roughly 20 percent of other vehicles. That's due to the minimal protection the vehicle provides. This further emphasizes the necessity to properly and safely operate a motorcycle to avoid accidents in the first place.

Riding safely first involves purchasing a bike that is the right size and power for the rider. Larger bikes can be heavy and riders who are small in stature may not be able to maneuver or lift the motorcycle, should it

fall over. Also, riders should choose bikes that fit their lifestyles. For instance, a trail bike will not be safe on a highway.

It is a good idea to enroll in a motorcycle safety course if it's your first experience with a bike. This course will give invaluable tips regarding maneuvering, learning about operating the cycle, defensive driving techniques, and other tips specific to motorcycles. For example, intersections are one place on a roadway where many accidents take place. Bike riders should try to enter an intersection with a larger vehicle on the right of the motorcycle, or at least in the left-most lane to provide a space cushion from oncoming traffic.

Of course, protective clothing and equipment are essential to minimize injuries if an accident should occur. Helmets, goggles, boots, long pants, jackets, and the like should be worn at all times. Injuries can often be prevented with protective gear, but many riders still don't embrace such gear.

Another important safety tip is to recognize that traveling with another passenger is much more difficult to do than riding alone. A passenger can throw off the balance of the bike and add weight, two factors that may be different from what the rider is used to. Before taking another passenger out for a spin, riders should be extremely experienced in handling the bike and proficient in all controls and safety maneuvers.

Here are some other safety tips motorcycle riders can heed

- Treat other motorists with courtesy.
- Do not tailgate.
- Do not cut through the middle of lanes or pass cars on the right while traffic is stopped.
- Be especially alert at intersections.
- Use signals whenever appropriate.
- Avoid driving during inclement weather.
- Assume the motorcycle is invisible to other drivers; position yourself to be seen.
- Avoid sudden braking or turning.
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'Savages is an unsettling vision of America degenerating into a lawless dystopia like a latter-day Wild West.'

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Jamaican artists for B'klyn festival

By Chudi Chukwudi

Following a rich tradition of bringing the best concerts to Brooklyn for years, the producers of the 5th Annual Brooklyn Music Festival returns with a lineup that is sure to please the Caribbean masses.

Presented by Western Union, the fifth Annual Brooklyn Music Festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 28 at Pulse48 Outdoor Complex (located at 1020 East 48th Street - corner of Farragut Road). Doors for the event open at 5:00 p.m.

The biggest show in New York City is set to go down in Brooklyn, N.Y. as Jammins Entertainment and Shell Cartel sought out the hottest acts to truly celebrate the diversity of Caribbean music.

Confirmed artists are



Dancehall singer Lady Saw poses at Westwood Gallery in New York.

AP Photo/Jim Cooper

Jamaica's Gully God - Mavado and the Queen of Dancehall - Lady Saw. Mavado is arguably the hottest Caribbean Dancehall artist to date. With a plethora of current and chart topping hits including - "One by One," "Delilah," "Gangsta for Life," "I'm So Special," "Come Into My

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Yosvany Terry Quintet brings jazz to Zine Bar

By Kingsley Dougan

Renowned Afro-Cuban jazz saxophonist-composer Yosvany Terry headlines the Zinc Bar in Greenwich Village on Wednesday, July 25 and Thursday July 26.

The musician, hailed as "a leading figure among the generation of Cuban artists presently enriching the international jazz scene" by the New York City Jazz Record, will perform works from his latest CD Today's Opinion (Criss Cross) with the Yosvany Terry Quintet.

Classically trained in his native Cuba, Terry took the New York City jazz scene by storm when



Yosvany Terry.

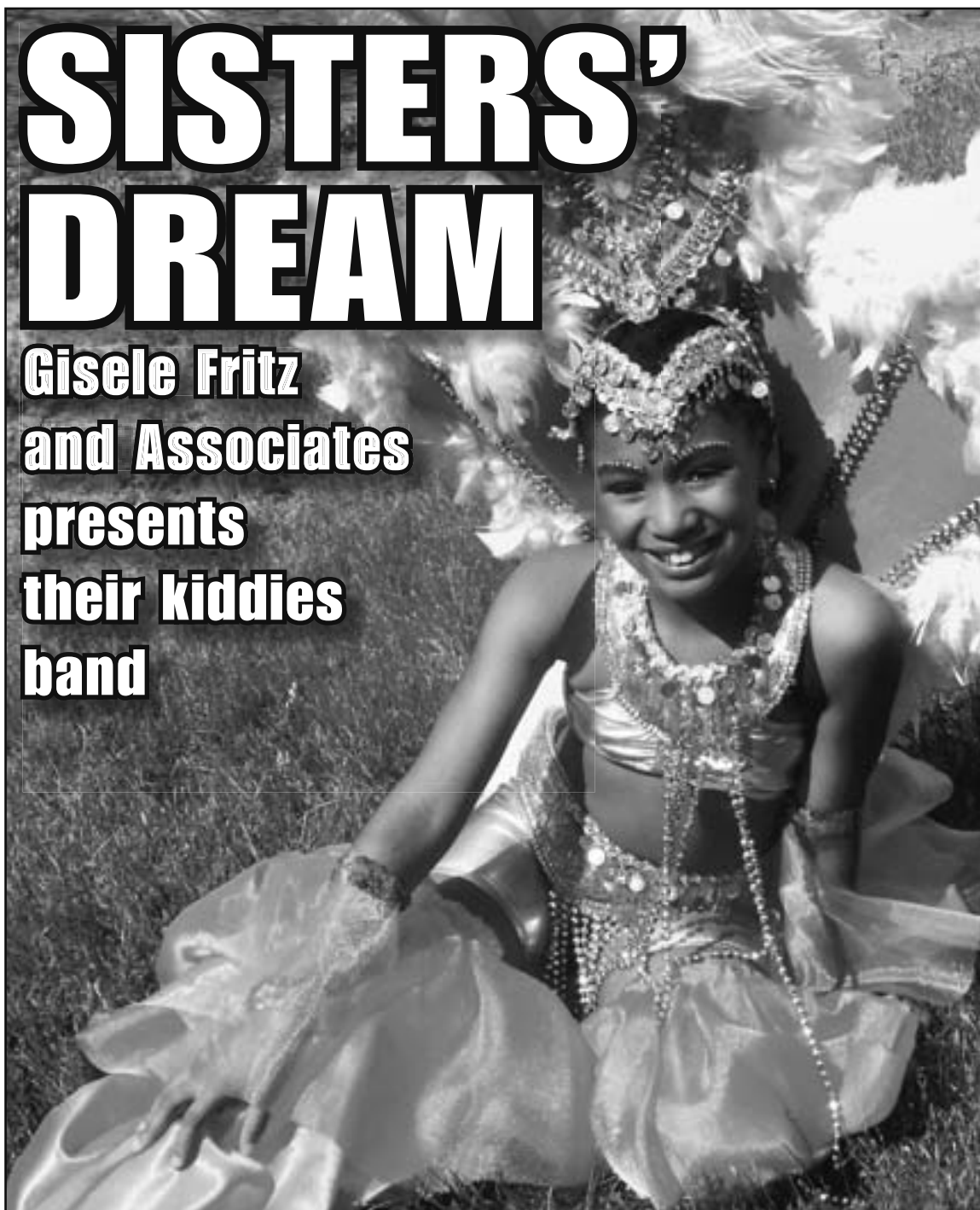
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he moved to Manhattan in 1999. He seamlessly melds Latin sounds with post-bop jazz and African polyrhythms, creating a

