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G4 praise for Haitian farmers

By Jared Metzker

WASHINGTON, Aug 14, 2013 (IPS) - Work by the Group of 4 (G4) union of Haitian peasant organisations, along with assistance from the Dessalines Brigade - South American peasant leaders and agroecology experts supported by La Via Campesina - has been singled out for promoting "good farming practices and advocat[ing] for peasant farmers" in Haiti.

The two network organisations, it was announced Tuesday, will be awarded the 2013 Food Sovereignty Prize, an annual award given to groups that promote a more democratic, community-based food system.

The G4 alliance represents over a quarter-million Haitians. Its relationship with the South American peasant leadership is intended "to rebuild Haiti's environment, promote wealth and end poverty" in that country, which continues to feel the devastating effects of the major earthquake that struck the island in 2010.

"We wanted to honour that relationship," Charity Hicks, of the Detroit Food Justice Task Force, one of the groups behind the Food

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More gold for Jamaica

Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce poses for photographers with her national flag as she celebrates after winning gold in the women's 100-meter final at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013. See story on page 49. AP Photo/David J. Phillip

DEAL GONE SOUR

Guyana Pols kill hydro project

By Bert Wilkinson

Guyana's main opposition party has virtually killed and buried a controversial hydro electric project that government had built up as its infrastructural showpiece but which many in the opposition and professional communities have said is riddled with over-

pricing and millions in kickbacks for those with power and political connections.

The Amaila Falls Hydro Power Project in the central Potaro Region was slated to come on stream in about 10 years, providing clean hydro power from the

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Bahamas

A 64-year-old United States citizen is recuperating in hospital after he was bitten on the left hand by a Nurse Shark, the police said in a statement recently. The man from Fort Lauderdale, Florida was cleaning fish in Exuma, an area known for Nutse sharks, when the incident occurred recently.



“He was taken to the local clinic and later air lifted to the capital where his injuries are described as non-life threatening,” the statement said without naming the victim.

Barbados

The Barbados government will table legislation next month to promote green energy, Finance and Economic Affairs Minister Chris Sinckler has said.

Sinckler said the Freundel Stuart-led government has devised practical ways to build out the alternative energy sector through policy, legislation and fiscal incentives, which will ensure that in terms both of supply and demand, there are reasonable and cost effective solutions available.



“In the short term, our energy conservation activities are critical, but in the medium to long term, if we want to have a sustainable reduction in the amount of foreign exchange we spend on fuel oil, it would mean that we would have to employ strategies to build out a strong, vibrant and productive alternative energy sector,” he said.

Sinckler said that the new legislation would be predicted on a set of initiatives which were outlined in last year’s budget, but took some time to finalize because the government wanted to ensure that it was as close to perfect as possible.

The minister said that the legislation would provide 10-year tax



Ultimate police & firefighter games

Caribbean athletes at the World Police and Fire Games 2013 in Belfast Northern Ireland: DeFrance, Stephen John, Chrisarlene Murrell. L-R (Back): Winston Honore, Lenin Jones, Aldrin Alleyne, Dr. Christopher Stange, Wendell Solomon, Clayton DeFrance, Stephen John, Chrisarlene Murrell. L-R (Middle): Shirvan Samuel, Liselle Johnson, Marlene Brown, Leahh Thomas, Krista Francis-Raymah. L-R (Front): Marcelle Ramos-Johnson, Colin Chandler, Everton Alfred. See Story on Page 6.

Photo Credit: SVG Consulate, Northern Ireland.

holidays for any developer, manufacturer or installer of renewable energy systems and energy efficient products and this measure will be covered by the Income Tax Act.

Guyana

A Guyana court has acquitted two men accused of killing 11 people in one of the worst mass murder cases in the South American nation’s recent history. Twentyfour-year-old Anthony Hyles and 28-year-old Mark Williams were freed recently.



Prosecutors accused them of using high powered rifles and shotguns to slay 11 people in the coastal

farming village of Lusignan in 2008. Several of the victims were children killed as they slept.

Officials said the killings were meant as revenge for the disappearance of gang leader Rondell Rawlins’ girlfriend. Rawlins allegedly blamed the government and regarded people in Lusignan as government supporters.

The two defendants had said they acted as lookouts during the killings but did not actively participate. Soldiers killed Rawlins a few months after the massacre.

Jamaica

The main opposition Jamaica Labor Party (JLP) recently condemned the murder of a man at a

church alter saying the gunmen were not even deterred by the fact they were committing the crime in a church.

Police were searching for gunmen who chased a man identified by media reports as “Chad Telfer” and shot and killed him at the church altar in the community of Bull Bay in the eastern parish of St. Andrew recently.

Police said that a child attending Bible studies at the church was also shot twice in the back and has been taken to hospital for treatment

Law enforcement officials said that the gunmen had earlier shot the man in his leg as he sought to



escape from them and although he entered the church the venue did not deter them as they cornered him on the altar and shot him several times, killing him instantly.

JLP spokesman on National Security and Justice, Delroy Chuck, described the killing as shocking to the conscience, horrific and deserving of widespread condemnation, adding that the gunmen were not even prepared to stop their actions in a place of worship or in the presence of children participating in the church’s annual “Vocation Bible School” series.

St. Kitts

St. Kitts and Nevis will receive US\$6.4 million from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) after the Washington based financial institution said it had completed an economic performance of the twin-island federation under a 36-month Standby Agreement (SBA).



The IMF said that total funds now disbursed to the island is US\$71.5 million and that it had also approved waivers of applicability for the end June 2013 performance criterion on the ceiling of external arrears accumulated on debt contracted or guaranteed by the central government, and re-phased disbursements under the SBA.

In 2011, the IMF approved the US\$79.35 million SBA for St. Kitts Nevis and according to the fund’s managing director, Min Zhu, the local authorities “have continued the successful implementation of their Fund-supported program, in particular making progress toward achieving fiscal objectives and debt restructuring.

The IMF official said the 2013 budget is aligned with the authorities’ dual objectives of redeploying resources towards growth enhanc-

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Vincientian lawyer 'battered, bruised' by NYPD

By Nelson A. King

A prominent Vincientian lawyer and former senator in the incumbent Unity Labor Party has confirmed his arrest by officers of the New York Police Department.

After a court appearance and his release, Ronald Marks told Caribbean Life on Monday that he was arrested late Sunday night in Brooklyn while viewing netball matches between Caribbean teams and meeting friends at the Lincoln Terrace Park in Crown Heights.

In recent years, the Lincoln Terrace Park has become a central meeting place on summer weekends for Caribbean nationals, particularly Vincientians, during netball matches, organized by the Brooklyn-based Caribbean American Netball Association (CANA).

"I'm a bit battered and bruised, but I'm alright," said Marks, stating that police had charged him with resisting arrest, attempted assault, being in a park after sunset and disorderly conduct.

Marks, who is vacationing in New York with his wife, the court registrar in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, said the presiding judge at Brooklyn Supreme Court "adjourned (the case) in contemplation of dismissal."

His lawyer, Colin Liverpool, told Caribbean Life that once there is "no reaction (falls afoul of the law) in six months, the case is dismissed."

On seeing one of his former clients, Darren Dopwell, handcuffed and thrown into a police squad car, Marks said he had inquired about the matter from a female police officer.

He said Dopwell had also shouted to him: "Ronnie, I ain't do anything, and they lock me up."

Marks said the police

responded that an officer had asked Dopwell to "move, and he didn't move, and he had an attitude."

Marks further said that since he has not been admitted to practice law in New York, he inquired about the whereabouts of Liverpool, who is allowed to practice law in the state, whom he had seen at the location a few minutes before.

Marks said as he turned around, he felt his feet "removed from under me" by two police officers, and their knees jammed to his back after he dropped, chest down, on the pavement.

Marks said he did not "hoist a stroke," adding that, after the police manhandled him badly, they came up with the "trumped up charges."

"If a client had told me about such an attack, it would be hard for me to believe," Marks said. "I couldn't believe the police in New York could act so wickedly."

Marks said former St. Vincent and the Grenadines' junior calypso monarch, Orande "Man Kemmie" Christopher, a popular DJ in Brooklyn, was also arrested after he questioned the police's actions.

"It's another story how they treated us in the cell, not allowing us to use the bathroom," he said. "They slammed Darren (Dopwell) against the wall on the same shoulder he had surgery on."

Marks said when Christopher questioned the treatment meted out to Dopwell, "they told him to shut up and put him in a different cell.

"From that, I learned to shut up," said Marks, who has since posted images of bruises, sustained at the Lincoln Terrace Park, on the social network, Facebook.

He is appealing to the public for video footages to help bolster a potential lawsuit against the NYPD.



Kelene Chung is seventh from left in front row with fellow White House interns and President Barack Obama. Photo courtesy of the White House

Trinbagonian student on White House internship

By Vinette K. Pryce

Although Kelene Chung interned at the White House for almost two months, when President Barack Obama stood in front of her to congratulate her at the end of her summer internship, she was shocked, awed and plain overwhelmed by the occasion.

Twenty-year-old Chung is a sophomore at Middlebury College in Vermont. There her major is political science.

Born in Arima, Trinidad & Tobago, the Harlem resident has aspiration of contributing at the highest level of political service and earlier this summer earned a coveted opportunity to intern at



Kelene Chung

the White House.

With support from her parents Lennox Chung and Louise Noel – who is married to reporter Peter Noel – the 20-year-old immigrant successfully earned one of the

coveted internships for the summer 2013 program.

The mission of the White House Internship Program "is to make the White House accessible to future leaders around the nation and to prepare those devoted to public service for future leadership opportunities."

It is understood that "a White House Internship provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills."

Interns are placed to work in one of several White House departments, including the Domestic Policy Council, the National Economic Council, the Office of Cabinet Affairs,

the Office of Chief of Staff, the Office of Communications, the Office of Digital Strategy, the Office of the First Lady, the Office of Legislative Affairs, the Office of Management and Administration, the Office of Presidential Correspondence, the Office of Presidential Personnel, the Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs, the Office of Scheduling and Advance, the Office of the Vice President, the Office of the White House Counsel, and the Office of White House Fellows.

Chung was assigned to work in the Office of the First Lady, Michelle Obama.



Dr. Trevor Dixon, founder of JAHJAH.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

Jamaicans fundraise for health

By Tequila Minsky

As a boy of nine years, Trevor Dixon with his family left Jamaica. He grew up in Flatbush, a Jamaican, son of Brooklyn, too.

Now, Trevor Dixon is Dr. Dixon and works in the field of Emergency Medicine,

previously in Newark and most recently, at the University of Missouri Hospital, Columbia, Missouri.

From a family of educators and medical professionals, Dr. Dixon is grounded in his life goals and while finishing his medical train-

ing six years ago, he looked to how he could "give back" to the land of his birth.

A meeting with Dr. Wong in Jamaica (who was skeptical at first—how many people had Dr. Wong met who made promises and

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**Guyana politicians
kill hydro plan**

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heart of the country's Amazonian jungles all the way to the city with its transmission pylons hopping over streams and rivers, mountains, dirt roads and thick forest, connecting with the national grid system at Linden town, about 65 miles from the city.

But with a price tag of \$840 million dollars and with a highly complex financing scheme involving the Chinese government, the Inter American Development Bank (IDB) U.S.-based Sithe Global LLC and others, neither of the two main opposition parties, the APNU and the AFC, nor a growing band of Guyanese citizens say they are comfortable with the project in the way it is currently configured.

And even though the Alliance For Change (AFC) has been giving mix parliamentary signals on whether

it will support the project or not, the APNU of former army commander Brig. Gen. David Granger has vowed to continue opposing it until the project is retendered internationally, parliament is brought fully up to date with every detail and until it is convinced that Amaila will not be an expensive white elephant as the barely functioning \$200M Chinese-built Skeldon Sugar factory near the border with Suriname.

Shaken up by the growing opposition to the project, Sithe Global announced at the weekend that it was walking away from both the project and the country, blaming the rising political temperature and the lack of political unanimity for its decision.

"Unfortunately not all parties were willing to set aside politics for the broader public good and as a result today we reluctantly announce our withdraw-



President Donald Ramotar. AP Photo/Richard Drew, file

al from the project," said Sithe.

