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Caribs upset about U.N. inaction

By Nelson A. King

The 67th Session of the United Nations General Assembly Debate wrapped on Monday night with expressions of anger from Caribbean leaders over the continuing failure of the world assembly to move decisively towards a meaningful and legally binding climate change treaty.

Led by St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Ralph Gonsalves, Caribbean leaders bemoaned the lack of urgency by the world body to confront the existential challenges

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Extra TPS for Haitians

By Nelson A. King

The United States on Monday officially extended Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for undocumented Haitians living in the United States.

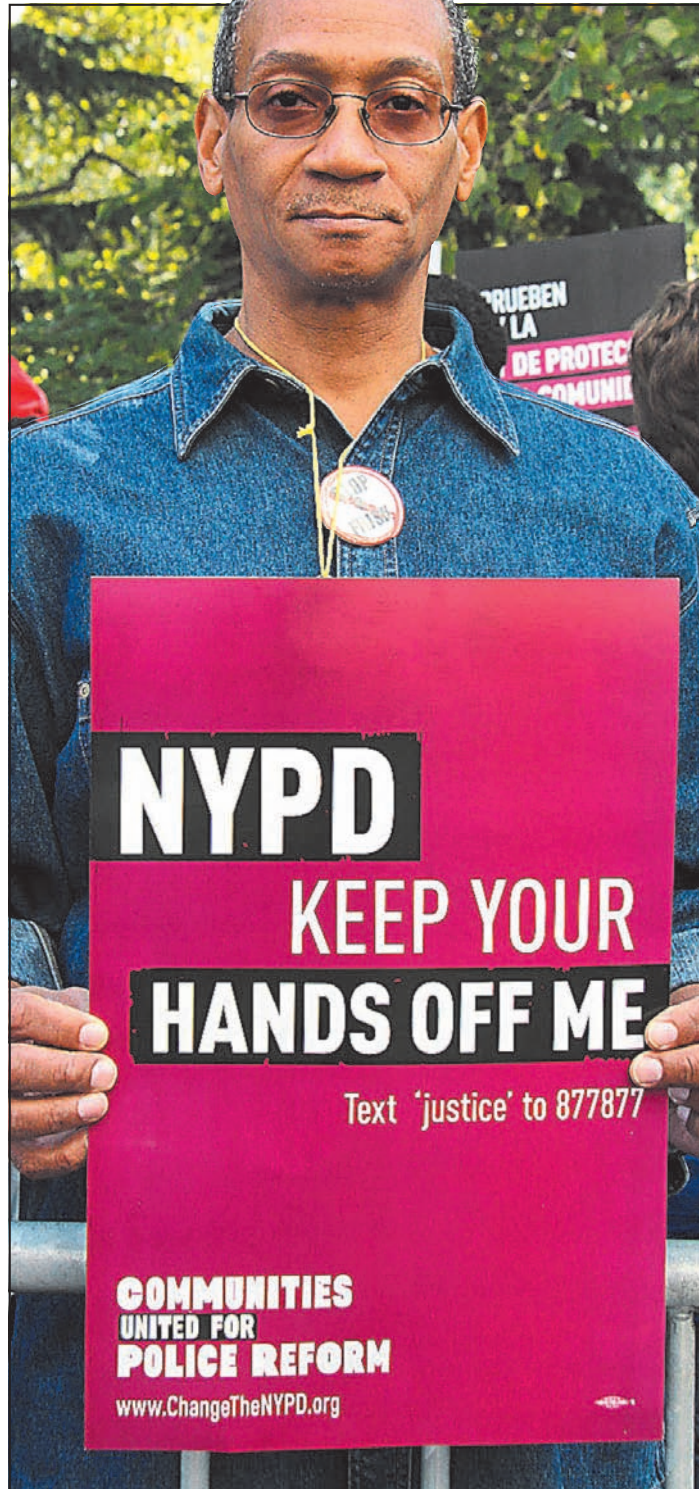
Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano said the extension is for an additional 18 months.

Napolitano said Washington is also extending the suspension of certain requirements for F-1 non-immigrant Haitian students.

She said the extension of TPS for Haitians will begin Jan. 23, 2013, and end July 22, 2014.

The U.S. first designated Haiti for TPS on Jan. 21, 2010, after the

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All sectors of New York came out in support of the Community Safety Act.
Photo by Tequila Minsky

STOP & FRISK PROBE

New York City Council to investigate NYPD Tactics

By Tequila Minsky

The New York City Council has scheduled hearings on Oct. 10, to be followed by field hearings in Brooklyn and Queens, over the vexed question of police discrimination in the enforcement of the Community Safety Act and the NYPD's stop and frisk program.

Fed-up with NYPD's stop and frisk methods, social justice organizations, union members, youth, the elderly and activists of all backgrounds and hues, convened at the foot of City Hall Park Thursday, Sept. 27 to show their support for the Community Safety Act -- pending legislation in the New York City Council to combat

police discrimination.

Demonstrators held up signs that read: Support and Respect our Youth, NYPD Keep Your Hands Off of Me, and Pass the Community Safety Act -- Text: "justice" 877877. They chanted: "No justice, no peace!" responding to a varied array of supportive speakers.

Among the City Council members who have signed on in support of the bills are Letitia James and Brad Lander from Brooklyn, Melissa Mark-Viverito from Manhattan, and Daniel Dromm from Queens spoke at the rally, joining Jumaane Williams who is spearheading passage of the Commu-

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CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Antigua

Antigua has deported a former LIAT pilot to his homeland in Trinidad after serving 18 years in prison for unlawfully killing his fiancée Monique Gordon.

Ronald Gederon recently walked out of prison after a High Court in Antigua ordered him released months before the time prison authorities calculated.

Many in Antigua had condemned the move by the court, but former prison commissioner Eric Henry, who interacted with Gederon for several years, said he believes the convict is fully rehabilitated and ready to be integrated into society.



Convicted of murder by a jury in the High Court in December 1997, Gederon was sentenced to death. However, 11 months later, the Court of Appeal substituted the murder conviction with manslaughter and sentenced him to 25 years.

Justice Mario Michel allowed the release after he gave the convict credit for the 11 months he spent awaiting his appeal. Gederon was accused of strangling to death Gordon during a fight.

Grenada

Police are investigating a boating accident in which a British national was killed and another hospitalized.

Martin Beaumont, 55, was manager of the University Club, a restaurant owned by the St George's University, an offshore American university operating in Grenada.



Authorities said that Martin and his colleague, Andrew Peters, who has since been hospitalized at the General Hospital, were snorkeling when a boat owned by a medical doctor collided with them.

Grenada

Grenada's Prime Minister has made a calculated move to save his government from collapsing.



Thomas who is facing a no-confidence motion has written Governor General Sir Carlyle Glean asking that the Parliament be prorogued six months early.



Protest against Haiti's government

A demonstrator holds signs with images of former Haiti's President Jean Bertrand Aristide during a protest against Haiti's President Michel Martelly government in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012. See page 6.

AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery

The seventh Grenadian Parliament opened in March this year and was scheduled to come to an end on March 31 next year.

Thomas' decision to cut the life of the Parliamentary year means that when the next session begins, the no-confidence motion against him would have fallen off the Parliament's Order Papers and would need to be re-tabled if it is ever to be debated.

A brief statement from the Office of the Prime Minister said a date for the start of the new session of the eight Parliament will be announced.

The Parliament has not sat since August, shortly after a no-confidence motion was tabled by government backbencher, Karl Hood.

In May, Hood resigned as minister of Foreign Affairs in Thomas' troubled government, which has an 11-4 majority.

Hood is one of four MPs sitting as backbenchers in the House of Representatives.

There is widespread speculation that the four backbenchers as well as the four Opposition members would have teamed up to provide the eight-vote majority needed to

push through the no-confidence and international laws.

Guyana

The Guyana government is making no apologies about the fact that it is buying pirated textbooks for public schools as a cost-saving measure.

Cabinet Secretary Roger Luncheon says officials are buying pirated books from printing firms and companies that photocopy books because of their high quality and lower prices. Luncheon said the government's move was justified.



However, international pressure is mounting as the Publishers Association has accused the government of violating local and international laws and a London-based company that previously sold textbooks to Guyana is mounting pressure.

In a recently released statement, Emma House, international and trade director of the British-based Publishers Association accused Guyana of acting in direct contravention of local, regional

and international laws.

Jamaica

A retired senior superintendent of police Anthony "Tony" Hewitt was shot dead during an ambush by gunmen.



Hewitt, the former commanding officer for the Flying Squad Unit, in the Jamaica Special Anti-Crime Task Force and several elite teams, was ambushed as he drove into an apartment complex recently.

Eyewitnesses said the retired officer fought off his attackers and was running back to his vehicle when he was shot. However, he was able to retrieve his licensed firearm and engage them in a shootout.

Media reports said that the attack was a reprisal for a recent incident in which a man from a nearby community was shot by the police.

"Hewitt was a well-known crime fighter who has distinguished himself in service to the Jamaica Constabulary Force and Jamaica," National Security Minister Peter Bunting said in a statement.

Jamaica

Jamaica's Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller is calling on private companies in the country to each hire at least one more qualified, jobless islander.



Simpson-Miller has dubbed the job-creating initiative as the Jamaica Employment Program. She estimates it can eventually create 40,000 new jobs if businesses comply and help reduce Jamaica's 14.3 percent unemployment.

On Sept. 10, officials of the Ministry of Labor and the Chamber of Commerce signed a memorandum of understanding to work on government initiative.

Labor Minister Derrick Kellier says the program can potentially provide greater levels of "social stability" and "cohesion between government and the private sector."

Simpson-Miller first proposed the idea in January, shortly after leading her party to a resounding victory in parliamentary elections.

St. Lucia

The St. Lucia government is being urged to maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan.

The main United Workers Party (UWP) and the St. Lucian People's Movement (LPM) warn that the interest of the island should supersede the ongoing international conflict between Taiwan and China.



The ruling St. Lucia Labor Party (SLP) government has established diplomatic relations with Beijing that were broken in favor of Taiwan in 2006 when the UWP came into power in the general election.

UWP leader Stephenson King said that St. Lucia had benefitted tremendously from its diplomatic relations with Taiwan, which China considers a renegade province.

King is urging new Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony to give critical consideration to the efforts to the two Asian countries to improve cross-strait relations in the absence of formal relations.

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Hip-Hop 4 Health's Inner-city youth. www.Bricevick.com

Keeping kids active with hip-hop

By Kingsley Doyle

Among hip-hop dancers, critics, and enthusiasts, Brice Vick (www.BriceVick.com) often receives acknowledgment for his contributions to the dance community, but acknowledgment simply isn't enough. With over a decade of experience working exclusively with Ashanti, (often titled the "princess of hip-hop") and years of experience with other artists like Chris Brown, Lauryn Hill, and Beyonce, Vick is preparing to leverage his experience to provide health, finance, and education resources to inner-city New York youth, all while incorporating elements of global dance. Brice Vick is pleased to announce the formation of his non-profit organization, Hip Hop 4 Health.

Hip Hop 4 Health Plus is a government recognized not-for-profit organization that uses hip-hop dance and current trends to encourage kids to be more active throughout their day. Hip Hop 4 Health Plus hosts year-around interactive dance workshops where celebrity choreographers teach a variety of dance techniques all in a fun and engaging manner, including Mommy and Me classes and classes for the elderly. Hip Hop 4 Health Plus plans to offer schol-

arship programs, has an upcoming DVD scheduled for release, and anticipates hosting regular family friendly outreach events throughout the New York City area. The next Hip Hop 4 Health Plus dance workshop is scheduled at the Allendale School in New Jersey.

