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Read All About It

By Bert Wilkinson

A new book on a massive visa-for-sale racket the U.S. State Department busted at its mission in Guyana 13 years ago has hit international newsstands, providing sordid details of how a Chicago-born former junior foreign service officer sold hundreds of visas to Guyanese including convicts and used a renegade police squad led by two government-favored senior police officers to kill or brutalize locals who had tried to expose him.

Thomas Carroll who was in April 2001 sentenced by a Chicago court to 21 years in prison for his part in heading up a long-running racket at the mission where he sold more than 800 visas for about \$10,000 each, had worked at the embassy for two years before he was busted as he tried to hand over the racket, contacts and visa brokers to his successor who had helped to blow the whistle on him.

The book, "The Thomas Carroll Affair -- A Journey Through The Cottage Industry of Illegal Immigration", is written by New York writer David Casavis who spent long periods in Guyana conducting interviews and researching the case. He also spent months with investigators at diplomatic security offices at the State Department.

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Residents make their way through the flooded streets of Port of Spain, Trinidad.
Photo by Desmond Brown/IPS

RISING OCEAN LEVELS

Where The Seas Come Ashore

By Desmond Brown

KINGSTON, Jun 25 2013 (IPS) - It has taken just eight inches of water for Jamaica to be affected by rising sea levels, with parts of the island nation disappearing completely, threatening people's livelihoods and much more.

"People speak about the likeli-

hood of Barbuda disappearing in 40 years, but this is a reality in Jamaica at the present time," Conrad Douglas, a Jamaican scientist who has published more than 350 reports on environmental management and related topics, told IPS.

He pointed to the example of

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Barbados

Former senior government minister Dr. Timothy Harris has described “instability” as the political climate in St. Kitts and Nevis and that opposition politicians will launch a fresh campaign to get the National Assembly to debate a motion of no confidence in Prime Minister Dr. Denzil Douglas.

“We are going to begin our mobilization of our people, of our stakeholder groups to say that our prime minister cannot continue to be a rogue. St. Kitts and Nevis must not continue by and large to be a pariah nation in its practice of democracy.

In April, the six opposition legislators filed a motion in the court on the grounds that under Section 52 (6) of St. Kitts - Nevis Constitution they had a right to bring a motion of no-confidence and that right was violated by the failure of the executive, including the House Speaker, to bring the matter before the Parliament.

The MPs are also asking the court to declare that the motion must be heard as a matter of urgency or least with reasonable time. The Court will hear the matter on July 11 and Prime Minister Douglas has already said he would not be debating the motion of no confidence until the Court hands down its ruling.

Guyana

A student of the Government Technical Institute, who allegedly hid three nine-millimeter caliber bullets in his mouth, was recently refused bail and remanded to prison on a charge of possession of ammunition without a license.

Nineteen-year-old Frane Mikhail Braithwaite pleaded not guilty to the charge when he appeared before City Magistrate Fabayo Azore. Although defense lawyer Mark Waldron maintained that his client was innocent, the magistrate upheld the prosecutor's submissions for opposing reasonable bail.

Braithwaite of 41 Station St., Kitty, was remanded to prison until June 26 for the commencement of a trial. The prosecutor told the court that the offence of possession of ammunition without a license was prevalent in Guyana and the defense has not advanced any special reason to the courts for bail to be granted to the accused.



Rally for anti-sodomy law

Jamaican churchgoers hold signs while attending an anti-gay rally in Kingston, Jamaica, Sunday, June 23, 2013. Several church pastors in Jamaica led a revival meeting Sunday to oppose efforts to overturn the Caribbean country's anti-sodomy law and turn back what they see as increasing acceptance of homosexuality. See story on page 22.

AP Photo/David McFadden

Police alleged in the charge that Braithwaite had the three rounds in a small Ziploc bag which was in his mouth, during the time that he was stopped and searched after he was found to be acting in a suspicious manner. Braithwaite was arrested and subsequently charged after he could not produce a license.

Haiti

A United Nations food relief agency says it remains “extremely concerned” by the plight of 1.5 million people in Haiti who need food assistance following extreme weather conditions and poor harvests.

In addition to the 1.5 million people facing food insecurity, the World Food Program (WFP) said a further 6.7 million people in the impoverished, French-speaking Caribbean country are struggling to meet their own food needs on a regular basis.

Before the hurricane season, which runs from June to November, WFP said it had pre-positioned emergency supplies to cover the needs of \$300,000 people for two days with ready-to-use food and for four weeks with staple food rations.



The agency also said it had established agreements with 15 partners and had begun emergency distribution to 200,000 beneficiaries through schools in the worst-affected communities.

WFP spokesperson Elisabeth Byrs told reporters here that the agency plans to assist 1.1 million people in 2013, more than half of them children, through school meals and specialized food to treat malnutrition.

Meanwhile, the National Coordination for Food Security identified 44 communes in Haiti, where the prevalence of severe food insecurity was above 50 percent of the rural population.

WFP said it is also providing about 34,000 vulnerable people in rural areas with income opportunities via cash for assets programs.

But Byrs said WFP urgently needs US \$17.2 million in funding to meet these needs and that the agency is currently facing a shortfall of US \$1.5 million to cover emergency preparedness.

Jamaica

The Jamaica Manufacturers' Association (JMA) has called for the resignation of Foreign Affairs

and Foreign Trade Minister AJ Nicholson as the fall out continues over the alleged trade dispute between Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

The JMA said that Nicholson had contradicted earlier statements by Industry, Investment and Commerce Minister Anthony Hylton, who had promised to take the trade issues as far as the Trinidad-based Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ).

The CCJ, established in 2001 to replace the London based Privy Council as the region's final court, also acts as an international tribunal interpreting the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas that governs the 15-member regional grouping.

St. Lucia

A police officer who was caught last year with drugs while on court duty was recently sent to prison for two years.

Police Constable Dervin Wilson was sentenced to two years each

for the possession of a controlled drug and possession with the intent to supply a controlled drug.

Both sentences will run concurrently, which means he will serve only two years in prison.

Wilson had pleaded not guilty but following a trial he was found guilty on May 7, 2013 and sentenced recently when he appeared in the Gros Islet court.

Wilson, who functioned as the High Court orderly, was suspected of passing drugs to prison officers.

He was reportedly searched on the morning of July 31, 2012 outside the High Court while he was in full police uniform and a quantity of cannabis was found on his person.

Suriname

A Dutch student was killed and three others injured following a vehicular accident here recently, police said. They said that the unnamed 21-year-old female student was part of a group of Dutch students and Surinamese



nationals in a minibus returning from the popular Ston Eiland holiday resort in the Brokopondo district.

The police said, apart from the Dutch nationals, four locals were injured and three of the injured have been hospitalized. Media reports said that the bus was travelling down a hill when the brakes failed and the vehicle flipped over.

In December last year, a minibus carrying eight Dutch tourists overturned on the same Afobakka Highway.

Trinidad

The Trinidad and Tobago Police are seeking assistance from Google in connection with the probe into the e-mail messages, which were revealed on May 29 by Opposition Leader Dr Keith Rowley in Parliament during a no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar. Google is the domain that hosts one of the e-mail addresses used in the alleged discussions.

The series of e-mails alleged a conspiracy among certain sen-

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Newly-elected President of the General Assembly Ambassador John Ashe of Antigua and Barbuda (right) is congratulated by current President Vuk Jeremic.
Photo by United Nations

Antiguan envoy is new president of U.N. Assembly

By Nelson A. King

The United Nations General Assembly has elected by acclamation Amb. John W. Ashe of Antigua and Barbuda as president of its upcoming 68th session.

Taking the floor immediately after his election, Ashe, who is Antigua and Barbuda's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, said that in 18 months, the world body would launch an agenda for sustainable development for all, which "may very well be the boldest and most ambitious project that the United Nations has ever had to accomplish.

"In order to succeed, the General Assembly needs to be equally bold, ambitious and collaborative if we are to rise to the task we are about to undertake and ensure its completion," he said, adding "failure is not an option. Let us show the world we can be bold and decisive in our actions."

While it was important to draw on past experiences, lessons learnt from the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Ashe said that it would also be important to reflect on new and emerging development challenges, with attention to two main goals: overcoming poverty and ensuring sustainable development.

New and revised part-

nerships are paramount in integrating economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainability, the president elect said.

"The post-2015 development agenda must represent the evolution in the thinking of the international community," he said, adding: "To say it more clearly, development in general and sustainable development in particular is the work of the General Assembly. It is our reason for being".

Looking forward to bringing to fruition many outcomes of the U.N. Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Ashe said the theme he has chosen for the 68th session will be the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Setting the Stage.

"Let's forge ahead with dogged determination," he declared.

Offering his congratulations to Ashe, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon paid tribute to his "impressive experience", which included co-chairmanship of the Bureau for the Preparatory Process of the Rio+20 Conference, chairmanship of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary) and Group of 77 and service on the governing bodies of major United Nations environmental agreements.

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Guyana Independence Anniversary Awards Gala

14 honored at Tri-State Alliance event

By Tangerine Clarke

"In Unity There Is Strength" - the motto of the Guyana Tri-State Alliance, truly spoke to the togetherness and camaraderie that was evident at Brooklyn Borough Hall last weekend, when a capacity crowd commemorated Guyana's 47th Independence Anniversary with an Awards Presentation and Cultural Showcase.

Guyana's Golden Arrowhead independence awards, New York City Council Proclamations, and Brooklyn Borough Hall Citations were presented to Beverly Drake, Henry E. Muttoo, Muriel Glasgow, Rozanna Beaumont, Romesh D. Kalicharran, Holly Persaud, Allison Skette, and Glen Khan. Special honors were bestowed on Pandit Ramall, Kenton Kirby and Jared McCallister proclamations. Olympians Aliann Pompey, Jeremy Bascom, and Winston George also received special medals.

Before presenting the expatriates with proclamations, NYC Councilman Mathieu Eugene, in a salute to the Guyanese



Kenton K. Kirby, editor-in-chief of Caribbean Life Newspaper (third from left), gets a hand from Councilmember Mathieu Eugene, Patricia Jordan-Langford, president of the Guyana Tri-State Alliance, and Deputy Consul General, NY, M.R. Khan after receiving accolades from NY City Council, Brooklyn Borough Hall and The Guyana Tri-State Alliance.
Photo by Tangerine Clarke

people, referring to them as "a vibrant, diverse community with the power to work together to achieve their goals for success"

and, proclaiming himself as Guyanese-born, from the Berbice community, the Haitian-born councilman acknowledged the sup-

port to the fraternity from Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, adding that he was proud to serve

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Cuba, US try talking, but face many obstacles

By Paul Haven

HAVANA (AP) — They've hardly become allies, but Cuba and the U.S. have taken some baby steps toward rapprochement in recent weeks that have people on this island and in Washington wondering if a breakthrough in relations could be just over the horizon.

Skeptics caution that the Cold War enemies have been here many times before, only to fall back into old recriminations. But there are signs that views might be shifting on both sides of the Florida Straits.

In the past week, the two

countries have held talks on resuming direct mail service, and announced a July 17 sit-down on migration issues. In May, a U.S. federal judge allowed a convicted Cuban intelligence agent to return to the island. This month, Cuba informed the family of jailed U.S. government subcontractor Alan Gross that it would let an American doctor examine him, though the visit has apparently not yet happened. President Raul Castro has also ushered in a series of economic and social changes, including making it easier for Cubans to travel off the island.

Under the radar, diplomats on both sides describe a sea change in the tone of their dealings.

Only last year, Cuban state television was broadcasting grainy footage of American diplomats meeting with dissidents on Havana streets and publically accusing them of being CIA frontmen. Today, U.S. diplomats in Havana and Cuban Foreign Ministry officials have easy contact, even sharing home phone numbers.

Josefina Vidal, Cuba's top diplomat for North American affairs, recently traveled to Washington and met twice with State Depart-

ment officials — a visit that came right before the announcements of resumption in the two sets of bilateral talks that had been suspended for more than two years. Washington has also granted visas to prominent Cuban officials, including the daughter of Cuba's president.

"These recent steps indicate a desire on both sides to try to move forward, but also a recognition on both sides of just how difficult it is to make real progress," said Robert Pastor, a professor of international relations at American Univer-

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Book on U.S.-Guyana visa racket

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compiling details about the racket that American officials had acknowledged as one of the worst in its history.

Casavis provided details of many unexplained killings and beatings of ordinary citizens that Guyanese authorities say they will now investigate more thoroughly.

He said Carroll had used a heavily armed rogue police squad to kill or brutalize businessmen who had heard about the racket, wanted to cash in on it by providing people who were willing to pay the sale fee, but were rebuffed by Carroll because they were too persistent in calling him at work, visiting him at home or were deemed to be too talkative and risky.

The squad was led by disgraced Superintendent Leon Fraser who was himself gunned down in April 2002 in still-unexplained

circumstances.

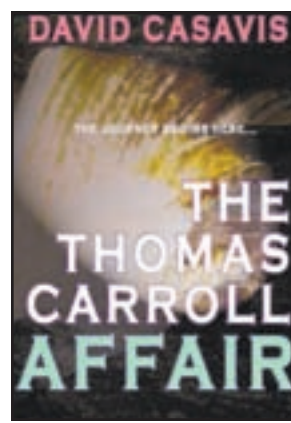
The writer details how Carroll had difficulty hiding millions of American dollars he had compiled, converting some into gold bars, hiding some in safe-deposit boxes in Barbados and other countries and using couriers to ferry cash to Chicago. Carroll had invested in a local mining company to provide cover for the gold bars that federal agents later confiscated.

Casavis said that the book is about a story of "a small corrupt country and how an American Embassy official looted it. It is also a story of illegal immigration."

The book is on Amazon. Com.

In one case involving the police, Casavis said, businessman Jamal Shabazz had heard of the racket, wanted to cash in and also had wanted to obtain visas for his two young sons.

He called the embassy often to speak with an



angry Carroll who had refused to take his calls. Growing increasingly desperate, Shabazz wrote Carroll, threatening to report the racket to Ambassador James Mack. Carroll in turn simply sent Fraser and the goon squad to his home to kill him, but he hid from them.

"They tore the place apart. They broke the furniture into small pieces. The damage was total," Casavis said of the cops who were looking to kill Shabazz.

In another case, Fraser and his men barged into the home of two Guyanese Rastafarians and shot them dead to cover an attack that Carroll had ordered.

Apprehension over rising tides

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a set of cays called Pedro Cays, of which one "has completely disappeared".

Pedro Cays are four small, flat (two to five metres high), low-lying and mostly uninhabited cays. The sparse land vegetation consists of six species of plants, none of which are endemic. The cays are regionally important seabird nesting and roosting areas, and they also provide several endangered turtle species, such as hawksbills and loggerheads, with nesting grounds.

More than 400 Jamaicans live for months at a time on the island's Pedro Cays, which are the primary harvesting area for the largest export of Queen Conch from the Caribbean region.