The move has put the administration of President Donald Ramotar on the defensive and has clearly embarrassed him domestically and internationally, leading to a clamor among governing party faithful for fresh elections to reverse the one-seat parliamentary advantage of the APNU and the AFC.

Ramotar has vowed to find new international partners to get the project up and running, to help end 40 years of rolling black-outs and to provide clean electricity in keeping with the low carbon emissions thrust of the administration.

Haitian farmers lauded

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Sovereignty Prize, told IPS, referring to the partnership between G4 and Via Campesina.

Hicks' organisation is just one member of the U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance (USFSA), the group offering the award. USFSA aims to "end poverty, rebuild local food economies, and assert democratic control over the food system", as well as to connect "local and national struggles to the international movement for food sovereignty".

Hicks lauds the partnership between the Haitian peasant union and the South American groups as an example of food sovereignty organisations from different regions "sharing knowledge and skills, respecting ecologies and creating food democracy".

Food democracy, she explains, refers to "bottom-up, communal and cultural approaches to deal with hunger and poverty."



Zanmi Agrikol farm/Friends of Agriculture, in Haiti's Bas-Plateau Central.

IPS/Wadner Pierre

In addition, the G4 union stood out for a decision made in 2010 by one of its member groups, the Peasant Movement of Papaye, to reject a substantial donation of hybrid seeds by U.S. mega-producer Monsanto following the earthquake.

"Denying the [Monsanto] seeds represented significant opposition to what the corporate food system is doing by trying to control our food," Lisa Griffith, of

the National Family Farm Coalition, another member group of the USFSA, told IPS.

The opposition to Monsanto was especially important in the decision to award G4, Griffith says, because the Food Sovereignty Prize acts as an alternative to the World Food Prize. That annual award was given this year to, among others, Robert Fraley, a high-ranking Monsanto executive.



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Brooklyn group's medical mission to Guyana

By Nelson A. King

The Brooklyn-based community group, Action, Performance, Commitment (APC) Community Services, Inc. says it has conducted a very successful three-week medical mission to Guyana.

Dr. Janice Emanuel-Bunn, the group's Guyanese-born president said over 1,500 Guyanese nationals benefited from free medical clinics and health symposiums the group conducted during the three-week mission.

"This was an extremely successful mission, and I thank all the doctors, nurses and other professionals for volunteering their time and expertise," said Dr. Emanuel-Bunn.

"The words of appreciation and smiles on the patients' faces meant a lot to our team," she added.

Emanuel-Bunn said the Loma Linda University Dental team in California, under the leadership of Drs. Alan Woodson and Larry Holloway, also provided "valuable dental services" to more than 500 patients at Parika; LBI; Bath Settlement; New Amsterdam; Grove;

Charity; Bushlot; Pomona; and Georgetown, the Guyanese capital

Two dental symposiums were also conducted in Georgetown and Kuru Kururu. The presenters were Loma Linda University Dental students Dallas Frantz, Ronald Walker, Luke Czar, Minyoung Cho and Diana Ferguson.

"This was an incredible and a well-executed experience," Dr. Woodson said. "Everything was well organized. The people were so appreciative of the services, and they were so patient as they waited for service.

"I was intrigued at the learning curve experienced by students, who went from no oral surgery experience to gaining so much experience, because of the number of patients they served," he added. "The support staff was also amazing."

Clinics were held at Parika, LBI, Bath Settlement, New Amsterdam; Grove; Charity; Bushlot; Pomona; and Georgetown, the Guyanese capital. The medical team arrived in Guyana on June 23 "and set sail for the Essequibo coast on



Dr. Wendy Reece (left) attends to a patient in Guyana. Photo courtesy of APC Community Services

Photo

the beautiful Malalil." She said the team spent an entire week in Essequibo, conducting two clinics in Charity at the spacious Stoll's Residence. She said clinics were also conducted at Pomona and Bushlot.

While waiting for clinical services, Emanuel-Bunn said she and Registered Nurse Dawn Caesar educated patients on disease management and nutrition. Registered Nurse Caroline Howell also "actively engaged" patients in exercises sessions.

"This was an experience filled with energy and compassion," said Dr. Edward Kankam, a Ghanaian residing in West Palm Beach, FL, who participated in the mission for the first time.

"As we saw the patients, we recognized that their needs could not be left unattended," he said. "What we had to offer was greatly appreciated.

Dr. Wendy Reece and her husband, Carlisle, a registered nurse, originally from Barbados and cur-

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World Police, Fire Games

The Caribbean was represented by a delegation from the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service -- many with Vincentian roots, at the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) 2013 at King's Hall in Belfast.

Accompanied by Dr. Christopher Stange, the St. Vincent and Grenadines consul to Northern Ireland, members of the contingent -- cheered by spectators, proudly parading around the packed stadium in the opening ceremony of the Games.

The WPFG are third in size after the Olympics and Commonwealth Games, with competitors from over 70 countries competing in 60 different sports.

The Caribbean athletes will be participating in a variety of events -- from athletics (track and field), orienteering and the ultimate firefighter championship.

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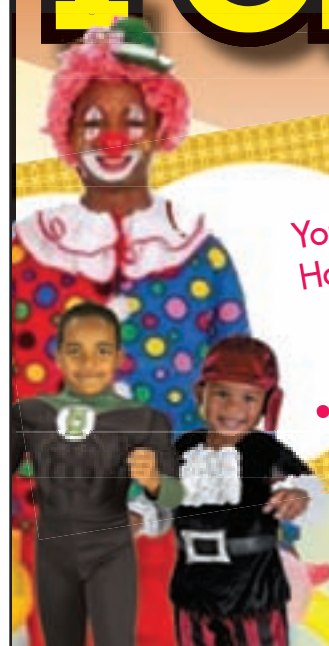
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NYC mayor lambastes stop-and-frisk ruling

By Colleen Long

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge's stinging rebuke of the police department's stop-and-frisk policy as discriminatory could usher in a return to the days of high violent crime rates and end New York's tenure as "America's safest big city," Mayor Michael Bloomberg warned.

The ruling strikes at the heart of the legacy Bloomberg aims to leave when his third and final term ends this year. He said he would appeal but likely won't be around long enough to deal with the repercussions.

"This is a dangerous decision made by a judge who I think does not understand how policing works and what is compliant with the U.S. Constitution as determined by the Supreme Court," Bloomberg said. "I worry for my kids, and I worry for



From left, Nicholas Peart, Lilat Clarkson, Leroy Downes, Devin Almonar and David Ourlicht, plaintiffs in the stop and frisk case, pose for a photo after a news conference at the Center for Constitutional Rights, in New York, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013. AP Photo/Richard Drew

your kids. I worry for you and I worry for me. Crime can come back any time the criminals think they can get away with things. We just cannot let that happen." U.S. District Judge Shira

Scheindlin declared Monday that police have intentionally and systematically violated the civil rights of tens of thousands of people by wrongly targeting black and

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Big corporations pay their fair share

By Frank Knapp Jr.

President Obama is right to address the urgent need to modernize our once grand infrastructure. Unfortunately, the president's corporate tax reforms would leave us in a deeper hole down the road.

The President's plan to cut corporate tax rates responds to the tireless mantra of U.S. multinational corporations that America's tax rates hurt their global competitiveness. In reality, American corporations are enjoying their highest level of profits in 60 years while their federal income taxes are close to the lowest level. The Government Accountability Office recently reported that large profitable U.S. corporations paid an effective federal tax rate of just 12.6 percent in 2010, a rate lower than many small businesses and middle-class families.

Large corporations like Pfizer, Bank of America and Google have avoided paying their fair share of U.S. taxes by abusing offshore tax havens and using accounting gimmicks to disguise U.S. profits as foreign profits. U.S. corporations are holding about \$2 trillion offshore to shield it from U.S. taxation. These corporations have gamed the tax system, contributing mightily to the deficit while leaving small businesses and households to pick up a greater share of the cost of public services and infrastructure –

from schools and police to roads and safe drinking water.

While the details aren't clear, the President's plan includes a one-time fee on offshore profits – much lower than the regular corporate tax rate – that he wants to use for investing in our country's aging infrastructure and other priorities. Small businesses applaud increased investment in bridges, ports and other needed infrastructure that will also create jobs and put money on Main Street. However, history shows that rewarding corporate tax dodgers with hundreds of billions of dollars in tax breaks – as happened with the 2004 tax holiday that promised job creation and delivered a windfall to CEOs and shareholders instead – only accelerates tax haven abuse in the future. It would incentivize the armies of corporate accountants and lobbyists to create and exploit new loopholes even as old ones may be closed.

Ending corporate tax dodging is not a Republican issue or a Democratic issue; it's an American issue. In a nationally representative poll, in which Republicans outnumbered Democrats, more than 90 percent of small business owners said it is a problem when large corporations use accounting gimmicks to shift their U.S. profits to foreign tax havens in order to avoid taxes pay. Whether called a one-time fee or a tax holiday, a corporate

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Caribbean lags on reproductive rights

By Purnima Mane

WASHINGTON, Aug 6, 2013 (IPS) - In the last decade, several countries in the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region have had the opportunity to experience economic growth and establish redistributive fiscal policies aimed at reducing poverty, reducing inequality and improving the coverage and quality of health, education and social protection services.

And yet significant gaps exist in the area of reproductive health and rights, both between countries and as a whole, when it comes to some of the key objectives of the Cairo Programme of Action.

Let us take one of the basic indicators of reproductive health, the maternal mortality ratio. The decline overall in the region is not enough to guarantee the achievement of the target set for 2015.

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The average maternal mortality rate in LAC is 80 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births, according to estimates by WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF and World Bank, 2011. Moreover, there are significant inequities between countries.

For example, the estimated maternal mortality rate in Uruguay was 29 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2010, while it was 120 in Guatemala; Haiti exhibits the highest ratio in the region, with 350 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births.

A significant proportion of

maternal deaths are caused by unsafe abortions, which represent a serious public health concern in the region.

In 2008, the annual rate of unsafe abortion estimated for the region was 31 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44. In 2008, 12 percent of all maternal deaths in Latin America and the Caribbean (1,100 in total) were due to unsafe abortions, according to the World Health Organisation.

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In addition to the discrepancies noted in regard to maternal mortality and access to safe abortion between countries, there are also intra-country disparities.

For example, while the total
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Stop-and-Frisk reeks of racial profiling

By Patricia Brooks

United States District Court Judge Shira A. Scheindlin issued a groundbreaking decision declaring that the New York City Police Department (NYPD) implements its controversial stop-and-frisk policy in an unconstitutional manner and violates the rights of hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers. Judge Scheindlin ordered sweeping reforms – including an independent monitor to oversee the NYPD – to fix the problems.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (“LDF”), with co-counsel the Legal Aid Society, has filed a related lawsuit, *Davis v. City of New York*, on behalf plaintiffs challenging the

constitutionality of the NYPD's policy and practice of stopping and arresting public housing residents and their guests for the purported crime of trespassing. LDF's case is scheduled for a jury trial before Judge Scheindlin in October.

In her decision, Judge Scheindlin found that the NYPD encourages the targeting of young Black and Latino men based on crime statistics, which is a form of racial profiling in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. Between January 2004 and June 2012, 83 percent of all individuals stopped by NYPD officers were Black and Latino despite the fact that they comprise only 52 percent of New York City's population. Judge Scheind-

lin also found that NYPD officers routinely stopped New Yorkers without reasonable suspicion in violation of their Fourth Amendment rights. Only 12 percent of all stops led to an arrest or summons.

“Judge Scheindlin's ruling is a historic recognition of the NYPD's entrenched discriminatory practices that have violated the rights of Black and Latino New Yorkers for decades,” said Sherrilyn Ifill, LDF's president and director-counsel. Although the ruling does not abolish the practice of stop and frisk, it mandates major changes in the way the policy is implemented to ensure that police

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Navigating tall challenges in foreign policy

As if he didn't already have a full plate and more to contend with from obstructionist congressional Republicans about his domestic agenda, President Obama finds himself, early in this second term, with tall challenges on the national security/foreign policy front that threaten to make the rest of his tenure an obstacle course not for the faint of heart. The thorny issues just keep piling up. Recent brouhahas like the chill in the US-Russia relationship and Edward Snowden's role in this or rumblings at home over people's right to privacy being compromised by post-9/11 realities add to longer-standing perplexities like Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan. And what seemed like pretty smooth sailing in the first term, even policy moves that looked to be undeniable pluses, now come in for second guessing.