While most Choreographers are spitting images of one another, Brice D. Vick courageously stands alone escorting celebrity recording artists to their peak by utilizing a unique approach to dance that is unattainable by conformists. His electric style is rapidly becoming the standard for artists seeking to gain that critical edge that will set them aside in an industry that is flooded with clones. Brice D. Vick does not stop at what is 'hot for the moment.' Brice D. Vick is known in the industry for pushing the envelope and encouraging artists to take a chance at being different. He forces his clients to not only embrace what has already been done but also encourages them to take their performance to the next level -- stimulating audiences with something refreshingly new, distinctive, and most of all memorable.

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Fed-up with NYPD stop and frisk

Hundreds rally for Community Safety Act

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nity Safety Act.

"The Community Safety Act is an important set of reform that will lead to better policy and safer streets for all," Williams, himself subject to racial profiling said, repeating his message that he is not anti-police. "We can achieve better policing and safer streets in our city simultaneously."

Legislation pending in City Council consists of four bills aimed at protecting against unlawful searches, creating a strong ban on profiling by the NYPD, and requiring NYPD officers to identify themselves and explain their actions. It also seeks to establish an inspector general for NYPD oversight.

"Stop and frisk is illegal, unethical, ineffective and gives license for officers to harass and intimidate black and brown youth," NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous said, framed his words carefully. "Our children should not have to fear both robbers and cops."

Brooklyn-born rapper Talib Kweli was among those representing youth-



Demonstrators in support of The Community Safety Act legislative package which has been endorsed by over 50 organizations from throughout the city.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

those who are particularly impacted by the police stop-and-frisk policies. "We want guns and violence to stop. We are pro-community; we are pro people. We are not anti-police." He asked, "Are getting guns off the streets

worth sacrificing the relationship with the police?"

Later during the rally, rapper Jasiri X, who traveled from Pittsburg, sang "10 Frisk Commandments" a play on Notorious B.I.G.'s "10 Crack Commandments."

Tamika D. Malloy, executive director of National Action Network, slammed the system, where, "Brothers and sisters are treated less than human ...Let's continue to fight together!" she said.

Appointee to State Appellate Court

By Gary Axelbank

Monroe College is proud to announce that Gov. Andrew Cuomo has appointed Justice Darcel Clark, an adjunct professor in the School of Criminal Justice since 2010, to the Appellate Division -- First Department, the second highest court in New York State.

"We're very proud of Justice Clark. This is an honor she richly deserves," Michele Rodney, dean of the School of Criminal Jus-

stice said. "She's a perfect example of what Monroe's 'real world' education is all about. What a great benefit to our students to be able to learn from one of the leading legal minds in the state."

Justice Clark's impressive career began in 1986, when she worked at the Bronx District Attorney's Office as an assistant district attorney. She embarked on her judicial career as a judge of the Criminal Court of the City

of New York in 1999 and, in 2004, was designated an acting justice of the Supreme Court.

In addition to the above achievements and her role as an adjunct professor at Monroe College, Justice Clark is president elect of the New York State Chapter of the National Association of Women Judges; past president and chair of the Black Bar Association of Bronx County; and a member of the Board of Trustees at Boston College.



Justice Darcel Clark

Lee Pellegrini

TPS extensions granted

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Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake devastated the French-speaking Caribbean country.

Napolitano said current Haitian TPS beneficiaries, who have continuously resided in the United States since Jan. 12, 2011, and seek to extend their TPS status, must re-register during the 60-day re-registration period that runs through Nov. 30, 2012, if they wish to maintain their TPS.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) also urges beneficiaries to re-register as soon as possible within the 60-day period.

USCIS said it will accept applications, effected Monday through Nov. 30, 2012.

It said individuals who have not continuously resided in the United States since Jan. 12, 2011 will not be eligible.

Napolitano said the 18-month extension also allows TPS re-registrants to apply for a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD).

Eligible Haitian TPS beneficiaries who timely re-reg-

ister will receive a new EAD, if requested, with an expiration date of July 22, 2014.

"USCIS recognizes that all re-registrants may not receive their new EADs until after their current EADs expire," the statement said.

"Therefore, USCIS is extending currently valid TPS Haiti EADs bearing a Jan. 22, 2013 expiration date for an additional six months, through Jul. 22, 2013," it added.

In addition, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said it is extending the suspension of certain requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant Haitian students.

It said the extension will enable these F-1 students to continue to obtain employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session, and reduce their course load, while maintaining their F-1 student status.

DHS said the suspension of the regulatory requirements will remain in effect for an additional 18 months, through July 22, 2014.

Police shooting probe gathers steam

By Bert Wilkinson

A commission of inquiry into the fatal police shooting of three opposition supporters in the Linden bauxite community south of the capital in July is gathering steam at hearings that began in late September but based on evidence tendered so far, it appears that a rogue police unit that operated alongside other detachments might have been the ones which pulled the trigger even as more than 20 officers are still to give their own accounts as to what had exactly transpired.

During sessions this week, several policemen who faced cross examination from lawyers for the state, residents and from the commissioners themselves, heard of a cocktail of confusion regarding the number of rounds issued to units, contradictions about how many live bullets were returned to the armory, which officer carried tear gas canisters rather than live rounds and who gave orders to engage protestors on a bridge spanning the Demerara River 65 miles from the capital, Georgetown.

Sergeant Roderick English who led a unit from the nearby Linden Station, testified that some of his ranks returned to the station on the night of July 18 with "less ammunition" than were issued as he gave the clear-est insight yet as to what might have

transpired as the demonstrators were protesting plans to impose steep hikes in electricity rates in the township of 30,000.

He also pointed a finger directly at riot unit commander Patrick Todd accusing Todd of taking away ammunition from one of his ranks and using nine rounds against the crowd gathered on the Wismar-McKenzie Bridge.

Todd has himself testified to using far fewer shotgun pellets and tear gas canisters to clear the bridge on orders from Chief Leroy Brummel whose testimony on day one had put officers and other ranks on the defensive when he said the use of live rounds against protestors was palpably "unjustified."

But even as officer after officer struggled to hold the official line of using only pellet guns and teargas, many are cracking under withering cross examination mostly from Attorney Nigel Hughes, Basil Williams, Commission Chairman and retired Jamaican Chief Justice Lensey Wolfe, former Jamaican National Security Minister and Senior Counsel K. D Knight and Trinidad law professor Dana Seetahal. The others are retired Guyanese judiciary head Cecil Kennard and Justice Claudette Singh.

The commissioners were scheduled to visit the scene of the crime

in Linden on Wednesday to ferret out testimonies from witnesses so far about being pelted with missiles by protestors from an impossible more than 150 yards and where particular units were positioned as they confronted unarmed Lindeners.

Political sparks are also expected to fly when telephone providers Digicel and U.S.-owned GT&T release subpoenaed telephone records for July 18 showing that National Security Minister Clement Rohee had called overall Divisional Commander Clifton Hicken numerous times just before police had opened fire on the crowd, killing three and injuring 24.

Hicken answered confidently in the negative when he was asked whether Rohee had called him on his mobile on July 18, while Chief Brummel also denied that the minister has asked him for a mobile number for Hicken before the shooting had started. The two, along with Todd, are surely to be recalled during the latter stages of the inquiry as additional, if not contradictory evidence, emerges.

For example, several civilian witnesses including Regional Administrative Chairman Sharma Solomon will tell the commission that Hicken had directly threatened to shoot and kill them and other protestors in the hours leading up to that fateful day.

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Climate change inaction

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posed by the weather phenomenon.

"Entire nations that currently occupy this Assembly, whose representatives sit among us as friends and equals, may simply cease to exist as a result of our inaction and political cowardice," the St. Vincent leader warned.

Stuck in the midst of a "a life-and-death struggle" against the impending effects of climate change, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) leaders, whose countries are among some of the world's smallest and most vulnerable, have warned the global community that apathy about the health of the planet and "political cowardice" about reaching a post-Kyoto climate deal have left regional states one Category 2 hurricane away from economic and social collapse.

"Other nations, including my own, are already victims of increasingly intense and frequent storms, hurricanes and weather events," Gon-



Ralph Gonsalves.

Photo by Nelson A. King

salves pointed out. "These changes threaten not only our way of life, but risk reversing our recent developmental progress."

The St. Vincent prime minister noted that: "The islands of our planet are at war against climate change, warming temperatures and rising seas. This war is not a future event, it is a present-day and ongoing battle. As all of you in this Assembly are aware, it is a war that we are currently losing."

Mr. Gonsalves warned

that "the survival of our islands is at stake, and the responsibility for immediate change lies undisputedly with those whose reckless pollution over generations has led us to the brink of catastrophe."

In a different time and context, he said, former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill inspired his people and the world to "fight on the seas and oceans [and] defend our island, whatever the cost may be."

"Today, we shall fight the rising seas and encroaching oceans and defend our islands' right to exist at any cost," the Vincentian leader cautioned and called on all nations to join in "the fight ... for this is a war that can still be won."

Mr. Gonsalves said negotiations to arrest climate change are "not merely some arcane academic or diplomatic pursuit, and cannot be treated as any interminable, run-of-the-mill United Nations process."

"Let us set aside narrow, short-term interests and act as we are capable of acting: for the benefit and protection of all mankind," Gonsalves urged.

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Haitians rally against the rising cost of food

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Several thousand people poured into the streets of Haiti's capital on Sunday to protest the government of President Michel Martelly.

It was among the biggest demonstrations this year in Port-au-Prince against the first-time leader as he tries to rebuild the impoverished nation following a powerful 2010 earthquake that displaced more than a million people and destroyed thousands of homes.

Demonstrators' complaints included the high cost of living, rising food prices and allegations of corruption as they snaked through the poorer neighborhoods Port-au-Prince. Some protesters carried small red cards to suggest that Martelly has committed too many fouls since he was sworn in as president in May 2011.

The Martelly government had no immediate public reaction to the protest.

Martelly, a pop music star before he turned to politics, presented himself as an outsider when he ran for the presidency. He promised free schooling and houses for people displaced by the earthquake. But some Haitians complain that Martelly has fallen short of improving their lives in one of the poorest countries in the world.

"The president has made so many prom-



People demonstrate during a protest against Haiti's President Michel Martelly government in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012.

AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery

ises but nothing has become a reality," protester Max Dorlien said. "It's only a clique of his friends who are making money."

The Sunday protest followed several weeks of mostly peaceful demonstrations in the countryside, and more are planned for October.

It also marked the 21st anniversary of the first ouster of two-time President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a former priest who returned to Haiti last year after seven years in exile. Since his return, Aristide has remained in his compound in the capital and out of the public spotlight, fueling widespread speculation on his political relevance.

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Mental health for Haitians

To The Editor

It has been more than two and a half years since an earthquake devastated the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince and its surrounding region, but many in the Haitian-American community still have unmet needs, including in the area of mental health. The earthquake reportedly killed more than 300,000, injured hundreds of thousands more, and destroyed families, homes, and livelihoods, leaving a legacy of emotional and physical trauma.

Today, for many in Haiti, obtaining the basics of life – housing, food, and water – remains an everyday struggle that contributes to mental distress. Haitian-Americans living in this country also face severe stressors, including grief, survivor guilt, and concerns about families left behind.

To address this continuing crisis, SUNY Downstate Medical Center will host a Haitian Mental Health Forum Sunday, Oct. 7 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the Alumni Auditorium, Health Science Education Building, 395 Lenox Rd, Brooklyn, NY 11203. John F. Williams, MD, EdD, MPH, president of SUNY Downstate, will welcome the attendees.