Douglas said the disappearance of the cays is affecting people's livelihoods, incomes and lifestyles, "exposing us to all sort of other problems that could threaten the security of the country and of the region".

Should the phenomenon

continue, and "if we don't adapt", the entire planet will physically change, he warned.

Scientists have warned that as the seas continue to swell, they will swallow entire island nations from the Maldives to the Marshall Islands, inundate vast areas of countries from Bangladesh to Egypt, and submerge parts of scores of coastal cities.

"We've heard the horror stories of some islands in the Pacific already disappearing, so time is certainly not on our hands," Kenneth Darroux, Dominica's minister of the environment, told IPS. "The time for action is now."

Even though Caribbean countries contribute minimally to the causes of climate change that lead to issues such as sea level rise, these countries are the ones who stand to lose the most, Darroux said.

The United Nations has estimated that by the year 2100 the Marshall Islands could be swamped by

encroaching waves.

While climate change has the potential to make islands disappear, it also affects people and places globally and can severely damage quality of life.

The World Health Organisation blames 150,000 deaths per year on the effects of climate change, including extreme weather, drought, heat waves, decreased food production and the increased spread of diseases like malaria.

Scientists also warn that if current carbon dioxide emission trends continue, the world's coral reefs could be virtually destroyed by 2050.

Finding resources

Darroux said one of the biggest challenges faced by small island developing states like Dominica in dealing climate change has to do resources, financial and otherwise.

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Costly reconstruction of Haiti slum

By Correspondents

PORT-AU-PRINCE, June 19, 2013 (Haiti Grassroots Watch) - Three years after its star-studded launch by President René Préal, actor Sean Penn and other Haitian and foreign dignitaries, the model “Corail-Cesselesse” camp for Haiti’s 2010 earthquake victims has helped give birth to what might become the country’s most expansive – and most expensive – slum.

Known collectively as “Canaan”, “Jerusalem” and “ONAville”, the new shantytown spread across 1,100-hectares is here to stay, Haitian officials told Haiti Grassroots Watch (HGW). Taxpayers and foreign donors will likely spend hundreds of millions to urbanise the region and as much as another 64 million U.S. dollars to pay off landowners, who are threatening to sue the government and humanitarian agencies.

Three years after its launch, the multimillion-dollar model camp located 18 kilometres northeast of the capital of Port-au-Prince is today surrounded by tens of

thousands of squatters’ shacks and homes that have become a source of embarrassment for local and international actors alike.

Before the earthquake, most of this arid, rocky expanse running from the outskirts of Port-au-Prince up to Cabaret was largely empty. Much of it is owned by the Haitian firm NABATEC S.A, which since 1999 had tried to develop it into an “integrated economic zone” (IEZ) called “Habitat Haiti 2020 .

The Habitat Haiti 2020 plan included industrial parks, single- and multi-unit housing for various income levels, schools, green spaces and a shopping mall. A Korean company and a U.S.-based humanitarian group had already purchased land within its perimeter, and on the eve of the quake, NABATEC was holding discussions with a number of foreign firms interested in setting up factories and was preparing to break ground.

“It was a 15-year, 2-billion-billion dollar project, and everyone had already given their approval, including the Haitian



A typical Canaan hillside, with many houses under construction. HGW/Milo Milfort

government and the World Bank,” according to Gérald Emile “Aby” Brun, an architect, the president of NABATEC and vice president of the TECINA S.A. planning and construction firm.

“We can’t move them out... The idea is to reorganise the space so that people can live.”

-- Odnell David

A 2011 World Bank study of potential IEZ sites ranked it best out of 21 possibilities around the country, calling it potentially “high-performing” and “the clearest application of the IEZ concept among any proposed project in

Haiti”.

MODEL CAMP LEADS TO DISASTER

Today, the plans have been shelved. The once empty landscape is now home to perhaps 100,000 people: 10,000 in the planned camps and the rest squatters. And they aren’t going anywhere.

“We can’t move them out,” Haitian government planner Odnell David told HGW in an exclusive interview. “The idea is to reorganise the space so that people can live.”

Haiti gets \$15M IDB grant

By Nelson A. King

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) says it has furnished a \$15 million grant to Haiti to support policy, legal and institutional reforms in the agricultural sector.

The Washington-based financial institution said farming plays a “fundamental role in the Haitian economy,” accounting for around half of the country’s jobs and almost one quarter of national income.

“The new grant is the second in a series of programmatic operations that provide the Haitian government budget support as some of its key agencies address constraints affecting agriculture,” the IDB said.

It said “these fast-disbursing grants complement other larger, multi-year agriculture investment projects” financed by the IDB and other donors in Haiti.

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LIAT invests in new aircraft

By Azad Ali

The financially-strapped regional airline LIAT is spending US\$100 million in a re-fleeting exercise.

The airline said the French-manufactured ATR is being leased from the lessor GE Capital Aviation Services (GECAS).

The airline said in a statement: "The introduction of these

"The introduction of these brand new ATR-600s in LIAT's current fleet of 14 aircraft is a part restructuring plans aiming at fleet modernization and network improvements."

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LIAT's new ATR 72-600 aircraft.

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at fleet modernization and network improvements."

At the moment, the Antigua-based carrier has a fleet of 18 Dash-8 aircraft, with 15 that have a seating capacity of 50 and three 37-seater.

LIAT, which flies to 21 destinations in the Caribbean, has put a price tag of US\$100 million on the re-fleeting exercise and said it is seeking to borrow between US\$60 million and US\$70 million from the Barbados-based Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

The airline last December unveiled a new business plan

it said would help reverse and EC\$34 million loss in 2011 while projecting a two percent profit in 2013.

The LIAT statement said the line-up of the full new generation ATR model range will allow LIAT to optimize their fleet on their pan-Caribbean network with aircraft of one same family, offering both 50-and 70-seat capacity.

LIAT said the new ATR 72-600 should be in service before the end of the month with the remaining aircraft expected for delivery during 2013 and 2014.

Caribbean Airlines faces restructuring

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaican Dennis Lalor will be the voice of accountability, balance and stability when the new board of directors of Caribbean Airlines (CAL) convenes its next meeting.

Named with the new interim chairman, Phillip Marshall, the new replacements will be tasked with revamping and implementing cost-cutting policies at the airline.

Allegedly, CAL has accumulated heavy losses of more than \$100 million.

The exact figure was reportedly closer to \$110, a figure which includes \$40 million in government subsidies.

Trinidad's Finance Minister Larry Howai said much of the debt was incurred when the airline purchased planes.

He said he recently instructed restructuring of the balance sheet and added that the airline would have to borrow and replace cash in order to remain solvent.

In order to fulfill this he announced replacement of the board of directors of the airline.

Howai said the new board will have to outline measures to reverse the downturn in revenue. Howai blamed a chunk of CAL's losses on routes served by Air Jamaica.

He attributed the preliminary unaudited figures of \$32 million of the \$70 million hemorrhaged on Air Jamaica routes and particularly the London route. He added that the latter reason accounted for a major part of the losses.

To remedy some of the problems Howai said: "On the Jamaica route, it has cut flights to Jamaica and on the London route it has terminated the wet-leasing arrangement."

Those radical decisions he said will "significantly reduce the losses of the airline during this year".

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Kanye West's 'New Slaves' and the Hip-Hop/slavery complex

By R. Kayeen Thomas,
Author/Social Justice Advocate

Let me begin by saying that I appreciate any mainstream rap song that can convince me it's more than a massive collision of overused genitalia, black urban corpses, and Ciroc. The sad reality is that after I realized Mos Def and Talib Kweli weren't starting their own labels and tagging protégés, I intentionally began dumbing myself down. Now, give me 6-8 bars without mentioning a blown out back and I might look you up on iTunes. Seriously...that's where I am right now. Every blue moon I'm pleasantly surprised by a Kendrick Lamar or Macklemore, and I run around shouting their praises from the rooftops and playing their albums so frequently that my four year old daughter feels comfortable telling her mother not to kill her vibe and her classmate that he smells like R. Kelly's sheets. But music is a perishable commodity. Eventually, no matter how ripe it was when you brought it, it gets old and stale, and you're inclined to go and shop for something fresh again.

So I was excited when, in my search for fresh fruit from the hip-hop tree, I came across Kanye West's "New Slaves." It took me back to the old Col-

lege Dropout and Late Registration Kanye. You remember him, right? The thoughtful, wet behind the ears producer-turned-rapper and faithful boyfriend with his jaw newly wired? How many times in the last decade have I thought to myself "Man, I miss the old Kanye?" And boom, there he was, projected onto the side of an apartment building! God had surely heard my cries.

But in the midst of listening to the song, it dawned on me that rappers (and authors for that matter) who try and create art with some substance to it tend to be in a very convenient, yet dangerous position. Kanye West can say "we're the new slaves", but doesn't have to explain himself any more than he does in the 16 bars he's allotted. Listeners will take the art for art's sake, take what they want to from it, and go on about their lives. I wrote a novel about a rapper that gets transported back into the antebellum slavery period, but I don't have to explain myself any more than is implied in the plot of the book. Most of the people who read my work will never engage me personally, which forces me to grapple with the fact that the novel will be interpreted based on their own personal perceptions, and not from the perspec-

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No passport, no love

By Tekeshia Austin

Nancy's mother Gale came down with a terrible cough and fever in December 2011. She saw numerous doctors in her home country of Guatemala. Each one sent her home with a recipe for a home remedy. Nancy could not bear to watch her mother go through the aches and pains any longer. She knew she had to do something to help. She always heard how great the doctors were in the United States of America so she decided to take her chances and bring her mother to America in hopes that she fared a better chance of recovery. Nancy and her mother found refuge in Jefferson, Florida. They made a living by cleaning restaurants at night in order to save money to see a doctor. Even though they did not have insurance they were finally able to get a visit with Dr. Paul at the neighborhood clinic. Dr. Paul knew Nancy and her mother's situation and agreed to see her Gale for \$100. Nancy was so happy that her mother was finally able to see a doctor. They were able to set aside \$300.00 to cover the medical

The long war over health care appears to be coming to an end.

expenses. Nancy's excitement soon faded once she found out that her mother's condition was worse than she thought. Gale had been diagnosed with pneumonia. The treatment for this would be expensive and include a blood test and a lung x-ray. A visit that started off as \$100 would now cost Nancy \$1,700. Nancy was discouraged and saddened over the diagnosis and cost. She thought to herself, "What more can I do?"

"Home of the free and land of the brave", that is the message we send around the world to millions of foreigners with big dreams seeking refuge. "O sweet America", how lucky we seem in comparison to the many underdeveloped countries... yet we have about 50 million uninsured people living in this country (Boffey, 2012). How lucky are we if every year millions of individuals get sick in this coun-

try and stay sick because they are unable to afford healthcare? Or if even after having health insurance, one could be left with thousands of dollars in medical bills because an insurance company has denied a claim.

The United States has been fighting a long war on healthcare reform and it seems like the war is coming to a close or so it seems, with the Affordable Care Act transitioning into effect for early 2014 with so much promises of improving healthcare, everything should be solved and every person living in the United States of America should be in safe hands if they should fall sick.... Right? No, unfortunately millions of Americans will still not be safe from the evils of healthcare. To be exact about 23 million people will feel no impact from the reform. Of those approximately seven million will be undocumented immigrants (Joseph, 2013)

The affordable Care Act promises to increase access to affordable health coverage and contain cost (Reid, 2010). One of the big changes in health-

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Celebrating our small retailers

By Matthew Shay

This month marks the 50th annual celebration of National Small Business Week. This year it's important to make sure we celebrate small retailers for the role they play in strengthening communities, creating jobs and driving economic growth.

Every president since John F. Kennedy, who signed the first proclamation in 1963, has taken part in this tradition—which provides us all with the opportunity to reflect on the important role small businesses play in the economy and in communities across the country.

The small corner store of your youth was more than just a place

to purchase goods. It was a place where citizens could gather, check in with fellow residents, and catch up on the latest news. These small business retailers are imbedded in the fabric of our lives.

Unfortunately, retailers are not always thought of as small businesses despite the vital role they play. From a policy perspective, that can have a negative impact on both retailers and the broader small business community as a whole.

We have to remember that of the more than half of Americans that work for or own a small business, many are retailers. It should come as no surprise that small businesses are driving this recov-

ery. Small businesses employ just under half of the private workforce in the U.S. and over the past 20 years have created 60 percent of the new jobs added according to the Small Business Administration.

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Brazil's social stirrings upsetting the status quo?

There's been some attention paid, media-wise, to what's been happening in Brazil recently. But bearing in mind these developments could well be the makings of a seismic shift capable of profoundly disrupting Brazil's social order, should there perhaps be a bigger, sharper lens now trained on Brazil?

Protesters first took to the streets in several cities more than a week ago in what many observers seemed to think were the elements of eruption lying just beneath the surface and ready to pop at the faintest hint of ignition. That came in the form of assailing a hike in the cost of public transport. But it became immediately clear that the fare hike was hardly the sum total of aggravations roiling demonstrators who, in one evening, aggregated approximately one million, according to police estimates.

As stories go, what makes this Brazil episode undeniably a keeper is what, in large part, has been driving the protests. Football, often-times referred to as the country's unofficial religion, is at the center of much of the anger being vented by the demonstrating masses. Specifically, and startlingly so, the World Cup, which Brazil will be hosting

next year. It is nothing short of a leap into the surreal to imagine Brazilians being highly aggrieved over preparations being made to accommodate the 2014 tournament. And one gets a clear sense that this is no fringe action, but a movement with respectable traction, based on the number of those participating, the geographical expanse of the protests and some of the individuals who've not hesitated to identify with it. Former national team member Zico was mentioned by Britain's Guardian as one of several former players on Brazil's team who have been warning of widespread public dissatisfaction. The Guardian quoted Zico: "The population of Brazil seems distant from the World Cup because of what people see as corruption and the overspend on the stadiums and the lack of transparency."

By contrast, it's incredulous learning of reports that the stock of Brazil's greatest of all football legends, the incomparable Pele, has taken a hit in the public square, after he made known his view that he did not support demonstrating against the building of stadiums for the World Cup. Ronaldo, perhaps the country's biggest 21st century football superstar to date, was

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

reported to be likewise tarred for also suggesting that the construction of stadiums was unavoidably part of the equation. Anti-Pele and anti-Ronaldo sentiment may very well not be the prevailing one. The very fact of its existence in some proportion, however, sufficient to rate honorable mention as contributing to a perceived sea change, is a veritable shock wave to an ingrained football culture that cedes ground to nothing else as the country's rightful imprimatur.