The positive vibe radiating from Obama's vow to pursue and eliminate bin Laden and other key al Qaida figures, to terminate a heavy-duty presence in Iraq and wind down the commitment in Afghanistan served him well at a time he most needed to demonstrate the muscular resolve those issues demanded. Some indeed thought he tended to over-compensate on the macho

thing. But a not easily ignored deficit side to these as well as other policy directions has manifested itself, making for a more cloudy outlook.

Although Iraq was an undertaking Obama, like millions of others, saw as a war the U.S. should never have initiated, how the American invasion and occupation has left Iraq gets laid at the feet of not the trigger-happy crew who orchestrated the colossal mess, but the guy overseeing the pullout. At this point there appears to be little doubt that Iraq will remain in chaos for a long time to come. "Damned if you do, damned if you don't" might well be the caption for Obama's decision to make a clean break from the hell-hole created when some folks in Washington took a Saddam fixation to unseemly extremes. In Afghanistan, where Obama was supportive of the U.S. invasion, the country is proving to be just as ungovernable under an American-designed road map as with any of the previous foreign powers who've tried and failed to bring stability to that place. One hardly expects that things in Afghanistan will be in measurably better shape by the 2014 exit date the president has set.

On the unarguably prudent

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

objective of taking out known terrorist operatives, this too hasn't been without pushback. Drone attacks, the method of choice for hitting known players in the terror business, have come under much criticism for alleged collateral damage and unintended killings they've caused. Relations between the U.S. and Pakistan have become frayed, and drone attacks are supposedly a major sticking point. Pakistani resentment must be growing over Big Brother perhaps exacting too heavy a price for the substantial aid annually sent Pakistan's way. Surprisingly perhaps, there have been some homeland voices as well making negative noises about the need for the drone program to be revisited.

But whatever homegrown opposition the use of drones has generated, it of course pales by comparison with the ruckus over domestic surveillance that's in vogue now. The leaking of classified material

by former National Security Agency contractor Snowden has turned the spotlight big time on the need, as the president said last Friday, "to strike the right balance between protecting our security and preserving our freedoms." Obama reassured the public again that the national security establishment's access capability for all phone calls made doesn't mean the government is spying on average Joes. He announced some tinkering with the process, all supposedly in the interest of giving the program greater transparency. But not up for debate was that the president remained fully committed to the government's access to phone records as a necessary tool in the ongoing struggle to keep the country safe. Hardly a surprise, the policy doesn't pass muster unanimously across the American landscape.

Obama's response in trying to give some reassurance to Americans fearful of maybe having reached the "nothing is sacred" point, presents one heck of a contrast to what one would pretty much expect the response to be, in similar circumstances from the Bush-Cheney tandem, for instance. "The hell with transparency" would be the overriding imperative there for sure.

The spat with Russia's Vladimir Putin over the grant of temporary sanctuary to Snowden may not exactly be a tempest in a teapot, but it's not the opening salvo in a new Cold War either. Russia's potential brokering capability with the likes of Iran and Syria simply means the Obama administration has to find a way to re-set the table in wake of this Snowden imbroglio, so that some semblance of normalcy in the U.S. engagement of Russia could resume. Failure to make this happen would be another hiccup the president doesn't need.

It has been Obama's lot to see some key U.S. allies flame out, most spectacular probably being the fall of Egypt's Hosni Mubarak. Who knew that this man, reputedly close second-in-command and successor to Sadat, was such a terrible dude, as Egypt's masses claimed? Whatever, a critical go-to guy for America in the Middle East fell and Egypt has since been a powder keg.

The president must navigate his way through all these national, tribal or other agendas, or the intransigence that's a given with conflicting vested interests. And suddenly, handling first-term foreign policy looks like a cakewalk.

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Carib reproductive rights

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fertility rate has reduced considerably, in Bolivia (DHS, 2008), the total fertility rate of women with no education was 6.1 compared to 1.9 for women with higher education, and the urban-rural difference is 2.8 to 4.9, respectively; in Panama, maternal mortality is five times higher among indigenous women.

What is even more tragic is that Latin America and the Caribbean has the second highest rate of adolescent pregnancy in the world, with approximately 70 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-19. On an average, 38 percent of women in the region become pregnant before they reach the age of 20 and nearly 20 percent of live births in the region are by adolescent mothers.

The conclusion is clear: universal access to reproductive health is still far from being a reality in the LAC region.

Looking specifically at the seven components of the programme of action, the LAC countries have achieved much higher rates of contraceptive prevalence than Africa or Asia as a whole.

For example, in 2012, the average contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) among married women in Africa was only 26 percent and 47 percent in Asia (excluding China); in Latin America and the Caribbean it was as high as 67 percent of married women [Population Reference Bureau].

As I said before, the LAC countries have brought down their collective maternal mortality rate to 80 deaths per 100,000 live births – a striking improvement over the Sub-Saharan African average of 500 per 100,000 live births and the South Asian average of 220 per 100,000 live births (UNICEF, 2010).

However, in other key areas of the Programme such as expression of and protection for sexual and reproductive rights including access to safe abortion, post-abortion care, and expression of gender identity or sexual orientation, the LAC region continues to be challenged.

The reasons for the progress in this region were mentioned earlier – development as a whole, higher rates of education and access to contraception have helped considerably.

Let us not forget however, that the lack of progress in ensuring reproductive rights and access to safe abortion in particular comes from the fact that a large number of LAC countries stated formal reservations to many of the rights components in the Programme of Action, including concern over abortion, a national belief and/or laws asserting a need to protect life from the moment of conception, and concern over alternate expressions of family beyond that of formal marriage between a man and a woman.

In contrast, while several other countries in other regions expressed similar reservations (notably many Islamic and Catholic countries), only one African and one Asian country (Djibouti and Philippines) presented formal reservations to this effect. These reservations have continued to hamper progress in these areas and produced the situation we see today in this region.

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The Obama tax plan

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rate tax amnesty policy is completely unacceptable to small businesses.

The President could close offshore tax loopholes without temporarily or permanently cutting corporate tax rates through a number of bills currently pending in Congress. These include bills to end deferral of taxes on corporate profits held offshore so that corporate income is taxed as it is earned and requiring offshore transactions to have an economic purpose beyond simply avoiding taxes.

Moreover, lobbyists who could not prevent the top-bracket Bush tax cuts from being reversed are saying that the President's plan for reducing corporate tax

rates to 28 percent, with a lower 25 percent rate for manufacturers, should be accompanied by a reduction in top tax rates for individuals in order to be fair to small business owners – most of whom report their business profits on their personal tax returns. This is another effort to use middle-class small business owners as a foil to help hedge fund managers, wealthy lawyers and big businesses like Bechtel, the nation's largest engineering firm, that are formed as pass-through income organizations. These are the two to three percent of high-income "small business" owners who would reap a big windfall if income tax rates for those at the top were reduced; the rest of the real small business owners

would not be affected.

The reality is that what small businesses really need is dependable modern infrastructure and more demand for their goods and services, not tax breaks for big corporations and wealthy individuals. We can strengthen this demand by making big corporations pay their fair share of taxes and investing the new revenue in economic development.

Tax reform should be about building a vibrant 21st century economy for all businesses, not rewarding big corporations for free loading on the rest of us.

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St. Lucia

Stephenson King was swept out of the leadership of the main opposition United Workers Party (UWP) after his former tourism minister Allen Chastanet scored a convincing victory in a recent poll.

King, who led the UWP into defeat in the 2011 general elections, was defeated by a 264-99 margin with Chastanet's "A" Team also securing a clean sweep of all the executive posts at stake.

Party officials said that the polls were pleased with the voting procedures and the 364 delegates representing the island's 17 constituencies were allowed to cast their ballots in an orderly manner.

There had been rumors of planned disruptions by supporters opposed to Chastanet did not materialize.

Former foreign affairs minister, Rufus Bousquet, who sought the position of chairman, also suffered defeat at the polls. In his acceptance speech, Chastanet, a hotelier, said that his



first task would be to unite the party.

"The process of reconciliation begins immediately, and I am making a special appeal to every supporter to reach out and embrace one another, extend a handshake or exchange a smile, remembering we have one common purpose and one goal, to remove the St. Lucia Labor Party from the backs of the suffering people of this country.

King, who initially refused to shake his opponent's hand, later addressed party supporters urging them to unite for the task ahead. "I know what it is to be down and out but I also know what it is to keep fighting until the end, as the task ahead would require the energy, effort and drive of all UWP supporters," King told the convention, recalling the death of his mother over the past few weeks.

St. Vincent

Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves says he played no role in the decision by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to lay nine charges against an opposition legislator last week.

In fact, Gonsalves believes that Vynnette Frederick is being prosecuted because her "lies caught up with her."



The main opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) says it will hold a protest march and two public protest meetings in support of Frederick.

She was slapped with the nine charges relating to making false declarations, swearing falsely, and fabricating evidence, hours after a magistrate dismissed six charges against her.

The initial charges stemmed from a private complaint that Frederick had made against Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves following the December 2010 general elections.

Gonsalves, in a radio program, suggested that Frederick's attempt to bring down his government in the wake of the 2010 general elections has backfired.

He also distanced himself from the arrest of the opposition legislator saying "that is a matter within the domain of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution and the police."

"The Office of the Director of Public Prosecution is independent of any political interference," Gonsalves said.

Gonsalves recounted the genesis of the saga, which began in 2011, when Frederick brought private criminal complaints against him and other ULP election candidates, concerning comments made in the lead up to the December 2010 general elections.

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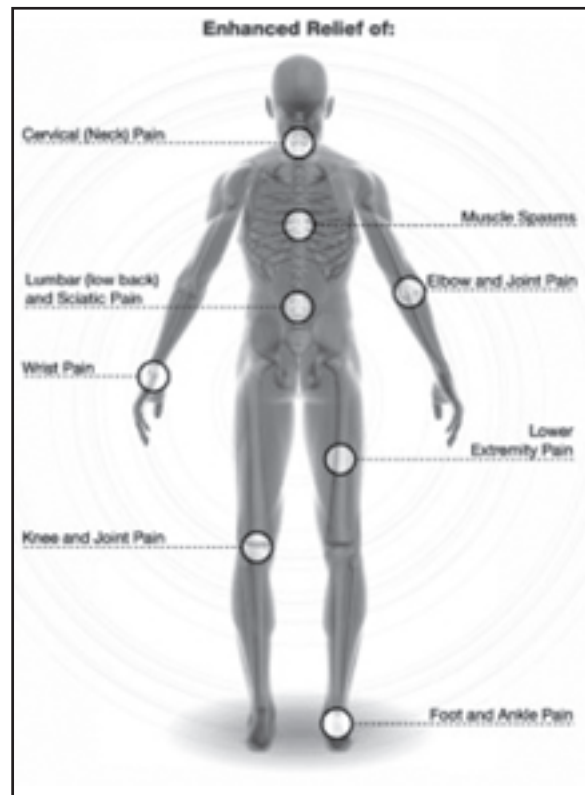
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The main countries



Back Row Centre (L-R): Dr Christopher Stange, Prince Marcus Front (R) and Yolande Robertson Greene VB-FWA President with some of the Vincentian Diaspora in Northern Ireland.

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involved were St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago and St. Lucia; promoting their history, culture, food and life in and amongst Northern Ireland communities.