The forum is sponsored by the American Psychiatric Association's Office of Minority and National Affairs, the Haitian American Psychiatric Association, the Brooklyn Psychiatric Society, the SUNY Downstate Department of Psychiatry, and Rebati Santé Mentale. This free event is geared

towards mental health professionals, members of community organizations, and the general public.

Jean B. Tropnas, MD, clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at SUNY Downstate and one of the event's organizers, said, "Disasters such as the earthquake in Haiti create new health needs but can also exacerbate unmet needs that were already present. The Haitian Mental Health Forum will look at both these issues, with an emphasis on what we have learned and what remains to be done."

Dr. Tropnas is also co-founder and past president of the Haitian-American Psychiatric Association. He has visited Haiti three times since the earthquake to assist in relief efforts, and has been instrumental in the mental health outreach by Downstate's Department of Psychiatry in Brooklyn's large Haitian-American community.

The Haitian Mental Health Forum will feature interactive panel presentations and discussions focusing on mental health issues in the Haitian-American community both before and after the 2010 earthquake and on behavioral health interventions, services, and resources currently available. A similar forum was held in Miami last year.

Topics will include cultural sensitivity in the delivery of care; manifestations of trauma in children; behavioral health interventions in the community; reliance on folk healers; and a review of

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Climate change could kill more than 100M people by 2030

By Durwood Zaelke

Without fast action, accelerating climate change impacts will cause more than 100 million deaths and knock off more than three percent of GDP (gross domestic product) by 2030, according to a report released recently by the humanitarian organization DARA.

The report, commissioned by 20 governments in the Climate Vulnerable Forum, calculates the human and economic impact of climate change in 184 countries between 2010 and 2030. It found that nearly 700,000 climate-related deaths already occur today, with almost 80 percent occurring among children in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. The carbon economy is estimated to claim an additional more than 4.5 million lives, primarily from the health impacts of indoor and outdoor air pollution. The combined number of deaths could rise to nearly six million annually by 2030 if action is not taken. More than 98 percent of those deaths will occur in developing countries.

The report concluded, "The

Following the Montreal plan on HFCs.

worst impacts of climate change ... can still be avoided if strong action is taken in the very near future to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that lead to the earth's warming." Moving toward to a low-carbon economy would require only 0.5 percent of GDP over the next ten years, according to the report.

"Reducing short-lived climate pollutants provides the fast mitigation that the world needs to save millions of lives and avoid the worst of the predicted climate impacts," stated Durwood Zaelke, president of the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development. The short-lived climate pollutants include black carbon, tropospheric ozone, methane, and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).

"Reducing these pollutants, can cut the rate of warming in half over the next 40 years and

in the vulnerable Arctic by two thirds, saving millions of lives each year. Existing technologies can be used, and in many cases existing laws and institutions."

"The first priority should be phasing down HFCs through the Montreal Protocol—the single biggest, fastest, and cheapest mitigation available to the world in the next ten years," Zaelke added.

The Montreal Protocol is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. It has already phased out nearly 100 similar chemicals by nearly 100 percent, providing up to 20 times more mitigation than the Kyoto

See also Mario Molina & Durwood Zaelke's "A Climate Success Story to Build On," an op-ed published today in the International Herald Tribune describing the climate success of the Montreal Protocol and fast-action opportunity of phasing-down HFCs.

Durwood Zaelke, president of the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development

The hubris of Romney and Obama

By Sheldon Richman

Mitt Romney, whose bid to unseat Barack Obama looks more desperate every day, senses he's found a weakness in his rival. In a foreign-policy speech the other day, he blasted Obama over the upheaval in the Arab world, saying, "This is a time for a president who will shape events in the Middle East."

Romney is making two claims: that Obama has failed to shape events in the Middle East and that he, Romney, will succeed.

Could the hubris of a man seeking power be plainer? Does anyone with even a minimum ability to

think clearly believe that Romney could "shape events" there?

We have many reasons to distrust power. One is that it inevitably violates individual rights through the legalized use of aggressive force against peaceful people. The naked power of tyrants is obvious; but the governments of democratic republics also aggress against their subjects, for example, when they tax them to provide subsidies and bailouts and launch offensive wars.

It is no surprise that power attracts the sort of unsavory people who see themselves as qualified to wield it. In a different con-

text Adam Smith wrote that power "would nowhere be so dangerous as in the hands of a man who had folly and presumption enough to fancy himself fit to exercise it."

"Folly and presumption" seem apt words for anyone who proclaims that he can shape events — that is, people's lives — in the Middle East.

Romney is not the only presidential contender displaying folly and presumption. Obama (along with his secretary of State, Hillary Clinton) apparently has no trouble believing that he too can control events in the Arab and Muslim

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Bold, bare misuse of the Parkway masquerade

Let's hope that by the time we would have gotten to the aftermath of Labor Day 2013, the dominant conversation piece will be altogether different from what's been happening in 2012. Thanks to the Internet's capability in providing us access to the good, bad, ugly and everything else, we've been treated, this post-Labor Day period, to a graphic display of Carnival images that have involuntarily become the definitive photographic representation of Labor Day 2012. It's no hard call suggesting that the bulk of us would rather this particular snapshot in our memory bank were somehow magically expunged.

For real. I can't imagine any gathering of Caribbean people anywhere who would give a thumbs-up or roar of approval to the photos making the Internet rounds of a posse of (practically) naked females masquerading as masqueraders on Labor Day. More realistically, this is imagery that summons disgust, anger, revulsion... And for so many different reasons it's an eye food treat we don't need, more so in the setting of Labor Day.

In the first place, of course, it fails to qualify as Labor Day fare if our purported intent with this

yearly ritual is a showcase of the richness of our Caribbean cultural tapestry. Only the players in these offensive photographs can say what their objective was, but it's a pretty safe bet that making a substantive contribution to the Caribbean's special brand of Carnival wasn't it. And in any case, what their intent is really doesn't much matter. It matters only that their display tarnishes both the Carnival and Caribbean people, as a sector that has so meaningfully added to the "glorious mosaic" that was David Dinkins' favorite descriptive for this city.

Worse, the more cynical among us could be forgiven for venturing that the "bare all" crew may actually have been paid agents of some anti-Labor Day Carnival element in the mosaic, figuring the devilry (for that's what it was) to have strong event-killer potential. But that perhaps far-fetched "conspiracy" theory aside, imagine how much of a leap this 2012 snapshot is for those of us who can recall when only "certain women" (on whom we were all too eager to pin the "lewd" label) donned a pair of Carnival day shorts, back when primness was alive and well in the Islands. Even

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

with the latter-day bikini masquerade craze, Carnival purists' main beef has been that it is too troublingly sucking creativity out of the process. The 2012 Parkway abomination, however, doesn't belong in that discussion.

The offending parties here couldn't possibly be friends of the event or its organizers either, seeing as how everyone knows the Carnival is battling some perception problems that can't exactly be wished away. The reputation for anti-social, even violent goings-on that, deservedly or not, has come to overhang the Carnival event is challenge enough for this undertaking, one with major consequences, not least the impact on sponsor support. Not to mention how much a continued "violence-prone" image could threaten the event's very existence. All of which makes clear that the last thing the event needs is some obscure bunch of exhibitionists who choose the

Labor Day forum to get their jollies. The violence factor is a bewildering dilemma whose elusive solution will assuredly tax event organizers to the limit. As problems go, the unwanted intrusion of over-the-top vulgarity should be much more stoppable.

If the 2012 freak show caught event gate-keepers by surprise, they've obviously been served notice to be more pro-active and vigilant so as to forestall similar outrage down the road. Sure, this all unfolds in a land of First Amendment rights and all the rest. But one would imagine that domain rights accrue to two entities in this mix: event organizers and masquerade band leaders. If in both instances they move adroitly to neutralize this madness, there's no way we have to abide its disturbing presence further.

Since, as we understand it, there are among the parading Carnival hordes some who believe purchasing a costume carries with it license to corrupt that exercise even to obscene limits, steps clearly have to be taken to safeguard against the kind of guile that begot this year's embarrassment. Modest alteration of a costume is fairly routine practice among masqueraders. When

"alteration" results in what the 2012 snapshot reveals, the call for sterner measures becomes obvious – measures duly outlined in written form that void the costume purchase where a costume is transformed into something the band leader finds objectionable.

Event organizers, too, must step up to their obligation as owners of the Carnival space. If band leaders abdicate their responsibility to keep undesirables out, serious monitoring by event organizers must be the ultimate safeguard. There can be no excuse, going forward, for elements in the Carnival that are an affront to our collective Caribbean sense of decency.

True, Carnival is supposed to be all about a fun experience, not about keeping tabs on who might have designs on tampering with those feel-good vibes. Think of it as akin to a few bad apples having now saddled us with TSA airport screenings and all that jazz. The Labor Day event is not immune from the bad apple syndrome. Some of it, we know, is more formidable and perhaps beyond our control. But that ignominious 2012 snapshot highlights bad apple conduct that we can and must eradicate.

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Mental health forum

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the community outreach, educational, and clinical interventions performed by SUNY Downstate staff in the Haitian-American community. Downstate has worked closely with community leaders and arranged for visits to churches and community organizations by psychiatrists, other health professionals, and counselors, providing health screenings and information on legal services. Those who needed follow-up psychiatric services were given referrals or followed up by Downstate personnel. A service grant was obtained to maintain these efforts.

Opening remarks will be provided by Dr. Tropnas; Annelie B. Primm, MD, MPH, deputy medical director and director of the Office of Minority and National Affairs of the American Psychiatric Association; Ramotse Saunders, MD, clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at Downstate; and Marie-Claude Rigaud, MD, MPH, chairperson of Rebaté Santé Mentale. Stephen M. Goldfinger, MD, professor and chair of psychiatry at Downstate, will give closing remarks, as will Dr. Tropnas.

Organizers of the event invite the public to network with mental health care professionals and members of the Haitian-American community to explore

ways of optimizing mental health and well-being. The event will also celebrate Haitian culture with entertainment provided by performing artists E-uneek and Michele Voltaire Marcelin.

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Heading Middle Eastern warning signs

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world. There's no other way to explain the unwise things he's done.

The irony is that the current turmoil in the Middle East is the result of decades of U.S. government (and before that, British) attempts to manage that part of the world — attempts that continue to this present moment.

No one should be surprised at the lethal assault on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, on Sept. 11. When the Obama administration decided last year to back the resistance to (former U.S. ally) Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi, critics warned that no one could be sure of what the rebels' post-Qaddafi intentions were or that the arms provided by the U.S. government would not end up in the "wrong hands." It was widely reported that elements of al-Qaeda were members of the U.S.-backed resistance. Obama ignored the warnings (while killing a Libyan al-Qaeda leader in a drone strike in Pakistan), and on Sept. 11 heavily armed rebel forces attacked the consulate and safe house, killing the ambassador and three other U.S. personnel.

In Egypt a violent demonstration took place at the U.S. embassy, aggravating concerns over the country's new president, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, which is no fan of the U.S. government. Did this animosity come out of the blue? Of course not. U.S. presidents backed brutal Egyptian dictators for decades. When the popular uprising against the last

one, Hosni Mubarak, occurred, the Obama administration initially voiced support for him. Clinton called him a family friend. Only when his ouster was inevitable did Obama abandon him — throwing U.S. support to his torturer-in-chief as his successor.

Under such circumstances, did anyone expect the Egyptians and President Mohamed Morsi to feel friendly toward the U.S. government?

U.S. attempts to manage the Middle East did not start last year. The intervention has been continuous, from the backing of the establishment of Israel in 1948 over the objection of the indigenous Palestinians, to the CIA-run overthrow of a democratically elected secular prime minister in Iran in 1953, to the support of a 1968 coup in Iraq that eventually led to the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein, to the continuing support for oppressive monarchies in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Jordan, and elsewhere.

