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BARBADOS

The U.S.-based international rating agency Standard & Poors recently said it had lowered its long-term foreign-and-local-currency sovereign credit ratings on Barbados to "BB+" from "BBB-."

"The downgrade reflects our opinion that Barbados' economic fundamental continue to weaken," said Standard & Poors' credit analyst Olga Kalamina.

Standard and Poors said it had also lowered the short-term ratings from "B" from "A-3 and that the outlook is stable. In addition, Standard & Poors assigned to Barbados' foreign-currency debt recovery rating of "3" and it has advised the transfer and convertibility assessment to "BBB-" from "BBB".

The US-Based rating agency said that in the short to medium terms, the difficult external environment will hamper the economic and investment outlooks.

"The resulting lower economic growth will hurt Barbados' fiscal and external accounts and will likely lead to further debt accumulation.

Recently, another U.S.-based Washington international agency, Moody Investors Service, gave Barbados a negative rating outlook including that the island's fiscal deficits would remain high for the next few years.

BARBADOS

Unemployment in Barbados has jumped to nearly 12 percent in the first quarter of 2012, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs said, pushing past the 10 percent mark recorded in the previous quarter last year.

The research unit in the Min-



Jamaica at the Olympics

Jamaica's Usain Bolt carries his country's flag during the Opening Ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Summer Games at the Olympic Stadium in London, Friday, July 27, 2012.

AP Photo/Toby Melville, Pool

istry of Finance and Economic Affairs said unemployment from January to March reached 11.8 percent.

The jobless rate had reached 10.2 percent for the fourth quarter of last year, according to the Barbados Statistical Service.

"Statistics derived from the Continuous Household Survey indicated that the rate of unemployment for the first quarter (January to March 2012) stood at a provisional 11.8 percent," the statement said. "The unemployment rate among males stood at 10.5 percent and 13.1 among females.

DOMINICA

Retired public servant Eulid

Williams is tipped to be Dominica's next president. If confirmed, Williams will take over from ailing President Nicholas Liverpool who is expected to step down in August.

Leader of the Opposition Hector John said he has not been consulted on the new appointment.

Williams, a trained accountant, served as a permanent secretary between 1987 and 2004. From 2004-2008 he served as managing director of the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority based in St. Lucia. In 2009, he was awarded Dominica's second highest national award the Sisserou



Award during the annual National Day parade.

HAITI

Former United States President Bill Clinton recently visited Haiti to promote the impoverished Caribbean nation's long-defunct tourism economy.

Clinton visited an island resort and a cinema school along the southern coast. He also took a walk through the French Quarter-like seaside city of Jacmel.

He later traveled to the north and visited a historic fortress, an international airport and a port for cruise ship passengers.



Haiti is still trying to recover from the 2010 earthquake and the government of President Michel Martelly hopes it can revive the economy by wooing first-time visitors.

Traditional tourists have avoided Haiti for several decades because of political instability and almost unmatched levels of poverty.

JAMAICA

Two elected Jamaican officials have been accused of participating in a multi-million dollar lottery scam that has targeted elderly Americans.

Police Superintendent Leon Clunis said officers arrested Kingston Deputy Mayor Michael Troupe and St. James Councilor Sylvan Reid.

Clunis said that Troupe's two sons also were arrested recently in a raid at the men's homes where police seized more than US\$13,000 and two guns.

The men have not yet been charged. Officials estimated that the lottery scam generate about US\$300 million year, up from about US\$30 million three years ago.



ST. KITTS

Prime Minister Dr. Denzil Douglas said he has been informed by the British government that his request for debt restructuring for St. Kitts and Nevis has been granted.

It comes less than two months after going to the Paris Club seeking support for his government's bold economic transformation through the restructuring of debts owed by the government to the UK.

Confirmation came from Brit-

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50 YEARS OF SELF RULE

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaica, regarded the third “most populous Anglo-phone country” in North America (behind the USA and Canada) was the first of the English-speaking nations to gain independence from Great Britain. That was half a century ago. From that historic precedence, Jamaica has distinguished itself as a significant, Caribbean location. Whether named as a contender in tourism, sports, finance, music, culture, fashion, cuisine, politics, etc the nation represented by a banner marked by its golden X bounded between green and black, Jamaica and Jamaicans have never been known as an island/people to merely bear witness. Instead its brand is associated with exemplary contribution and more often than not leaders, trendsetters and an envied destination for travel.

1962: On Aug 6, Jamaica becomes the first British colony in the Caribbean to win Independence from Britain. Sir Alexander Bustamante is named the first prime minister of the nation. Princess Margaret represents her sister HRH Queen Elizabeth II at gala celebrations at the National Stadium in Kingston. The island establishes the National Dance Theat-

Jamaica (1962-2012): Significant Events



Sir William Alexander Bustamante.

AP Photo



Portia Simpson Miller.

AP Photo/Collin Reid

er Company as its national dance company.

Ian Fleming’s “Dr. No,” the first James Bond movie debuts. The 007 spy film was shot in Jamaica.

The new nation also hosted the British Empire & Commonwealth Games.

1963: Jamaica’s Carol Joan Crawford is crowned Miss World. She is the first from the Caribbean region to win the coveted pageant.

1964: The remains of Jamaican Pan-African spokesman Marcus Garvey was brought back to Jamai-

ca and buried at Kingston’s National Heroes Park.

1965: Deputy Prime Minister Donald Sangster becomes leader after Bustamante withdraws from public duty. Dr. Martin Luther King delivers valedictory speech at University of the West Indies.

1966: Emperor Haile Selassie I visits the nation to tumultuous greeting and outpouring from members of the Rastafarian community.

1967: Hugh Shearer is elected Jamaica’s third prime minister.

1968: Air Jamaica is established the island’s national Airline.

1969: April 1, 1968, Air Jamaica takes flight to land in New York and Miami. Sir Alexander Bustamante is proclaimed first living national hero. Premier Norman Manley along with Marcus Mosiah Garvey, Paul Bogle and George William Gordon -- leaders of the Morant Bay Rebellion -- are also named posthumous heroes. Trading begins on the Jamaica Stock Exchange.

1972: Michael Manley,

leader of the people’s National Party is elected prime minister.

1976: Cindy Brakespeare wins Miss World. A state of emergency is declared by PM Manley when violence flares.

1977: Sir Alexander Bustamante, Jamaica’s first Prime minister dies on Aug. 6, Independence Day.

1978: Reggae Sunsplash, a summer, music, festival premieres in Montego Bay.

1979: Jamaican, Maria Ziadie, became one of the first women in the West-

ern hemisphere to become a commercial jet airline pilot when she was hired by Air Jamaica as a second officer.

1980: Edward Seaga in landslide victory is elected Jamaica’s fifth prime Minister.

1981: Montego Bay is named a city. On May 11, the nation grieves after hearing news of the death of the king of reggae, Robert Nesta Marley.

1982: President Ronald Reagan visits.

1984: Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh visit the nation.

1985: Black Uhuru wins the first Grammy dedicated to Jamaica’s home-honed, reggae music genre.

1986: India’s spiritual shepherd Mother Theresa visits Jamaica.

1988: Jamaica’s four-man bobsled team steals the spotlight at the Winter Olympic Games in Calgary, Canada. That same year Hurricane Gilbert wreaked havoc on the island.

1989: Three quarters of Jamaica’s registered voters elected the People’s National Party to leadership. Michael Manley wins over Edward Seaga.

1991: Nelson Mandela

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U.S. names Jamaican as Champion of Change

By Nelson A. King

The White House, along with the U.S. State Department and U.S. AID, on July 27 honored Jamaican-born Dr. Claire Nelson, founder and president of the Washington-based Institute of Caribbean Studies (ICS) as a Champion of Change.

Champions of Change are leaders who have exemplified extraordinary successes and efforts toward the development of - and diplomacy with - their countries or communities of origin.

“The nine Champions of Change we honor today highlight the power of proximity,” said Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs



Dr. Claire Nelson.

Roberta Jacobson.

“These members of the Latin American Diaspora remind us that geography matters, that being a good neighbor is both good manners and a good investment,” she added.

“The Champions that we recognize today have helped their countries and communities of origin; and, in doing so, have bettered our region as a whole,” she continued.

“These exceptional individuals, with their work in sports and community development, in education and financial inclusion, inspire others by their example,” Jacobson said. “In a region with such profound human links

between our societies, ideas and inspiration spread quickly to the benefit of people all over the Americas and the Caribbean.”

Dr. Nelson was recognized for her work with the Caribbean American Diaspora and, among other things, advancing exchanges and partnerships with both the US public and private sector.

ICS has planned forums and conferences, mentored Caribbean American leaders and organizations around the country and served as a National Profile Partner for Census 2010.

Nelson has also been instrumental in encouraging Caribbean American civic engagement and promoting the engagement of the

Caribbean Diaspora in the development agenda of the Caribbean region.

An international development expert with over 30 years of experience, Nelson has used her passion and acumen to open doors for the disadvantaged and excluded across the Americas.

She is also an accomplished playwright and Caribbean folkloric performer.

Nelson holds a bachelor’s and master’s degree in industrial engineering from the SUNY at Buffalo and Purdue University, respectively, and a doctorate in engineering management from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

A Nation on a Mission

By Vinette K. Pryce

In only six months of leadership, Prime Minister Portia Lucretia Simpson-Miller of Jamaica has elevated the island's profile by attracting positive world attention and in the process gleaned accolades for the Caribbean.

The nation's first female head of state distinguished her governance soon after the January inauguration by meeting with CARICOM leaders and US President Barack Obama to discuss the way forward.

Simpson-Miller became the first head of government in Jamaica history to formally endorse civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens.

She made the commitment during the election campaign.

"I have no problem giving certain positions of authority to a homosexual as long as they show the necessary level of competence for the post."

She confronted the controversial issue many before

her had either side-stepped or denounced.

The latter position resonated as bigotry towards a segment of the society and may have fomented intolerance and discrimination against the minority population.

Her statement was in direct opposition to her predecessor's PM Bruce Golding who told a BBC reporter he would never allow gays to sit in his cabinet.

"I make no apology in saying decisively and emphatically that the government of Jamaica remains irrevocably opposed to the recognition, legitimization or acceptance of same-sex marriages or same-sex unions."

Simpson-Miller also took a bold and controversial stance when she endorsed replacing the position of the British monarchy with an elected head of state.

She is the second head of government to openly endorse republicanism after PM Percival J. Patterson.

Simpson-Miller has reportedly pledged to transform Jamaica into a Republic as part of the fiftieth anniversary of the island's independence.

Reportedly, she believes Jamaica should become a republic, in keeping with the mandate of independence.

However, she pleased crown and country in April, welcoming Prince Harry to the Commonwealth nation. In commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's 60th reign on the throne of England, her grandson visited Jamaica and was graciously received.

Now in the sixth month of her affiliated People's National Party rule, the 10th prime minister of the island is immersed in fulfilling campaign promises regarding domestic demands.

She recently appeared Diasporan residents of New York visiting Brooklyn, home to the largest immigrant community from her country.

While here, Simpson-Mill-

er accepted the oldest suspension bridge in the United States, generously gifted by Borough President Marty Markowitz, who chose the Brooklyn Bridge as a significant keepsake for her first-time visit since her inauguration.

She accepted the miniature replica of the 129-year-old, steel suspension and national monument at a church in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

In addition, Markowitz signed a proclamation declaring April 25, 2012, "Jamaica 50 Day in NYC."

Jamaicans showed up in numbers to greet their leader.

While here the PM also introduced the new consul general to the tri-state area. She endorsed the appointment of Herman G. Lamont, saying "inclusiveness" is the aim of the new consul.

"He will work with all Jamaicans," and maintain an "open door policy, one of inclusiveness."



Portia Simpson-Miller receives Prince Harry, grandson of the British monarch. AP Photo/Collin Reid

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visits Kingston.

1992: Pope John Paul II visits. PM Manley resigns due to ill health. Percival J. Paterson becomes leader.

1993: Reggae Sumfest premieres at Catherine Hall, Montego Bay and replaces the popular Reggae Sunsplash, the first, successful, music festival.

In South Africa, Lisa Hanna becomes the third Jamaican to win the Miss World pageant. She is currently the Minister of Culture.

1997: Air Jamaica's first all female flight soars in December. Reportedly, it is the second such flight in the world and the first in the Western hemisphere.

1998: Jamaica's Reggae Boyz, the first soccer team from the English-speaking Caribbean to qualify for World Cup competition.

Twelve-year-old Jody Ann Maxwell becomes the first contestant from outside the United States to win the national Scripps Howard



Michael Manley.

AP Photo

Spelling Bee competition.

2006: Jamaica's ruling People's National Party names Portia Simpson Miller its first female leader. Later that year she is tasked to replace retiring PM Paterson and becomes the nation's first female head of state.

2007: Jamaica Labour Party wins the national elections with Bruce Golding at the helm. Twenty-three-year-old, Jamaican Barrington Irving becomes first Black and youngest pilot to fly solo

around the world.

2008: Jamaica rules track and field at the Beijing Olympics. The tiny island runs away with six gold, three silver and two bronze medals. Usain Bolt, 21, emerges the world's fastest human. He stacks up three gold medals winning the 100 metres, 200 and 4x100 relay. He is also championed for breaking world records in every win.

