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In winner's row

Michaud Bates, of Ramajay Mas portraying "Carnival Fury" in competition at the Brooklyn Museum, Thursday, took first place in the Adult Male Character category. See story on page 43.

Photo by William Farrington

Calypso King is hospitalized

By Les Slater

News of the hospitalization of the Mighty Sparrow (Slinger Francisco) in New York set the rumor mill ablaze early this week, radio and TV stations, bloggers and others all weighing in with reports of what had befallen the self-styled "Calypso King of the World," whether those reports were unfounded or

otherwise.

At press time Sparrow was said to be in a diabetic coma and was being treated for the condition at a New York City hospital.

Over the course of his legendary career, there have been numerous occasions when rumors have sprouted about Sparrow's illness or demise. Indeed, the ever unpredictable

"Birdie" has himself parodied the rumor-mongering in song, "Simpson" and "Sparrow Dead" being two popular ditties from the extensive list contained in the Sparrow songbook.

Easily the most imposing figure the calypso tradition has known, Sparrow has established a world-wide reputation which

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GOING AFTER EUROPE

Reparations Conference set for St. Vincent

By Bert Wilkinson

Years of pressure from human rights activists, regional Rastafarians certainly not excluded, Caribbean trade bloc governments are going ahead with a decision to seek monetary and other forms of compensation from Britain and other European colonial powers for the horrors of the Transatlantic slave trade and have organized a key three-day planning meeting in St. Vincent beginning on Sunday, an announcement on Monday said.

The meeting will be the first major follow-up of a decision taken by Caribbean leaders at the main annual summit in Trinidad in July to pursue European slave trading

nations for compensation or reparations as it is most commonly called.

Vincientian Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves who has been one of the leading campaigners of the regional effort against the European nations, returned home from trade-bloc secretariat headquarters in Guyana on Tuesday after holding talks with Guyana government and Caribbean Community officials on a range of matters including reparations.

The meeting will bring together national reparations committees which were formed around the bloc after the early July leaders summit, civil society, known activists

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Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony.

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U.S. cuts aid to St. Lucia police

By Azad Ali

The St. Lucia government says the decision by the United States to prevent members of the local police service from participating in training programs financed by Washington has nothing to do with the island's decision to join the Venezuela-led Bolivarian Alliance of our People's of America (ALBA).

Last month, the United States officially informed the St. Lucia government that it had suspended assistance to the police department as a result of allegations of serious human rights violations.

"The Department of State has made a policy decision to withdraw training and material assistance to the Royal St. Lucia Police force due to credible allegations of gross human rights violations," the U.S. State Department said in a statement.

Prime Minister Anthony in a nationwide radio and television broadcast, acknowledged the cut off, citing a U.S. law, known as the Leahy amendment, which bars aid to foreign security forces accused of human rights violations.

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U.S. State Department said in statement. Anthony, in a nationwide radio and television broadcast, acknowledged the cut off, citing a U.S. law, known as the Leahy amendment, which bars aid to foreign security forces accused of human rights violations.

Anthony cited alleged violations of human rights incurred during the 2011 police crackdown, "Operation Restore Confidence," in which 12 criminal suspects were fatally shot by local police. Anthony told supporters that the opposition was now engaged in shifting the blame and they were now using the island's membership of ALBA as a scapegoat.

The 12 police killings were mentioned in the 2011 country report on human rights for St. Lucia released in May last year.

Anthony said despite taking measures to bring closure to the situation, St. Lucia's reputation should not suffer a recurrence of such embarrassing fate and that those culpable must face the consequences.

"What occurred in St. Lucia is those five years must never be allowed to repeat itself. We must never be cited in any human rights report as committing human rights report as committing human rights abuses and ignoring the fundamental rules laid down by our Constitution," he said.

Street could be renamed for Jamaican hip-hop fame

By Vinette K. Pryce

With streets named for presidents, historians, politicians and reggae king Bob Marley, Brooklyn could name a thoroughfare in honor of slain, Jamaican, hip-hop rapper Christopher Wallace. Also known as Biggie Smalls and the Notorious B.I.G., he grew up in the borough and found international fame rapping about his neighborhood. A petition is now being distributed throughout that could secure a name change at the intersection of St. James Place and Fulton Way to Christopher Wallace Way in the Clinton Hill neighborhood where the rapper was raised.

Wallace grew up at 226 St. James Place located between Fulton Street and St. James Place.

"Artistically during Christopher Wallace's time in music he was considered the best at his craft," LeRoy McCarthy, the individual who initiated the petition said.

In his plea, he described Biggie's emergence as one that developed from being "the story of a boy to a man accomplishing greatness,



The Notorious B.I.G.

AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, file

using words as his tools."

He said that story "continues to have a resounding influence" beyond his 1997 passing.

Wallace was born on May 21, 1972 and grew up in Brooklyn.

He released his debut album 'Ready To Die' in 1994 after coming to the attention of Sean Combs, aka P Diddy, and married

singer Faith Evans in 1995.

"He has such a legacy as a music creator and always represented Brooklyn with pride," McCarthy said. "I want to pay tribute to him in some way."

What is required for the co-naming of a street is that the submission be "historically or culturally significant." Wallace was murdered in a drive by shooting

in Los Angeles on March 9, 1997. He was shot four times as he sat in the passenger seat of a car he rode to an awards show after-party in California.

McCarthy hopes to get 10,000 people to sign his petition. Allegedly more than 700 signatures have been collected.

For more information, visit www.change.com.

U.S. judge names stop & frisk overseer

By Nelson A. King

In the wake of her ruling that the New York Police Department (NYPD) stop-and-frisk practices against Blacks and other minorities are unconstitutional, a United States federal district judge has appointed a community facilitator to help monitor the police.

U.S. District Judge in Manhattan, Shira Scheindlin, has named Nicholas Turner, president of the New York-based, nonprofit group, Vera Institute of Justice, as the facilitator who will help the monitor, Peter Zimroth, develop reforms of the NYPD.

In her ruling, Scheindlin said Turner has a record of success in dealing with cops and communities.

She said he has "initiated and managed projects on racial profiling in prosecution; safety in America's prisons; sentencing reform; juvenile justice, and domestic violence."

While Zimroth is working with lawyers for the plaintiffs, the city and the NYPD to come up with immediate reforms to stop the NYPD from making unconstitutional stops, the judge ordered Turner to work on longer-term reforms in coordination with com-

munity leaders and law-enforcement personnel.

That includes convening town hall-type meetings in each of the five boroughs of New York City to provide a forum in which all stakeholders may be heard.

Scheindlin said Turner also will work "with the parties to develop a time line, ground rules and concrete milestones" for proposed reforms, and draft recommendations for Zimroth's consideration.

Turner said his priorities are "to get insight from residents in communities where stop-and-frisk is practiced" and to "work together" with

residents, community leaders, cops and prosecutors.

"It was a great honor to be considered," he said, adding, however, that "it's a challenge I'm very much looking forward to."

The Vera Institute of Justice had helped the NYPD develop its Community Patrol Officer Program in the early 1980s.

Late last month, Brooklyn Jumaane Williams welcomed New York City Council's votes in overriding two bills that would rein in the policies of the NYPD against Caribbean immigrants, blacks and other minorities.

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Bahamas

Foreign Affairs Minister Fred Mitchell has returned here following a one week visit to the United States saying he was pleased “with the progress” being made regarding the illegal migration of Cubans into the Bahamas.

Prior to his departure for Washington recently, Mitchell had indicated that “a negotiating team would travel to Cuba “with a view to settling the modalities of how there can be a quicker turnaround of migrants to Cuba.”

Mitchell was also expected to hold talks with U.S. officials on the issue and a statement issued here on his return indicated that he had a “very successful and fruitful mission in the United States recently.”



Mitchell said he plans to have discussions with the Cuba's foreign minister in Grenada soon.

“I want to say with regard to migration matters that I am pleased with the progress that has been made thus far in resolving all the outstanding matters that have so exercised the public over the last weeks,” Mitchell said praising the staff at the Bahamas Embassy in the United States “for their hard work and dedication during a stressful and provocative period.”

Recently, the Bahamas government noted “quite a lot of misinformation” regarding the detention and repatriation of migrants in the country and confirmed that 24 Cuban nationals were repatriated on Aug. 16, making a total of 64 for the year so far.

“Our mandate is to ensure that the Detention Center is empty of inhabitants, migrants, detainees as much as humanly possible.” Mitchell said then.

Guyana

Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association (GGDMA) says it is projecting a gold production target of 500,000 ounces for 2013. At the start of Mining Week here, Natural Resources and the Environment Minister presented a report indicating that gold declared for the first half of this year increased by 23.2 per cent over the quantity declared recently.



Where has all the water gone?

In this Aug. 22, 2013 photo, vendors Jacline Bienheme, left, and Marie Jolerme wait for fishermen to return on the shores of Lake Azuei in Thomazeau, Haiti. Experts are sounding a new alarm about the effects of climate change for parts of the Caribbean: the depletion of already strained drinking water throughout much of the region.

AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery

Gold maintained its reputation as the biggest producer in the mining sector recently, with a production value in excess of GUY\$137 billion (One Guyana dollar = US\$0.01 cents) and accounting for 78.2 per cent of total value of mining output.

But in the wake of the recent fall in gold prices below the price of GUY\$1300 an ounce, the GGDMA has appealed for local miners to take precautionary measures by paying attention to cost reduction and to improve

It is also urging the government to provide more support through concessions and other measure

But this year we are hoping to top production of 500,000 ounces of gold which has never been achieved in Guyana in the history of gold,” said CGDMA Vice-President, Charles Da Silva.

President Ramotar addressing the opening of Mining Week and Award ceremony recently urged all stakeholders to work together and eliminate corrupt and criminal practices such as bribery.

Mining Week 2013 was being held under the theme “Clean Green and Responsible; Securing the Future of Mining” and

President Ramotar said he envisaged a high quality jewelry sector for bauxite, a smelting plant for alumina/aluminum but in the absence of cheap energy the possibility of these investments seems impractical.

Haiti

Haiti has drafted new legislation to protect whistle-blowers as the French-speaking Caribbean Community (Caricom) country moves to deal with wide-spread corruption.

Head of the Anti-Corruption Unit, Colonel Antoine Atouriste, said that his office has also acted upon information obtained from an anti-corruption hotline.



Atouriste said draft law will be presented to Parliament for approval and will protect individuals who inform on public officials involved in acts of corruption. The law will also protect them from appearing as witnesses or even prosecuted for libel.

“We want to make it easy for employees and other individuals, who know about acts of corrup-

tion, to feel free and comfortable to denounce them,” Atouriste told the Haitian news website, HCNN.

“The law we are proposing also prohibits that the name of whistle-blowers be mentioned in any report or revealed to any authority or other entities,” he said, noting that such measures would encourage whistleblowers to come forward.

The former army top official said he has already met with President Michel Martelly and Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe who have both expressed support for the initiative.

Jamaica

A British gay rights group staged a protest outside Jamaica's High Commission building in London recently demanding justice for the July mob-murder of 17-year-old cross-dresser, Dwayne Jones in St. James.

The protest was organized by Out & Proud African LGBTI and Justice for Dwayne Jones, with the support of Peter Tatchell Foundation – a British human rights group.



Along with a petition, the groups are calling for the Jamaican authorities to protest members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community against hate crime.

The 17-year-old, who was dressed in women's clothing, was reportedly pointed out by a female at a dance in Adelphi after which he was beaten, stabbed, shot to death and his body dumped along a roadway.

Recently, former deputy commissioner of police, Mark Shields called for an update on police investigations. The police have not said whether progress is being made in their probe.

Jones' killing resulted in widespread condemnation and has attracted significant international media attention.

St. Kitts

St Kitts- Nevis has welcomed its first major investment by a Russian group, with Prime Minister Dr. Denzil Douglas saying that the investment comes at a time when his administration is making it easier for Russians to visit the twin-island Federation.

Government said the Russian investors will provide US\$37 million in the construction of the five two-bedroom villas as part of the Ocean Grove Development and US\$13 million in the Windswept Residence Club.

Ocean Grove Villas is a joint venture between the Christophe Harbor Development Company and the Canada-based Apex Capital Partners Corporation. “This project is also significant because it is the first major investment to be put together in St Kitts by a Russian group,” said Prime Minister Douglas at the symbolic groundbreaking ceremony.

“We see Russia as a new and desirable market for both investors and visitors for our country, and you can be assured that my government will continue to take necessary steps to improve the flow of trade and investment between our two democratic countries.

Suriname

Antigua and Barbuda's Minister of Culture Eleston Adams has urged the region to support the

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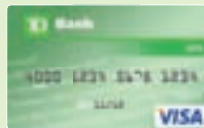
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St. Vincent to host Reparations Conference

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for reparations, regional universities and Caribbean nations, based outside the region the bloc said, noting that this "approach would be to hold a development conversation and to use all reasonable avenues to reach an amicable solution" with former slave trading powers like Spain, Portugal, France and The Netherlands, among others.

The leaders had taken a "unanimous" decision to fight for reparations at the meeting in Trinidad according to the final communiqué issued after the meeting.

Governments have been under increasing pressure from non-governmental groups to place their political weight behind demands for compensation. Gonsalves said in a recent speech that if all governments rally behind the NGO movement on the issue "it is going to be dif-

ficult to touch us."

