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Arms Coalition pleads with Obama

By Cydney Hargis

WASHINGTON, May 31 2013 (IPS) - Advocacy groups here are stepping up a campaign to pressure President Barack Obama to quickly sign on to a new United Nations treaty aimed at regulating, for the first time, the international small-arms trade.

The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), adopted by the U.N. in April following on years of preparation, opens for country signature on Monday. It passed with just three "no" votes, coming from Iran, North Korea and Syria, and will require the ratification of 50 countries to come into effect.

"The issue here is simply the symbolism of saying that [the U.S.] is committed to this on an international level." -- Rachel Stohl of the Stimson Center

"The U.S. has said that it feels its export control system is one of the best in the world, and that it would like to see those standards replicated in the ATT," Clare Da Silva, legal advisor on the ATT with Amnesty International, told

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CARICOM SIGNS ARMS TREATY



Special Event to Mark the opening for signature of the Arms Trade Treaty. UN Photo/Eskinder Debebe

Mission to save innocent lives

By Nelson A. King

Ten Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries this week at the United Nations signed the first ever international treaty to regulate the trade of conventional weapons.

The U.N. identified them as Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Grenada Foreign Affairs Minister Nickolas Steele, who stopped over in New York on his way to a meeting in Guatemala said the treaty "will save many of the innocent lives which before today

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Bahamas

Police say they are questioning five persons after two men were shot and killed and three others hospitalized in serious condition, on Monday.

The police said that a 40-yearold man and a 17-year-old youth were shot and killed by unidentified men who left the scene in a stolen vehicle. The names of the men killed were not disclosed and the police said that following the killings, three other men were shot and wounded.

"Preliminary reports indicate that the victims were sitting outside a business establishment on Mt. Pleasant Avenue along with

others, when they were approached and subsequently shot multiple times by a group



of males" who fled the area in the same stolen vehicle, the police said in a statement.

The police said the men, ages 56, 37 and 27 years remain in serious condition at the hospital.

The authorities said they later engaged the occupants of the vehicle in a shootout and that an 18-year-old male had been shot and injured and a high powered weapon confiscated.

They said acting on information, they went to a house in the capital, "where they arrested the suspects and confiscated a handgun."

Last week, the United States issued a warning to its nationals to The Bahamas to be warv of the crime situation in the country after a U S citizen was shot and killed during an armed robbery.

The U.S. Embassy here said that so far 40 persons had been murdered here since the start of the year and that U.S. citizens "residing in and travelling to The Bahamas, to be aware of their surroundings and remain on heightened alert to avoid being a victim of crime."

It said the local police have warned of the increased number of armed robberies in the capital, quoting the police as indicating that for Jan. 1 to April 15 "there have been 328 armed robberies, 111 robberies, and 660 house break-ins.

Barbados

A Belizean soldier attached to the Caribbean defense pact



Flag Raising

Guyanese hoist the Golden Arrownhead flag over East Orange City Hall in New Jersey. See story on page 6. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

headquartered here remained hospitalized in critical condition after being stabbed in the chest and critically wounded recently, media reports said on Saturday.

Andre Gabb, 45, a warrant officer in the Belize Defense Force, who is



attached to the Regional Security System (RSS), was reportedly in the company of two other people when he was stabbed late Friday in Carlton, Black Rock, about two miles north of the capital Bridgetown.

Gabb underwent surgery and remained in critical condition at Barbados's lone general hospital, the Queen Elizabeth, while police investigated, the Daily Nation

Police were questioning a man in connection with the incident, the paper added. The RSS, housed at the Paragon base of the Barbados Defense Force on the island's southern tip, is the defense alliance of several, mainly Eastern Caribbean, nations. The 30-yearold organization provides assistance in police and army operations, from drug interdiction and riot control to disaster response and relief.

In a bid to reduce public corruption, Guyana is inviting citizens to use the internet to report graft and bribery.

Demand for bribes is wide-

spread in Guyana. Police officers are chronically accused of shaking down motorists. Cus-



toms officers are also regularly accused of demanding cash for allowing imported goods to be released.

Security Minister Clement Rohee says authorities will try to stamp out that culture of bribery with a web site dubbed "I paid a Bribe Guyana." It was launched yesterday. It is modeled after similar web sites launched in India, Pakistan and Nigeria in recent years.

Haiti

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) says a federal judge has unsealed a three-count indictment returned by a grand jury in the Southern District of Florida charging an American woman for her role in bringing 143 Haitian nationals to the United States on fraudulently obtained guest workers visas.

The DOJ said Jetta McPhee, 59, of Tamarac, Florida, and her co-conspirator secured the visas "based on false representations that there were jobs awaiting those workers."

The indictment alleges that from April 2008 to July 2009, McPhee conspired with Haitian Marie Nicole Dorval to commit visa fraud by "making false representations to the federal government about the availability of construction jobs in order to

H-2B secure guest worker visas for Haitian nationals.'



Dorval previously pleaded guilty to visa fraud conspiracy in connection with her role in the scheme, the DOJ said.

According to the indictment, McPhee prepared a fraudulent contract falsely representing that an American company needed 150 full-time construction workers for 10 months at an hourly wage of US\$8.42.

McPhee and her co-conspirator then submitted this fraudulent contract to the US Department of Labor and to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in connection with their application for the H-2B guest worker visas, the indictment alleges.

Jamaica

Three years after police and soldiers fought fierce battles with gunmen in Tivoli Gardens in an attempt to serve an arrest warrant on former strongman Christopher 'Dudus' Coke, wounds are still raw in the once impregnable garrison community.

Sophia Williams did not lose a loved one, neither was she injured by gunfire, but she remains traumatized by the macabre experience of that 24-hour battle between gunmen loyal to Coke and police and soldiers, which resulted in the deaths of 77 persons, including a member of the Jamaica Defense Force.

Williams lives in Tivoli Court - a set of high-rise buildings situated close to Spanish Town Road - which was peppered with bul-

lets by agents of the state who were being fired upon by Coke's combatants.



The security forces eventually overran the band of thugs and took control of the community, but for Williams that was when the real tragedy began.

Although the police reported that the official civilian death toll was 76, the residents of Tivoli Gardens say the death toll was more than twice that number.

As Williams told of her ordeal, a group of young men sat in a group with glum looks on their faces. "They took my friend out of his house and killed him in front of his mother. The soldiers shot him in his head," said one young man who showed a scar on his left arm that he said was inflicted by a bullet that grazed him.

"Them lock up two men in a house for a whole day and then go back inside the people house and kill the two of them on a woman bed. Them wrap up the bodies in a bloody sheet and took them away," one woman said.

Public Defender Earl Witter. Continued on Page 16



Leonardo and his mothers Yohana Llanes (right) and Támara Amaral, at one of the May 2013 anti-homophobia events in Havana.

Jorge Luis Baños/IPS

Gay parents in Cuba demand legal right to adopt

By Ivet González

HAVANA, June 4 2013 (IPS) - Many lesbians and gays in Cuba find different ways of achieving their dream of becoming mothers and fathers and forming families. But this is complicated in a country where neither civil unions nor adoption by non-heterosexual persons are legally recognised.

"It is very hard...and even frustrating that I have no legal rights over my boy. I am not his biological father, but I've held him in my arms since his birth. There is nothing legal to define or protect our relationship," said Junior del Toro, holding three-year-old Adrián on his lan.

Del Toro, a state company employee in Havana, and his partner decided to have a son "as an important part of family happiness" after 15 years of being in a relationship, he said. "We talked to different people until a woman friend of ours selflessly agreed to be part of helping us to have a child," he said in an interview with IPS

"My partner is the biological father and the mother shares in the child-raising with us. But I am the one who is most affected by the issue of rights, including in everyday life. For example, if the baby has to go to hospital

and I am alone in dealing with the situation, I have no legal authority to decide anything about his illness," he said, with visible distress.

Del Toro's story is just one of many among the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community, which has been waiting for years for the legislature to discuss draft reforms of the 1975 Family Code, which would recognise same-sex unions, for example.

This is the most recurrent demand among LGBT people in Cuba and would be the first step in giving recognition to other sexual rights, according to the state-run National Centre for Sex Education (CEN-ESEX), which has been carrying out a systematic campaign to win respect for free sexual orientation and gender identity.

Every May since 2008 marks the high point of that drive: the Cuban Campaign against Homophobia. The schedule of activities is organised around May 17, the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia, and includes educational, academic and — for the first time this year — sports activities.

The Sixth National Campaign, which lasted throughout May, focused on the family, "because it

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Closer U.S.-Venezuela ties

By Matthew Lee

ANTIGUA, Guatemala (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, on his first trip to Latin America since taking office, gauged prospects Wednesday for improving badly strained ties between the United States and Venezuela that have steadily deteriorated over the past decade.

Kerry was to meet Venezuela's foreign minister on the sidelines of an Organization of American States meeting in Guatemala to explore ways to repair relations. The encounter comes at Venezuela's request and is to occur just hours after Venezuela released from prison an American filmmaker who had been jailed on espionage charges, removing at least one irritant in the relationship.

U.S. officials with Kerry said the secretary was hopeful, but not certain, that Timothy Tracy's release could be a sign that the Venezuelans are interested in a rapprochement. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

The discussion between Kerry and Venezuelan Foreign Minister Elias Jose Jaua will be the first at cabinet level between the two countries in at least several years



In this photo released by Guatemala's presidential press office, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, left, and Guatemala's President Otto Perez Molina shake hands during a meeting at the hotel Casa Santo Domingo in Antigua Guatemala, Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Kerry is in Guatemala for the annual general assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS).

AP Photo/Guatemala Presidential Press Office

and the first substantial contact since Venezuela's disputed April 14 election to replace the late populist president Hugo Chavez. Chavez protege Nicolas Maduro claimed victory at the polls, but the opposition is still contesting the results.

Washington is willing to work with Maduro's new government but has said opposition questions about the electoral process must be addressed. The Obama administration has been eager to mend ties with Venezuela after Chavez's death in March. Chavez delight-

ed in tweaking the United States and pursued policies that U.S. officials regarded as hostile. However, until Wednesday there has been little to show for its outreach.

U.S.-Venezuelan relations have been especially tense

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Drilling for precious metals in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti brought in mining experts from around the world Monday in hopes of developing precious metals in one of the world's poorest countries.

Until last year, few knew that Haiti had precious minerals underground. Two mining companies have begun drilling for gold, copper and silver in the country's northeastern mountains. They say testing indicates the metals could be worth \$20 billion — a lot of money for a country where most of its 10 million people live on just \$2 a day.

"Haiti would like to place

itself as an emerging mining country in the next 20 years," Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe told the conference.

He said it needs a mining code that is "modern and precise" and must "allow for transparent contracts with competent experts who have national interests at heart."

Lamothe said in September that he hoped to introduce a mining law within six months. The legislation would lay out rules on royalties for the government and on environmental protection.

In recent months, the Haitian government has

awarded its first gold and copper exploration permits to SOMINE SA, which is jointly owned by Canadian company Majescor Resources Inc. and Haitian investors, and VCS Mining LLC, a North Carolina-based mining company with offices in Haiti.

However, few Haitians know much about the mining efforts. The camps are unmarked and the work is being carried out in remote villages.

Haitian lawmakers and others have accused the government and mining companies of giving too little information about contracts and progress. Actual mining is unlikely to happen for years.

The World Bank helped organize the two-day conference that drew experts from countries such as Brazil, Canada and Ghana. It's the first in Haiti to focus on mining. The bank is also helping the Haitian government update mining laws that have not been updated since 1976.

The forum also brought representatives from companies such as VCS Mining, Newmont Mining Corp. and Eurasian Minerals Inc.

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Deterrent against excessive arms flows

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would have been lost as a result of the poorly regulated international arms trade."

In addressing the ministerial segment of the special event, before participating in the historic signing of the treaty, Steele underscored the importance of the treaty for Grenada and CARICOM as a whole, adding that it "marks a point of inflection in the way conflicts are resolved and mitigated."

His Trinidad and Tobago counterpart, Winston Dookeran, described the Treaty as "a landmark achievement for the world," incliuding Trinidad and Tobago which suffers from illicit arms trade and cross-border organized crime, and "positively impact the Caribbean region."

Dookeran said Port-of-Spain has already begun the process of ratification and intends to be among the first 50 States that would make the Treaty operational.

The Treaty requires a secretari-

at to assist in its implementation, and, to this end, Dookeran made an official bid to host that body in the twin-island republic.

The process towards an Arms Trade Treaty officially began in 2006, when the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 61/89, "Towards an Arms Trade Treaty."

After facing several impediments, the General Assembly, on April 2, finally adopted the Treaty with 154 member-states voting in its favor.

The Treaty, which was cosponsored by over 100 countries, including CARICOM, comes into force 90 days after the 50th instrument of ratification is deposited.

The Arms Trade Treaty aims at preventing the flow of arms to conflict regions, as well as the flow of conventional arms to human rights abusers, terrorists, warlords, pirates and gangs.

The UN said small arms and light weapons cause the deaths of over 500,000 people annually.

As the instrument opened for signature on Jun. 3, U.N. Secre-



Grenada Foreign Affairs Minister Nicholas Steele said the treaty will save many innocent lives.

UN Photo/Evan Schneider

tary General Ban Ki-moon said the Arms Trade Treaty "opened a door of hope" to millions of people living in deprivation and fear because of the poorly controlled trade and the proliferation of those deadly weapons.

"The world has decided to

finally put an end to the free-forall nature of international weapons transfers," he said, adding that, "from now on, weapons and ammunition should only cross borders after the exporter confirmed that the transfer complied with internationally agreed standards."

Ban said the Treaty would be "an effective deterrent against excessive and destabilizing arms flows, particularly in conflict-prone regions."

"It would make it harder for weapons to be diverted into the illicit market, to reach warlords, pirates, terrorists and criminals, or to be used to commit grave human rights abuses or international humanitarian law violations," he added.

Urging major arms-trading countries to be the first movers, the U.N. boss said "the eyes of the world are watching arms traders, manufacturers and governments as never before". With that, he called on all governments to bring national legislation and procedures in line with the text to enable it to become a "strong force for security and development for all".

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Guyanese celebrate cultural diversity

By Tangerine Clarke

Guyana's cultural diversity was heralded with pride and unity at East Orange City Hall recently where expatriatss commemorated the country's 47th Independence Anniversary.

Mayor Robert L. Bowser said he was honored that the nationals celebrated their Independence in the City of East Orange. He noted that Guyanese were a big part of the community which is described by politicians as a melting pot.

Bowser described the expatriates as enthusiastic people who share their culture with others in East Orange. "This is what we want in our city," said Mayor Bowser, who called on Guyanese to continue to make a contribution to his municipality, adding, "this ceremony is very important to our city."

The mayor then memorialized Guyana's Independence with a Proclamation which was handed over by city official Troy Webster to Bayney Karran, Guyana's ambassador to Washington.

Ambassador Karran, in turn congratulated members of the American Heritage Foundation Inc. for this fitting tribute, and recalled when Guyana obtained Independence on May 26, 1966, there was joyousness and celebration throughout the land, as was witnessed during the cultural presentation on City Hall plaza.

Reflecting on the enormous challenges both internal and external that Guyana faced before becoming free, Ambassador Karran looked back at history and noted the courage and determination that brought Guyanese to this point.