Vincentian Mrs Yolande Robertson-Greene, members of the Vincentian British

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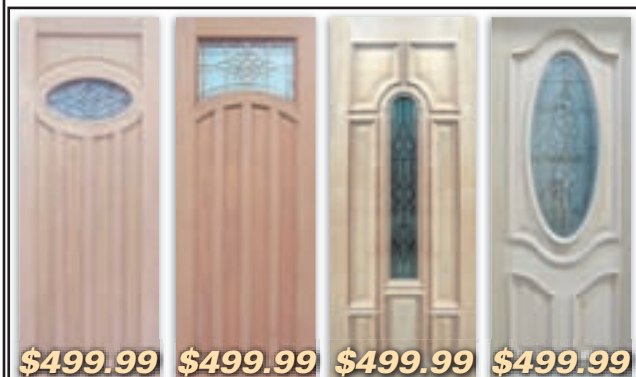
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"PacPlex" is a new name to the quiet neighborhood but it refers to a facility that has stood since 1974. What was originally a massive tennis center has evolved over the years to better serve the community. Before taking on new partners and management in 2012, PacPlex was known as the Paerdegat Athletic Club. The new name brings with it new energy and of course renovations as the club continues to morph.

Trinidadian-born Nigel Ryan who has been with the company for the past 10 years is now its marketing director for the past 18 months. "As I look at the improvements to the club, to the facility itself and to the programming, I am excited about the prospects of PacPlex," said Ryan.

Today, the facility houses among other things, a full health club, which boasts a new free weight room, or power gym as the members call it. This space is for serious buffs such as Kai Greene. There is no intimidation though as the club has an easy



The biggest indoor soccer field is located at the PacPlex in Canarsie.

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family atmosphere that exudes most especially from the friendly staff. The gym has all the amenities one would expect, such as the cardio machines, group exercises, personal training and a few extra things like a jogging track and PurMotion training system. Mike Silva, an industry leader joined the team in 2012 and brings his expertise in hopes of putting Pac-

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One of the biggest features of PacPlex is the water. Apart from the four outdoor pools, PacPlex has two indoor pools and a hot tub. The pool club with the bar and grill open makes for a great family outing on the weekend. The indoor pools are open year round and facilitate a thriving swim academy for beginners and

expert swimmers alike.

There is a separate management team dedicated to serving the children. PacKids offers early childhood education all the way up to Universal Pre-Kindergarten, after school program, holiday camps, sporting instruction and enrichment programs for kids. Drama and music are the latest additions to the program-

ing. Ronny Schindler who has been very successful with his Park Slope Day Camp brought his expertise to PacKids last year also.

PacPlex caters to the Caribbean and European communities with the biggest indoor soccer field in Brooklyn. Even through the winter, the matches often go on into the wee hours of the morning. "If that's not your cup of tea, PacPlex also has racquetball courts, saunas, steam room, a licensed massage therapist, a restaurant and bar with private dining room, event spaces and catering," said Ryan. This year Pac Plex hosted Sesame Flyers launch.

Since Hurricane Sandy, which forced PacPlex to rebuild everything on the ground floor, PacPlex has been without a proper basketball court. But construction is almost complete on three indoor basketball courts, which management expects will be the "talk of the town." Another big addition to come soon to PacPlex is boxing. PacPlex will have not just a training center and world class coach, but the ability to host matches.

"Our facility has seen good days and not so good, it has ridden out the storm, that's for sure but the prospects looking forward for PacPlex are bright. If you want to discover this Brooklyn treasure, go to www.pacplex.com, and check out the satellite image too, it's quite nifty," said the marketing director.

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'We're in Danger of Losing our Salvation'

Church of England admits wrongs

By George Alleyne

Making biblical references to slavery, Archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Honourable Justin Welby, has said that the church must own up to past wrongs in the Caribbean.

"In this part of the world there is the history of the church in the past acting in oppression. It is no use covering that up, pretending it did not happen, making excuses, it is true," he said.

Welby, who spoke to hundreds of Barbadian Anglican worshippers last Friday night, August 9, during a two-day visit to the island on his way to Latin America, at the same time courted acceptance and understanding by saying the



church comprises humans who are not without fault.

This principal leader of the Church of England and the Anglican Communion of some 80 million spread over 165 countries, added, "We cannot forget that every age and every place we live in today the church

is human, and humans make terrible mistakes, and do terrible wrongs, but it is still the family of God".

Describing the church as God's building, he said, "The church is under construction in the hands of God... and buildings under construction always look a

mess".

He spoke of the Prophet Isaiah in the first reading, with mention of a lost and scattered people suffering politically, economically, culturally, and religiously, but when all hope is gone God answers. "He says I hear you and will save you, and by the way I will also turn the world the other way up, so that those who were slaves will rule and the arrogant rulers will follow all those who were slaves," Welby said to a packed to overflowing Parish Church of Christ Church.

This prelate is the 105th in a line of succession of over 1,400 years who is enthroned in the name of the Queen or King of England.

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Fundraising for health care at home



JAHJAH supporter Lyndon Williams, who traveled from Toronto for the fundraiser, shows photos of the renovated ER rooms with new cabinets, floor tiles, examining tables, and lighting, a professional environment for medical professionals and those being treated.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

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never followed up) led to Dr. Dixon giving ultrasound trainings—his undergraduate specialty—in Jamaica.

Ultrasound is the first diagnostic tool for unstable patients, gunshot, knife, blunt trauma, and ectopic pregnancy. Hospitals, there, had the equipment but didn't know how to use them. Dr. Dixon also helped obtain two more ultra-

sounds for the country's hospitals.

During that time, Dr. Dixon observed and was appalled at how dilapidated the emergency rooms (ER) were at Kingston Public Hospital, the country's main hospital.

"The problem is the equipment and the infrastructure," he explained, further clarifying, "The issue isn't the amount of doctors. There is a good ratio and

they're well trained locally at the University of the West Indies." There are 10 major hospitals for the population of 2.7 million.

A fundraiser last year, with the newly established JAHJAH (Jamaicans Abroad Helping Jamaicans At Home) Foundation, raised \$8,000 to refurbish the worn-out rooms. The Jamaican government matched these funds and eight ER rooms were renovated, boosting morale for doctors and patients alike.

Last Saturday, JAHJAH held its second major fundraiser, to continue the work and assist in the areas of health care. Supporters such as Lyndon Williams who traveled from Toronto attended. "We make sure the money goes to its intended purpose," he said, pointing out photographs of the new ER rooms and enumerating, "new tiles, cabinets, examining tables and other equipment."

The monies collected this year will go to the trauma center at the Southern Trelawny's Ulster Spring Medical Clinic.

After cocktails, light fare and lots of summertime greetings, an Appreciation Award was given to Irwin Clare, founder of Team Jamaica Bickle. He is also very involved with the

Jamaican Diaspora.

During the progress report phase of the evening, some exciting breaking news were reported. JAHJAH is facilitating collaboration between Columbia University Medical School and the Bustamante Children's Hospital, Kingston, in their Pediatric Oncology unit. By an amplified phone call, Dr. Fenton Ferguson, Jamaica's minister of health, told the attendees how thrilled he is to have JAHJAH Foundation to join forces with.

JAHJAH continues to grow partnering with other non-profit organizations such as Caribbean and Jamaican nurses associations and the Coalition to Preserve Reggae Music.

The foundation welcomes professions from all walks of life, social workers, law enforcement, business and scientists, Jamaicans and "friends of Jamaica" who want to give a helping hand.

The fundraiser turnout was substantial and supporters were rewarded with Chef Decka's jerk chicken, escovited fried fish, peppered shrimp, and Jamaican style vegetable fried rice.

Three ceramic pieces, donated by the artist Homer Brown formerly of Wassi Art, were auctioned off during the evening.



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Health Care Reform in N.Y.

By Errol Pierre

You're probably starting to hear more and more about Health Care Reform these days. Health Care Reform may seem complex, but it's important to understand so that you can take advantage of these changes.

First, let's look at what Health Care Reform is called. You may have heard it referred to as "Obamacare" or "the Affordable Care Act (ACA)."

Under the ACA, each state will have an "exchange" or "marketplace"* — where health insurance companies will offer various health plans on the New York health insurance marketplace. These plans are known as Qualified Health Plans (QHPs), and they will be available to individuals, families, and small businesses. Starting Oct. 1, 2013, you will be able to use the marketplace to find insurance options, compare costs, and buy health plans online, in person, over the phone, or by mail. Coverage begins as soon as Jan. 1, 2014. (*New York will soon announce the name for its health insurance

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marketplace).

Starting Jan. 1, 2014, most people will be required to have health insurance or pay a tax penalty, or fee, if they don't. It's important to know that if you can't afford health insurance, you may be eligible for Medicaid. Or, you may be able to get help from the federal government to pay for health insurance. This help is called a "subsidy."

Here's an example. Individuals and families with incomes up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level may be eligible to receive subsidies to help with the cost of health insurance. This income level is currently \$45,960 for an individual and \$94,200 for a family of four.

The great news is that insurance through the online exchange or marketplace is for just about anybody who doesn't have insurance or who is underinsured. This includes documented immigrants, even those who have

lived in the U.S. for less than five years. Plus, undocumented parents can apply for health insurance for their child or children. You will be able to go online and easily find insurance options, compare costs, and buy health insurance online, in person, over the phone, or by mail. Health insurance companies will have representatives available to assist you, and there will also be Navigators who can help you, too. Navigators will be funded by state and federal grants. They will be trained and able to help you apply for insurance coverage

Between now and Oct. 1, discover more about Health Care Reform and the Exchange by exploring www.ExchangeFacts.org. Be sure to check back there often to get the most up-to-date information on Health Care Reform!

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The work

Picture Orlando, FL, without air conditioned office

buildings, or Minneapolis, MN, minus heated homes, and you'll understand why this job is in demand. Heating and cooling technicians, also called HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) technicians, install commercial and residential systems, including: fuel and water supply lines, air ducts, vents and pumps. Furnace maintenance is a summer job to replace filters, ducts and other system components that accumulate harmful impurities during the winter. In the late fall, air conditioning mechanics complete essential upkeep, such as overhauling compressors and

checking Freon levels. Technicians generally specialize in installation or maintenance and repair, however, most are adept at both.

The training

Equipment is expensive, so employers hire candidates with a technical degree from a postsecondary trade school, junior/community college, or the U.S. Armed Forces. Programs run six months to two years, and students study design, electronics and the basics of installation, maintenance and repair. Apprenticeship programs are run in cooperation with the Arlington, VA, based Air Conditioning Contractors of America, the National Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors in Falls Church, VA, or similar local groups. Running three to five years, these programs combine on-the-job training with classroom education.

The skills

Inclement weather makes

business boom and technicians swoon: employers are looking for those who are able to work in extreme heat and cold, as well as those able to work in awkward and cramped spaces. Safety is the biggest issue, so make sure to emphasize a cautious nature and diligent use of proper safety equipment.

The boss

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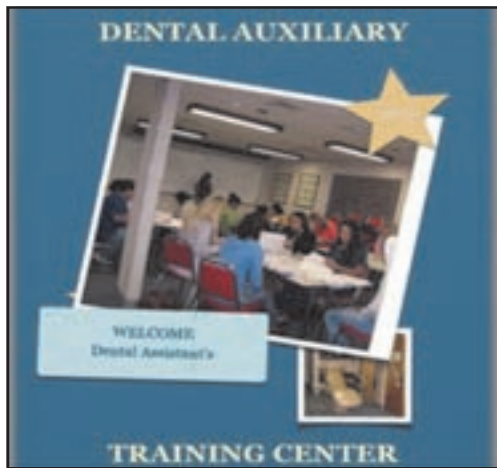
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Mission to Guyana

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rently residing in New York, also participated for the first time in the medical mission. "This mission was a humbling experience," Dr. Reece said. "The little we did for the patients to assist them with their medical problems was so greatly appreciated.

"What we did," she added, "made such an impact on the lives of the people. I believe that volunteering time to do these missions can make a difference in the lives of the needy people around the world."

Dr. Karen Cummings, one of APC's local counterparts, who assisted in the mission, said: "This was a great experience."

During the mission's second week, Emanuel-Bunn said clinics were conducted in Kurukuru, Georgetown and New Amsterdam "to benefit the residents of Bara Cara."

Emanuel-Bunn said she was very grateful for the extraordinary work of the doctors, nurses and other

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health care professionals, who set aside "precious time" to help those in need.

"We thank our doctors – Dr. Edward Kankam, Dr. Orin Douglas (Medical Director of the Mission), Dr. Wendy Reece and Dr. Karen Cummings," she said.