Caricom said that most member states are expected to send delegations to the conference, the first major one since the decision was taken to fight at the political level in July.

Activists and prominent regional figures like Guyana-born former Antiguan ambassador to London, Sir Ronald Sanders, have pointed to the fact that Britain, for example, was forced to pay slave owners millions in compensation for being forced to release African slaves after abolition, while not a single cent was paid to those who were brutalized and enslaved.

Familiar names like Barclays and Lloyds, commercial banks and the Bank of Scotland got their wealth from the slave trade, Sanders argues, pointing to the work of respected regional academic Sir Hilary Beckles, who noted that, "British citizens were socially



In this Sept. 28, 2012 file photo, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves addresses the 67th United Nations General Assembly, at U.N. headquarters.
AP Photo/John Minchillo, file

empowered by the white supremacy culture so effectively institutionalized on a global scale by slave owners."

Beckles argued that to compensate angry slave owners, Britain in the 19th century borrowed £20 million which is Sterling £76 B

or US\$117 billion, at today's value, from the Rothschild Banking Empire. The sum amounted to about 40 per cent of the country's Gross Domestic Product at the time, he said, and bemoaned the fact that not a cent was paid to the enslaved.

Mighty Sparrow

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has taken the art form to far-flung locales, frequently being the trail-blazing presence that introduced calypso to foreign audiences. Featured on a staggering number of recordings, these too have contributed to the outside personality he has come to be.

Sparrow broke into the big time in Trinidad in 1956 when seemingly from out of nowhere his "Jean and Dinah" won him both the calypso king and road march titles for that year's Carnival. It would be the first of several times he bested the competition for those two elite markers of calypso supremacy – eight times reigning as calypso monarch and eight times earning the road march title. He has been a multiple winner of similar titles in other Carnival celebrations.

Blessed with a magnificent voice, Sparrow has thus been able to be the perfect messenger for the subject matter embodied in

the hundreds of selections he has performed over the years, which have run the gamut from biting social commentary to philosophy, story telling, humor, romance and saucy stuff. As a performer, he has been regularly referred to as being in a class all his own.

The 78-year-old Slinger Francisco was born in Grenada but was brought as an infant to Trinidad where the love of singing and music generally he first indulged as a member of a church choir became a passion that would eventually find expression in his involvement in calypso. With his breakthrough in 1956 came a determination – some would say brashness – to move the calypso tradition to a higher plane than his forerunners in the field were settling for. His undeniable ability afforded him the luxury of remaining true to his goal of uplifting the art form and gaining for it a greater level of respect.

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46 years of Caribbean pride and culture

To The Editor:

After presiding for four days and nights overseeing six very successful, live cultural events for both adults and children, WIADCA shined throughout Labor Day Monday – in spite of the few showers that could not dampen the exuberant spirits of thousands of costumed revelers from 40 masquerade bands that danced down Eastern Parkway. In the Large Bands category: 1st was Ramajay Mas, winning Band of the Year; 2nd was Sesame Flyers Inteenational and 3rd, Kaios International. Adult Queen was Kay Mason from Boro-keetes, and Adult King -- Shawn Antenor from DiMidias International. Winners of the Steelband Panorama competition were: 1st – CASYM, 2nd – Pan Sonatas and 3rd – D'Rados. For a complete list of winners, please go to www.wiadcacarnival.org.

Even though Mayor Bloomberg did not make it to the breakfast due to a lengthy press conference, he and Commissioner Kelly did make it to the starting point to begin the parade on time. The high-powered VIP Champagne Breakfast that is held before the Parade of Bands never attracted so many politicians and those who want to be something or another – both inside the large tent and outside, were jammed with those seeking the spotlight. It was no better on the parade route, with scores of political groups bearing hand-held signs that made the “Carnival” look more like a political rally, to the dismay of a major-

ity of on-lookers.

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WIADCA appreciates the continued support of its corporate sponsors, elected leadership, the NYPD, Parks, EMS, Fire, DOT, Transit and Sanitation Departments. Likewise, the Mas' and Steel bands and millions of loyal fans, members and hundreds of volunteers who joined together to make the 46th Annual Carnival Parade a safe and resounding success.

WIADCA thanks the general public and law enforcement for an incident-free Carnival – with no crimes committed on the Parade route during the event.

Plans are already underway for 2014. WIADCA invites the general public to continue checking its website: www.wiadcacarnival.org and email: wiaadcainc@gmail.com for regular updates.

Jean Alexander, WIADCA spokeswoman

Starting at the bottom to give kids a better chance

Dr. Megan Smith and Joanne Samuel Goldblum

Child poverty has been worsening in this country for a decade, to the point where one in five of our children is ensnared by a web of injustice and simple bad luck that diminishes their present and casts a shadow over their future. The causes are so many and varied that no one has been able to develop a corrective strategy that is likely to be implemented, particularly in a time of austerity.

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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families often requires attendance at such programs, so parents risk loss of TANF benefits. Children miss opportunities for early childhood education, and thus the achievement gap widens.

Our research found that mothers who cannot provide enough diapers are more likely to report difficulty with stress management, depression and coping with trauma. These mental health needs were even more pronounced in mothers who had trouble obtaining diapers than in mothers who reported food insecurity. Maternal stress and depression are strongly associated with developmental and health problems in children that can have lifelong effects.

Babies who are left in wet and soiled diapers are likely to get rashes and infections. Furthermore, they cry a lot, a

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Time to end the dangerous shell game

By Frank Knapp Jr.

Iran heads the list of countries the United States and other nations have targeted for sanctions because of its believed nuclear weapons goal and its support of terrorist groups. There are few governments that elicit more concern among Americans than the one in Tehran.

Certainly no law-biding U.S. citizen or business would provide goods or services directly to Iran or any organization that funnels money to that regime. In fact, it is illegal to do so. But that is exactly what has happened and likely is still happening because it is perfectly legal in the U.S. to set up anonymous shell corporations--secretive entities often exploited by criminals to

move dirty money

Before 2009, companies renting office space in a skyscraper at 650 Fifth Avenue in New York were unknowingly sending money to the Iranian government. If you were shopping in the retail businesses in that building, you were unwittingly financing the Iranian government.

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Federal agencies discovered the

corporate shell game and the matter is now in the courts. Fortunately that particular revenue stream to Iran has stopped.

But how many other shell companies are used to financially benefit enemy states because U.S. state laws don't require the identity of owners to be disclosed? How many are used by drug traffickers, terrorist cells, tax cheats, pimps, arms traders, fraudsters or other criminals to further illegal activity? How many American dollars are secretly sent to groups most of us would never support?

Because of legalized corporate secrecy, we don't know the answers to these questions.

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When Syria becomes a handy smokescreen

Many of the pundits have been suggesting that if Congress doesn't vote to authorize the air strikes against Syria as requested by President Obama, this would just about drive a stake through the heart of the president's second term. Well this may be. And if things in fact evolve in such fashion, we will have witnessed a hall-of-fame type political scam job, perpetrated by that very active, very angry anti-Obama element in Washington and kindred spirits across the land.

The congressional blowback (from Republicans, primarily) against the president's call for punitive action in Syria, in response to Assad's alleged chemical weapons atrocities, has centered much on lopsided public objection to any military involvement. About which, one would be perfectly justified in asking: since when, this sensitivity to public reaction?

When last we checked, the favorability rating for Congress was still languishing somewhere in the teens. And we're pretty sure those numbers are guaranteed to stay put, what with government shutdown threats, debt ceiling

intractability and all else that has gotten the Congress more or less fixed in the electorate's crosshairs. How come a Congress so indifferent to this dramatic representation of public disgust with its performance becomes at once so concerned about public sentiment on Syria? Whence comes this concern for how the public feels? Can we really give validity to this when thumbing its nose at the public seems to be par for the course with Congress?

Earlier this year, some well-nigh token gun control measures failed to get to first base in Congress. Some of us felt sure that in the wake of a Newtown horror that had so mortified the nation, such no-brainer provisions as widened background checks and limiting magazine clips could not but secure a modest display of congressional backbone. Polls showed public support for these seemingly low-risk measures to be around 90 percent. Including hefty majority approval numbers even among NRA members. Incredibly, congressional identification with where the people stood was nonexistent when it got to showtime.

Politicians have a way of brazen-

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

ly trying to fool God-only-knows whom when insisting that they don't believe in polls. But there's no way around it; given poll numbers that were so through the roof on those gun violence measures, that congressional balk was one pulverizing kick in the teeth to the public. Who among us is now sap enough to fall for an alleged concern for what the masses think about responding to Syria? Who among us fails to see the theatrics for the smokescreen it is?

Let's get real. This, at its core, is not about Syria. It has to do with some folks (including the type who would shout, "You lie" during a State of the Union address) salivating at the opportunity to stick it to this president. Obama's call on the Syria issue is altogether secondary to the idea that, for some, there appears now to be a clear track to his humiliation.

Part of this searing enmity toward Obama has its basis in

the mindset on the right that a mere hint of progressivism from any quarter assures an instant "expendable" branding. Bill Clinton, during his White House tenure, was the right's public enemy number one, and a drumbeat aimed at derailing his presidency proceeded non-stop, from the very beginning when he dared to announce that his would be a cabinet "that looks like America". That element would get its best shot at Clinton with the Monica Lewinsky scandal. Even then, conforming to the playbook, the hounds made light of sentiment out among the population. A solid majority, polls reported, and even Republican bigwigs like James Baker and Alfonse D'Amato found Clinton's indiscretions well short of impeachable offences. No matter. The scent of blood was too strong to restrain those who saw advocates of any other course as dead wrong.

Intransigence on that scale remains locked in place as the other side's battle armor. So that in today's knotty issue one could reasonably expect more of the same. The slings and arrows turned loose toward target Obama couldn't possibly be intended for impact with

less ferocity than in 1998-99. And notwithstanding those who live in denial of an elephant in the room that wasn't a factor back in the late 90s, yes, there is potential and enhanced possibility of a greater ugliness this time around.

Chances are the president could get his authorization vote in the Senate, although even there some rough sledding might be unavoidable. One fully expects the House to be quite another matter. Among the renegades nestled in that place there's loathing in plentiful supply to channel the president's way, the better to be of a piece with those swats of contempt for the president that they represent. The object of their hostility, whom an electoral majority had the audacity to return to office last November provides hate machine fodder 24/7.

And now, here comes Syria, as if sent by the gods to bring relief. They will say it was all about the nation's war weariness when they trample all over the president's authorization request. All about responding to war-related alarms sounded by constituency folk. They'll be lying. It's a whole lot more sinister than that.

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Child development and stress

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risk factor for shaken baby syndrome and other forms of child abuse.

Though diapers are clearly a necessity, they are not generally categorized as a basic need, the way that food or housing are. As a result, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps) and the Women Infants and Children Program do not provide diapers. Community-based diaper banks have sprung up around the country to help families. But there are not enough of these organizations to meet the needs of the 6 million American children under the age of 3 who live in poverty.

Diaper banks often get pushback that poor parents should turn to reusable cloth diapers. Some do, and a number of diaper banks provide a cloth

option. But there are significant barriers, including start-up costs and access to washing facilities. We are far less concerned about what type of diapers families use than we are about assuring they have an adequate supply.

On average, diapering a

Millions of babies and toddlers are less comfortable, less safe and less likely to prosper in the long-term because they are sitting in wet, soiled diapers.

child costs about \$18 per week. That is a significant expense for some parents, as it represents more than 6 percent of the gross pay of a minimum-wage worker. But as a social pro-

grams go, \$18 a week to change a life is an incredible bargain.

We take no position on whether that should be a public or private program, or some combination thereof. We simply think that discussions about basic needs should include all basic needs.

On an individual level, when a baby is obviously in distress, people are quick to ask: Does she need a change?

In America today, millions of babies and toddlers are less comfortable, less safe and less likely to prosper in the long-term because they are sitting in wet, soiled diapers.

They need a change.

Goldblum is the executive director of National Diaper Bank Network and Dr. Smith is professor at Yale University Child Study Center and School for Public Health.

Terrorists and nuclear weapons

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In many states it is easier to incorporate a business than to get a driver's license. Very few states require that the ultimate owner or owners of a business be listed on the incorporation form. Imagine applying for a driver's license without having to reveal your identity. Yet every day in America, businesses are created without any obligation to provide this basic information.

I spoke with the person in charge of business filings in South Carolina. She acknowledged that, like almost all other states, the law does not require the state to collect information about the identities of the real persons that own or control a business. Remediating this problem might be of interest to her agency, she told me.

A state-by-state effort, however, probably wouldn't succeed because a state like Delaware, which intentionally has notoriously lax corporation filing requirements and collects substantial revenues from

incorporations, has a financial incentive to resist such efforts. If even one state remains a haven for corporate secrecy, a state-by-state solution fails.

Congress can fix this problem. The bipartisan Incorporation Transparency and Law Enforcement Assistance Act (ITLEAA) is a common sense solution that would require companies to disclose the names, addresses, and driver's license or passport numbers of the real people who ultimately own or control them. This would make it harder for criminals to exploit the U.S. system to hide and finance their activities.

The ITLEAA lets states decide whether to make this information public or to only make it available to law enforcement with a subpoena. States can choose to respect the privacy of business owners by not requiring their personal information be made public. Yet it is difficult to overstate the importance of this information to local, state and

federal law enforcement authorities engaged in pursuing criminals who currently count on anonymity to mask their illegal actions. Complying with ITLEAA would not be a significant regulatory burden on small business owners.