"Against significant odds we have consolidated our nationhood, defended our sovereignty and territorial integrity and made significant economic, social and constitutional advances in our country, he remarked.

In reading a statement from Donald Ramotar, president of the Republic of Guyana, Karran



Christ Episcopal Church Dancers entertained the crowd during Guyana's 47th Independence Anniversary celebration in New Jersey.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

extended best wishes to the Guyanese people and an invitation to nationals to visit their homeland to see the economic and social transformation that has taken place. He also congratulated the City of East Orange on its 150th anniversary, on behalf of President Ramotar.

The Golden Arrowhead – Guyana's flag was then hoisted over the City of East Orange to official

commemorate the occasion, before East Orange City Hall Certificates of Appreciations were handed out to Dr. Sandra Harte, Ms. Ira Lewis, Ms. Bibi Shahabudeen, Ms. Carlene Blair, Ms. Rafeena Shahabudeen, Ms. Narima Shahbudeen, Ms. Erline King, Mr. Damien Beaton, journalist, Tangerine Clarke and Soca Ambassador Jumo Prino, who also received an award from (GAHFI).

Jamaica looks to casinos

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaica is accepting proposals to develop casinos on the island for the first time as it looks to boost its tourism industry.

The finance ministry announced Tuesday that investors have until Sept. 30 to deliver their plans. The review period for applications is expected to last four months after that.

Under an act passed by Jamaica's legislature last year, developers can build casinos that offer traditional table games and slot machines. Currently, Jamaica has just a few facilities in the capital of Kingston and popular tourist areas where people can play gaming machines. Finance Minister Peter Phillips believes offering casinos under the new regulations is how Jamaica will expand its hotel sector. Religious groups on the island have long worried that casinos will lead to more social problems.

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France blacklists Trinidad and Tobago

By Azad Ali

Trinidad and Tobago has been named by France as one of 17 countries blacklisted because they do not help investigate foreign and fraud.

France has banned the use of banks in the countries on the list, from helping in distributing development funds, international news agencies reported on Monday.

According to the reports, aides to France's Development Minister, Pascal Canfin, were unable to say how much French foreign aid is currently processed via banks in the countries featured on the new blacklist.

The blacklist expands on an already established register of eight "non- cooperative states and territories" that includes Botswana, Brunei, Nauru, Guatemala



France Development Minister, Pascal Canfin.

AP Photo/Michel Euler

and the Phillipines.

The French officials justified the move by saying there was a lack of transparency in the nations on the list, adding that poor and

developing countries were often the main victims of fraud.

"The aim is primarily preventative, to put pressure on these countries by publicizing this list to progress towards more transparency," they said.

The Phillipines has responded to the report and asked for more information regarding the reasons for listing.

And according to Transparency International's annual Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for 2012, Trinidad and Tobago is

ranked 80 out of 176.

On a scale of zero to 100, with 100 being a corruption-free society and zero a corrupt society, Trinidad and Tobago scored 39.

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Bridging the Digital Literacy Divide

By John C. Liu

It's hard to believe that in the year 2013 nearly one quarter of the households in New York City don't have a computer or access to the Internet. In Brooklyn more than 24 percent of the households still don't have a computer.

"Bridging the Digital Literacy Divide," a report prepared by my office, addresses this disturbing reality that threatens to leave many young people without the skills necessary both to succeed in school and after they graduate.

We found that 41 percent of Black and 29 percent of Hispanic households do not have a computer. It should come as no surprise that this has a negative impact on graduation rates and household income. In fact 60 percent of homes without Internet access have annual incomes lower than \$30,000 and 73 percent of those households are headed by someone who did not attend college.

To address these disparities and improve student ability to use technology, the Digital Divide report offers a plan to expand computer ownership, Internet access and technology training for students and their families.

Bottom line, we must confront this digital divide to give our students the skills they need in the 21st century. In today's digital world, computers are not luxury and technology skills are no longer optional — they're

essential

Our report makes the following recommendations:

- Expand the CFY (Computers for Youth) program to include all middle schools where at least 75 percent of students receive free or reduced-price lunch. CFY provides families with refurbished computers, training, educational software and technical support at no cost. By improving computer skills and providing free or, at least, affordable Internet access, the program has been shown to improve academic performance and the connection between schools and families.
- Offer MOUSE (Making Opportunities for Upgrading Schools and Education) programs at every public middle and high school. MOUSE helps students gain computer critical skills. In turn those students can provide support and even make computer repairs at their schools. Because it can reduce technology costs, implementing this program could result in a net annual savings of roughly \$15 million.
- Provide free computers to college-bound public high school graduates coming from low-income families. Obviously students who have a computer to use at home are far more likely to succeed. This proposal would affect an estimated 18,000 students at a cost of about \$5.4 million annually.
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Belizeans and their Citizenship rights

By Wellington Ramos

When Belize became an independent country on Sept. 21, 1981 all citizens of the country not living at home lost their citizenship. Opposition leader, the late Philip Goldson, was angry over it and vowed that if his party: the opposition United Democratic Party became the new government, he would do everything in his power to restore their citizenship.

Goldson saw a country that had a majority Black population of English-speaking citizens moving to become a majority Mestizo country with Spanishspeaking people from the neighboring countries of Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico, as the majority Black population, who were mainly Garifuna, Creoles and East Indians were migrating to the United States. This was George Price's biggest dream, because he felt that as a Mestizo the more his people were allowed to

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move to Belize, the longer his People's United Party was going to retain power and control over the country.

When the civil war started in El Salvador, George Price offered to accept thousands of Salvadoreans into Belize and established a village for them in the Belmopan area called Salvapan, under the stewardship of Ducho Thomas. These people were granted amnesty, given house lots, homes and all the benefits of Belizean citizenship, including the right to vote and to run for political office if they chose to do so. All this

was occuring when Price and his party were denying rights and privileges to natural-born Belizeans at home and abroad.

Despite the efforts of Price and his People's United Party to help the foreigners, conditions got worse after independence, and the Belizean people decided to vote the PUP out of power in 1984 by a landslide margin of 21-7. They were angry with Price and his party -- with Price himself losing his seat in the Freetown Division by a large magin, to a newcomer politician, Derick Aikman.

Fulfilling their promise, the United Democratic Party immediately passed dual citizenship legislation to give all Belizeans up to this day, the right to get a Belizean passport and nothing more, under the rights of the People's Representation Ordinance, The Election and Boudaries Ordinance and the Belize Constitution. There are

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The Defense of Marriage Act

By Patrina C. Jones, Ph.D.

Without a doubt, we are living in a very special historical moment with regards to the marital rights of all gay people. In the dictionary, the term "marriage" has plural meaning, two of which I will highlight in this piece. The first lesser known meaning defines marriage as a social union or legal contract between two people. The second more widely accepted belief describes marriage as a consensual state of unity between people of the opposite sex. What strikes me here is not so much that the term is so plural, but that its meaning seems more dependent on change and circumstance. Thus, our current debate is an extension of the evolutionary tendencies in marriage as a lived experience more so than about religion or ideology. I define marriage simply as a commitment between two people. Universally, the ritual of commitment is consistent with the characterized performance of loyalty and trust. It is not simply an image or a human symbol. Of course, throughout time, those in control of social relations designated the relationship between two human beings to mean a straight man and a straight woman. This made allmale/female couples seem morally unnatural.

So now in 2013 we await the Supreme Court decision on whether or not the absence of a legal

right to marriage discriminates against gay couples and whether or not this social custom is really unconstitutional. The answer, of course, absolutely, is that it does. The American social system and political machine humiliates and discriminates against its gay citizens. The government leads this assault, most recently in its passing of illegal laws such as the Clinton Administration's passing of The Defense of Marriage Act (still on the books and pending a Supreme Court decision) and in the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell admissions policy (discontinued). However, the military's initiative still thrives in mainstream daily

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Politics as usual, even when disaster strikes

Some years ago, during the Clinton administration, the nightly news on PBS did a recurring round-table featuring journalists from around the country. Every so often there was a member of the Oklahoma press included, and it didn't take much exposure to this sorry excuse for journalistic objectivity to wonder why on earth did the program producers think it necessary to invite this guy. In contrast to the diverse views of other contributors, from the Oklahoma rep., particularly on Clinton administration policy matters, there was routinely an uncompromising thumbs down. One couldn't help re-threading this Oklahoma profile snippet in light of what has propelled the state into a major news highlight in recent days.

You couldn't possibly be a member of the human family and not feel for the people of Oklahoma who've twice within a couple of weeks been pummeled by death-dealing tornadoes. The devastation -- including loss of life suffered by school-age kids -- has been on a scale that probably engendered in many Oklahomans a profound spiritual bafflement as to the "Why?" of it.

President Obama, who has stood tall as consoler-in-chief in these

times of crisis, looked the part again when he visited Moore after the first tornado rampage laid waste to the area. The national government in the person of the president -- what he stood for, what he conveyed – responding with compassion to the plight of the citizenry was of course poignant counterpoint to the many examples we know of over time when a clear need for compassion went unmet by the government – a phenomenon about which those of us in the "persons of color" bloc can recite volumes.

But by no means does Oklahoma own a monopoly on disasters, natural or man-made. And these latest hammer blows, coming mere months after Capitol Hill was forced to address the more widespread destruction wrought by super-storm Sandy, saw a fateful turn in the political interplay surrounding government funding of relief efforts. Oklahoma's two senators, Tom Coburn and James Inhofe, were among 36 Republicans who voted against the aid package of over \$50 billion approved by Congress. Coburn and Inhofe walking in lock step with the rigid ideological precept that social spending of any stripe is to be frowned upon. And so,

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

beyond the outer limits of indifference as it may seem, Coburn, Inhofe and their confederates were content to turn their backs on the countless scenes of human misery that Sandy left in its wake in the Northeast.

Even in a climate in which Republican backlash against government spending that's not defense related is guite the norm, 36 of their number voting against aid for folks who took the brunt of Sandy's fury cannot but deepen one's cynicism about those who would be gate-keepers. When, even in the face of unimaginable catastrophe that renders poor slobs helpless, so-called representatives of the people can summon the temerity to look the other way, it's clear that "representation" as an idea is lost on many of those claiming to embrace it.

It gets a bit tired, this notion that the only expenditure that merits unqualified support should be money for military hardware or deploying troops someplace and the

like. Hawks like John McCain who believe that maintaining American hegemony by brute force should be this country's foremost imperative evidently don't recognize this as an idea whose time has gone. Think about it. Had McCain prevailed in his presidential bid in '08, talk of terminating American occupation of Iraq would not have surfaced...at least not via a McCain White House. In that "America is macho" environment, many of its proponents also unrepentant anti-tax crusaders, "soft" spending like aid for Sandy's victims earns instant non-priority status. At best, from the hard-line conservative sector, a compromise proposal that any funds so appropriated must be offset by budget cuts elsewhere, defense cuts exempted, of course.

Of such cloth are the two Oklahoma senators cut. So it was no small irony that after stomping all over the Sandy aid package bill, they found themselves with horrific happenings on their home turf that, in the judgment of saner heads, will again require federal intervention. Adding crackle to the plot twist, a number of politicians in the Northeast have announced that they have no intention of mimicking the surli-

ness of Coburn and Inhofe in the Sandy chapter and will be supportive of aid for Oklahoma's victims.

For Inhofe, the Sandy-Oklahoma tornadoes sequence should be a lesson he takes to heart. Talk of global warming probably being a factor in some of the unusual weather events of recent years leaves the senator unimpressed. He has made a career of dismissing any scientific evidence attesting to the earth's having gotten hotter, and has famously referred to global warming as "the greatest hoax perpetrated on the American people." Which doesn't exactly suggest that there'll be any special takeaway for Inhofe from a ferocious storm in the Northeast or killer tornadoes in Oklahoma.

And that only portends, sadly, the status quo holding firm for Inhofe, Coburn and their ilk. The graciousness of elected officials in the Northeast notwithstanding, the chances are slim to none of a change in the bunker mentality of hard-line extremists for whom offering a lifeline to fellow Americans taking it on the chin somehow becomes sacrilegious. Thank heavens Washington still includes stalwarts for whom "we the people" mean quite a bit more.



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Belize

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still some provisons of these laws that restrict Belizeans who possess dual citizenships from enjoyong the basic fundametal rights granted to them.

The right to vote by proxy and to be a representative of the Belizean government is being denied, up to this day, though Belize is their country of birth. For Belizeans who possess Dual Citizenships to qualify to vote or run for political office, they must renounce their American or foreign citizenships. Most Belizeans who live in the United States over the years, must be citizens in order to qualify for many benefits and must revoke their citizenships. To disqualify themselves for benefits would be a foolish exercise.

The Right Honorable Dean Barrow saw the need to correct this injustice and in 2009 he planned to introduce Amendment 7 to the Belize Constitution. If he had introduced it at the time, it would have passed because he had the votes to deliver this fundamental right to the Belizeans who live in the Diaspora. The People's United Party has always been against this Amendment, thinking that if they allow Belizeans in the United States to vote, most of them would vote for the United Democratic Party.

In El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico -with Amnesty and the right to vote, those people still voted them out of office.

Belizean Americans are highly qualified people and are not dependent on UDP or PUP; so when they get the right to vote they will be looking objectively on the candidates and the political parties before they cast their votes.

We have some Black -and other Belizeans who are against granting Belizeans with dual-citizenship their full fundamental rights, saving they have abondoned their people and country. The Black Belizeans who are opposed to granting Belizean Americans their basic fundamental rights are working against themselves. Such is referred to as "cutting off their noses to spoil their faces." The other Belizeans who are Mestizos and come from the other ethnic groups, which many of their ancestors left in Honduras, El Salavador, Guatemala and Mexico, because they were not satisfied with the living conditions in those countries.

If these Belizeans who are against this legislation, they should first look at the amount of money Belizeans in the United States send. It would change their thinking; plus, there are other things Belizeans continue to send weekly to their families, in addition to money for their upkeep and survival -- just continue to grow. For Belize to become a nation that could compete in this international community, it must involve Belizeans in the United States and in the Diaspora, who have the financial and human resources the country deperately needs to survive.

I now call on the prime minister of Belize to fulfill his promise to reintroduce the Article-7 Amendment and let us see if the People's United Party will have the guts to oppose it. When the PUP wanted Yolanda Shackron to be its candidate in Lake Independence, she was denied by the government because she possessed American citizenship. PUP lawyer and politician Lisa Showman was against Article-7, as was her attorney who argued her case before the court but lost.

If she had supported Article-7, there would have been no case for her to argue before the court, because her client Yolanda Shackron would have been qualified to run for office. The party that gives Belizeans in the United States and the Diaspora their full and fundamental rights as citizens of Belize, is the party for the country's future. Such a party will never be forgotten by the Belizeans in the Diaspora because of the bold initiative they took in acknowledging their contributions to and support for their beloved homeland.

As Belizeans, we must think about the greater benefits that can come to our people and nation. Doing so is the just and rightful action to take on behalf of our beloved country.

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receive technology and communication grants to donate their "used-but still-useful" computers.