Get a load of this Associated Press report about a scenario just when the protest wave was getting started, which further dramatizes the paradigm shift that looks to be underway: "In the north-eastern city of Salvador, where Brazil's national football team played Italy and won 4-2 in a Confederations Cup match, about 5,000 protesters gathered three miles from the stadium, shouting demands for better schools and transportation and

denouncing heavy spending on next year's World Cup." Again, the Confederations Cup being regarded as somewhat of a World Cup preview, one imagines many more thousands of the Brazilian fans in the stadium more engaged with the team's winning performance than with other issues. Traditionally, that would be a view universally held. This sudden manifestation of people power in an environment so hallowed as football is as solidly indicative of an appetite for change as one could think possible in Brazil.

Not to be lost in the fray as we try to process these developments, is that young people are apparently pretty well represented among the protesters. It is not by accident that a charge of the state coming up markedly short in the education sector is invariably front and center among dissident gripes. There has been the suggestion, too, that residual hurt remains among young people from the ghastly nightclub fire last January in the city of Santa Maria when 242 persons perished – a calamity, which some reportedly blamed on the government's lax fire laws.

For the country's president, Dilma Rousseff, this tumult in the streets is potentially the biggest cri-

sis she is facing since assuming the presidency in 2011. A former socialist agitator who was imprisoned for her actions in opposition to Brazil's onetime military dictatorship, Rousseff must deal today with pushback from the very populist ranks to which she was once so committed. Responding to the demonstrations, she has already scaled back the fare increase, but that is obviously not about to appease protesters. For the president, there's the very real concern of this protest movement escalating to levels where the World Cup happenings could become seriously jeopardized. Seeing that one of the thorny issues -- besides those long-standing concerns about infrastructure, crime, high prices, etc -- seems to be a sense that the Brazilian masses are getting short shrift as opposed to the welcome mat being laid down for World Cup visitors, maybe doing a quick fix of that perception should assume priority status forthwith.

Then there's always the hope of seeing what dividends might accrue from the scheduled visit of Pope Francis in July. But dividends are no certainty. They've dissed Pele, didn't they? Could anyone be sacred?



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Hip-Hop slavery complex

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 tive from which it was written. I assume Kanye struggles with the same problem. Somebody somewhere heard Kanye's new song and took it completely out of context, probably twisting the message enough to reinforce their own racist ideologies. Kanye can't stop that from happening any more than I can, and frankly, it's scary as hell to think about.

So this is my effort to retaliate and provide clarity. Of course, I can't speak for Kanye, but we're similarly minded people. I think he'd be okay with this.

I preached a sermon once entitled "Forty Million Dollar Slaves," taken from the book by William C. Rhoden. The purpose of the sermon was to debunk the notion that people who have money, and who are rich by society's standards, are by default free. I used the story of Joseph from the book of Genesis. Joseph went from being a slave to being one of the most powerful people in Pharaoh's court. How-

ever, no one ever sets Joseph free. He ends up with great wealth, and great power, but I submitted that he was still a slave. At the snap of Pharaoh's fingers, he could've lost everything he had and been sent back to servitude.

Fast forward with me to the antebellum slavery period. In order to have a successfully run plantation, the plantation owner, or slave master, had to employ personnel to police the slaves. These people were called overseers. In more instances than I'd like to admit, the overseers were black. They were slaves, but they had been elevated in status by the slave master. They had proven themselves trustworthy to the point of the slave master relying on them to keep the other slaves in line. In many cases the black overseers were allowed to dress better than the field slaves. They were given allowances and privileges that the rest of the slaves were not. They had authority over their peers. One may go so far as

to assume that there were slaves who one day aspired to be overseers. I mean let's face it — who doesn't want to be elevated from their current social status?

See, in the context of today's society, we must remind ourselves that the definition of a slave is not someone who is poor, someone who has no authority, or someone who is not well known. A slave, by definition, is someone who is in a state of bondage. A slave is someone who is not free. It's with that thought in mind that we step into today's mainstream hip-hop culture.

Let's say some fortunate soul, like, I don't know, Drake, for instance, gets signed to Young Money Entertainment. Young Money Entertainment is an imprint of Cash Money Records, and Cash Money Records is a subsidiary of Universal Music Group. This means that Cash Money Records is owned, either in part or in totality, by Universal Music Group.

Afordable care act

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 care will be the expansion of Medicaid to all individuals under 65 that are under the 133% of the federal poverty level (Reid, 2010). This is great for citizens and permanent residents but what about the millions of illegal immigrants who are working just as hard as everyone else trying to make a living and fall sick just like everyone else? Are they expected to help themselves?

From a public health standpoint we as a country are still doing ourselves a great injustice by not extending the healthcare reform act to this vulnerable population. According to George Bush in 2007, People have access to healthcare in America by using the emergency room (Reid, 2010). As great as this sounds, in America you could walk into an emergency room and be denied care if you do not have the cash or insurance to pay the bill (Reid, 2010). This leaves an undocumented immigrant little option on how

and where to finance primary and follow up medical care. Undocumented immigrants have few options outside of the emergency room such as free clinics, and community health center financial assistance programs also known as "charity care" (Joseph, 2013).

The American society is a melting pot mixed with citizens, permanent residents, and undocumented immigrants from all parts of the world working side by side on a daily basis. Being that they do not have insurance through jobs and most likely are unable to afford healthcare out of pocket, they are more likely to get sick and not find treatment. This makes it very difficult to monitor the spread of disease or have a good hold on who is at risk for certain diseases if we are unable to screen the population as a whole. This will then in turn impact the United States efforts on increasing preventative care.

Being an illegal/undocumented immigrant can lead to all kinds of stress related

diseases that without care or attention can lead to death. Healthcare is a natural born right and should be extended to all individuals residing in this country. We need to rally together and let our voice be heard to get the Affordable Care Act amended to include immigrants of all kinds, documented and undocumented. Nancy's story is not an exception, it is a norm that immigrants face on a day to day basis. Illegal immigrants should feel just as comfortable as a citizen to walk into the doors of a hospital or doctors office and receive care if needed. If we ignore this population that needs desperate attention we are being counterproductive in our efforts of finding a solution to this health crisis. (Boffey, 2012)

Unfortunately for Nancy case, change did not happen in time and Gale's condition worsened. Gale passed away and with no hope in sight for a future in America, Nancy returned to her homeland of Honduras where she is currently attending school to become a doctor.



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sity and former national security adviser on Latin America during the Carter administration. "These are tiny, incremental gains, and the prospects of going backwards are equally high."

Among the things that have changed, John Kerry has taken over as U.S. secretary of state after being an outspoken critic of Washington's policy on Cuba while in the Senate. President Barack Obama no longer has re-election concerns while dealing with the Cuban-American electorate in Florida, where there are also indications of a warming attitude to negotiating with Cuba.

Castro, meanwhile, is striving to overhaul the island's Marxist economy with a dose of limited free-market capitalism and may feel a need for more open relations with the U.S. While direct American investment is still barred on the island, a rise in visits and money transfers by Cuban-Americans since Obama relaxed



FILE - In this June 4, 2009 file photo, Cuban coast guards, right, stop seven men trying to migrate illegally to the U.S. on a foam raft near Havana's Malecon. No one was arrested, according to police. The United States and Cuba have agreed to resume bilateral talks on migration issues next month, a State Department official said Wednesday, June 19, 2013, the latest evidence of a thaw in chilly relations between the Cold War enemies.

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restrictions has been a boon for Cuba's cash-starved economy. Under the table, Cuban-Americans are also helping relatives on the island start private businesses and refurbish homes bought under Castro's limited free-market reforms.

Several prominent Cuban dissidents have been allowed to travel recently due to Castro's changes. The trips have

been applauded by Washington, and also may have lessened Havana's worries about the threat posed by dissidents.

Likewise, a U.S. federal judge's decision to allow Cuban spy Rene Gonzalez to return home was met with only muted criticism inside the United States, perhaps emboldening U.S. diplomats to seek further openings

with Cuba.

To be sure, there is still far more that separates the long-time antagonists than unites them.

The State Department has kept Cuba on a list of state sponsors of terrorism and another that calls into question Havana's commitment to fighting human trafficking. The Obama administration continues to demand democratic change on an island ruled for more than a half century by Castro and his brother Fidel.

For its part, Cuba continues to denounce Washington's 51-year-old economic embargo.

And then there is Gross, the 64-year-old Maryland native who was arrested in 2009 and is serving a 15-year jail sentence for bringing communications equipment to the island illegally. His case has scuttled efforts at engagement in the past, and could do so again, U.S. officials say privately. Cuba has indicated it wants to trade Gross for four Cuban agents serving long jail terms in the United States, something Washington has said it won't consider.

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CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

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ior government ministers to commit crimes that included possibly physically harming a journalist and perverting the course of justice.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Mervyn Richardson confirmed that Google has been contacted by his investigating team.

An attorney representing PM Persad-Bissessar hired a foreign computer expert, Jon Berryhill, who after spending some six hours shifting through the e-mails claimed that they were fraudulent.

Berryhill said there were inconsistencies and fatal flaws in the e-mails.

Jamaica

Jamaica intends on joining its Caribbean Community (CARICOM) partners in banning smoking in public areas and the workplace. So far the legislation exists in Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname and Health Minister Dr. Fenton Ferguson



says he will be seeking the assistance of local and international partners, including the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), in the effort to reduce tobacco use here.

He said the Portia Simpson Miller administration is seeking to table the Tobacco Control Act, which will protect citizens from the harmful effects of tobacco smoking, by prohibiting its use in public areas and workplaces.

Statistics from the 2008 Jamaica Health and Lifestyle Survey show that by the

age of 16 years, 19 percent of smokers had initiated the habit and 14.5 percent smoke cigarettes, while 13.5 percent admit to marijuana use.

Figures provided by the Jamaica Cancer Society reveal that approximately 80,000 young people across the world become addicted to tobacco each day and if trends continue, an estimated 250 million children and young people will die as a result of tobacco-related illnesses.

Compiled by Azad Ali

Guyana

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the Caribbean community, and will continue to work for a better community.

Guyanese-born Sandra Chapman, deputy Brooklyn borough president, also thanked the borough president for giving her the opportunity to serve the 2.6

million Brooklynites, noting that 139,000 of them are Guyanese.

Chapman, who received the Guyana Golden Arrowhead Independence plaque from the Alliance, and a proclamation from Councilman Mathieu Eugene, expressed her gratitude, and welcomed the nationals to Borough Hall.

In greetings and words of encouragement from

Guyana President Donald Ramotar, M.R. Khan, deputy consul general in New York, reminded Guyanese of May 26, 1966, when independence brought soaring hope and intense pride to the Guyanese people.

"In recognizing this date, we are also acknowledging the great contribution made towards the struggles for freedom and independence of the indentured laborers

and their descendants," the statement added.

Patricia Jordan Langford, president of the Tri-State Alliance, in turn, praised the 21-year-old group by saying: "We are united by our common values and history.

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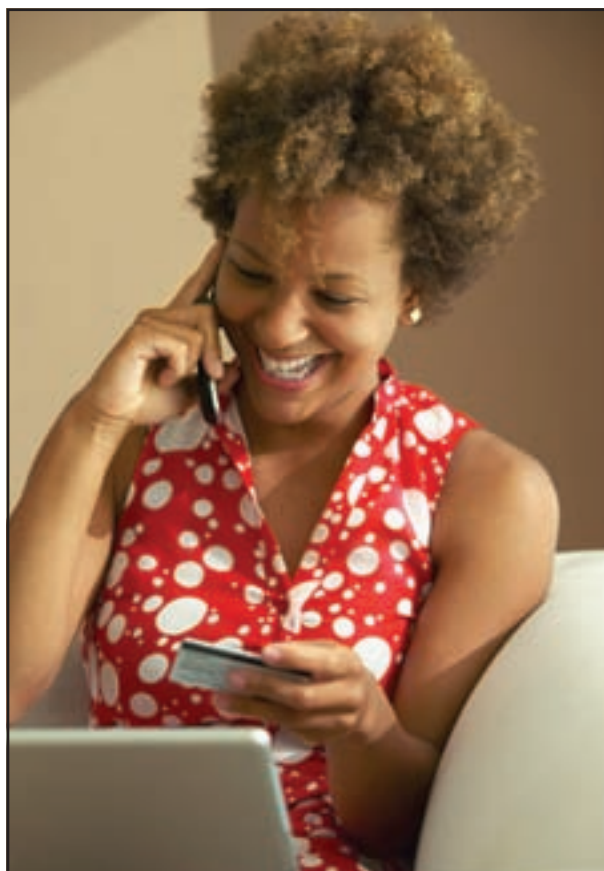
By Brett Mitchell

Learning how to legally remove inaccurate negative and out dated credit information from your credit report is vital to your financial health. Having a low credit score is not a life sentence. You can easily improve your credit score with just a little understanding of how the credit reporting system works. Credit influences just about every facet of our lives in terms of how we manage and use credit. Your credit score/FICO scores determine if lenders will extend you credit and how much credit the lender will recommend for you. The higher your FICO scores the less you have to repay in loan fees. In today's time your credit report and FICO scores impact your entire financial way of life. The fact that most individuals have no concept of how the credit reporting structure works may cost them hundreds of dollars in unnecessary finance charges.

There are very few business transactions that you can perform that will not require running your credit report. Many industries from auto insurance to cable television companies now request a good credit score. Several utility companies will deny you service if your credit score is too low or you had a prior negative payment history with their company.

CREDIT REPORTING

Experian, Transunion and Equifax are three major reporting agencies to be con-



cerned with. These bureaus maintain records on millions of consumers and borrowers. Thousands of credit grantors such as credit card companies, banks, retail stores and utility companies inform these credit reporting bureaus of their updates. These updates typically are made on a monthly basis. The information sent to credit agencies includes the customer's usage of their credit and the payment of their account. Disputing negative items on your credit file is your right as a consumer by

law as long as you believe that the information is inaccurate, outdated or unverifiable.

In writing a dispute letter to the credit reporting agencies include the following - Personal information, name, address, Social Security number and date of birth. Send your letters by certified mail return receipt for legal proof that you mailed your letters to the credit agencies. This preserves the 30 day timeline which by law the credit bureaus must respond back to you within the 30

days. You don't have to be fancy or technical in your dispute letter to the credit bureaus; the most important thing is to be clear about what you are disputing and why you are disputing it.

Include any documentation you have that backs up your dispute, like cancelled checks showing timely payments etc. State in the letter how this wrongful information has caused you harm. Always provide a reason for your dispute and your desired result of the investigation, example "never late, not my account" etc. The credit agencies cannot begin an investigation without it.

DEBT COLLECTORS

Most consumers are unaware that a collection company cannot collect a debt from you without the necessary documentary (signed contract) or evidences. Most times the collection agency does not possess the proof to validate the debt which leads to the deletion of the account from your credit report. For example when you receive that first collection notice, by law you have 30 days to request what is called debt validation demanding the collection company to prove you owe the debt.

