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Brothers Who Cook sponsored their first fundraiser on April 13 for the annual July 4 weekend affair at Commodore Barry Park in Brooklyn with violinist Charisa as the guest artist. See Story in Entertainment, Page 35.

Photo by Lem Peterkin

HUD Funding for B'klyn Fair Advocacy

Washington, DC – Two Brooklyn organizations that advocate for fairer and more affordable housing in New York City are receiving additional resources from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) announced this week. Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation and South Brooklyn

Legal Corporation are receiving \$975,000, collectively, to continue providing legal and other services to working families in Brooklyn.

“For families to access affordable housing, they often need legal representation that takes their side against abusive landlords,” Velázquez noted. “I’m pleased these organizations are

receiving additional federal funding that will allow them to continue advocating on behalf of New York’s working families.”

For a decade and a half, these groups have focused on legal redress to prevent predatory lending and foreclosure. The groups have also been instrumental in stopping housing discrimination,

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CARIB SUGAR WOES

Sweet EU Contract May Sour

By Bert Wilkinson

The future of regional sugar production and exports mainly to the European Union market (EU) will be the subject of a key meeting of a world governing body for the crystal scheduled for Jamaica next month as anxiety mounts that a new protocol being put in place in Europe could ruin the regional sector in the very near future.

The umbrella International Sugar Organization (ISO) has scheduled its annual meeting for the first time in a Caribbean trade bloc sugar producing nation and is billing it as one of its most important to date given the ongoing overhaul of the system in Europe.

The Caribbean has been producing and selling sugar to Europe

for more than 400 years originally with the help of African slaves and later Indian indentured servants. The meeting is ironically being organized just as regional governments and the NGO movement are preparing to sue Britain and other neighboring nations to make them pay reparations for enslaving Blacks on sugar plantations without ever paying them a cent in wages or compensation whatsoever.

Roger Clarke, Jamaica’s Sugar Minister will host the three-day conference in three weeks time but says that while countries are still enjoying duty and quota free access into the EU for exports, fixed prices former European colonies have enjoyed for decades

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Antigua

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer recently launched a series of television addresses by ministers of his ruling United Progressive Party (UPP) as he seeks a mandate from voters for a third consecutive term in office.

Prime Minister Spencer has not yet named a date for the polls, blaming the hold-up on two matters before the Court of Appeal, filed by the main opposition Antigua Labor Party (ALP).

The ALP has described the government as illegitimate and recently boycotted the sitting of Parliament as a show of protest.



The party has been staging pickets and other actions, in a bid to force Spencer to name a date for the election.

In his 23-minute broadcast, Spencer told viewers his administration had done much to improve the socio-economic situation in Antigua and Barbuda since his ruling UPP party came into power in 2004.

He said his UPP had “delivered” on its promises to citizens, adding “over 280 pledges have been honored over the past 10 years.”

Bahamas

The son of a senior official of the Attorney General Office was among three pilots who were remanded to prison on drug smuggling charges.

Darryl Bartlett Jr., the son of Albertha Bartlett, deputy director of legal affairs, Murillo Sullivan and Canadian Michael Webster, appeared before Magistrate Andrew Forbes to face 12 charges related to the smuggling of marijuana, hashish oil and ecstasy pill.



The men were arrested at the Lynden Pindling International Airport on April 7, 2014 during a joint operation by the Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The police said acting on intelligence law enforcement officials went to the Executive Flight Support section of the airport, where they conducted a search of a Hawker jet that had just arrived from Montreal, Canada.



Beach erosion impacts tourism

A severely eroded beach in Antigua.

IPS/Desmond Brown

During the search, the officers allegedly found four suitcases containing 149 pounds of marijuana, 17.4 pounds of ecstasy pills and 2.6 pounds of hashish oil.

The men were charged with drug possession with intent to supply, conspiracy to possess drugs with intent to supply, importation of drugs and conspiracy to import drugs in relation to each drug.