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The proposals contained in the Digital Divide report

can easily be paid for by reducing waste at the Department of Education. In FY 2013 the DOE budget is \$20 billion, nearly a third of the entire City budget. Our Audit Bureau has consistently found ways the DOE can do more to eliminate waste and reduce spending. For example, \$133 million that was set aside for universal pre-K went unused and had to be returned to the state and \$80 million was spent on the glitch-prone ARIS data system which is so faulty that it is already being replaced.

There is no denying that in the 21st century all students need computer skills and access to the Internet if they hope to compete. The "Bridging the Digital Literacy Divide," report addresses a serious problem in the city's schools and outlines concrete measures to address that problem.

John C. Liu is the New York City comptroller.

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Marriage

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France recently signed into law a gay marriage bill. And, several states, including New York, Connecticut and Vermont have decided that, well, any gay person can obtain a "gay" marriage license. What exactly is a gay marriage license? Is it a document that comes in pink papyrus? Is it a statue of men nakedly clad? Any human being, regardless of gender, once committed and invested in the healthy future of the relationship and therefore country, selfevidently possesses the right to legally marry. Otherwise, will bisexual women get a license in 50 years if they wait on "time?" What about straight women who like to give other women oral sex, but only once a month? Is there a license for that coming in the future too? I didn't think about this until now but money seems to be a



motive. I'll leave Gatsbying for the Fitzgeralds.

Instinctively, we have all began to pop balloons in celebration. Meanwhile, the system remains hideously racist, sexist and class-conscious. Despite our nation's unfinished business, and terrible social circumstances, namely poverty and violence, circumstances which we seem incapable, not necessarily unwilling, of fixing, along comes a new found desire to make right and equal the rights of all gay people. Gay, rich, white people.

I may be digressing here. For anyone, the real question, although I mean it rhetorically, is this: what does "gay marriage" really mean? All gay people are free, shouts the world! But is this really true? Since I care more about the truth than I do about an image, my conviction is no. For starters, what does the concept of a "gay" marriage really mean? Does it affect or change the tradition of "traditional" marriage? Does it really grant a sense and a reality of equality to people regardless of their sexual orientation? What does focusing on the law of marriage do to other important social conflicts? Does it render them insignificant or forgettable? Does it empower other discriminated groups? Has it translated into our

day-to-day customs? What about its language or meaning? Is this debate a reinforcement of boxing in the human spirit to this or that, only? Whatever the answers, we now await a moment of national clarity. As is required with patience, waiting allows us time to reflect, question, and to also become wiser, better than before. After all, the past is left behind for a reason.

The signing of gay marriage into law does not grant equality. Instead, it reinforces our absurd notion of separation as the only acceptable answer for conflict. disagreements, differences, and any and all mysterious inevitables as put in place by our Universe. "Straight" marriage is still publicly intact, as are the private beliefs which reinforce them. Even though people say on the surface that all people are equal (what is the catchphrase - "image is everything"), you'd be surprised to find out who is telling the truth and who is self-deluding. In my experience, most are usually contradictory. I want equality for young people but not for the poor. We want rights for women but not for immigrants. We encourage multiculturalism but yet practice colonialism. It is this history of contradictions which alerted me to the gay rights movement in the first place. Most gay white men I know show hatred towards black people. A lot of rich lesbians hire immigrants without papers to domesticate their homes and children. The double consciousness that W.E.B. Du Bois describes as the personal predicament of all persons of African heritage living in foreign places would be more useful to describe the immoral condition of our great nation. In other words, the gay rights movement has absolutely nothing to do with equality and redress. The movement is not about recognizing the birthright of all people as human beings and individual but as also sharing universal qualities, for example a heart.

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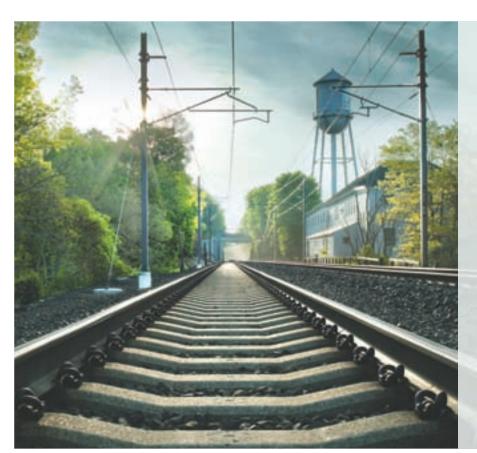




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Jamaica Labor Party councilor for the Tivoli Division Donovan Samuels agreed with Witter that the aggrieved residents should be compensated. 'The people would like to get closure, but the major thing is compensation, whether for psychological damage or physical damage to their property," Samuels said.

Trinidad

Trinidad and Tobago was among 59 nations

(such as Brazil, India, Nigeria, Ghana, Argentina and South Africa), which abstained recently on a United Nations (UN) General Assembly vote on Syria,



said a statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Most CARICOM nations abstained except Bahamas, Haiti and Grenada co-sponsored the resolution brought by Qatar. Venezuela, Nicaragua and Ecuador opposed the resolution. The resolution was passed by 107 nations voting "yes", 12 voting "no" and 59 abstaining.

After the vote, Trinidad and Tobago Ambas-

sador to the UN, Rodney Charles, told the Assembly that in abstaining Trinidad and Tobago wished to express its abhorrence at the continuing widespread and systematic abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law on both sides of the conflict. Charles lamented the sexual and physical abuse against women, the inhumane suffering of Syrian children and the suffering of Syrian children and the suffering of one million refugees. The Trinidad and Tobago delegation stated its support for the eventual "inclusive, Syrian-led political transition to a democratic system.

Barbados

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Laparkan Shipping opens Stanley Avenue office

By Tangerine Clarke

Mega shipping company Larparkan, on Saturday, June 1, welcomed the community to its new 416-428 Stanley Ave., Brooklyn office, with a lavish celebration that included a cultural presentation, messages of praise from members of the Diplomat Corps, and testimonials from longtime customers.

Set against the backdrop of the company's blue and white themed colors and its tagline - 'Connecting the Caribbean Globally" - Reverend Terry Lee of Byways & Hedges Youth for Christ Ministry, blessed the facility. Verna's Impressions Dance Theater, Douglas Guthrie of Inner Circle Band and a steelpan rendition then entertained the gathering that was emceed by Corporate Manager of Marketing & External Relations, Wesley Kirton.

The 12,000 square feet space, Ambassador Bayney Karran noted in his keynote speech, will make it possible for the company to offer more of the reliable service that is known to customers in Brooklyn and the wider New York area, where the largest concentration of Guyanese and Caribbean Diaspora is located.

With the most expansive



Officials cut the ribbon to welcome customers to its new location. From left, representative from Congressman Jumaane Williams' Office, Wesley Kirton, corporate manager, marketing & external relations, Lennox Price, consulate general of Barbados, N.Y., Dr. Roy Hastick, president of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce, Nan Ramgoolam, Trinidad & Tobago Consul General Consulate, N.Y., Bayney Karran, Guyana's ambassador to the United States, CEO, Laparkan, Glen Khan, Reverend Terry Lee of Byways & Hedges Youth for Christ Ministry, Gavin Khan, VP Northeast Regional, Laparkan and others.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

shipping offerings available to expatriates, Laparkan that was founded in 1983 by Glen Khan, John La Rose and Terrance Pariaug, saw a need to reconnect West Indians who were living overseas with their families and friends in their respective homelands in the Caribbean and Guyana.

Since opening its first office in New York, 30 years ago with just four employ-

ees, Laparkan has grown to include 400 employees in its core freight business, that now totals 1000 staff worldwide. The company ships personal effects in barrels and small packages from

its main hub in Miami to more than 20 destinations, and will add more English speaking countries, as well as Haiti and the Dominican Republic, to its markets.

In addition to its money

transfer and commercial ocean freight operations, Laparkan will add an online shopping service that would allow customers to ship directly to the Caribbean with the click of the mouse, said CEO Glen Khan.

An accountant by profession, Khan said the company takes pride in its service to ensure that customers get value for their money. "We want customers to have a good experience when they ship at a competitive price."

"The business is highly regulated, by customs, federal and maritime procedures that must be in place for an effective and efficient operation," said Kahn who is committed to providing professional and expedient service. he said this is the reason the company seeks the right talent to get the job done.

Later the CEO joined by Bayney Karran, Guyana's ambassador to the United States, Nan Ramgoolam, Trinidad and Tobago Consul General Consulate, N.Y. General of Barbados, Lennox Price, President of Caribbean Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dr. Roy Hastick, among others, to cut the ribbon to officially open the warehouse, which is located off Pennsylvania Avenue, in East New York.

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Happiness could be key to good health

(StatePoint) Everyone knows that proper diet, regular exercise and avoidance of bad habits like smoking are crucial to great health. But some experts say that a truly positive outlook on life can be just as powerful a factor in improving overall wellness.

In fact, possessing "emotional vitality" and a sense of hopefulness, was found in a Harvard School of Public Health study to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease. And many other studies have yielded results with similar implications.

"An internal dialogue that is filled with negative, judgmental or self-defeating thoughts can be a self-fulfilling prophecy," says Sean Meshorer, a spiritual teacher and author of the new book, "The Bliss Experiment: 28 Days to Personal Transformation." "Bringing bliss into your work, relationships, family and service, no matter what your personal struggles may be, can help you live a more focused, stress-free, fulfilling life."

Meshorer, who sustained an injury seven years ago that left him with severe, disabling and

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incurable chronic pain, believes your circumstances in life don't need to define your happiness. In his new book, he offers readers science-based spiritual solutions to changing the way one thinks.

With that in mind, Meshorer shared a few ways to get started:

- Have compassion: You can't be genuinely happy while you're indifferent to the pain of others. Compassion reinforces our feeling to the world around us and breaks down barriers of loneliness. Make a conscious decision to act compassionately toward others -- including strangers and enemies -- without the expectation of receiving anything in return.
- Dispute negative thoughts: Don't suppress your negative thoughts or paint them over with pretty colors. Running from reality can be counterproductive. Instead, recognize that not all your negative thoughts are rational or justified.

Analyze your thoughts for how



Be happy and stay healthy.

they began and why they may not be entirely accurate. Attempt to think about the people or things that are making you unhappy in the most objective light possible.

• Be optimistic: Optimism is a practical and effective life strategy. Let go of your fears that being

positive leads to disappointment.

• Don't place material condi-

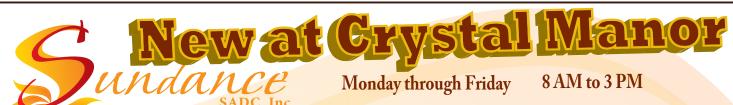
tions on happiness: To place your happiness at the whim of complex economic conditions out of your control is like playing Russian roulette with your soul. Don't let your bank account define your happiness.

• Practice affirmations: Our words are extremely powerful. What we say to ourselves and how we say it are vitally important, impacting our bodily health and mental well-being.

While often viewed as dubious New Age musings, there is scientific evidence that doing affirmations can avert depression, according to a study by the American Psychological Association. Other studies have found affirmations can substantially improve body image, bolster business success and reduce stress. Sit somewhere quiet and repeat your affirmation out loud.

More tips about personal transformation, along with information about Meshorer's new book, can be found at www.TheBlissExperiment.com.

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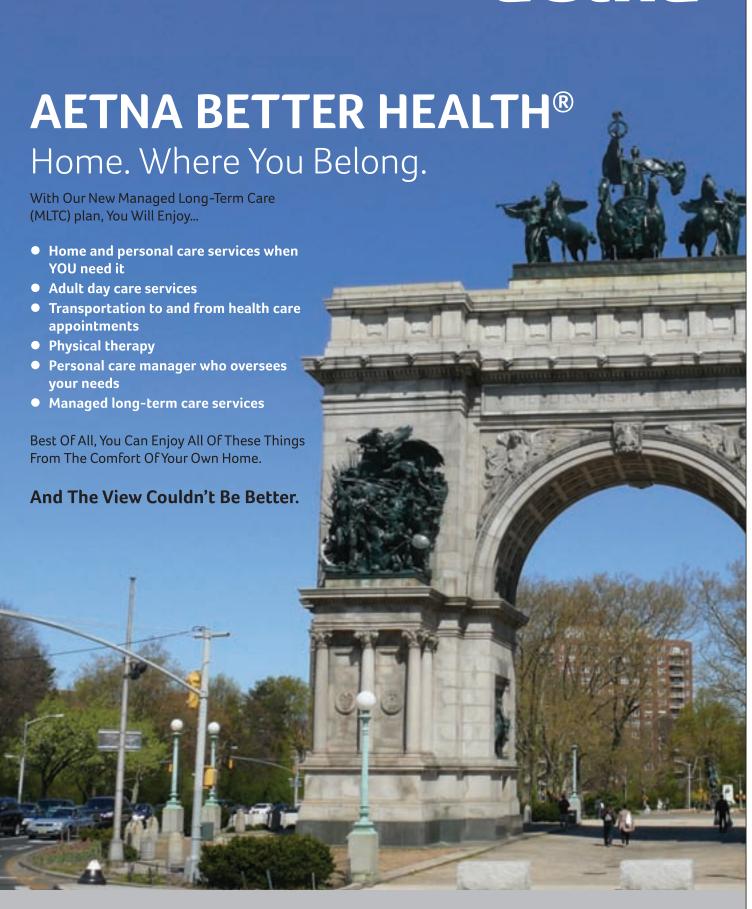
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Tips to avoid injuries while gardening

(StatePoint) For many people, gardening is one of life's greatest joys. But exercising your green thumb carries some risk.

In 2012, more than 41,200 people nationwide were injured while gardening, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Don't let a day of digging, weeding and watering get the best of you. Take steps to prevent and treat common gardening injuries.

Protect Yourself

- Safety goggles and gloves shield your eyes and skin from chemicals and pesticides and protect you from sharp or motorized equipment.
- Spending hours in the sun each day can lead to sunburn and can increase your chance of skin cancer. Sport a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen with an SPF 30 or higher.

Take frequent shady breaks, especially between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when the sun is at its highest

• While watering your plants, don't forget to water yourself. Drink plenty of liquids, but avoid

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alcohol or sugary beverages that will dehydrate you.

• Use lightweight hand tools with rubber handles and ergonomic designs. Tools with offset handles make digging and weeding easier. Or cover your current handles in foam tubing. Sharp, clean tools work better and require less effort, so maintain or replace your equipment often.

Handle extenders and reachers can help you reduce the need for bending, reaching and stretching.

• Stretch and get ready. "Prepare your knees and low back for all that bending and lifting. Before you get out of bed in the morning, lie on your back and pull your knees to your chest.

Then drop your legs from side to side five to 10 times. If you begin this now, you'll be rewarded with greater flexibility and a reduced chance of sprains and strains later in the season," says Dr. Lauri Grossman, a New York chiropractor who has been prac-

ticing homeopathy for over 25 years.

Natural Remedies

- Did you get scraped or cut out there? Treat minor injuries with clove oil or aloe. Aloe also helps relieve sunburn and blisters.
- "Before pain gets in your way, treat it at the first sign with a homeopathic medicine that works with your body to relieve pain rather than mask symptoms," says Dr. Grossman. She recommends a natural pain reliever like Arnicare Gel.