IMPROVING YOUR CREDIT

While concentrating on removing damaging information from your credit history, it is equally important to add positive credit to your credit report in order to improve your credit

score. Adding positive credit to your report will aid in balancing out some of the harmful information within your credit file. Paying off old debts is a great way to enhance your score, but you also need to keep in mind not to raise the balances on other accounts. You need to establish new credit so the adverse accounts start to gradually dissipate away and will be restored with current and positive accounts.

Restoring credit takes at least 30 days to a year to complete with the right approach and the discipline to maintain it. Here are just a few examples of how to add positive information to your credit file once you have removed the negative information from your credit report.

Obtain a Secured Credit Card

For those who cannot get accepted for an unsecured credit card, a secured credit card is an exceptional option. With this type of card, you will be making an initial deposit into an account to secure the credit line on the card. You can get this card even if you still have some poor credit within your credit report. By placing \$500 into a savings account, you will be allowed to charge up to \$500 on the credit card.

Although you are securing your credit with a deposit, payments must be made on time and the account balance should be kept minimal. Have the credit card company report to all three

credit bureaus as this will aid in raising your credit score.

Small installment Loan

You want different types of credit types, which include revolving credit (credit cards) and installment accounts. Your local credit union is a good place to request for a small installment type loan. Credit unions are very forgiving to those who have less than ideal credit and you can get a small period loan (no more than a year or two) to show you can pay on time.

Department Store Credit Card

Several stores offer credit without great concern for the credit standing of the applicant. These stores usually can be found in businesses with small products. Here is a listing of creditors who frequently offer credit to those lacking much credit history:

•Department Stores •Furniture Stores •QVC •Appliance Stores

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(StatePoint) In the warmer months your home's outdoor space is just as important as the rooms inside, especially if your family spends a lot of time outside.

Be it your yard, garden, deck or patio, there are steps you can take to prep these spaces for a fun and safe season.

PEST PREVENTION

Mosquitos aren't just a pesky deterrent from outdoor living; they can carry and transmit dangerous viruses, such as West Nile. Make eating, entertaining and enjoying your yard safer and more pleasant by preemptively striking back.

Rather than applying sprays and lotions each time you go outside, consider a natural alternative. For example, Terminix ALL-CLEAR, safe for kids and pets, provides a line of backyard misters and mosquito repellers that are proven effective. In fact, the Terminex ALLCLEAR Sidekick

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has been shown to reduce mosquito bites by over 92 percent when used as directed.

These systems are also sleekly designed to match your outdoor décor.

You can also limit your skin exposure with long sleeves and pants. Pick breathable fabrics in light colors to prevent overheating.

LAWN CARE

Mowing, watering and hedging can be time consuming, preventing you from enjoying your time outside. And knowing what your plants and lawn need to stay looking beautiful can be a complex science.

If outsourcing your lawn care sounds expensive, consider this: the retail price you pay for quality equipment and products won't come cheap.

An expert can help you save both time and money by customizing a lawn care plan based on your climate, soil condition, grass type and lawn usage to meet the needs of your home. An expert can also survey your trees and shrubs to inspect for pests.

FIRE SAFETY

Nothing beats an outdoor barbecue or roasting marshmallows around a fire with friends and family. But both involve safety risks. Reduce these risks by using lighter fluid sparingly and positioning your grill or fire pit several feet away from any structure. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby during barbecuing and marshmallow roasting nights.

In the event you do experience a fire, there are some dos and don'ts to protect your home. If the siding of your home is damaged by smoke, don't attempt to clean it yourself. Incorrect cleaning could compound the soot residue. Don't touch anything with



Prepare your outdoor spaces for a fun and safe season.

your bare hands. Oil from your hands can permeate walls and woodwork, causing additional damage.

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Jamaican church leaders rally for anti-sodomy law

By David McFadden

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Several church pastors in Jamaica led a revival meeting Sunday to oppose efforts to overturn the Caribbean country's anti-sodomy law and turn back what they see as increasing acceptance of homosexuality.

Roughly 1,500 people in their Sunday best gathered in a central Kingston park for a spirited religious service two days before a rare court challenge to Jamaica's anti-sodomy law. The island's Supreme Court is scheduled to begin hearing on Tuesday a petition by a gay rights activist who hopes to challenge the constitutionality of the 1864 law under a charter of rights revamped in 2011.

The colonial-era "buggery law" prohibits anal sex and "gross indecency" between men, outlawing sexual relationships between con-

senting men. The punishment is 10 years in prison in Jamaica, one of several Caribbean islands with anti-sodomy laws enforced with strong backing from religious groups. Barbados, Guyana and Grenada are among the regional countries that uphold laws prohibiting homosexuality.

Some in the Kingston crowd carried placards saying marriage should only be between a man and a woman and others pumped signs into the air saying "Keep the buggery law!" A similar prayer meeting was held in the northern city of Montego Bay.

A religious group called Prayer 2000, led by the Rev. Naila Ricketts, spearheaded the meetings. Pastors spoke about the power of prayer and the need to transform Jamaica as petitions were circulated urging the government not to abolish the

anti-sodomy law. A gospel music band performed while the participants enthusiastically clapped, swayed and sang under the hot afternoon sun.

"We need our politicians to know that we need them to walk the path of righteousness," said Eleanor Johnson, who said she traveled from Jamaica's southern Clarendon parish to participate.

Church of Christ pastor Leslie Buckland urged the crowd to pray for the conversion of homosexuals and lesbians. He said gay rights activists are trying to "take over the world" by challenging anti-gay laws in the courts. He said that once Jamaica's sodomy law was repealed, gay activists would "go back to the court to make it a criminal offense to speak against the homosexual lifestyle."

During a televised debate



Jamaican churchgoers pray during an anti-gay rally in Kingston, Jamaica, Sunday, June 23, 2013. AP Photo/David McFadden

shortly before leading her party to a dominating win in 2011 national elections, Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller called for a review of the law that would come in the form of a "conscience vote" by lawmakers. The information minister recently said Simpson Miller

would soon take the matter to parliament.

Many people in this highly Christian nation perceive homosexuality as a sin.

Some say Jamaica tolerates homosexuality as long as it is not in the open. But gay activists say Jamaica is by far the most hostile

island toward homosexuals in the conservative Caribbean. They say homosexuals in poor communities suffer frequent abuse and have little recourse because of anti-gay stigma and the anti-sodomy law.

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Dr. Hani Ashamalla, chairman of radiation oncology at New York Methodist Hospital, monitors a stereotactic radiosurgery procedure.

different therapies may be used for those.

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A 73-year-old patient was rushed to the medical center's Trauma Center on May 25 with multiple fractures, a broken spine, and brain bleeding after a head-on automobile collision. Emergency treatment by the emergency department, trauma, and neurosurgical teams stabilized his injuries. While awaiting discharge to rehab, he suffered a devastating ischemic stroke. Due to the nature of his previous injury, he was not a candidate for intravenous tissue plasminogen activator.

"At this point millions of brain cells were dying every minute," says Dr. Jeffrey Farkas, director of interventional neuroradiology at Lutheran Medical Center. "Seconds count and having the right team and tools at a moment's notice can make the difference between life and death."

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Stroke Interventional Team brought the patient to the NeuroInterventional Biplane Catheterization Lab where, under local anesthesia, a tiny plastic tube called the 5MAX™ ACE Reperfusion Catheter was inserted into a blood vessel in the groin region and threaded up into the brain artery where the blockage was located. Once at the clot, suction was applied and within a minute the clot was aspirated successfully.

The tube is the newest and largest clot aspiration catheter. The increased suction power and flexibility allows for less difficulty navigating the device into the brain and increased speed and efficiency in removing a clot. Dr. Nazli Janjua, an interventional neurologist that worked with Dr. Farkas on the patient, stated: "The patient made a complete recovery on the angiography table. In fact, an MRI after the procedure failed to show even slight damage."

Lutheran is serving as a principle site for a therapy trial investigating the effectiveness of interventional stroke treatments compared to intravenous.

"With the older stroke devices the ability to reopen vessels is sometimes limited," said Dr. Farkas. "At times the procedure can take several hours and until the blood flow is restored, damage continues."

"The success of these catheter based treatments is highly dependent on how fast and how completely the blood vessel is opened," said Dr. Salman Azhar, chair of Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine. "Having the team led by Dr. Farkas and the new technology gave this patient the best shot at a complete neurological recovery."

Dr. Farkas and Dr. Janjua have participated in many interventional trials similar to this one to assess and develop new devices in the battle to conquer stroke and brain vascular disease but he says that this one is revolutionary.

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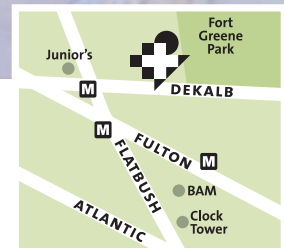
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Jamaica eyes expatriates as source of investment

By David McFadden

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — In a bid to kick start Jamaica's chronically stagnant economy, the Caribbean country is wooing its citizens living abroad to invest in the island of their birth.

On Tuesday, hundreds of entrepreneurs and other Jamaican expatriates mingled with government officials and local business leaders, brainstorming ways to boost growth and development. The sessions were part of a four-day "Jamaica Diaspora" conference aimed at tapping into the wealth, education and know-how of the island's expatriates.

"This can lead to a road-map for Jamaica's future. The people who have come here to this conference have substantial knowledge, connections and interests that can help take the

country's development into many, many directions," said Lloyd Grey, a retired engineer from Reading, England, who was raised on Jamaica but moved to Britain decades ago.

Jamaica and other Caribbean nations have long suffered from a "brain drain" that has seen professionals and skilled workers head off to jobs overseas. About 3.3 million Jamaicans are believed to live outside the country, mostly in the U.S., Britain and Canada. Roughly 2.7 million live on the island.

The Jamaican expatriates already send home about \$2 billion a year in remittances in what has become the island's biggest foreign exchange earner. But Industry, Investment and Commerce Minister Anthony Hylton hopes to increase that amount to help strengthen the econ-

omy.

"Achieving sustained economic growth, with jobs, remains the biggest challenge and the most intractable problem facing Jamaica. This focus on growth and development is therefore very critical if we are to break the vicious cycle of stagnated growth and poverty," Hylton said.

Over 55 companies and organizations are participating in the conference in Montego Bay, which is home to a flourishing call center industry.

Leaders of other Caribbean islands like Grenada and St. Lucia have also been wooing nationals abroad and encouraging them to assist with developing their homelands, but more populous Jamaica has long had the most focused effort to forge relationships with its overseas citizens.

The push to entice more



Jamaica Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce Anthony Hylton.

AP Photo/Ed Betz

expatriates in investing in their homeland comes as Jamaica's debt is roughly 150 percent of gross domestic product. In February, Jamaica launched a debt-

swap program to satisfy conditions to forge a new pact with the International Monetary Fund and halt what the prime minister described as an economic

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Role of the UWI Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

By **Kenton Kirby**

Dr. E. Nigel Harris, vice chancellor of the University of the West Indies (UWI) told a gathering of UWI alumni at its recent Pelican Awards event at Antun's in Queens, that UWI graduates are among the top-five list of graduates in the world rankings.

Harris, who stood in for Chancellor Sir George Alleyne, who had undergone a recent medical procedure and could not travel to New York, said Dr. Alleyne was in good health but had to stay close to home, due to the procedure.

Following is an excerpt from the vice-chancellor's address:

"I make the point time and again that our university's richest product is our graduates and it is important that both university and alumni celebrate these successes in every way possible.



From left, Dr. Gerald White-Davis; Ms. Missouri Sherman-Peter (honoree); Celia Davidson Francis; Jean Deleon, co-chair, Pelican Awards Committee; Dr. Nigel Harris, vice chancellor, University of the West Indies and Pelican Awards honorees Yvonne Graham; Laurine Fenton; Dr. Grove; Father Mark Bozzuti-Jones and Capel Spence.

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sible.

The University of the West Indies spent a number of hours (recently) examining the world ranking numbers of UWI that have just been

published, with a view to determining how we fared and how we might continue advancing our position.

As some of you know, there are increasing num-



bers of organizations that rank universities in the world today, and we are included in three of them so far. Current estimates are that there are 20,000

universities globally and I can say that in all systems reviewed, we are in the top five percent -- in one of them we are first in the Caribbean, which includes

among others, universities in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Haiti -- countries with populations much larger than the combined total of the West Indies and some with more resources than we do.

In truth, the debate that engaged our university's leadership centered on the question of the degree to which ranking system measures a university's impact in their countries and in our case impact on individual island nations as well as the Caribbean as a whole.

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State limits access to students' personal info

The New York State Assembly this week announced the passage of legislation that would authorize parents of students to determine who can have access to certain private information that is used to identify their children. In addition, the measure requires SED to develop forms to authorize parents to prohibit the disclosure of their children's personally identifiable student information.

The bill (A.7872, Nolan) would empower the parents of students in pre-K through 12th grade to determine whether third party requests to access their children's student information will be granted. It also provides exceptions that permit access to certain student information in cases that require compliance with the law, a court order, subpoena, state

and federal audits or health and safety emergencies.

The bill's sponsors: Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Education Committee Chairman Catherine Nolan and Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell said the legislation addresses concerns that have emerged following the decision by the State Education Department (SED) to share the personally identifiable information of students

in grades K through 12 with commercial vendors who will store the data for use by SED.

"In this day and age of high speed computers, data mining and identity theft, we have to ensure that our son's or daughter's student information does not fall into the wrong hands," said Silver. "This bill will require that the information kept by schools about students remains pri-

vate and will be disclosed only with the consent and knowledge of a student's parents."

"The good old days when student information was stored in wooden filing cabinets and primarily shared by mail with college admission offices, scholarship boards and potential employers are long gone," said Nolan. "This measure addresses the risks of the computerized world that will keep the names, social security numbers, fingerprints and other personal information used to identify students confidential, and prohibit the

unauthorized disclosure of this highly personal information."

"As a member of the house with a long-standing commitment to education and the future of children, I believe we need to enact measures that protect the personally identifiable information of students," said O'Donnell. "This bill provides a simple solution to a complicated problem that will shield young people from the consequences of an unauthorized disclosure of their student information just as they are beginning the journey of life."



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Makin' style show stopper

By Tangerine Clarke

A fabulous show of Sonia Noel's 'First Resort' collection - of male and female outfits, hats and accessories, set the stage for the recent launch of her magazine "Makin Style" - that received rave reviews at the elegant Vodou Bar in Bedford Stuyvesant.

The Georgetown-based publisher and CEO of Guyana Fashion Week, says the magazine is not only about fashion, but it caters fully to the resort lifestyle, and showcases the colorful creative arts of the Caribbean, its cuisine, music and beautiful, talented and successful personalities.

Makin' Style is a celebration of the Caribbean brand, noted Noel, owner of Mariska's Designs, wants tourists to walk into a resort shop and experience the Caribbean brand, and its elegance through this publication.

"I believe in the Caribbean ascetic and I know we have something special to offer to the world, said Noel, whose 79-page glossy will be circulated to readers in the Caribbean, New York, Atlanta and London.