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SISTERS' DREAM

Gisele Fritz and Associates presents their kiddies band



One of the sections "Show Girls" will cater for participants 6 to 15 years and their main colors are yellow and orange.

Photo courtesy of Gisele Fritz and Associates

By John Marast

Trinidadian sisters Dawn Fritz Mitchell and Giselle Fritz are once again organizing a band for kids to participate in this year's Labor Day Children's Carnival.

This fun-inspired band is all

inclusive and will focus on the theme "What A Dream."

"We have included energetic professional dancers who will ensure that the kids have an unforgettable time along the parade route. Besides the snacks en-route

to the stage, we have an after parade party where parents, family, friends, well-wishers and our masqueraders socialize and enjoy a meal," said Giselle.

"Between my sister and I, we col-
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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



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

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Teenage Dream**
Katy Perry
- 2 **Fortune**
Chris Brown
- 3 **Some Nights**
fun
- 4 **Making Mirrors**
Gotye
- 5 **El Camino**
The Black Keys
- 6 **Overexposed**
Maroon 5
- 7 **Love Is A Four Letter Word**
Jason Mraz
- 8 **My Head Is An Animal**
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- 9 **The Lumineers**
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"Hooray For Hollywood" caters for babies up to five years - Red.

Photo courtesy of Gisele Fritz and Associates

What a Dream kiddies band

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laborate on costume design, fabric, color, production and logistics of producing a kiddies carnival band," added Giselle. During the past five years the sisters have made the following presentations:

2007 - "If We Were Dinosaurs;" 2008 - "If We Dance Underwater;" 2009 - "If We played Mas in Venice;" 2010 - "Elements of the Earth" and in 2011 - "From Sun Rise to Sunset."

Three years ago, the sisters were invited to participate in the USA Labor Day Children's Carnival. "We entered the small band category with the aim of exposing our children to a dual culture between our West Indian and American Heritage," said Giselle.

During the last three years with the help and support of family and friends, the sisters were able to sponsor children from the The Family Center and Bedford

Family Residence.

Due to the success of the sisters they were able to donate educational books to the Child Welfare League Diego Martin Branch in Trinidad. This donation enabled the organization to facilitate reading by building the libraries in three target schools.

For the last two years, the associates have participated in the Flatbush Frolic Banner Parade, which takes places two weeks after Labor Day.

The achievements for the past three years in the small band category are as follows: 2009 - "Vegas 2020," 2nd place; 2010 - "Mysteries of the Earth," 1st place; 2011 - "In a Monastery Garden," 1st place.

Six years ago members of the Children of Peace - A UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) Community Club in their

quest to make life more interesting for some less fortunate children decided to enter the junior carnival arena.

"My sister, Dawn and I took on the challenge to organize a children's band," said Giselle. To fulfill this goal the two sisters decided to seek sponsorship for the less fortunate children.

"We had an interest in the children from the Christ Child Convalescent Home in Diego Martin, Trinidad. With this established, we focused on two other schools: Nelson Street Girl's and Diego Martin Boys. We maintained an average of 40 children for the three weekends of carnival," added Giselle.

The mascamp of Giselle Fritz & Associates is at 3513 Church Ave., between Brooklyn and East 35th St. and the organizers can be contacted at 347-737-9326.

Brooklyn Festival

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Room," "Last Night" and many more.

With a catalog of songs such as "If him Lef," "Stab up the Meat" and "I've Got your Man," the queen of the dancehall, Lady Saw has consistently pushed the boundaries of dancehall with her slack and girl power lyrics. However, her song "Give Me A Reason" can attest that the queen is not all about slackness. Lady Saw's collaboration with the group No Doubt rendered her a Grammy in 2003 for the smash hit, "Underneath It All."