Try it for neck, back, shoulder and leg muscle pain and stiffness, swelling from injuries, and bruising. Arnicare Gel is unscented, non-greasy and quickly absorbed by the skin, so it's convenient to apply and easy to use anywhere on your body. More information about muscle pain treatment and a \$1 coupon for Arnicare can be found by visiting www.Arnicare. com.

• For stings and bug bites, apply honey, baking soda, toothpaste or ice.

By following a few precautions, you can make this gardening season a safe and pleasant one.



Take steps to prevent and treat common gardening injuries.

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Unbought and Unbossed

Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm

By Nelson A. King

Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm was born on Nov. 30, 1924 and died on Jan. 1, 2005.

An American politician, educator, and author, Chisholm was a congresswoman, representing New York's 12th Congressional District for seven terms, from 1969 to 1983.

In 1968, she became the first African-American woman elected to the US Congress.

On Jan. 25, 1972, Chisholm became the first major-party black candidate for President of the United States and the first woman to run for the Democratic presidential nomination. Margaret Chase Smith had previously run for the 1964 presidential Republican nomination.

Chisholm received 152 first-ballot votes at the 1972 Democratic National Convention.

Chisholm was born in Brooklyn, of Guyanese and Barbadian parentage. Her father, Charles Christopher St. Hill, was born in Guyana and arrived in the United States via Antilla, Cuba, on April 10, 1923, aboard the S.S. Munamar in New York

Her mother, Ruby Seale, was born in Christ Church.



Shirley Chisholm (Rep. N.Y.) announcing her candidacy for the presidency in Brooklyn, New York on Jan. 25, 1972. AP Photo/Jim Wells, File

Barbados, and arrived in New York City aboard the S.S. Pocone on March 8,

At age three, Chisholm was sent to Barbados to live with her maternal grandmother, Emaline Seale, in Christ Church, where she attended the Vauxhall Primary School.

She did not return to the United States until about seven years later, on May 19, 1934, aboard the S.S. Narissa.

In her 1970 autobiography, "Unbought and Unbossed," Chisholm she wrote: "Years later, I would know what an important gift my parents had given me by seeing to it that I had my early education in the strict, traditional, Britishstyle schools of Barbados.

"If I speak and write easily now, that early education is the main reason." she added.

Chisholm is an alumna of Girls' High School in Brooklyn. She earned her BA from Brooklyn College in 1946 and later earned her MA from Columbia University in elementary education in 1952. She was a member of the Delta Sigma Theta

From 1953 to 1959, she was director of the Hamilton-Madison Child Care Center: and from 1959 to 1964, was an educational consultant for the Division of Day Care.

In 1964, Chisholm ran for and was elected to the New York State Legislature.

Four years later, she ran as the Democratic candidate for New York's 12th District congressional seat, and was elected to the House of Representatives.

Defeating Republican candidate James Farmer, Chisholm became the first black woman elected to Congress. Chisholm joined the Congressional Black Caucus in 1971 as one of its founding members.

Chisholm was assigned to the House Agricultural Committee. Given her urban district, she felt the placement was irrelevant to her constituents and

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Kwame Ture.

Kwame Ture and the US Civil **Rights Movement**

By Nelson A. King

Stokely Carmichael, also known as Kwame Ture, was born on Jun. 29, 1941 and died on Nov. 15, 1998.

Carmichael was a Trinidadian-American black activist, who was very active in the 1960s American Civil Rights Movement.

Growing up in the United States from the age of 11, he graduated from Howard University and rose to prominence in the civil rights and Black Power movements, first as a leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and later as the "Honorary Prime Minister" of the Black Panther Party.

Born in Port of Spain, the Trinidad and Tobago capital, Carmichael moved to Harlem, New York City in 1952 to rejoin his parents, who had migrated when he was only two years old, and had left him with his grandmother and two aunts. He had three sisters.

As a boy, Carmichael attended Tranquility School in Trinidad until his parents were able to send for him.

His mother. Mabel R. Carmichael, was a stewardess for a steamship line, and his father, Adolphus, was a carpenter who also worked as a taxi driver.

The reunited Carmichael family eventually left Har-

lem to live in Morris Park in the East Bronx, at that time an aging neighborhood of primarily Jewish and Italian immigrants and descendants.

Carmichael attended the elite, selective Bronx High School of Science, with entrance based on academic performance.

After graduation in 1960, Carmichael enrolled at Howard University, a historically black university in Washington, D.C..

His professors included Sterling Brown, Nathan Hare and Toni Morrison, a writer and poet who later won the Nobel Prize.

He graduated with a degree in philosophy in 1964 and was offered a full graduate scholarship to Harvard University, but Carmichael turned it down.

While at Howard, Carmichael joined the Nonviolent Action Group (NAG), the Howard campus affiliate of SNCC activists.

Inspired by the sit-ins in the South, Carmichael became more active in the Civil Rights Movement.

In his first year at the university, he participated in the Freedom Rides of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and was frequently arrested, spending time in

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Peter Tosh. AP Photo/File

By Vinette K. Pryce

Winston Hubert McIntosh, a.k.a Peter Tosh, has been described by many adjectives, nouns and pronouns: controversial, firebrand, Babylon-basher, outspoken, defiant, mili-

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tant, soul-rebel, iconic, Bush Doctor, Rastafarian, ganja-planter, godfather of ganja, Red X, Stepping Razor, unicyclist, Grammywinner and most recently as bestowed by the government of Jamaica: Honor-

He was a founding member of the Wailers, reggae's most successful and widereaching music ambassadors. He comprised the three-man core of the group with Bob Marley and Bunny "Wailer" Livingston.

By American comparisons, Marley's message might well resonate with those of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bunny could readily relate to methods practiced by President John F. Kennedy. But undoubtedly, within the triumvirate, Tosh's approach could easily be identified with a parallel to Malcolm X.

The irony is that all three US figures died young, assassinated and now mar-

Tosh died at age 42.

Like Malcolm, he was savagely murdered in front of witnesses and in a place he loved and called home. That was September 11, 1987.

Reports were that he was killed by robbers in his Jamaican home.

"Tosh loved Jamaica, which he dubbed, 'Jah mek yah,' he considered the island of his birth a piece of Africa afloat in the Caribbean - what he termed 'carry us/them beyond.'

Early African Identity: Continued on Page 26

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Dr. Walter Rodney

World-renowned academic

Bv Bert Wilkinson

On Thursday June 13, it would have been 33 years since an improvised device exploded in the lap of one of the world's leading academic thinkers, killing Dr. Walter Rodney, seriously injuring his brother and perhaps robbing the country of a political revolution that might have gone a long way in healing the lingering racial divide in Rodney's native Guyana.

The then government of Prime Minister Forbes Burnham was globally blamed for the death of Rodney near the city's main prison compound and even though it has strenuously denied such allegations, the accusation has stuck.

Since then, successive administrations have resisted calls for a formal and proper inquiry into his death but

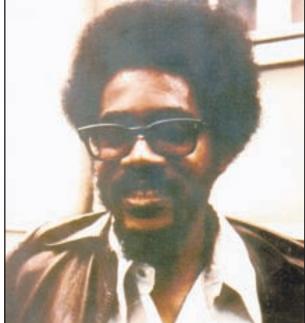
most of those who were close to Rodnev at the time, now fear that many of the players associated with the political revolution he was leading at the time and those in the military and government which had opposed it have either died, have failing memory or are on the way to the grave. Time is running out, they charge.

Credited internationally with authoring some of the most incisive and seminal historical works, Rodney is best known for his work on "How Europe Had Underdeveloped Africa" and for the uplifting lectures he had delivered in the Caribbean and around the world up to the time of his death on a dark, lightly used street in south Georgetown.

The multiracial Working People's Alliance (WPA) which he had co-founded and led up to that fateful Friday night in June 1980, is today a shadow of its self, as it has never really recovered from the blow and the blast inflicted by military intelligence and those in government who had feared Rodney's phenomenal rise and the impact he had on politically uniting Guyana's perennially feuding two major race groups: Afroand Indo-Guyanese.

For that alone he is passionately remembered at home. This is even as the WPA is now part of an opposition group that is likely to form the government at the next elections, due in 2016.

Wazir Mohamed, a former WPA Co-Leader and now assistant professor at Indiana University East, argues that all Rodney wanted was for a revolution that would



have brought better times to the country that gave him birth, at a time when it was widely believed that the leadership was headed to political dictatorship and had been oppressing citizens with its then socialist experiment.

"He worked tirelessly

until he was assassinated to construct a multi-racial front to confront the oppressors in order to bring about transformation. Walter Rodney cared less for change in leadership. He was interested in transformation," said Mohamed.

Mohamed's fellow academic and WPA founder Nigel Westmaas who teaches Africana Studies at New York's Hamilton College, has done extensive reviews on Rodney and has a collection of his works and speeches that most people interested in the life and works of Rodnev would envy.

He also thinks that Rodney achieved the most among Guyanese politicians in forging racial unity and sent this publication quotes of his work on the topic.

"In the midst of national crisis, Guyanese have made some gain. The most dramatic achievement has been the consolidation of racial unity. Africans and Indians are standing side-by-side in a way that has not been true since 1953 (self governance). Indeed, we now have a degree of racial unity greater than at any previous time in our history. The WPA has consistently argued that political unity across racial lines was most desirable and possible," Rodney said.

Assassination threat to presidential bid

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shocked many by asking for reassignment. She was then placed on the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Soon after, she voted for Hale Boggs as House Majority Leader over John Conyers. As a reward for her support, Boggs assigned her to the much-prized Education and Labor Committee, which was her preferred committee.

Chisholm was the third highest-ranking member of this committee when she retired from Congress.

In the 1972 U.S. presidential election, she made a bid for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination. She survived three assassination attempts during the campaign.

She campaigned in 12 states and won the Louisiana, Mississippi, and New Jersey primaries, earning 152 delegates.

hotly-contested primaries to George McGovern at the convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

At the 1972 Democratic National Convention, as a symbolic gesture, McGovern opponent Hubert H. Humphrey released his black delegates to Chisholm, giving her a total of 152 first-ballot votes for the nomination.

Chisholm's base of support was ethnically diverse and included the National Organization for Women.

Chisholm said she ran for the office "in spite of hopeless odds, to demonstrate the sheer will and refusal to accept the status quo."

Among the volunteers who were inspired by her campaign was Barbara Lee, who continued to be politically active and was elected as a congresswoman 25 years later.

Chisholm created controversy when she visited rival However, she lost the and ideological opposite

George Wallace in the hospital soon after his shooting in May 1972, during the 1972 presidential primary campaign.

Several years later, when Chisholm worked on a bill to give domestic workers the right to a minimum wage. Wallace helped gain votes of enough Southern congressmen to push the legislation through the

From 1977 to 1981, during the 95th Congress and 96th Congress, Chisholm was elected to a position in the House Democratic leadership, as Secretary of the House Democratic Caucus.

Throughout her tenure in Congress, Chisholm worked to improve opportunities for inner-city residents.

She was a vocal opponent of the draft and supported spending increases for education, health care and other social services, and reductions in military spending.

1970, Chisholm authored a child care bill, which passed the House and the Senate.

Countless Incarcerations

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In 1961, he served 49 days with other activists at the infamous Parchman Farm in Sunflower County, Miss.

He was arrested many times for his activism, so that he lost count, sometimes estimating at least 29 or 32.

At 19, Carmichael became the youngest detainee in the summer of 1961. He spent 53 days at Parchman Farm in "a six-by-nine cell."

In 1965, working as a SNCC activist in the blackmajority Lowndes County. Ala., Carmichael helped to increase the number of registered black voters from 70 to 2.600 — 300 more than the number of registered white voters.

Black voters were essentially disfranchised by Alabama's constitution, passed by white Democrats in the early 20th century.

Their constitutional voting rights were, however, enforced under federal supervision after passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Black residents and voters organized and widely supported the Lowndes County Freedom Organization, a party that had the black panther as its mascot, over the white-dominated local Democratic Party, whose mascot was a white rooster.

Although black residents and voters outnumbered whites in Lowndes, their candidate lost the countywide election of 1965.

Vocal opposition to racism

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Throughout his musical career Tosh encouraged an African identity.

In his own words he sang about being Black and an African -- "Don't care where you come from As long as you're a Black man, You're an African; Never mind your nationality You have got the iden-

tity of an African If your plection high, high, high If your plection low, low, low If your plection in between You're an African"

The lyrics illustrate Tosh's identity and project African-Jamaican perspective and diasporic relationship to Africa. Tosh dedicated himself to the political freedom

of Africa and committed himself to its liberation. During the apartheid era, and before many of his fellow singers and musicians knew its meaning and implications, Tosh took a stance against the white supremacist governments of South and South West Africa and their Western



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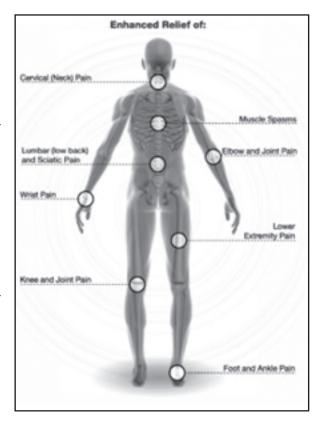
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Vincentians support major scholarship fundraiser

By Nelson A. King

Despite the unusually cold weather, several Vincentians on May 25 supported an annual fundraiser in Brooklyn to assist elementary and secondary schools in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The all-day affair, organized by the Internet-based group, VincyCares, was broadcast live on Brooklyn, New York's "True Caribbean Radio," 91.9 FM.

It attracted nationals from all walks of life at Standard Shippers on Clarendon Road.

Patrons dined on barbecue chicken and fish, washing them down with local drinks, while "ole-talking" and gyrating to the latest Caribbean soca and calypso hits.

"It's more like a social fundraiser," said Franklyn "Supadex" Richards, the newly-elected president of VincyCares, which claims it has been making "tremendous difference" in the lives of students at home, in an exclusive Caribbean Life interview.

"A lot of people came out to support us, despite the cold weather," added Richards, a prominent, Brooklyn-based graphic artist, disclosing that the group plans to expand scholarships to less fortunate students at home.

Dahlia-Ann Howard-Lewis – who along with immediate past president, Kenley "Shortmus" John, are co-founders of the group – said, at the beginning of the academic year last year, VincyCares awarded five new scholarships: four to students entering secondary school for the first time and one to a second-year student.

John said the students have been awarded full, five-year scholarships to the tune of US\$2,500 each.

He singled out Mrs. Christlyn Matthews-Child, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Johnson, and Mrs. Sara Toyloy for assisting the group in providing scholarships for the students.

At VincyCares' anniversary dinner and gala award ceremony last December, at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn, Anita Botti, a former Peace Corps volunteer in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and current chief-of-staff at the United States Department

of State's Office for Global Women's Issues, presented a US\$2,500 check to VincyCares for an additional scholarship.

Howard-Lewis said a recent visit to the schools, as well as conversations with the students and parents, revealed that the students are "performing well."

Richards said he is determined to fulfill VincyCares' goal of providing "an avenue whereby all children will be able to attend school on a level playing field, especially when it comes to the tools that they need to be successful.

"We want to level the playing field," he affirmed. "Lack of school supplies should not hinder a kid from achieving his or her education."