The men have denied the charges and will return to court on June 19.

Dominica

Dominican health authorities have urged nationals to adhere to measures to prevent the spread of the chikungunya disease on the island.

Chief Medical Officer Dr. David Johnson said that while there were 81 confirmed cases, more than 500 suspected cases were also being dealt with.



Dr. Johnson said that the Ministry of Health is concerned that many people were not adhering to the measure outlined to prevent the spread of the viral disease carried mainly by the *Aedes aegypti*

mosquito and causes a dengue-like sickness.

Symptoms include a sudden high fever, severe pain in the wrists, knuckles, ankles, muscle pain, headache, nausea and rash. The symptoms appear between four and seven days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

Grenada

The Grenada government says it is collaborating with the St. George's University on the island and other foreign investors to build a substance rehabilitation center that will become the flagship for the island's tourism.

Among the major investors of the initiative is the New York-based Ambassador at Large for Grenada Rabbi Michael Melnik, who has been described as a long-standing friend of Grenada.



A government statement said he was part of a high level delegation of international investors who met with Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell to discuss the project, which will be a public-private sector venture.

The statement from the Office of the Prime Minister said that Dr. Mitchell noted the importance that such a facility will have on the lives of many Grenadian citizens abroad who will like to return in their twilight years but who do not yet have the confidence in the local health-care system.

Chancellor of the St George's University Dr. Charles Midica said the establishment of a medical tourism facility would further solidify the joint partnership between the University and the Grenada government, as well as provide a rich legacy of working to ensure that health-care is comprehensive, affordable and improved for all.

Guyana

Guyana recorded its eighth consecutive year of economic growth in 2013, expanding by 5.2 per cent, Finance Minister Dr. Ashni Singh said.

Delivering the Guy\$220 billion tax-free budget to the National Assembly recently, Singh said non-sugar gross domestic product (GDP) grew even more rapidly by 6.3 per cent, reflecting the underlying strength of the other sectors of the economy.

Singh said it is significant to note that the eight years from 2006 to 2013 represent the longest period of uninterrupted real economic growth in independent Guyana.

The minister said while the overall performance of the economy remained strong, the sugar industry continued to struggle.

He said sugar production contracted by 14.4 per cent in 2013 to 186,770 tons, extending further the industry's underperformance in recent years.

Singh said on the other hand the rice industry had another favorable year, with production of 535, 439 tons last year, a 26.6 per cent increase over the previous year's output and setting a new record for the highest ever annual production in the history of the industry.



He told legislators that production of other crops grew by 4.2 per cent, while livestock production increased by 4.3 per cent.

Haiti

The Guyana-based Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat said that a new school built under the Medianet Haiti Relief Fund (MHRF) will be named in recognition of CARICOM's “solidarity” with the project.

The new building is to be known as CARICOM Community School of Digue Matheux, CARICOM said.

Under the project, 15 houses were also handed out to new owners.

Assistant Secretary General in charge of Foreign and Community Relations, Colin Granderson, said the ceremony was the culmination of a promise made by Ambassador Reginald Dumas, MHRF chairman, “to make a difference in Haiti.”



Dumas had served in 2004 as special adviser on Haiti to the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon.

Granderson said the project in Digue Matheux, a small farming community 40 miles from Port-au-Prince, should also be viewed as a gesture of solidarity from CARICOM to the people of Haiti.

The MHRF is a partnership

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Brookdale Urgent Care Center.

Photo by Pictro Fotolab

New Urgent Care Center

Brookdale Center focuses on East NY, Brownsville

By Kingsley Dougan

Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center today unveiled a new state-of-the-art Urgent Care Center. These centers are increasingly popular alternatives to emergency rooms while still providing the highest levels of medical care for patients with non-emergency medical needs, such as flu and cold, chest or muscle pain, infection or broken bones. The facility is expected to have 18,000 to

20,000 visits annually. Construction was funded by a \$4 million HEAL grant from the New York State. At the ribbon cutting, members of the hospital administration were joined by Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, Senators Kevin Parker and John Sampson, Assemblymen N. Nick Perry and Karim Camara, and Council Members Mathieu Eugene, Alan Maisel, Jumaane D. Williams, Inez Barron, and Darlene Mealy.