Mavado and Lady Saw will be joined on stage by friends from both the soca and dancehall worlds, such as soca's leading lady Denise Belfon, carnival sensation Blaxx, reggae upstart M-Gee, Kuttra with a few surprises also planned for concertgoers.

The Brooklyn Music Festival is sponsored by Western Union, GraceKennedy Remittance Services, Moscato, Backdoor and Liberty Star Newspaper.

Yosvany Terry Quintet

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fresh new sound that moves jazz a step ahead. The altoist and master chekère player will be joined for the performance by Obed Calvaire (drums), Michael Rodriguez (trumpet), Osmany Paredes (piano) and his brother Yuniory Terry (bass).

Terry's latest release, *Today's Opinion* has been called, "a dazzling new CD grounded in both distinct formal traditions and abstract ideas," by Larry Blumenfeld of the Wall Street Journal.

The album, which boasts nine pieces composed by Terry, is available on iTunes and Amazon.com and will be available for purchase at the Zinc Bar performances. More information on the album and Terry can be found at www.yosvanyterry.com.

The Yosvany Terry Quintet will perform at 9:00 p.m., 10:30 p.m. and midnight on July 25 and at 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on July 26.

The Zinc Bar is located at 82 West 3rd Street (between Thompson & Sullivan) in Greenwich Village. For more information, visit www.zincbar.com or call



Bloody turf war over marijuana trade

"Savages"
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated R for nudity, drug use, graphic sexuality, gruesome violence, ethnic slurs and pervasive profanity.
In English and Spanish with subtitles.
Running time: 129 minutes
Distributor: Universal Pictures

By Kam Williams

If you've seen the documentary "Cash Crop," then you know that violent Mexican drug cartels have already begun to muscle their way into the U.S. to stake a claim to their share of the lucrative marijuana market. That eye-opening expose' suggested that it's only be a matter of time before the same sort of wanton violence being reported south of the border also starts erupting all across this country.

Although "Savages" is fictional, being based on Don Winslow's best-selling novel of the same name, its chilling account of a California turf war is so realistically depicted that you easily forget that what you're watching isn't a true story. The movie was directed by three-time Oscar-winner Oliver Stone (for Platoon, Midnight Express and Born on the fourth of July), who crafted this cautionary tale with a highly-stylized flair akin to Miami Vice (the TV series) while grounding the grisly goings-on with a sobering gravitas reminiscent of Traffic (2000).

The picture pits a couple of homegrown pot producers operating out of Laguna Beach against a ruthless Chicano gang that covets a piece of the action. At the point of departure, we find Ben (Aaron Johnson) and Chon (Taylor Kitsch) living large at an oceanfront mansion with a view thanks to a crooked DEA Agent



This film image released by Universal Pictures shows Benicio Del Toro, left, and Salma Hayek in a scene from "Savages."

(AP Photo/Universal Pictures, Francois Duhamel)

(John Travolta) and a very potent strain of weed that has made them millionaires several times over.

The pair complement each other nicely, since the former

supplies the brains, as a Berkeley grad who double majored in business and botany, while the latter provides the brawn, as a former Navy SEAL who served a couple of tours over in Afghanistan. The

buddies even share the same girlfriend, Ophelia (Blake Lively), a tattooed blonde who professes love for both of her beaux.

The three share a hedonistic, if unconventional, existence until the day they're paid a visit by an emissary (Demian Bichir) sent to the States by a brutal, Baja crime boss (Salma Hayek) to make the gringos an offer they can't refuse. They grudgingly enter a partnership with the intimidating kingpin only to avoid the thinly-veiled threat of decapitation.

What ensues is a gruesome game of cat-and-mouse where it's often difficult to discern who's got the drop on whom. Even when the smoke finally clears in this high body-count affair, anticipate a mind-bending twist en route to a rabbit-out-of-the-hat resolution.

An unsettling vision of America degenerating into a lawless dystopia like a latter-day Wild West.

Independent & Foreign Films

30 Beats (R for nudity, profanity and sexuality) Romantic comedy, set in the midst of a summer heat wave, about 10 New Yorkers ensnared, due to forces beyond their control, in a web of desire woven by a chain reaction of seduction and self-discovery. Starring Ingeborga Dapkunaite, Jason Day and Vahina Giocante.

Grassroots (R for pervasive profanity and brief drug use) Unlikely-buddy comedy about a just-fired journalist (Jason Biggs) who grudgingly agrees to campaign for an eccentric pal (Joel David Moore) running for a seat on the Seattle City Council. With Tom Arnold, Cedric the Entertainer, Christopher McDonald and Lauren Ambrose.

Hari-Kiri: The Death of a Samurai (Unrated) 3-D remake of the 1962 revenge saga of the same name revolving around a struggling samurai warrior (Ebizo Ichikawa) who decides to even the score with the feudal lord (Koji Yakusho) responsible for his son-in-law's (Eita) suicide. With Goro Daimon, Takashi Sasano and Hikari Mitsushima. (In Japanese



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

with subtitles)

The Queen of Versailles (PG for mature themes and mild epithets) McMansion documentary about music mogul David Siegel's two-year effort to build the biggest and most expensive single-family home in the United States for his wife, Jackie.