New team members included registered nurses Afua John Lyte, Johanne Norville, Lisa Norville, Lathania Norville, Enid Ross, Caroline Howell, and Carlisle Reece; and student nurses Jevoni Mc Allister, Lennox Norville, Robin Seeram and Natalie Williams.

"I believe that we have fulfilled our mission statement – "Realizing that by giving to the poor we are lending to God," she said.

Emanuel-Bunn said APC Medical Mission provides free, comprehensive medical care in the promotion of health and wellness to underserved peoples of the world.

"It is in this vein that APC is committed to travel wherever God leads, to seek out and serve without regards for ethnicity, religious persuasion and socioeconomic status of the recipients," she said.

Emanuel-Bunn said the group plans to take its medical mission next year to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as to Guyana.

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In this article, we seek advice from two award winning urologic surgeons, Dr. Vitaly Raykhman and Dr. Yuly Chalik. These two recipients of the prestigious Patient's Choice Award were also named America's Top Urologists of 2009 and 2010.

What Is Erectile Dysfunction?

Erectile dysfunction (ED) is the constant or periodic, recurring inability of a male to get or maintain an erection. An erection occurs when blood fills the chambers of the penis, causing it to expand and stiffen. This is controlled by impulses from the brain and genital nerves. Despite the fact that 95% of ED cases can be easily treated, only 10% of men seek medical attention when ED first begins.

What causes erectile dysfunction?

The root causes of ED are either physical, psychological, or hormonal. Most men experience erectile dysfunction as a result of another chronic disease, such as diabetes, or as a result of poor lifestyle choices, such as smoking, drinking, and drug abuse. 10-20% of men suffer from ED as a result of psychological factors such as stress, depression, low self-esteem, and performance anxiety. ED can also occur as a result of damaged nerves from a

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It's well known that Erectile Dysfunction significantly lowers affected male's quality of life. Among other problems, most men agree that ED causes stress, inability to enjoy sex, and problems at work. Despite the seriousness of this affliction, many men don't choose to seek professional medical attention. It's very rare that ED goes away by itself, but it does worsen and get more difficult to treat over time.

While the onset of ED becomes more likely as you age, this does not mean getting older means the end of your sex life, since ED can be treated at any age. We advise men who have not been affected by ED to avoid smoking and drinking, and begin exercising regularly.

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'Ayiti Dous,' this year's new mas band

By Tequila Minsky

The feathered decorative collars and elaborate head-dresses are cobalt blue and ruby red, topping stretchy fabric costumes in the same bright shades. This Mas Band's theme, the Haitian Flag 1806, chosen "so people will recognize that we represent Haiti," shouts out: Haitian flag!

Ayiti Dous Mas Band's Leader, Emmanuella Arnaud-Carr, explained that with these colors, there's no mistaking which country this band represents. The band's name is Kreyol means Sweet Haiti.

The Haitian flag was picked as the theme because it means so much to the community. "Especially after the earthquake," said Arnaud-Carr who lost her mother and father on January 12, 2010. To her, the flag represents courage and moving forward.

Haiti-born Arnaud-Carr is an East Flatbush resident and social worker/family therapist and is one of a committee of 13 organizers of this brand new Mas Band that will compete in the small Band category.

Twenty-five have signed up, so far, with an expectation of 50, come Labor Day. "We can recruit up to J'Ouvert (the pre-dawn march through Flatbush)," she said, acknowledging that with time people will get to know the organization. "Then, they'll be more receptive and join."

Arnaud-Carr and Akin Ross, who designs for Sesame Flyers, designed the costumes—for

women, only. The costumes' manufacture was outsourced to China, to keep the prices down. "Many groups do



At left: You can bet that Phiona St. Cyr stopped traffic on Courtelyou Road in East Flatbush when she modeled the costume of Ayiti Dous with one of its founders and Band Leader Emmanuella Arnaud-Carr.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

to accommodate 100."

DJ Polo Mixx, said to be the first Haitian to DJ on

the Parkway will be providing the music. Ayiti Dous will also be participating in

the Miami carnival in mid-October.

It was explained to Caribbean Life that there has been cultural resistance to (Haitian) guys wearing costumes. "They only want to wear T-shirts," Arnaud-Carr said. Ayiti Dous organizers feel that as this Mas Camp gathers momentum, the attitude will change and guys will join them.

Ayiti Dous Inc. was started to preserve the traditions and develop through community organizing more opportunities for youth and the community, at large. In mid-May, Ayiti Dous organized a street celebration in East Flatbush in honor of Haitian Flag Day. Arnaud-Carr feels that this new Haitian Mas Band is another way to show involvement in the community and attention to Haitian culture.

As for such a small Mas Band, "We're like a family Mas Camp," Arnaud-Carr says. "We make breakfast for them!"

Definitely in the costume competition, Arnaud-Carr admits, "We know we're not going to get points for colors," (getting more points with more colors in your costume).



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Stop-and-frisk

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Hispanic men.

She appointed an outside monitor to oversee major changes to the tactic, including reforms in policies, training and supervision. And she ordered a pilot program to test body-worn cameras in the some of the precincts where most stops occurred.

"The city's highest officials have turned a blind eye to the evidence that officers are conducting stops in a racially discriminatory manner," she wrote. "In their zeal to defend a policy that they believe to be effective, they have willfully ignored overwhelming proof that the policy of targeting 'the right people' is racially discriminatory."

But Bloomberg said police have done exactly what the courts and constitution allow to keep the city safe, reiterating the tactic was one tool that has helped drive down crime to record lows. The ruling could result, he said, in a return to the days of crime and mayhem, when murders hit an all-time high of 2,245

in 1990. Killings hit an all-time low of 418 in 2012.

Scheindlin refused to hear testimony on crime rates, and her ruling skewered the city's defense of the practice and argument that it effectively polices itself.

Stop and frisk has been around for decades in some form, but recorded stops increased dramatically under the Bloomberg administration to an all-time high in 2011 of 684,330, mostly of black and Hispanic men. The lawsuit was filed in 2004 by four men, all minorities, and became a class-action case.

About half the people who are stopped are subject only to questioning. Others have their bag or backpack searched, and sometimes police conduct a full pat-down. Only 10 percent of all stops result in arrest, and a weapon is recovered a small fraction of the time. Scheindlin noted she was not putting an end to the practice, which is constitutional, but was reforming the way the NYPD implemented its stops. The judge presided

over a 10-week bench trial this year that included testimony from NYPD brass and a dozen people — 11 men and one woman — who said they were wrongly stopped because of their race. She found that nine of the 19 stops discussed in court were unconstitutional, and that an additional five stops included wrongful frisking.

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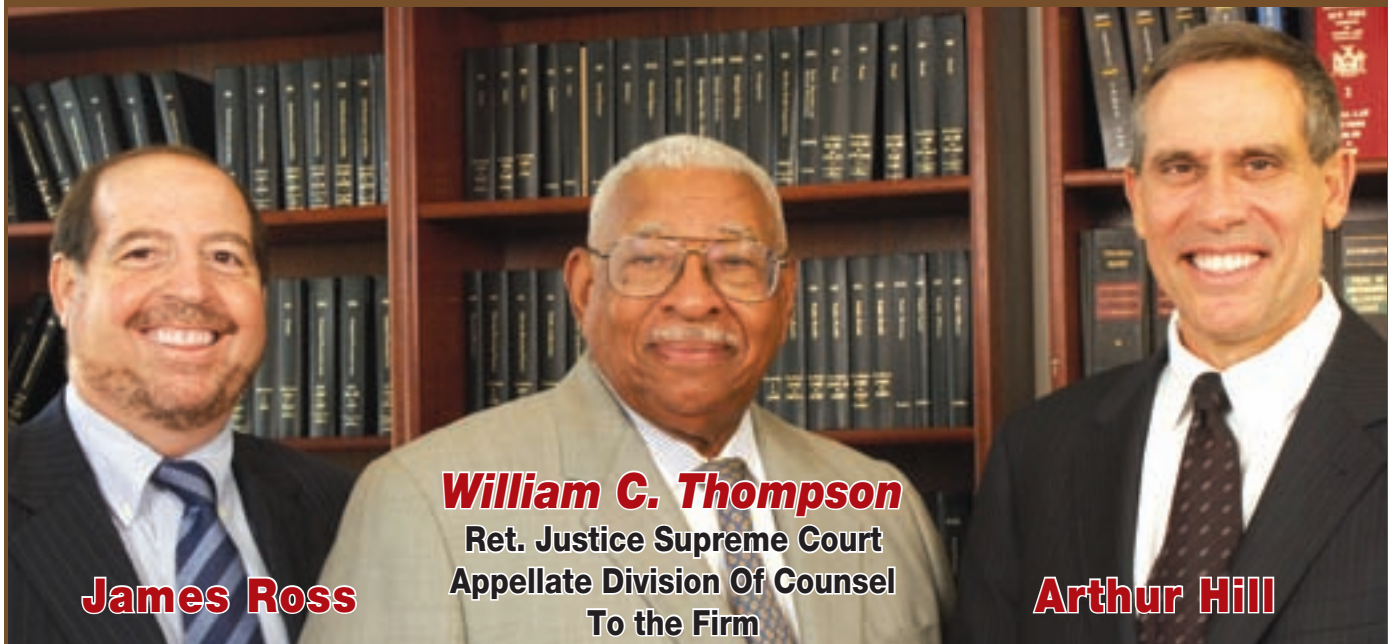
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By Vinette K. Pryce

office lauded the island for being first "in the Americas in the 20th century to claim independence from Britain."

On a sunny but breezy afternoon, visitors from as far away as Slovakia listened as McDonald quoted a poem by H.D. Cadbury before launching into the day's significance. He explained the significance of each color, lauded the island's national heroes, and praised military service-members for their contributions.

"We are the largest concentration of Jamaicans outside of Jamaica and for 51 years we have raised our own flag," he said.

About the presence of

Jamaicans here he lauded the contributions of everyone saying "wi nah kotch; wi neva cum fi drink di milk, wi cum fi own di cow."

His patois resonated with expats who identify with the unpretentious presentation he delivered.

According to McDonald, along with successes, Jamaicans have suffered set-backs – one being, the tragic loss of lives when the island was named the fifth largest victimized in 2001 when the World Trade Center's Twin Towers toppled.

"We are a proud people, and today, we are celebrating wi birthright."

With that said McDonald

introduced Consul General Herman G. Lamont, Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, Assemblyman N. Nick Perry, Deputy Borough President Sandra Chapman and Sophia Jones, the Caribbean liaison.

Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller sent personal salutations, and performances by the Brawta folk company entertained and titillated nostalgia with dialect verses composed by Louise Bennett.

JAMAICA'S SUPER-OLYMPIAN BOLT TO VIDEO GAME

Six-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt is now a playable character in the popular running game for Android and Apple devices "Temple Run 2."

Bolt's character was recently added and is now available for download as a 99-cent in-app for a limited

time. The athlete's addition marks the first time the game's developers, Imangi Studio, has based a character off of someone in real

"Many of my fans have told me that I should be a playable character in Temple Run, so when this opportunity was put before me, I had to say YES!"

life.

Bolt is featured in his signature black, gold and green Jamaican uniform and has a special power-up feature that allows him to collect coins while in boost mode.

Since the original game was released, Bolt has been a fan and admits to playing the game regularly and

even holding a record in 28 million.

Bolt said he is the fastest in the game and he has the best power-up.

When asked which "Temple Run 2 character is his biggest rival, Bolt said "Myself!"

In an email transmission, the Olympian explained that it's tough "controlling all that speed and not getting too excited. lol."

"It's an honor to be a part of such an established game," Bolt said.

"Many of my fans have told me that I should be a playable character in Temple Run, so when this opportunity was put before me, I had to say YES!"

Bolt has been offered other video game deals in the past, but allegedly stated that "Temple Run 2 provided a compatible fit.

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'Truth Be Told'-an Off-Broadway premiere

By Nelson A. King

Internationally-acclaimed Caribbean playwright, Vincentian-born Jerol Huggins-Jackson is bringing his masterpiece "Truth B Told" to Off-Broadway.

Huggins-Jackson, the play's writer and producer, said the widely-acclaimed production premieres Off-Broadway from Aug. 30 – Sept. 8.