And now the Obama administration is intervening in Syria, as it did in Libya, on the side of rebels, including members of al-Qaeda, who are trying to bring down dictator Bashar al-Assad. Will anyone be surprised when heavily armed forces attack the U.S. embassy in Damascus after Assad is gone?

The "folly and presumption" of Romney and Obama disqualify them both for office.

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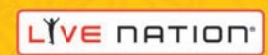
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By Dr. Stephen Finger

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So you get dressed, get your gun

from the closet, drive to the airport, fly to the country where the guy has his business, shoot whoever took it from him and, if you didn't also get shot, drive back to the airport, fly home, maybe catch the end of your favorite show, and go to sleep.

If you live in a country that's a so-so power, everything is pretty much the same, except that you get to watch all your favorite shows and you hardly ever have to shoot anybody unless they try to shoot you first.

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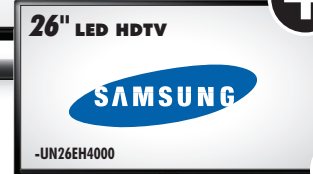
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Trinidad

The Integrity Commission has found there was no breach of the Public Life Act when Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar took her sister Vidwatie Newton on overseas trip.

The Integrity Commission recently wrote to Reynolds Cooper, permanent secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister, stating that investigations found there was no wrongdoing.

In April, Opposition Leader Dr. Keith April had written to the Integrity Commission requesting an investigation into whether there was a breach in the Integrity in Public Life with the prime minister utilizing state funds for Newton to accompany her on overseas trips.

This was done after it was disclosed in Parliament, in response to a question from the Opposition, that TT\$868,268, 11 was spent on Newton's travel and other associated costs between June 1, 2010 and March, 31, 2012.

The Office of the Prime Minister said the prime minister had the option of formally employing her sister as a member of her personal staff, but "she refused to do so to avoid any allegations of nepotism, in consequence of which Ms. Newton receives no salary from the state."



Trinidad

The governments of Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada have signed an agreement to advance the joint exploration of hydrocarbons in the maritime areas between the two countries.

The signing took place recently between Energy Minister Kevin Ramnarine and Nazim Burke, minister of Finance, Planning, Economy, Energy and Cooperatives of Grenada.

The agreement lays the foundation for a broad spectrum of cooperation activities, including conduct of joint seismic surveys and joint exploration, development and implementation of technical programs, projects and activities and implementation of joint development plans for the utilization of hydrocarbon reservoirs existing in the respective continental shelves of both countries.

The ministry said this is the first such agreement between T&T and another CARICOM country, executed within the framework for the further development of the regional integration movement as envisaged in the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, which calls for the promotion of the development of the region's natural resources on a sustainable basis.

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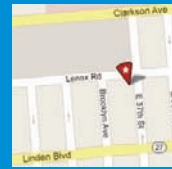
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Celebrating the past, impacting the future

By Tangerine Clarke

Pastor Dr. Clive E. Neil is the first Caribbean national, the first African-American and the youngest clergy to ever hold tenure in the 160th year history of Bedford Central Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn.

The house of worship, which stands majestically at the corner of Nostrand Avenue and Dean Street, will celebrate its anniversary, with a Banquet and Awards Ceremony to honor 25 members for their outstanding contribution to the history and lasting legacy of the church.

The presentation will take place at the Grand Prospect Hall, 263 Prospect Ave., Brooklyn on Friday, Oct. 19 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Under the theme "Celebrating the Past, Impacting the Future," church goers will then attend a commemoration worship on Sunday,



Bedford Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. (Right) from left, Rev. Hoskins Prescott, Senior Rev. Dr. Clive E. Neil, Rev. Johnny Youngblood and Rev. Fredrick C. Ennette.



Photo by Tangerine Clarke

Oct. 21, set to begin at 9:00 a.m.

The congregation of mostly Caribbean nationals, have inspired 54-year Pastor Neil, who found his spiritual calling while working as a camp counselor during his final year of studies, to become a research scientist.

"Working with the youth left a lasting impression on

my life," noted Pastor Neil, who after obtaining his science degree directed his skills learned at the camp to become an ordained pastor in 1985, before completing his pastorate at Tremont Presbyterian Church, Bronx. His major emphasis over the years has been to create programs to engage the community spiritually

and socially, which he has done successfully, by creating 27 youth ministries.

The pastor included after-school tutoring, SAT Prep, Backpack drives, advocacy programs, childcare, and "end the violence" initiative. These are just a few of the hallmark programs that mesh the community. The neighborhood also benefit

from a food pantry and year-round activities that include a block party.

A Princeton University Fellow with a Doctorate in Counseling from Drew University - Pastor Neil has motivated homeownership, and forged a relationship with the Police Precinct to rid the neighborhood of drug houses.

Rave review for East Carib Central Bank

By Shermalon Kirby

As the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) marked its 29th anniversary on Oct. 1, the bank's governor, Sir K Dwight Venner, said the main accomplishment of the institution over the years has been the bank's integration of itself into the financial and economic life of its eight member countries.

"The bank has also secured the reputation of being a sound and well-run institution, and has expanded the credibility of the ECCB, he said.

The governor said that amidst the ongoing global economic and financial crisis, collective action and collective decision-making have been the key factors in the bank's fulfillment of this mandate.



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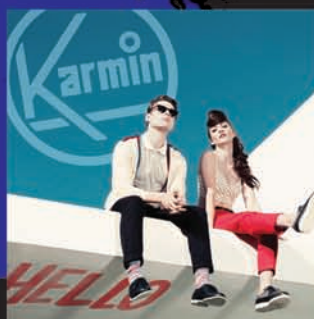
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Hundreds flock to book festival

Haitian-American Police Officer Omar Smith was on patrol, keeping everything under control in Brooklyn Heights on Sunday afternoon with throngs of book lovers coming and going from the Brooklyn Book Festival's largest venue, St. Ann & The Holy Trinity Church.

Bringing up the rear of the long line of fans who had just had their books signed,

Smith approached author Edwidge Danticat, who had also just read a selection of her work with other Best of Brooklyn, Inc. Bobi Award winners Paul Auster and Pete Hamill. Officer Smith had kind words for Danticat; he is a fan of hers, too.

It was a crisp and sunny, perfect autumn day greeting Brooklynites and other bibliophiles who were attending the seventh annual Brook-

lyn Book Festival held at Brooklyn Borough Hall and plaza and nearby sites.

Strollers and book addicts alike snaked their way through the walkways of vendor stalls, buying books, visiting publishers, and meeting various independent book store owners and members of literary organizations and book societies. Food trucks at the far end of the plaza provided sus-

tenance.

Many self-published authors used this opportunity to expose their work to a larger audience like Queens-resident, Carmen Uter, who displayed her book, "The Gechee Lady," the story of a wizened older woman, born in 1885 on one of the Georgia Sea Islands, and her relationship with a young woman in Harlem in the 50s and 60s.



Edwidge Danticat with local police officer, Haitian-American Omar Smith, a fan of the writer.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

Hugo Chavez says he'd vote for Obama



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez delivers a speech during a campaign rally in Guarenas, Venezuela, Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012. Venezuela's presidential election is scheduled for Oct. 7.

AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela President Hugo Chavez has weighed in on the U.S. presidential race, saying he prefers President Barack Obama.

"If I were American, I'd vote for Obama," Chavez said in a televised interview that aired Sunday.

The Venezuelan leader called Obama "a good guy" and said if the U.S. president were a Venezuelan, "I think ... he'd vote for Chavez."

Chavez is running for re-election, seeking another six years in office in an Oct. 7 vote. Obama faces Republican Mitt Romney in his November re-election bid.

Venezuela has had tense relations with the U.S. government for years, even though the United States

remains the top buyer of oil from the country.

"I wish we could begin a new period of normal relations with the government of the United States," Chavez said in the interview on the Venezuelan television channel Telegen.

Chavez and Obama shook hands at a 2009 summit, but relations have since cooled.

The U.S. Embassy in Caracas has been without an ambassador since July 2010, with Chavez rejecting Washington's nominee for ambassador, Larry Palmer, and accusing him of making disrespectful remarks about Venezuela's government. That led Washington to revoke the visa of the Venezuelan ambassador to the U.S.

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4. Take Care of Your Teeth.

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45th District Business Corridor Forums

The office of Jumaane D. Williams, council member, 45th District will host the 45th District Business Corridor Forums on Tuesday, Oct. 16 and Monday, Oct. 22.

According to Williams, this is a new initiative that he is undertaking in the East Flatbush. He said the forums will provide local businesses an opportunity to meet with representative of city agencies, financial institutions, utility providers, business improvement district and networking organizations. The purpose of this meeting will be to afford these local proprietors an opportunity to improve their businesses by learning about and taking advantage of the opportunities being provided by the organizations listed.

Over the course of this past summer, a team of 22 interns from Columbia University, New York University, Pace University, Brooklyn College/CUNY and other institutions of higher learning was employed to survey and compile a list of current businesses on the five major business corridors in the 45th District-Flatbush Avenue, Nostrand Avenue, Utica Avenue, Church Avenue and Avenue D.

Williams explained that the impetus for these forums was driven by his personal assessment that many small businesses in his district were often faced with challenges in communicating effectively with city agencies with respect to code enforcement and payment schedules for outstanding fines. "Additionally, with the rapid growth of new businesses in the Flatbush Junction area, I wanted to provide long-time businesses an opportunity to meet with organizations that can assist them in keeping pace with the changing market in which they operate," he said.

The 45th District Business Corridor Forum will be held on two nights:

• Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the Flatbush YMCA (located at 1401 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn between Foster and Faragut avenues) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Invitations for this forum will be issued to all businesses located on and nearby the Flatbush and Nostrand avenues business corridors.

• Monday, Oct. 22 at the TOP Civic Center (located at 1098 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn between Beverly and Clarendon Roads) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Invitations for this forum will be issued to all businesses within the district located on and nearby the Utica Avenue, Church Avenue and Avenue D business corridors.

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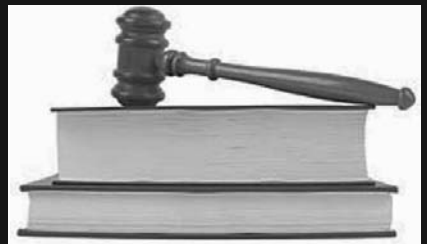


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Broadway's musical toast to Charlie Chaplain

Broadway's fall musical season kicked off recently with a delightful treat called "Chaplain."

The entertaining and enlightening stage musical about Hollywood's mustached, silent film character that endeared audiences as The Little Tramp is now playing at the Barrymore Theater.

Loaded with nostalgic songs, frolicking dance and a mountain of historical data, the production stars Rob McClure in a biographic tribute to the London-born entertainer who migrated to America and became the allure of world-wide, viewing audiences.

Directed by Warren Carlyle, the life of Charlie Chaplain unfolds from his youthful years accompanying his mother Hannah (Christiane Noli) through the slums of the city of London and out into the dream world of the better neighborhoods where she mocked pretentious and unworthy citizens.

Carlyle quickly progress-



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

es to adolescence when Charlie had to wait while she worked the seedy night-spots singing and dancing to patrons there to drown out the depression of the war.

She sang and danced for pennies and shillings.

With his brother Sydney (Wayne Alan Wilcox), the two encountered tough times keeping pace with their struggling, single mom.

As the story goes, little Charlie Chaplain picked up a few tips in the pub. The first was to be ready to stand-in for the top talent.