Wagner's Dream (Unrated) "The Show Ain't Over 'til the Fat Lady Sings" documentary chronicling the daunting host of challenges encountered by Manhattan's Metropolitan Opera in the process of mounting a very ambitious production of Wagner's epic Ring Cycle. Featuring appearances by James Levine, Carl Fillion and Peter Gelb. (In English and French with subtitles)

The Well-Digger's Daughter (Unrated) Faithful remake of the 1940 classic based upon the Marcel Pagnol romance novel about a working-class widower (Daniel Auteuil) who

finds himself emotionally-conflicted when one (Astrid Berges-Frisbey) of his six daughters is left pregnant by a wealthy Air Force pilot (Jaques Mazel) fighting in the First World War. With Kad Merad, Jeanne-Pierre Darroussin and Nicolas Duvauchelle. (In French with subtitles)

Big Budget Films

The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13 for sensuality, profanity and intense violence) Latest Batman adventure, again directed by Chris Nolan, has the Caped Crusader (Christian Bale) coming out of exile to match wits with a mysterious cat burglar (Anne Hathaway) and with a masked terrorist (Tom Hardy) determined to destroy Gotham City. Ensemble cast includes Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Liam Neeson, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Gary Oldman and Marion Cotillard.

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'Do The Reggae' Film Fest at BAM

In tribute to the 50th anniversary of Jamaica's independence, the Brooklyn Academy of Music will screen 14 films dedicated to the most renowned and musical Caribbean destination.

The series is named after a song released by the group Toots and the Maytals' called "Do The Reggay." Widely regarded as the song to launch the name "reggae," its release clued the world to the hard-driving beat and its associated land of origin.

Reggae was born in the late 60s from previous genres ska and rock steady. Prior to that era mento, the island's folk music dominated the country.

From Aug. 2 through Aug. 6, BAMcinématek will offer the 14-film series dedicated to the country's unique and widely influential musical tradition.

Documentaries, features and a world premiere film will showcase the music, culture, politics and mood of a people who have proven that their decision to rule themselves in 1962 was more than a passing fancy.

"Distinguished by the offbeat accent and socially conscious influences including the Rastafarian faith, reggae is a deeply experimental and influential musical form, single-handedly paving the way for rap, hip-hop, and remix which was invented in the early 70s in Jamaica.

Through decades of political unrest in Jamaica and racial violence against Caribbean immigrants in Europe and North America, reggae in all its forms has endured as an essential conduit for social protest, individual expression, and spiritual exploration."

Focusing on vintage films from 1971 to 1983, the series opens with the Trench Town-set "Rockers."

As a special bonus, "Rockers" will be followed by "Downtown Top Ranking," a party at BAMcafé with Deadly Dragon Sound System and featuring legendary DJ Ranking Joe.



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

Although Perry Henzell's 1972 "The Harder They Come" is widely considered the watershed film about reggae, Ted Bafaloukos' "Rockers" is the original artifact of Rasta cinema.

Showing theatrically for the first time in New York in over a decade, a new hi-def restored version offers a celebration of Jamaican music and culture and provides an eye-opening document of the hand-to-mouth life of musicians living in Kingston's shanty-towns.

"The Harder They Come" is slated for the following day and stars Jimmy Cliff as island outlaw Ivanhoe Martin.

Before Bob Marley made it big stateside, Cliff took the mid-night movie circuit by storm, unveiling this new reggae sound to American audiences.

Based on the namesake Jamaican bandit and folk hero from the 40s, the film not only made Cliff a star, but tells the story of reggae in a microcosm.

The storyline follows the country boy going to Kingston to make it big.

There he encounters conflict with the push-and-pull of the Rasta spirituality and rude-boy swagger.

He is victimized by greed and mafia tactics from unscrupulous record producers.

Ganja and a love for the movies are Ivan's pastime indulgences and his bad-boy persona crystallizes at a rowdy screening of a cowboy movie film showing.

"Land Of look Behind" screens on Aug. 3 to present a profound meditation on the island—from its Rasta tenets to

its still-endemic colonialist tendencies and history of tragic political violence.

The result is a travelogue, as well as an indictment of a police state rife with violence and poverty.

"Roots, Rock Reggae" on Aug 5 showcases one of reggae's most enduring characters and acclaimed Godfather of Reggae, Lee "Scratch" Perry.

The hour-long document compiles famous and rare footage of the influential producer "gesticulating wildly" behind the boards at his celebrated Black Ark studio.

The filmmaker also trains his lens on reggae forefather Vincent Chin and his renowned Randy's Record Store.

He also captures harmony trios The Abyssinians and The Mighty Diamonds live at their peak.

DJs U-Roy and U-Brown ride the riddims toasting and rapping to the approval of Kingstonians.

Inner Circle -- composers of television "Cops" show theme song "Bad Boys"-- are also caught on celluloid at their most famous, living high up in the hills of Kingston away from the "sufferation."

Legendary reggae producer Clive Chin (son of Vincent Chin) will appear for a Q&A after the screening.

"Deep Roots Music" on Aug. 5 is slated to provide a comprehensive documentary on reggae, ending in the dancehall era of the early 80s.

The film is narrated by DJ Mikey Dread (The Clash's producer and reggae mentor).

One of the most revelatory films in the entire series, and quite possibly the first feature ever made on the genre is master director Horace Ové's documentary "Reggae."

The centerpiece of Ové's film is a 1970 UK concert featuring Toots and the Maytals, Desmond Dekker, the Pioneers, John Holt, and others.

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SUNDAY, JULY 22

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TUESDAY, JULY 24

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THURSDAY, JULY 26

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Comedy/Variety No Name Comedy Variety presents its multicultural mix of comedy, music and fun featuring their best comics along with house band The Summer Replacements, 9:00 p.m., at 92YTribeCa, 200 Hudson St., Manhattan. For tickets and additional information, call (212) 601-1000 or visit www.92YTribeCa.org.