He said "Truth B Told" was the only play selected among 100-odd new ones for the opening of the 777 Theatre, Off-Broadway, at 8th Avenue and 47th Street in the Theatre District in Manhattan.

"We're ready for Off-Broadway," Huggins-Jackson, who is also the founder and managing director of Jems Theatre Company, told Caribbean Life. "We're very happy about the response from the Caribbean.

"Truth B Told" quickly



Playwright Jerol Huggins-Jackson. Photo courtesy of Gems Theater Company

gained a massive audience within the Caribbean and is now primed to make its international debut," he added.

"Truth B Told" comes on the heels of another successful play, "Tables Will Turn," said the playwright.

Huggins-Jackson said "Truth B Told," which was played in St. Vincent and

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Coming of age in the South Bronx

By Tequila Minsky

The three boys are the best of friends in the South Bronx, two cousins and their buddy. They're all on the little league team the "Warriors", it's their last eligible season, and it's high school, come fall. Now, it's mid-summer.

This is the core of the Michael Mejias' play "Ghetto Babylon" running until Aug. 18 at 59E59 Theater, 59 E. 59th St. in Manhattan.

The theater's intimate performing space, only twenty-three seats on each side of



Playwright Michael Mejias sitting on the set of "Ghetto Babylon" at 59E59 Theater.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

the room, becomes the baseball mound and ballfields

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'CELEBRATION'

Xices Adofo modeling a Fireworks section costume from Boroqueete's 2013 presentation "Celebration."

Photo by William Farrington

Boroqueete's presentation for Labor Day

By William Farrington

Boroqueete takes to Eastern Parkway this year with a multicultural, all inclusive theme "Celebration." The costumes of each section inspired by a particular festivity. A recent visit turned into an evening long preview of Labor Day preparations. Enthusiasm at the mas camp is high. While younger members modeled costumes, leaders spoke

about what sets Boroqueete apart from other bands, family is a word that came up several times.

Head of the family Anthony Polydore has been with Boroqueete since it was formed in 1986. "It has to represent something" Polydore says when asked about the theme. "It's a multicultural celebration reflecting the diversity of culture in Trinidad". The Catch

section commemorates the blessing of fisherman's boats in Carenage. Phagwah is the Hindu celebration of color. Other themes are more universal, Fireworks features an elaborate headdress of cascading color. Revelers in the Golden Jubilee, Wedding Day, Valentine's day and St Patrick's day sections will be adorned in costumes in the colors

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **Blurred Lines**
Robin Thicke Feat. T.I. + Pharrell
- 2 **Get Lucky**
Daft Punk Feat. Pharrell Williams
- 3 **Radioactive**
Imagine Dragons
- 4 **Love Somebody**
Maroon 5
- 5 **Treasure**
Bruno Mars
- 6 **Clarity**
Zedd Feat. Foxes
- 7 **Mirrors**
Justin Timberlake
- 8 **Same Love**
Macklemore & Ryan Lewis...
- 9 **Cups (Pitch Perfect's...)**
Anna Kendrick
- 10 **Safe And Sound**
Capital Cities

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Blurred Lines**
Robin Thicke
- 2 **The Wrong Side Of Heaven**
Five Finger Death Punch
- 3 **Magna Carta... Holy Grail**
Jay Z
- 4 **Something Else**
Tech N9ne
- 5 **Teen Beach Movie**
Soundtrack
- 6 **Nothing To Lose**
Backstreet Boys
- 7 **In A World Like This**
Marc Anthony
- 8 **The Essential Billy Joel**
Billy Joel
- 9 **Hot Rocks 1964-1971**
The Rolling Stones
- 10 **Night Visions**
Imagine Dragons

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Borokeete

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associated with those holidays. The red and green of the Cinco de Mayo section pay tribute to the Mexican celebration of independence, while the Veteran's Day section is a salute to those who keep us free, and features camouflage shorts and infantry caps.

The band makes all parts of each costume right here in Brooklyn, Pollydore says, so we offer masqueraders quality costumes at better prices. Borokeete costumes are also known for the quality of their wire work, in the bras and belts. "The wire belts are unique to us" he says, "other bands come to us for their wire bras and we are the only band with wire belts." Nicky Luke is the band's wire master was working that night at the 368 E 98th street camp.

Also on hand was Eddie Charles, lead vocalist of soca band Traffik. Traffik performs around the world but on Labor Day the band can always be found on the Borokeete truck. Charles said he enjoys interacting with the masqueraders in the live road music. While the beat keeps them moving he is directing the movement with instructions, which he says sets good road march music from



From left, Jonelle Jackman (Gladiator); Simone Lashley, (Veterans Day) and Denneisia Ramsey (Gold- en Jubilee) model costumes from Borokeete, 2013 theme, "Celebration". Photo by William Farrington

carnival songs. Also a composer, he is already in the studio preparing music for 2014 season.

Barbados born Simone Lashley, a young veteran, helped the

models with their make up and costumes. "its our culture" she said, "the experience, Borokeete is family." Calisher Perry is head designer. Adult and Childrens cos-

tumes can be seen on the web-site:

<http://www.borokeeteusa.com> or call 646-395-0483 for mas camp hours.

Babylon

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where hold-your-breath game-action takes place.

Desperate to win the championship and they never have, it's the last chance for a title for these homies. Their dream is to enter high school wearing black satin championship jackets with "Warriors" emblazoned. They'd be hot.

The minimalist set is also the rooftop of West Farms Housing Project where the cousins, Felix and Charlie, live together and where, along with Spec (short for spectacular), they hangout, endlessly talking life.

The roof also serves brainiac Charlie as a retreat with lawn chair, his substantial stash of books and even a typewriter tucked away.

"It took 27 years to write this," says 47-year-old playwright Mejias, who suggests that about 50 percent of the play is autobiographical from his and people he has known experiences.

Charlie gets an acceptance letter with a full scholarship from the New Hampshire prep school Philips Exeter Academy, where he has applied. Thus, the conflict: if and how to



A scene from, "Truth B Told," during a recent production in Dominica.

Photo courtesy of Gems Theater Company

tell his friends. If their team gets to it, he, as pitcher, must leave before the championship game. Does he accept admittance or not?

Mejias grew up in the housing project where the play takes place and while he didn't go to Exeter, he knew boys who did. Growing up, he'd watch as boys in their prep school uniforms trotting off to school and he'd wonder about them.

Truth Be Told

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the Grenadines, Dominica, and Trinidad and Tobago, touches on themes that are both comedic and taboo within the Caribbean cultural context.

He said it is a "mellow comedy drama" that tells a story of shame, betrayal, and the real meaning of "never judge a book by its cover."

From its debut earlier this year, Huggins-Jackson said the exciting, yet introspective, play has received "wonderful reviews" from Theatre-goers and critics alike. The play has its setting on a lush Caribbean island with birds, bees, radiant sun and sandy beaches, where a tragic story unfolds.

Huggins-Jackson said it's a story of greed, sexuality, incest and betrayal; a husband with a checkered past; a mother with riveting secrets beyond one's wildest imagination – secrets that took her from her once luxurious lifestyle in an affluent Caribbean neighborhood to the footholds of the underworld.

"As the story unfolds, you'll

be the judge of who is wrong or who is right, who is good or who is bad, or simply to the real meaning of 'never look down on a man unless you're picking him up' – the real meaning of 'never judge a book by its cover,'" Huggins-Jackson said.

He said "Truth B Told" will be played Off-Broadway on Aug. 30 and 31, and Sept. 1, 6, 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m. each day.

Huggins-Jackson said the play will also premiere at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 14.

He said he also plans to have the play premiere in Detroit and Atlanta, before heading to Tortola, British Virgin Islands, on Oct. 5, and St. Kitts and other Caribbean islands later on.

Huggins-Jackson said regional air carrier LIAT is sponsoring the cast's Caribbean air travels.

The playwright said partial proceeds from the Off-Broadway premiere will go towards construction of the Argyle International Airport in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

An emotionally-searing Civil Rights saga

"The Butler"
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated PG-13
Running time:
132 minutes
Distributor: The Weinstein Company

By Kam Williams

Eugene Allen (1919-2010) served eight presidents over the course of an enduring career in the White House during which he rose from the position of Pantry Man to Head Butler by the time he retired in 1986. In that capacity, the African-American son of a sharecropper felt privileged to be an eyewitness to history, since his tenure coincided with the implementation of most of the landmark pieces of legislation dismantling the Jim Crow system of racial segregation.

Directed by two-time Oscar-nominee Lee Daniels, *The Butler* is a father-son biopic relating

events in Allen's life as they unfolded against the backdrop of the Civil Rights Movement. This fictionalized account features Academy Award-winner Forest Whitaker in the title role as Cecil Gaines, and his A-list supporting cast includes fellow Oscar-winners Cuba Gooding, Jr., Jane Fonda, Vanessa Redgrave, Robin Williams and Melissa Leo, as well as nominees Terrence Howard and Oprah Winfrey.

The point of departure is a plantation in the Deep South, where Cecil witnesses his father's (David Banner) murder on the cotton field for protesting his mother's (Mariah Carey) rape at the hand of an overseer. Because the perpetrator was never brought to justice, the youngster gets the message at an early age that "Any white man could kill us at any time and not be punished for it."

Therefore, eager to avoid the same fate as his dad, he skips town as a teenager, settling in Washington, DC where he lands steady work



Oprah Winfrey and Forest Whitaker star in Lee Daniels' "The Butler."
Photo by Anne Marie Fox

as a bartender in a hotel catering to an upscale clientele. There he also meets Gloria (Winfrey), the maid he would one day marry and start a family with.

Cecil's sterling reputation as a polite and deferential black man eventually reaches the White House,

where he takes a position on the express understanding that "You hear nothing. You see nothing. You only serve." Although he manages to maintain an inscrutably apolitical façade on the job, the same can't be said for the home front, where current events are freely debated.

There, Cecil finds himself increasingly at odds with his elder son, Louis (David Oyelowo), a civil rights activist inclined to participate in voter registration marches, sit-ins at segregated lunch counters and freedom bus rides. The simmering tension between the two builds over the years to the boiling point when Louis derisively refers to his as father an Uncle Tom.

At that juncture, Cecil's protective spouse intervenes to slap her son before uttering the moving line likely to land Oprah Winfrey another Academy Award nomination: "Everything you have, and everything you are, is because of that butler." However, Forest Whitaker is even more deserving of accolades, delivering a nonpareil performance as a humble provider understandably reluctant to rock the boat.

Kudos to Lee Daniels for crafting such a gut-wrenching tour de force which never hits a false note while chronicling critical moments in the African-American fight for equality.

Independent & Foreign Films

Ain't Them Bodies Saints (Unrated) Fugitive drama about an outlaw (Casey Affleck) who makes a daring escape from a Texas prison in order to be with his gun moll (Rooney Mara) and the young daughter (Kennadie Smith) he's never met. With Ben Foster, Keith Carradine and Nate Parker.

Austenland (PG-13 for sexual innuendo) Keri Russell stars in this romantic comedy about an eligible "Pride and Prejudice" fanatic who travels to a Jane Austen theme park in search of Mr. Right. With Jennifer Coolidge, Jane Seymour and Bret McKenzie.

Cutie and Boxer (R for nude images) Spousal abuse biopic chronicling the stormy, 40-year marriage of eccentric NYC artists Ushio and Noriko Shinohara.

The Happy Sad (Unrated) Bifurcated Brooklyn drama about two young couples, one, black and gay (Leroy McClain and Charlie Barnett), the other, white and heterosexual (Cameron Scoggins and Sorel Carradine), whose lives serendipitously intertwine as they explore their sexual identity. Featuring Maria Dizzia, Jamie Harrold and Sue Jean Kim.



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

The Patience Stone (R for profanity, sexuality and violence) Female empowerment flick, set in war-torn Afghanistan, revolving around a woman (Golshifteh Farahani) who finally summons up the courage to share a lifetime's worth of frustrations with a husband (Hamid Djavadan) left paralyzed and in a vegetative state by a bullet in the neck. With Hassina Burgan, Massi Mrowat and Faiz Fazli. (In Persian with subtitles)

Spark: A Burning Man Story (Unrated) Back-to-nature documentary offers a revealing peek at the challenges involved in staging an annual, week-long gathering of 60,000 free-spirited hippies in a temporary city erected on a windswept Nevada desert.