United Nations' Ambassador, Camillo Gonsalves, who attends the annual affair, described the fund-raising initiative as "one of the best" in the Diaspora in assisting students at home.

"They (VincyCares) have a record of success I'm very proud to be associated with," he told Caribbean Life in a break from "ole-talking" with his compatriots.

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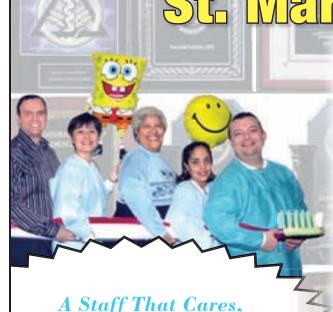
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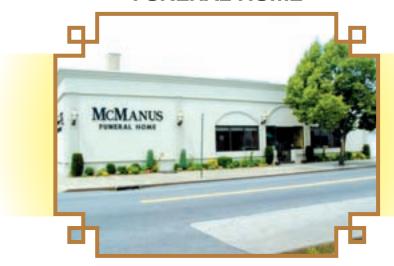
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Brooklyn celebrates Weusi

By Vinette K. Pryce

Brooklyn celebrated the life of Jitu Weusi and his decades of service at the Boys and Girls High School, 1700 Fulton Street, on June 1. The event preceded a one-hour viewing on Monday followed by funeral service at Brown Memorial Church, 484 Washington Avenue. The community empowerment advocate died May 22. Best known for his advocacy of quality education in the Black community the acclaimed warrior transpired after fighting a valiant battle against cancer of the kidney.

Weusi was a public school teacher in the 1960s. His controversial stance to challenge the Board of Education by demanding community control of schools indelibly placed him front and center in the struggle to decentralize schools in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville campaign. He demonstrated a model of his alternative by establishing an independent Black school named Uhuru Sasa Shule.

He was probably known also as one of the founders of the Black United Front, the annual International African Arts Festival (initially known as the African Street Festival) and The East. Its mission he said was "to bring enlightenment to our people—recreational, philosophical..."

He was an acclaimed promoter of jazz and co-founder of the Central Brooklyn Jazz Festival.

Since January when he was diagnosed, concerned community members have been monitoring his health condition. In April, he detailed the struggle he was engaged and seemed prepare to face the challenge with the support of family and friends.

He wrote that despite the critical health condition diagnosed, family who resided in other states helped him maintain a positive state of mind. He credited Nandi Campbell, Makini Campbell, Taifa Graves and Hazina Campbell-Dorius with being supportive and comforting.

He said "they all came in at various times to attend to my health and well-being."

"My sister Shirley Clarke came in from California and showered me with attention. I had weekly visits from my brother and his wife, Job and Muslimah Mashariki," he added. "Visits from concerned nephews and nieces also served as a source of comfort."

"I thank God," Weusi said. "I thank my entire family, eight children, 12 grand-children, my wife and friends and relatives for the support given to me in making this journey possible.

I am thankful for the many calls, letters of concern, words of encouragement and overall outpouring of love."

"We rejoice in the fact that he is now with the ancestors," Angela Weusi, his wife of 28 years said. She added that a celebration of Weusi's life and funeral arrangements were still being finalized.

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Kerry urges focus on key objectives

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in recent months. Maduro expelled two U.S. military attaches in March the same day Chavez died, accusing them of trying to foment instability, and Tracy's arrest came amid domestic political turmoil over the election.

The Obama administration has backed opposition candidate Henrique Capriles' call for a full recount.

U.S. officials with Kerry said he wanted to look at areas like counternarcotics and counterterrorism where cooperation could be improved with Venezuela. But they stressed that the U.S. was not going to stop expressing concerns about democracy and human rights in the country, particularly after the election.

The two countries haven't had ambassadors posted in each other's capitals since 2010 but U.S. officials said they were not sure if this subject would be raised in

the meeting between Kerry and Jaua.

Shortly before the two men were to meet, Venezuela released Tracy who had been jailed for what authorities said were attempts to destabilize the country.

U.S. President Barack Obama called that allegation "ridiculous." Family and friends say the 35-year-old Hollywood producer and actor had been making a documentary about Venezuelan politics when he was arrested on April 24 at the Caracas airport as he tried to leave the country to attend his father's 80th birthday in suburban Detroit.

In a speech to the 35-member OAS annual general assembly, Kerry did not mention the developments with Venezuela, but reiterated U.S. concerns that some countries in the hemisphere are backsliding on their commitments to democracy and seeking to

weaken OAS institutions that monitor and report on human rights.

"We must keep this organization's focus on its core objectives," Kerry said, calling for the OAS to redouble its efforts on protecting basic freedoms, improving rule of law and fighting corruption. "The Americas present a vivid example to the world that diversity is a strength, that inclusion works, that justice can overcome impunity, and that the rights of individuals must be protected against government overreach and abuse."

Kerry is pushing the candidacy of the US nominee for the Inter American Commission on Human Rights, James Cavallaro, a Stanford University law professor who is one of six people in the running for three spots on the panel that will be chosen later this week. Some OAS members are opposed to the U.S. having a presence on the commission because it is not also a member of the organization's human rights court.

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Taboo subject in Cuba

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is the space, along with the workplace, where the rights of LGBT persons are most violated," according to CENESEX legal consultants. In the discussions that were part of the month's events, one of the topics was this population group's right to form families.

The question of non-heterosexuals adopting children "is a concern, although it is not one of the central concerns" brought to the attention of CENESEX experts, said Manuel Vázquez, a lawyer who oversees the institution's legal consultation services.

However, Cuban activists are adding more demands as they wait for same-sex civil unions to be legalised and observe the progress that has been made on LGBT rights in other Latin American countries.

Argentina, Uruguay and the Mexican capital allow

the adoption of children by same-sex married couples. But in the Caribbean, where homosexuality is punishable in a number of nations, only Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles recognise overseas adoptions.

In a May 12, 2012 joint statement, the Men for Diversity (HxD) organisation and CENESEX urged the Raúl Castro government to allow "all possibilities of union between same-sex couples, including marriage, as well as adoption and reproduction for homosexual persons."

Dr. Alberto Roque, an activist who founded HxD, advocates the extension of assisted reproduction services to single women and lesbian couples in Cuba. "In these cases, the techniques for assisted reproduction used have a low degree of technological complexity, because it is not a case of infertile persons," he said in a post on his blog, HOMOsapiens.

Lesbian groups such as Oremi in Havana; Las Isabelas in the eastern city of Santiago de Cuba; Fénix in Cienfuegos; and Atenea, which was created this year in the central city of Ciego de Ávila, are discussing matters related to lesbian maternity and seeking mechanisms for raising awareness about the subject among the general public.

"Some women look for a man who is interested in being a father or a donor and they self-inseminate using crude methods, sometimes even endangering their health," said psychologist Norma Guillard. "We should all have the right to have children, either our own or adopted," she told IPS.

However, the issue of legalising adoption by homosexual couples is a controversial, taboo subject in Cuba, where "public displays of homosexuality" were penalised until the 1990s.

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Decision hinges on U.S. response

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She says she is confident that the United States will sign on, though it most likely will not be on Monday.

"There is nothing in this treaty that requires the U.S. to do anything differently," Rachel Stohl, a senior associate at the Stimson Center, a think tank here, said at a panel discussion Friday. "Rather, the issue here is simply the symbolism of saying that [the U.S.] is committed to this on an international level – that's really important."

For the first time, the ATT states that if a country knows its weapons will be used to commit genocide or violate a U.N. arms embargo, they cannot be transferred. Stohl believes the ATT has the potential to address some U.S. national security and foreign policy concerns, including terror-

A significant majority of U.S. allies, human rights and religious groups have supported the treaty, the



The Control Arms Coalition demonstrated in front of the United Nations in July 2012 to remind delegates of the of the price paid every day by armed violence.

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passage of which was seen as a key victory for the United States. And while many groups are now calling on President Obama to sign on to the ATT immediately, others are saying he will need to do so no later than the U.N. General Assembly meeting in September.

"If he doesn't do that, the momentum behind the force will be undermined," Daryll Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association, a bipartisan advocacy group here, said Friday.

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"U.S. credibility will be questioned, we are going to be pulling the rug out from under our allies, and the president is going to have a lot of explaining to do."

According to both Kimball and Stohl, other countries will be looking to the U.S. to sign on before they make their final decisions. Neither Russia nor China, for instance, has announced whether they will sign the ATT, and analysts suggest that these decisions will hinge on the U.S.'s own moves.





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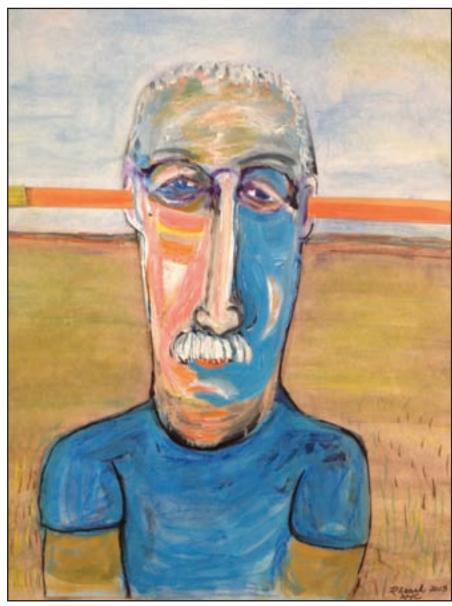
The Schulman Schachne Institute for Nursing and Rehabilitation, the long term care facility of Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center, has received the highest possible overall rating of five stars in U.S. News & World Report's fifth annual Best Nursing Homes, which highlight the top nursing homes in each city and state.

U.S. News' Best Nursing Homes ratings are based on data collected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services, and the nursing homes are evaluated based on three categories - health inspections. level of nurse staffing and quality of care-giving each an overall rating based on these CMS guidelines.

Only 3,036 nursing homes (out of 16,000) in the entire country received an overall rating of a five stars from U.S. News, and the staff of Schulman and Schachne is honored at their inclusion. "Every member of our staff is immensely proud of the five star designation we have received," says Genevieve Sorensen, RN, VP for Long Term Care at the Schulman and Schachne Institute for Nursing and Rehabilitation. "We are a tight knit family that cares for our residents as they would care for members of their own families."

The motto of the Schulman and Schachne Institute is "Respect, Dignity, Integrity" and the facility focuses on providing high quality clinical care in a homelike environment, and offers a creative approach to individual care; a major appeal for prospective resi-

NYC born artist Robert Leach entered the facility on July 9 after leg operation, feeling deeply depressed as a result of his own health issues, and the stroke of his life partner. "I turned 80 in June," Leach said. "I thought it was all over, first for my partner, then for



me." However, since his entry into the Institute, Leach has thrived artistically and has contributed personally to the wide range of rehabilitative programs provided by the center.

Since his arrival, Leach has painted a portrait of almost every patient at the Institute, and feels it has created a beautiful connection with each person, and contributed to improved morale in both patients and staff. Leach explains that "Most of the patients feel their portraits are very precious, they note that I paint them as I see them, not like a photo."

Lora Serra, Director of

Recreation Therapy, outlined a diverse range of activities available to residents; "We do Zumba, hot calisthenics, video gaming, gambling games, musical expression, choral groups, and the residents select the music CDs they want to hear at lunch. The point is to rediscover your impact. It is so easy to get depressed and wonder: will I make it out of here? Will I ever get home?" The institute's various activities allow residents to assert themselves as individuals, Serra explains, "We use all modalities to help the patients take their lives back as they struggle to regain

control over what has happened to them."

Leach credits the Institute's programs for his renewed artistic expression, stating he was able to restart his art "in large part with the love, encouragement and Art Supplies provided by the TR Staff." Leach was even able to exhibit his art at SSI in February, as part of an Artist in Residence spotlight, and he explains that this showcase and artistic success since his time at SSI "is proof that this facility encourages a Total Well Being."

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for. Our goal is to let them reconnect with themselves. We feel strongly that they should feel like SSI is their home while they are here." SSI offers four times as much therapeutic activity as most other rehab facilities, which she feels leads to 80% fewer hospital admissions.

The Institute also provides a range of special care services, including Dementia Special Care, Long Term Geriatric Care, HIV/ AIDS Care, and a Hospice Care program under the supervision of Hospice of New

SSI has 448 beds and over 1,000 admissions per year. In addition to having a full staff of nurses, they also employ a doctor and full-time psychologist, which is unusual for the typical nursing home. There are also nurse managers for every unit, not just a single floating manager and SSI is staffed with well qualified professionals thanks to their careful hiring practices. The Institute employs only board certified musicologists and

certified therapeutic recreational specialists, professionals with an ABA degree who understand the disease process, the ability and emotional levels of the patients, and well as the affect of anesthesia.

"Our commitment to provide quality healthcare extends from the time a patient visits our Emergency Room, to the full continuum of services, including our Long Term Care facilities. This is well-deserved recognition for the staff of the Schulman and Schachne Institute for Nursing and Rehabilitation and we are proud of them," said Mark E. Toney, President and CEO of Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center and the Schulman and Schachne Institute.

The Schulman and Schachne Institute for Nursing and Rehabilitation is located at 555 Rockaway Parkway, between Linden Blvd and Church Ave, and can be contacted at (718) 240-6902http://brookdalehospital.org/html/facilities/ schulman and schachne.

Make sure your eyes are in top shape at Contact Lens and Vision

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

It is said that, "the light of the body is the eye."

For sure, the eyes are one of the first things people notice.

Contact Lens and Vision wants to be sure your eyes continue to light up your surroundings.

The highly trained optometrists there use the latest technology for all examinations, allowing them to see if your eyes can focus well.

This is important because the ability to see starts when light reflects off an object that is viewed and enters the eye. When this occurs, "it stimulates cells to send millions of electrochemical impulses along the optic nerve to the brain. The portion of the brain at the back of the head interprets the impulses, enabling us to see the object," says Dr. Jason Yee, one of Contact Lens and Vision's optometrists.

While it may sound com-



plex, it's something most of us do instantly, without even thinking about it.

Still, we don't want to take that ability for granted. That's why annual eye examinations are essential. A comprehensive exam will see if there are any issues that may affect vision.

Should you need contact lenses, you are in good hands. The store carries just about every brand and type, includ-



(Left) Dr. Jason Yee is one of Contact Lens and Vision's highly trained optometrists. (Above) Optometric technician Jessica La Guerre.

Photos by Steve Solomonson

ing bifocal and colored lenses, and those to correct astigmatism. As it stocks thousands of trial lenses, many patients are able to leave the office on the day of their visit, contacts in their eyes, immediately seeing the world clearly again.

Dr. Yee says he's been with the company since its inception. He's a local Brooklynite who has been interested in the field of vision since working a part-time job at an optical store while still in high school.

He is a graduate of St. John's University, and earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from the State University of New York College of Optometry. He completed a Residency in Family Practice at The East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center. He specializes in contact lens fittings, and is also trained

and certified in the treatment and management of ocular disease.

The technology at Contact Lens and Vision includes Optical Coherence Tomography, a scanning laser used to analyze the layers of the retina and optic nerve for any signs of eye disease, says the doctor.

"It's similar to a CT scan of the eye. It works using light without radiation, and is essential for early diagnosis of glaucoma, macular degeneration, and diabetic retinal disease."