2009: Mark Anthony
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Maroons hope tourism can save Jamaican culture

By David McFadden

CHARLES TOWN, Jamaica (AP) — In a backwoods town along a river cutting between green mountains, quick-footed men and women spin and stomp to the beat of drums. One dancer waving a knife is wrapped head-to-foot in leafy branches, his flashing eyes barely visible through the camouflage.

This traditional dance re-enacts the Jamaican Maroons' specialty: the ambush. It was once a secret ritual of the fierce bands of escaped slaves who won freedom by launching raids on planters' estates and repelling invasions of their forest havens with a mastery of guerrilla warfare.

But on this day, descendants of those 18th century fugitives are performing for tourists, academics, filmmakers and other curious outsiders in a fenced "Asafu" dancing yard in Charles Town, a once-moribund Maroon settlement in eastern Jamaica that seemed destined to lose its traditions until revivalists gradually brought it back.



In this July 5, 2012 picture, Jamaican Maroon Colonel Noel Prehay pose for a photo outside his home in the rural community of Scott's Hall, Jamaica.

AP Photo/David McFadden

Maroons in the Caribbean are increasingly showcasing their unique culture for visitors in hopes that heritage tourism will guarantee jobs for the young generation and preserve what remains of their centuries-old practices in mostly remote settlements.

The basic idea has been tried around the world, from the Gusii people of Kenya to the artisans of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

"If we don't follow in the footsteps of our foreparents we will find ourselves on the heap of history," said Wal-

lace Sterling, the "colonel" of the Windward Maroon community of Moore Town. It is one of Jamaica's four semi-autonomous Maroon tracts, each governed by an elected colonel, a title bestowed on Maroon leaders since their battles with the British army,

and a council appointed by the leader.

Trying to counter the endless tide of migration and assimilation, long secretive Maroons are more and more going public with the old ways — singing sacred songs, drumming, making herbal medicine, talking to ancestral spirits, woodcarving, hunting and "jerking" wild pigs. Maroons are credited with inventing Jamaica's "jerk" style of cooking, in which aromatic spices are rubbed or stuffed into meat before it is roasted on an open fire.

The turn to small-scale tourism for income can safeguard the Maroons' future and their cultural identity, leaders say. They say it has boosted pride among younger Maroons and encouraged some to stay in their rural hometowns. Other money-making opportunities are scarce in the communities of modest cement-block homes and tiny shops selling cold drinks and snacks.

"For a long time, it's been very difficult to keep the

young people because they tend to leave for the cities to seek work. But now we can train tour guides and our people can sell their crafts, their banana and coconuts," said Fearon Williams, the colonel of Accompong. An annual Jan. 6 celebration draws thousands of visitors to the isolated town, which sits among rocky cliffs and limestone towers in northwestern Jamaica. "Tourism is making us stronger."

A tour bus now comes weekly to Charles Town, a village whose colonel, Frank Lumsden, worked as a commodities trader in Chicago before returning to Jamaica in the late 1990s to focus on his ancestral roots.

There are also Maroons in Suriname, on the South American mainland, where escaped slaves over the centuries built their own African-centered societies in sparsely populated Amazonian forests. Suriname's Maroons also say a broadening emphasis on ecotourism is helping fight cultural disintegration.

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Rex: Jamaica's royal intellectual choreographer

By Vinette K. Pryce

"The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night."

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

One month after the island declared independence from Britain, Rex Nettleford launched a national, performing, arts group he named The National Dance Theater Company of Jamaica.

It was no accident that the same year Jamaica freed itself from colonial bondage nationals also danced to a new rhythm.

Perhaps driven by a desire to exercise creative freedom, Nettleford and his colleague Eddy Thomas birthed the entity that some might consider a manifestation declaring "out with the queen, in with the king."

Dubbed "King of Kumina" Nettleford was nicknamed Rex longer than many can recall.

Dance enthusiasts revered

him for glorifying "Kumina and Pocomania," – revivalist religious ritual which beckons African ancestral spirits using drums during traditional ceremonies.

While Quadrille exalted Europeans in dance, Kumina illuminated the African tradition.

Born in rural Jamaica, on Feb. 3, 1933, Ralston Milton Nettleford spent his early years in Bunkers Hill, Trelawny in the parish of Falmouth.

The boy nicknamed the Latin word for king showed early signs of genius and perhaps an ambition akin to royalty.

The teenaged youth studied at Cornwall College then furthered his education at Kingston's University College of the West Indies focusing on history. After attaining a bachelor's degree there, in 1957, he earned a Rhodes scholarship to study political science at Oxford University.

After graduation, he returned home and seized



Rex Nettleford Photo credit University of the West Indies

every opportunity to aid in the growth of his country.

"The power to create and innovate remains the greatest guarantee of respect and recognition," Nettleford said.

"The jailers and the jailed are after all both in jail."

His voice emerged one to listen and learn from.

The entire Caribbean listened when he verbalized his hope for the region.

His dream was for development of a "sense of self worth, that self esteem which bolsters confidence in self to further forge in the crucible of a heritage a viable plural society where people live not just side by

side, but together."

In his first book, he focused on self esteem and identity.

"One unifying force in the Caribbean heritage is undoubtedly the African Presence. We may as well admit to ourselves the great moral strength that would accrue to Caribbean civilization were we to eschew once and for all the lingering plantation and colonial assumptions about the natural inferiority of those of its inhabitants who carry the 'stain' of Africa in their blood."

Published, 1970, "Mirror, Mirror – Identity, Race & Protest in Jamaica," he examined racial and social issues in Jamaica.

His essays on "The Rastafari Movement in Kingston," and "Manley & The New Jamaica" distinguished an important intellectual contributor.

Nettleford wrote and edited speeches for founding father and Premier Norman Washington Manley.

In an effort to narrow

the divide he identified between Jamaicans of African descent and others he said:

"The hidden history of Jamaica is here seen as the history of the struggle of the African component to emerge from the subterranean caverns into which it has been forced."

He was named vice chancellor of the University of the West Indies and in 1975 the nation honored him with the Order of Merit, the third highest distinguished award.

In 2008, Nettleford was awarded the Caribbean region's highest honor, the Order of the Caribbean Community (OCC) for his years of dedicated service as a regional ambassador. This award cemented Nettleford as the quintessential Caribbean citizen and international cultural icon.

The intellectual was a frequent visitor to Harlem's Schomburg Center for Culture for Research in Black Culture.

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Call for a raise to the minimum wage

By Margot Dorfman

The U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce supported the last increase in the federal minimum wage on July 2009 and we believe another raise is overdue. The business owners I talk with every day say that, far from hurting their businesses, raising the minimum wage in fact helps small businesses and the broader economy.

The number one problem for our member businesses is weak customer demand. Too many people forget that workers are also consumers. Consumer spending drives 70 percent of our economy, and we must repower consumer spending – backed by adequate wages rather than unaffordable debt – if we are going to repower our economy, create jobs and rebuild our middle class.

Raising the minimum wage puts dollars in the pockets of workers who are by necessity most likely to spend them immediately at the grocery store, the pharmacy, the auto-repair shop and other local businesses. Raising the minimum wage boosts the economy from the bottom up, which is exactly what we need.

The U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce has over 500,000 members across the nation. Women are more likely to own businesses in the services sector – such as in retail, health-care, education and personal

services. Raising the minimum wage reinforces their business strategies.

Many of the women business owners who belong to the U.S. Women's Chamber left the workforce to start their own businesses because they felt they were not being fairly paid. The migration of women from the workforce into business ownership has been one of the great economic achievements of the American dream. Women now own over 30 percent of American firms and are using their decision-making authority to effect positive changes in the workplace.

Women business owners understand and value security for families. And they know that when businesses invest in their workforces with decent compensation, they enjoy the benefits of a dedicated workforce with less turnover, higher productivity and better customer service.

Our members know that the typical low-wage worker is an adult woman. Think of your waitress at Applebee's or the cashier who rings you up at Walmart or the health aide who helps your mother or grandfather.

Our members know that the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour – just \$15,080 for full-time, year-round work – is too low. They know that keeping the minimum wage low, keeps women and families down.

Avoiding the mistakes of our past

By Claire A. Nelson

How good and how pleasant it is for us to be gathered together in unity as we celebrate the Commemoration of June as National Caribbean American Heritage Month. But what does it all mean? What is our cause? Is there such a thing as Caribbean American History or Herstory? Marcus Garvey said a people without knowledge of their history is like a tree without roots. It is also said that people who fail to learn from history are likely to repeat the mistakes of the past. And so, it is critical that as we seek to cultivate community and grow a prosperous future, that we learn and respect our past.

I am grateful that I have been gifted once more with the opportunity to shepherd in the commemoration of June as National Caribbean American Heritage Month; for I am proud to be Caribbean with my birthplace in the land where reggae comes from. But pride in the face of prevailing trends gives me pause. And it is in this sense that I am mindful that there is need for us to make Caribbean American Heritage Month a meaningful exercise in the construction of common cause and cultivation of community in the Age of Obama.

Caribbean American Heritage month must therefore awaken Caribbean Americans to the understanding that learning our history is only meaningful if we can use what we learn to creating tomorrow's history. We must ensure all of America understands better rich diversity of the American experience as we learn and pass on the stories of our heroes and sheroes. Caribbean American Heritage Month is not just about reading nice stories about Alexander Hamilton and Shirley Chisholm and Colin Powell – so that we may all have McHistory Moments in a Drive-Through minute. Caribbean American Heritage Month is a time for educating and re-educating ourselves about the principles of democracy and civic responsibility. Why? Caribbean American Heritage Month is necessary... To give visibility...

'We need a voice to have agency or power'

To give voice... To give Agency/ power.

Caribbean people have been coming here for a long time. Since the time of slavery - when Bridgetown Barbados and Charlestown, South Carolina traded in human cargo.

From founding father, Alexander Hamilton to newspaper pioneer John Russworm, to poet James Weldon Johnson, Caribbean-Americans have played a historic role in shaping the ideals and values of this nation. Today Caribbean-Americans are everywhere. Hot in pursuit of the race for success, innovating new technologies in optics, setting new targets in sports; and breaking new moves in the dance halls.

It might be strange to say to give CAHM is to promote visibility, when the street of Brooklyn are paved with patty and roti shops and there is hardly a city, town or hamlet in America where the music of Bob Marley is not revered. But the fact remains that in the decision-making halls of America, the Caribbean American is largely invisible. We are the invisible elephant in the room. It would seem that we have come and become so much a part of the fabric of American society that we have lost the fire that made us so much in the vanguard of America's intellectual thought --- Hubert Harrison, W.E.B. DuBois, Arturo Schomburg all shared the blood of the West Indian.

Caribbean American Heritage Month exists to give visibility to the truth that immigrants from the Caribbean have been an intimate part of American History. Caribbean American Heritage Month is About giving VISIBILITY to the reality of our presence here in AMERICA as part of the IMMIGRANT GENE pool. It is about giving VOICE to our CONTRIBUTIONS to this nation of immigrants so that it is under-

stood that like the Mayflower arrivals, we too Build AMERICA. Invisibility is the cause for marginalization. And marginal you are when nobody wants to count you, or ask your opinion even when they make millions of dollars on the money to spend to send money back home and such. Visibility is necessary to give voice to the intimate historical relations that exist between the islands of the Antilles formerly known as the West Indies.

We need voice for a Democracy is only as good as it citizens. Note I did not say leaders. It is important that we as a community understand more fully the privileges and responsibilities that come with living in one of the most successful experiments in national-shaping – this American democracy. Voice is a necessary prerequisite to having agency or power. We were taught voice by people like Stokely Carmichael; who as a Student immigrant from Trinidad at Howard University in the 60s saw that he could not sit to study while others could not sit at the lunch counters. And Malcolm X whose Grenadian Mother helped to teach him the meaning of self-reliance. CAHM is viewed as part of the process of creating VOICE. Voice necessary to give a sense of place and historicity to Caribbean immigrants in America.

IF we as a community do this the right way, 100 years from now what we create today will be the stuff of which new legends are made. We live in the shadows of giants like Charles Pettioni and Claude McKay. In generating this organism called the Caribbean American community, in staking ground on the month of June we are planting the seeds to bring into being a new genus in the American democracy. To have Agency is not just to be counted. It is to have the power to determine what rules for counting will be used. We can learn agency from people like Shirley Chisholm, born of Barbadian parents who remain unbossed and unbought and paved the way for Obama to hold court in America's mainstream.

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Bring on the 'well (un)regulated militia!'

We can probably assume that we're on the way to inmate running the asylum, based on not one isolated nut case but input from multiple sources about how best that awful business in Colorado the other day could have been thwarted or minimized. The suggestion was advanced a few times by gun rights advocates that had the Aurora citizenry gathered in that ill-fated cinema been packing heat, an early takedown of the shooter would have likely spared the nation another episode of this gunfire-eruption grief it has so often had to endure.