Standing Up (PG for bullying, brief smoking, mild epithets and mature themes) Screen adaptation of "The Goats," Brock Cole's young adult novel about two kids (Chandler Canterbury and Annalise Basso) forced to

defend for themselves after being stripped naked and stranded on an island by fellow summer campers. With Val Kilmer, Radha Mitchell and Keith Flippen.

This Is Martin Bonner (Unrated) Paul Eenhoorn stars as the title character of this unlikely-buddies drama about a newcomer to Reno, Nevada who forges a friendship with a recent parolee (Richmond Arquette) he helps while volunteering at a non-profit charity. With Sam Buchanan, Robert Longstreet and Demetrius Grosse.

BIG BUDGET FILMS

Jobs (PG-13 for drug use and brief profanity) Ashton Kutcher portrays Steve Jobs in this reverential biopic revisiting the early years in the incomparable career of the visionary entrepreneur and Apple founder. Supporting cast includes J.K. Simmons, Matthew Modine, Lesley Ann Warren and Dermot Mulroney.

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CARNIVAL COUNTDOWN

'East meets West Indian Fusion' on the Parkway

By Nelson A. King

After participating in the West Indian American Day Carnival parade for 25 years, D'Midas International New York says its production, "East meets West Indian Fusion," will make a difference this Labor Day.

"The goal is show the fusion of culture coming together and having a great time, with no incident, and to show the world this art form in its purest," said band leader Trinidadian Glenn A. Fahie Turnbull, in a Caribbean Life interview.

"It's a cultural thing with our members," added Fahie Turnbull, who is also vice president of New York Band Leaders Association. "It's a way to show the world the culture of the African people – whether in the Caribbean

or in the U.S. And, it helps to teach others about our rich heritage."

Fahie Turnbull said the small-to-medium size band comprises at least seven sections: Incas (male and female), Aztec (female), Arabian Dancers (female), De Kota (male and female), Cherokee (female), Sioux (female), and Buscell Dancer (female).

"We are a fusion of cultures, so the masquerades are a fusion of the world's cultures," said Fahie Turnbull, adding that he hopes to place among the top contenders in this year's carnival.

"The public looks forward to seeing real costumes – not 'two-piece and fries,' as we call it in the mas world – well-constructed costumes and a great value for your dollar," he added.



"The public likes to see the large costumes come down the Parkway and for one of the things D'Midas is known



At left: Zachary Lincoln portraying Incas. Above: Kittyann Bishop portraying an Arabian Dancer.

Photos by Nelson A. King

for," Fahie Turnbull continued.

He said the band has "done very well in the past," giving

a breakdown of its performances for some years: third placed King, third placed Queen (2012); third placed

Adult Band Large, and first, fifth and ninth placed Adult King (2007); and third placed Adult Band and Adult Female, second placed Adult Male Character, and first and third placed Adult Queen (2006).

Fahie Turnbull said he is getting assistance in producing "East meets West Indian Fusion" from several Brooklyn-based veteran mas producers, noting that the band's slogan is "Where Mas lives."

"We produce costumes with a flair for splendor at a reasonable price," he said.

"We are about the culture, and teaching and promoting it," he added. "Then we celebrate by having fun on the Parkway in a safe and friendly atmosphere." The mas camp is located 1619 Nosstrand Ave., between Tilden Avenue and Beverley Road in Brooklyn.

For more information, call Fahie Turnbull at (718) 809-1017; Cheryl at (718) 462-6137; Charlotte at (718) 469-4914; and Gabby at (917)345-9376.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

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"The Trip To Bountiful," has been extended, adding five weeks "The Trip To Bountiful" is playing at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre (124 W 43rd St) Tickets are available at the box office, www.Telecharge.com or by calling (212) 239-6200.



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that provides summer meals, parents can call 311, log onto the DOE's homepage, schools.nyc.gov or Share Our Strength's website, or contact NYCFood at www.nyc.gov/nycfood. Parents also may text "nycmeals to 877877, or visit the Parks Department's website for locations in parks and pools. Breakfast is served from 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and lunch is served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. During the weekends only lunch is served.

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Bajan Paradise portrays 'I Am Soca'

By Tangerine Clarke

Bajan Paradise is set to storm Eastern Parkway on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2, with a 200-strong mas band depicting "I Am Soca." Bandleader Paul Griffin is excited about showcasing a kaleidoscope of colorful costumes that he said would truly celebrate the culture and beauty of Barbados.

The St. George, Barbados native who is passionate about keeping his culture alive, says the band gets better every year, and he is determine more than ever to get the revelers in costume so that 'we can bring home our first title'

To this end, in addition to competing in the medium band category, the band will for the first time in its three-year history, enter an individual queen to shore-up its chances to be named the best band of



the year.

"Bajans are not only about wearing Tee Shirts, we are also known for designing great costumes. We will win if we have you

in costume, added Griffin, who thanked his loyal masqueraders, but wants Caribbean people to understand that being a part of Carnival is a celebration of their culture and is inviting everyone, to visit the Mas Camp.

Chief Operations Officer Elon Lovell and costume designer Kimberley Simmonds are now adding the final touches to the three-section band, which will capture the island's beautiful aquamarine waters, tourist-draw, and historic sights.

Masqueraders will revel in "Aquamarine," "Calypso," "Wuk Up On Gunhill," and "Silver Dollar," during the band's fourth presentation on the Parkway that is set to compete in the adult category.

Bringing her wealth of experience from Goddess International Mas, Kimber-

ley Simmonds will unleash a barrage of skimpy two-piece ensembles decorated with tons of beads, feathers and glitter to dazzle the judges.

The costumes are priced from \$180.00 to \$200.00 and could be purchased at the Bajan Paradise Mas Camp, located at Culpeper's Restaurant, at the corner of Nostrand Avenue and Lincoln Place. Bajan Paradise is opened from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Paul Griffin could be reached at 917-681-4346, and Kimberley Simmonds at 347-606-9243. Email: bajanparadise@verizon.net.

The "Silver Dollar" costume modeled by Kashi- era Franklyn is designed by Tamara for "Bajan Paradise.

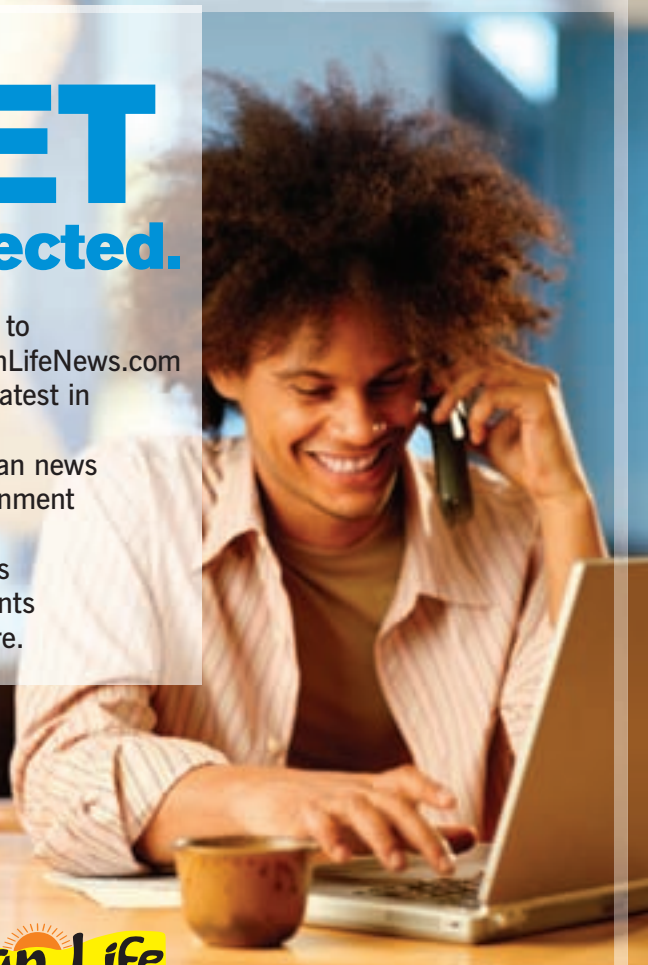
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Goalkeeper Thaddeus Francis (left) with St. Lucia Captain John Perry Joseph.
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Local soccer in high gear

By Patrick Horne

The local Caribbean Cup tournament kicked into high gear last Sunday, Aug. 11, when the playoffs got under way at Jefferson High School Stadium in Flatlands, Brooklyn. Defending champion St. Lucia and Guyana won their quarterfinal games in front of a packed crowd at the Jefferson Stadium to advance to the semifinals on Sunday, Aug. 25. St. Lucia defeated Grenada, 4-3, on penalties after a hard-fought

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B'ball playoffs

By Robert Elkin

Seven titles were determined last week when the ElmCor Summer Basketball League concluded another very successful season. Childs Place sponsored all the action during the summer.

"That's my Day Care Center," said Greg Coles, director of the summer league. "We serviced children for 30 years and this year had 62 teams in various age categories.

These games were contested at the Louis Armstrong Recreation Center of the ElmCor Youth and Adult Center, the indoor site of league action when inclement weather forced the shift of games from the PS 127 outdoor location in East Elmhurst.

Most of the playoff contests showcased the stars of tomorrow and were very exciting and thrilled the fans. Spectators, especially those whose children competed, came out to cheer their kids through 14

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MEMORABLE RACE

Jamaica's Usain Bolt, front right, crosses the finish line to win gold in the Men's 100-meter final at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013.
AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko

Bolt on verge of joining elite company

By Pat Graham

MOSCOW (AP) — Make room, Carl Lewis. You too, Michael Johnson.

Usain Bolt could join your elite company by the time these 2013 world championships are finished.

The hard-charging, fun-seeking Jamaican

will chase two more world titles this week that could give him eight in his career, tying him with Lewis and Johnson for most all-time.

These days, Bolt hardly takes a backseat to them, or anyone else. Plus, he's in charge of rescuing a sport that's been

recently riddled with doping offenses. Tyson Gay, Asafa Powell, Veronica Campbell-Brown and Sherone Simpson all tested positive weeks before the competition. Then, Trinidad and Tobago sprinter Kelly-Ann Baptiste withdrew from the 100

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Action in the quarterfinals between Grenada and St. Lucia at Jefferson High School Stadium in Flatlands, Brooklyn. Photo by Keith Dawson

Elmcor League

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and under contests and supported them.

Recruiters were on hand to see the action during their 'open period.' during the regular season of summer action. This (during the playoff time) is a down time for the recruiters as most of the seniors have already made up their mind about college.

"Competition was very good (in the playoffs and during the season)," Coles added on the final day of the season. "We started (Championship Saturday) at 8:00 a.m. and went until the evening (with continuous action). It started with eight-year-olds and went to 18 years and the Unlimited Division. And the kids (players) were happy with their trophies."

Two Philadelphia-New York Legend games of former players who starred during their previous days competed in the 50s and 40s at the Elm Cor Center on Championship Saturday. This Classic was held for the first time at ElmCor. For four years it was held at the Brownsville Recreation Center in Brooklyn. Next year it will be in Philadelphia.

Highlighting the day's action was the Ball Hogg's 70-54 victory over



Josh Gerran takes a jumper during the 14 and under match at the ElmCor Summer Basketball League.

Photo by Lem Peterkin

the Rennissons Warriors for the high school division title.

Cameron Winston, a name to keep in mind as a future standout player, of the Ball Hogg's certainly has the ability to further his hoop career to the next level.

"I went to a junior boarding school Rectory in Connecticut but this year I'm going to Dwight as a sophomore," he said. "I'll be playing as a '2' guard. I played hard in Connecticut. I'm an all-around player and do what the coach wants me to do-pass, rebound or score...."

"This (ElmCor League) helped me to move to the next level. I'm 16 years old and played in a league 19 and under."

Local Carib soccer qualifiers

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battled that ended goalless; Guyana topped St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 3-0.