The U.S. Department of Justice and the Treasury Department believe this is so important, they have offered \$40 million in forfeiture funds they've seized from criminal activity to help states with any cost of complying with the law.

No main street small business or consumer wants to inadvertently support an anonymous shell corporation that is laundering money, supporting terrorists, or funneling money to enemy governments. The ITLEAA will help make sure that this doesn't happen.

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Guyana judge rules on cross-dressing

By Bert Wilkinson and David McFadden

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — A judge interpreting a colonial-era law has ruled that cross-dressing is a criminal offense only if it's done for an "improper purpose" such as prostitution, but the partial victory has frustrated gay rights activists in Guyana who are pushing for the 120-year-old statute to be removed from the books.

On Sunday, a group called the Society Against Sexual Orientation Dis-

crimination said the constitutional court's "dubious decision" means police can continue to arrest cross-dressers and transgender citizens in the South American country for ambiguous reasons. They plan to appeal the judgment.

The rare court challenge of the controversial 1893 law was filed by the rights group after several of its members were hauled before the courts and slapped with minor fines for wearing female clothing in 2009. The transgender

litigants were born male but say they identify as female.

Reacting to the decision, Quincy McEwan, the director of transgender rights group Guyana Trans United, said the judge failed to define "improper purposes."

The litigants were apparently waiting for taxis when they were arrested for wearing female attire. When they appeared before the court the first time, a magistrate told them they

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Call for new Carib integration

By Nelson A. King

Trinidad and Tobago's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Winston Dookeran, has called for integration based on a new development paradigm in the Caribbean.

In delivering a lecture in Santiago, Chile, at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Dookeran noted that Caribbean countries suffered greatly during the recent international financial crisis.

He, therefore, urged that they "develop integration based on a new development paradigm that is better able to tackle such challenges."

In his lecture, entitled "A New Frontier for Caribbean



Trinidad and Tobago's Minister of Foreign Affairs; Winston Dookeran.
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Suriname president's son arrested

By Bert Wilkinson

Late last week, federal drug agents working with police in Panama, arrested the son of incumbent Surinamese President Desi Bouterse on alleged international drug trafficking charges just as his father was preparing to chair and host a summit of South American leaders.

Clearly embarrassed and stunned by both the timing of the move and the arrest itself, the senior Bouterse postponed the opening of the UNUSAR summit by three hours while he and close aides tried to figure out what had happened.

But by the time the summit finally got underway and as other leaders offered words of support, Dino Bouterse, 41, had already been flown to the US, arraigned in a Manhattan District Court pleaded not guilty and



Dino Bouterse, son of Suriname President Desi Bouterse, arrives to a court hearing in Paramaribo, Suriname.

AP Photo/Edward Troon, file

had been assigned a date for a second court appearance.

Until last week, he had functioned as the head of the country's special intelligence unit, a controver-

sial position that critics had warned would one day blow up in the face of his already beleaguered father.

The feds say that Dino Bouterse has had a history of wrongdoing linked to drugs and arms trafficking and point to an eight-year sentence in Suriname back in 2005 on drugs, weapons smuggling charges and theft of luxury cars.

The younger Bouterse now faces life in prison if convicted even as his father says that he hopes for a fair trial and that he plans to respect the decision of the American court. Whether the Surinamese head of state will try to visit his son if he attends this month's United Nations General Assembly as usual in New York is unclear but his father himself was convicted by a Dutch court back in 1999 for alleged

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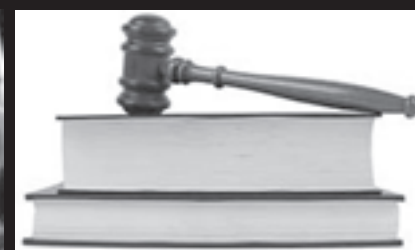


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Caribbean Festival of Arts and Culture (Carifesta). Adams, in making the appeal, also expressed disappointment with the lack of interest for the event shown by most of his colleagues.

"Culture should be more prominent. If we want to reap the benefits, especially with regard to tourism, each country should have a Ministry of Culture." He congratulated the Surinamese government, the population and the organizing committee for staging the event despite all the challenges.

"It is an immense and costly undertaking

and a challenge," said Adams.

He praised the involvement and participation of the large numbers of youths in the organization and the festivities itself. He also noted that the region should focus on the benefits Carifesta will have on the long term.

According to the official, the business opportunities that were explored will surely pay their worth in economic terms. Besides Adams, only his counterparts from Barbados, Jamaica and Curacao have attended the region's most prominent festival of arts and culture which ended recently.

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Bouterse

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drug trafficking.

Bouterse has always denied the charges and has pointed to a string of anonymous witnesses that the court allowed to give evidence against him calling it a cowboy trial.

Still he is clearly hurting by last week's developments.

"It's like a heavy blow. I must say that the timing was perfect, it was on the shoe. You could almost say that I put it myself," he told reporters in Paramaribo this week. "Let us hope that a proper administration of justice is conducted. I believe in a fair trial."

As widely expected, the head of state who staged coups in 1980 and 90 and was the military strongman when soldiers executed 15

government critics in 1982, is now being forced to fend off calls for his resignation from the opposition. Legislators say the Bouterse's name is now an embarrassment to the nation of about 500,000. Legislator Asiskoemar

as he is seen as the spoilt child of the head of state and one who should never have been appointed to head the special police unit.

He is charged along with an alleged co-conspirator named Edmund Quincy

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Gajadien says Bouterse now has no choice but to quit but the president lashes back by suggesting that he has faith in the electorate. Fresh elections are not due until mid 2015 and if he is voted out of office "then so be it."

The junior Bouterse has never been a favorite of the opposition, professional and middle classes in Suriname

Muntslag. Agents say he traveled to Suriname in recent weeks to arrange the shipment of 10 kilograms of cocaine to the U.S.

Dino Bouterse faces a second charged linked to him allegedly carrying a "firearm or destructive device – an anti-tank rocket launcher and pistols – during a drug-related crime.

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In this image taken on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013, former South African president Nelson Mandela's daughter, Makaziwe Mandela, left, and his granddaughter Tukwini Mandela pose with some of their House of Mandela wines, in Bal Harbour, Fla.

AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee

Brooklyn Wine & Food Festival

By Tangerine Clake

House of Mandela Wines, a company that was launched in the United States earlier this year by Makaziwe Mandela and Tukwini Mandela, daughter and granddaughter of former South African president and world icon, Nelson Mandela – will be featured at the “Toast of Brooklyn Wine and Food Festival” on Sept. 13 and 14, presented by the Bedford-Stuyvesant

Gateway Business Improvement District (The BID) at the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp. Plaza, 1368 Fulton St.

African American Selena Cuffe, owner of Heritage Link Brands, who is the sole importer of Mandela Wines, will welcome the South African wine makers, who said they are hopeful that their wine project furthers the evolution of the country's fine wine industry, so that more black South Afri-

cans can reap the benefits of their growth, according to Wine Spectator.

House of Mandela Wines that was unveiled in South Africa three years ago, will be among world renowned connoisseurs, and chefs to be featured at the fourth annual two-day wine and food event that is slated to showcase talented abstract painter Danny Simmons, brother of music mogul, Russell Simmons, and Guyanese artist of Arawak Leathercraft Shoe, Richard Winter.

Guyanese-American Braithwaite, a 13-year wine and spirits entrepreneur in Bedford Stuyvesant, and a member of Fulton Nostrand United Merchants Association (FNUMA), is working along with the organization to showcase some of the world's best connoisseurs and top chefs.

The first night of the event will honor Nelson

Mandela and his work, during an awards ceremony that will pay tribute to those who have made outstanding contributions to the development of Bedford Stuyvesant, and the success of the festival. Those being honored include, Hakeem Jeffries, Congressman for the United States Eighth Congressional District, Robert Walsh, commissioner for the New York City Department of Small Business Services.

The festival, which will attract big name sponsors such as the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, Bed-Stuy Gateway BID, Amalgamated Bank, Applebee's Super Foodtown and others, will host daytime and evening sessions that will encompass both exhibition, Jazz, and will give guests the opportunity to buy a two-day pass for Friday, 13, launch and all day Saturday with VIP reserved

area including the cigar bar, for \$75.00. The one-day pass with food and wine tasting will cost \$40.00.

Edmond Braithwaite, whose brainchild it was seven years ago to engage giant alcohol companies such as Diageo, Gallo, Hennesy and others, to give back to the community by hosting the event, convinced then Carver Federal Savings Bank to use their space, that successfully brought out a large cross-section of community.

In addition, Braithwaite was fortunate in getting (FNUMA) and these companies to award 10 scholarships to community students during a ceremony where then president of the organization handed out the bursars at Applebee's restaurant, on Fulton Street in Brooklyn.

To learn more about the festival log on www.toastofbrooklyn.com.

Cocoa Sustainability Trade Fair

(PRNewswire) -- Global cocoa sustainability experts and practitioners will gather in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on Oct. 15 - 16 for the World Cocoa Foundation (WCF) Partnership Meeting & Cocoa Sustainability Trade Fair.

More than 300 guests representing the chocolate and cocoa industry, governments, NGOs, academia, and research institutes from Latin America, the Caribbean, North America, Africa, Asia and Europe will use the occasion to learn about the latest developments in efforts to ensure greater sustainability in the sector.

“The Partnership Meeting is a unique opportunity for the global cocoa community to discuss cocoa livelihoods worldwide,” said Bill Guyton, WCF president. “We’re honored to be hosting the meeting in the Dominican Republic, and look forward to learning from the Latin America cocoa sector and exploring new opportunities in the region and how it relates to other cocoa-producing regions in West Africa and Southeast Asia.”

The agenda for the meeting covers topics including Latin America's role in the global cocoa sector, gender and cocoa, community development in cocoa-growing areas, agroforestry, cocoa genetics, technological advances and more. Speakers for the event feature top sustainability experts from cocoa companies, cocoa producing country governments, non-profit organizations, academia,

and more.

The event will take place at the Hotel Occidental El Embajador in Santo Domingo. Running concurrently with the meeting is WCF's inaugural Cocoa Sustainability Trade Fair, which will feature information and displays about sustainability efforts being undertaken in the cocoa sector. The event will be followed by site visits to nearby cocoa farms to view on-the-ground sustainability efforts. Sponsors for

“The Partnership Meeting is a unique opportunity for the global cocoa community to discuss cocoa livelihoods worldwide.”

the event include: Barry Callebaut; Cargill; Mondelez International; ADM Cocoa; The Hershey Company; Ferrero; Rizek Cacao S.A.S.; and Roig Agro-Cacao, S.A, with support from CEI-RD and Olam. Simultaneous translation from English to Spanish and Spanish to English will be available for the duration of the meeting.

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What to ask your doctor about breast cancer

(StatePoint) No one wants to think about breast cancer often, but there's definitely one person with whom you should discuss the topic annually -- your doctor. From innovative detection tests to new prevention research, your physician can be a great source of information on new ways women are protecting themselves from this life-threatening illness.

"Between family, friends and career, a doctor's appointment may not be a top priority for women. But checkups are integral to breast cancer prevention," says Dr. Steven Quay, Chairman, CEO and President of Atossa Genetics and inventor of the ForeCYTE Breast Health Test.

"October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness month, is an excellent time to take five minutes to schedule your screening exams," Quay says.

Here are key topics to discuss with your doctor to ensure you make the most of your visit:

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Risk

Breast cancer risk is multifaceted. Age is one factor -- as you get older your risk rises. Certain lifestyle factors can also increase your risk -- being overweight, taking birth control pills, alcohol consumption and not having children.

Genetic risk, heredity, the presence of pre-malignant cells and breast density should also be considered. Talk to your doctor about what tests you should be receiving to determine your risk, and if there are lifestyle changes you should make.

Testing

Breast cancer can strike at any age. Unfortunately, mammography, the most common test which is now controversial as to its effectiveness, isn't recommended for

younger women. But now there are adjunct tests that younger women can request that can detect silent, reversible milk duct hyperplasia, a condition that can lead to breast cancer in a decade if left untreated. The new quick and non-invasive ForeCYTE Breast Health Test, for example, collects and analyzes individual cells from a small sample of milk duct fluid collected from each breast, and can provide vital early detection of cancer or pre-cancerous conditions.

Just as the Pap smear has reduced cervical cancer rates by over 70 percent by finding and treating reversible pre-cancer before it becomes cancer, the goal of Atossa Genetics, maker of ForeCYTE and other diagnostic risk assessments, is to reduce the high rate of breast cancer through early detection of reversible precursor changes that can lead to breast cancer and to treat those early changes.



A patient gets screened for breast cancer.

Photo courtesy of Statepoint

"From lifestyle changes to therapeutic interventions, knowing your lifetime risk of breast cancer can help you make important medical decisions now," notes Quay.

More information about determining your risk for breast cancer can be found at www.AtossaGenetics.com.

Lifestyle

Maintaining a healthy body weight can reduce your risk for breast cancer. Ask your physician

or a registered dietician for advice on improving your diet. Your doctor can also recommend the best way to ease into a fitness routine, taking into account your overall health and current fitness level.

If you're a smoker or drinker, ask your physician to direct you toward resources that can help you curb the habit.

This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, take charge of your health by learning more about early detection, testing options and prevention.