When there's sentiment in more than one quarter for arming members of the public as the most effective means of maintaining order, keeping aberrant behavior at bay, that sounds like cause for alarm. It starkly brings home how much those who favor an even greater proliferation of firearms than now exists, have controlled this debate. It reinforces why the Assault Weapons Ban passed during the Clinton administration got to its sunset date in 2004, only to make its exit, with nary a whimper about renewal. And it perhaps makes us

reluctant believers of those polls which indicate, incredulously to many of us, that majority opinion in the U.S has turned against the need to tighten gun ownership laws and in favor of those who parrot the NRA line.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, to his credit, was all over the shameful-ness of the political mainstream's non-presence on the matter of gun control, calling out both President Obama and his Republican rival and demanding that they both declare where they stand. The mayor correctly described Obama as having dodged the issue thus far.

The president, for his part, did do somewhat of a minimalist acknowledgment of this radioactive area at a campaign event a few days after the massacre, declaring that "we can all agree" AK47 rifles belonged only in the hands of the military. The comment was in a way reminiscent of the left-handed salute he made to candidate William Thompson at a Manhattan dinner in 2009 during the mayoral contest, Obama offering only a fleeting reference to fellow Democrat Thompson being "in the house."

Bloomberg, of course, could afford the high road, a-political

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

stand on the gun problem in his position of not running again (as far as we know) for mayor of New York or any other office. Indeed the mayoralty of New York, we New Yorkers can proudly boast, figures to be one of the dwindling elective offices in the country where championing strict gun laws serves as boost rather than badge of dishonor. At any rate, Bloomberg is seen as one of the few voices insistent on hammering away at lax laws that allow guns to be possessed by folks who clearly shouldn't own them. Predictably, he characterized as "one of the dumbest" ideas the bone-headed notion that allowing citizens unrestricted access to firearms is the solution of choice for preventing these periodic bouts of trigger-happy madness.

An altogether different scenario for Obama. Not that he needed another wedge issue around which his opponents could rally, but were he to go all principled about this gun

debate, talk about maybe introducing proposals to prevent guns from winding up in the wrong hands, the NRA would assuredly commit to appreciably more resources than it's already contributing to help end Obama's White House occupancy. They would no doubt redouble their efforts to influence congressional races involving anyone likely to be supportive of anti-gun ownership policy. The NRA likes lording it over advocates of sanity in the national community, making the latter the bad guys in a warped interpretation of the American ideal.

"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." So says the Second Amendment. It is perhaps one of the great puzzlements of American jurisprudence that the Amendment has sailed along these many years, successfully maintaining its position as gun rights advocates' stamp of legitimacy. Given the precise language in which it is couched, though, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that justices who over the years have let stand the claim that the Amendment gives license for keeping and bearing arms in

modern American society, have been influenced more by political than letter-of-the-law considerations. How the now long obsolete "well regulated militia" could be read as other than the sole premise of the Amendment boggles the mind.

So now comes the beyond ridiculous idea originating from wackos evidently anxious to have us embrace the militia concept, or some facsimile of it, yet again. Aurora wasn't the first such happening to generate this particular brand of lunacy. After the Virginia Tech. massacre in 2007, for example, there was talk that guns should be allowed on campus among the student population, and how much this could have positively impacted that situation. It's unreal; going to such extremes -- anything to avoid looking dead center at where the problem exists.

Or maybe these proponents of wild west vigilantism just want to get ahead of the curve. Maybe there's some sense of foreboding in that camp of the Supreme Court brethren one day having the courage to engage that "well regulated militia" language with greater honesty than some of them have been wont to do.

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End Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthy

By Jim Houser

The U.S. House of Representatives will vote this week on proposals for dealing with the Bush-era tax cuts. This includes a proposal that passed the U.S. Senate last Wednesday [July 26] that will extend Bush-era income tax cuts for every American, but end extra breaks for the richest two percent (on take-home income beyond the first \$250,000). As a small business owner – my wife and I own and operate an auto repair shop with a dozen employees – I'm all for this. Especially the part about ending extra breaks for the top two percent.

Surprised to hear that? If so, I couldn't blame you, not after the debate about the Bush tax cuts has been so thoroughly confused by claims about the possible impact on small businesses. House Speaker John Boeh-

ner and other defenders of the tax cuts for the top two percent have repeated over and over again the assertion that ending special breaks at the top would harm small businesses. Unfortunately for Speaker Boehner's argument, repeating a false claim over and over again doesn't make it true.

Let's look at some basic facts.

In reality, only a tiny fraction – roughly three percent – of taxpayers who report any form of business income on their tax returns earn enough to be impacted by the tax rates for take-home income over \$250,000. What's more, this small fraction includes hedge fund managers, corporate lawyers, and K Street lobbyists – not who most Americans think of as small businesses. So the number of real small businesses taking home more than

\$250,000 is even fewer.

Furthermore, the “trickle down” theory used to justify extra tax cuts at the top simply doesn't work. When the Congressional Budget Office examined close to a dozen options to jumpstart economic activity and job creation in early 2010, including tax cuts for everyone, it found that extending special tax breaks for the richest Americans was the least effective of all 11 options for creating jobs and boosting the economy.

Finally, claims about how ending these special tax cuts will impact job creation ignore the most basic fact about what drives small business hiring. Customer demand is what drives my hiring decisions, not tax cuts. We hire when we see an opportunity, when we've got more customers walking in the door asking us to fix their cars than we

can serve with our current workforce. It has nothing to do with the tax rate on our take-home income.

And here's another thing: small business owners pay personal income taxes only on the net income we take out of our businesses – after deducting payroll and other business expenses. So if we take operating income and plow it back into hiring, we don't pay taxes on that money either way. The marginal tax rate on our take-home income doesn't even factor into that equation.

So if politicians really want to help small businesses, they should focus on how to bring more customers in our doors and stop wasting time defending extra tax cuts for the richest Americans. How do we get more customers? Rebuild our crumbling roads and bridges, stop cutting education, quit laying off teach-

ers and first responders, and extend the Bush tax cut for 98 percent of Americans – that's the way to bring more customers into our businesses. But if we take the nearly \$1 trillion we would raise from ending the extra Bush tax cuts for income over \$250,000 and hand it right back to the top 2 percent, we won't have the resources to do these things.

Here's the bottom line: the Bush tax breaks for the top two percent are not helping America's small businesses and they're not helping our economy – they're just another giveaway at the top. When politicians steal the good name of small business to advance a special interest agenda that's not really about us at all, that's a form of theft – political identity theft. Small business owners have an obligation to set the record

straight.

It's time to stand up for the good name of small business. The Senate has already done the right thing. Now the question for every member of the House of Representatives is, will you stand with real small businesses and vote to end the extra Bush tax cuts for the top two percent, or will you use us as a human shield to defend wasteful tax breaks for Wall Street hedge fund managers, corporate lawyers, and high-powered lobbyists? It's time to show which side you're on.

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Braata scores big at Choir Games

The acclaimed Braata Folk Singers of New York handed Jamaica an early Golden Jubilee gift by walking away with three medals at the seventh International World Choir Games held in Cincinnati, Ohio from July 4 - 14.

The 12-member ensemble, under the direction of Founder and Artistic Director Andrew Clarke, earned two silver medals and one bronze medal- hence taking silverware in all three competitive categories in which they participated as Jamaica's representatives.

Braata's two silver medals were in the categories of 'Scenic Folklore' and 'Music of The Religions,' while the bronze accolade came in the category of 'Mixed Chamber Music.'

The 10 day event saw participation from hundreds of choirs representing some seventy countries from across the globe.

The medal table was topped by host country the USA with 76 medals (23 gold, 46 silver and 7 bronze) followed by China with 43 medals (21 gold, 17 silver and 5 bronze).

Jamaica's medal haul of three, tied the nation with world superpowers Great Britain and Germany, as well as Caribbean neighbors, the Bahamas, and despite being the second smallest choir at



Founder and Artistic Director Andrew Clarke accepts the silver medal for Music of the Religions category at the World Choir Games.

Courtesy of Braata Folk Singers

the games, Braata emerged as overwhelming favorites among the fans as well as the other groups in contention.

Returning with the ensemble to New York on Sunday, Artistic Director Clarke was "Over the moon" with pride and joy at the accomplishment of his three year old group.

"To know that we have come so far so fast, and that within three years of our existence we could take the stage at this prestigious event, representing Jamaica- and walk away with the same number of medals as Britain and Germany - is just an incredible feeling."

The Braata Folk Singers

now joins an elite corps of Jamaican choirs who have earned medals at the internationally renowned event, including the Nexus Performing Arts Company and the Cari Folk Singers.

Of the three medals won, Clarke states that the bronze in the category of 'Mixed Chamber Music' was perhaps the sweetest of all.

"That category is really for classically trained choirs which we are not," he says. "We were required to do a 15 minute suite in which we performed renditions of Freedom Song by Noel Dexter, Jammin by Bob Marley and Saloh- a Jamaican folk song- all sung with a classical bend. We took a big risk entering that category because it's not a style to which we are accustomed, but under the baton of Musical Director Garnett Mowatt, the members really delivered and the judges were extremely impressed."

For their silver medal winning performances in the 'Scenic Folklore' and 'Music of The Religions' categories, Braata performed two suites of well known Jamaican and secular selections.

Their folk repertoire included "Evening Time," "It Was Under the Coconut Tree" and "Dawg War," while highlights of the religious suite included "Dip Dem Bedward," "Bright Soul" and "Weeping Eyes."

According to Clarke, "The silvers in these categories were also rewarding as folk and religious music is more of our specialty. But just to know that we medaled in all three categories in which we participated- and that we could give Jamaica this pre-independence gift in our Golden Jubilee year- is extremely gratifying."

The group will have little time to bask in the glory of their accomplishments, with a slate of performances scheduled throughout the New York and tri-state area leading up to Jamaica's 50th birthday in August.

And although Clarke indicates that the group still has bills to pay relating to the trip to Cincinnati, Braata is already looking even further ahead - to the next edition of the games in Latvia, 2014.

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Evening of Jamaican Culture

College showcase of dance, theater, song

By Chudi Chukwudi

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The program will start at 6:00 p.m. in the theatre at the Bedford Avenue College Campus.

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Jamaica's Consul General to New York, Mr. Herman LaMont, notes that he is pleased to be hosting an event, which will showcase the many talents of Jamaicans. Jamaica has, over the years, produced some of the most talented performers who have impacted not only Jamaica, but the world as a whole and this evening of



Jamaica's Consul General Herman LaMont.
Photo by Leonard McKenzie

culture will place on exhibition those talents.

There will be dance performances ranging from Kumina, Quadrille, to Ska to today's dancehall. There will also be tributes to many icons of the Jamaican theatre, notably the late Professor Rex Nettleford who led the National Dance Company of Jamaica for many years, the Hon. Louise Bennett-Coverley, Randolph "Mass Ran" Williams and Trevor Rhone, among others.

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Guyana's opposition elects new leader

By Bert Wilkinson

A former army commander whose multiparty coalition group narrowly lost last November's general elections, was early Monday elected to lead the country's main opposition party officials said.

Brig. Gen. David Arthur

Granger, 66, defeated former Finance Minister Carl Greenidge by 508 to 175 votes at the end of the three-day biennial meeting of the People's National Congress (PNC), the party that is traditionally supported mostly by Guyanese of

African origin. Voting for the party leadership went late into Sunday night ending with victory for Granger after 2:00 a.m. on Monday.

The PNC is the largest player in A Partnership For National Unity (APNU) that Granger also heads and holds 26 of the 65 seats in parliament. Granger who qualified as a historian after leaving the military in the mid 90s, is the leader of the opposition in Parliament and now holds all of the top three jobs in the opposition community.

Greenidge, who spent several years as a top official of the Barbados-based umbrella regional negotiating machinery of the Caribbean trade bloc, was bidding to become leader of the PNC as many were of the view that Granger might suffer from work overload by holding down all three jobs.

Following his win,

Granger will now immediately have to deal with a near two-week standoff between the military, police and the Afro-dominated bauxite mining town of Linden where police shot and killed three people and injured more than 20 during street demonstrations against steep hikes in electricity rates on July 18. The town is 65 miles southwest of the city.

Angered by the shooting, thousands of residents have locked down the town of 30,000, blocked all entrances and exists to it and sealed off a crucial river bridge that provides the main access to the road to Brazil and gold, diamond and timber concessions owned by foreign and local interests. Burial of the three killed is scheduled on the river bridge on Wednesday, African Emancipation Day.

The continuing unrest forced President Donald Ramotar to cancel a visit



Brig. Gen. David Arthur Granger.

to the town last Saturday after residents replaced huge logs and other debris on roadways and after soldiers and police refused to exert strong arm tactics following the recent deaths

and injuries to others. The standoff has pushed up food and fuel prices in interior areas that depend on a road supply system through the opposition stronghold of Linden.

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How to protect hair and skin from pool chemicals

A pool can provide a welcome respite from the heat and humidity. Taking a daily dip in a pool is great cardiovascular exercise and can help relieve stress. However, the chemicals used to keep pool water fresh and clean may wreak havoc on hair and skin.