When his mom proved unable, Chaplain stepped up and immediately gained traction with the often boisterous customers.

Throughout the years,

Chaplain's talent grew bigger and bigger until he was discovered by an American. How Charlie Chaplain made it to the California coast and into the moving picture business becomes entrancing stage production.

Soon, a baggy-pants wearing, penguin-like walker charms America, gains status, becomes a successful millionaire and dares to mimic German tyrant Adolf Hitler.

By intermission, much more is revealed with revelations from scandals surrounding his favoring of girls half his age, multi-marriages, a Congressional investigation and ultimately self-exile to Switzerland.

A dark pall seems to fall over the audience when Chaplain vows never to

return to the United States after experiencing federal scrutiny and defamation by the media.

By the time the production ends, spirits rise with "Chaplain" back in good stead with the American public and an adoring audience.

If "Chaplain" is any indication, The Great White Way is in for a jolly good season.

NOLLYWOOD'S "BLACK NOVEMBER" GOES GLOBAL FROM HOLLYWOOD TO UN

"This is the first time an African story with a cast of Africans and sponsored by Africans is being told by Africans," Nigerian director Jeta Amata said at the premiere showing of his film "Black November."

Screened at the United Nations on the same day Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Zimbabwean President Robert

Mugabe addressed a world body at the General Assembly Haitian-American singer/producer Wyclef Jean, Senegalese-American rapper/singer Akon, activist Al Sharpton and boxing and film promoter Don King joined foreign diplomats to see a document about the under-reported, critical conditions that exists in the Niger Delta region of the west African nation.

Illinois Congressman Bobby Rush also made it to the world stage for the important screening. Reportedly, after first seeing the film at a showing at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. the legislator sponsored a bill to start clean up of the polluted areas and convinced Congress to action on behalf of the Nigerian people.

The film's title could have been "Black Gold."

However, that might have been limiting and far less comprehensive to this revealing film about the world's seventh most pop-

ulous country, corruption, media manipulation and greed prevalent in Nigeria.

Acclaimed the fifth largest supplier of oil in the world, Nigeria oozes black gold.

Oil is at the root of the tragic tale.

"One out of three Americans use Nigeria's oil, every single day," filmmaker Amata said.

While that resource may seem a blessing for the nation, its refineries also prove to be a curse on the poor villagers who are the least of the benefactors to the trillion dollar annual production.

For many, death and destruction gushes along the pipe-line with frequent spills and a criminal cartel that followed the orders of a military coup depicted ruling the West African nation.

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Romantic salsa at Lehman Center

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts continues its sensational 32nd season with two of salsa's hottest vocalists – Jerry Rivera and Tito Nieves – for one night only on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

Jerry Rivera has been one of the stars of salsa romantica since 1992's *Cuenta Conmigo* shot to the top of the charts. With 20 albums to his credit, he returns to Lehman Center to deliver hit after hit from his career, including "Casi un hechizo," "Amores como el nuestro" and "Ese." Also returning is Lehman Center favorite Tito Nieves, who brought the tropical sound to a new audience in the '80s, creating "the New York sound." His vast list of three decades-worth of smash hits includes "Sonámbulo," "I'll Always Love You" and "Demí enamórate."

Lehman Center for the



Tito Nieves.

Performing Arts is on the campus of Lehman College/CUNY at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West, Bronx, N.Y. Tickets for the event can be purchased from the Lehman Center box office (Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and beginning at 12 noon on the day of the concert), or through 24-hour online access at www.Lehman-

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Jazz and blues at Birdland

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Ghanniyya Green and JaRon Eames performing the songs of Sarah Vaughan and Billy Eckstine. Photo by Yugo Pittman

Fitzgerald, Johnny Hartman, Anita O'Day, Sarah Vaughan, Lambert, Hen-

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The Chiffons.

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American Classics series return to Blkyn College

By Kingsley Dougan

Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College launches its 2012-2013 American Classics series with *The Ultimate Sounds of Doo-Wop and Street Corner Harmony*, a concert of chart-topping artists including Fred Parrish and The Satins ("In the Still of the Night"), The Legendary Teenagers ("Why Do Fools Fall in Love"), The Chiffons with original lead singer Judy Mann ("One Fine Day"), The Ori-

ginal Tymes ("So Much In Love"), and Barbara Harris and the Toys ("Lovers Concerto"), hosted by WCBS-FM 101.1's "Broadway" Bill Lee on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 8:00 p.m.

Considered an integral part of the development of rock 'n' roll, doo-wop was created in the early 1950s by African American teenagers in urban areas like New York City, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. Unable to afford the musical instruments necessary to form rock 'n' roll bands,

these teens mimicked the instrumental backing with their voices, incorporating tight harmonies, simple rhythms and nonsense syllables to create doo-wop's signature sound. The first doo-wop groups were a cappella, which allowed them to rehearse almost anywhere. City street corners were popular places for groups to practice and try to gain notoriety.

Fred Parrish and The Satins are

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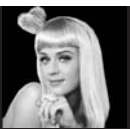
TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Blow Me (One Last Kiss)**
Pink
- 2 **One More Night**
Maroon 5
- 3 **We are Never Ever Getting...**
Taylor Swift
- 4 **Lights**
Ellie Goulding
- 5 **As Long As You Love Me**
Justin Bieber Feat. Big Sean
- 6 **Whistle**
Flo Rida
- 7 **Everybody Talks**
Neon Trees
- 8 **Wide Awake**
Katy Perry
- 9 **Some Nights**
Fun.
- 10 **Good Time**
Owl City & Carly Rae Jepsen

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **The Truth About Love**
Pink
- 2 **Kanye West Presents Good**
Various Artists
- 3 **Battle Born**
The Killers
- 4 **Away From the World**
Dave Matthews Band
- 5 **Shields**
Grizzly Bear
- 6 **The Sound of the Life**
Ben Folds Five
- 7 **Kiss**
Carly Rae Jepsen
- 8 **Night Visions**
Imagine Dragons
- 9 **The Carpenter**
The Avett Brothers
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Doo-Wop series

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best known for their 1956 gold-disc hit single "In the Still of the Night," reaching the top three on the Billboard R&B charts and the top 25 on the Billboard pop charts. The group was inducted into The Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2003.

The Legendary Teenagers, rock 'n' roll's first all-teenaged music group, are famous for their hits "Why Do Fools Fall in Love," "I'm Not a Juvenile Delinquent" and "The ABCs of Love." The group made a guest appearance in the film "Rock, Rock, Rock."

The Chiffons, featuring original lead singer Judy Mann, are one of the top girl groups of the early 1960s. Their hit "One Fine Day" went gold for selling over one million copies. The Chiffons also recorded "He's So Fine," and went on to open for The Beatles' first U.S. concert and for The Rolling

Stones' first U.S. tour.

The Original Tymes' hit single "So Much in Love" topped the U.S. music charts in 1963 and was included in the RIAAs top Songs of the 20th Century list in 2001. In 2005, The Tymes were inducted into The Vocal Group Hall of Fame. They also appeared on the PBS Special My Music: Love Songs of the 50s and 60s.

Barbara Harris and the Toys, an all-woman trio, from Jamaica, Queens, had three hits off the Billboard Hot 100 chart: "A Lover's Concerto," "Attack!" and "Baby Toys." The Toys made television appearances on Shindig!, Hullabaloo, and American Bandstand, and a movie cameo role in It's a Bikini World!

"Broadway" Bill Lee is a 40-year radio veteran and multiple Radio Personality of the Year award winner. He can currently be heard on WCBS-FM 101.1 on Monday



The Legendary Teenagers.

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Salsa at Lehman

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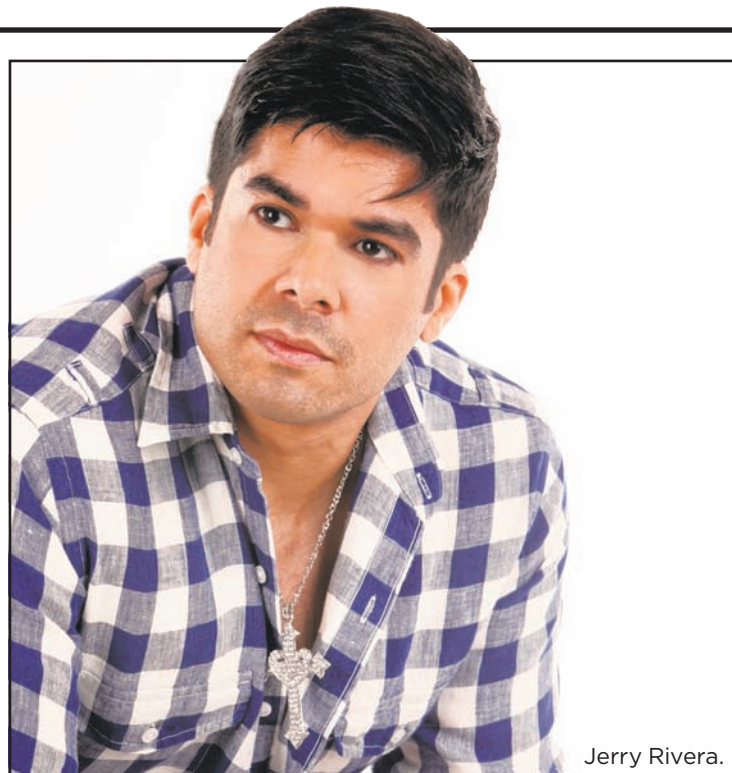
Rivera grew up in Puerto Rico, son of singer Edwin "Pino" Rivera, who made a demo of 14-year-old Jerry and presented it to CBS, who signed him. He became known as "El Bebé de la Salsa" with the release of *Abriendo puertas* (1990) when he was only 15 years. Over the past 20 years Rivera has had 26 #1 hits and 43 Top 40 hits and has sold over twelve million records worldwide, making him the best-selling Tropical music artist of all time. His 1992 triple-platinum "Cuenta conmigo," one of Salsa's top-selling albums, spawned two major hits -- the title track and "Casi un hechizo."

Rivera's 20 albums range from Latin Pop to the bolero album *Rivera* (2001) and his popular tribute to Frankie Ruiz, *Canto a mi ídolo...Frankie Ruiz* (2003), which garnered a Latin GRAMMY nomination. He appeared in the film "I Like It Like That," featuring Jon Seda, Rita Moreno and the Barrio Boyzz. In 2007, he released "Caribe Gardel," a tribute to Argentine singer Carlos Gardel that featured Gardel's "Cuesta abajo," one of that year's major salsa hits. His most recent CDs are 2011's *El Amor Existe*, which included the Salsa hit "Solo Pienso En Ti," and

2012's "Jerry Christmas."

Nieves born in Puerto Rico, moved at age one to New York. In 1975, at age 15, he began a two-year stint as lead singer for Orquesta Cimarrón and two years later joined the orchestra of his mentor, Hector Lavoe. He earned the nickname "the Pavarotti of Salsa." Nieves's first recording was in 1979 as lead singer of the group Tairbori. In the early '80s he joined Conjunto Clásico. Embarking on a solo career in '86, Nieves distinguished himself by singing salsa in English, bringing crossover appeal to the tropical sound.

In 1988 he recorded his first solo album, "The Classic," which included the hit "Sonámbulo" and earned a Gold record. The following year he released *Yo quiero cantar*, featuring the gold "I'll Always Love You." His vast list of smash hits includes "Can You Stop the Rain," "You Bring Me Joy" and "De mí enamórate," but it was his version of Stevie Wonder's "I Like It Like That" that made him an international sensation. Nominated for a GRAMMY Award for Best Salsa Album in 2002, Nieves has received six Latin GRAMMY nominations, including one for 2007's *Canciones Clásicas de Marco Antonio Solís*. Tito stayed at the forefront of music with his 2005 reggaetón single, "Terremoto" from the album "Hoy, Mañana Y Siempre." With 30 solo albums, his latest is 2011's "Mi Última Grabación."