St. Lucia came up against a very big and physical Grenada team, which was out to avenge the loss to the defending champion in last year's championship game, but St. Lucia was a very organized and skilled unit, determined to retain its title. The smaller St. Lucians

overcame the very physical play by the Grenadians; they maintained their focus throughout. "We said at half time (to the players) to keep playing, keep your head," said St. Lucia Captain John Perry Joseph, who is among several players imported from the Caribbean for the competition. Joseph is in his fourth Caribbean Cup tournament.

In a very hard-fought

contest, St. Lucia had the edge in possession; it dominated in midfield with the excellent play of Romiel Felix and Pernal Williams. The pair was strong on the ball and distributed it effectively. They created several opportunities for their forwards, the best of which came in the 30th minute when Vernon Abbott latched onto a through pass on the right side, dribbled across

the goal and had a clear shot at the goal from 18 yards; the ball should have settled in the back of the net to put St. Lucia ahead, 1-0, instead, his left-footed shot sailed well over the crossbar.

Grenada had its chances in the second half as well but failed to capitalize. In the penalty shoot-out, St. Lucia's goalkeeper Thaddeus Francis came up big

Bolt joins world elite

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because she's involved in a doping case, her federation said Monday.

Another doping cloud hovering over track.

"Every time drugs are brought up, it's hurtful to the sport. I hate it," said former sprinter Maurice Greene, who has won five world titles. "Track needs stars like Bolt. But he's not the only person in this sport that's a star. We have plenty of stars. But it's good that he shows his personality. He's able to have fun with the crowd. That's why people gravitate to him. That's why they love him.

"More than that, you need to have great races to overcome all of that (bad) news."

Bolt's rain-soaked performance Sunday night certainly qualifies as a memorable race.

Usually, Bolt provides the magnetism on the track. This time, Mother Nature took care of it with flashes of lightning off in the distance.

In stormy conditions, Bolt rallied after falling behind Justin Gatlin to recapture his 100 title. Sun, rain, heat, whatever, the conditions really don't matter because the fastest man

on the planet always seems in his element whenever he sets foot on the track.

"I continue to work on my aim to become a legend by collecting gold medals and athlete of year titles," Bolt said.

He may already be there.

"For right now, yeah, you have to say he is the best," said Greene, who stood at a booth and signed autographs for nearly an hour, just across from a giant cut-out of Bolt that had fans lining up to take photos. "Look at his race last night. He showed why he's a champion, because he's able to overcome everything and come



Jamaica's Usain Bolt, left, approaches the finish line ahead of USA's Justin Gatlin, right, to win the gold in the Men's 100-meter final at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013. AP Photo/David J. Phillip

out with a win." The only thing standing

in the way of Bolt and his quest for two more titles

may be fatigue. He's already feeling the strain, saying his legs were quite sore after the 100.

"I need some rest," said Bolt, who won the 100 in 9.77 seconds. "I didn't feel up to it. My body wasn't there, but the win is always what I came in for and to regain my title. I did just that, so I am happy with myself."

This also was a form of redemption, considering he false-started during the final in South Korea two years ago.

"I wanted to do a better time, but was not able to because of the weather," Bolt said of Sunday's race. "Not singing in the rain, but running in the rain."

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Jamaican sprinter takes gold at world championships

By Raf Casert

MOSCOW (AP) — This U.S.-Jamaican sprint rivalry is turning into a rout at the world championships.

With her long hot-pink hair slashing in the air behind her, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce captured the 100 meters Monday with a winning margin of Bolt-esque proportions.

Fraser-Pryce sped to an early lead that kept growing and finished in a world-leading 10.71 seconds. She even had time to clench and pump her fist as she crossed the line.

Silver medalist Murielle Houré of the Ivory Coast trailed by a massive 0.22 seconds, more than double the previous top margin in 30 years of world championships. Defending champion Carmelita Jeter of the United States took bronze the in 10.94.

Like the mighty Usain Bolt, who won the 100 on Sunday, Fraser-Pryce now has two

Olympic and two world titles in the 100 at the same age of 26.

"I am Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce. I compare myself to nobody," the Jamaican said. "What Usain has, he has. What I have is hard work."

What Bolt certainly doesn't have is hair extensions sent over from a Jamaican hairdresser: "It makes me pretty prettier."

Before a sparse crowd at Luzhniki Stadium, she gave Jamaica a 2-0 lead over the Americans in the sprint duel, showing the Caribbean island produces the fastest runners on the planet.

While Bolt is a slow starter and the greatest of finishers, Fraser-Pryce reacts to the gun like few others.

"Most persons in the race are closers, when they get to 70 and 60 they are opening up," Fraser-Pryce said. "But I knew I had an advantage. And that was my start. And that

was what I focused on."

By the end, the others could only watch her tresses flap across the line, pretty in pink.

The U.S. got its part of the glory, too, when David Oliver led a 1-2 finish in the 110 hurdles with Ryan Wilson second. It would have been a clean sweep had defending champion Jason Richardson not stumbled near the end and fell back to fourth.

Unlike Fraser-Pryce, Christine Ohuruogu never led in her race until the last moment of the 400 final to beat defending champion Amantle Montsho by four-thousandths of a second. She set a British record to regain the world title she first won in 2007, dipping at the line to cap a great comeback.

"When I finished I didn't know if I'd won it. I didn't want to get over-excited until my name came up," Ohuruogu said.



Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, center, crosses the finish line to win gold ahead of United States' Carmelita Jeter, left, and United States' Alexandria Anderson in the women's 100-meter final at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013.

AP Photo/Martin Meissner

Montsho said she was beaten by an elementary error thinking she had won before crossing the line.

"I did not see Christine coming from behind," Montsho said. "If I knew that I would push my chest forward and would have made it."


At the end of Day 3 at

the championships, the U.S. leads the medals standings with three gold and six overall. Germany is second with four medals overall after Raphael Holzdeppe upset Olympic champion Renaud Lavillenie of France on a countback to win the pole vault.

In the shot put, Valerie

Adams became the first woman to win four straight individual world titles.

The Olympic champion from New Zealand won with a toss of 68 feet, 6 inches. She has now won 38 straight events and has won every major championship at least twice.



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Brooklyn's Boys of Summer trade wins, losses with Tigers and Spikes at MCU Park

Cyclones 4 Connecticut 3

Aug. 7 at MCU Park

The Cyclones had four straight hits in the eighth inning, including the go-ahead RBI single by Tomas Nido to steal the game from Connecticut last Wednesday afternoon, despite an ugly performance from the infield, which committed two errors.

Jonathan Clark scored after he singled in the second and Connecticut pitcher Chase Edwards walked the next three batters. Anthony Chavez matched another Tiger score in the fifth off an RBI double by Alex Sanchez.

Down 3-2 in the eighth, the Clones went into offensive gear. Matt "Bright Eyes" Oberste and James "Papa" Roche hit a single and a double to start things off. Clark and Nido then hit back-to-back RBI singles to tie the game, then take the lead.

Pitcher Robert "Not-so-silent G" Gsellman threw five

solid innings despite playing with the flu, Paul Paez picked up the win in relief, and John Mincone notched his sixth save of the season.

Connecticut 7 Cyclones 3

Aug. 8 at MCU Park

Connecticut scored five runs in the first two innings and the Cyclones never recovered on the way to a disheartening loss.

New starting pitcher Ricky Knapp, taking the place of Seth Lugo, who was optioned to Savannah, got off to a shaky start by allowing hits to the first three batters he saw. The Tigers went on to score three runs in the same inning and two more in the second.

The Cyclones' offense responded to the Tigers in the first three innings — albeit in less powerful fashion — by scoring a run in each inning. Patrick "To Infinity and" Biondi scored two runs on two RBI singles by L.J.



STARTER PISTOL: Cyclones starting pitcher Miller Diaz fires a pitch during Friday's home game against State College.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

"Mini-Maz" Mazzilli in the first and third, and Jonathan Clark added a run in the sec-

ond off a center-field shot by Eddie Rohan, but the damage was already done.

State College 4 Cyclones 1

Aug. 9 at MCU Park

More hits is never more valuable than more runs.

State College second baseman Mason Katz had two runs on two hits in leading the set from the Cyclones despite being out-hit 8-7 on Star Wars Night at MCU Park.

The Spikes took a 2-0 lead in the second when a walk, hit batsman, wild pitch, and sacrifice fly scored the first run before a single by Steven Ramos scored the second.

The Spikes earned two more points in the fourth when Katz hit an RBI triple deep to center, and Brett Wiley singled him in.

Brooklyn's lone run came in the seventh when L.J. "Mini-Maz" Mazzilli doubled and came home on a Matt "Bright Eyes" Oberste single.

The Clones added three more hits in the last two

innings, but all three base runners were left stranded by the State College hurlers.

Cyclones 2 State College 1

Aug. 10 at MCU Park

L.J. "Mini-Maz" Mazzilli and Gavin Cecchini drove in the runs early and Brooklyn pitchers allowed only two hits in the win over State College.

Patrick "To Infinity and" Biondi led off the first with a double to left field and Cecchini followed up with a single to put runners on the corners. Mazzilli then hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Biondi.

In the fourth, State College pitcher Willy Paulino walked Ismael "T.J." Tijerina and Anthony Chavez back-to-back.

After Nick Petree replaced Paulino, Cecchini hit an RBI single to left to score Tijerina.

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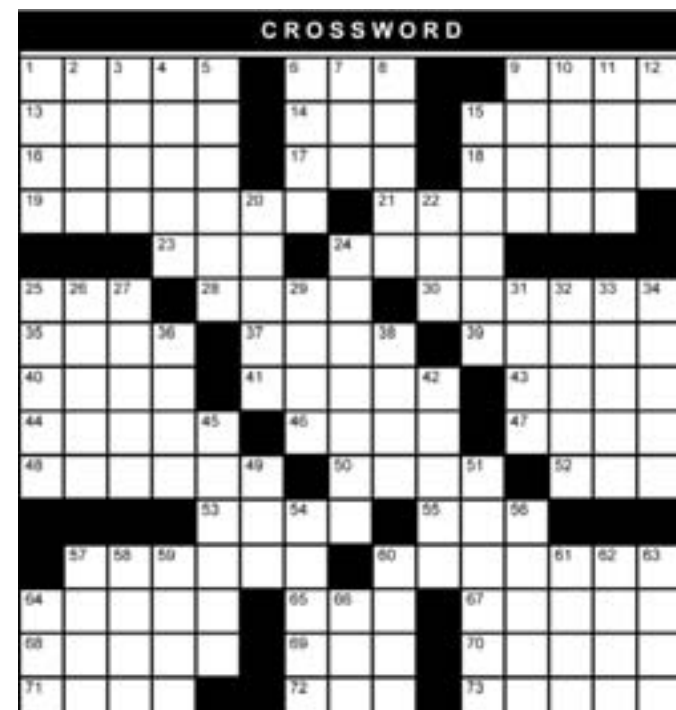
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21. *Energy outlet
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25. Tax pro
28. First female Attorney General
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35. Two quarters
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40. Seed covering
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43. "Laughing on the inside" in text message
44. Officially allowed
46. Way, way off
47. Diabolical
48. Doghouse
50. Cupid's counterpart
52. "The ___" by The Doors

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55. Bovine sound
57. *Junior's ruler?
60. *Required substance
64. Editor's insertion mark
65. Tarzan's mom, e.g.
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69. *Sophomore's grade
70. *Class action to find president
71. 100 centavos
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3. Pro _____
4. Period
5. Large upright stone
6. Young salmon
7. *Pencil type
8. Bone hollow
9. Highlands hillside
10. It's often denoted in red
11. Half of binary code
12. Used for styling
15. Trickery
20. 0 and 2, e.g.
22. "C' ___ la vie!"
24. Pine, e.g.
25. *Calcium sulfate's common

- name
26. Humorous slang for "Paris"
27. Set straight
29. Famous valley
31. This king was a merry old soul
32. Treasure collection
33. Perform in
34. *Not to be left behind
36. Custard dessert
38. Capone's mark
42. Enophile's sensory concern
45. Funny business
49. Actor DiCaprio
51. Goal-oriented activity
54. Inspiration for poets and musicians
56. Eyes
57. All there
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