Chlorine is one of the most widely used substances for water purification. It is often added to public water supplies to kill off pathogens that have the potential to cause illness. Variations of chlorine are used in pool filtration to ensure the water is clean and safe for swimming because it reduces bacteria and other contaminants, and may also help keep algae growth under control.

Although chlorine is very good at purifying the water people drink and

bathe in, too much of a good thing can prove troublesome. Oftentimes, chlorine — especially in high amounts — can affect the hair and skin of people who regularly use pools.

Hair

Chlorinated water that is also high in copper may form a chemical reaction that turns hair green. The chlorine reacts with the copper to form a compound that is green in hue. This can attach to the porous hair shaft and give hair a green tinge. The green is especially obvious in light-colored hair.

Chlorine is harsh and caustic, while hair is porous. Dry hair that becomes saturated with chlorine-treated water can eventually have salt crystals locked inside, which leads to breakage. Washing

hair directly after swimming may help rinse off external chlorine, but it will not adequately remove chlorine locked inside follicles. Hair may need to be soaked for several minutes in fresh water. Hair that is prone to dryness may become more dry from chlorine.

Swimmers can wear a waterproof swimming cap to prevent against chlorine damage. If this option isn't available, soaking hair in fresh water to saturate hair shafts and then applying a barrier, such as conditioner combed through the hair, can help repel some of the chlorinated water and protect against damage.

Hair that has turned green from pool water may need to be treated with special shampoos or strippers to remove the chlorine-

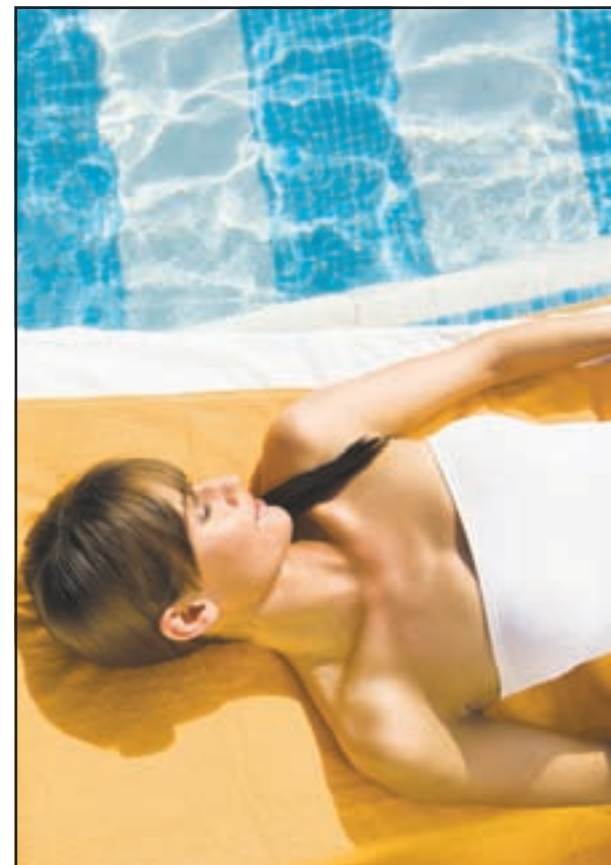
copper compounds. Cutting off the green areas may be an easier solution.

Skin

Chlorine is caustic, and high concentrations can burn the skin. Individuals with sensitive skin may be even more susceptible to rashes and burns from chlorinated pools.

To prevent skin irritation, keep chlorine levels in pool water as low as possible. Applying a waterproof sunscreen or lotion to the skin prior to swimming may also serve as an additional line of defense. There are commercially made products that are designed specifically for application prior to getting in the pool. Because they are waterproof, they will not wash off in the pool or foul up water.

Public pools with a high volume of swimmers tend to have more chlorine in them than backyard pools at private residences. This is evidenced by the strong and often overwhelming aroma of chlorine in the vicinity of the public pool. The effects of chlorine can be seen by the bleaching and wearing



away of rope barriers and floats that are constantly in the pool. If this is what is occurring to plastic and vinyl, imagine what is being

done to skin and hair. Covering up as much as possible can help protect the skin from the harmful effects of chlorine.



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A career where food is love and an art

By Tequila Minsky

Elle Phillippe had many jobs as an office manager after she emigrated from Haiti, more than two decades ago.

When she saw a sign "cooking class" in the window of the Greenwich Village bistro Tartine, Elle Phillippe went in and registered. "I remember, the first class was veal," Elle says of the three-hour, every Thursday from 5:00-8:00 p.m., cooking classes Elle took for a year that ultimately changed the direction of her life.

Since she was eight-years-old, she remembers visiting her grandparents in Leogane, Haiti where they grew food. She always was attracted to food. The classes propelled her onto her current path.

"It was so much fun, all of us from all walks of life, in the kitchen peeling potatoes and talking," she reminisces.

Three years later, Elle studied at the French Culinary Institute, receiving a certificate, and began to cater parties at the Australian Consulate. Two years later, continuing to work as an office manager by day, she went to the New School at night earning a certificate in catering and food laws.

Now, after 12 years of working as a personal chef, she is segueing into a business of event catering and personal dining at your



In her chef whites, Elle Phillippe discusses the finer points of eating well.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

place or in her "apartment bistro."

"I love entertaining, I don't just want to cook, I want to set the stage," she says of her vision. "You sit, you stay for hours and enjoy the creative meal I prepare for you."

What this means is that clients pick from a menu considering their taste and budget. Elle will set an elegant table, prepare and serve the meal in her Upper East Side apartment or your home. Her specialties are

French, Italian, American and Haitian cuisine.

A sample Haitian cuisine-personal dining menu includes in-season farmers market salad with fresh goat cheese and roasted beets—"so versatile," she says, green pea puree (sauce pois) and white rice, vegetables with conch (legumes), and roasted chicken. Dessert is beignet (fritter) with English cream and raspberry sauce garnish.

Higher price menus include different vegetables,

entrées, amount of courses, and desserts. "Everything is fresh, I never open a can!" she boasts. "My philosophy is keep it fresh, keep it real, and keep it simple."

One of her catering clients is the Lycee Francais de New York where her varied buffet menu fed 200 people. It takes four days, employing three helpers, to work on this scale.

In her "apartment bistro," Elle recently prepared a birthday dinner for a Haitian celebrity singer and 12



Elle Phillippe setting down the terrine filled with traditional Haitian soup at an elegantly set table.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

of her friends. "I feel like a queen!" said the guest of honor, gushing, "I've never experienced anything like this."

"I'm working on my website, now," she says, but people can email me at metropolis2@verizon.net and we can discuss dining and entertaining needs.

Through the years and with a boundless curiosity, Elle has taken master classes with highly regarded chefs.

Come fall, Elle will begin teaching her own cooking classes. "Show up with enthusiasm, a smile, and open to learn" are the requirements for her six-session series that will take place on Saturdays between 10:00-2:00 p.m. The class

will then eat what they prepare. "We will also work on menu development," she says.

After the class series and from the menu they've created, the class puts together a dinner party, each person inviting one guest. Elle says, "They have to be able to prepare the meal on a prescribed (about \$25) per person budget."

With her chef services, Elle's philosophy is, "I want people to enjoy food. It gives me joy." And, it's obvious that her classes will include the same passionate approach to dining with great attention to fine details that make eating food touched from her hands an unforgettable experience."

Networking in the 'Hub' draws business owners, professionals



From left, Gail Lewis, Phil Andrews, Leone Baum (Honoree), Don Durant (Honoree), Max Rodriquez (Honoree), Elseah Cheah and Fran Becker.

Long Island has been long considered the Hub or epicenter of business. Recognizing this fact, small business owners around the region converged on Hempstead on Tuesday, July 24 in an effort to network and to develop strategies that would help them stimulate their own personal economic success.

Dubbed "Networking Tuesdays in the HUB," the event brought small busi-

ness owners, community and civic leaders together to share information and support each other in these tough economic times, giving these professionals the opportunity to meet and talk with others in business and get results for what they want to do. Each participant will also get a chance to introduce and/or promote his or her business.

Phil Andrews, CEO Public Relations Company/President

100 Black men of Long Island, Inc. spoke on the topic "How to Master the art of Networking to Increase Your Bottom Line" while Gail Lewis, toastmaster talked about "Mastering the art of a Great Elevator Speech."

Deputy County Executive Dr. Phillip Elliot, Mayor Wayne Hal and Mark Bonilla, Hempstead Town Clerk were among the dignitaries who attended to honor Leone Baum,

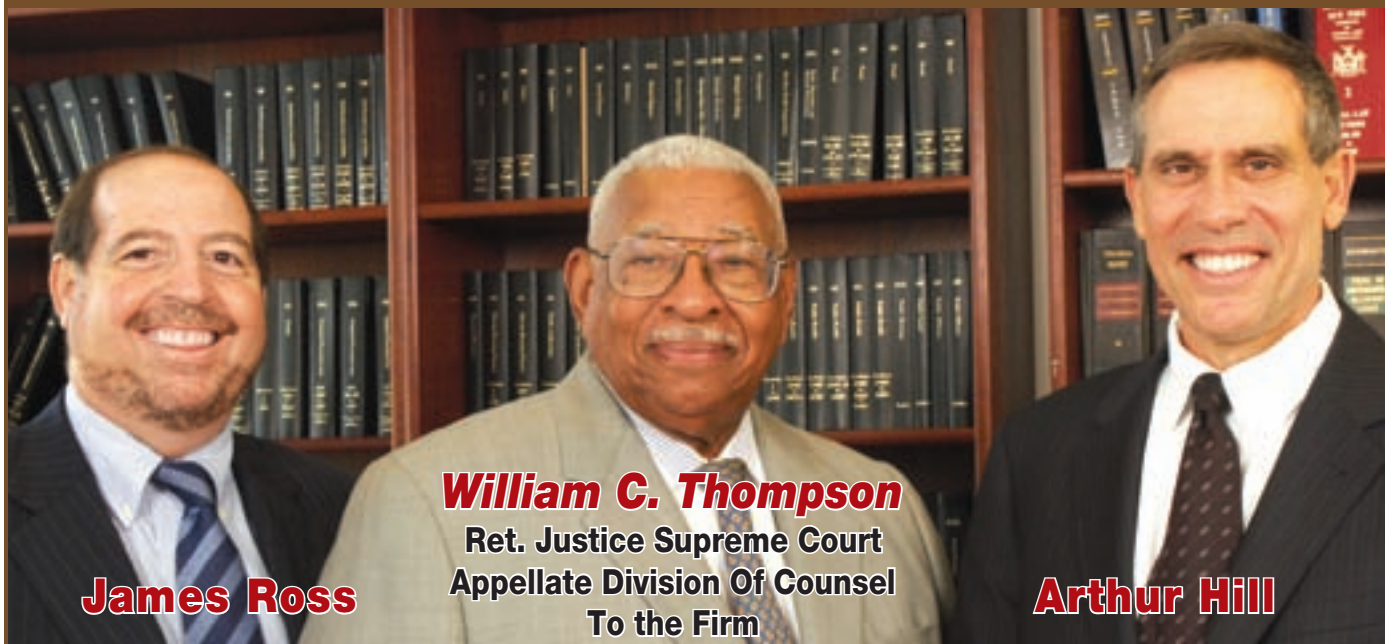
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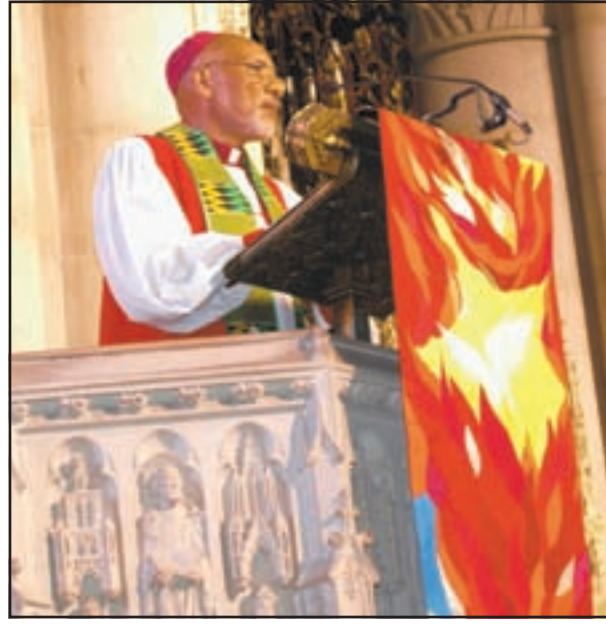
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New York Thanksgiving Service for Jamaica's 50th

New York, NY (July 29, 2012) – Thousands gathered into the majestic nave of the Riverside Church in Morningside Heights, New York City, for the annual Service of Thanksgiving celebrating the nation of Jamaica's 50th Anniversary of Independence on Sunday July 29, 2012.

In the dedication of Jamaica's 50th year of Independence, the Right Reverend Howard Gregory, Anglican Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, delivered the sermon with reflections from one of the lesser prophets, Haggai. Ironically, he spoke of the neglect of the lesser of these, the poor and humble, and the great divide of the rich and poor from 1962, the year of Jamaica's Independence from Britain.