Makin' Style will also be made available to a wider audience through online editions as well as a paid-for subscription option. The magazine's editorial will



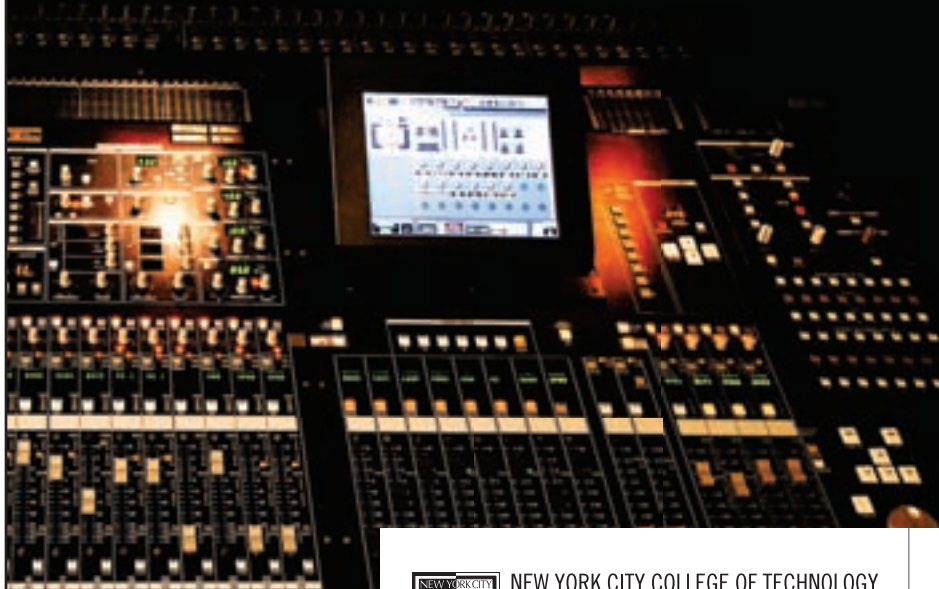
Reigning Miss Guyana World, Arti Cameron displays Makin' Style, the magazine recently launched at Vodou Bar in BedStuy, Brooklyn.

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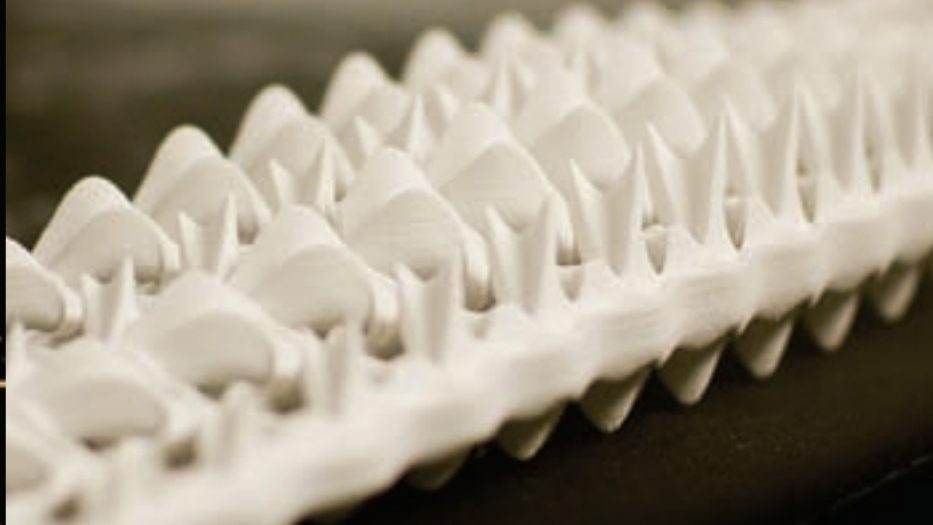
cover fashion and beauty with each issue containing news on the latest trends.

St. Vincent & the Grenadines-born Kirk Cambridge Delpesche, the hair and make-up artist of the Broadway show, Fela heads up a diverse group of contributors that include journalist, Kailash Bedi from India, Etiquette Specialist and Guyana-born Philippa Morish from New York, and Richard Young, Trinidadian Fashion Guru of Caribbean's Next Top Model. Bahamian-born photographer, Donn Thomas is the Makin' Style layout designer. Copies of the magazine are available at Pam's Bakery on Church Avenue.

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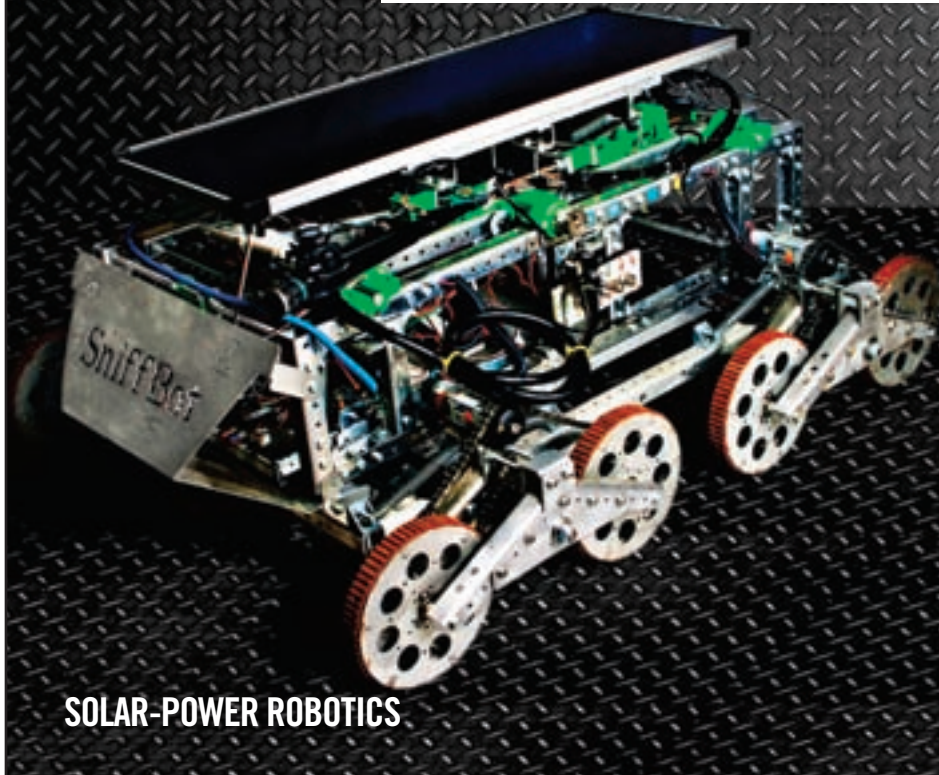
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I cite the well-known African proverb -- "Until the lion learns to tell their story, the tales will always be that of the hunter."

General Assembly

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"[Ashe] shares my passion for sustainable development -- and my concern about the problem of climate change," said Ban, adding that he has demonstrated his commitment to this issue through his work on the governing bodies of major U.N. environmental agreements.

"He is known as the go-to person when discussions break down," he added. "This happened in 2002 when he led negotiations on contentious issues at the World Summit for Social Development and more recently when he co-chaired Rio+20 negotiations."

Ban also thanked the outgoing President Vuk Jeremic, for presiding over "such

a dynamic and constructive session," adding that he looked forward to working with Ashe to realize "our common goals."

For his part, Ashe said he was honored to assume his new position and called on U.N. member-states to work together to make the 68th session a productive one.

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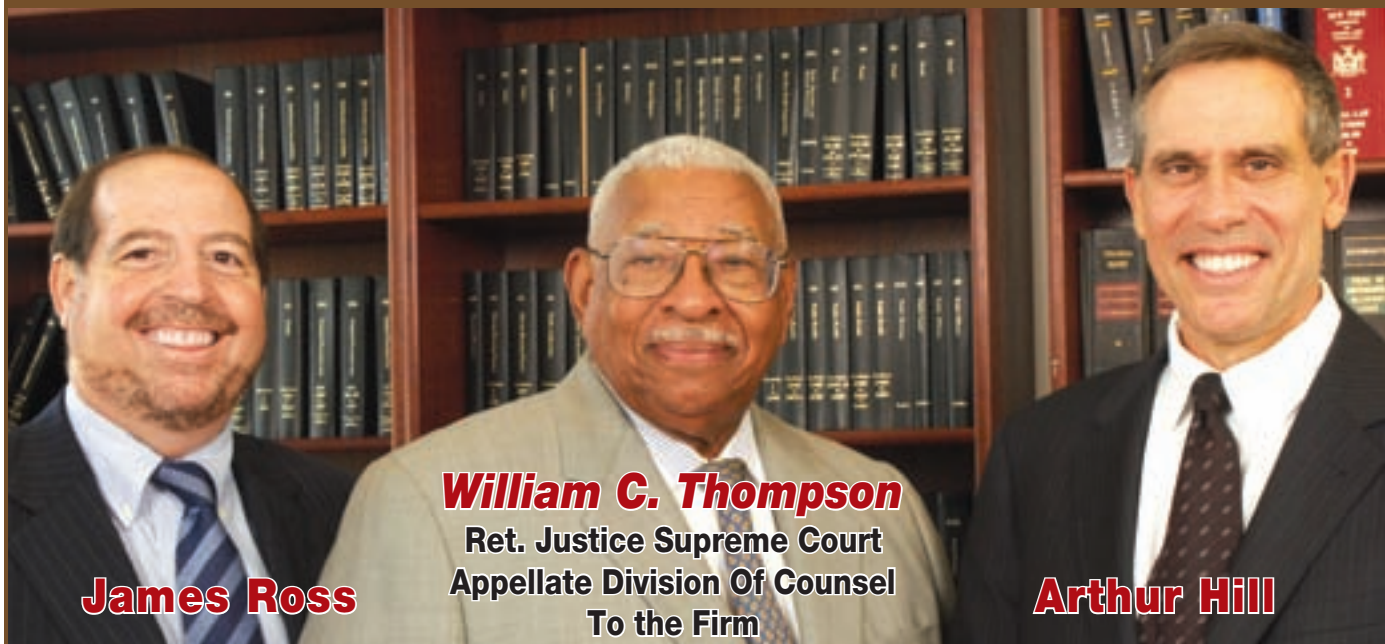
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Caribbean Book Fest for all ages

By Vinette K. Pryce

Caribbean Cultural Theater promises an amalgam of creative expressions on June 30 when almost 30 talents present their work from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Francis College, 182 Remsen St. (between Clinton & Court streets).

"We're especially excited that as we welcome almost 30 authors, poets and storytellers, from over a dozen countries for our afternoon-long book festival, many of them have books specifically written for younger readers," Ewayne McDonald, artistic director stated.

He said workshops and special presentations will include illustrations, graphic and costume design, steel pan demonstrations and storytelling. Below is a listing of categories, times and titles planned for the day.

Book Business 2:00 p.m.

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Crystal Bobb-Semple - owner of Brownstone Bookstore

Ron Kavanaugh - founder and managing editor of Mosaic Literary Magazine, exploring the literary arts created by writers of African descent
Summer Edward - founder and managing editor of "Anansesum," Caribbean children's literature ezine
Victoria Brown, author, "Grace in the City" - Moderator

Young Readers 3:15 p.m.

Culture Making - Literature that Defines Us (Under 8 yrs)

Shabana Sharif (US Guyana), "Ins and Out of Queens"
Tiphonie Yanique, (Virgin Is), "I am the Virgin Islands"
Ibi Zoboio (Haiti), "A is for Ayiti"

4:30 p.m.

Memory and Myth - Rooted in history and the fantastical (8 - 15 yrs)

Tracey & Harmony Pierre (US/Haiti)
Clyde Veichweg (Grenada), "Caribbean Twilight; Tales of the Supernatural"

5:40 p.m.

Off Island - Journeys in time and place. (Teens - Young Adults)

Zetta Elliott (St. Kitts-Nevis), "Ship of Souls"
Devon Harris (Jamaica), "Yes I Can"

Adult Book Writers 3:15 p.m.

Where We're From - Identity and Influence

Carmen Bardeguéz Brown (Puerto Rico), "Straight from the Drum"
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New Graduates, New Standards, New Era *Expectations Rising for Students As Historic School Year Ends*

Talk about a well-deserved vacation.

Over a million students are completing a school year marked by historic changes.

Students in grades three through eight took the tough new state Common Core exams this year, which complemented the sweeping new curriculum standards. The more rigorous tests are a reflection of Schools Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott's push to ensure that students be prepared for college and careers when they graduate.

Meanwhile, the seniors who graduate this month are the second class in city history required to pass five out of five required Regents exams at a 65 or higher. In previous years, high school students could pass some of these exams at a 55.

The trend toward higher standards this year was no accident.

"The new requirements are designed to ensure that more of our students are ready to tackle the challenges of college coursework and a competitive job market," said Walcott.

The more difficult Common Core exams will likely result in lower test scores next month in comparison with the older, easier state exams. But Walcott says that students will rise to the occasion.

Which is exactly what graduating seniors have done.

Graduation statistics for 2012, released last week revealed that the graduation rate was less than one point shy of last year's record figure.

That means that the graduation rate in city public schools has risen by almost 40 percent since 2005, even as the graduation standards steadily climbed.

And far fewer students are dropping out – the rate has been cut by half since 2005.

"These students have proven what we already knew – that they're capable of great things when we expect more of them," Walcott said. "I'm proud of them."



Susan Watts / New York Daily News



Straight Talk from the Chancellor

Schools Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott responds to parents' questions

What's the bottom line on the new graduation rate?

Graduation rates for 2012 were a half point shy of last year's historic figure. This, even as the state raised graduation standards.

For the first time in 2012, New York State required students to score 65 or higher on all five required Regents exams in order to graduate. Just three years prior, students only needed to pass two out of five with a score of 65.

Your child needs to graduate with 21st-century skills. If the state hadn't changed the rules, our

grad rate would have increased, but that wouldn't be doing our students any favors—and they come first.

My child passed the five required Regents exams with a 65. Is he college ready?

Although 65 is the minimum passing score, we recommend that students aim for at least a 75 on the English Regents and an 80 on a math Regents and that they get a 480 on the SAT in Reading and Math. A majority of the city's graduates who enter college enroll at CUNY, and students who don't earn these higher scores are at a disadvantage because they must take high school-level classes that include additional costs and often delay college graduation.

There are other ways students can begin to prepare for college while in high school, including taking higher level Regents courses such as chemistry or

advanced math, or taking college-level classes such as advanced placements or CUNY's College Now courses.

The school year's almost over. Are there ways I can support my child's education over the summer?

Absolutely, and it's a great idea. Studies have shown that students who don't continue reading and learning over the summer lose some of their skills and start the next school year behind. Educators call it the "summer slide," but you can prevent it. Consider signing your child up for a free reading program at one of the City's public libraries. You don't need a library card to participate (visit summerreading.org).