“The new Urgent Care Center expands healthcare options for patients seeking non-trauma or non-life threatening care in Brooklyn,” said Brookdale President and CEO Mark E. Toney. “The expanded weekday and weekend hours means that there is a high quality alternative to needlessly rushing to the Emergency Room for more routine matters, freeing up space for those in critical need. This enhances the quality of care we provide both in

the Urgent Care Center and in the Emergency Room. I want to thank the Governor’s office and the Department of Health for funding this critical need, as well as all of the elected officials present for their role supporting our institution.”

The new urgent care center will provide faster and more efficient medical care to community residents on an unscheduled and walk-in basis 365 days a year from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

US warns Haitians to re-register for TPS

By Nelson A. King

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has warned eligible nationals of Haiti who currently have Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to re-register for TPS by May 2, 2014.

“Failure to re-register by this deadline may result in the loss of your TPS and your work authorization,” said the USCIS in a statement issued.

“If you re-register during the registration period and request employment authorization, you will receive a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with an expiration date of

Jan. 22, 2016,” it added.

USCIS said it recognizes that some re-registrants may not receive their new EADs until after their current EADs have expired.

Therefore, it said it is automatically extending current TPS Haiti EADs with a July 22, 2011, expiration date for an additional six months.

“These existing EADs are now valid through Jan. 22, 2015,” USCIS said.

In early March, Secretary of Homeland Security, Jeh Johnson, extended TPS for eligible nationals of Haiti for an additional 18 months, effective Jul. 23, 2014 through Jan. 22,

2016.

USCIS said that current Haitian beneficiaries seeking to extend their TPS status must re-register during a 60-day period that runs from Mar. 3, 2014, through May 2, 2014.

“U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) encourages beneficiaries to re-register as soon as possible once the 60-day period begins,” it said.

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

It said eligible Haitian TPS beneficiaries who re-

register during the 60-day period and request a new EAD will receive one with an expiration date of Jan. 22, 2016.

To re-register, USCIS said current TPS beneficiaries must submit Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status.

It said re-registrants do not need to pay the Form I-821 application fee, but they must submit the biometric services fee, or a fee-waiver request, if they are age 14 or older.

All TPS re-registrants must also submit Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, USCIS said.

Mireille Lauture shares her mother’s legacy

By Tequila Minsky

Many years ago, in the family house in downtown Port-au-Prince, the little girl Mireille Lauture sat with neighborhood playmates on the floor of the wooden porch at her mother’s feet, mesmerized by the tales her mother spun. These stories came from her mother’s mother and mother’s grandmother, all carried through the generations in a rich Haitian oral storytelling tradition. “My mother is 93 and is the storyteller of the family!” Mireille, now—decades later, proclaims.

Mireille recounts how the stories, told in expressive Haitian Creole, had names that translate to ‘Thieves’ or ‘Best Friends.’ “My mom has a list of some 60 stories, all unique, not the typical folk tales one hears,” she says. “All have a moral or lesson learned.”

“For years, my sister Florence kept bugging me to ‘do something with these stories,’” she continued. When her mom was 90 years old, she decided to listen to Florence. It was time. In 2010, she wrote down ‘Bobo, The Sneaky Dog’ (Bobo, Chen Odasye), one of her mom’s stories, and published it in book form. Bobo is a dog pretending to be something he isn’t and is betrayed by

a cat. The published book was a celebratory tribute to her mom.

This college psychology professor’s passion, thus ignited, began in earnest and four years later, she has self-published five bilingual Haitian Creole/English children’s books of Haitian folktales with illustrations.