Bishop Gregory made the correlation of the corrosion of citizens' social responsibility to that of their neglect of God's temple: "The God of the Judean Christian tradition should be in the midst



Guest Preacher, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Howard Gregory.
Photo by Lin-Jay Harry-Voglezon

of our lives as individuals and as a community. We must have a keen sense of priority, accountability, and stewardship accompanied by justice, courage, which reflects the very holistic

nature of God." He cited the exponential growth of murder crimes from 1962 to the very present time, wherein the numbers speaks to the neglect and decay of the community of God's people



The Jamaican congregation at Riverside Church.
Photo by Lin-Jay Harry-Voglezon

and the temple of God as a direct correlation to the moral and social decadence.

As a post-colonial nation he rhetorically asked: "What is it that we are seeking to celebrate?" 'Emancipendence', a term coined by the late Professor the Honourable Rex Nettleford, as he quotes from Jamaica's iconic singer, Robert (Bob) Nesta Marley who used words from the Rt. Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey; "Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free

our minds." He noted from recent international study, that racial discrimination is persistent in the Caribbean, its existence is so covert and subtle; that only astuteness and sensitivity to its subtleties allow for consciousness of its very existence.

"Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free our minds," he quotes from Bob Marley. The very good news is that "God has enabled our liberation." He implores, that Jamaicans must keep hope alive, and that "the

future always contains the best that is yet to come" although slavery in varied forms continues to loom.

There was commonality with Bishop Gregory's reflections to that of the Independence Message of the Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Most Honorable Portia Simpson Miller. Consul General of Jamaica in New York, Herman G. LaMont, quotes from the Hon. Prime Minister: "As we celebrate the notable achievements and successes we have made as a nation and a people, I also call on everyone to make this time a time of renewal of commitment; a time to forge and strengthen relations and help build our beloved country into becoming the place we all want it to be – the country to live, work raise families, do business and retire."

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

By Camille Sperrazza

Stop postponing your colonoscopy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

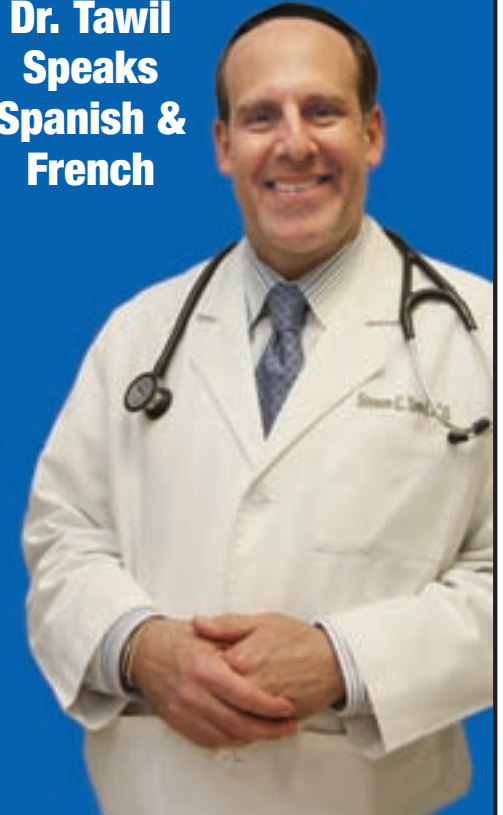
A graduate of Syracuse University, Dr. Tawil trained at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine for five years. He is on staff at the New York Methodist Hospital, and is a member of the American College of Physicians; the New York State Medical Society; the American Medical Association; and the American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

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Vincy picnic gets bigger, better

By Nelson A. King

The annual Vincy Unity Picnic at Brown's Bay Provincial Park in the 1,000 Islands area in eastern Ontario, Canada, continues to burst at its seams, as thousands of nationals descended on the picturesque site on Saturday, July 21 for the massive extravaganza.

More than 20,000 nationals trekked from major cities in North America — including Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, New York, Philadelphia and Boston — throughout the Caribbean and the Diaspora, and even from home to participate in the spectacle.

In picture-perfect weather, they dined, drank, chilled, “ole-talked,” gyrated to hypnotic soca vibes, and just had plain fun at the expansive park bordering the St. Lawrence River.

Amid the gaiety, nationals devoted time in expressing their sentiments to Caribbean Life, proclaiming generally and unapologeti-



Picnic crowd bursting at its seams

Photo by Nelson A. King

cally that they were having a time of their life.

“It’s very inspiring,” said Clem Hewitt, who drove from the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, with his son Nigel.

“I love the atmosphere,” added Hewitt, enjoying his fourth 1,000 Is. picnic. “I get to see a lot of people I have not seen in years. It’s very heart-warming.”

Sisters Annie, Maude and Lena Kidd, said the picnic provides a great opportu-

nity to unwind from the hustle and bustle of daily living.

“It’s my first time coming, but it wouldn’t be the last one — while I’m alive,” said Annie, who, with her siblings, was among four busloads of compatriots, who undertook the 10-hour journey from Brooklyn, organized by the umbrella Vincentian group Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A., Inc. (COSAGO).

“I kept hearing about it (picnic), but I never knew the culture behind it,” chimed in Lena. “I’ll be back next year.”

A busload of nationals from Pennsylvania had also undertaken the trek, organized by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organization of Pennsylvania (SVOP).

For the second successive year, COSAGO and SVOP collaborated in providing meals, hotel accommodation and other activities for picnic-goers.

The groups also used the occasion to raise funds for the nation’s participation next spring in the annual Penn Relays in Philadelphia by raffling a large flat-screen TV, among other prizes.

“I always look forward to meeting all these Vincen-tians,” said Brooklyn resident Sonia Thompson, who brought along her son Alex, for the fourth time, on the COSAGO-SVOP excursion. “This is a cultural thing.”

50 YEARS OF SELF RULE

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Myrie AKA Buju Banton, a popular, dancehall reggae artist arrested by federal officers on drug-related charges.

2010: Air Jamaica ceases to operate under Jamaican ownership.

The name Christopher “Dudus” Coke indelibly inscribes cause for PM Golding’s declaration of state of emergency when crime and violence mars the year. Reportedly, 73 Jamaicans are killed in the quest to smoke out the US sought-after crime figure from his Kingston community known as Tivoli Gardens. Coke was not captured there but in a car allegedly headed to the capital city of Kingston. Dressed in women’s clothing, he was seized, handed over to federal authorities and extradited to the USA.

2011: Prime Minister

Golding steps down and alleges he will no longer seek elective governance. He is replaced by Andrew Holness. Later that same year, Portia-Simpson Miller wins in landslide elections. Popular reggae dancehall personality Buju Banton is sentenced to 10 years.

2012: Simpson Miller takes oath of office and inaugurated prime minister, the first female ever to take the oath of office. Dudus pleads guilty and is given 23 years. Prince Harry represents his grandmother Queen Elizabeth II who is celebrating her golden jubilee simultaneously with the island’s milestone achievement. Ironically, during this same year as in 1962 (Empire & Commonwealth games) — Jamaican athletes are vying for top track and field medals at the Olympic Games.

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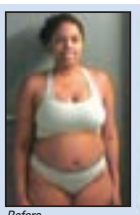
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Former Bahamas PM bows out

By Azad Ali

Former Bahamas Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham recently tendered his resignation via a letter to House Speaker Kendal Major at the House of Assembly.

He confirmed his resignation from Parliament will be effective on Aug. 31.

Ingraham told the Bahamian media that he decided to delay his resignation to allow Greg Gomez, his preferred choice to run in the North Abaco by-election on a Free National Movement (FNM) ticket, to meet the constitutional residency requirement. Ingraham had earlier said his resignation would have been effective from July.

Gomez previously lived outside the country. The constitution requires that candidates in elections be ordinarily resident in The Bahamas for a year prior to nomination. Gomez is expected to meet the resident requirement at the end of August.



Hubert Ingraham. AP Photo/Haraz N. Ghanbari

"It has been a singular privilege and honor to serve in the august House of Assembly of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas," Ingraham said before a packed Minority Room of the House of Assembly.

The former prime minister also addressed a number of other issues. He said the approaching referendum on gambling should include the question of casino gambling.

He spoke out against Bahamas Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade for making what he (Ingraham) claimed were political comments to Urban Renewal and condemned the decision of the government to end the contract of Hospital Administrator Coralie Adderely, although he said she has not yet received a letter. Finally, Ingraham said he would never accept a Knighthood if offered.

Following General Elections in May, Ingraham's incumbent FNM lost power to the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP), he announced his resignation as FNM leader and further shocked supporters by saying he was retiring from active politics and would not take his seat in the Assembly although he was re-elected for an eight successive time for the North Abaco constituency.

His resignation marked the 35th anniversary of Ingraham's first election to Parliament.

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Court annuls FIFA ban on Bin Hamman

By Azad Ali

Trinidad and Tobago Minister of National Security Jack Warner said he feels vindicated after the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) annulled the FIFA-imposed lifetime ban on former FIFA presidential candidate Mohamed Bin Hamman.

Warner told a press conference last week at the Ministry of National Security, Port of Spain "I waited a little more than a year for this day and now I feel, not only a sense relieved, but I feel comforted, adding that a few friends, including Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar, never lost faith in him during the difficult time.

Warner said if he had not resigned as FIFA vice-president in June last year, he too would have been found not guilty by the CAS. "But I was not prepared to go through this charade," he said.

Last June, both Warner and Bin Hamman were suspended from FIFA after reports that several Caribbean Union Football (CFU) officials were offered bribes of US\$40,000 during a meeting at the Hyatt regency hotel in Port of Spain last May.

Warner and Bin Hamman (who had challenged Sepp Blatter for the FIFA presidency) were accused of giving bribes to delegates of



File picture of Mohamed bin Hammam, right, of Qatar and former FIFA Vice President Austin Jack Warner, of Trinidad & Tobago. AP Photo/Shirley Bahadur

the CFU.

No action was taken against Warner as he resigned his executive position while a lifetime ban was imposed against Bin Hamman.

The three-man CAS panel, which included British QC Phillippe Sands, emphasized only that it was "case not proven," because the evidence compiled following FIFA's own investigation, was insufficient to prove Bin Hammam provided the suitcase of dollar bills.

The CAS judgment found by a 2-1 majority, damag-

ingly for Bin Hammam: "it is more likely than not that Mr. Bin Hammam was the source of the monies... and that his conduct... may not have complied with the highest ethical standards that should govern the world of football and other sports."

CAS found, though, that the investigation carried out by FIFA into the allegation that the US\$40,000 payments came from Bin Hammam and were bribes to buy the CFU delegates "votes" was not complete or comprehensive enough."

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ain's Minister of State for International Development, Alan Duncan who said he was pleased to announce the full cancelation of all of St. Kitts and Nevis debts to the Department for International Development.

Duncan informed the St. Kitts and Nevis prime minister that the case for debt relief was assessed under three criteria "sound management, good governance and commitment to poverty eradication.

The British minister of state hoped that the writing hoped that the writing-off debts to the Department for International Development "will help boost the chances of success and help free up resources to help protect the poorest and most vulnerable citizens of St Kitts and Nevis during the challenging time."

ST. LUCIA

Shootings marred St. Lucia Carnival as rival gangs traded gunshots leaving a 27-year-old man dead.

The violence forced police to bring a premature end to carnival celebrations recently.

Police said that Levy Wilson was shot in the chest and died on the spot while a 20-year-old Yannick Sylvester sustained gunshot wounds to his right arm.

Police say both men were innocent bystanders watching the carnival celebra-

tions in the capital when the gunshots rang out forcing law enforcement officials to redirect carnival bands away from the area.

Wilson's death was one of three which occurred over the long carnival weekend.

TRINIDAD

Newly-appointed National Security Minister Jack Warner announced that the government is moving to introduce technology which could help pinpoint the location of gunshots.

The technology would permit greater flexibility for the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service as it seeks to interface and interconnect with other prospective services systems in place thereby ensuring an optimal response from first responders to public safety issues. The "system" would apparently link-up with infrastructure from many different law enforcement agencies.

Warner said when a shot is fired from a gun "you would know where it came from and know the area, you can pinpoint the house and if they have the squad cars in the area, as there will be, it will be a matter of seconds."

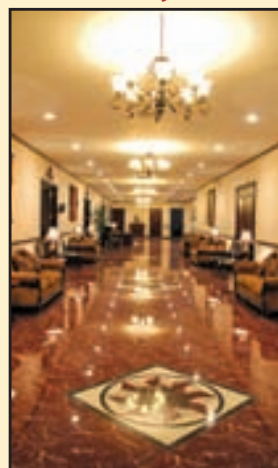
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TURKS AND CAICOS

The acting governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands has signed into law Value Added Tax (VAT) to boost the finances of the troubled British territory.

An 11 percent tax will be levied on a range of goods in the island chain south-east of the Bahamas starting next April. A government statement said the rate is the second lowest in the Caribbean region, after Haiti.

The law signed contains several exemptions, including fruit and vegetables, fresh meat and hurricane supplies.

The tax is intended to stabilize the finances in an island placed under direct rule by Britain in 2009 amid allegations that local officials had taken payoffs from developers.

Elections making way for a return to local rule are scheduled for November.