To find other educational opportunities, such as computer camps and science or performing arts programs, search NYC.gov for Summer Learning.



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St. Ann's school will be renamed in Marley's honor

Reggae legend Robert Nesta Marley is being hailed in education circles as worthy of being immortalized with honor and on Sept. 1 when students return to his old Stepney Primary and Junior High School, the name of the music icon will be prominent.

The St. Ann, yellow, brick building will be renamed the Bob Marley Primary and JHS.

Sandra Falconer, Jamaica's minister of information, made the disclosure at the office of the Prime Minister on June 13 after receiving approval from the.

The school enrolls 300 students aged six to 15 years of age. And will be the center-piece of the tiny, parish enclave when school starts in the fall.

"The change in name is a tribute to the late Robert Nesta Marley, a past student," Falconer said. "Members of the community and the Bob Marley Foundation have also endorsed the name



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

change."

Throughout the years, Tuff Gong Records and its affiliates have actively supported many aspects of the school's activities as well as individual students.

The minister said the Bob Marley Foundation has been very active in the school through the granting of scholarships and resource materials.

AND THE EMMY GOES TO... "ZIGGY MARLEY"

As if Bob Marley's eldest son hadn't already reaped his share of reggae honors in the music industry, David Ziggy Marley collected one that probably eludes a great many veteran recorders by winning television's highest honor – an Emmy Award.

Added to his long list of

accomplishments, Ziggy now boasts an Emmy for his song "I Love You Too!"

The four-time Grammy winner scored a victory from the Disney Channel's animation "3rd and Bird" at the Daytime Emmy Creative Arts Awards in Los Angeles, California.

"I didn't even know I was nominated," the 44-year-old musician said.

"When somebody mentioned to me that I won an Emmy, I was like 'what's that?'"

"It's not like the Grammys when you know you are nominated and there is a lot of buzz around that... so I never expected it, but it feels good."

Marley said he agreed to contribute music for the television show soon after he had completed his children's



Recording artist Ziggy Marley.

AP Photo/Jeff Christensen

album "Family Time."

Released in 2009, that CD won a Grammy in the Best Musical Album for Children category.

"For the Emmy to acknowledge and recognize us in this form is something new for us, and is definitely a step forward," Marley said.

The songwriter/singer/musician followed in his father's footsteps when

he was a mere teenager. Helming his own recording group – Ziggy Marley & The Melody Makers – he and his siblings Steve, Sharon and Cedella signed long-term deals with major record labels and immediately scored gains winning top chart positions, radio airplay and the ultimate win with numerous Grammy awards.

Together they appeared on many television talk shows and spoke directly to young audiences by appearing on "Sesame Street."

Ziggy in his solo capacity has performed at the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, the White House and also voiced a character for the animated movie "Shark Tale."

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Jazz folktales with Magic and Reality

After two years of touring her one-woman show, "Girls! Girls? Girls," Trinidadian-American playwright, Marjuan Canady, premieres her second original play, "Callaloo: A Jazz Folktale" at IATI's Theater on Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m.

A part of the 2013 Performing Arts Marathon Festival, this innovative performance will fuse multiple creative storytelling elements creating a unique live experience where audience members encounter over a 100 years of Trinidadian and Tobagonian history. "Callaloo: A Jazz Folktale" was recently selected as a workshop play at the 2013 Director's Lab at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

This is the story of a young boy who travels to the islands of Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies where his grandmother teaches



Marjuan Canady, writer of "Callaloo: A Jazz Folktale." Photo by Matt Ramirez

him a lesson about balance in life. On these mystical Caribbean islands, dreams, magic and reality fuse together as the little boy becomes entrapped by mythical characters: Soucouyant, Dwen, La Diabliesse, Papa Bois, Lagahoo and Mama D'lo. He must fight his way out of this haunting paradise to make
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River to River Fest

By Tequila Minsky

Angelique Kidjo is a consummate performer and she did not disappoint on an early summer evening when she sang, danced and engaged fans who packed the lush green grass of Rockefeller Park at the western end of Chambers Street on Tuesday.

Citing musical influences from Caribbean zouk, Congolese rumba, jazz, gospel and Latin styles, Kidjo, who hails from Benin, sings in the four languages she is fluent in Fon, French, Yoruba and English. Kidjo gives detailed translations of her most political songs.
Between songs, Kidjo



Angelique Kidjo sings on Tuesday, as part of the River to River Festival, a myriad of art, music, and dance events along the lower Manhattan rivers.
Photo by Tequila Minsky

chats up, teases and prods the audience.

The crowd, a bit reluctant to follow her encouragement,
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The George Gee Swing Orchestra featuring vocalists Hilary Gardner and John Dokes with special guest Lindy Hoppers Samantha Siegel and Brian Lawton will be on stage. Photo by Lynn Redmile

Kingsborough puts some Jazz into July

By John Marrast

On Stage at Kingsborough announces the 2013 Hot Summer Nights! free outdoor concert series, taking place every Saturday night in July at 8:00 p.m.

"This year, our concerts will feature some of the finest Jazz and Swing artists in the world that play regularly at New York City's hottest clubs," stated Anna Becker, executive direc-

tor of On Stage at Kingsborough. "Or you can find them right here, at Kingsborough's free outdoor concert series at our bandshell, in the shadow of our stunning lighthouse, and just a breezy stroll away from our breathtaking sea wall. We invite everyone to bring a picnic and make a wonderful summer evening of it."

On July 6 at 8:00 p.m The Brooklyn Community Wind Ensemble, con-

ducted by Ray Wheeler, kicks off the series with its musical tribute to Independence Day. It will be an evening of patriotic pops with the community concert band.

The following Saturday, The George Gee Swing Orchestra featuring vocalists Hilary Gardner and John Dokes with special guest Lindy Hoppers Samantha Siegel and Brian Lawton
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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 Mirrors**
Justin Timberlake
- 2 Can't Hold Us**
Macklemore & Ryan Lewis...
- 3 Just Give Me A Reason**
P!nk Feat. Nate Ruess
- 4 Blurred Lines**
Robin Thicke Feat. T.I. + Pharrell
- 5 Get Lucky**
Daft Punk Feat. Pharrell Williams
- 6 I Love It**
Icona Pop Feat. Charli XCX
- 7 Stay**
Rihanna Feat. Mikky Ekko
- 8 Come & Get It**
Selena Gomez
- 9 Cruise**
Florida Georgia Line Feat. Nelly
- 10 Radioactive**
Imagine Dragons Night Visions

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 13**
Black Sabbath
- 2 Random Access Memories**
Daft Punk
- 3 The 20/20 Experience**
Justin Timberlake
- 4 The Wack Album**
The Lonely Island
- 5 Man Of Steel**
Soundtrack
- 6 Night Visions**
Imagine Dragons
- 7 Magnetic**
Goo Goo Dolls
- 8 Tomorrow's Harvest**
Boards Of Canada
- 9 Damage**
Jimmy Eat World
- 10 Here's To The Good Times**
Florida Georgia Line

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Kingsboro outdoor summer series

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will be on stage.

This swingin' band has been together for more than 25 years and deeply enjoys its hard-earned reputation as the swingin'-est, blowin'-est, heppiest classic big band in New York City. In more than 30 years of playing for dancing feet, the George Gee Swing Orchestra band has developed a special bond with lindy hoppers all around the world.

George Gee has led the house band at Swing 46 in Manhattan since its opening in 1997, and made weekly appearances at the Rainbow Room and Edison Ballroom. The George Gee Swing Orchestra has also dazzled audiences from Boston to Beverly Hills and from Zurich to Tokyo, including gigs at the "I Love Jazz" festival in Brazil, Lincoln Center's prestigious Midsummer Night Swing festival, and at Disney World with the legendary comedian (and noted jazz aficionado) Bill Cosby.

"My man, Georgie, has a bright future in the swing business!" - Count Basie

On July 20, The Hot Sardines will

take the bandstand. Take a blustery brass lineup, layer it over a rhythm section led by a Fats Waller-style stride-piano virtuoso, and tie the whole thing together with a magnetic, one-of-the-boys frontwoman whose voice recalls another era, and you have The Hot Sardines. The Sardine sound - wartime Paris via New Orleans (or the other way around) - is steeped in the kind of music Louis Armstrong, Dhango Reinhardt, and Waller used to make: Straight-up, foot stomping jazz!

Pianist-bandleader Evan "Bibs" Palazzo and Paris-born singer Miz Elizabeth and their band (that includes a tap dancer!) have played their unique blend of hot jazz, Dixieland, and Tin Pan Alley tunes at Lincoln Center, Top of the Standard, Joe's Pub, and the Blue Note Jazz Festival.

The following Saturday, July 27, the David Ostwald's Louis Armstrong Centennial Band will be performing. Inspired by the noble jazz pioneers Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke, Duke Ellington, Jelly Roll Morton, and more, David Ostwald's Louis Armstrong Centennial Band



The David Ostwald's Louis Armstrong Centennial Band will be performing during the 2013 Hot Summer Nights! outdoor concert series.
Photo courtesy of On Stage at Kingsborough

breathes life and passion into America's own great art form.

This Grammy Award-nominated band plays weekly at New York City's Birdland Jazz Club with guest musicians such as Wynton Marsalis, Dick Hyman, Jon Hendricks, and blues great Big Joe Turner. The band has toured internationally to such venues as Lincoln Center's Midsummer's Night Swing, the 92nd Street Y, and Scotland's Nairn International Jazz Festival.

Admission and parking is free and open to the public. Kingsborough's gates open at 7:00 p.m. and the concerts begin at 8:00 p.m.

A limited number of seats are

available, but all are welcome to bring blankets and folding chairs for our grassy areas as well.

Rain Location: In the event of rain or extreme heat, the concerts will be relocated to the air conditioned Leon M. Goldstein Performing Arts Center. Updated location information will be available on our box office line - (718) 368-5596 - starting at 4:00 p.m. on concert days.

Picnic Information: To complete a gorgeous night of great music in a friendly community setting, our gates open at 7:00 p.m. and picnicking is welcomed. An ice cream truck will be on site selling treats.



Angelique Kidjo engages the audience in the most loving way and invited fans to join her on stage to dance.
Photo by Tequila Minsky

River Fest

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agement to get up and dance, warmed up with the familiar "Pata Pata" song by Miriam Makeba and then things really heated up when Kidjo walked through the audience, singing.

Not much encouragement was needed when she invited audience members to join her on stage to dance and uninhibited children

joined her too.

The event, winding down a blazing hot day with the Hudson River and sunset as a backdrop was part of the River to River Festival. The Festival runs for one month with several free theatre, dance, music, film, mixed media and art exhibitions that take place in 28 sites along the Hudson River, the Battery, and the East River in lower Manhattan.

The River to River Festival ends July 14. For the full schedule: <http://www.rivertorivernyc.com>.

Callaloo Folktales

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it home alive. Etienne Charles' critically acclaimed album, "Folklore," serves as a musical backdrop, re-establishing Caribbean oral storytelling through jazz music.

This show features an all star creative team: written and starring Trinidadian-American playwright, actress and recipient of the Young Artist Grant Award with the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Marjuan Canady, co-starring Jamaican-American actress, Vanessa Evans, directed by New York City director, Natalie Carter, original music by Trinidadian jazz trumpeter and composer, Etienne Charles, choreography by Honduran-American dancer and New York City choreographer, Maresa D'Amore-Morrison, cinematography by Jamaican-American filmmaker, Shadae Lamar Smith, sound design by Los Angeles based, producer, Darien Dorsey, costuming by Trinidadian Mas costumer and Winston Black.

"Caribbean oral traditions are

losing its significance in today's society. I hope to begin building bridges from past legacies within today's generation. The Caribbean is more than sandy beaches and vacation getaways. We have a complex history with unique

The Caribbean has a complex history with unique cultural experiences that unites generations.

cultural experiences that unites generations through oral traditions," says Canady. "From the minute audiences step through the theatre doors, they will experience the dynamic music, visual imagery and language of Trinidad and Tobago," she added.

Under Canady and Carter's vision, the IATI stage will transform into just that. As the doors open at 6:30 p.m. audiences will encounter the sounds and stories of the Caribbean. Tickets are currently on sale online at www.callalootheplay.com.

Pitt vs. zombies in dire planetary scenario

“World War Z”
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated PG-13 for
disturbing images and
pervasive horror violence
Running time:
115 minutes
Distributor:
Paramount Pictures

By Kam Williams

After a career spent risking his life on location in international hotspots like Bosnia and Liberia, Gerry Lane (Brad Pitt) recently resigned from a dangerous post at the United Nations to devote himself to his family. As the story unfolds, we find him assuring his wife (Mireille Enos) and young daughters (Sterling Jerins and Abigail Hargrove) that he quit his job to spend more quality time with them as a stay-at-home husband and father.

on TV, network news anchors are busily downplaying rumors of a rapidly-spreading rabies outbreak overseas. Eventually, all hell starts to break loose in the U.S., too, where the president perishes and the vice president goes missing.

By the time the Emergency Broadcast System finally takes over the airwaves, the escalating zombie scourge can no longer be covered-up or contained. And the pandemic, which started in Taiwan has already overrun a dozen countries and counting.

Given the utterly desperate state of affairs, Gerry has no choice but to answer the call when he is begged by U.N. Deputy Secretary General Thierry Utumoni (Fana Mokoena) to come out of retirement. He agrees to join a crack team of researchers whose mission is to find Patient Zero and develop a vaccine.

But first, he secures berths for his family aboard a quarantined Navy ship sitting safely in the



Brad Pitt in a scene from the movie “World War Z.”

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middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Our intrepid protagonist then boards a plane headed for parts unknown, and what ensues is a harrowing,

high body-count adventure making “Pitt”-stops in South Korea, Jerusalem and Wales.

At each exotic port of call, Gerry and company encounter wave after wave of voracious zombies, which in accordance with age-old cinematic lore, can only be destroyed by burning or headshots. Of course, they ultimately figure out how to turn the tide, though the resolution conveniently leaves a loophole setting up the sequel in a planned trilogy.

Directed by Marc Forster (Monster’s Ball), “World War Z” is a bona fide summer blockbuster any way you slice it. From hordes of man-eating creatures, to mob scenes of panicked citizens, to tension-maximizing editing, to captivating special f/x, to breathtaking panoramas of the collapse of civilization, to a buff matinee idol as the hero, the film features all the fixin’s to assure any audience its money’s worth of viewing pleasure and excitement.

Independent & Foreign Films

A Band Called Death (Unrated) Reverential rockumentary revisiting the rise and fall of Death, the short-lived, African-American trio credited with inventing punk music in 1971 before flaming out without ever releasing an album. Featuring siblings Bobby, David and Dannis Hackney, with appearances by Alice Cooper and Henry Rollins.