Jerry Rivera.

Birdland Jazz and Blues

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dricks & Ross, Louis Armstrong and Billy Eckstine.

"SS Nirvana" will appear at Birdland Jazz Club, 315 West 44th St. on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. This jamin' jazz show features Ghanniyya Green, TC III, Joy Ryder, Charles Bartlett, Under the musical direction of Marcus Persiani, with Paul Beaudry on bass, and

Will Terrill on drums.

As the show musically spans the 40's 50's and 60's, the cast performs the music of our lives. "SS Nirvana" also boasts a collection of high-spirited up-tempo tunes as well as memorable heart-wrenching ballads. The audience instantly connects as they sing along for the entire show and become reminiscent of a sweeter time.

Mortal courts Dracula's overprotected daughter

"Hotel Transylvania"
Very Good (3 stars)
Rated PG for action, rude
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Running time: 91 minutes
Distributor: Sony Pictures

By Kam Williams

I know it's a little early in the season, but if you're ready for a Halloween-themed flick that's going to be lot of fun for the whole family, have I got a cartoon for you. More romantic and funny than spooky and spine-tingling, "Hotel Transylvania" is a tenderhearted tale that milks most of its mirth by turning a basic scary movie convention on its head.

For, the picture unfolds from the point-of-view of Count Dracula (Adam Sandler) and a beleaguered brotherhood of peace-

loving creatures who have not only been unfairly-demonized as monsters but are actually more afraid of humans than we are of them. Who knew? Victims of bad press and paranoia, they naturally shy away from making any contact with humans.

After his wife's untimely demise at the hands of an angry mob, an understandably over-protective Dracula restricted his daughter, Mavis (Selena Gomez), to the safe confines of the family's hilltop mansion, far removed from any prejudiced townsfolk armed with torches and pitchforks. Inside that protective bubble, "Daddy's Little Ghoul" was raised on misleading nursery rhymes in which all the evil villains were people.

Figuring his fellow social outcasts might also enjoy a sanctuary of tranquility safe from humanity, Dracula transforms



A scene from "Hotel Transylvania."

his sprawling estate into the "Hotel Transylvania", a swanky, five-stake (ala "5-star") resort catering strictly to fellow monsters. The plot thickens when he lowers the drawbridge over the moat to the castle to welcome his friends to celebrate Mavis'

birthday.

A hiker who just stumbled upon the place slips in alongside "Frankenstein" (Kevin James), "The Mummy" (CeeLo Green), "The Werewolf" (Steve Buscemi), "Quasimodo" (Jon Lovitz), "The Invisible Man" (David

Spade) and the other invited guests. Jonathan (Andy Samberg) may be a mere mortal, but the clueless party crasher's just the right age to appreciate the blossoming beauty of a rebellious teen vampire with raging hormones.

It's cross-species love at first sight, much to the chagrin of an exasperated Count Dracula whose desperate efforts to discourage his suddenly-defiant daughter prove futile. His cries of "You're barely out of your training fangs!" and "There are so many eligible monsters!" fall on deaf ears, as Mavis opts instead to heed her late-mother's sage suggestion that "A zing comes along only once in a life."

A tyke-friendly, Halloween adventure teaching a universal message of tolerance via the oft-repeated maxim that monsters are people, too!

Independent & Foreign Films

Bel Borba Aquí (Unrated)
Reverential biopic chronicling the career of Bel, the Brazilian artist whose oversized, outdoor sculptures dot the landscape of his beloved hometown of Salvador. (In Portuguese with subtitles)

Butter (R for profanity and sexuality) Social satire, set in small-town Iowa, about a young, adopted girl (Yara Shahidi) who squares-off against an ambitious housewife (Jennifer Garner) in the annual butter-carving competition. Cast includes Hugh Jackman, Olivia Wilde and Alicia Silverstone.

Escape Fire (PG-13 for mature themes) Medical crisis documentary addressing the question of whether the broken, American health-care system can be fixed. Featuring appearances by Dr. Andrew Weil, Dr. Dean Ornish and insurance executive Wendell Potter.

Fat Kid Rules the World (R for sexuality, drug use and brief violence) Coming-of-age comedy about an overweight, suicidal 17 year-old (Jacob Wysocki) who forms a rock band with the street musician (Matt O'Leary) who saved his life by stopping him from jumping in front of a bus. With



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Billy Campbell, LILi Simons and Jeffrey Doombos.

The House I Live in (Unrated) War on Drugs documentary takes a penetrating look at the human rights implications of the American criminal justice system's incarceration of over 45 million non-violent, narcotics offenders since 1971.

Now, Forager (Unrated) Marital crisis drama about a counter-cultural couple (Tiffany Esteb and Jason Cortlund), subsisting by selling wild mushrooms to Manhattan restaurants, whose relationship is tested when the wife tires of living hand to mouth. With Almex Lee, Gabrielle Maisels and Marty Clarke.

The Oranges (R for profanity, sexual references and drug use) Romantic comedy, set in suburban N.J., about the strain placed on two couples' close friendship when one husband (Hugh Laurie) has a scandalous

affair with the other's (Oliver Platt) daughter (Leighton Meester). With Catherine Keener, Allison Janney, Alia Shawkat and Adam Brody.

Pitch Perfect (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity and drug use) Musical comedy about a college freshman (Anna Kendrick) who overhauls the repertoire of her all-girl singing group in preparation for a big showdown on campus with an all-male rival ensemble in an a cappella competition. Featuring Brittany Snow, Rebel Wilson and Skylar Astin.

V/H/S (R for gory violence, graphic nudity, explicit sexuality, drug use and pervasive profanity) Found footage horror flick about a gang of crooks who get the surprise of their lives after agreeing to break into a dilapidated house in the middle of nowhere to find a videotape for an anonymous third party. Starring Calvin Reeder, Lane Hughes and Adam Wingard.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

REGGAE, CALYPSO, FOLK MUSIC: The Brooklyn Public Library presents Reggae! Calypso! Folk Music! for kids and families featuring West Indian and American music through song and dance in an interactive performance with versatile entertainer Conroy Warren, 1:00 p.m. at the Central Library Dweck Center, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Heights. For information, call (718) 230-2100.

HEALTH SCREENINGS: Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care is offering medical screenings and information for women including breast exams, pap smears for women 18+ and mammograms for women 40+ who have not had a pap smear/mammogram in the last 12 months, and health education information concerning women's health issues, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Montefiore Medical Center's Wakefield Hospital, Outpatient Oncology, 6th Fl., 600 East 233rd St., Bronx. To pre-register and for more information, call (718) 920-9434.

CONFERENCE: SVG Diaspora Committee of N.Y., The Consulate General of SVG, COSAGO and the Garifuna Coalition present St. Vincent and the Grenadines Diaspora and Development Conference focusing on the theme "Embracing the Challenges we face and Opportunities that exist for the Development of SVG and its Diaspora" featuring Prime Minister of SVG, Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Kingdom Life Ministries Int'l., 770 Park Place, between Nostrand and Rogers avenues, Brooklyn. Breakfast and lunch will be on sale for all participants. For information, call (718) 344-7920 or (212) 687-4776.

NAUTICAL TOUR: The Bronx Tourism Council presents a Nautical Tour beginning with a guided trolley tour throughout City Island, followed by a visit to the Nautical Museum, light lunch meal at a local seafood restaurant (cost not included in registration fee), visit to a local art gallery and ending on the 65-foot Island Current IV fishing for blues and striped bass (gear and bait included). For registration, tickets and additional information call (718) 590-2502.

HEALTH EXPO: Healthfirst is sponsoring the WBLS-FM 2012 Circle of Sisters Expo, Sat. and Sun., 10/6 and 7, New York's largest expo for women of color featuring a host of speakers, authors, seminars, R&B and gospel concerts and over 200 exhibitors at the Jacob Javits Center, 655 West 34 St., NY. Attendees can also visit the Healthfirst Healthy Living booth where adults will receive free body mass index screenings and massages and children will be treated to free face paintings. For more information on the Expo visit www.circleofsisters.com and the Healthfirst website at www.healthfirst.org. Phone number for the Javits Center is (212) 216-2000.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

YOUTH PROGRAM: Come and join All Souls Church youth at 10:30 a.m. and be a part of trips, games, food and a loving God. Bring family and friends. Everyone is welcome to All



FINANCIAL COACHING: The NHS of East Flatbush is offering The Financial Capabilities and Coaching Program focusing on helping you reach your goals such as paying off bills, saving for a home, improving credit scores and more. For more information, call (718) 469-4679.



FOOD STAMP OUTREACH: Find out if you are eligible to receive Food Stamp benefits! A representative from the NYC Human Resources Administration will be available to assist you with eligibility pre-screening and to answer any questions every Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Community Board 12, 4101 White Plains Road at 229 St., Bronx. For more information, call (718) 881-4455.

Souls Church, 88 St. Nicholas Ave., between 114 and 115 streets, N.Y. For information, call (212) 663-2351 or visit allsouls88@verizon.net.

MOZART'S REQUIEM: Weill Cornell Medical College's Music & Medicine Initiative, comprised of musicians who are medical students, faculty and staff, will perform Mozart's Requiem at St. Bartholomew's Church, 325 Park Ave, NY, 6:30 p.m. To reserve your seat and make a donation, visit www.weill.cornell.edu/music.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

FILM FEST: The Brooklyn Public Library presents the Jamaican Mini Film Fest "Smile Orange," a 1976 comedy taking a satirical look at the Jamaican tourism industry, 6:30 p.m., at the Central Library Dweck Center, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Heights. For adults only. For information, call (718) 230-2100.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

WORLD ARTHRITIS DAY: Montefiore Medical Center and the Arthritis Foundation are hosting a free luncheon as a kick-off to World Arthritis Day featuring talks by expert physi-

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cians on managing arthritis including presentations on arthritis research and treatments at the Montefiore Medical Center Grand Hall, 111 East 210 St., Bronx, N.Y. Registration begins 10:30 a.m. Program begins 11:00 a.m. To attend the event, RSVP by calling 1-800-MD-MONTE.

CONCERT: Red House Records presents Drew Nelson in concert celebrating his new release "Tilt-A-Whirl", featuring roots-rock sounds with folk storytelling introducing an eclectic cast of everyday characters that includes out of work war vets, forsaken lovers, migrant workers and other lost souls, 8:00 p.m. at The Living Room, 154 Ludlow St., N.Y. For information, call (212) 533-7237 or visit www.livingroomny.com.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

FILM FORUM: The Game Changers Program is holding its First Annual Game Changers National Film Forum featuring emerging filmmakers from across the country focusing on Black male achievement, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at The Schomburg Center, 515 Malcolm X Blvd., Harlem, N.Y. Forum is free and open to the public. Registration required at www.schomburg-center.eventbrite.com. For more information, visit www.gamechangersproject.org.

COMEDY/VARIETY: No Name & A Bag O' Chips Comedy/Variety Show presents actress/comic/pundit Leighann Lord, comedians Rachael Parents, Miguel Dalmau and humorist/storyteller Dawn Fraser and featuring house band, The Summer Replacements, at Otto's, 538 E 14 St., between avenues A and B, NY, 7:00 p.m. on Fri., 10/12 and 19. For more information, call (212) 228-2240 or (347) 885-3466.