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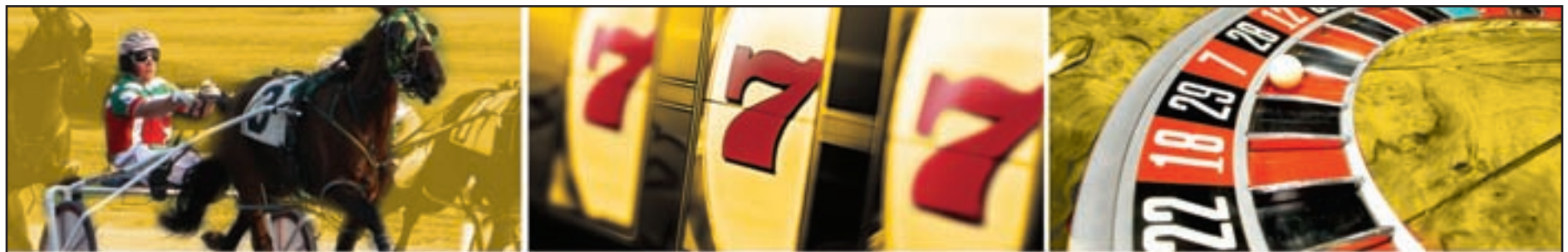
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Jamaicans bolt to Olympics for gold and glory

Jamaicans led by Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller joined delegations representing athletes from 205 countries across the world to attend opening ceremonies of the 30th Olympiad in London, England.

The leader – who is also minister of sports – made the four-day visit to the international, sports mecca where thousands of athletes from around the globe will compete in 36 sports until Aug. 12.

Although her visit ends one week before Usain Bolt races to face challenge for Olympic gold and dominance in track and field, the prime minister said she had confidence in team Jamaica and urged nationals to cheer on all the athletes who represent the island.

“Once again, all roads lead to London and I am expecting the Jamaican team to perform to the best of its ability and it is only fitting that we give them all the necessary support dur-



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

ing the Games,” Simpson Miller said.

Jamaicans hold high hopes for a repeat sweep in both the men’s and women’s races they compete – akin to their victory in 2008 at the Beijing, China Olympics – shutting out any aspirations for competition to medal gold, silver or bronze.

While all athletes aspire to Olympic glory, Jamaicans are forcefully going for the gold that also celebrates their golden anniversary of independence.

The prime minister said there was much significance in the Games in this 50th year of Jamaica’s Independence and 64 years after Olympians Herb McKenley, Arthur Wint and others “blazed a trail of glory at our first participation in the Olympics in London in 1948.”

Prior to the opening ceremonies on Friday, she participated in a welcome flag-raising ceremony at the Olympic Village and met with the Jamaican athletes.

Meanwhile, Jamaican nationals who reside outside of England are flocking to the city to support their “Golden Boy” and fellow athletes as they compete on the international athletic stage.

‘Cool Running’ again for Jamaicans at Olympics

Aside from track and field, Jamaican athletes are contenders in a number of events that may be regarded as out of their realm. Determined to improve on their ability and perhaps qualify to compete against the best of the best, an equestrian,



Prime Minister of Jamaica Portia Simpson Miller waves as she arrives at Buckingham Palace in London for a reception hosted by Queen Elizabeth II.

AP Photo/Sang Tan

swimmer and Tae-Kwan-Do champion are representing the Caribbean island at the London Olympics.

Unlike, the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Canada where Team Jamaica’s bob sled entry was regarded as a novelty and dubbed in news reports for their “Cool Runnings,” the summer games promise record-

breaking opportunities and spotlight for more than a few individuals representing the nation.

With more than a few hurdlers, sprint, relay and long distance runners basking in the spotlight Team Jamaica comprise 100 metres swimmer Alia Atkinson, discus throwers Travis Smikle, Allison Randall and

Jason Morgan; long jumper, Damar Forbes; shot putter Dorian Scott; Tae-kwan-do competitor Kenneth Edwards; triple jumpers Trecia Smith and Kimberly Williams; equestrian Samantha Albert; Korene Hinds, steeple chase; decathlon runner, Maurice Smith; and others to carry the black, green and gold banner.

And while lightning Bolt will likely strike again, the four-time, Olympic gold medal winner who carried the flag during the opening ceremony might be joined in the winner’s circle after performances by Yohan “The Beast” Blake, Asafa Powell, Shelly-Ann Fraser Pryce, Veronica Campbell Brown, Sherone Simpson, Sherica Williams, Nickiesha Wilson and Melanie Walker. Since arriving at their training camp at the University of Birmingham, media and fans have been camping out to get a glimpse of the 54-member JA team.

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Diaspora Vibe 2.0

By Kingsley Doyle

The Southampton Cultural Center will host “Diaspora Vibe 2.0,” the 16th annual Caribbean Crossroads Series Exhibition on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The exhibit which runs from Aug. 11 to 26 will provide a dazzling display of provocative, contemporary fine art by more than 30 artists from the Latin American and Caribbean Diaspora. The event launches with an artist-interactive fund-raising gala honoring artist advocate Grace Y. Ingelton.

Ingelton will receive the 365 Art for Change Award at the gala for having supported, mentored and presented several generations of outstanding artists through the organization she helped found, the Dedicators, including Romare Bearden, Lois Mailou Jones, Benny Andrews, and Roy DeCarava. The Panamani-



Edouard Duval-Carrifflé, Erzulie-Dantor, 1999.

an native was honored by the Smithsonian Institution's Latino Center in 2010 for her significant impact on American culture. The event will feature an “Art Burst,” a brief theatrical performance, and opportunities for attendees to interact with regional artists.

The Caribbean Crossroads Series surveys the dynamic images of Caribbean artists with a gaze on Afro-Cuban and Afro-Latino Caribbean artists. Works

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Jamaican art exhibition

By Chudi Chukwudi

Jamaican artist Michael Escoffery opened his portfolio of artwork recently with a colorful presentation now on display at the Jamaica Consulate.

The iconic event attracted a large, after-work crowd of excited art lovers from across the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut tri-State area to help celebrate Jamaica's 50 years of independence.

From oil to canvas, from paper and pencil to sculpture, Escoffery's works depict the true brilliance and richness of his skills through relationships between colors.



Michael Escoffery (right) receiving proclamation from Victor Hall.

Photo by Leonard McKenzie

Escoffery, who resides in Westchester County, was also honored with a proclamation by Victor Allen on

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Oneza Lafontant of the Kongo-Haitian Roots Music is on the Aug. 5, Heritage Sunday AYITI RASANBLE! program.
Photo by Tequila Minsky

An afternoon of Haitian entertainment

By Tequila Minsky

From July 25 through Aug. 12, all kinds of performances and other family entertainment will take place at one of the many plazas of Lincoln Center, Manhattan as part of its Out of Doors series.

Among the series' different musical offerings are Turkish funk and rock, Irish, Israeli, Puerto Rican, in addition to an American Roots Festival music weekend – Aug. 11 & 12 from 1:00 p.m.

On Aug. 5, Heritage Sunday

AYITI RASANBLE! (Haiti Come Together!) devotes a full afternoon, from 1:00-6:00 p.m., to Haiti. The stage at Lincoln Center Hearst Plaza near 65th between Columbus and Amsterdam will showcase the Hai-

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



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

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Life Is Good**
Nas
- 2 **...Hits**
Phil Collins
- 3 **Channel Orange**
Frank Ocean
- 4 **Uncaged**
Zac Brown Band
- 5 **Doo-Wops & Hooligans**
Bruno Mars
- 6 **Dark Knight Rises**
Soundtrack
- 7 **Spark Seeker**
Matisyahu
- 8 **Believe**
Justin Bieber
- 9 **Up All Night**
One Direction
- 10 **The Lumineers**
The Lumineers



Haiti come together

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tian performances. Haitian dance troupes Feet of Rhythm, Kongo – featuring Peniel Guerrier, and La Troupe Makandal will perform to the percussion and melodies of authentic Haitian traditional music. The ra-ra group Raram will also perform.

Three of these dance groups collaborated in a recently completed three-part series with Center for Traditional Music and Dance (CTMD) as part of a five-year Community Cultural Initiative with the Haitian performing arts community, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. About 10 Haitian cultural workers and activists, now calling themselves Ayiti Fasafas, Haiti face-to-face, have been meeting with CTMD, since last fall, to organize the series.

A memorial evening, June 30, paying tribute to the great master drummer and Brooklyn-resident Frisner Augustin who died of a stroke in Haiti in February of this year was the second in the series. CTMD and Ayiti Fasafas assembled the most talented top musicians and dancers from the traditional arts community who volunteered their talents for the free tribute. Haiti Cultural Exchange provided refreshments.

Ninaj Raoul of Kongo said, “There’s a lot of love here,” refer-

ring to warmth in the packed Roulette theater on Atlantic Ave., the engagement between performers and audience, and the sense of remembering Frisner’s immense talent and joyfulness.

Jazz guitarist Ti-Pascal (Alex Pascal), who isn’t usually associated with the “traditional” music scene, performed with Avant-garde drummer Andrew Cyrille who collaborated with Frisner on the CD *Route De Frères*, released last year. Cyrille was planning their next collaboration at the time of Augustin’s passing.

Ase Dance Theatre (modern and vernacular movement), Brother High Full Tempo, (ra-ra) Gran Chimen (troubadour), and Pat Hall Dancers were among those who channeled the spirit of Frisner. Frisner’s own drummers from La Troupe Makandal were an integral component of the evening, which also included student drummers from the Makandal Haitian Drum Workshop, classes Frisner taught at Hunter College since 1983 and will continue with others from Makandal.

The third program in CTMD’s series highlighted dance. Held at El Museo del Barrio on July 14, this event honored master dancer Jean-Léon Destiné.

Among his many noteworthy milestones, Destiné performed at the National Folklife Festival



Jean-Lffl©on Destinéffl© (right) delights the audience as he joins the talented Peniel in some dance moves. Photo by Tequila Minsky

in Washington DC in 1941, and danced with Katherine Dunham’s Broadway production and touring company of *Bal Negre*. He started his own dance company that played theaters, concert halls, and venues coast to coast and has a long list of honors and awards for excellence in the dance.

During the tribute, dancer Peniel, garbed in shiny red, presented Destiné, seated in the audience with an asson and bell-instruments integral with vodou rituals.

Destiné later came on stage and thrilled the crowd when he joined Peniel for some dance movements before he told the audience about his trajectory as a dancer.

Five performing troupes, from

those deeply embedded in the traditional to those blending contemporary with the traditional—all accompanied by the talent of local drummers, filled the evening.

Ethnomusicologist Lois Wilcken said of the three-part series, “With CTMD’s collaboration with Ayiti Fasafas, the Haitian cultural community has brought together artists from their own corners. We’ve come to know each other on a deeper level and we enjoy working together. Our task, now, is to carrying this understanding into our respective established communities.”

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Michael explains the details of his craft to Sharon and Norma from Connecticut. Photo by Leonard McKenzie

Art exhibition at consulate

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behalf of the Westchester County Board of Legislators declaring Friday, July 13, 2012 “Michael Escoffery Day” in the County.

The talented, outspoken and sensitive artist, whose work spans more than three decades across the globe, was filled with enthusiasm as the afternoon gathering

remained enthralled with his masterpieces.

He talked of the acceptance of his craft as a way of helping to pave the way for other Caribbean artists to have their work accepted and displayed in the United States. He also thanked Loris Crawford, his long time friend, who helped put the evening’s event event together.

A celebration of artists

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express the daily struggles, triumphs and spiritual journeys of many of the artists exhibited; featured pieces will include painting, photography, installation, mixed media, metal works, wood carvings, printmaking, textile and handmade paper miniature drawings. Participating artists include Edouard Duval-Carrié, Yasser Castellanos, Juan Erman Gonzalez, Hugo Moro, Rosa Garmendia, Carol Jaime, Patrick DeCastro, Selina Roman, Elaine Bradford, Sarah Krupp, Patricia Roldan, Grettel Arrate, Erin Nutsugah, Flor Bosco, Agusteen Jiménez Chacos, and Magdalena Goudie, among others.

A celebration of artists and art-making, “Diaspora Vibe 2.0” will provide opportunities for audiences of all ages to meet, learn about art, and make art with international, regional, and local artists through group and private gallery tours, one-to-one

conversations, and artist-led demonstrations and workshops to be held in venues throughout Southampton and the East End of Long Island. The two-week exhibition will include a lively Artist Marketplace—to be held each weekend during the exhibition, at the Southampton Inn—offering high-quality fine art, photography, jewelry, ceramics, glass and fiber arts, and other handcrafted items for sale by national and regional artists.

The event is co-presented by Global Arts/Media, a Glen Cove, New York cultural planning firm, and Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, a Miami-based nonprofit arts organization. Regional sponsors and collaborators include the 21st Century Foundation powered by Tides (based in New York City), the Southampton Cultural Center, the Southampton Inn and East End Arts, the regional arts council headquartered in Riverhead, New York.

Batman battles terrorist in trilogy finale

"The Dark Knight Rises"

Rated PG-13 for sexuality, profanity and intense violence.