Dr. Yanique Forrest, another optometrist in the office, earned her Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Stony Brook University in 2006. After participating in SUNY Optometry's CSTEP program in 2005, she developed an interest in and decided to pursue further education in the field of optometry. She earned her Doctoral Degree in 2011 from SUNY College of Optometry.

She specializes in contact lens fittings and is also certified in the treatment and management of ocular disease.

The firm tests for macular degeneration, a disease that can lead to blindness.

In addition, Contact Lens and Vision sells supplements that help keep eyes healthy.

It's conveniently located inside LensCrafters, inside the Kings Plaza Shopping Center, so if you are out shopping, it's easy to stop by and make an appointment.

The fees at Contact Lens and Vision are affordable, and many insurance plans are accepted.

Contact Lens and Vision [5403 Kings Plaza Shopping Center between Avenue U and Flatbush Avenue in Marine Park, (718) 252–8333, www.contactlensandvision.com]. Open Mondays through Saturdays, 10 am–7 pm, and Sundays, 11 am–4 pm.





You May Have An Enlarged Prostate and Not Know It!

Pain and disturbance in urination?

Suspect that you may have prostate problems?

According to the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, one in every two men over age 50 suffers from an enlarged prostate, and at age 75, about 80% of men suffer from this condition. Are you part of this disturbing statistic? If you are a male and experience painful urinary symptoms that make life difficult, it's time to talk to a urologist.

Symptoms and Testing

BPH (Benign prostatic hyperplasia or enlarged prostate) occurs when the prostate gland becomes enlarged due to an excess growth of healthy cells. The presence of an enlarged prostate can be identified through the prevalence of the following symp-

- Increased frequency and difficulty urinating (especially frequent urination at night)
- · Weakening of the stream of urine
- · Feeling of incomplete emptying of the bladder
- · Difficulty holding in urine

These symptoms emerge gradually, often growing and worsening. For a long time, an enlarged prostate (non-cancerous) may be present as a result of any one of these hardly noticeable symptoms. Such conditions are often mistakenly blamed on age, stress and other factors, which is absolutely not the case.

In order to rule out prostate cancer and alleviate symptoms, it is important to see a urologist as soon as any of these symptoms occur. While BPH

does not cause prostate cancer, both afflictions may be present at the same time, so it is important to continue screening for prostate cancer even if you already have BPH. The New York Urologic Institute is home to a unique laboratory and certified pathologist, who can quickly and accurately study PSA (prostate specific antigen) in blood and, if necessary, take a painless biopsy (sampling of cells) of the prostate. This eliminates the possibility of prostate cancer, which is identical with BPH in its symptoms.

Treatment

There are various treatments for an enlarged prostate, including minimally invasive and surgical treatments. If symptoms begin affecting your daily life, treatment options such as minimally invasive procedures, medication, or surgery may help. The New York Urologic Institute offers a wide range of possibilities for the treatment of an enlarged prostate, including applied therapeutic and physiotherapeutic methods.

Minimally Invasive Procedures

Minimally invasive procedures usually allow patients to recovery quickly after treatment with little to no complications. These procedures involve using microwave therapy to eliminate portions of the

Medication & Drug Therapies

Medications and drug therapies are commonly used to relieve moderate symptoms of an enlarged prostate. The goal of these medications is to relax the muscles in the prostate and bladder in order to reduce bladder obstructions.



Surgical Procedures

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

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



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Free Anancy Festival in Flushing, Queens

New York is included among the eight cities earmarked to be treated to this year's free Anancy Festival. On June 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p. m. the Caribbean's most-beloved, trickster will demonstrate his appeal to children when his folk tales are revealed at the Langston Hughes Branch, Queens Public Library at 10001 Northern Blvd. in Flushing. Admission is free.

The Anancy Festival celebrates Caribbean cultural heritage and is designed to appeal to children and teenagers curious about the region.

Anancy is the West African prankster hero of numerous folk tales that are popular across the Caribbean. His clever and conniving character is familiar to millions of people around the world.

His stories provide the appropriate icon for the festival's blend of Caribbean culture on a platform geared for children and adolescents. For more info visit: anancyfestival.com



Wendy Responds To Hot Topics

Wendy Williams has compiled some of the most common questions asked by her fans in a 281-page book entitled "Ask Wendy." The advice book offers a no-nonsense, guilt-free, guide to life's ups and downs with the 23-year radio veteran tackling queries about sex, love, work, parenting, beauty relationship and play. Offering the same candid responses she dished on WBLS, Williams delves deeper with responses that may baffle, surprise or even shock readers. The questions are uncomplicated. "Is honesty always the best policy?" "How to look 10 pounds slimmer?" "Is there such a thing as too much sex?" "How to have less drama at work?" are all queries unraveled by the wife, mother, daughter and bestselling author.

In the book, Williams for the first time reveals neverbefore-heard stories about some of the challenges she's had to overcome in her life. Her fans – and those in her head – will relish the straight forward she offers.

The national syndicated daytime talk show host burst onto the television circuit in 2009 with a show named for her. Along with gossip, entertainment news and segments titled Hot Topics and Ask Wendy, the hourly, weekday broadcast airs in 52 countries.

She first published "The Wendy Williams Experience," a book named from the radio show she hosted afternoon weekdays in New York. She also penned novels titled "Ritz Harper Goes To Hollywood," "Is The Bitch Dead



Wendy Williams. Photo by Evan Agostini/Invision/A

or What?' and "Wendy's Got The Heat."

"Ask Wendy" is published by William Morrow, an imprint of Harper-Collins Publishers.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO MALCOLM X GRANDSON

On May 9, just days prior to the 88th birthday anniversary of El Hajj Malik Shabazz AKA Malcolm X, his grandson and first male heir, Malcolm

Latif was reportedly killed in Mexico City, Mexico. In his honor and remembrance of his life, a community celebration was held at the First Corinthian Baptist Church in Harlem. Invited to offer tributes were recording artist Jaheim, Dr. Adelaide L. Sanford, Vice Chancellor Emerita--NYS Board of Regents, Sister Souliah, author, activist, Rev. Conrad Tillard, Ernest Davis, Mayor of Mount Vernon, Abiodun, poet, Etan Davis, former NBA Player, Atlanta Hawks, Dominique and Ashley Sharpton, daughters of the Rev. Al Sharpton. Born Oct. 8, 1984 in Paris, France, Shabazz was buried on May 21. He was challenged by many obstacles including the tragic death of his grandmother whose life ended due to a fire he was reportedly alleged to have started.

However, after rehabilitation, he was allegedly on a path to pursuing a revolutionary life and determined to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather. He allegedly dedicated himself to human

rights activism.

On the journey to fulfill his destiny, Malcolm completed his Hajj and visited the tomb of Hazrat Zainab, the granddaughter of the prophet Muhammad AS. He returned to teach Islam and the love of the Ahlul Bayt Prophet's Household. Malcolm reportedly spoke out against injustice whenever he encountered it and advocated peace and freedom. He became a student and a teacher with his peers as well as a son within his community of elders. He was fluent in English, French, Spanish and Arabic. Malcolm's international travel destinations included Saudi Arabia, Qatar, France, Holland, Canada, Syria and the United Arab Emirates. He travelled extensively across the United States in response to requests for his appearance as guest lecturer on college and university campuses. He also addressed junior and senior high school students and visited neighborhood community centers.

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Giant steps for Dale Ryan

By Aba Luke

Trinidad and Tobago songwriter and vocalist, Dale Ryan is making some giant steps. He's doing something hardly ever done in the Caribbean, but really, something that should always be done. Dale has released a brand new R&B/Pop single, complete with a video. The song, 'Colors' hit the airwaves Tuesday, April 16, but even with his method of marketing clear in his mind, Ryan is challenging the senior musicians and entertainers in T&T and the Caribbean, to share their knowledge, and work with budding entertainers to progressively make an impact in the global arena.

His words may sting some but his feelings stem from his observations over the years. Having been striving to be seen and heard since the age of 17, the artiste who made some headway in 2012 when



CD cover of "Colors"

he delivered the hit single, 'Incredibly High', says he has faced many challenges, the most daunting of which has been the challenge to attain radio airplay. It's a common cry and Dale Ryan is aware of it, however he attests to making some inroads, this of course after making the necessary connections in the past year.

"Before, I wasn't well known and that in itself was a challenge," he said. "I'm a Continued on Page 42

'Divas & Heroes'

By Tequila Minsky

Members of the public still have some time to visit the work of painter Bob Tomlinson at Viridian Gallery, 548 W. 28th St. in Chelsea. Exhibiting 22 oil and collage figurative paintings, entitled: "Divas & Heroes," the artist's fifth solo show at Viridian Gallery runs until June 8.

Tomlinson's series of portraits span the ages, from the historical to the fictional to the symbolic, from the mythical to popular culture. Embraced by history, he takes his inspiration from many sources to portray his heroes, including literary, and his divas, be they flamboyant heroines.

Among his more contemporary subjects, Josephine Baker, Lena Horne, and jazz musician Chet Baker share the gallery walls with Cleopatra, her son (and of Caesar) Caesarian, Marie Antoinette, and Toussaint Louverture.

Of his subjects, some were in exile—forced to flee. Others were in an internal exile like his symbolic "Remembering Soweto" and writer James Baldwin—fleeing American racism and homophobia.

"James Baldwin is the only one I've met," he says of his subjects. The portraits of novelist, playwright and

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Art for Arts, Inc. will honor Milford Graves with a Lifetime Achievement Award at Vision Festival 18.

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Free Avant-garde jazz in Brooklyn

By Amun

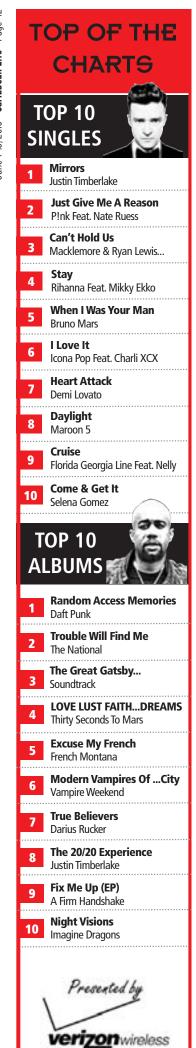
Vision Festival 18 opens on Wednesday, June 12 and runs thru Sunday, June 16. This year the Vision Festival will be held at Roulette, 509 Atlantic Ave. (corner of Atlantic and 3rd Avenue), Brooklyn.

The festival is an annual Free Avant-garde jazz festival, and is probably the most important Free Jazz festival in the United States. For five days you will be able see and hear the music of: William Parker, Kid Jordan, Milford Graves, Roy Campbell, Roscoe Mitchell, Rob Brown, Charles Gale, Roswell Rudd, Henry Grimes, Hamid Drake, Andrew Cyrille, Dave Burrell, Reggie Workman, Odean Pope, Pheeroan akLaff, Hamiet Bluiett, Marshall Allen, Amiri Baraka and many more.

Art for Arts, Inc. (AFA) produces

the Vision Festival. AFA was founded in 1995 by arts organizer/choreographer Patricia Nicholson Parker. A decade earlier, she with bassist/composer William Parker and Peter Kowald produced the Sounds of Unity Festival, which was a precursor to the Vision Festival. AFA produces Free Jazz/AvantJazz at its finest. Besides great music, Vision Fes-

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Annual jazz fest

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tival includes panel discussions, film presentations and photo and graphic art exhibitions.

This year, AFA will honor Milford Graves with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Milford Graves is a legendary drummer, scientist, herbalist, martial artist and acupuncturist, a true renaissance man. Like many geniuses, Milford is often overlooked and misunderstood, but his achievements in music and his scientific approach to understanding the effect of rhythm on the heart, matched with a belief in power of art to move and inspire, is unmatched.

As a drummer, Milford Graves' roots are in Latin/Cuban rhythms, which will be reflected in the first group on June 12. He has invited David Virelles to join him with a group of three other Cuban musicians. The rest of the night will be All Stars including Kid Jordan, DD Jackson, Charles Gayle, Roswell Rudd, Amiri Baraka and William Parker.

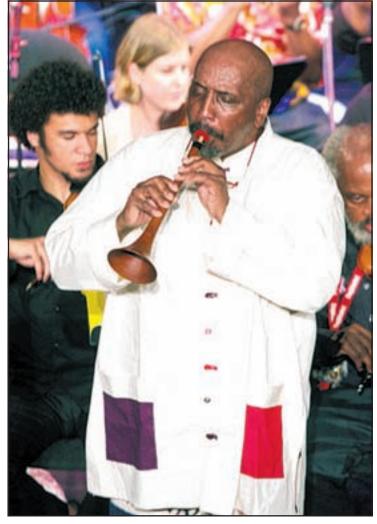
Thursday, June 13 will be dedicated to celebrating visual artist Robert Janz. AFA will honor Mr. Janz with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Robert Janz was born in Ireland in 1932. He received his art

training in the United State and was part of the "Zen Generation" led by Pacific Coast Beat artist. His philosophy and art has influenced generations of artist all over the world as his nomadic life led him. The music for Thursday is Vocal-Ease, Bern Nix Quartet, East-West Collective and the French-American Peace Ensemble.

Saturday's program includes a forum on bringing improvisation to empower our children, panel on the French-American exchange of musical ideas and social, political ideas. Music starts at 7:30 p.m. with Tomas Fujiwara & The Hook Up followed by Davis/Revis/Cyrile Trio. At 9:45 p.m. Simmons/Burrell Duo and Reggie Workman Workz will close the night.

Sunday's program includes a panel at 2:00 p.m., "Decolonizing the Music;" at 4:30 p.m. a film on Butch Morris "Black February" by Vipal Monga and at 6:00 p.m. Inner City: Migration: dance, music and visual art, music follows: Positive Knowledge, Hamiet Bluiett Quartet, Mario Pavone ARC Trio and Marshall Allen & McBrides Bass Roots closes the festival. For more information, go to www.artsforart. org or call: 212-254-5420.

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William Parker leading the Vision Orchestra and playing a double reed Zurna from Turkey.

Photo by Amun

Dale Ryan

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little better off right now because I've networked in the industry a bit in the past year and people (in the industry) know me a bit more"

Dale has co-written songs like Machel Montano's "No Lie", Benjai's "Feter". Denise Belfon's "Wining Queen." Ryan was also partly responsible for the lyrics penned on Patrice Roberts' 'Permission Granted,' Machel Montano's "Life of the Party" and Michelle Xavier's "If You Want To." Those songs alone-- all hits that pierced the airwaves during Trinidad's 2013 Carnival season, have placed Dale Ryan in a category that's separate and apart from the unaccomplished artiste.

Dale's new method to better package his musical creations has come after one year of hard thought. He realized that he'd erred when he released his 2012 single without the backing of a video, a proper public relations campaign and other things that would help the music. This time around, he'll be marketing his music much harder, much stronger and with mindful strategies. "I want everyone to see and feel this song. On television, people should grasp

what the song's about and enjoy it and when they hear it on the radio, they must visualize the video after having seen it," he explained. The new single, 'Colors', was produced by Madmen Productions in Trinidad. It's a song that may hit home for some. Dale says it's a song that speaks to men who realize they've ended up with, what he termed, 'bad girls', after a relationship has already gotten underway. The video for the single was directed by Denith McNicolls of D.Media and produced by Patrice Millien of A Millien Concepts. Set to ultimately define himself as a strong, hard working musician, Dale Ryan is ready for what's to come. He says he continues to look up to Trinidad and Tobago entertainer, Bunji Garlin; explaining that he feels Bunji is the most balanced entertainer in the country.