Last week, Mireille Lauture found herself in Haiti, reading in Haitian Creole, two of her books. Mireille enchanted third and fourth graders at Ecole Herve Romain in Port-au-Prince’s poor, heavily earthquake-impacted Bel-Aire neighborhood. She read to them ‘Remy’s Magic Gift’ (Gade yon kado Remi jwenn) and ‘Loulou, the Brave’ (Loulou, Gason Vanyon).

“They were anxious to know how the story was going to end,” the author says of the eager students. Mireille was among the philanthropic delegation that JetBlue led to Haiti. Her daughter Victoria, a JetBlue flight attendant, stood next to her as the students sat on the edge of their seats, completely engaged.

“They were so receptive, attentive, pleased and curious! She said. “This was so worthwhile; I don’t have words.



A dream come true for children’s book author Mireille Lauture, reading in Haitian Creole to students in Haiti, her book Loulou, The Brave! Her daughter Victoria, a flight attendant with JetBlue, looks on.
Photo by Tequila Minsky

Conference to examine UK, region's future

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could be a thing of the past in three years if the Europeans have their way

Thirty years ago, nearly all of the 15-bloc member nations cultivated cane, produced sugar and exported large quantities to Europe because there was a fixed pricing system that was normally higher than the world market, because there were fixed quotes and no duties were applied. Today, the only remaining ones are Guyana, the largest, Jamaica, Belize and Barbados but every single one is struggling to produce sugar at a cheap enough rate to make exports competitive and to remain in the business other than for political and social reasons.

And back in 2005, the EU had slashed prices by 36 percent and warned of major changes to the old sugar protocol that could be implemented in about three years and drastically change the way that sugar enters the EU market. The price cuts immediately forced Trinidad and St. Kitts to abandon sugar cultivation and production after nearly 400 years leaving only the four states still battling.

"These market changes in the European Union will mean greater competition for Jamaica from other lower-cost producers. We must, therefore, urgently turn its attention to exploiting the possibilities in the regional market for both raw and refined sugar, as

well as increasing our productivity. This conference must address these imperatives," Clarke said.

One such is the fact that the EU is no longer treating countries outside of the sugar protocol differently and is in fact offering them the same duty and quota free market access, making it tough for Caribbean countries whose cost of production is unacceptably high to make them competitive.

The region has already indicated its fear that the newer changes to the import regime could see total production from Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific fall to 1.5 million metric tonnes from 3.5 million as is the case now. Pacific producers include Fiji and

Mauritius. Caribbean EU sugar representative P. I Gomes says he even fears a total collapse of the ACP market in a decade if efforts to make the market as one big open place are sealed.

The London-based ISO group of countries account for about 86 percent of world sugar production, 69 percent of consumption, 95 percent of sugar exports and 41 percent of world sugar imports, making the most important such organization in the world.

The more than 100 delegates from 40 countries will also look at establishing new market frontiers, electricity co-generation in the form of ethanol, financing and research among other topics.

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lending discrimination and foreclosures. Most recently, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation was involved in several high-profile cases where a Bushwick landlord was refusing to repair apartment properties in an attempt to force out lower income tenants and eventually raise rents.

"Too often, the landlord-tenant relationship is unbalanced with all the power on the side of unscrupulous landlords," Velázquez added. "Organizations like these play a critical role in giving tenants somewhere to turn when they are being treated unfairly under the law."

The grants come as HUD observes National Fair Housing Month, which marks the passage of the 1968 Fair Housing Act, the landmark law that prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and family status.

"Fair and affordable housing is a basic right for all New Yorkers and all Americans," Velázquez noted. "To protect those rights we must continue investing in those organizations committed to advocating on behalf of residents."



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Warner cleared in Flying Squad controversy

By Azad Ali

A police investigation into an alleged establishment of a "Flying Squad" two years ago has cleared former Trinidad and Tobago National Security Minister Jack Warner.