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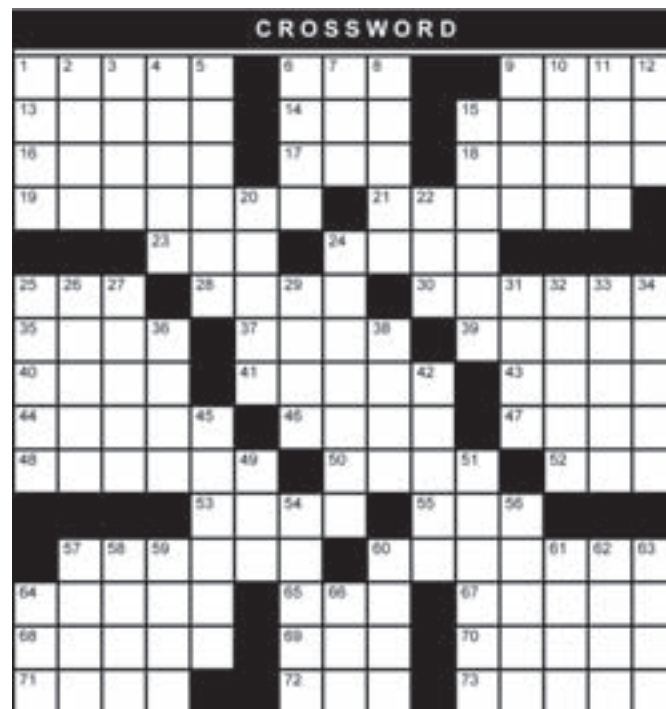
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13. Spew
14. "Cafe ____?" Greenwich Village club where Hendrix and Dylan played
15. Turkish leader title, pl.
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17. Hula dancer's ornament
18. One's manner of walking, pl.
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21. *Angel pin-up
23. Increase
24. Never eat chicken this way
25. T-cell killer
28. Competitive advantage
30. Non-stick material
35. Eastern ____
37. 9th letter of Greek alphabet
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40. Medley
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47. a.k.a. Snowmobile
48. Don't forget to draw one of these!
50. Lincoln coin

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57. Old Glory motif
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64. Philosopher ____ Kierkegaard
65. Storm center
67. Eagle's nest
68. End to a prayer, pl.
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71. *Wax inside a lamp, a.k.a. ____
72. Shack
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4. Less than 90 degrees
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8. Israeli port
9. Petri dish gel
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11. Calculating subject
12. Female suffix
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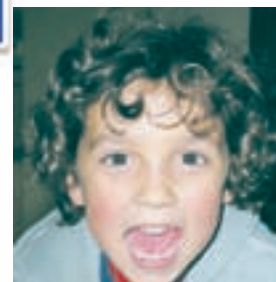
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Cole Frenzel moves up Mets ladder to Savannah

By Will Bredderman

Beloved Cyclones first baseman Cole Frenzel is getting another taste of southern hospitality.

The North Dakota native has climbed up a rung on the Mets farm-system ladder again, landing a spot on the roster for the single A-level Savannah Sand Gnats for the second time this season.

Frenzel — who replaced former Sand Gnat Aderline Rodriguez on July 13 when he got called up to the St. Lucie Mets — earned the slot this time thanks to his strong performance on the field, leading the team in batting with a .342 average over 19 games.

Clones spokesman Billy Harner said he was sad he won't see Frenzel's 6-foot-2, 208-pound form manning the bag anymore,

but he was happy to hear of the ballplayer's success.

"It's always a bittersweet thing when guys who have played so well here and have won so many fans move on," Harner said.

Frenzel started in Coney Island as a seventh round Amazin's draft pick last July, and immediately turned heads on the diamond, at the plate, and even in the dugout — thanks to a tattered, tape-covered mitt he had worn ever since he started playing first base with the University of Arizona Wildcats in 2009.

"In this glove, every ball sticks in the pocket. That's why I like it," Frenzel told this newspaper last year.

The mitt served him well in his first year of minor league ball, where he led the NY-Penn League with a .997 fielding percentage,

committing just one error in 371 total chances in 2011.

In May, the slugger got called up to Georgia to replace an injured player, but Frenzel got bumped back down when the Sand Gnat recovered.

After his stint in Savannah, Frenzel rejoined the Cyclones and parted with his first glove — but he kept playing well and was even named the league's player of the week on July 2.

Frenzel's dedication and effort impressed Cyclones skipper Rich Donnelly as much as it wowed the fans.

"No one's worked harder than Cole," Donnelly said earlier this year.

And he appears to be off to a good start in Georgia, hitting his first homer as a Sand Gnat on July 17.



GEORGIA ON HIS MIND: Cole Frenzel is now a Savannah Sand Gnat.

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Memorable MLS derby

By Patrick Horne

Jeld-Wen Field in Portland, Oregon hosted one of the most exciting MLS games in the 17-year history of the league.

The 5-3 dozy that saw the Los Angeles Galaxy (8-10-2, 26 pts.) prevail over the host Portland Timbers (5-9-4, 19 pts.) last Saturday night is what the league hopes will become the norm, or at best for now, become more frequent as it sells the league and the American game to corporate America and to some of the best young players around the world.

MLS would be proud and should feel justified at its ‘designated player’ signings or marquee players – the Galaxy’s American Landon Donovan and British David Beckham and Robbie Keane and Timbers’ Chris Boyd – who helped to produce such a memorable game; this is really the sole purpose of signing the top players from around the world – to make the game high-scoring and attractive to the American fans.

Saturday night’s game did just that as
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Pleased with Florida trip

By Azad Ali

West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) President Julian Hunte says he is pleased with the impact of the two Twenty20 Internationals played recently in Florida, USA.