"In my opinion while some artistes are capable of putting on a great stage show but they fall short in other areas, or vice versa. I think Bunji strikes the perfect balance. He's got the performance and the lyrical ability." Ryan also said he is educating himself on the business of music and the ins and-outs of the global industry. This, he says he feels all artistes, from every walk of life should strive to do.

Bob Tomlinson's art

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social critic Baldwin, along with seven other of Tomlinson's paintings have sold, thus far.

His paintings are combinations of areas painted in oil, elaborately textured and printed papers, as well as computer manipulated photographs. Form, rhythm and subtle colors are elements in his representations.

Of Jamaican heritage, his parents arrived in the early part of the last century. The artist is Brooklyn-born, raised, and educated. It was after Pratt Institute and a trip to Spain in 1963 when he landed in Paris on Bastille Day and "they were dancing in the streets." He stayed five years and his immersion in French culture set the trajectory for his life.

Tomlinson makes it clear that his 20-year stint as a French professor (a scholar of French literature and aesthetics) at Emory University in Atlanta does not mean he led parallel lives as an artist and academic. "My scholarly research was interdisciplinary and art was always integrated into it," Tomlinson makes clear. "At Emory,

I didn't have to hide that I was a painter. They were open to the fact."

In a return to an environment and adopted cultural roots that had and continue to provide so much for the person, on retirement from academia, the artist has moved back to Paris where he's been for 10 years. In a personal and conceptual way, expatriation finds its way into his work.

Tomlinson's life has taken the artist from Brooklyn to Paris to Atlanta and back to Paris. Of his ancestral roots, he says that Jamaican is a strong culture that has impacted who he is. With pride he enumerates these influences: from every Sunday eating rice and peas in Brooklyn, to calypso, ska and reggae music, to solid valuesnot puritanical but a strong sense of morality, and to a highly developed sense of humor, being Jamaican has its stamp on him. Bob Tomlinson's "Divas & Heroes" will be on display until June 8, 2013, Tuesday - Saturday 12 noon -6:00 p.m. Viridian Gallery, 548 W.28th St., 6th Floor, is between 10th & 11th avenues in Chelsea.

Runaway teens struggle to survive in the woods

"The Kings of Summer"
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated R for profanity
and underage alcohol
consumption
In English and Italian
with subtitles
Running time: 95 minutes
Distributor: CBS Films

By Kam Williams

Freshman year of high school has just ended for Patrick (Gabriel Basso) who isn't looking forward to spending the summer under the same roof as his helicopter parents (Megan Mullally and Marc Evan Jackson), given their monitoring his every move and their merciless teasing about his raging hormones. The situation's even worse for Joe (Nick Robinson) whose widowed father's (Nick Offerman) way of grieving involves belittling and grounding him at the drop of a hat.

One night at a keg party, the best friends come up with a viable solution to their predicament when they discover a clearing in the middle of the forest. Why not build themselves a house out in the woods where they will finally be free from the abuse and control of meddling adults?

Swearing each other to secrecy, the malcontents hatch an impromptu plan to live off the land. And they are joined in the clandestine endeavor by classmate Biaggio (Moises Arias), a mysterious weirdo wiling to tag along and utter an occasional, odd non sequitur.

Next thing you know, they're building a shack out of materials found on a construction lot, and also foraging for food by diving into a dumpster behind a restaurant. Meanwhile, their worried folks are calling the cops, convinced the missing boys must have been kidnapped.

That is the absorbing point



Patrick (Gabriel Basso), Biaggio (Moises Arias) and Joe (Nick Robinson) in the "The Kings of Summer."

of departure of "The Kings of Summer," a quirky, coming-of-age comedy marking the magnificent directorial debut of Jordan Vogt-Roberts. His laugh-aminute adventure is reminiscent of some of the best of the rebellious adolescent genre, ala "Stand by Me" (1986), "Superbad" (2007), "Ghost World" (2001), "Super 8"

(2011) and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986).

The picture's clever script by first-timer Chris Galletta is laced with lots of hilarious scenes such as when Biaggio attempts to throw the police off their trail with a ransom note from the fictitious "Jamal Colorado" inspired by a combining a black first

name with one of the 50 states. But human oddity Biaggio is basically around to provide intermittent comic relief.

At heart, the movie is about the intrepid trio's struggle to survive while eluding the frantic search party. The plot thickens upon the sudden arrival of Kelly (Erin Moriarty) at the lad's lair, a cutie pie Joe's interested in dating.

Will the fetching femme fatale prove to

be the boys' undoing? Or will their bond remain intact? No spoilers here. Suffice to say that between a host of memorable performances by a cast of relative newcomers, and a haunting, grungy score by Ryan Miller, "The Kings of Summer" is a bona fide sleeper not to be missed.

Independent & Foreign Films

Dirty Wars (Unrated) Investigative journalist Jeremy Scahill narrates this expose uncovering the hidden truth behind America's neverending covert War on Terror being conducted all over the world by a secret army that supposedly doesn't exist. Includes commentary by Matthew Hoh, Andrew Exum and Abdul Ghafoor.

Evocateur: The Morton Downey, Jr. Movie (R for profanity and nudity) Raucous documentary highlighting the exploits of the late, TV talk show host who cultivated legions of loyal fans with a confrontational, in-your-face style of interviewing his controversial guests. Featuring appearances by Glenn Beck, Hermain Cain, Pat Buchanan, Gloria Allred and Alan Dershowitz.

Hey Bartender (Unrated) Bifurcated documentary featuring portraits of a wounded ex-Marine and a jaded white-collar worker trying to make it in a new career serving wine and spirits at an upscale Manhattan establishment.

Much Ado about Nothing (PG-13 for sexuality and drug use) Screen adaptation of Shakespeare's classic,

battle-of-the-sexes comedy about two couples, one (Amy Acker and Alexis Denisof), at war, the other (Fran Kranz and Jillian Morgese), in love. Support cast includes Emma Bates, Reed Diamond and

Spencer Treat Clark. Rapture-Palooza (R for profanity, drug use and crude sexuality) Post-apocalyptic horror comedy about a suburban Seattle couple (Anna Kendrick and John Francis Daley) left to deal with plagues and an amorous Anti-Christ (Craig Robinson) after billions of other souls ascend to Heaven during the Rapture. Ensemble includes Ken Jeong, Rob Corddry, Ana Gasteyer, Thomas Lennon and Rob Huebel.

Syrup (R for profanity, sexual references and brief drug use) Screen adaptation of Max Barry's dark novel of the same name about a slacker (Shiloh Fernandez) who has to trust a cutthroat marketing executive (Amber Heard) if his million-dollar

idea is to have any hope of succeeding. With Brittany Snow, Kellan Lutz and Rachel Dratch.

Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Tiger Eyes (PG-13 for a violent incident, mature themes and underage alcohol consumption) Comingof-age drama based on the Judy Blume best-seller about a grieving teenager (Willa Holland) trying to cope with the murder of her father who finds a shoulder to cry on in the Native-American (Tatanka Means) she meets after her mother (Amy Jo Johnson) moves the family to Los Alamos, New Mexico, With Elise Eberle, Cynthia Stevenson and Russell Means.

Violet & Daisy (Unrated) Crime drama about a pair of mild-mannered, teenage assassins (Saoirse Ronan and Alexis Bledel) who knock off New York City mobsters when not obsessing about their favorite pop singer (Cody Horn). With James Gandolfini, Danny Trejo and Marianne Jean-Baptiste.



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SUN KULCHA COMMUNITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

HEALTH FAIR: Healthfirst is participating in the National Puerto Rican Day Parade Music Festival And Health Fair at Roberto Clemente Park at 301 W Tremont Ave., Bronx, N.Y.

10453 FROM 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. The Healthfirst booth will offer health education materials and free face painting for children. The festival is part of Healthfirst's sponsorship of the 56th Annual National Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York City, scheduled for Sunday, June 9. Led by this year's Grand Marshall, actress Chita Rivera, the procession will march down Manhattan's Fifth Avenue starting at 11:00 a.m. This year's parade theme is "Celebrating Your Health."

FRIDAY, JUNE 7-SUNDAY, JUNE 9

PERFORMANCE: Manhattan Youth Ballet and Manhattan Movement & Arts Center present June Shows: Made in America, a tribute to choreography crafted in the USA on Friday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, June 8 at 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m., at the Manhattan Movement & Arts Center, 248 West 60th St., NYC (between Amsterdam and West End avenues) in the Lincoln Center area. Advance tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. (\$25/\$20 for students at the door). Tickets can be purchased online at www.manhattanyouthballet.org.

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The truth about inner-city fatherhood

"Doing the Best I Can: Fatherhood in the Inner Citu" By Kathryn Edin and Timothy J. Nelson Hardcover: 294 pages Publisher: University of California Press: Review Copy edition (June 1,

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

When you become a parent, much is expected of you.

Of course, you're expected to feed and clothe your child, to provide shelter and comfort, toys and encouragement. Society expects you to teach morals, kindness, and compassion, and to send your kids to school to learn more. And heck, even the President of the United States expects you to stick around, if you're the baby's

BOOK REVIEW

father.

But is parenting really that easy? What makes a good Dad? Find out in the new book "Doing the Best I Can" by Kathryn Edin and Timothy J. Nelson.

News stories, even commencement speeches are filled with this advice: young Black men must make better "choices;" in particular, they're urged to accept responsibility and raise the children they father. Unwillingness to do so, the authors say, is "denounced as one of the leading social problems of our day."

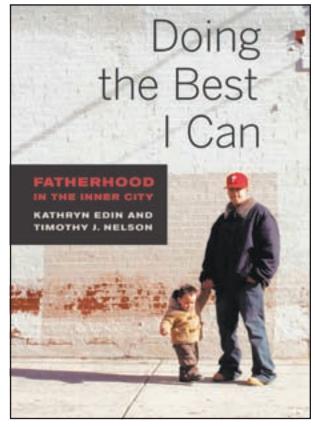
But what's the truth about inner-city fatherhood?

In search of an answer, Edin and Nelson literally moved to Camden, New Jersey to spend time with 110

men there and in Philadelphia. They wanted to know the experiences of those men - black, white, and Latino all, unwed fathers.

The first surprise the authors learned was that forming a couple was, for many men, a casual nearaccident. Relationships "just happened," as did many pregnancies – which often "happened" relatively quickly in the union – though the authors did note that some pregnancies seemed "semiplanned."

Pundits might indicate otherwise, but the fathers showed a "surprising desire to parent their kids." Most of those interviewed were excited about their "own" babies; in fact, the authors found that when it comes to the



mother of his child, "it is the baby, and not her, whom [the father] is really attached to." And yet, ultimately, decisions on birth control and financial and day-to-day costs of raising the child were left to

the mother, though the men did their best with limited resources (both monetary and physical). And each man was explicit when describing a "good father," often citing behavior that was

directly opposite that which he received from his own Dad...

Without a doubt, "Doing the Best I Can" is one intriguing book.

Through their research, authors Kathryn Edin and Timothy J. Nelson may irritate some readers and sadden others - but I found encouragement mixed with a strong call to action within these pages. This book doesn't confirm a lot of old beliefs: instead, it turns them around with a lot of hopeful understanding and compassion and a good (though reserved) amount of seemingly-implied disapproval against "stupid" behavior. Another thing that makes this book a must-read is that it includes a very big warning for young, inner-city white, black, and Latino women a warning that could be a major game-changer.

This isn't a casual, weekend kind of read: it's a bit on the clinical side but should appeal to academics, professionals, and anyone with a stake in the future. If that's you, and you need a good eye-opener, "Doing the Best I Can" is a book I expect vou'll like.



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Vincy calypsonians impress in sweltering heat

By Nelson A. King

The sweltering heat last Saturday night did not prevent 17 calypsonians from impressing a boisterous crowd – and, perhaps, the judges – during the first preliminary round of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines' National Calypso Competition at Café Omar in Brooklyn.

The air conditioners were, clearly, insufficient in cooling down patrons and artistes, as they withstood the unbearable heat for about five hours.

As the carnival mood rises in the Big Apple, patrons even tolerated the heat for a few more hours after the judging, with guest performances by the legendary Winston Soso, dubbed the "Rolls Royce of Calypso," and Cyril "Scorcher" Thomas. Vincentian carnival judging returned to New York this year after years-long hiatus.

Three judges – Earl Paynter, Roderick Dowers and Daniel Hall – trekked from



Carlos "The Rejector" Providence (left) and Delahanty "Singing Della" Isles (right).

Photo by Nelson A. King

home in determining who will compete from the Dynamite Calypso Tent, the only calypso tent in North America, in the National Semifinals at Carnival City, Victoria Park, Kingstown, the Vincentian capital on "Fantastic Friday," June 21.

National Calypso Association President Anne Miller, the Canouan-born first woman ever to hold that position, and Culture Min-

ister Cecil "Ces" McKie were also on hand to witness the long-anticipated event.

McKie, primarily in New York for the Caribbean Tourism Organization's "Caribbean Week," arrived from John F. Kennedy International Airport just a few minutes before the competition got underway at midnight.

The calypsonians, backed by the Grenadian-owned band, Lambert and the Matadores, were judged on one song in the following order: Tyrone "Fabulous T" Perry with "Carnival is My Thing"; Carlos "The Rejector" Providence with "Push The Pan"; Errol "D Man Age" Rose with "Calypsonian MIA (Missing In Action)"; Paul "I-Madd" Scrubb with "Jumbie"; Kenroy "Jakie" Jack with "It's Carnival"; David "Chang-I" Morgan with "100 Percent Vincy"; Delahanty "Singing

Della" Isles with "Pay Attention;" and John "D Truth" Dougan with "Betrayal."

The others in that order were: Phillip "Phill Patch" Baptiste with "What's Up with You": Ramon "Jose Juan" Diaz with "International Airport"; Dennis Bowman with "Way e Dey"; Delano "Detector" Joseph with "I Will Be Happy"; Ronald "Puff-T" McDonald with "Wendy"; Anthony "Ras-X" Soleyn with "My Navel String Down in Vincyland"; Marvin "Bob MC" McDonald with "Mommy and Daddy"; Franklyn "Supadex" Richards with "Things I Will Like To See" and Gregory "Brother Don" Olive with "When is Lie is Lie, When is Truth is Truth."

Perennial contenders Earl "Exposer" Isles pulled out at the last minute because of hoarseness, and Vincent "Groovy D" Kenny is recovering from a recent stroke.

Unsurprisingly, all calypsonians, with whom Caribbean Life spoke after their respective performance, expressed confidence in making the semifinal round, notwithstanding the judges' final say.

"I feel good about the performance," said Bowman, the 2005 3rd place finalist in the National Calypso Competition, about his rendition that lamented the dearth of bill boards and signs about national hero, Garifuna Chief Joseph Chatoyer.

"The song was well-rendered," added Bowman, a Kingstown Park native, who has been singing calypso for nine years and was an original member of the defunct band Blak Sand.