The Police Complaints Authority (PCA), which was also involved in the investigation, has found no wrong doing with regards to Warner and MP Harry Partap (who was at the time Junior Minister in the Ministry of National Security).

However, former police Inspector Mervyn Cordner, who triggered the investigation by alleging that Warner was behind the revamping of the defunct "Flying Squad" may face a charge of fraud related offences under the Larceny Act Chapter 11.2, according to the police report.

The police have referred



Former National Security Minister Jack Warner.

AP Photo/Shirley

Bahadur,File

the conduct of Cordner with regards to his role into a proposed "Flying Squad" to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Roger Henderson to determine whether any criminal charges can be laid against the former

police officer.

The police in its 37-page report to the DPP on Dec. 23, 2013, said Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar requested an investigation into the alleged establishment of a New Flying Squad (NFS), which started on March 6, 2013.

The police during the course of the investigation interviewed a total of 140 persons and of this number 111 provided statements or reports.

According to the report, the police interviewed Cordner, who said that sometime in June 2012, he became aware via the media that the then National Security Minister, Jack Warner was interested in revamping a "Flying Squad" similar to what existed previously in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (under the late Randolph Burroughs)

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Progress in Venezuela talks, but protests continue

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Negotiators for the government and the opposition have agreed to broaden membership in a truth commission that is to investigate who is to blame for 41 deaths tied to weeks of political unrest in Venezuela.

Colombian Foreign Minister Maria Angela Holguin, who is one of the outside facilitators in the talks, on Wednesday called the step a sign of “progress” in the effort to calm Venezuela’s political unrest.

But opposition leaders criticized the government for not accepting a proposal for amnesty to be granted to people arrested during the protests. Hundreds of university students staged another anti-government demonstration late in the day, marching barefoot in what they said was penance for the country’s economic and crime problems.

The agreement on the truth commission was announced following hours



University students shout slogans against Venezuela’s President Nicolas Maduro during an anti-government protest in Caracas, Venezuela, Saturday, April 12, 2014.

AP Photo/Fernando Llano

of negotiations that took place Tuesday night behind closed doors in what both sides described as a much-needed if torturous attempt at dialogue in a nation polarized by 15 years of socialist rule.

Heading into the meeting the government had insisted that any investigation of the protests be led

by Congress, which it dominates. But it partially met the opposition’s demands for an independent commission by agreeing to include national figures trusted by both sides.

The talk, which began last week, are being sponsored by the Vatican as well as Colombia, Brazil and Ecuador.

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In U.S., Black preschool students ‘punished more severely’

By Michelle Tullo

WASHINGTON, April 19, 2014 (IPS) - In the United States, African American children continue to face more barriers to success than any other race, new research suggests.

A new report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation lists 12 categories that can contribute to a child’s success, including enrolment in preschool, living with two parents and distance from the poverty line. Under these metrics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders scored highest (with a total score of 776 out of 1000), followed by whites (704).

African American children not only scored the lowest under this ranking, but with a score of just 345 they were found to have

less than half of the indicators for potential success as other races in the United States.

“We know that the current status of poor kids is bad, the current status of black kids is bad, and the combination of poverty and racial discrimination is particularly toxic,” David Osher, vice-president of the American Institute for Research, told IPS. “But we also know enough to make a difference, like the emerging understanding that kicking kids out of schools is not a good solution.”

Osher refers to new civil rights-related data released by the U.S. Department of Education last month. These findings suggest that African American students are being suspended from

school at inordinate levels, even at the very earliest grades.

While a fifth of public preschool students in the United States are African American, nearly half of all preschool students who received more than one out-of-school preschool suspension are African American. White students, on the other hand, represent 43 percent of public preschool enrolment but make up just 23 percent of preschoolers given out-of-school suspension.