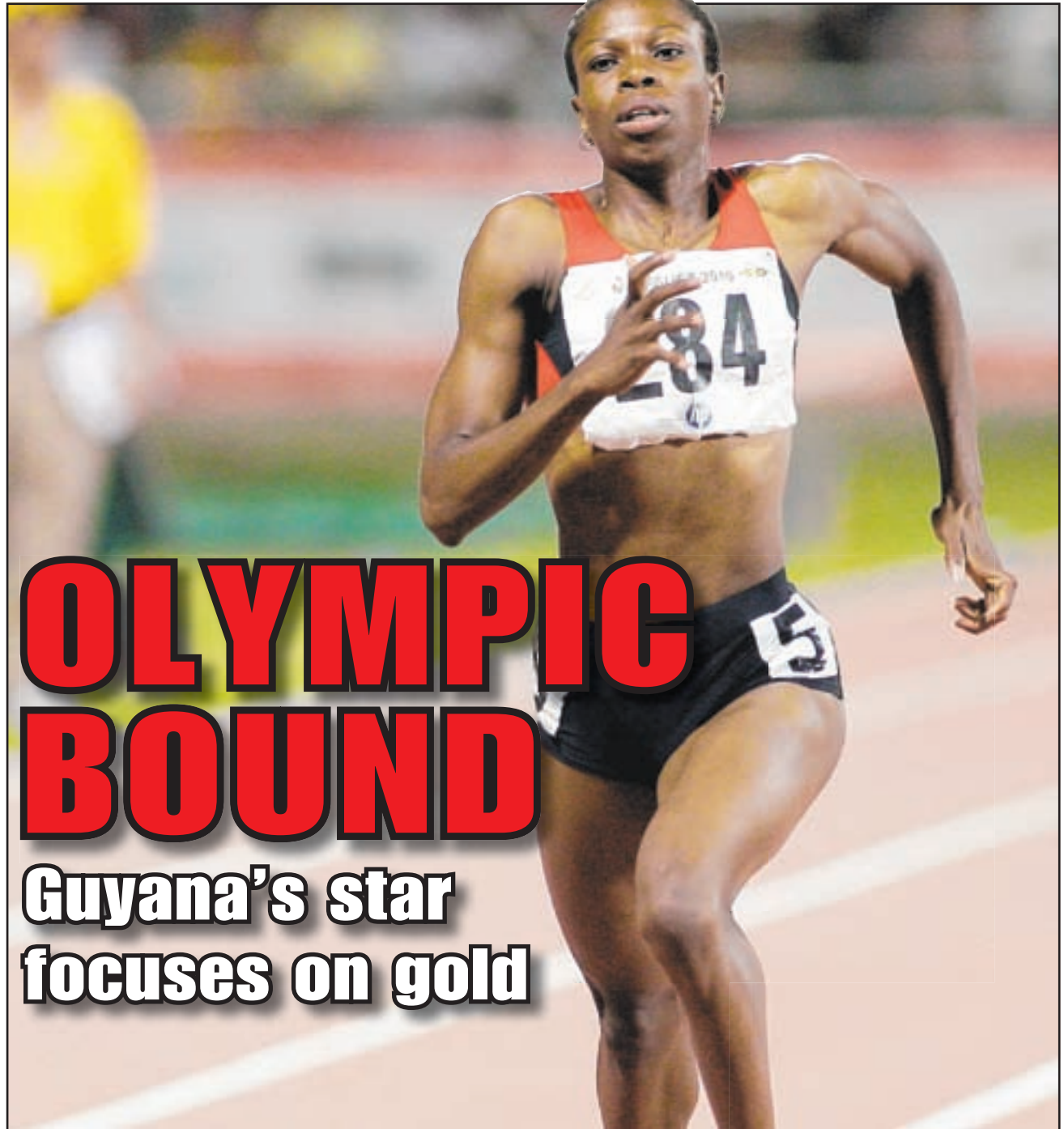


WICB President Julian Hunte.
AP Photo/Andres Leighton

For the first time in a West Indies bilateral series, the regional side played matches outside of the Caribbean, with the double-header against New Zealand at Central Broward Regional Park Stadium in Ft Lauderdale.

“We are delighted that the two matches in the United States were so successful,” he said.

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OLYMPIC BOUND Guyana’s star focuses on gold

Guyana’s Aliann Pompey sprints to the finish line in the women’s 400-meter final of the track and field competition at the Central American and Caribbean Games in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Monday, July 26, 2010.

By Tangerine Clarke

Just off a big win, clocking in at a record 52.10 sec in the 400m and 23.64 in the 200m at the USATF Club Championships in Omaha, Nebraska, and capturing the “Most Outstanding Female” award, Guyana’s winningest

track and field star, Aliann Pompey, is on her way to England to compete in the upcoming London games.

Thirty-four year old Pompey has had a stellar career in track and field. The athlete clocked in a 52.3 at the 2011 Penn Relays and 51.95 in the 400m

race at the N.J. International Track and Field Meet.

Pompey also qualified four times at the Central American and Caribbean Games and reached the finals at the Commonwealth Games, in Delhi India

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Los Angeles Galaxy forward Landon Donovan, right, fights for the ball with Portland Timbers defender Hanyer Mosquera.
AP Photo/Don Ryan

West coast MLS match-up

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the high-attendance trend in the Northeast continues; there were 20,000-plus fans at the Portland stadium to record the two-year-old MLS team's 27th straight sell-out crowd. Just down the road in Seattle, the Sounders sport sell-out crowds of over 30,000 regularly. In Los Angeles at the Home Depot Center, where the Galaxy share the home field with Chivas USA, sell-outs of over 25,000 are common for regular season games.

What happened at Jeld-Wen Field Saturday night was a continuation of a typically very competitive West Coast derby; Los Angeles had been struggling at the bottom of the Western Conference, but recently picked up a few wins and suddenly found itself in the fifth and last playoff spot, while Portland was only four points behind the Galaxy and with two wins in its upcoming games could past Los Angeles and begin to dream of post-season play.