ONGOING

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY: Vy Higginsen's Mama Foundation for the Arts presents back-to-back musical matinees every Saturday featuring Sing, Harlem, Sing! at 1:00 p.m. and Mama, I Want To Sing: The Next Generation at 4:30 p.m. at The Dempsey Theater, 127 West 12th St., between Lenox and Seventh avenues., Harlem. Tickets are available for both shows through SmartTix.com (212-868-4444) or by calling the Mama Foundation at (212) 280-1045.

AQUATICS PROGRAM: BronxWorks Community Center, 1130 Grand Concourse, Bronx, has announced its Fall '12 aquatics program running from now thru Nov. 16 featuring swimming instruction for all ages and levels, a clinic to help experienced swimmers to sharpen their skills and aqua aerobics, an exercise class open to teens and adults, including non-swimmers. For applications to participate in classes and more information, contact Eileen Towey at (718) 508-3071.

FARMERS MARKET: The Hattie Carthan "After Church" Farmers Market featuring locally grown fresh fruits, veggies, herbs and eggs and offering sessions on growing food and herbs and how to prepare healthy food is open every Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. until November at 49 Van Buren St. off Tompkins Ave., Brooklyn. WIC/Senior FMNP Checks, EBT, Health Bucks and cash are accepted. For information, call (718) 638-3566 or email hattiecarthangarden@yahoo.com.

QUEENS SICKLE CELL: The Queens Sickle Cell Advocacy Network, 207-08 Hollis Ave., Queens Village, N.Y., presents a Parent to Parent Support Group meeting every first Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m. For directions and registration, call (718) 712-0873 or email Qscanorg@verizon.net.

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

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Reggae's Songbird

Khalilah Rose: 'Not Giving Up'

By Christine Harris

It's not everyday you come across a person who is as dedicated, loyal and truly sincere as the one Khalilah Rose.

Dubbed by many as 'Reggae's Song Bird', she's not only a songstress, but an amazing songwriter as well.

Khalilah has a brand new 14-track CD titled "Zion's Lullaby," with the hit single 'Hail H.I.M.' which is being requested by radio stations nationwide.

She has graced the cover of L3 Magazine, won the 2012 Best New Female Artist award, done duets with Turbulence and Lutan Fyah and has shared the stage with artists such as Etana, Everton Blender, Gyphtian, Luciano, Capleton among others.

Khalilah has just left Jamaica where she conducted several media interviews and appeared on one of Jamaica's No.1 TV programs, "Hype TV Jamaica", and now she's performing in Europe. This young lady is taking the world by storm; there is no doubt that.

Khalilah Rose is a musical sensation. But much like any success in life, it usually comes with a hard road, paved with struggles and tribulations; Khalilah Rose is no exception. At a young age, Khalilah knew that music was very much part of her everyday life. She knew that one day she too would be able to contribute her own words and melodies to the world of vinyl (CD's



Reggae's songbird Khalilah Rose releases a new 14-track CD.

for all the younger heads out there).

Growing up in a strict household, education and having a high corporate career wasn't only expected; it was a must. While pursuing her masters degree in college, Khalilah became pregnant and before she knew it she was out on her own, fending for herself and raising a child as a single mother.

This is never an easy feat, and it's even harder when one doesn't have a support system. But Khalilah had two things: her baby and her music, and they became the driving force in her life. She took every experience she had, and every emotion she felt and transformed them into songs.

"Not Giving Up" is just one out of many, songs that can be heard on her CD, "Zion's Lullaby".

Some might say that Khalilah has overcome all obstacles in life, but unfortunately there are a few

issues in the reggae community that continue to give her a fight.

When Khalilah is not in Jamaica she's in New York, and her New York team -- especially her manager, work extremely hard to ensure that she's performing on stage shows or making guest appearances on TV and radio. It is no stretch of the imagination to say that one is sure to see a poster of Khalilah somewhere on the streets of New York; she definitely has been kept in the public eyes and ears, so much so that it's actually stirring up animosity among some managers and fellow artists within the New York area.

When asked about it in a recent interview with the California-based radio station, Rasta Vibrations/FCC Free Radio, Khalilah responded by saying, "I've done nothing wrong to them or anybody else. I don't understand why they don't like me anymore; especially since we all seemed to have gotten along so well."

Despite all the negativity she over-hears on the streets of New York, it only motivates her more. Just as any struggle Khalilah has been confronted with, she turns to what she does best ... her music. And, if Zion's Lullaby is anything to go by, all I can say to the managers and artists is "continue to give her a fight; her next CD will only be greater."

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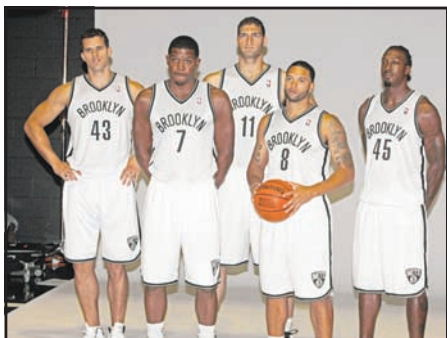
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From left, Kris Humphries, Joe Johnson, Brook Lopez, Deron Williams and Gerald Wallace. Photos by Lem Peterkin

Coach Johnson evaluates team

By Robert Elkin

It won't be long now before the basketball season opens in Brooklyn. In fact, the Brooklyn Nets recently hosted Media Day at their new venue, Barclays Center, in down town Brooklyn, which was very well attended by officials of the team as well as those media who will cover them during the course of their schedule.

The Nets left their previous home in New Jersey to move into Brooklyn, and New York City now has two National Basketball Association franchises so close to each other—the

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Narine cops ICC award

By Azad Ali

Exciting West Indies off-spinner Sunil Narine added to his steadily growing list of achievements when he was voted the Emerging Cricketer-of-the-Year at the International Cricket Council (ICC) Awards recently held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

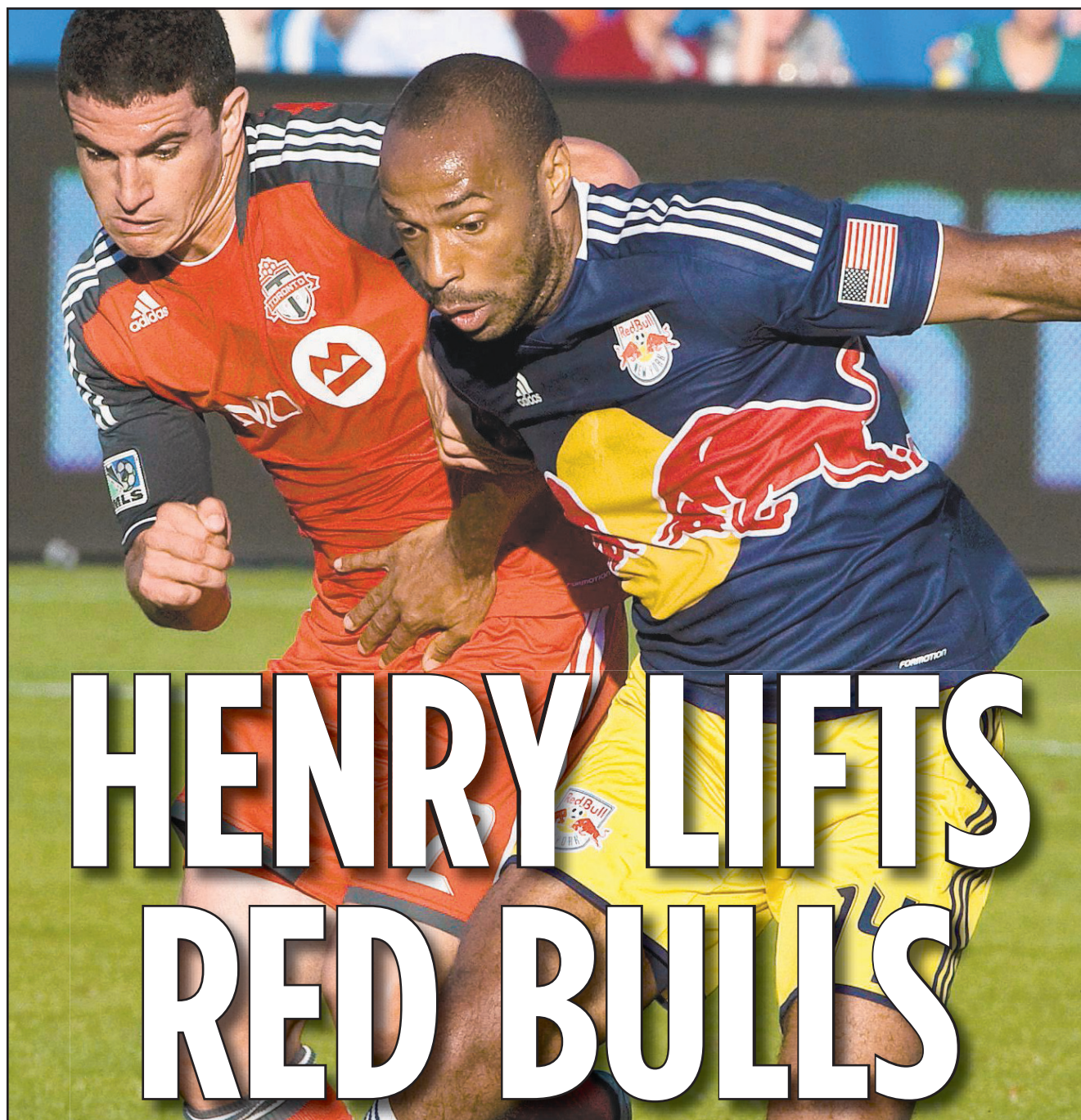


West Indies off-spinner Sunil Narine.

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He was one of the two West Indies players to win awards as top women's batsman Stafaine Taylor also walked away with the

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New York Red Bulls' Thierry Henry, right, competes with Toronto FC's Logan Emory, left, during the first half of an MLS soccer game Saturday, June 30, 2012, in Toronto. AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Aaron Vincent Elkaim

Now in second-place tie with Chicago Fire

By Patrick Horne

Thierry Henry picked the best time of the year to be most productive. With only three games in the next three weeks of regular season left to play before the MLS playoffs, the former France international

practically hauled his third-placed New York Red Bulls (15-8-8, 53 pts.) team into a second-place tie with the Chicago Fire in the Eastern Conference standings with a 4-1 defeat of Toronto FC last Saturday at Red Bulls' Arena. New York trails Confer-

ence leader Sporting Kansas City (17-7-7, 58 pts.), which has officially clinched a playoff berth, by five points. New York's enhanced play-off position was aided by Kansas City's 2-0 defeat of Chicago on

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Sri Lanka batsman Kumar Sangakkar.

AP Photo/Juda Ngweny

Sunil Narine

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Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year Trophy.

The 24-year-old Trinidadian, who has taken the Twenty20 version of the game by storm since his international debut last year, beat out com-

petition from Sri Lanka's Dinesh Chandimal, Doug Bracewell of New Zealand and Australia's James Pattison. During the eligibility period, Narine picked up 12 wickets in three Tests at an average of 31.50 and 28 wickets at an average of 18.82 from 15 ODIs.

Narine is the second West Indies player in as many years to win the award after Guyanese leg-spinner Devendra Bishoo last year.

Taylor was awarded for her prolific scoring over the last year.

The right-hander, ranked the number two batsman in the world, plundered 514 runs at an average of 46.72 in 13 ODIs during the eligi-

bility period and picked up 16 wickets at an average of 13.12 with her off-spin.

Sri Lanka batsman Kumar Sangakkar won the Sir Garfield Sobers trophy for the ICC Cricketer-of-the-Year, to clinch the top honor at the Awards ceremony. The left-hander was named ICC Test Cricketer of the Year award and was also awarded the People's Choice trophy.