“This data collection shines a clear, unbiased light on places that are delivering on the promise of an equal education for every child and places where the largest gaps remain,” U.S. Sec-

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More affordable housing needed

To The Editor:

The League of Women Voters has promoted the preservation and increase of affordable housing for decades. To achieve that result the League of Women Voters of the city of New York supports Guaranteed inclusionary zoning. When developers are granted additional floor area (FAR), at least 20% of the units should be permanently income targeted using a percentage of the median income in the neighborhood, (not the federally defined area median income (AMI) which is generally much

Community Boards should be given more than advisory authority concerning development and encouraged to develop comprehensive plans.

higher). Tax abatements and low interest loans can be made available to subsidize the cost of building income targeted units.

These arrangements should be mandatory, enforced, written into the contract and survive sale of the FAR to other develop-

ers. These developments should be limited to locations where there is adequate infrastructure, subway and bus service, schools and parks to support increased density. All neighborhoods should be considered and the surrounding communities and Community Boards should be consulted as to locations within their neighborhoods. Community Boards should be given more than advisory authority concerning development and encouraged to develop comprehensive plans.

Carole Mehlman, chair of the League's Affordable Housing Committee, says "Comprehensive Planning is preferable to the present piecemeal, one at a time zoning variance approach. Plans are needed to fit development of manufacturing, residential, commercial, schools, parks, utilities, and transit to the needs of the city, etc. To begin that process an inventory of vacant land and buildings must be conducted."

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Choosing the right sleep-away camps

To The Editor:

Kids who go away to summer sleep-away camps are looking for something special. They want a camp that zeroes in on their hobbies and interests, whether it's dancing or playing soccer. And more parents are recognizing this trend.

These parents realize a sleep-away camp with a focus on specialized instruction fuels their children's interest.

This is a driving force behind the new Sports Academy at Brookwood Camps, says its director, former National Football League quarterback Jay Fiedler.

At the Sports Academy at Brookwood Camps, world class coaches and athletes will be working with children from 7 to 17, providing detailed instruction and athletic development in a traditional outdoor summer camp environment.

In a recent blog Fiedler urges parents to weigh what each camp has to offer and how it will benefit their children. "When is my child ready to go away to a summer camp? What type of camp is right for my child? What should my child take away from a camp experience?"

These are questions parents struggle with when they consider sending their children away for a weeklong stay – or maybe longer – at a summer camp. And, of course, there is no single answer to cover every family or every child.

But I would advise parents to consider a camp that has diversification in its programs and a reputation that spans several years, several generations.

There's no question The Sports Academy at Brookwood Camps has the diversity and reputation most parents are looking for. Its setting offers specialty sports camps within the traditional camp setting. There's something, literally, for every child.

But let's take a quick step backwards. If you think your child is ready for an overnight camp but are not quite sure, why not try a few sessions at a day camp? Speak to your child about what he or she might want to do at a camp, whether it is specifically geared toward sports or other outdoor activities. If the child responds positively to the idea of getting out from under their parents, then move ahead.

In the long run, just remember

that children have to learn how to separate themselves from their parents and families in order to become independent, and the proper camp experience can provide the training and for this important step.

To be frank, many experts also believe children on their own, interacting with other children in a supervised and healthy, outdoor setting can provide valuable memories and unmeasured maturity."

We can provide interviews with Jay, parents and children about the new specialized summer camp trend. A good sidebar idea would be to interview a child-development expert about the benefits of a diversified summer camp.

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Tuning out is no option, never mind the odds

Like clockwork, it's guaranteed that, given the passage of a certain amount of time, I would get an earful about frustration folks, be they friends or strangers, feel over the system, that they think is best expressed in refraining from voting, period. Admittedly, this determination to opt out of being a full participant in the democratic process isn't all that easy to rebuke. Being firmly ensconced among the celebrated 99 percent and staring at a socioeconomic profile which down the road seems unlikely to show appreciable ground gains, makes a solid case for tuning out and joining the chorus of: "It makes no difference; they're all the same damned thing."