So, Los Angeles, on a good run, came into Portland determined to hold onto that last play-off spot; conversely, Portland was all out to make the visitors its first victim in search of those seven points needed to climb

the league table. Also, Portland, just days before, fired head coach John Spencer and was coached by its general manager, Gavin Wilkinson; with a vocal sell-out crowd piled into Jeld-Wen Field equipped with actual timbers for all to see, the stage was set for an extremely competitive derby.

The Portland fans were riled when the Timbers, playing well and moving the ball around effectively, took the lead through Boyd in the third minute. The Timbers' high-priced and high-scoring Boyd was signed at the start of this season after a stellar career in the Scottish Premier League, where he scored 62 goals in 296 games for Glasgow Rangers, but the surging Galaxy had a high-priced, high-scoring trio of its own. It was GAME ON!

Englishman Beckham answered with two goals in a 15-minute span with his signature right-footed curling shots, the first came as he was unmarked from about 30 yards and the other from a 24-yard free kick, for a 2-1 Galaxy lead in the 24th minute; Donovan scored a penalty (27th minute) for a 3-1 advantage to the visitors, then produced his first of two crosses for assists as Irish international Keane made it

4-1 in the 28th minute. Timbers defender Kosume Kimura latched on to a rebounded shot from a free kick to close the gap for Portland at 4-2 at half time.

The excitement didn't let up as Keane produced his second goal from a second Donovan cross to take the Galaxy tally to five on the night. Boyd ended this exciting game with his second goal of the contest from a 24-yard free kick in the 75th minute.

The Galaxy-Timbers derby is what MLS hopes will permeate the league as expansions looms in New York, New Orleans, Atlanta and Tampa Bay. In the MLS – it's GAME ON!

In other matches last Saturday, Gillette Stadium and the New England Revolution hosted Toronto FC, but the home site wasn't a factor as Toronto FC won, 1-0, on a goal by Luis Siva (8th). In Toyota Park, hosts Chicago Fire squeaked past the Vancouver Whitecaps, 1-0, from a goal by former Mexican international Pavel Pardo. At PPL Park, Philadelphia Union topped Montreal Impact, 2-1, on goals by Lionard Pajoy (82) and Keon Daniel (89); Carlos Valdes scored for Montreal (90). Eastern Conference leader Sporting Kansas City (11-5-3, 36 pts.) traveled to the Columbus Crew (6-7-4, 22pts.) and beat the host, 2-1.



Eyeing gold

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in 2010.

For over 10 years, the Manhattan College graduate has been flying Guyana's flag high, claiming numerous titles in both outdoor and indoor events. Her personal best in the 400m is 50.93, which she recorded in 2004 at the Commonwealth Games.

Aliann has participated in the Sydney, Athens and Beijing Olympics. It is hoped that this committed sportswoman can once again make Guyana proud by bringing home the gold.

Meanwhile, Guyanese 17-year-old Kadecia Baird who recorded the fastest 400-meter time for a high school runner in the U.S. last month, participated in the IAAF World Junior Championships in Barcelona, where she ran for Guyana during the July 10-15 meet.

She registered the fifth-fastest time in U.S. high school history in the 400 meters at the IAAF World Junior Championships in Barcelona, Spain, finishing second in 51.04 seconds. Efforts are being made for her to attend the London Olympics as an "observer."

Happy Hunte

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"We are extremely grateful for the major efforts undertaken by the Friends of Broward County, the United States Cricket Association, as well as Broward County itself," Hunte added.

Thousands of West Indians living in south Florida turned out to watch the West Indies beat the Black Caps comprehensively in both fixtures.

In the first match, West Indies claimed a 56-run win before following up with a 61-run victory the following day.

Hunte said there was a key role for cricket to be played in the United States.

"Given the huge number of West Indians who live in the United States, as well as the commercial possibilities both for West Indies cricket and the game, this was long overdue," the WICB president said.

W Indies defeat New Zealand 4-1

West Indies defeated New Zealand in the fifth and final One-Day International at Warner Park in St. Kitts by 20 runs. West Indies scored 241 for 9 in 50 overs.



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Andre Russell scored 59 not out from 40 balls, Marlon Samuels 43 from 59 balls and Dwayne Bravo 53 from 93 balls. New Zealand scored 221 all out from 50 overs. Sunil Narine bowled splendidly, picking up 5 for 27 from 10 overs and Jino Best 2 for 58 from 10 overs.

West Indies won the Twenty20 series and the One-Day International series. The two Test matches are scheduled for Antigua and Jamaica. The first Test match starts in Antigua on July 25 and the second in Jamaica on Aug. 2.

W Indies Must Maintain Their Consistency

When the West Indies begin the Test series against New Zealand it is important that they maintain the same form as in the limited overs and play top class cricket. Adrian Barath, Darren Bravo, Kirk

Edwards and pacer Kemar Roach should be back to strengthen the Windies squad.

The bowling department should be strong with Ravi Ram Paul, Kemar Roach, Fidel Edwards and Sunil Narine. The Windies selectors must ensure that three specialist pacers are in the final 11 with Sunil Narine as the specialist spinner. Any gambling with non-specialist bowlers for this occasion of Test cricket may create a difficult situation for the West Indies.

Strong Batting In Place For Test Matches

Chris Gayle, Adrian Barath, Kirk Edwards, Darren Bravo, Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Marlon Samuels are all certain starters for the first Test match starting July 25. The West Indies selectors have to uphold the responsibility of ensuring that the bowling is strong as

well. Changes to modify certain situations as in the Twenty20 and One-Day International games may not be appropriate in Test cricket if the objective is to win the game.