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Climate change threatens Caribbean water supply

By Danica Coto

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Experts are sounding a new alarm about the

effects of climate change for parts of the Caribbean — the depletion of already strained drinking water

throughout much of the region.

Rising sea levels could contaminate supplies of fresh water and changing climate patterns could result in less rain to supply reservoirs in the coming decades, scientists and officials warned at a conference in St. Lucia this week.

"Inaction is not an option," said Lystra Fletcher-Paul, Caribbean land and water officer for the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. "The water resources will not be available."

Some of the possible solutions include limits on development, increased use of desalination plants and better management of existing water supplies, but all face challenges in a region where many governments carry heavy debts and have few new sources of revenue.

Many Caribbean nations rely exclusively on underground water for their needs, a vulnerable source



A girl pushes down the lid on her her bucket filled with water she collected from the pipe that captures mountain water in Thomazeau, Haiti. AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery

unusually dry spell that emerged last year.

In August 2012, some islands reported extremely dry weather, including Grenada and Anguilla. By July of this year, those conditions had spread to Trinidad, Antigua, St. Vincent and Barbados, the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology & Hydrology says.

"We're seeing changes in weather patterns," said Avril Alexander, Caribbean coordinator for the non-profit Global Water Partnership. "... When you look at the projected impact of climate change, a lot of the impact is going to be felt through water."

Intense rains have been reported in recent months in some Caribbean areas, but that doesn't mean an increase in fresh water supply, said Bernard Ettinoffe, president of the Caribbean Water and Sewerage Association Inc., a St. Lucia-based group that represents water utilities in the region.

that would be hit hard by climate change effects, said Jason Johnson, vice president of the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association, a Trinidad-based nonprofit group.

"That's the greatest concern," he said. "Those

weather patterns may change, and there may not necessarily be the means for those water supplies to be replenished at the pace that they have historically been replenished."

Parts of the Caribbean have been experiencing an

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Credit Unions Gain Share in Mortgage Lending

The humble, local credit union has become the mortgage source of choice for more buyers.

That's partly because credit union membership is growing; partly because credit unions can often beat the interest rates banks charge, and because the recent recession eroded public trust in big banks.

Even Richard Cordray, director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, who has been tough in dealing with other lenders, is a fan of credit unions.

"At the Consumer Bureau, we are well aware that credit unions were not a cause of the recent financial crisis," Cordray said in a speech last month to the National Association of Federal Credit Unions.

"You were not underwriting the bad loans that brought down the housing market. Instead, you continued to uphold sound underwrit-

ing standards even though you lost customers and market share to more irresponsible lenders," Cordray said.

"And you sounded the alarm bells well before the growing irregularities in the mortgage market caused the credit crunch that sank the economy," he said.

According to the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), credit union membership is growing at about 2 percent annually, vs. roughly 1 percent annual growth in the U.S. population. U.S. credit union membership is now around 98 million, close to one-third of the population, CUNA said. Those numbers are definitely showing up in the mortgage finance sector.

Credit Union membership used to depend on where you work, called "employment groups"; or organizations you belonged to, called "organizational groups". However, for

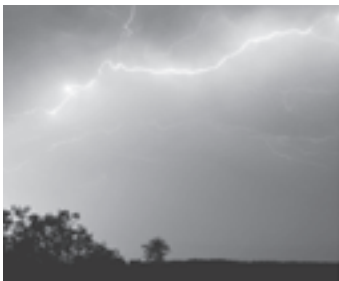
the last several years, credit unions have been able to offer membership benefits to "community groups" where anyone who lives in a certain area can join. The net effect is that virtually anyone can find a credit union they can join and borrow from, according to CUNA.

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Cross-dressing ruling

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were confused about their sexuality and should attend church and give their lives to Jesus Christ.

"The trans community is very worried and still fearful of arrests in light of this decision," said McEwan, one of the challenge's litigants.

Police have been accused of randomly applying the cross-dressing law while on patrol in Georgetown, the coastal capital.

In his Friday decision, acting Chief Justice Ian Chang

said people can't be found in violation of the law if they are cross-dressing "for the purpose of expressing or accentuating his or her personal sexual orientation in public." He said police failed to inform the litigants the reasons for their arrests and awarded them compensation.

But he said the challenge failed to prove the cross-dressing law amounts to discrimination on the basis of gender, which would violate Guyana's constitution.

The law survived constitutional reforms in 1966 and

1980, so Chang argued that any change must come from the legislature rather than the judiciary.

Zenita Nicholson, a board member with the Society Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination, said she believed the court "lost a golden opportunity" to eliminate every form of discrimination. Transgender citizens "will continue to be vulnerable to human rights abuses with this dubious decision," she said.

Associated Press writer Bert Wilkinson reported this story in Georgetown, and David McFadden reported from Kingston, Jamaica.

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his convergence proposal for the Caribbean.

"The external shocks that international financial institutions consider to be

temporary have become permanent for small Caribbean economies," he said.

"The recent world crisis in 2008 and 2009 only cost the United States 1 percent

of its GDP (gross domestic product)," he added.

In the Caribbean, estimates for the collapse suggest that it affected between 10 percent and 18 percent of GDP," Dookeran continued.

Dookeran said there is a structural problem related.

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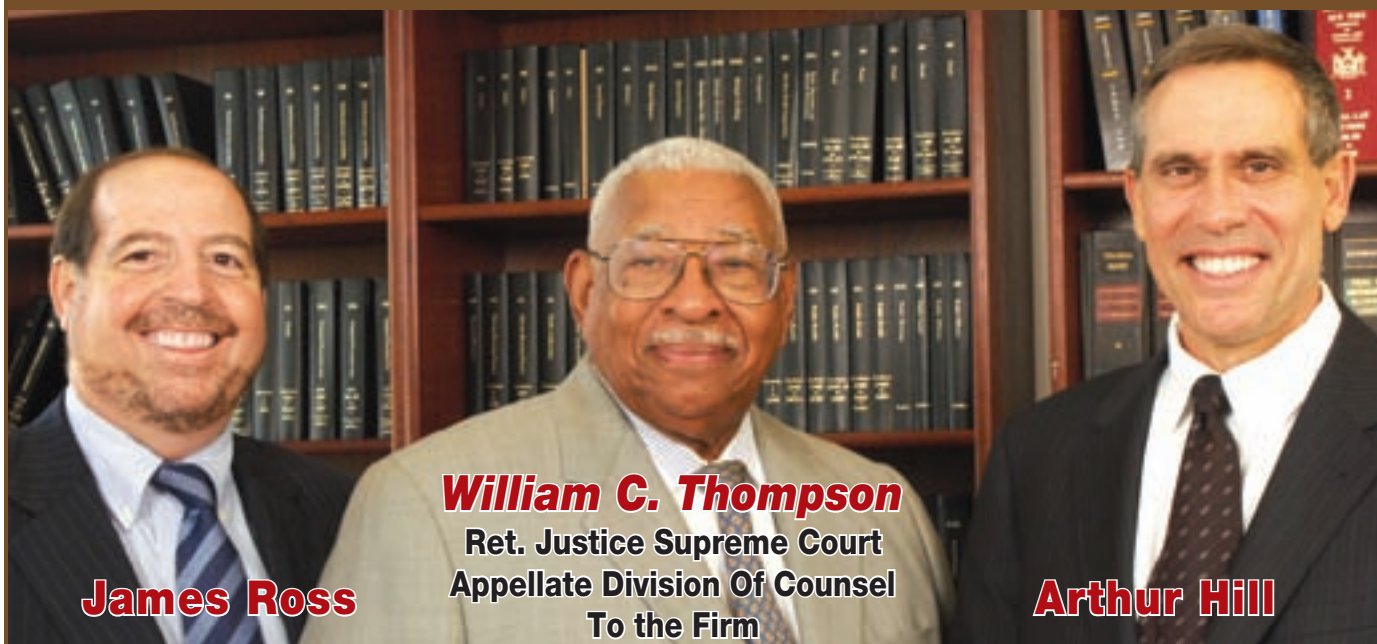
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Wine tours for pot lovers

By David McFadden

NINE MILE, Jamaica (AP) — Napa and Sonoma have their wine tours, and travelers flock to Scotland to sample the fine single malt whiskies. But in Jamaica, farmers are offering a different kind of trip for a different type of connoisseur.

Call them ganja tours: smoky, mystical — and technically illegal — journeys to some of the island's hidden cannabis plantations, where pot tourists can sample such strains as "purple kush" and "pineapple skunk."

The tours pass through places like Nine Mile, the tiny hometown of reggae legend, and famous pot-lover, Bob Marley. Here, in Jamaica's verdant central mountains, dreadlocked men escort curious visitors to a farm where deep-green marijuana plants grow out of the reddish soil. Similar tours are offered just outside the western resort town



A farmer nicknamed Breezy shows his illegal patch of budding marijuana plants during a tour of his land in Jamaica's central mountain town of Nine Mile. Breezy says Americans, Germans and increasingly Russian tourists have toured his small farm and sampled his crop.

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of Negril, where a marijuana mystique has drawn weed-smoking vacationers for decades.

"This one here is the original sinsemilla, Bob Marley's favorite. And this one here

is the chocolate skunk. It's special for the ladies," a pot farmer nicknamed "Breezy" told a reporter as he showed off several varieties on his plot one recent morning.

While legalization drives

have scored major victories in recent months in places like Colorado and Washington state, and the government of the South American nation of Uruguay is

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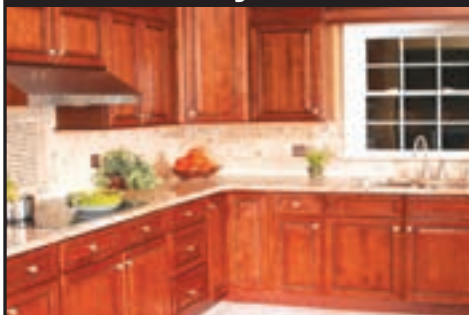
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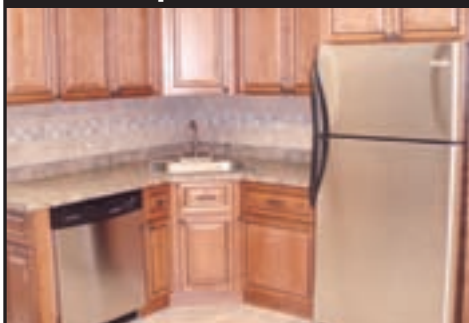
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Widening the Panama Canal and the future of Global Trade

By Adie Tomer and Joseph Kane

Up and down the Atlantic coast, U.S. ports are abuzz. Dredging machines, tunnel excavators, and highway pavers from Miami to New York are preparing metropolitan economies and their ports for a newly expanded Panama Canal. As the thinking goes, an expanded Canal promises bigger ships, bigger cargo loads--and each metro wants a piece of the bigger business.

But lost in this port-related arms race is what the newly-widened Panama

Canal means for the US economy. Too many metropolitan areas simply assume they'll immediately acquire new freight business when the expanded Canal opens, or that there will be more business at all. These billion-dollar assumptions ignore a more fundamental question: how and where will the Panama Canal affect US' global goods trade?

Answering that question requires a broader view, one less predicated on ship size and more on economy size. It also requires metropolitan areas to gain a bet-

ter understanding of their goods trading relationships, and how those relationships power their local economies.

It's time to have a frank conversation about what investments like the Panama Canal mean for US trade and economic growth.

First, let's start with a little context. The Panama Canal, set to celebrate its 100th birthday next year, is one of the world's most important trade assets. It primarily helps connect U.S. Atlantic and Gulf ports to their trading partners in



The Panama Canal.

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Asia, Oceania, and South America. Driven by those major markets, the Canal already moves over 330 million tons of freight each year.

However, the Canal suffers from capacity constraints. The world's larg-

est ships can no longer fit through certain locks, meaning the Canal was ill-prepared for its second century. In response, Panama initiated a major overhaul including two new locks, plus widening and deepening several existing chan-

nels. When complete in 2015, larger container ships will expand potential trade volumes between the Americas and Asia--and more seamlessly connect global markets in the process. The promise of these larger ships

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What happens - Where does it go?

By Andre Davis

While the desire for upward mobility has contributed significantly to the migration of the Caribbean people to the United States of America, there always remains the need to ensure that the loved ones left behind are cared for in the utmost. This psyche of social responsibility has manifested in acts of benevolence such as frequent remittances (a significant coefficient of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the islands) and shipping of merchandise and food products in barrels back to the Caribbean. The objective is to focus on the latter with a view to explaining the process by which the goods would leave from your homes here in the States and get to your loved ones "back home." The frequency and prevalence of the shipping of goods have even spawned the creation

of the term "Barrel-itis," which Caribbean Americans and Caribbean nationals alike, use in a rather playful manner to characterize the expectancy of the imminent receipt of a barrel.

The diagram at the right seeks to give you an appreciation of the process from start to finish.

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tination. The Buyer bears all risks of loss or damage. The seller, however, purchases the cargo insurance.

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Enhancing Caribbean port security

By Nelson A. King

The United States' Department of State has signed a partnership agreement with PortMiami aimed at helping to enhance port security in the Caribbean.

As enforcement pressures increase against drug traffickers in Mexico and Central America, William R. Brownfield, assistant secretary of state for international narcotics and law enforcement affairs, said on Wednesday that it is logical that criminals will try to resurrect old drug routes through the Caribbean.