Byzantium (R for profanity, sexuality and graphic violence) Vampire thriller about the deadly consequences which result when two mysterious strangers (Saoirse Ronan and Gemma Arterton), new to a coastal resort town, are unwittingly befriended by a couple of clueless locals (Caleb Landry Jones and Daniel Mays). With David Heap, Warren Brown and Ruby Snape.

Copperhead (PG-13 for an unsettling sequence) Civil War saga about an upstate New York family torn apart by the conflict. Principal cast includes Francois Arnaud, Lucy Boynton and Casey Thomas Brown.

Homegoings (Unrated) D.O.A. documentary highlighting the grace and beauty of African-American funerals



Kam’s Kapsules

By Kam Williams

as explained by noted, Harlem undertaker Isaiah Owens.

How to Make Money Selling Drugs (Unrated) Tongue-in-cheek documentary offering tips on entering the narcotics trade while questioning the wisdom of the country’s draconian drug laws. Street cred courtesy of 50 Cent, Eminem and Russell Simmons.

I’m So Excited (R for crude humor, graphic sexuality and drug use) Pedro Almodovar wrote and directed this mile-high romantic comedy revolving around the reactions of the passengers and crew facing their mortality aboard an imperiled airplane that might not make it to Mexico City. Ensemble cast includes Antonio Banderas, Penelope Cruz, Cote Soler and Hugo Silva. (In Spanish with subtitles)

Laurence Anyways (Unrated) Out-of-the-closet drama, set in the Nineties, examining the strain on a relationship after a guy (Melvil

Poupaud) informs his girlfriend (Suzanne Clement) of his plans to undergo a sex change. Supporting cast includes Nathalie Baye, Monia Chokri and Susan Almgren. (In French and English with subtitles)

Petunia (Unrated) Dysfunctional family dramedy about a couple of emotionally-stunted brothers (Eddie Kaye Thomas and Tobias Segal) whose adult relationships are in crisis as the consequence of a childhood spent under the thumb of psychoanalyst parents (Christine Lahti and David Rasche). With Thora Birch, Brittany Snow and Michael Urie.

Redemption (R for profanity, brutal violence and graphic nudity) Jason Statham stars in this vigilante thriller as a homeless and alcoholic, disgraced soldier who assumes a fake identity to exact revenge after the rape and murder of a girlfriend (Victoria Bewick). With Vicky McClure, Senem Temiz and Agata Buzek.

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BOOK FEST: Come out for this grand literary event from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m., celebrating the voices of our brothers and sisters from the Caribbean! St. Francis College, 182 Renssen St. (Between Clinton & Court streets) Downtown Brooklyn, New York.

FAMILY DAY: SummerStage Kids sponsored by Disney presents Bronx Family Day, a day dedicated to engaging children and their families through interactive performances! The event features DJ'ing, dancers, juggling, vaudeville variety shows and even includes an interactive double-dutch jump rope performance! Families will also have the opportunity to participate in face painting, a Hip-Hop dance class and free sports lessons including golf workshops. With so many different acts, there will be something for everyone! This free event is from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Park, Bronx, East 146th St. & St. Ann's Ave.

HEALTH FAIR: Join Bedford YMCA, Brooklyn Aids Task Force, Clinton Hill Library, Brooklyn Diabetes Task Force, Healthfirst, LIU Asthma Program, and many others for the mind and body health workshop. There will be a Zumba challenge for teens at 10:00 a.m., Women's Health with Dr. Lisa Robinson at 11:00 a.m. discussing the importance of pap and HPV exams, Healthy Minds with Rev. R. H. Robinson at noon, Aerobics with Keith from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. There will also be free blood pressure screenings, water and healthy snacks provided. Face painting will start at 11:00 a.m. Brown Memorial Baptist Church, 484 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, New York 11238 (between Washington and Waverly on Gates Ave.)

THURSDAY, JUNE 27- SATURDAY, JUNE 29

ARTS: "It's a Game" will be an evening-length dance theatre work that will bring a chess game to life through character, movement, line, pattern, relationship, and human drama. Inspired by the work of Alexander McQueen and the magic of Harry Potter, the piece will create a moving fantasy of power dynamics, competition, and strategy. Showtime starts at 7:30 p.m. at New York Live Arts, 219 W. 19th St., NYC. The season will feature the World Premiere of "It's a Game." Tickets are \$30 (\$20 for Live Arts members, students, and seniors) and are available at www.newyorklivearts.org or by phone at (212) 924-0077.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

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Center and the 88th Precinct Community Council Bklyn will sponsor the community blood drive between 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 298 Classon Ave., Brooklyn.

ONGOING MONDAY, JUNE 24 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

SUMMER CAMP: Treat yourself or your kids to some creative exploration this summer with exciting week-long creative "Camp" workshops or summer art classes. Whether you are ready to jump right in, or just test the waters, we have classes for all ages and skill levels. Check us out online to view a full catalog of our summer offerings; from traditional painting, drawing and clay to digital media. Classes are fun, inspiring and the option of week-long workshops works nicely with your family's vacation plans. www.PelhamArtCenter.org/Education For more information, or to register for our summer workshops and classes stop by the office, or call (914) 738-2525 x111 You can visit our website www.pelhamartcenter.org. Need-based scholarships are available to all



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"Rumor Central"
by Reshonda Tate Billingsley
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263 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Have you heard about....?

Those are four words that are music to your ears. You hear them, and you lean in close because you know you're about to hear something too juicy to ignore, something too cool to avoid, something you absolutely must know.

Gossip is fun and you love hearing it – until you're on the receiving end. And in

the new book "Rumor Central" by Reshonda Tate Billingsley, one tattle-tale finds her tail in a bunch of trouble.

Nobody in South Florida under the age of 21 missed an episode of Miami Divas.

Starring Maya Morgan, the show also featured her friends and classmates as they partied, shopped, and dished on must-haves for everyone who was anyone. They had the best of everything; they were style-makers. Every week, the ratings were off the chain – so it was a surprise to Maya that the show got cancelled.

But the producers had another little surprise for her: they wanted Maya to star in a new TV program that would be filled with gos-

sip.

They wanted Maya – but not her friends.

This, of course, made Bali, Shay, and Sheridan jealous. Weren't they all for one, and one for all? Maya didn't think so. Why couldn't they understand that this was the opportunity her fabulous self deserved? It was what she'd been waiting for, for ages.

Yes, her friends were jealous – green with envy, in fact, because Maya was meeting and hanging with all kinds of stars and making all kinds of money. They were jealous enough to try and ruin what Maya was doing. One of them even stole Maya's boyfriend, so imagine how happy they were when the new show, "Rumor Central," flopped.



Book cover of, "Rumor Central," by Reshonda Tate Billingsley. Photo by Dafina Teen

To boost ratings and save the show, Maya had to come up with some real gossip. It had to be sensational – something that would make

Miami stand up and notice. Fortunately, Maya's former-friends had been pretty loose with their lips and she knew a lot of secrets. So,

while a totally nerdy classmate did her schoolwork for her, Maya Morgan went on-camera and spilled Miami's hottest gossip.

But someone wanted her to keep her mouth shut. Someone wanted to nix the news. And for Maya Morgan, payback would be a...

Okay, I hated Maya Morgan. She's nasty, self-centered, spoiled, obnoxious, and not very nice. I've never wanted a come-uppance for a character more than I wanted it for her.

Hated. Her.

Yep, Maya's a total brat who only kind-of-almost learns a lesson in this book (the first in a new series) – and that "almost" wasn't near enough to endear her to me one bit. Author Reshonda Tate Billingsley has made Maya just too selfishly incorrigible, and it's hard to feel anything for the girl but a lingering distaste.

I can handle a dastardly character – most good fiction has at least one – but the villain in this book is insufferably awful. Try this book if you must. Give it a whirl if you have to – but to me, "Rumor Central" is nothing to whisper about.

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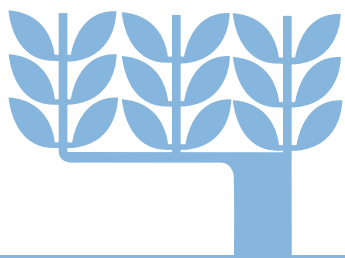
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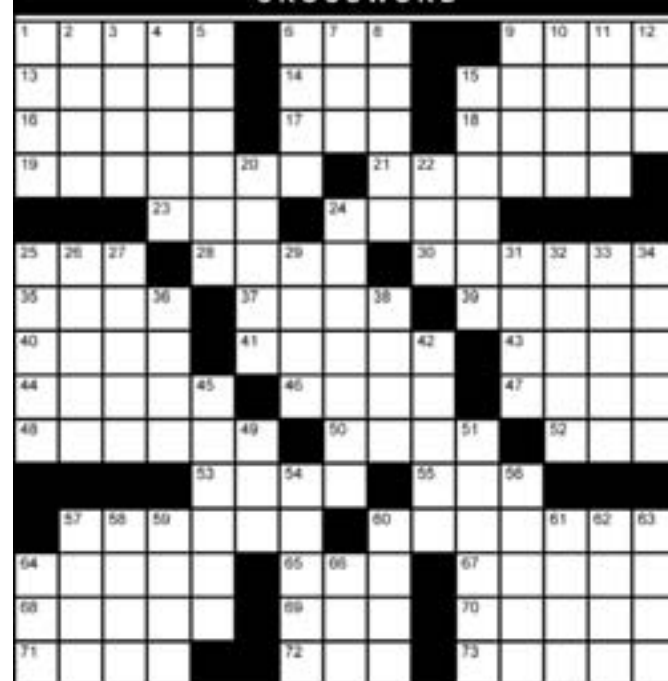
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Cyclones win some, lose some

Staten Island 5 Cyclones 2

June 19 at Staten Island

The Staten Island Yankees scored five runs early and never looked back, handing the Brooklyn Cyclones a 5-2 loss at Richmond County Bank Ballpark.

In the second inning, Kale Sumner and Bubba Jones each singled before Francisco Rosario drove them home with a double.

Cyclones 3 Aberdeen 0

June 20 at MCU Park

The Cyclones finally won this season, going 3-0 on Opening Night.

In the third inning, shortstop Gavin Cecchini singled and stole second before left-fielder Jared King doubled him home. King then scored when designated hitter Julio Concepcion's pop fly was dropped by right-fielder Manny Hernandez.

In the bottom of the fifth, King reached first on a fielder's choice. An error by first-baseman Trey Mancini on a ball hit by Matt "Bright Eyes" Oberste



FLYBOY: Second baseman L.J. Mazzilli makes an infield stop during Thursday's game against Aberdeen at MCU Park.

Photo by Steve Schnibbe

allowed King to reach third. Finally, with James Roche at the plate, a passed ball by Aberdeen catcher Tanner Murphy allowed King to waltz home.

King went 3-4 at the plate, scoring two runs and an RBI in a sensational professional debut.

Clones starting pitcher John Gant threw five solid innings to earn the win, striking out six. Tim Peterson struck out three in three innings, and closer John Mincone picked up the

save during a shaky ninth.

This was the Clones first win. They started the season with two losses to the hated Staten Island Yankees on the Rock.

Cyclones 4 Aberdeen 2

June 21 at MCU Park

The Cyclones erased an early 2-0 deficit and beat the Aberdeen IronBirds to even their season record at 2-2.

Brooklyn's Boys of Summer were down in the sixth

when third baseman Anthony Chavez doubled to center field. Patrick Biondi's single sent Chavez to third before L.J. Mazzilli doubled down the left field line, scoring Chavez and putting Biondi at third. Biondi tied the game on a wild pitch by IronBird hurler Janser Severino.

In the seventh, both Alex Sanchez and Chavez singled, before Biondi singled up the middle to give the Clones the lead. Shortstop Gavin Cecchini's infield hit loaded the bases for Mini-Maz, who walked, scoring Chavez for the game's final run.

Cyclones pitcher Akeel Morris took over in the sixth, throwing seven strikeouts to pick up the win.

Aberdeen 5 Cyclones 4

June 22 at MCU Park

The Cyclones rallied from a 4-0 deficit in the ninth to tie the game, but lost to the IronBirds in the 10th, 5-4.

Aberdeen starter Sebastian "Darth" Vader threw

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Robot throws out first pitch

By Scott Hansen

How long until baseball is played entirely by robots?

Brooklyn Cyclones fans got their first look as a robotic pitcher threw out the celebratory first pitch for opening night at MCU Park last Thursday.

The robot was built by the John Dewey High School Robotics Team, or "The Megalodons," as they call themselves. The pitch capped years of work by the team.

"A group of talented, dedicated students...establishing their dominance in science, technology, engineering and math within the vast oceans of society,"

reads the mission statement on the team's Facebook page. "We strive to promote, encourage and support future engineers, programmers, scientists and mathematicians become game changers in our rapidly changing future."

Solid pitching by humans helped the Cyclones get their first win of the season with a 3-0 shutout over the Aberdeen Ironbirds.



ROBOT VS CLONES: The Dewey High School Robotics Team built a robot that threw out the first pitch before the Cyclones home opener.

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Veronica is spared on doping charge

By Stephen Wilson

LONDON (AP) — The doping case involving Jamaican sprint star Veronica Campbell-Brown appears to involve a “lesser” offense of unintentional use of a banned substance, the sport’s world governing body said Wednesday.

The reigning 200-meter world champion and three-time Olympic gold medalist was suspended by Jamaica’s national federation on

Tuesday pending an investigation into a



Veronica Campbell-Brown, tested positive for a banned diuretic at a meet in May and will serve a suspension while anti-doping officials rule on the positive drug test.

AP Photo/Martin Meissner

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B’klyn baller gets USTA nod

By Robert Elkin

A former tournament player was one of 400 candidates who tried out to work and be part of the United States Open Tennis Tournament in various classifications in Queens later on in the summer.

Chris Rod of Flatbush, Brooklyn has been at this sport for seven years competing primarily at the Prospect Park Tennis Center. He attended but did not play high school tennis at Clara Barton High, mainly because he was too busy playing USTA sanctioned tennis tournaments on the tour.

He did not play college tennis, for there he just played as a hobby.

The borough of Brooklyn is now more noted for its basketball with the emergence

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SAMBA IS KING

Brazil’s Paulinho controls the ball past Mexico’s Gerardo Torrado during the soccer Confederations Cup group A match between Brazil and Mexico at Castelao stadium in Fortaleza, Brazil, Wednesday, June 19, 2013.

Despite protests, soccer still reigns in Brazil

By Patrick Horne

The world of soccer is full of irony, but Brazilians against soccer takes the cake! Who would believe that hundreds of thousands of Brazilians throughout the country are protesting against soccer and are calling on their fellow country-

men to boycott next summer’s World Cup in the country? This is a nation that is considered the greatest soccer-playing country ever, the land considered to have produced more great players than any other, with a people who pride themselves on this fact and the fact that it produced

the greatest player ever, Pele. Brazil gave the world the most fluent, attractive and exciting moments in the game and its “Samba Soccer” is still the envy of the world. Brazil is the country with the unique record of being the only nation

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Brazil's soccer team players pose for a group photo before a friendly soccer game with England at Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, June 2, 2013. From left to right, front row, Daniel Alves, Oscar, Neymar, Paulinho, Hulk, and Luiz Gustavo. Top row from left, goalkeeper Julio Cesar, Filipe Luis, David Luiz, Fred, and Thiago Silva.