Sunil Narine Must Not Be Overburdened

The Windies bowlers must work as a unit and avoid too much pressure on one bowler. Teamwork is vital to a team's success and all the West Indies bowlers must make a meaningful contribution. It is important that the West Indies builds a Test team that can defeat top teams in the ICC ranking.

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The West Indies' Dwayne Bravo prepares to catch a ball hit by New Zealand's Nathan McCullum for the final wicket during a Twenty20 cricket match, Sunday, July 1, 2012, in Lauderhill, Fla. The West Indies won by 61 runs. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)



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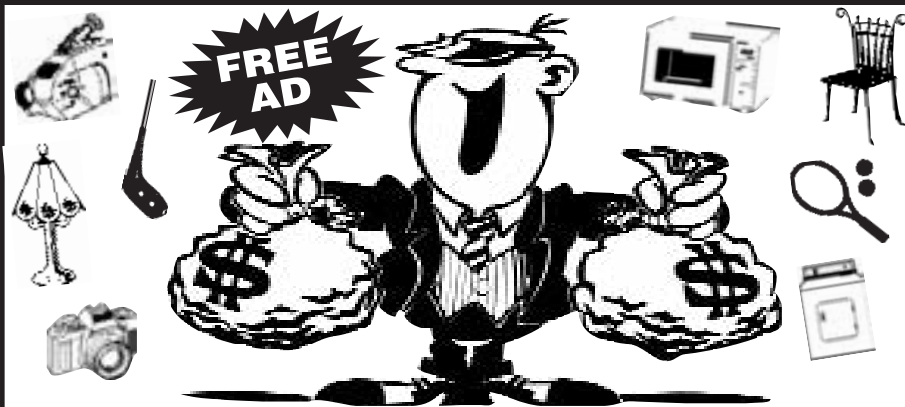
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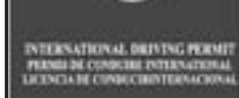
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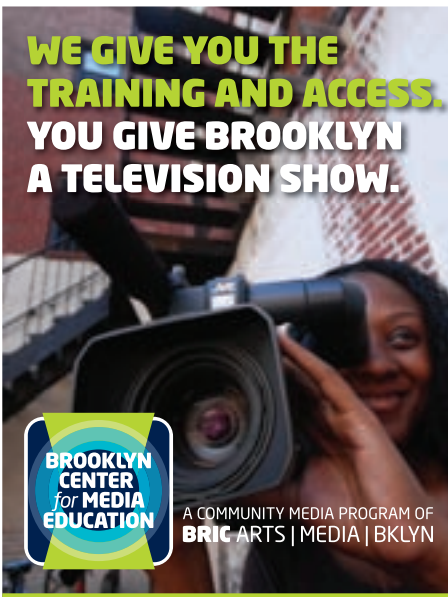
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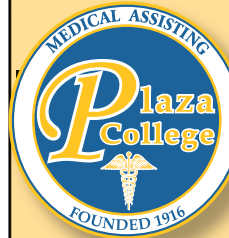
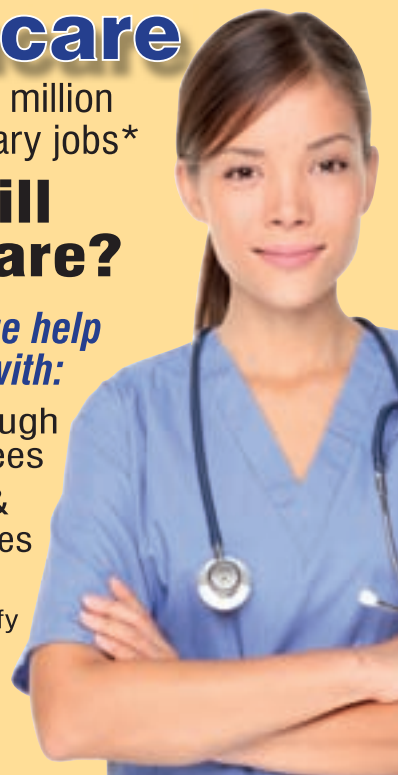
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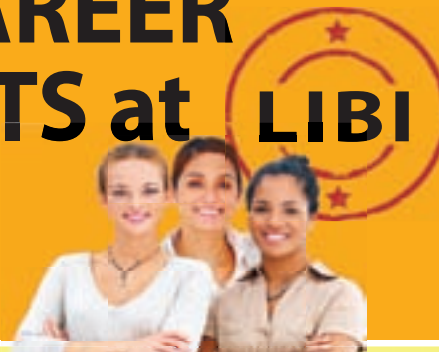
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Young masquerader, Heleena Aparicio, sports a costume from the band Celebration Time. See Page 3. Photo courtesy Gizelle Fritz & Associates.

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Jamaican soldiers to face trial

By David McFadden

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) - Jamaica's public prosecutor said Tuesday that three soldiers will be charged with killing accountant Keith Clarke, whose May 2010 shooting death occurred days after security forces launched an aggressive hunt for a fugitive underworld boss sought by the United States.

Clarke, the brother of a former government minister, was shot at least 22 times inside a bedroom of his home in the upscale Kingston community of Kirkland Heights. Security forces descended on the businessman's house while searching for

drug kingpin Christopher "Dudus" Coke.

In a letter to Jamaica's independent commissioner of investigations, Prosecutor Paula Llewelyn wrote that nagging questions about the controversial case can only be resolved by a jury in a criminal trial.

Circumventing a preliminary inquiry process in magistrate's court, Llewelyn said the Clarke case will be taken straight to the Home Circuit Court after the soldiers are arrested and charged by police, citing the "high public attention that this matter has commanded."

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