He, therefore, urged regional governments to begin preparation to combat the threat.

Brownfield said his goal is to build partnerships and relationships now, so that as "the inevitable laws of market economics" come into play in 2014 to 2016 with traffick-

ers seeking the paths of least resistance, "we're not caught with our pants down."

He told reporters in Miami that the Caribbean drug traf-

in the Caribbean.

He said the partnership would give ports in the Caribbean access to the technology, experience and per-

"If you want your port, tourism and cargo to flourish and grow, it's in your interest to have a port that's compatible" with one of the largest ports in the southeast United States."

ficking routes of the 1970s and 1980s are "gray-haired in some respects," but "they are still around, and will begin to look more attractive" to traffickers as law enforcement puts more of a squeeze on Central American routes.

Under the arrangement, Brownfield said PortMiami, a hub for Latin and Caribbean travel and trade, will provide training and mentoring on anti-crime and port security matters to its counterparts

sonnel at PortMiami. The top State Department official noted that, in the 1970s and 1980s, Miami was at the center of the Caribbean drug trade.

"We have been there before, and we did learn some lessons," he said, adding that, among the things Miami can share with its counterparts is its expertise in cargo container inspection and control programs.

When such programs

work, Brownfield said, "they work for everyone," eliminating long port delays that can tie up shipments for two to three days as inspectors search for drugs and other contraband.

He said PortMiami would function more efficiently if ports around the Caribbean have better procedures and better inspection techniques.

Brownfield urged Caribbean governments, that "if you want your port, tourism and cargo to flourish and grow, it's in your interest to have a port that's compatible" with one of the largest ports in the southeast United States.

The Miami Herald said although State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) has signed more than 60 such partnerships with state, county and local entities in the past few years.



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is the inspiration behind the Atlantic ports' major capital projects.

Yet, as ports carry out such extensive projects, questions and skepticism linger over the future direction of freight movement and the long-term economic implications. How will ports handle the extra time it takes to load and unload the new mammoth ships? How will Pacific port investments in the United States and Canada counter the investments at the Atlantic ports? These uncertainties complicate analysts' and policymakers' abilities to identify exactly how the expansion will shift the precise location and scope of all freight flows.

The country and its metropolitan leaders need a way to remove these uncertainties. And it begins with a better understanding of our current goods trading rela-

tionships at the metropolitan scale.

As it stands, metropolitan data is scant. There is no geographically-consistent database of what goods metropolitan areas consume and what goods they export. Similarly, there is no database of geographic trading relationships with their domestic and international peers, or which ports facilitate the international side of the trade ledger.

Imagine if the United States didn't know how much electronics it imported from China, or how much oil it imported from the Middle East. That's the situation metropolitan economic and freight leaders face.

It's time to get a better handle on these regional trade relationships. Local, state, and federal officials should know which metropolitan areas trade the most goods with Asia, and are therefore the most sensitive to the Panama Canal's capacity. They should also know how these goods flow

between markets—whether they're more reliant on Pacific or Atlantic ports, and how a capacity change on either coast could shift that equation.

This kind of knowledge also extends beyond just the Panama Canal. As other freight investments come online across the United States and the world, public and private sector leaders should have the statistical tools to know what's at stake. A more thorough understanding of the country's metropolitan trading network would help inform local investment decisions like we're seeing in Baltimore and Norfolk. It would also inform a national freight strategy that prioritizes investments with the highest returns.

The metropolitan reaction to the Canal widening is a microcosm for what the country misses when it comes to freight planning. In a relatively fact-free zone, it's easy for local ports to justify these major investments. But dredging



Workers use heavy machinery at the site of the Panama Canal expansion project in Panama City, Monday, April 28, 2008.
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a port or building a tunnel costs significantly more than simply upgrading our knowledge base.

Even with global trade slowing its growth since the Great Recession, there's little question that goods volumes will continue to rise in the coming decades, whether through the Panama Canal or elsewhere. It's time we make sure our metropolitan economies have the knowledge to succeed in

that environment.

The Brookings Metropolitan Policy team will aim to address that knowledge gap over the coming year. Working with a team of outside experts, we've assembled a geographically-consistent, globally-oriented goods trade database. In turn, the analytics from that database will help us provide public and private sector leaders with a better understanding of exactly what, where,

and how metropolitan areas trade goods and the implications for their local economies. We are excited to start sharing those results this fall.

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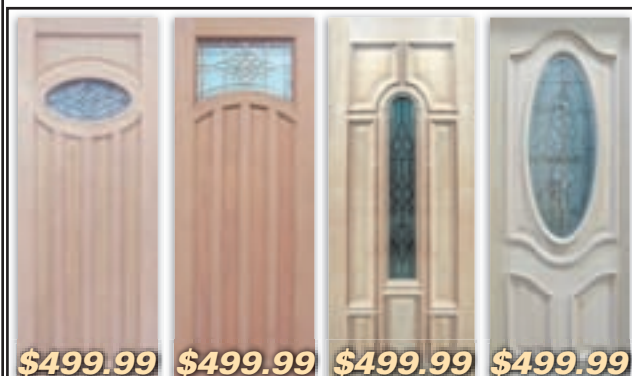
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High degree of Marijuana tourism

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moving toward getting into the pot business itself, the plant is still illegal in Jamaica, where it is known popularly as "ganja."

Some would like to see that change, with increasingly vocal advocates saying Jamaica could give its struggling economy a boost by taking advantage of the fact the island is nearly as famous for its marijuana as it is for beaches, reggae music and world-beating sprinters.

Justice Minister Mark Golding told The Associated Press the government is aware of legalization efforts elsewhere, and called the issue "dynamic and evolving quickly."

"We will be reviewing the matter in light of the recent developments in this hemisphere," Golding said of decriminalization in an email.

The Ganja Law Reform Coalition, an island group that is calling for the government to decriminalize

and regulate pot, is preparing to host an international conference in the capital of Kingston later this month, where topics will include prospects for cannabis commercialization.

Despite its laid-back international image, Jamaica is a conservative, religious place and many people bristle at the country's Rasta reputation.

Marijuana has been pervasive but prohibited on the island since 1913. The illicit marijuana crop has declined since the 1970s due to global competition and the U.S.-led war on drugs. Still, Jamaica is the Caribbean's leading supplier of pot to the U.S. and tourists often don't need to look any farther than their hotel lobby for assistance buying weed.

"There's already a high degree of marijuana tourism in Jamaica; they just don't call it that," said Chris Simunek, editor-in-chief of the magazine High Times, based in New York.

In Nine Mile, Breezy says

Americans, Germans and increasingly Russians have toured his small farm and sampled his crop. There were no takers for the \$50 tour on this morning among a couple of busloads of cruise ship tourists arriving at Bob Marley's childhood home, though more than a dozen lined up enthusiastically to buy baggies of weed from Breezy's friends, sold through a hole in the wall of the museum compound.

"I can get stronger stuff at home, but there's something really special about smoking marijuana in Jamaica. I mean, this is the marijuana that inspired Bob Marley," said a 26-year-old tourist from Minnesota. She identified herself only as Angie due to the fact the pot she was crumbling into a rolling paper is illegal both at home and in Jamaica.

An online vacation guide called Jamaicamax promises to organize ganja tours in the Negril area. But there's a caveat: First you have to smoke a marijuana "spliff"

with your guide, presumably to show you are not law enforcement.

"After you smoke a spliff with us and we get to know you then we will take you on the best ganja tours in Jamaica and you'll smoke (and eat if you want) so much ganja you'll be talking to Bob Marley himself," the travel website says.

More than a decade after a government commission said marijuana was "culturally entrenched" and recommended decriminalizing personal use by adults, influential politicians and businessmen are pushing for Jamaica to cast off old fears of angering Washington and loosen up laws.

Henry Lowe, a prominent Jamaican scientist who helped develop a cannabis-derived medication to treat glaucoma in the 1980s, said the island could quickly become a hub of marijuana tourism and research.

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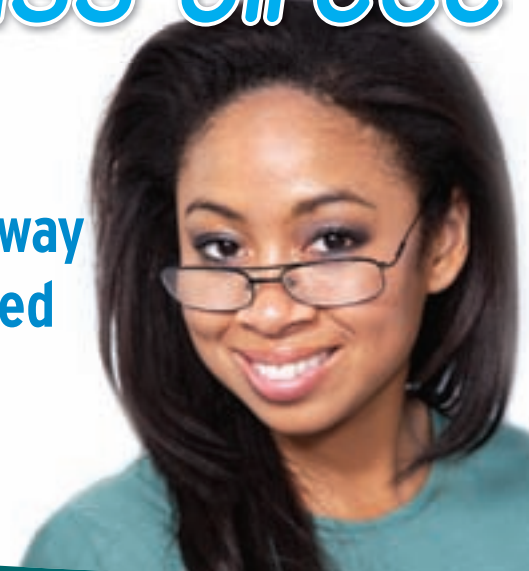


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'Political peacocks' parade on Labor Day

A record number of potential and current politicians joined revelers along Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway in a last-ditch effort to win votes in next week's primary elections. They all presented a façade of pride and promise as they walked the path to the Brooklyn Museum.

And while many received cheers and occasional votes of confidence, at the end of the day, most were criticized for causing a back-up and drag that prevented masqueraders and a few bands to miss the 2:00 p.m. deadline to enter the Parkway.

With a long list of contenders for the number one spot in the city, outgoing Mayor Michael Bloomberg led a parade of candidates seeking his position, that of Brooklyn Borough president and comptroller as well as public advocate.

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio looked already the elected mayor. The front-runner for the Democratic Party, he seemed confident and comfortable mingling



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

with the crowds. Joined by his wife, Chirlane McCray -- who boasts Caribbean heritage -- daughter Chiara and crowd-pleasing 15-year-old son Dante, the family danced to soca beats as crowds beckoned the TV-popular, Afro-wearing teenager to take photos.

Bill Thompson seemed the most generous handing out tee shirts bearing his likeness and platform for change in city government. Along the route, he carried a flag identified with St. Kitts & Nevis where his family reportedly were rooted before settling in Brooklyn.

Former Congressman Anthony Weiner set aside his texting photos to personally profile with masqueraders wearing feathers and glitter. He occasionally

rode on a truck but also hopped on and off carrying a bull-horn which he used to blare his need for Caribbean votes.

And city council speaker Christine Quinn used her endorsement from Grand Marshall and Borough President Marty Markowitz to endear the crowds. She joined him on a truck and together they waved.

John Liu was accompanied by City Councilman Charles Barron as well as throngs of supporters who walked behind him as he went from side to side shaking hands.

NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly opted against walking the distance to the Brooklyn Museum. After attending the breakfast gathering that annually precedes the parade, the commissioner



From left, Grand Marshall MC Wassy, WIADCA's new President, Thomas Bailey, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, WIADCA member Jean Leon and Dep. Brooklyn Borough President Shandra Chapman.

Photo by Nelson A. King

left the revelry. Reportedly, he was tempered by the shooting death of a one-year-old boy who was killed as his father pushed him in his stroller just blocks from the Rochester Avenue start of the parade.

The boy, Antiq Hennis, was struck in the head Sunday night by a bullet allegedly meant for his father, the commissioner said.

Mayor Bloomberg said, "today, we are all grieving." Republican Joe Lhota

and independent candidate Adolfo Carrion Jr. also marched.

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer and former governor Eliot Spitzer, two comptroller

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Caribbean fever at Barclay Center

By Vinette K. Pryce

The final night of a three-night combo Caribbean concert series at the Barclay Center proved the main attraction with reggae acts dominating the much-hyped, unprecedented Caribbean Fever Irie Jamboree Music Festival.

Featuring Shabba Ranks, Damian Marley, Capleton, I-Octane, Lady Saw and Mr. Easy the Sunday night dancehall showcase returned the Irie Jam promoters to Brooklyn where they first promoted pre-Labor Day reggae concerts but failed to harness support years earlier.

Instead of disbanding the idea of a pre-holiday showcase, the Irie team moved their stage to Queens where reggae fans returned success and massive support.

Instead of an outdoor, day-long presentation, this year the organizers teamed with promoter Dahved Levy for

a Haitian/calypso-soca/reggae billing that opened with Wyclef Jean, Kasav, Tabou Combo and Djarkout. The second night – Carnival Saturday – promised, Bunji Garlin, Fay Ann Lyons, Edwin Yearwood, Allison Hinds, Iwer George and the return of Super Blue.

But to the disappointment of approximately 1,500 patrons, the former Blue Boy failed to make an appearance.

During an exclusive radio interview with Levy, the legendary soca monarch gave assurances that he would return to Brooklyn after a 10-year absence from the scene. In the interview, Super Blue dismissed claims that he had visa problems or might still be drug dependent from substance abuse.