Running time: 165 minutes

Distributor: Warner Brothers

By Kam Williams

The Dark Knight Rises brings down the curtain on the brilliant Batman trilogy directed by Christopher Nolan and starring Christian Bale as the Caped Crusader. Each of the earlier episodes, Batman Begins (2005) and The Dark Knight (2008), earned a spot on this critic's annual Top Ten List, #s 9 and 1, respectively.

Given how the late Heath Ledger played The Joker to perfection, delivering an inspired, Oscar-winning, career performance in the previous installment, you knew it would be hard for Nolan to find as compelling a character for his highly-anticipated finale. And if The Dark Knight Rises does have a weakness, it lies in the fact that its primary villain pales in comparison. Otherwise, the movie measures up to franchise expectations, though its convoluted plot and 2¾ hours running time is likely to have younger kids squirming in their seats.

The picture's point of departure is eight years after the end of the last adventure, when Batman selflessly accepted the blame



Christian Bale as the Caped Crusader battles Bane (Tom Hardy), a card-carrying member of the association of assassins known as The League of Shadows.

for the untimely demise of District Attorney Harvey Dent (Aaron Eckhart). The broken, embittered vigilante has apparently kept a low profile over the intervening years, allowing the Gotham

Police Department to fight crime on its own.

But that's only until the arrival in town of Bane (Tom Hardy), a card-carrying member of the association of assassins known

as The League of Shadows. Although his speech is pretty much muffled by a Hannibal Lecter-like contraption affixed to his face, you don't need to understand his unintelligible mumbblings to know that he's a maniacal menace. The masked terrorist is hell-bent on blowing up the city with a nuclear device and of course it isn't long before Commissioner Gordon (Gary Oldman) needs help handling the mayhem.

Meanwhile, Batman's alter-ego Bruce Wayne already has his hands full with Selina Kyle (Anne Hathaway), a cat burglar he catches snooping around his mansion. Fortunately, Wayne still has loyal assistants in his butler Alfred (Michael Caine) and weap-

ons/vehicle/gadgetry specialist Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman). Plus, he forges a new friendship with John Blake (Joseph-Gordon-Levitt), an idealist cop with excellent instincts who might be sidekick Robin should the series be spun off.

Outfitted with a state-of-the-art motorcycle and hovercraft, a revived Batman engages his evil adversary with an unbridled enthusiasm. And between purist Nolan's loyalty to 35mm film and live action stunts, what's served up onscreen proves to be nothing short of spectacular.

A tip of the cap, or should I say of the cape, to a terrific trilogy for the ages!

Very Good (3 stars)

Independent & Foreign Films

360 (R for sexuality, nudity and profanity) Screen adaptation of La Ronde, Arthur Schnitzler's class-conscious play exploring the sexual mores of a peripatetic jet set spread out over Vienna, Paris, London, Denver, Phoenix, Rio de Janeiro and Bratislava. Ensemble includes Anthony Hopkins, Ben Foster, Jude Law and Rachel Weisz.

Assassin's Bullet (R for violence) International thriller about a U.S. Ambassador stationed in Europe (Donald Sutherland) who enlists the assistance of a former FBI Agent (Christian Slater) in order to track down the vigilante killing terrorists on America's 10 Most Wanted list. With Erika Portnoy, Timothy Spall and Marian Valev.

The Babymakers (Unrated) Biological clock comedy about a sterile, wannabe daddy (Paul Schneider) who recruits his buddies and an East Indian mobster (Jay Chandrasekhar) to steal the sperm he sold to a fertility clinic years ago so that he might still impregnate his miserably-childless wife (Olivia Munn). With Aisha Tyler, Wood Harris and Noureen DeWulf.



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Celeste and Jesse Forever (R for profanity, sexuality and drug use) On the rocks dramedy revolving around the effort of an almost-divorced couple (Rashida Jones and Andy Samberg) to remain friends while simultaneously pursuing new relationships. Cast includes Elijah Wood, Emma Roberts, Ari Graynor and Eric Christian Olsen.

Craigslist Joe (Unrated) My brother's keeper documentary chronicling 29-year-old Joseph Garner's attempt to survive for a month relying on the kindness of strangers he met on the internet for food, shelter, transportation and companionship.

Dreams of a Life (Unrated) Maudlin post mortem revisiting the unnoticed demise of Joyce Vincent (Zawe Ashton), a British woman of Caribbean extraction whose body wasn't discovered until several years after she passed away of natural causes while ironi-

cally wrapping Christmas presents for family and friends. With Neelam Bakshi, Jonathan Harden and Lee Colley.

Mosquita y Mari (Unrated) Coming-of-age drama, set in Southern California, about a 15-year-old Latina (Fenessa Pineda) who bonds with a new neighbor (Venecia Troncoso) her age only to be surprised when their friendship blossoms into a lesbian relationship. Support cast includes Joaquin Garrido, Laura Patalano and Dulce Maria Solis. (In Spanish and English with subtitles)

Soldiers of Fortune (R for profanity and violence) Action adventure about wealthy thrill seekers who encounter a lot more than they bargained for after paying to tag along on a military mission led by a former U.S. Special Forces soldier (Christian Slater). Starring Ving Rhames, James Cromwell, Freddy Rodriguez and Colm Meaney.

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

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By Chudi Chuckwudi

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Members of the York College Blue Notes.

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name of Tad Jones discovered a baptismal certificate documenting Louis's actual birthday.

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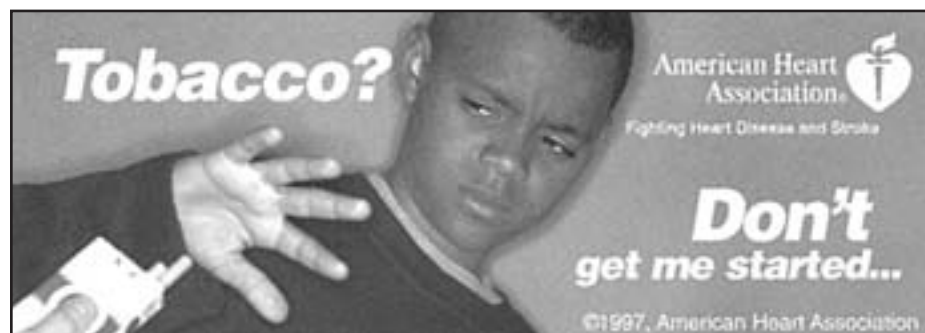
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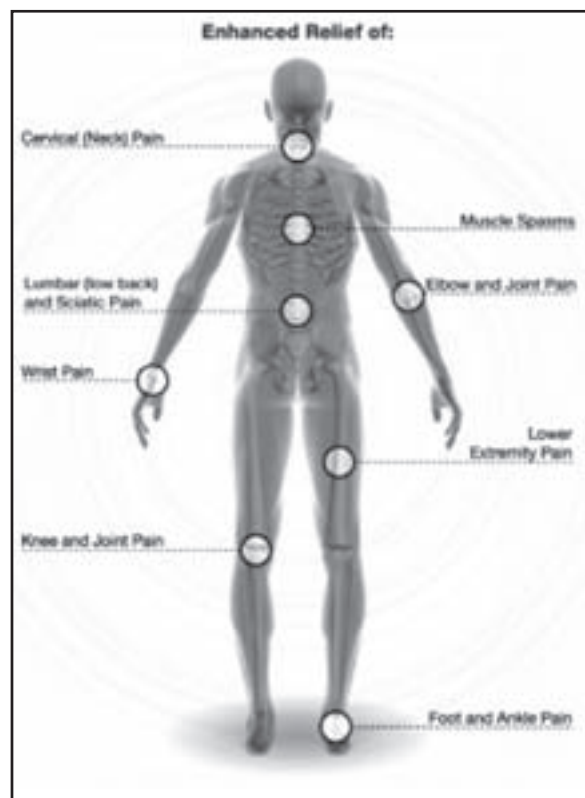
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By Chudi Chukwudi

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Tennis academy seeks youngsters

By Robert Elkin

Sportimes owns several tennis centers in the metropolitan area, including one at Randalls Island. The center is also the home of New York Sportimes, one of eight franchises in the World Team Tennis League with four teams right from the northeast and east. It is also the venue of the John McEnroe Tennis Academy in the third year of existence.

Eight 'future' outstanding tennis players in their age category recently were recipients and earned scholarships of the John McEnroe Tennis Academy. They include Cameron Daniels of Oakland Gardens, Diane McCready of Brooklyn, Natalie Eordokian of Woodside, and Palmer Clare of North Bellmore, all from the New York City area, and Leonte Wilder of Plainfield, New Jersey, Yorktown Heights' Sean Wei, Tomas Kopczynski of Sleepy Hollow and Chesterfield, Michigan's Arthur O'Dell.

Most of the winners were on hand during the final home event of the WTT schedule against undefeated Washington. In addition, the hard workers of the John McEnroe Tennis Academy which helps the very beginner through the advanced youngsters were in attendance to help make league play possible by doing different chores on

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Gayle shines again

By Azad Ali

West Indies batsman Chris Gayle regained his place as the team's top rated batsman in ODIs after his string of good scores, which carried him up to 11 places to 21st in the latest ICC Rankings.

Gayle, who endured a 14-month absence from international cricket, has scored 252 runs in four innings (Average: 84.0) since returning against England.

Meanwhile, Marlon Samuels leaped froged 15 batsmen to go to 67th position following scores of 101 not out, 11 and 42 in the recent series against New Zealand and Andre Russell, who hit an unbeaten 42 and 59 not out in his two innings, jumped from 63rd to 54th.

Keiron Pollard (34th), Lendl Simmons (69th) and Dwayne Bravo (82nd) are the other active batsmen in the top 100.

At the top of the list are South Africans

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LACKLUSTER GAME

Tottenham Hotspur's Michael Dawson (20) battles New York Red Bulls' Tim Cahill (17) for a header in the first half during a friendly soccer match at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, N.J., Tuesday, July 31, 2012. AP Photo/Rich Schultz

Tottenham defeats Red Bulls 2-1

By Patrick Horne

The New York/New Jersey area welcomed another foreign club to our shores, this time English Premier League club Tottenham Hotspurs was the guest of the New York Red Bulls at Red Bull Arena in Harrison (NJ) Tuesday night for the annual

Barclays New York Cup Powered by Under Armour. Unfortunately, this game wasn't powered by anything! Despite Tottenham's 2-1 win, the game paled in comparison to the recent highly technical and tactical display at Yankee Stadium on Sunday, July 22 between two other foreign teams:

the 1-1 duel between France's Paris Saint Germain and Chelsea FC of the English Premier League.

The exciting moments Tuesday night were few and far between. Two of the three goals scored came from set plays: Kenny

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Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper Heurelho Gomes (1) makes a save as Jan Vertonghen (5) trips New York Red Bulls' Tim Cahill (17) in the goal box resulting in a penalty kick awarded to Red Bulls' Kenny Cooper (33) for a goal in the first half.

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Lackluster game at Red Bull Arena

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Cooper's penalty in the eighth minute for the Red Bulls and Gareth Bale's header in the 59th minute from a Gylfi Sigurdsson corner kick to tie the game for Tottenham. Sigurdsson's winner in the 64th minute caused a stir among the 21, 701 fans when he dribbled toward the penalty box and unleashed a shot from eighteen yards that shook the inside right corner of the net. Neither team developed any passing rhythm; hardly any combination play was evident; and the game, especially after a slew of second half substitutions on both sides, was not aesthetically pleasing.

If there was an outstanding performer in the game, it would have to be New York Red Bulls goal keeper Bill Gaudette, who pulled off two outstanding saves, one in each half. In the 20th minute, Gaudette leaped to nudge Bale's free kick just over the crossbar to bring

the crowd to its feet; he repeated the save midway in the second half when Aaron Lennon let loose a blistering shot from close range that the goal keeper parried out of bounds to save the Red Bulls further embarrassment. The fans saw the Red Bulls' latest signee Tim Cahill in action.

The night wasn't totally lost; New Red Bulls season ticket holders got a chance to play 12th man as fans' names were woven into the fabric of the jersey to create the numbers on the jerseys worn by Red Bulls players; for their cooperation, the 600 or so subscribers got a chance to win an autographed jersey worn by one of the players. The promotion was but one of several put on at the game by the hosts. The Red Bulls play at Houston Dynamo on Friday night, 8:00 p.m.

OLYMPICS

CONCACAF teams are doing well at the London Olympics. The USA wom-

en's team won its group with a 3-0 record in group games to capture first in the group; the Americans defeated France (4-2), Colombia (3-0) and North Korea (1-0) and was scheduled to play New Zealand last Thursday in a quarter-final game. Canada's women's team also advanced to the quarterfinals.

Honduras and Mexico men's teams advanced to the quarterfinals. Honduras knocked off Spain, 1-0, and eliminated it from the tournament in an upset; three MLS players helped Honduras prevail. Scorer Jerry Bengtson, who scored his third goal of the Olympics, plays for the New England Revolution, and Kansas City's Roger Espinoza and D.C. United's Andy Najar combined for the assist.