Tough as circumstances might make it, though, to look past a clear and present uneasiness and objectively assess what's revealed through a wider lens, this is ultimately what prudence dictates that we do. Seemingly trapped in an economic wind pocket, it might well be beyond one's capabilities to imagine a situation where the screws are turned even more tightly, not just economically but in a manner designed

to otherwise diminish one's sense of self. Therein, sadly, are the options we face in the offerings of the two political behemoths vying for the right to call the shots as to how goes this country.

Our view here, as has been obvious all along, is that it's a no-brainer, which option should be rejected out of hand and which, if not warmly embraced, is at least worthy of accommodation. There's no doubt that peering into that wider visual field indicates much greater cause for alarm resident in the camp touting the virtuousness of scaling back what figured to be forward motion for the huddled masses. And it's not that we're entirely clueless about what could be that more menacing shape of things to come. The prelude from its authors has been instructive indeed. Widespread greed within the ranks of the haves meshes perfectly with the design of those would-be navigators of where we should be headed. So too does the latter-day assault on basic worker entitlements, threatening in barefaced fashion what was thought a how to decency decades ago. So too does indifference

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

to environmental protection, and for good measure according validity to freaks who dismiss this as a bogus concern. So too does the idea that a national minimum wage appropriate to the times is one the status quo cannot or should not abide.

Those who would design this particular shape of the country to be also tend to believe that a return to American hegemony through whimsical demonstration of military might is eminently desirable policy. We've been fed this take on the international relations concept ad nauseam by John McCain and others of his ilk, for whom there is evidently no dust-up anywhere around the world that doesn't qualify for a show of American muscle.

All of this and more informs our strongly held view that, disheartening though conditions may be, the act of making a ballot-box choice has, if anything,

grown more pregnant with meaning in the age of Obama (and the disturbingly sharp polarization it has exposed) than the country has seen in a while. Why, the very privilege of casting a vote was, for some bona fide citizens, a hard-won pitched battle a mere half century ago. And damned if those ever-lurking forces of reaction haven't begun pecking away at the spoils of victory. Intent they are, we keep hearing, on making winning in battleground states more out of reach for the other side, this year and going forward.

We may be a bit jaded, in New York and wherever else they're not used to such concerns bubbling up. But we shouldn't be. Their battles in Florida or Wisconsin or Michigan aren't as alien to us as we may think.

Having a sense of whose intentions figure to tip the balance to our further disadvantage and peril, we need to be constantly mindful that to be blasé or consciously opt out of the voting ritual is to consent to a grant of dominion for which we will pay dearly. Not voting contributes to making victors of folks we least

need to see occupying that perch. We have had the good fortune to be exposed to their brand.

Their brand is represented by dastardly types whose convening in a so-called Tea Party was ignited by the unimaginable audacity of an "off-color" occupant of the White House and whose reason for being, never mind whatever hash is served up, is that their contempt for this president cannot be contained. Their brand has a knee-jerk (negative) response to any move made in the direction of improving the lot of the underclass – exemplified in the bon mot of a very forgettable character named Herman Cain, that the poor have only themselves to blame for their condition.

Please, as rationale for dissing the ballot box, let's not resort to that old saw about it matters none who is chosen. It does matter, we should remember, even put upon as we might already be. There is one choice which, even if it isn't exactly the nirvana we seek, is a "no contest" winner, given the alternative. The alternative should make us ballot-box fanatics.