Throughout the lengthy radio promotion, Levy detailed that it was Super

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Carnival Royalty

By Natalie Y. Henry

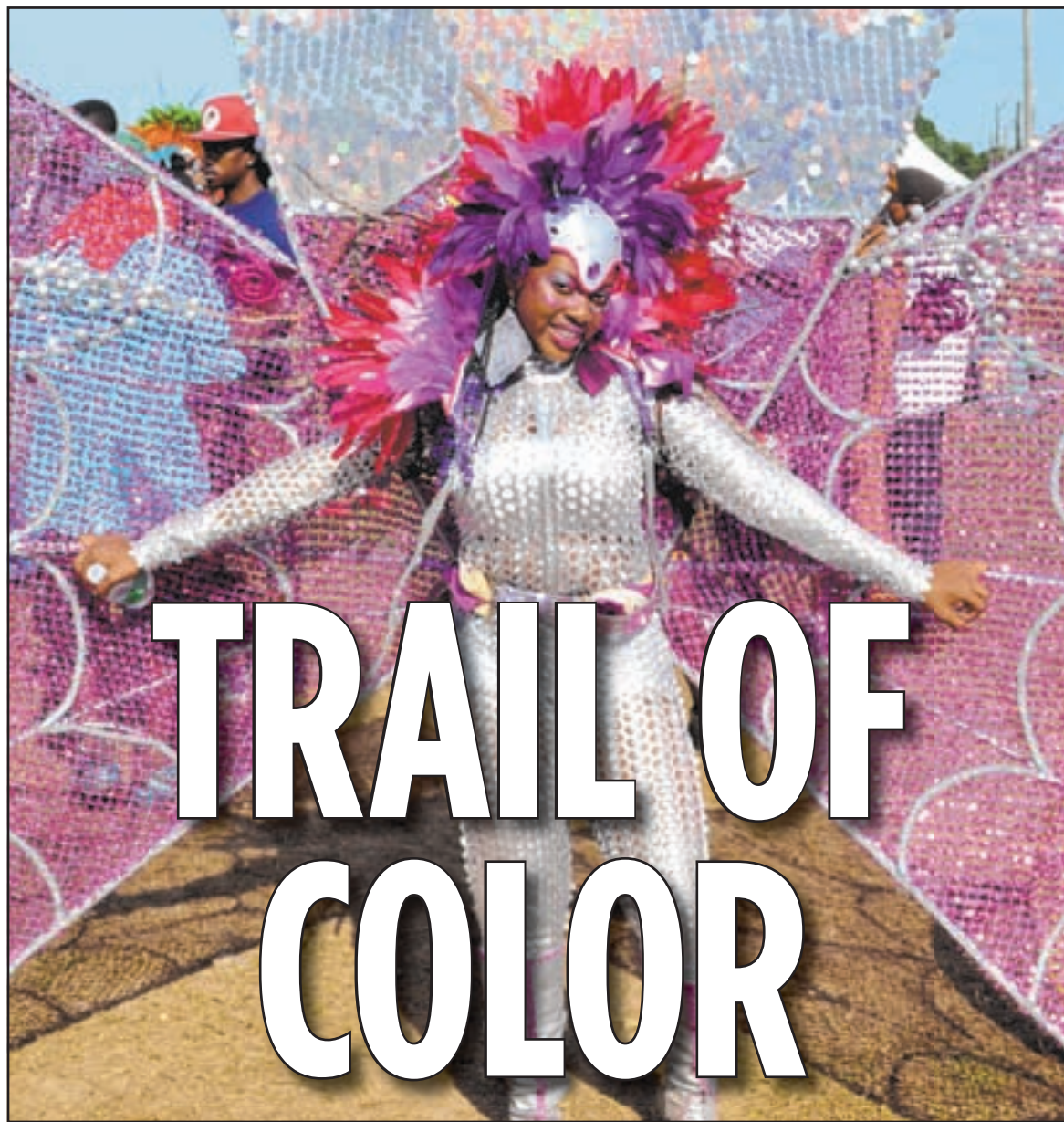
Brooklyn came alive during Labor Day weekend with music from across the islands taking over. Revellers poured into Brooklyn giving visitors and residents alike a taste of what they have been missing throughout the year. There were endless choices of food to enjoy; something for everyone. Performers from the Caribbean descended onto Brooklyn giving self-proclaimed fetters the performances they were waiting for all year. Soca king, Machel

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Moreen Hartman, portrayal: "Up Under Me," took first place in the Ole Mas Female Character category, as part of BG Productions, "Keeping Calypso Alive," presentation.

Photo by William Farrington



Samya Williams from the band "Natural Freaks."

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

Suffolk Caribbean Day Parade

By Tangerine Clarke

The brilliant sunshine and 80-degree temperature were the perfect welcome, to the First Annual Caribbean Day Parade, that left a trail of colorful masqueraders along the streets of Brentwood in Suffolk County, Long Island, where splendor, color and great artistry were the order of the day.

The small float parade with

roughly 1,000 revelers - organized by the committee of the (SCCA) Suffolk County Cultural Association, and led by Grand Marshall, Astrid Fidelia, Islip Town Council Candidate - took to the streets at noon on Saturday, Sept. 7 winding its way along Crooked Hill Road for a two-mile stretch for crowd enjoyment.

Spectators looked on in awe as

the Caribbean showcase took center stage with three of carnival's hottest mas bands. Ramajay Mas Productions, Natural Freaks Mas, and Detailz Mas Production, all still revved up from their recent revelry on Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, later piloted the scantily clad masqueraders into Suffolk County Community College grounds where

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



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

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Hail To The King**
Averged Sevenfold
- 2 **Hall Of Fame**
Big Sean
- 3 **Stay Trippy**
Juicy J
- 4 **Crash My Party**
Luke Bryan
- 5 **Paradise Valley**
John Mayer
- 6 **Unorthodox Jukebox**
Bruno Mars
- 7 **The Heist**
Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
- 8 **Alabama & Friends**
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- 9 **The 20/20 Experience**
Justin Timberlake
- 10 **Magna Carta... Holy Grail**
Jay Z



Suffolk

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young calypsonians, Yankee Boy, Rayzor, Leonce, Baba Shanta, Lava Rebel, Patch, and Hyper Sounds entertained the crowd for hours.

New York's top steel bands and rhythm sections blared notes as Trinidad, Jamaica, Guyana, Grenada, Haiti, Barbados and many other nationals waved their flags and massed, as DJ "Wassy" electrified the show.

During an interview on the college grounds, President of SCCA, Anthony Ahyoung told Caribbean Life that since the non-profit that is dedicated to promoting artistic displays in music and art through Caribbean culture - was formed in 2003, it hosted its first festival last year.

However Ahyoung recalls the torrential downpour and high winds that sidelined the celebration and added, "We are blessed with good weather this year"

The organizer plans to iron out a few kinks before future events, and noted that the launch of this parade was a total success. He is also confident that the Caribbean culture would remain a prominent part of Suffolk County, that has a large population of nationals, even though he added, the expats are scattered throughout the district.

The Trinidadian-American was disappointed that the parade did not attract funding, but vows to work harder to ensure the parade comes back bigger and better next year, and named mega beverage companies, Coco Cola and Heineken as two of the sponsors he plans go after. He also wants to extend the parade route so that the masqueraders could enjoy themselves, and spectators could have a better view of the Caribbean culture.

Ahyoung praised the Suffolk



Masqueraders Sophia Campbell, Allison Romain, and Desiree Dumont from,"Ramajay Mas."

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

County Police Department for treating the parade with respect. "We want to say how much we

appreciated the work they did. They didn't overrun the parade with police presence; they did what

they were supposed to do. And for that, the parade was beautiful," added the head of SCCCA.

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Goose" Eligan that he wanted to join the already published line-up of soca acts.

Caribbean newspapers picked up the lead and published items and stories marking the return of T&T's seven-time soca monarch and nine-time Road March champion.

"I was very disappointed," Louise John, a patron said. "They didn't even tell us that he (Super Blue) was not going to perform. The whole show was not very good anyway."

At the end of each night, combined figures embarrassing-

ly revealed that less than 10,000 patrons entered the 19,000-seat venue.

The night dancehall performers staged reggae -- the largest showing with less than 5,000 in attendance represented twice the figures reported on the preceding nights.

"Lady Saw was amaaaziing!" Yvette Noel stated. "But every single act was dynamic," she added.

It was ambitious of Caribbean promoters to book the newest and most sought-after concert venue in New York City. With no record of ever filling any comparable showplace, it was an expensive gamble that the promoters will probably not repeat anytime soon in Brooklyn.

Kings and Queens

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Montano "fogged up the place" with his Trinidad carnival hits at the back of Brooklyn Museum. The days leading up to what has been deemed "The greatest show on Earth" can be described as pure excitement. However, if you avoided the crowds and the rain in exchange for peace and sleep, there is always next year.

In this year's Carnival mas band competition, first place for Ole Mas band went to BG Production's portrayal of "Keeping Calypso Alive." Kay Mason of Borokeete portray-

ing "Celebration of Darkness to Light" won the Queen of Carnival title while Shawn Antenor of D'Midas International portraying "Musica the Spirit of Lake Guatavit" was awarded the King of Carnival title. First place adult small band went to Val Adams & Friends portrayal of "Shortknee 500 Strong." First place in the adult medium band category went to T&T Boyz portrayal of "Eruption." Ramajay Mas took home first place in the adult large band category with their portrayal of "Reflections of Carnival: Then & Now."

Jennifer Hudson portrays infamous political icon

"Winnie Mandela"
Fair (1 star)
R for violence and profanity
Running time:
107 minutes
Studio: RLJ
Entertainment
Distributor: Image
Entertainment

By Kam Williams

Winnie Mandela (Jennifer Hudson) is a controversial figure in the annals of South African history. For not only was she the first wife of freedom fighter-turned-President Nelson Mandela (Terrence Howard), but she was also convicted of ordering numerous human rights violations.

At the height of the anti-apartheid movement, she headed a goon squad, which doled out street justice to Blacks suspected of collaborating with the

white establishment. With Winnie's blessing, snitches would be sentenced to death by necklace, meaning by having a gasoline-soaked tire placed on their shoulders and set on fire.

And after the fall of Apartheid, she confessed before the country's Truth and Reconciliation commission to "the murder, torture, abduction and assault of numerous men, women and children." So, it's understandably hard to put a sympathetic spin on such an infamous political figure.

That is the challenge tackled by director Darrell Roodt in Winnie Mandela, a warts-and-all biopic which focuses on its subject's childhood, college days and marriage while making short shrift of her transition into a war criminal. Along the way, we learn that she was a headstrong tomboy who blossomed into the irresistible beauty that Nelson fell in love with at first sight.



Terrence Howard (President Nelson Mandela) and Jennifer Hudson (Winnie Mandela) in a scene from "Winnie Mandela."

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Sadly, the two were separated for 27 years while he was impris-

oned on Robben Island for treason because of his call for an

end to Apartheid. And perhaps that was what led Winnie to rationalize resorting to fighting the government and stool pigeons by any means necessary.

As for the acting, Jennifer Hudson and Terrence Howard do their best to adopt appropriate accents, but they both sound fake since they're surrounded by a cast comprised of actual South Africans. The production's most glaring flaw, nevertheless, is that the poorly-scripted screenplay simply fails to give the audience much of a reason to invest in unlikable Winnie's life story.

Winnie Mandela, less an honorable "Mother of the Nation," than a disgraceful, "bad mother-[shut your mouth]!"

Independent & Foreign Films

And While We Were Here (R for profanity, some sexuality and brief drug use) Romance drama revolving around a jaded writer (Kate Bosworth) stuck in a stale marriage who gets her groove back by embarking on a steamy affair with a young college student (Ido Goldberg) while doing research on the island of Ischia for her grandmother's (Claire Bloom) memoir. With Jamie Blackley.

Blue Caprice (R for profanity, drug use and disturbing violence) Beltway sniper saga chronicling the exploits of the infamous serial killers (Isaiah Washington and Tequan Richmond) who terrorized the entire Washington, DC area during the month of October in 2002. With Tim Blake Nelson, Joey Lauren Adams and Leo Fitzpatrick.

Four (R for sexuality, profanity and brief drug use) Day-in-the-life drama set on a very eventful Fourth of July on which a married man (Wendell Pierce) cheats on his bedridden wife (Yolonda Ross) with a closeted teen (Emory Cohen) he meets online at the same time that his daughter (Aja



Kam's Capsules

By Kam Williams

Naomi King) is entertaining the advances of a drug-addicted, ex-basketball star (E.J. Bonilla) she met at the mall. With Liam Benzi, Andrea Herbert and Kathryn Meisle.

GMO OMG (Unrated) Eco-documentary suggesting that humans are unwittingly serving as guinea pigs in agri-chemical companies' long-term test of whether genetically-modified foods are safe for consumption. (In English and French with subtitles)

Herb & Dorothy 50X50 (Unrated) Bittersweet sequel follows recently-widowed Dorothy Vogel as she divvies up her and her late husband's legendary art collection among museums located in all 50 states.

Informant (Unrated) Turncoat documentary about Brandon Darby, a left-wing activist recruited by the FBI in 2005 to spy on fellow progressives,

who eventually renounced radical politics entirely to become a Tea Party advocate.

Jayne Mansfield's Car (R for profanity, sexuality, nudity, drug use and bloody images) Class-conscious drama, set in 1969, about the tensions which arise when a clan of Alabama hillbillies' relatively rich relations arrive from England for the funeral of the family matriarch. Starring Robert Duvall, Kevin Bacon, Billy Bob Thornton and Tippi Hedren.