Henry lifts Red Bulls

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Thursday night.

Henry assisted on the first three Red Bulls goals and scored the fourth as he rallied the Red Bulls from an early 1-0 deficit. In front of the sell-out crowd of 25,017 on a cool Saturday night in Harrison (NJ), the last-place Toronto FC (5-19-7, 22 pts.) took a surprisingly early 1-0 lead when Jamaican international Ryan Johnson unleashed a 30-yard left-footed shot in the sixth minute, but the visitors' lead lasted a mere seven minutes as Henry's lofted corner kick was headed home by defender Markus Holgersson in the 13th minute to tie the contest. New York dominated the contest to end, as Toronto FC offered no formidable resistance.

New York took the lead in the 27th minute when Henry went to work again, this time he dribbled towards the right goal line and played the ball back for an unmarked Kenny Cooper to tap into the goal. The Red Bulls' third assist was déjà vu: Henry dribbled inside the 18 yard area, towards the right goal line and drew two players toward him, he then played the ball back and across the goal for Cooper again to slot home, in the 88th

minute. The former Arsenal FC (England, Premier League) player completed his best performance as a Red Bull when he received a pass from Cooper at the 30-yard line on the left flank and one-timed the shot into the far right corner of the goal in stoppage time to the cheers of the sell-out crowd.

All told, Henry got his 14th goal and 12th assist of the season, Cooper registered his 15th and 16th goals, American Luis Robles made his Red Bulls debut in goal for the injured Bill Gaudette and winger Lloyd Sam, who was extremely penetrative throughout the game, got his first start as a Red Bull since joining the team about three weeks ago from England.

There are five playoff berths at stake, but Kansas City has one wrapped up, the other four are pretty much decided, except for the position in which the teams will finish in the standings, which would determine first round matchups. The rest of the Eastern Conference shapes up with Chicago Fire (16-9-5, 53 pts.) in the second place tie with the Red Bulls, fourth place DC United (15-10-6, 51 pts.) and the last berth will go to the Houston Dynamo (13-8-10, 49 pts.). The regular season ends Oct. 27.

Coach Johnson evaluates team

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Knicks and Nets,

Their goal, according to Coach Avery Johnson, is to make the playoffs, something that they could not do last year. They are confident that they can improve over last year's miserable record and turn this thing around.

Everybody wants a winner in Brooklyn and so does the Nets' management. They are 'hungry' for it.

Eighteen players recently reported to camp and, in fact, they are all battling for a roster spot. Some of the holdovers and veterans in the league are guaranteed a spot. Time has cer-

tainly come to a team that has struggled over previous years.

It's a new era in Nets basketball!

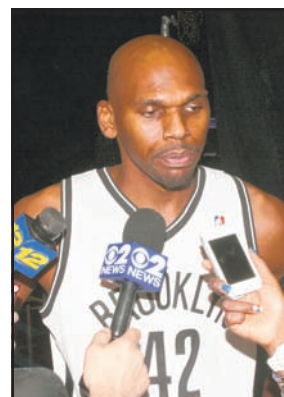
We're here in Brooklyn and it's a long time coming for a lot of people. Everybody is glad to be part of such a team.

"I've been waiting for this kind of pressure for two years," Coach Johnson said on Media Day. "Pressure is (also) on us to win. Expectations are a lot higher. This is what we want and signed up for. When we don't win, we get criticized. When we do win, the players get celebrated. That's what it is all

about.

"Hopefully, we'll come together sooner than rather later. The main thing is that we want to have an upward trend throughout the season. We have to get better game by game and practice by practice. Going into the playoffs we'll be one of the teams to beat."

In taking a major step in the right direction, Coach Johnson will stress defense, as opposed to offense. In order to do so he expects to have a veteran team. Four players on the current roster have 10 or more years of NBA experience. In addition, there are six rookies.



Jerry Stackhouse.

Photos by Lem Peterkin

see my team physically and mentally tough.

"And we have to improve significantly in rebounding. I know that is everybody. (Brook) Lopez at seven feet expects to lead this team in caroms). Team rebounding is (also) important. At the same time I believe in balance."

Most of Johnson's teams over past years were good on defense and offense. And offensively, the Nets must execute.

"That's what Deron (Williams) and I spent a lot of time talking about during the off season," continued the coach.

"We have to be in the top ten in the league in defense," added Johnson. "We have a certain amount of points we want to give up this year. In the last two minutes of a game I want to

After a shortened 2011-2012 schedule, the Nets went out to sign as many players as they could and

they also re-signed Deron Williams to run the show from the point guard position, Lopez, power forward Kris Humphries and small forward Gerald Wallace.

"My point guard often talks about (our Nets) being the best team in the NBA," Coach Johnson added. "He's a two-time gold medal winner. He wants to bring the same spirit to the rest of the roster. He wants to be an NBA champion. He'll average about 18 points and 11 assists a game and help us achieve our goal of winning an NBA championship and not just a city championship."

Meanwhile, Nets General Manager Bilie King feels good about the team's potential.

'Tour De Bronx' cycling event set for October 14

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. is teaming up with Transportation Alternatives, Montefiore Medical Center, St. Barnabas Hospital and the Bronx Lebanon Medical Center to announce that the 18th annual "Tour De Bronx," New York State's largest free bicycling event, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 14. This special biking event attracts thousands of cyclists from throughout the tri-state area and beyond, who tour the borough's beautiful neighborhoods and scenic attractions.

"I am excited the Tour de Bronx is here again. It is a wonderful event, where I get to join my fellow Bronxites and thousands of out-of-town visitors for a bike ride to tour our wonderful borough. Riding a bike around the Bronx is the healthiest way to rediscover our beautiful borough and all it has to offer in a new way. I invite everyone to join me again this year to see the best of the Bronx," said Bronx Borough President



Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

AP Photo/John Marshall Mantel

Ruben Diaz Jr.

Heart transplant recipient Roxanne Watson will be riding in the Tour de Bronx for the first time. "As someone who grew up in the Bronx and who's experienced a near-fatal health crisis, I'm gratified to see that Borough President Diaz and hospitals like Montefiore are promoting a healthy lifestyle, to help overcome problems like heart disease," she remarked.

At the news conference, Peter Selwyn, MD, chairman of Family and Social Medicine at Montefiore, said that Montefiore takes its commitment to prevent disease by promoting a healthy lifestyle very seriously. Since cycling is one of the best ways to keep fit, it's appropriate that we partner with the Borough president on this great event."

"The Tour de Bronx is a perfect way to promote health and wellness and to discover all that the Bronx has to offer," said Steven M. Safyer, MD, president and CEO of Montefiore Medical Center. "This annual event demonstrates Montefiore's commitment to partner with other organizations in the Bronx to strengthen our communities and enhance well-being."

"The Tour de Bronx shows that bicycling is truly a five-borough phenomenon," said Paul Steely White, Executive Director of Transportation Alternatives. "This family-friendly event will showcase

the recreational side of an increasingly common transportation choice for New Yorkers and offer an unparalleled experience of the diverse and historic neighborhoods of the Bronx."

"People come from all over to participate in this amazing event," said Olga Luz Tirado, executive director of the Bronx Tourism Council, the organization, which produces Tour de Bronx for Borough President Diaz. "What

better way to experience all the great Bronx people and Bronx places than by bike?"

Metro North Railroad will waive their bicycle permit requirements and quantity limits for the day, allowing for groups of riders to participate. Coca Cola will distribute Dasani water, Powerade sports drinks and Fuze. Pizza will be provided after the ride courtesy of Domino's.

The event offers both a 25- and 40-mile course, each

of which winds through dozens of beautiful Bronx neighborhoods, historic districts, parks, waterfront, Greenway paths and more. The event is presented by Transportation Alternatives, the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, the Bronx Tourism Council, Montefiore Medical Center, St. Barnabas Hospital and Bronx Lebanon Medical Center.

Participants can register at tourdebronx.org.

Gibson seeks to renew contract

By Azad Ali

West Indies Cricket Coach Ottis Gibson says he has begun preliminary discussions with the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) with the aim of having his current three-year contract renewed.

Gibson's initial contract with the WICB expires next February and the former West Indies player has

already expressed an interest in continuing the position.

Gibson is expected to continue talks on his future with new WICB chief executive officer Michael Murihead, who has replaced Ernest Hilaire. The former WICB CEO is due to take up a new post as St. Lucia's High Commissioner to London.

Gibson played two Tests

and 15 ODIs for the West Indies and was previously England's bowling coach before he became head of the regional side.

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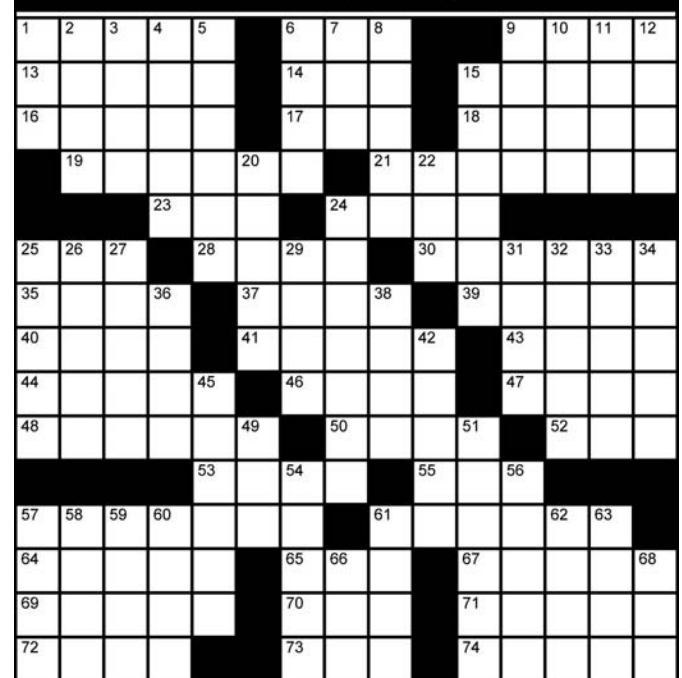
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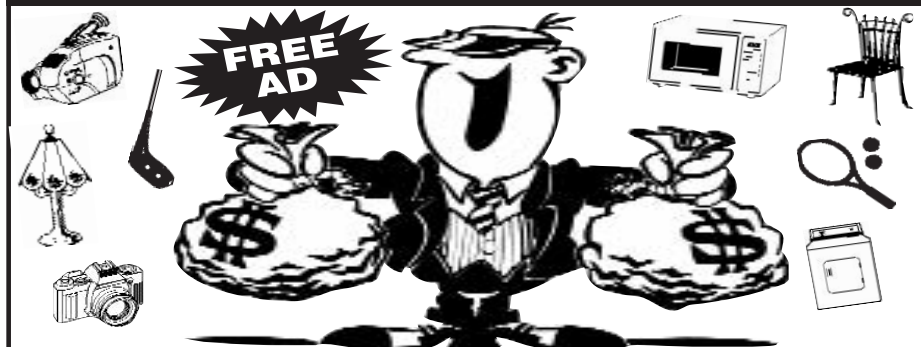
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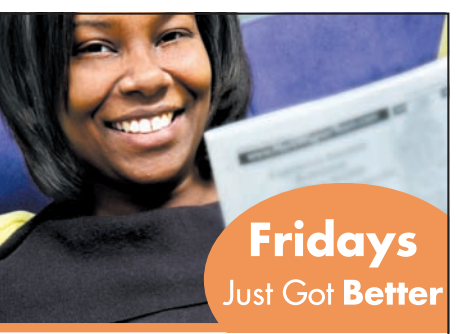
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