MLS

The New York Red Bulls (11-6-5), still leading the Eastern Confer-

ence, lost 3-1 at Montreal on Saturday. The team also announced that it has signed 25-year-old defender Babajide Ogunbiyi from Danish First Division club Viborg FF, where he played since 2010; the defender was a Red Bulls 2009 MLS SuperDraft in the second round. The team also announced that it acquired a 2013 international spot and a 2013 conditional draft pick from the San Jose Earthquakes for midfielder Mehdi Balouchy.

In other MLS results last weekend, Real Salt Lake beat Vancouver Whitecaps, 2-1; Houston Dynamo dumped Toronto FC, 2-0; Los Angeles Galaxy topped FC Dallas, 1-0; Columbus Crew got past Sporting Kansas City, 1-2; Seattle Sounders over Colorado, 2-1; San Jose Earthquakes and Chivas USA played to a 1-1 draw; and Philadelphia beat New England, 2-1.

Gayle shines

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Hasim Amla (871 points) and AB De Villiers (851), Indian Virat Kohli and Sri Lanka Sangakkaran (757).

In the Test rankings, West Indies left-handed middle order batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul has moved off the top of the ICC's Test rankings.

He has been replaced by Sri Lankan Kumar Sangakkara. He crept ahead of Chanderpaul to move to 892 rating points. Chanderpaul is 36 points adrift in second, with South African AB De Villiers in third on 821 points.

Sangakkara struck a superb 192 in the recently drawn Test against Pakistan in Colombo to earn 42 points.



Chris Gayle.

AP Photo/Lynne Sladky

Academy seeks youngsters

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the court.

Some 200 kids came for the tryouts and the staff was very much impressed with their play at Sportime-Randalls Island. The important thing is to raise money for the academy and try to develop the youngsters into the 'stars of tomorrow.'

"Youngsters who come here love tennis and love what they are doing," said Jaime Moore, who has been working at the academy for two years. "We take special interests with the kids. I was interested in working here at the Academy, applied for a job, and got it."

A tennis player himself, Moore attended Hampton University and then played on a circuit.

It was with the latter that he really picked up his game.

"That's what I really wanted to do," he said, before the last home match of the season. "One gets maturity and education and gets to travel while on the circuit. And one gets to learn about the cultures of people and about himself, as well."

Moore doubles as a coach and community

outreach director at the John McEnroe Tennis Academy, named after an international outstanding tennis player, top ranking singles player at one time, and winner of so many titles, including the US Open, and now is a television commentator. Moore is assistant director of tournaments conducted at Sportime.

"My goal in tennis is to teach all kids, continue what I am doing," said the resident of Manhattan.

"It is awesome to work under Hall of Famer John McEnroe," Moore added. "I love it here."

Moore said that about 80 kids work at Sportime on a given night when the venue hosts the World Team Tennis matches.

"We want to get as many kids involved on the court (as possible)," said McEnroe, who is trying to put in as much time as possible with the Academy.

"The program is a great opportunity as it is possible to stay connected with the sport," said Andre Agassi, who played for the Boston Lobsters in the WTT. Agassi faced McEnroe in one World Team Tennis League match and four times on the tour.

Gayle's exemplary batting really counts

West Indies former captain and present opening batsman Chris Gayle has been showing his unique qualities as a batsman since his return to the squad in England for the limited overs. Gayle boosted the two West Indies victories in Florida against New Zealand in the Twenty20 games. He scored heavily in the One-Day Internationals, which included a century at Sabina Park in Jamaica. At the Vivian Richards Ground in Antigua, he scored 150 in the first Test match in the first innings and returned in the second innings scoring 64 not out from 49 balls. West Indies won by nine wickets. Gayle's return and Kieron Powell's score of 134 in the first innings illustrate the talent that is in the West Indies team. This demonstration by Gayle is a form of coaching that would lead the players in the right direction. There is no need to put too much pressure on young players during coaching and influencing them to change their overall techniques.



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

GAYLE LEADS FROM THE FRONT

The younger players and the less experienced in the West Indies team are getting some valuable lessons from Mr. Gayle's patience and approach. The manner in which he plays each ball on its merit is a good lesson to the other players in the team.

NARINE AND ROACH STRUCK FIVE

Spinner Sunil Narine and West Indies pacer Kemar Roach performed very well in the first Test match in Antigua. Narine picked up 5 wickets for 132 runs from 43 overs in the first innings. In the second innings, he picked up 3 wickets for 91 runs from 42 overs. Roach picked up 2 wickets for 55 runs in the first innings and returned in

the second innings and took 5 wickets for 60 runs from 23.2 overs.

SUNIL NARINE WAS TOO PRESSURED

Captain Darren Sammy put too much pressure on Narine by allowing him to bowl 85 overs in the first Test match. In spite of Narine bowling well and picking up wickets, other specialist bowlers must step up and do their share of the bowling. The captain must ensure that all bowlers step up and participate significantly. Narine, Rampaul and Roach did the significant roles in the bowling department thus showing that the West Indies is one specialist bowler short. Sammy is no specialist bowler nor a specialist batsman in Test cricket and to have him bowl first in a Test match is a



West Indies' Chris Gayle, left, bats as New Zealand's wicket keeper Tom Latham, right, looks on during a Twenty20 cricket match, Saturday, June 30, 2012, in Lauderdale, Fla.
AP Photo/Lynne Sladky

disgrace to West Indies cricket. Sammy takes up the position of a specialist bowler and when the West Indies plays against the better performing ICC teams, another bowler will have to be included in the Test squad.

Gayle, Narsingh Deonarine

and Marlon Samuels ought not be exposed to too much bowling because they have to concentrate on their batting. Another pacer is required in the Test team. The West Indies selectors should act now and prepare for teams with greater opposition. Bowlers must be prepared as a unit of four to counter attack and remove any top batsman or batsmen on the opposition. Narine, Rampaul and Roach have already signaled their preparedness. One specialist bowler short and the rumbling goes on.

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July 28 at Eastwood Field
An eighth-inning throwing error from Clones first baseman Jayce Boyd set the stage for a two-run homer that erased Brooklyn's one-run lead over the Mahoning Valley Scrappers.

The Cyclones got on the board in the first inning of the back-and-forth bout in the Buckeye State when center fielder Brandon Nimmo hit a leadoff single and crossed the plate on catcher Kevin Plawecki's line-drive double to right field.

But the Scrappers scraped up a run in the second as Brooklyn starter Hansel Robles gave up a double to catcher Richard Stock, followed by a single to designated hitter Logan Vick. Scrapper right fielder Andrew Campbell then singled on a line drive out to left field, driving Stock home.

The Clones recaptured the lead in the next inning, with right fielder Eudy Pina chopping a grounder to Scrapper shortstop Jairo Kelly for

a single and taking second on ground out by Brooklyn shortstop Phillip Evans. Pina then ran home on a line-drive single by first baseman Jayce Boyd.

But everything fell apart in the eighth. With two outs on the board, Scrapper second baseman Joseph Wendle reached first on Boyd's throwing error — giving third baseman Joe Sever another runner to bring home when he crushed a homer out over left field off a pitch from struggling Cyclones reliever David Wynn.

CYCLONES 10 SCRAPPERS 5

July 29 at Eastwood Field
Brooklyn's line-up came alive as the team hammered the Mahoning Valley Scrappers' pitching staff in their second night in Ohio.

Cyclones center fielder Brandon Nimmo opened the game with a leadoff single off hurler Ryan Merritt—just a preview of what was to come for the first-round draft pick from Wyoming. Second baseman Jeff Reynolds

drew a walk to bring up shortstop Philip Evans, who crushed a three-run dinger to left. Catcher Kevin Plawecki grounded out and first baseman Jayce Boyd flied out, but the amount of contact the Clones were making worried Scrappers skipper Ted Kubiak enough that he yanked Merritt for reliever Josh Martin. The new pitcher managed to end the inning, but he wouldn't succeed in keeping Brooklyn's bats quiet — the Mini-Mets posted two more runs in the second frame, with back-to-back homers from Nimmo and right fielder Julio Concepcion.

The Scrappers managed to get on the board in the bottom of the second and picked up another run in the third thanks to an RBI single from first baseman Evan Frazar. But Martin pitched himself into a jam in the fifth, giving up back-to-back singles to Reynolds and Evans and walking Plawecki with no outs. Boyd then hit a sac fly that brought Reynolds home. The Scrappers

went to the bullpen again, this time for hurler James Stokes. After striking out Sabol, Stokes let Clones third baseman Alexander Sanchez rope one to center field, driving in Evans.

And Brooklyn's batters still had more in the tank: the team put up two more runs in the sixth, with singles by Concepcion, Nimmo — who went four for six on the night — Reynolds and Evans. In the eighth, Reynolds singled again and scored. The Scrappers attempted to rally in the bottom half of the frame, but fell short after an RBI single by right fielder Andrew Campbell and a two-run double off the bat of center fielder Tyler Naquin.

CYCLONES 5 SCRAPPERS 1

July 30 at Eastwood Field
Mini-Mets center fielder Brandon Nimmo led the Cyclones to victory over the Mahoning Valley Scrappers — but this time he had some help from hurler Rainy Lara.

The last match-up of a six-



Captin Nimmo: Outfielder Brandon Nimmo brought his bat to Ohio.
Photo by Steve Solomonson

game Clones road trip got off to a rough start when the Scrappers put one on the board in the first after Lara gave up a double to center fielder Tyler Naquin, and catcher Charlie Valerio chopped an RBI grounder up the middle to drive Naquin home. But after that, Lara was dominant the rest of the game, sending the Scrappers down in order the next four innings, allowing no addi-

tional runs, and striking out a total of 10 batters in seven innings of work.

Meanwhile, the Cyclones offense surged, bringing home two runners in the third, two in the fifth and a final run by right fielder Eudy Pina on a line drive blast from Nimmo, who now boasts 24 RBIs on the season and a batting average of .286 over the last 10 games.

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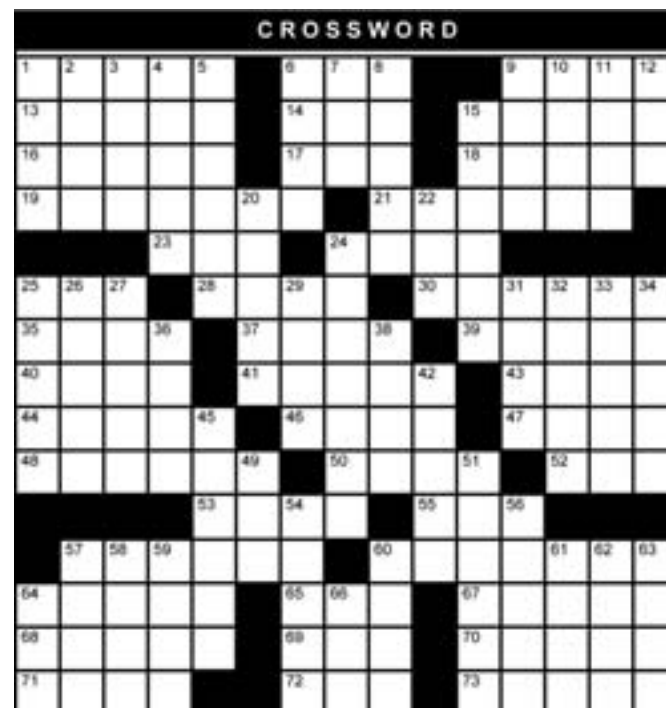
Across

1. Like smell of burning rubber, e.g.
6. Known for its brown trucks
9. *Given name of Russian Gymnast who competed in 1970s
13. "The Red Badge of Courage" author
14. Cul de ____
15. Landowner
16. It fits into a mortise
17. Ostrich-like bird
18. "Or else" in music
19. *"_____, Higher, Stronger"
21. *Boxing weight class
23. A great distance
24. Suite cleaner
25. Comes from pine tree
28. Italian currency, pl.
30. Type of deodorant
35. William Simmons was a founder of this infamous group
37. Piece of metal covered by leather and used for hitting
39. Not a soul
40. Hipbones
41. On a cruise
43. Dante's Beatrice, e.g.
44. A mood disorder
46. *Sprinting and long jumping great
47. Spawned
48. *Most-decorated gold medalist

DOWN

1. Parts of play
2. *a.k.a. rowing
3. Hindu princess
4. ____ and out; on and ____
5. Relating to teeth
6. Substance abuser
7. * ____ Shriver, gold medalist tennis star
8. Aqua-lung
9. Kiln for drying hops
10. *Gold medalist and WNBA star, ____ Leslie
11. Sinister
12. Dental group

15. *2012 Olympics site
20. "Fear of Flying" author Jong
22. On ____
24. Stuffed in a bottle?
25. Pinch to save
26. Muslim God
27. Founding Father Thomas
29. Officer training program
31. Bausch's partner
32. Glowers or frowns
33. Beginning of illness
34. Always demanding attention
36. Victim of nervous biting
38. Villain's rival
42. Central Pacific greeting
45. Pause in breathing, pl.
49. Socialist, abbr.
51. Idiot ____
54. Interior designer's concern
56. Waste water pipe
57. Smiley face
58. *It represents a continent
59. Looker or ogler
60. Sudden impact
61. Like a tating product
62. Irritates
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64. *Bermuda and Iraq each previously won this many Olympic medals
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