The Last Time I Saw Macao (Unrated) Nostalgic documentary about a filmmaker (Joao Rui Guerra da Mata) who ventures from Portugal to his native Macao for the first time in 30 years after being summoned back by a cross-dressing former flame (Joao Pedro Rodrigues). With Lydie Barbara and Cindy Scrash. (In Portuguese with subtitles)

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1. Kay Mason, queen of the Boroekte band, portraying, "Celebration of Darkness to Light" at the Brooklyn Museum placed first in the Adult Female category. Follette Eustace designed the costume. **2.** Second place winner, Michelle Russell, portrayal: "The Devil's Bride," from the band Antoine International. **3.** 2013 Jr King of Carnival Travis Thomas from the band 1199 SEIU won for his portrayal "Alladin." **4.** 2013 Junior Queen, Elysa Babooram from D'Midas International portraying, "Princess of D Blue Feather." **5.** BG Productions, "Keeping Calypso Alive," took first place in the Ole Mas band competition, Thursday Aug. 29, at the Brooklyn Museum.

Photos William Farrington

Political Peacocks

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candidates running for the Democratic nomination also joined the political paraders.

State Senator Eric Adams who is seeking to become Brooklyn's first Black Borough President also attended.

However, after the political hopefuls left, many complained that their presence and disjointed parade created an impediment to the free-flow of floats and mas' bands.

"I live all the way in South Carolina," a woman who identified herself only as Patricia said. "I got here 9:00 a.m. just to see the Jamaicans; it cost me \$400 to come and all I wanted was to take pictures back to show my Jamaican people how we party."

In denouncing the organizers, police and politicians, she suggested a change to the order of the parade saying that politicians should be last to walk the route.

Upset at 2:00 p.m. when she was told at Schenectady Ave. that the parade had ended, she added "every year they refuse the Jamaicans and that is all it is."

But a Grenadian group also complained that a group calling themselves Ravish and others in numerous bands also did not make it onto the Parkway.

Inspector Lewis said at 2:00 p.m. that the parade had ended after a truck carrying Haitian deejays entered the Parkway. DJs 48, Young Makoutes and hordes of tee-shirt wearing Haitians joined them. They arrived in front of the reviewers' and judges' stand at the Museum at 5:30 p.m. to end the 46th annual WIADCA event.

There, a truck preaching the gospel and carrying individuals who identified themselves as "Revelation Soldiers" prayed Hallelujah for the police department, press, youth, visitors, and everyone that participated in the annual event.

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USA, Costa Rica qualify

By Patrick Horne

As the USA qualified for its seventh consecutive FIFA World Cup with a 2-0 victory over Mexico in Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday night, two things were assured: the Americans have much depth to its squad and clearly, Crew Stadium is the bastion of U.S. soccer.

Going into this CONCACAF final round qualifying game, the USA was coming off a 3-1 loss in Costa Rica four nights before and with major starters missing due to injury and yellow card suspensions. Absent were central defender Matt Besler, forward Jozy



US Men's National Team forward Landon Donovan (10) pursues Mexico National Team forward Giovanni Dos Santos. Cal Sport Media via AP Images

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Coach Georges hits the road

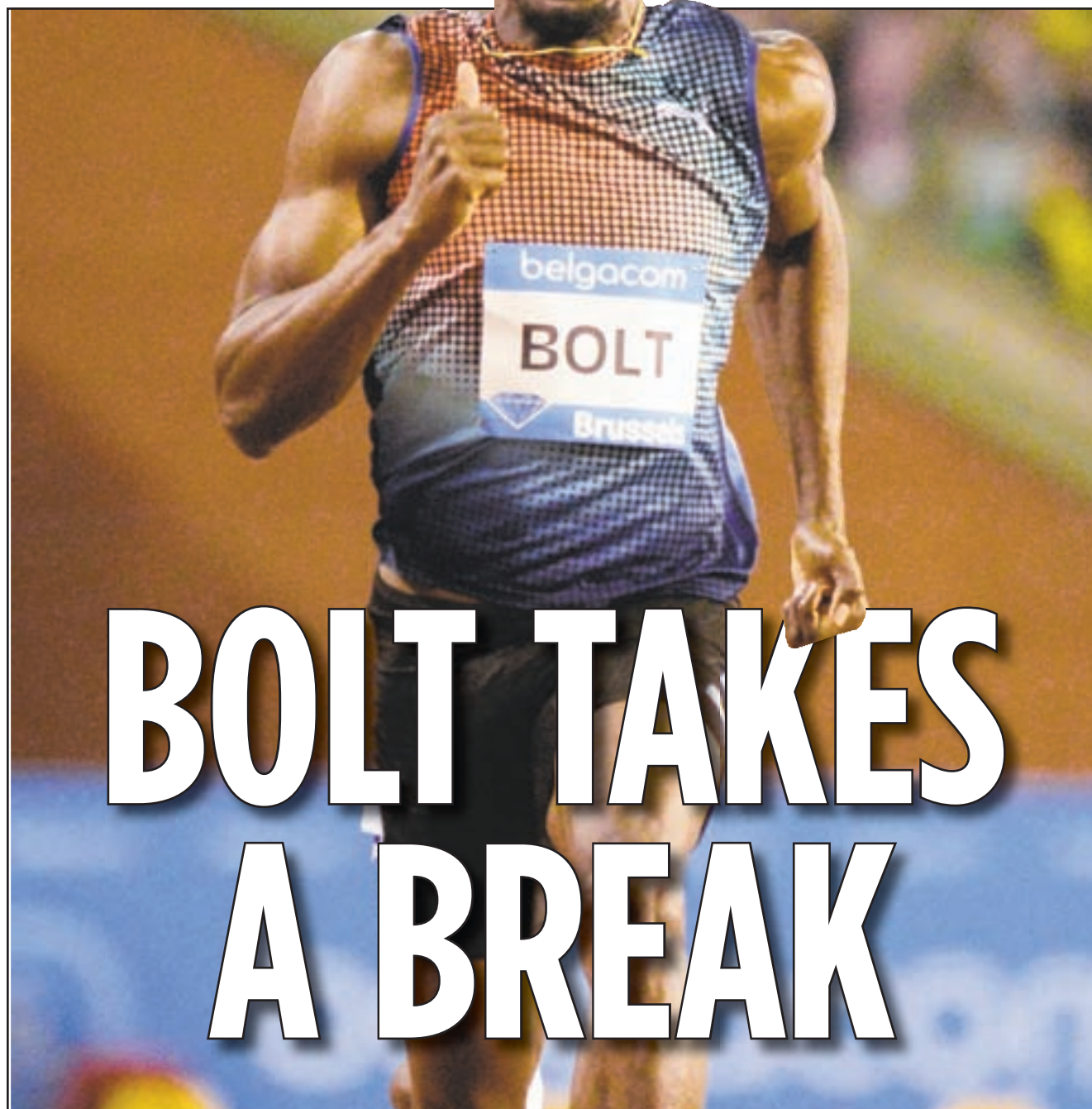
By Robert Elkin

While 49-year-old Gerry O'Hara of East Rockaway proved to be a little too much for his opponents in the Long Beach five-mile road race on the new boardwalk and through the streets of Long Beach, winning the event in 28:15, Hudson Georges finished the course in 33:16.

Georges thus earned himself a 12th place standing in a field of 366 entrants mainly from Long Island. In a 33-minute clocking, he ran at a 6.40 pace and was timed in 20:38 for the 5K course.

Georges runs when he can because most of his time is spent coaching track and field and cross-country at Great Neck South High School in Nassau County where he is

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BOLT TAKES A BREAK

Usain Bolt from Jamaica reacts after winning the men's 100 meters at the Diamond League Memorial Van Damme athletics event, at Brussels' King Baudouin stadium, on Friday, Sept. 6, 2013.

AP Photo / Geert Vanden Wijngaert

Closes out season with another gold

By John Leicester

BRUSSELS (AP) — Usain Bolt closed out the season Friday with another win in the 100 meters, finishing in 9.80 seconds in the Memorial Van Damme.

The time, sluggish by his stellar, world-record standards, confirmed what Bolt

himself acknowledges: 2013 hasn't been a vintage year for the world and Olympic champion.

The 27-year-old Jamaican said he is now looking forward to some rest and recreation, family time and soccer matches with friends, before deciding on

his goals for 2014, a season with no major championships.

"I've been smiling ever since I got to the stadium, because I know it's the last one," Bolt said about his final race of the year.

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Usain Bolt from Jamaica, center, runs to win the men's 100 meters at the Diamond League Memorial Van Damme athletics event, at Brussels' King Baudouin stadium, on Friday, Sept. 6, 2013. At left is Justin Gatlin from the U.S., at right is James Dasaolu from Great Britain.

AP Photo/Yves Logghe

Most decorated athlete rests

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This year, Bolt's fastest time was 9.77, which he ran in winning the world championships in August. That was still the Jamaican's slowest season best-time since 2010, when his fastest was 9.82.

Over 200 meters, Bolt's best was 19.66, again when collecting gold in Moscow. That makes 2013 his slowest season over that distance since 2007, when his best time was 19.75.

Still, with three golds from Moscow, including a 400 relay win with Jamaica,

2013 still goes down as the year he became the most decorated athlete in world championship history with a total now of eight gold and two silvers. He also has six gold medals from the Olympics.

Bolt was unhappy with his start in the Diamond League meet on Friday night, but still powered past the field down the straight to win comfortably.

Michael Rodgers of the United States was second in 9.90, a season's best for him.

Nesta Carter, bronze

medalist at the worlds, was third in 9.94.

Justin Gatlin, the world silver medalist, got a quick start but couldn't stay with Bolt, running to his left in the fifth lane. Gatlin faded to fourth in 9.94. The American was the only sprinter to beat Bolt in the 100 in 2013, besting the Jamaican by a hundredth of a second in Rome in June.

Taking it up another notch from his world championship win, Mohammed Aman of Ethiopia ran by far the quickest 800 of 2013, a blistering 1 minute, 42.37

seconds, becoming the only runner to go under 1:43 this year.

In the 200, Warren Weir held off fellow Jamaican Nickel Ashmeade to win in 19.87. Weir took silver behind Bolt in Moscow. Ashmeade finished in 19.93, his best for 2013. Walter Dix of the United States also ran a season best of 20.12 to finish third.

Olympic and world champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce powered out of the blocks for another untroubled win in the women's 100.

Long Beach coach

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employed.

Oddly, Georges came to the United States when he was 16 years of age. First, he was a soccer player and attended high school in Haiti, then he went to State University of New York at Old Westbury for his undergraduate degree and obtained his masters degree at City College.

Now, the 36-year-old Georges is focusing on his own road racing and his

training on the new boardwalk in Long Beach, where he resides. But his main priority is in putting together a winning high school program in Section Eight of New York State in Long Island.

"The boys are good," Georges said. "We have a bunch of upcoming future runners, who are the stars of the team. Who are capable of being the stars of the team. Who knows what could happen in the future?"

Heading the team is Alex Cowen who has the ability to qualify for the New York State meet at the end of the season in November. Last year as a junior, he was one of the fastest distance runners on the track and cross country teams.

Georges feels that his teams should be 'up there' with the rest of the contending teams in this Conference.

Most of the championship meets are held over a 3.1

mile or 5K course.

Great Neck's coaches feel that the team is in a rather weak division and could be even better as the season rolls around.

"Our goal (first) is to make the county meet," Georges added. "The competition is there and the kids are pushing themselves. (Those runners) who are doing their off-season training are a lot stronger than they were last year. I love both the boys and girls teams. They work hard, day in and day out. There's nothing else I can ask of them. We train the kids and hope for the best."

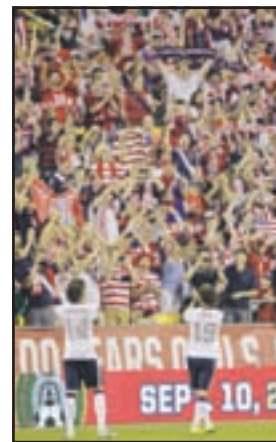
FIFA World Cup

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Altidore and midfielder Jeff Cameron, due to card suspensions, and the injured midfielder Michael Bradley, who missed the Costa Rica game.

In came Clarence Goodson for Besler, Kyle Beckerman for Jeff Cameron, Eddie Johnson took the place of Altidore and Alejandra Bedoya was first choice over Graham Zusi. The Americans weather an early storm from Mexico, which had its back to the wall coming off a home loss to Honduras days before and the loss of Coach Jose Manuel De la Torre, who was replaced by Mexico's successful Olympic Gold medal winning coach Louis Fernando Tena.

Under Tena, Mexico looked a different team; in the first 20 minutes of the game, the visitors mounted several attacks early, forcing U. S. goalkeeper Tim Howard into making several saves, while giving hope to a team that was labeled as underachievers. Mexico had won only once in its previous seven CONCACAF qualifying games and soccer officials were miffed at the poor results of the once-CONCACAF powerhouse. Despite Mexico's good first half effort, the scored board read 0-0 at the half, reflecting the fairly evenly played first period.

The second half told a different story as Johnson made the biggest difference; the Seattle Sounders forward, whose header in the first half was saved by Mexico's goal keeper Jesus Corona, made no mistake in the second as he leapt high above Mexican defenders to head home a Landon Donovan corner kick in the 49th minute to give the USA a 1-0 lead with his 12th career qualifying goal and what eventually was the winner. Mexico meanwhile lost its first half spunk and slipped back into its underachieving mode - playing a staid game that lacked offensive creativity. In the 78th minute, substitute Mix Diskerud, in for Johnson, who left the game after hitting his head on the



United States' Mix Diskerud, left, and Graham Zusi celebrate the team's 2-0 win over Mexico in a World Cup qualifying soccer match Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, in Columbus, Ohio.