AP Photo/Silvia Izquierdo, file

'Brazil's greatest team ever...'

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to win the World Cup five times.

Thousands of Brazilians, including many prominent ones, support the protesters, who condemn government spending on World Cup preparations. The protesters say too much money is being spent on stadiums, roads and housing for the World Cup and the Olympics in 2016 at the expense of improving poor living conditions for the masses. The crowds claim, among other

maladies, that their homes are being displaced to build roads and that the housing being built will become high-priced condominiums, which won't be affordable to the average person.

If there is a place where soccer holds the solutions to crisis – it is Brazil. The panacea is the Men's National Team!

Brazil won the four-team Group A in the Confederations Cup, beating Japan (3-0), Mexico (2-0) and Italy (4-2) and seems heading for a showdown with world

champion Spain, which also finished with a perfect record to win Group B by topping Uruguay (2-1), Tahiti (10-0) and Nigeria (3-0). Brazil must get by Uruguay in the first semifinal on Wednesday, and Spain must beat Italy in the second on Thursday. The final game is on Sunday, June 30.

Brazil's match-up against Spain – which many are calling the greatest team ever, even better than the Pele-led 1970 Brazilian World Cup squad which was the first to win the World Cup three

times to keep the original Jules Rimet Trophy – would be a chance to beat Spanish and disprove that claim and put Brazil back on top as the world's best team, all-time and now. This match-up could very well be a preview of next year's World Cup final and would pique the interest of everyone, including the thousands protesting now.

A Brazil victory over the Spanish giants in this Confederations Cup could be the panacea the nation needs now.

B'klyn in the house

Continued from page 47 of the Nets competing in the established National Basketball Association.

Rod played in tournaments and did a lot of travelling.

He recently came to the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadow Corona Park because he was interested in the position in working during competition in the big tournament, including its qualifying round.

"Being a ball person is a great opportunity," said Rod, who tried out for various positions on the tennis court.

While Tina Taps is the director of the ball persons during the tryouts and for the employment of the ball persons during the US Open, she has supervisors working under her. She has a huge staff who helps her out and they return year after year. One of them is Ron Foster, who has been working at the position of supervisor for the past seven years at the US Open venue.

Starting as a ball person, Foster got to a point where the kids became a little faster than he was; therefore he moved up to a supervisor position for the tournament.

"And I liked doing this job as a supervisor very much," he said.

In addition, Foster played tennis tournaments as well at different clubs, including at the Central Park Track Club in Manhattan and at Staten Island's Silver Lake Park.

Foster also played in Eastern Sectional Tournaments where he kept on improving on his USTA Eastern ranking. He played more on the junior level than he did on the adult one.

"My favorite tennis player is Roger Federer because I like the way that he plays," he said. "I like that he wins championships. He's number two in the world."

Then there was Jeremiah Harris, whose father Jeremiah, Sr. originally came from Grenada.

Harris, a football player at Bayside High School, came to the USTA tryouts to be a ball boy and work at the US Open tournament. He found the tryouts a great experience and if he makes it, he will get the experience of his life meeting those worldwide and top-ranking players and working with them at the same time

"I think that football can translate into tennis and help earn me some money at the same time," Harris, Jr. said.

Harris, the father, played a little soccer in Grenada, and now he owns a hardware store in Brooklyn. But he likes football more so than tennis.

Harris Jr. goes along with Novak Djovic to win the men's singles title of the US Open. Tryouts included from the back position and from the net position. The candidates were allowed to try out for one or both positions. Those candidates who passed the first round will return for the next round, until the roster is completed.

Campbell Brown suspension

Continued from page 47 positive drug test.

Jamaican officials said Campbell-Brown, the 2004 and 2008 Olympic champion in the 200, tested positive for a banned diuretic at a meet on the island in May.

The Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association said she was suspended from competition while a disciplinary panel reviews the case. The Jamaicans said the matter is being

handled according to rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations.

"It is up to our member federations to enforce our rules," IAAF spokesman Nick Davies told The Associated Press in a text message. "Although we would not normally comment on active cases (we) would simply remind media to keep (a) sense of perspective — all evidence seems to point to this offense being a

lesser one."

The sanction for a lesser offense can be a reduced penalty — a suspension of a few months to a year or a public warning — rather than a standard two-year ban.

Dr. Herb Elliott, chairman of the Jamaica Anti-Doping Commission, said the banned substance found in Campbell-Brown's samples at the Jamaica International Invitational was a diuretic. He declined

to provide the name of the substance.

Diuretics can be used to mask the use of banned substances.

Under the World Anti-Doping Code, some diuretics are classified as a "specified substance," a designation for drugs that might have been consumed without intent to enhance performance.

Athletes can receive a reduced sanction if they can prove how a substance was ingested.

In 2009, Jamaican sprinter Yohan Blake and three other Jamaicans received

reduced suspensions of three months after testing positive for a banned stimulant. Blake won the 100-meter world title in 2010 and finished second behind Usain Bolt in the 100 and 200 at last year's London Olympics.

The 31-year-old Campbell-Brown has won seven Olympic medals in all.

Campbell-Brown's manager, Claude Bryan, said the accusation came as a "shock to her" and the sprinter is determined to clear her name.

"Veronica is not a cheat, she has, via hard work and

dedication, accomplished a record on the track which is absolutely remarkable," Bryan said in a statement Tuesday.

He said Campbell-Brown does not accept "guilt of willfully taking a banned substance."

In addition to her two individual Olympic titles, Campbell-Brown also won gold in the 4x100 relay at the 2004 Athens Games. In London, she won bronze in the 100 and silver as part of the 4x100 relay team.

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Cyclones

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eight shutout innings, striking out 10 Cyclones before giving way to Williams Louico, who allowed three consecutive singles to Gavin Cecchini, L.J. “Mini-Maz” Mazzilli and Jared King. The hurler then uncorked a wild pitch, allowing Cecchini to score before Matt “Bright Eyes” Oberste knocked Mazzilli in with a single. King ran home on a passed ball, then Clones catcher Colton Plaia singled Oberste home to tie the score.

Aberdeen won it with a run-scoring single in the 10th.

Cyclones 4 Hudson Valley 3

June 23 at MCU Park

The Cyclones pulled off another ninth inning rally, sending the game into extra innings for the second-straight night, winning 4–3 in 13.

Hudson Valley was up 3–2 in the ninth, when Clones center fielder Patrick “To Infinity and” Biondi singled, sending fielder James “Papa” Roche, home to tie the game at 3.

A baseball pitchers duel followed for the next three innings before left fielder Jeff King singled and subsequently took second on a Matt “Bright Eyes” Oberste knock. Roche then hit a deep shot to center, bringing home King with the winning run.

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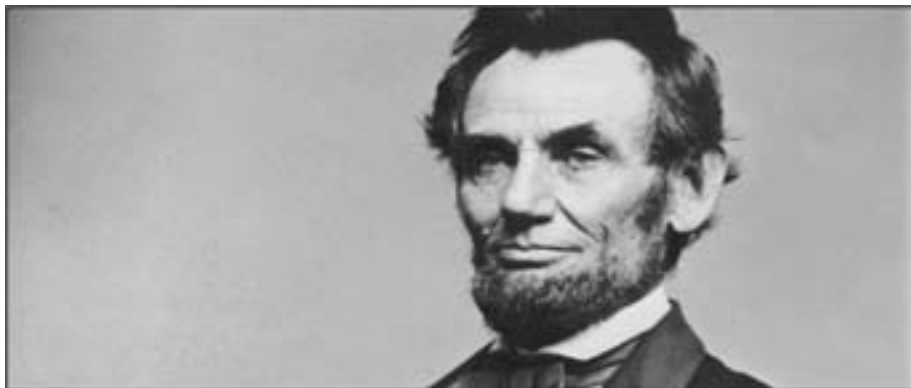
June 24 at Hudson Valley

In another ninth-inning rally, the Clones broke a 2–2 tie in the top of the final frame when Ismael Tijerini scored the deciding run on a sacrifice fly by Gavin Cecchini.

Cristian Chivilli pitched the last three innings, giving up one hit, to earn the win.

The Clones scored one in the first. Lead-off hitter Patrick “To Infinity and” Biondi walked. Then singles by Gavin Cecchini, L.J. “Mini Mazz” Mazzilli and Jared King, got him around the bases. But Hudson Valley hurler Julian Ridings got out of the jam with a strikeout and a double play.

Brooklyn’s second run came in the fourth, when Matthew “Bright Eyes” Oberste walked and scored on a double by Alexander Sanchez.



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India wins ICC ODI Champions Trophy

India captured the ICC One-Day International Championship Trophy for the second time in a row, by winning every game in their group, progressing to the semi-finals at the top of the points table then defeating England in a severely rain-affected match.

TWENTY OVERS PER TEAM

England won the toss and sent India in to bat. Opener Shikhar Dhawan scored 31 runs from 24 balls, Virat Kohli 43 runs from 34 balls and the in-form all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja 33 not-out from 25 balls. India scored a modest 129 runs for seven wickets in their 20 overs. For England, Ravi Bopara picked up three wickets for 20 runs from his four overs.

ENGLAND REACHED 124 RUNS FOR 8 WICKETS

England struggled just as India did, losing early wickets; but after a score of 46 runs for four wickets in the



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

ninth over, 60 runs between Morgan and Ravi Bopara stretched the score to 110 runs in the 18th over, then Morgan fell for 33 runs off 30 balls. With 20 runs to win the game off 15 balls, with five wickets remaining, England ended their inning at 124 for 8 after 20 overs. Ravi Bopara got out with the next ball after Morgan fell. For India, Inshant Sharma picked up 2 wickets for 36 runs, Ravindra Jadeja 2 for 24 and Ravi Chandran Ash with 2 for 15. Mahendra Singh Dhoni was excellent behind the stumps, taking out Ian Bell and the in-form Jonathan Trott.

India's fielding was on top throughout the tournament. They played like champions and deserved to be crowned. India won every game in the regular season up to the final.

INDIA TRAVELS TO THE CARIBBEAN

India, Sri Lanka and the West Indies faceoff in a tri-series tournament. India will play the West Indies on Sunday, July 30 in Jamaica. West Indies so far has not shown any sign of modifying their strategy and the team will find it difficult to defeat India.

CRICKET INTELLIGENCE SHOULD PREVAIL

Cricket is not only about a bat and a ball. The game has reached a technological distance that cricketers must apply their supreme knowledge and at the same time apply and follow the rules of the sport. Denesh Ramdin received a severe penalty for his misjudgment for intended wrong doing. He was slapped



India's players celebrate winning the ICC Champions Trophy Final cricket match after beating England at Edgbaston cricket ground, Birmingham, England, Sunday June 23, 2013. AP Photo/Jon Super

with a 100 percent match fee fine and a two-game suspension.

The West Indies team has a winning group of players but needs some leadership from the head coach. The team also needs to apply a needed strategy, which can help the team to move forward.

SARWAN

Ramneresh Sarwan probably has played his last game for the West Indies. He should have no gripes, since he was given a full opportunity as a senior player to provide some stability to the team and failed. Darren Bravo is also

under the microscope. He has to learn how to work the ball around before emn-gaging in ambitious stroke play. Now, Captain Dwayne Bravo, Marlon Samuels and Devon Smith have to carry a heavy burden, not only in this tri-series but in the many series ahead.

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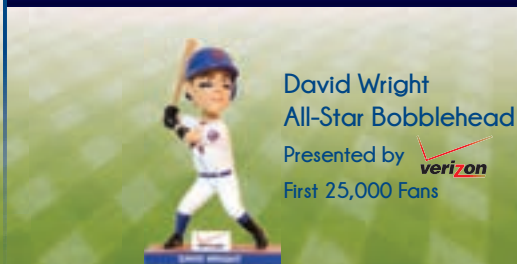
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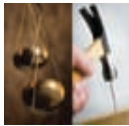
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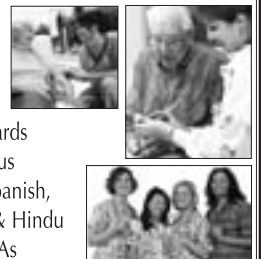
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son Street, Room 319,
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9:30 o'clock in the fore-
noon of that day, why the
account of the Public Ad-
ministrator of Kings
County, a summary of
which has been served
herewith, as Administra-
tor of the estate of Sel-
bert Providence, should
not be judicially settled.
[X] Further relief sought
(if any): that the above
persons be cited to show
cause why such settle-
ment should not be
granted; why the Surro-
gate should not fix, de-
termine and approve the
petitioner's statutory
commissions pursuant to
SCPA 2307 in the amount
of \$12,551.92, as shown
in Schedule C-1, the petitioner's ad-

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ministration expenses
pursuant to SCPA
1106(3) in the amount of
\$2,887.98, as shown in
Schedule C-1, and the
compensation of the peti-
tioner's counsel, Steven
R. Finkelstein, Esq., in
the amount of
\$16,574.75, as shown in
Schedules C and C-1, to-
gether with such addi-
tional amounts as deter-
mined by the Surrogate,
based on additions to the
estate from the closing
date of the Account to
the date of the Decree;
why the claims of New
York State Department of
Taxation and Finance, in
an unknown amount, as
shown in Schedule D,
Contingent and possible
claims, and Schedule
C-1, should not be fixed
and determined or, if not
so fixed and determined,
deemed rejected; why
the claim of New York
City Human Resources
Administration, in an un-
known amount, as shown
in Schedule D, Conting-
ent and possible claims,
should not be fixed and
determined or, if not so
fixed and determined,
deemed rejected; why a
hearing should not be
held to determine the de-

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cedent's distributees, at
which time proof pursu-
ant to SCPA 2225 may
be presented; why the
petitioner should not be
permitted to distribute so
much of the net estate,
less an appropriate re-
serve for the preparation
of fiduciary income tax
returns and the payment
of taxes, if any, shown
thereon to be due, to the
decedent's distributees,
as now known or here-
after determined, as their
interests may appear,
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amount not so distributed
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of any distributees of the
decedent who are under
disability and for whom
or for whose estate no fi-
duciary has been ap-
pointed, or who are un-
known or whose
whereabouts are un-
known; why the peti-
tioner, upon fully comply-
ing with the Decree to be
made in this proceeding,
should not be released
and discharged of and
from any liability, respon-
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with respect to the peti-
tioner's acts and pro-
ceedings, whether em-

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braced in or reasonably
to be inferred from the
Account; and why such
other and further relief as
this Court deems just and
proper should not be
granted.
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