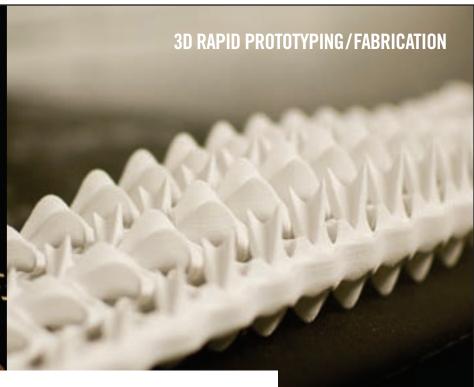
"I am confident that I will make the semifinals and finals, especially from the feedback I got after coming on stage," he added.

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About Chatoyer, Bowman said: "What he did for St. Vincent and the Grenadines, when you look around, you can hardly find a trace (information on bill boards and signs).







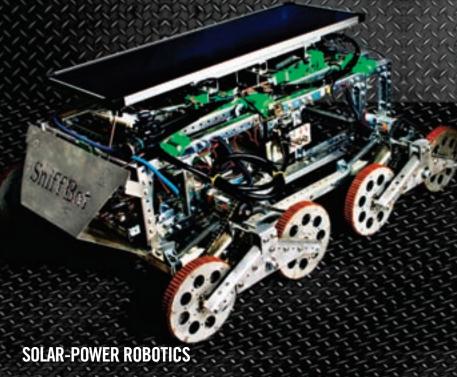
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File photo of Chennai Super Kings' bowler Dwayne Bravo, right, celebrating the dismissal of Delhi Daredevils batsman Ross Taylor, left, during their Indian Premier League (IPL) playoff cricket match in Chennai, India, last year.

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Bravo wins IPL Purple Cap

By Azad Ali

Newly appointed West Indies One-Day International captain Dwayne Bravo has won the Purple Cap for taking the most wickets in this year's Indian Premier League (IPL) which recently ended.

Bravo will lead the Caribbean side in the Champions Trophy beginning next week in the United Kingdom and was in top form grabbing a staggering 32 wickets this season.

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Junior Tourney in full swing

By Robert Elkin

It won't be long before the United States Open Tennis Tournament in various categories makes its annual stop at Flushing Meadow Corona Park in Queens. This will be the time of the year when the crowds gather in this venue and walking around could be tough.

In fact, on Thursday, June 20, the United States Tennis Association, the organization that conducts such a tourney, will stage its ball person tryouts at the USTA National Tennis Center, the site of the US Open. Registration starts at 3:00 p.m., followed by the actual tryouts. Anybody 14 years of age and over are eligible for the tryouts. And to work

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Mexico's Pablo Barrera, front, is challenged by Jamaica's Jermaine Hue during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match in Kingston, Jamaica, Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Mexico won 1-0.

AP Photo/Andres Leighton

Teams renew their fierce rivalry June 7

By Patrick Horne

Jamaica and the U.S men's national teams renew their fierce rivalry tonight (Friday, June 7) in a CONCACAF finalround World Cup qualifying showdown at the National Stadium in Kingston. The teams, though, are going into the game,

coming off different results: Jamaica, on Tuesday, three days earlier, lost to Mexico, 1-0, at the National Stadium in what was the fourth qualifying game for each, while the USA is coming off a 4-3 win over a weaken German national team.

In a very competitive match Tuesday

night, Jamaica failed to duplicate its good play that garnered a goalless draw in Mexico in the teams' first match-up earlier in the year. Only goal keeper Donovan Ricketts, with another stellar performance on the night, managed to repeat

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Mexico's Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez, right, fights for the ball with Jamaica's Daniel Gordon during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match in Kingston, Jamaica, Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Mexico won 1-0.

AP Photo/Andres Leighton

CONCACAF qualifying showdown

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his good play. The sharpness, work rate and smart play of the Reggae Boyz that hushed the full house at the awesome Azteca Stadium in Mexico City was missing; instead, we saw a well organized Jamaican team, including German-born Daniel Gordon in his Reggae Boyz debut, that needed a few extra practice sessions in finishing. Lone striker Ryan Johnson needed better service and support in the offensive third of the field. Johnson and teammates did produce scoring chances that scared the visitors, but Mexico's goal keeper Jesus Corona made the crucial saves.

Mexico, meanwhile, seemed to explore a Jamaican weakness on the night: the inability of the Jamaican defense to deal with high crosses in the penalty area. From the outset,

Mexico's strategy was to get the ball wide to its wingers to supply crosses into the penalty area; it created the most important moment in the game when Carlos Salcido overlapped on the left wing and crossed to Aldo De Negris for the winning goal in the 34th minute.

The much-needed win for Mexico (6 pts.), which drew its first three qualifiers, vaulted the Tri-Color to the top of the standing and brightens its hope of qualifying for Brazil 2014; Mexico plays in Panama tonight. Jamaica (2 pts.), with only two points from four games and taking on a positive USA team tonight, faces a much harder task of qualifying, but Reggae Boyz head coach Theodore Whitmore has a positive outlook.

"We know it's going to be tough, we set out on ten tough games," said Jamaica coach Theodore Whitmore. "We're very disappointed but we'll have to stay strong. We're still just one win away [from the qualifying places in the table]. We can definitely still turn it around."

The USA, celebrating its centennial anniversary last Sunday, surprised a sold out crowd of 47,359 at RFK Stadium in Washington DC and millions on television by scoring a 4-3 upset of the German National team. A Jozy Altidore strike in the 13th minute and a Clint Dempsey pair (60th,65th) in the second half, propped up by an own-goal, paced the U.S., which showed no effects of the 5-2, spanking by Belgium three days earlier.

The U. S. got another solid performance from Michael Bradley at midfield, who missed the Belgium game. Altidore, who played only the first half against Belgium, played most of the

game and showed the form that produced his 30-plus goals for his team I n the Dutch Premier League. Goal keeper Tim Howard played the entire game and put in another strong performance for the U. S. The Americans have always found the going tough in Jamaica; the last time there it suffered a 2-0 defeat in the earlier round.

The win puts the U.S. in a

The win puts the U.S. in a positive mood as it kicks of a three game stretch, which includes the second game on Tuesday against Panama in Seattle and a third on Tuesday, June 18 against Honduras in Sandy, Utah. Dempsey's goals put him at second on the U.S. all-time scoring list with 35, trailing leader Landon Donovan (49). Heik Westermann (35th) Max Kruse (78th) and Julian Draxler (82nd) scored for Germany.

U.S. WOMEN WIN

The U.S. women's national team was part of celebrating 100 years of organized soccer in the U.S. and traveled to BMO Filed in Toronto and defeated a stubborn Canadian national team, 3-0, on a pair of goals by Alex Morgan and a tally by Canada-born Sydney Leroux. Canada held the U.S. to a goalless first half until a change in the Canadian defense allowed Morgan enough room to tally twice. Canada went from a four-person backline to a three-person defense, which hurt the team's chances for a better result

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The New York Red Bulls lost its first match in eight games Saturday night, to Vancouver Whitecaps FC, 2-1, at Red Bull Arena in front of 19,969 spectators. The loss broke New York's unbeaten run (5-0-2) of seven games, its best in 10 years. In other MLS results, Columbus and Houston and Toronto FC and Philadelphia all played to 1-1 draws; Montreal topped Sporting KC, 2-1; Dallas and Colorado ended, 2-2; Real Salt Lake beat San Jose, 3-0; New England thrashed Los Angeles, 5-0; Chicago gave DC United its eleventh straight defeat, 2-0; and Seattle topped Chivas

Junior Tourney

Continued from page 51 at the US Open, the fourth stop of the Grand Slam Majors during the calendar year will be at stake.

"We'll probably take 70 to 80 kids depending on how many (number) come back to us," said Tina Taps, who works full time at the National Tennis Center, and is the director of the ball person tryouts. "A lot of our kids played in the Mayor's Cup (at one time), and/ or came from the New York Junior Tennis League year-round program. We look forward to another great crew."

Meanwhile, at press time, this same New York Junior Tennis League, which actually changed its name to become the New York Junior Tennis and Learning League or program, is conducting its Mayor's Cup competition broken down into various divisions for the middle school and high school divisions with action in the day time and early evening. The boy's singles competition started with a draw of 128 player.

Of course, all eyes will be focused on the boy's singles tournament.

One of the players who tested the courts in the actual Mayor's Cup competition showcasing the best singles netters and doubles teams in the City of New York, public and private schools, has the ability to go far come during his junior and senior years

at Forest Hill High. He has the ability to advance far. He is Jamell Forde, who plays third singles at First Hills High School.

During the same regular season ten got the regular season to go on the courts at the sis he and his teammates at Forest Hills High School at the time.

"It's fun to play competitive tennis," Forde said. "It's my second time playing in the tournament. The courts are vey nice. The tournament draws the best kids in the city."

Competition in the middle school division and individual categories is very good for the kids to build good character. Players and teams from such schools as Brooklyn Tech, Francis Lewis, Beach Channel, Horace Man, Trinity, Riverdale Cardozo and Stuyvesant have faced and are still facing tough and close competition.

Only teams and players from New York City private and public schools are eligible to compete in such a tournament. Coaches of the teams give their students pointers, and for some, parents are welcomed to watch the matches. At times college coaches come out and look at their future players.

On Sunday afternoon, the winner of both the boys and girls categories will be crowned in front of an anticipated large crowd.

Dwayne Bravo

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Bravo has attributed his success to bowling more over at the death.

Bravo took an impressive four wickets for 42 runs in his four for Chennai Super Kings who lost to Mumbai Indian in the final of the IPL last week.

He was among several West Indians who struck form during the sixth season of the multi-million dollar tournament.

Others include Darren Sammy for the Sunrisers Hyderbad, Sunil Narine, with the Kolkata Knight Riders and Chris Gayle's record breaking batting performances with the Royal Challengers Bangalore.

"It is a good tournament for us West Indians, and we hope to continue doing well and are looking forward to the next IPL.

Right now, it is good to have so many West Indians in form ahead of the Champions Trophy," said Brayo.



Coaches selected for Caribbean Premier League

Harper and Ambrose - Guyana

Former West Indies Head Coach Roger Harper and former West Indies fast bowler Curtly Ambrose are taking up coaching assignments for the Guyana franchise. Harper will be the head coach and Ambrose the assistant. Sunil Narine is the franchise player for Guyana and Mohammed Hafeez is the international star. The Caribbean Premier League is scheduled to start in July.

Desmond Haynes and Robin Singh - Barbados

Former West Indies opening batsman and assistant coach Desmond Haynes will be the head coach for the Barbados franchise and Robin Singh will be his assistant. Kieron Pollard is the franchise player and Pakistani batsman Shoaib Malik the international star.

Paul Nixon and Junior Bennett -



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Jamaica

Paul Nixon and Junior Bennett will be coaching the Jamaica franchise as head coach and assistant respectively. Chris Gayle is the franchise player and off spinner Sri Lankan Muttiah Muralitharan is the international star.

Andy Roberts and Matthew Maynard - St. Lucia

West Indies captain Darren Sammy is the franchise player for St. Lucia and Hers Chelle Gibbs the international star. Andy Roberts will be the head coach and Matthew Maynard his assistant.

Gordon Greenidge and David Williams - Trinidad & Tobago

West Indies One-Day International captain Dwayne Bravo will captain the Trinidad and Tobago team while New Zealand batsman Ross Taylor is the international franchise player.

Sir Vivian Richards to - Antigua

Marlon Samuels is the franchise player while Ricky Ponting is the international star. Sir Vivian Richards is the head coach and Philip DeFreitas is his assistant.

Beaton and Hemraj for High Performance Centre

Fast bowler Ronsford Beaton and middle order batsman Chanderpaul Hemraj are at the High Performance Center at the Uni-



Former West Indies fast bowler Curtly Ambrose to coach Guyana franchise.

AP Photo/Max Nash

versity of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus to pursue a series of academic other studies to enhance their abilities. Beaton is 20 and Hemraj is 19. Beaton has played 14 first class matches and Hemraj, three. Other players at the HPC are discarded West Indies opening batsman Adrian Griffith, Barbados opening Kraigg Brathwaite, John Campbell of Jamaica, all-rounder Kyle Mayers and all-rounder Raymon Reifer of Barbados.

Samuels, Roach and Rampaul Must Perform for

Windies to Win

The performances of West Indies bowlers Ravi RamPaul, Marlon Samuels and Kemar Roach will be key if the West Indies is to win the champions trophy, these bowlers do very well with the ball under those conditions and the West Indies must bowl very well in order to win the Champions Trophy. West Indies batting is super strong but Dwayne Bravo, the West Indies captain, must target certain batsmen and use a tactical approach to get these batsmen out. If West Indies bowlers do well to contain the flow of runs from their opponents, then I see them going back to the Caribbean as One-Day champions. One main factor is that the West Indies batsmen must carry on with their good starts to ensure that they get big scores. Captain Dwayne Bravo must focus on his batting and try to spend more time at the wicket.





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- 17. *Peyton or Eli to Archie
- 18. Eight performers
- 19. *"Married... with Children" dad
- 21. *"All in the Family" dad
- 23. For every
- 24. ____ or swim
- 25. *"Modern Family" dad
- 28. *Aaron Spelling's daughter
- 30. Oxygen holder
- 35. 3rd and 5th in Manhattan, e.g.
- 37. Court of law opener
- 39. "____ Circus"
- 40. Give a traffic ticket
- 41. Walkway
- 43. eBay offers
- 44. Twig of willow tree
- 46. Ticket leftover
- 47. Nose-in-the-air type
- 48. Home to Sarajevo
- 50. Seaward
- 52. Give it a go

- 53. Civil rights concern
- 55. Put two and two together

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- 60. *Pa to Laura Ingalls
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- 67. Dolphin home
- 68. Work the dough
- 69. Aggravate
- 70. Become established
- 71. Immeasurably long period
- 72. Busy flyer
- 73. Network of nerves

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- 1. Sky bear
- 2. Auction off
- 3. Block of granite, e.g.
- 4. Increase rpms
- 5. "Piece of cake!"
- 6. I. to Claudius
- 7. Hawaiian veranda
- 8. It measures rpms
- 9. Not in favor of
- 10. Curved molding
- 11. Workout segment
- 13. Proclaimed true without proof
- 15. Make so one can't get out
- 20. Be limp
- 22. DNA transmitter
- 24. Tropical naps
- 25. *Father of the twelve tribes of

Israel

- 26. Dispatch boat
- 27. Abominable snowmen
- 29. Swedish shag rugs
- 31. Barbecued anatomy
- 32. Time on the job
- 33. Eagerness
- 34. *He played Cliff Huxtable on TV
- 36. "As ____ on TV"
- 38. *Greek father to all gods
 - 42. African sorcery
- 45. Off-color
- 49. Afflict
- 51. *Presidential and Founding father
- 54. Wing it
- 56. Comparative of dry
- 57. Buggy terrain
- 58. Three-layer cookie
- 59. Indian bread
- 60. Devil's
- 61. Better than never?
- 62. Give off
- 63. Cosine's buddy
- 64. *Jenna's presidential dad.
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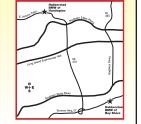
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