AP Photo/Jay LaPrete

ground in tackle, sent a pass across the Mexican goal which saw Donovan at the end of it to tuck it away for the U. S. insurance goal.

The victory was the fourth straight over Mexico in World Cup qualifying at Crew Stadium, where a full house of over 25, 000-plus fans stayed long after the contest was over to party with the celebrating players, as they waited for the result of the Honduras-Panama game to make its qualification official. The 2-2 draw in Honduras meant that the USA could now book its flight to Brazil for next summer's World Cup. Mexico, in danger of missing its first World Cup finals since 1990, is now in a fight with Panama for the fourth and final World Cup berth and the chance to play New Zealand in a home-and-away contest to reach Brazil.

Costa Rica needed a draw in Jamaica to qualify and succeeded, although in disappointing fashion. The visitors led for most of the second half, 1-0, but the Reggae Boyz came up with a late equalizer. Honduras was well on its way to solidifying the third place after leading Panama, 2-1, but Roberto Chen gave the never-say-die Panamanians an equalizer 40 seconds into injury time to keep their World Cup hopes alive.

Windies must work harder to win ODIs

The West Indies cricket team must focus more on winning One-Day International games. Whether the team bat first or last, the results go against them; their batsmen have not delivered the expected runs to win games. Losing too many wickets early in a One-Day International is not good for the West Indies because their batting strength is based mainly on their top-order batsmen such as Chris Gayle, Johnson Charles and Marlon Samuels. Head Coach Ottis Gibson must remind players of their specific roles and emphasize the importance of playing as a team. With the exposure and experience that most of the West Indies players have, a better performance should be exhibited.

Denesh Ramdin Must Return!

Exposing Johnson Charles and Andre Fletcher as professional wicket keep-



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

ers in international matches may be the wrong practice. Denesh Ramdin must have the glove and perform that duty. Although he went through some bad periods with the bat, he is still capable of performing at a high standard. Fletcher and Lendl Simmons seem to have lifted their game and that is good for West Indies cricket because Fletcher can be a credible player in One-Day Internationals as well.

Krishmar Santokie Must be in ODI and Twenty20 Squad

Left-arm medium pacer Krishmar Santokie who represents Jamaica, his native land, has been bowling very well this year. He was named

man of the series during the Limacol Caribbean Premier League this year. He is tactical, very penetrative and he has developed wicket-taking skills. Santokie must be able to find his way on the One-Day international and the Twenty20 squads. His unique style of creating problems for batsmen has been long identified.

Rising in Rankings

Whether it is Test cricket or the limited overs competition, the West Indies players are well equipped to play their best and bring forth positive results. Kemar Roach and Sunil Narine are recognized bowlers and the West Indies team has capable batsmen and brilliant fielders to win matches.



In this file photo, West Indies' batsman Johnson Charles prepares to play a shot during the ICC Twenty20 Cricket World Cup Super Eight match against England in Pallekele, Sri Lanka.
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And now, the 2013 Clonie Awards!

By Scott Hansen

It ain't over until it's over, and the Cyclones season doesn't officially end until we give out the most coveted awards in amateur sports — the Clonies, given each year to the Boys of

The NYPD Stolen Base Award

And the Clonie goes Patrick "To infinity and" Biondi. Biondi entered the season being highly touted for his speed and the ability to steal bases.

He did not disappoint (at least until he injured his hand with about three weeks to play and missed the rest of the season) and manager Rich Donnelly said Biondi "is the fastest guy in this league." Biondi led the team and finished tied for fourth in the league with 17 stolen bases. The next closest Cyclone player was James "Papa" Roche, who had a measly eight.

The King Henry King of Run Production Award

And the Clonie goes to Jared King. King was a run-producing machine and could be counted on to provide at least one of the Brooklyn runs each night, either through his own foot touching the home bag or hitting someone else home. King led the team with 32 runs scored and finished fifth with 21 RBIs.

He regularly put himself in scoring position straight from home plate by leading the Cyclones with 15 doubles on the season. If the Clones needed a run — and they usually did — Jared was the King

The Cory Vaughn Memorial Most Powerful Bat Award



And the Clonie goes to James "Papa" Roche. The Clones did not hit a lot of home runs this season — only 25 to be exact, which was good for 12th in a 14-team league w— but Roche hit five of them, includ-

ing the first of the season at Staten Island in the opener and a couple homers in back-to-back games near the end of the year. The argument could be made for Alex Sanchez, who hit four dingers on the year, including the team's only grand slam, but Roche also had a team-leading two triples and second-place 14 doubles, making Papa the king of the castle that is MCU Park.

Coney Island Hospital Most Healed Player Award

And the Clonie goes to Gavin Cecchini. When Cecchini returned from his sprained ankle in early July, it was as if a new player stepped into the shortstop position. The 19-year-old former first-round draft pick put on a show for Cyclones fans, recording a hit in 16 straight games starting

Summer who have gone above and beyond the call of duty (insert cheers here). So, here's a breakdown of the winners for the 2013 Brooklyn Cyclones' season, the team's 13th consecutive above-.500 season, and 12th consecutive without a championship.



on the season, while knocking in 14 runs and batting .273 on the season.

The Best Starting Pitcher Award

And the Clonie goes to Miller Diaz. We know what you are thinking, John Gant: "How did Diaz squeak out this one over me?" Well, look at the numbers and you'll figure it out. The two starters both pitched in 13 games and each had a decision in 10 of them. Diaz went 7-3, while Gant went 6-4. But Diaz

had an ERA of 2.03, while Gant finished with 2.89 — a pretty considerable disparity when considering what's at stake. The final shove in Diaz's direction was the strikeouts.

in July and ending in August. He came up just one game shy of the all-time Cyclones record set by the legendary Lucas Duda. The hit streak eventually ended, but Cecchini's production did not, scoring a total of 18 runs for the team

While Gant finished second in the league, with an outstanding 81 strikeouts, Diaz finished first, with a whopping 87. Despite the award going to Diaz, any team would be happy to have either of these two hurlers on the mound. Maybe even the Mets.

The Best Relief Pitcher Award

And the Clonie goes to Akeel "The Cat" Morris. Morris could have been the face of consistency this season. The reliever finished the year with a team-best ERA of just 1.00, which was also good for fourth in the league. Morris struck out 60 batters, while allowing only seven runs all season.

He is, far and away, the frontrunner for this award.

Nickname Most Like Pet Food Ad

And the Clonie goes to Akeel "The Cat" Morris. Any nickname that references a pet food commercial from the 1970s wins. He easily beats out Patrick "To Infinity and" Biondi, which is awesome, but sounds just

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Clonies

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a bit too Chris Berman-esque, which didn't impress our finicky judges.

The Most Versatile Fielder Award

And the Clonie goes to Ismael Tijerina. Call him Ismael! Tijerina played three of the four infielder positions regularly throughout the season. The native of Mexico had just four errors for a fielding percentage of .960. Not too shabby considering T.J. never had a defined position on the team — he could be counted on

to fill any hole whenever necessary. If that doesn't translate to a middling career in the majors, we don't know what does.

CNG Most Valuable Player Award

And the Clonie goes to L.J. "Mini-Maz" Mazzilli. The son of former New York Met Lee Mazzilli entered the season with a lot of hype (from us) and even more expectations, and he managed to meet or exceed every one of them. The team's lone position player who made the All-Star team, Mazzilli



three coming in the final month, showing he could perform under pressure. If the Mets need a second baseman, he's the man.

Sure Bet to Make the Bigs Award

And the Clonie goes to Mazzilli. We just suggested the Mets move him to the bigs before he gets too old. Do it now.

The Steve Cohen Best GM Award

And the Clonie goes to Amy Venuto, the general manager of the McNamara Division-champion Aberdeen IronBirds. Venuto was the guiding force behind the team's rise to the top of the division, and she deserves to be cheered. That, along with the fact that Cohen allowed artificial grass to replace the real stuff in MCU Park finally wrenched the award from its namesake.



was in the top five or 10 in the league in many categories. The second baseman was the team's most consistent hitter, which his father promised us he would be, by hitting .278 on 76 hits and 34 RBIs. He also added four homers,

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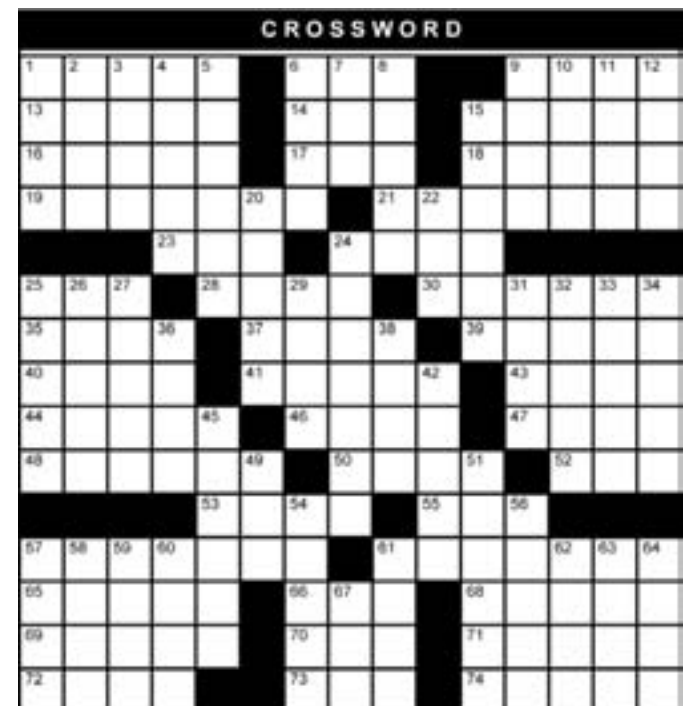
1. *It reads music on CDs
6. "___ a Wonderful Life"
9. Praise or glorify
13. Domicile
14. *"The One I Love" group
15. Rid of impurities
16. Medical helper
17. Schiller's "___ to Joy"
18. Light-footed
19. *Stone's Oscar winner
21. *1985 London/Philadelphia Fundraiser
23. "The ___ of All Fears"
24. Ancient colonnade
25. *"Simon & Simon" network
28. "___ Was a Rollin' Stone"
30. *MTV first began asking artists to do this in 1989
35. Nuclear fission chemist Otto ___
37. Suspend
39. Muse of love poetry
40. UN civil aviation agency, acr.
41. Befuddle
43. Done
44. Relating to a node
46. Fake or phony
47. Balkan native
48. Be that as it may
50. Bypass

52. Do it yourself
53. Carpet style
55. Romanian money
57. *Moonwalk dancer
61. Puts in motion
65. To come into use
66. *Lots of this hair product sold in the 1980s
68. Indian monetary unit
69. Large-eyed lemur
70. Last word of "America, the Beautiful"
71. About to explode
72. Small amounts
73. *Yoda: "Do. Or do not. There is no ___."
74. Water balloon sound

DOWN

1. Often covered with a shade
2. Cain's brother
3. *Diet Coke
4. Written corrections
5. Recover
6. Caddie's offering
7. *One excellent adventurer
8. Extract (metals) by heating
9. Winter Olympic sport
10. Cantatrice's offering
11. Tangerine and grapefruit hybrid
12. A good one of these is often rewarded

15. Royal court dance
20. D-Day beach
22. Debtor's note
24. Slang for urban miners
25. *Tiananmen Square country
26. *Star of 1984's "Footloose"
27. Disreputable
29. *Shoulder accessories
31. *"The ___ and Cons of Hitch Hiking"
32. Cleansed
33. Wombs
34. *Soviet leader, affectionately
36. *Won French Open in 1983
38. Glamorous
42. Jean-Jacques Rousseau's character
45. They're denoted in red
49. *"The ___" charted with "You Better You Bet" in 1981
51. *Puzzle game
54. *Molly Ringwald films are full of this teen worry
56. Seize the throne
57. Leave at the altar, e.g.
58. Dwarf buffalo
59. Sour milk sign
60. Actor Kristofferson
61. Take out, as in dragon
62. October birthstone
63. Greek cheese
64. Three of these in a yard
67. Always, in verse



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Jun 22/Jul 22

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Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, stay prepared and well organized and this week should fly by without a hitch. Feel free to try some things that go against the grain.



VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, don't feel badly about the things over which you have little control. Go out and have a good time this week, and eventually things will run their course.



LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, it may prove challenging to sit still the next few days. People may be pulling at you from many different directions, and you will not know which way to lean.



SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, try not to be overly protective of your secrets this week. A friend or family member is offering their help and guidance, and such insight will prove invaluable.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, a seemingly insurmountable obstacle presents itself this week. Some creativity and quick thinking will be necessary, but you will enjoy the challenge.



CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Keep your feet on the ground this week, Capricorn. Even if you prefer to have your head in the clouds, keeping your cool will pay dividends in the long run.



AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, enjoy some quiet time so you can regroup after a hectic couple of weeks. You earned some rest and relaxation, and this time away will recharge your batteries.



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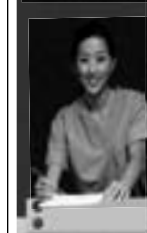
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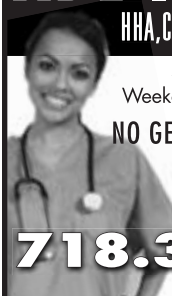
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