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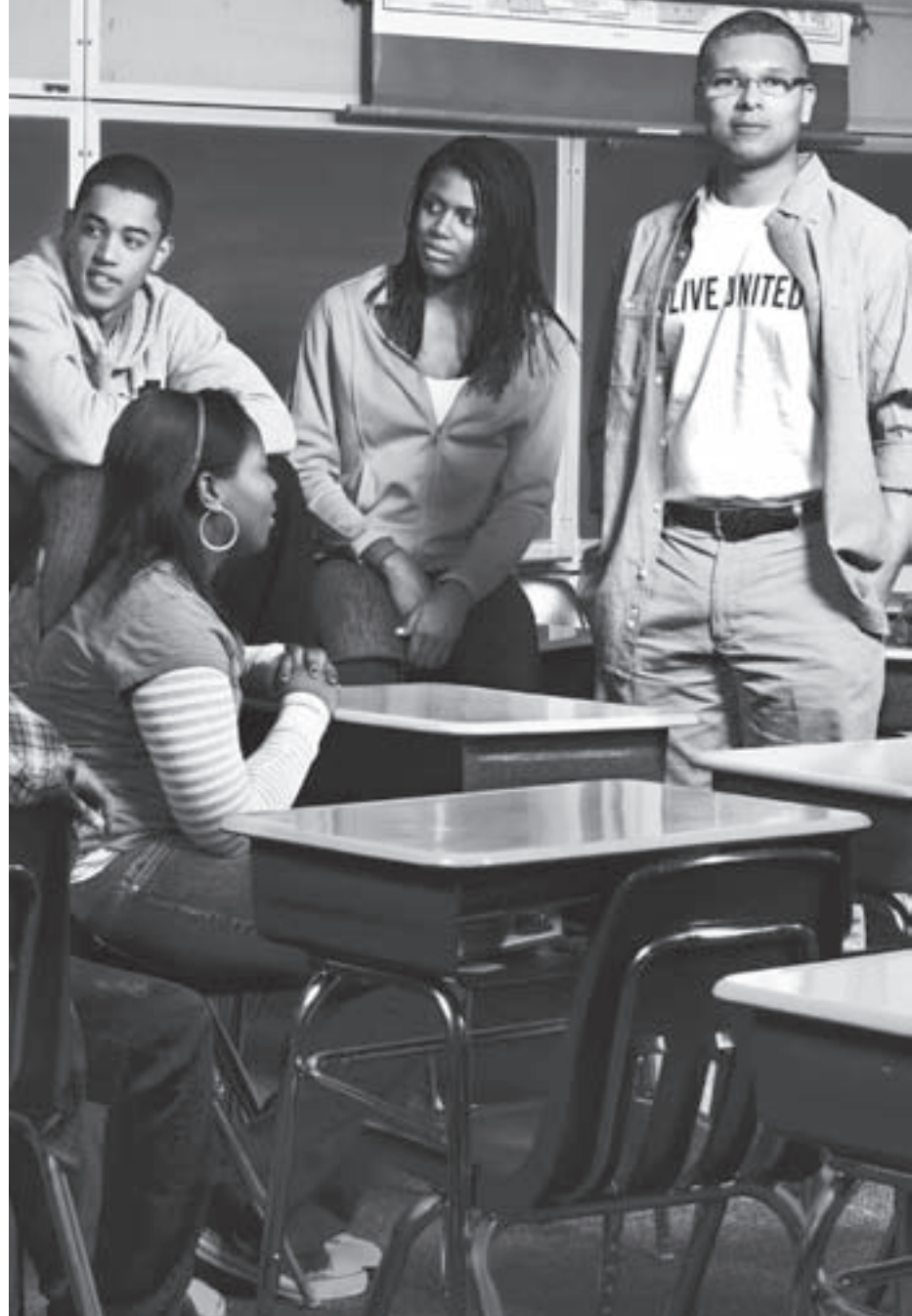


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OP-EDS

Clean water: Key to business success

By Jenn Vervier

Our company depends on clean water for our success. That's why we're pleased that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued new draft rules for enforcement of the Clean Water Act last month. Since the Supreme Court handed down decisions in 2001 and 2006, enforcement of the Clean Water Act's provisions has become incredibly complex, leaving businesses and consumers without clarity. This action by the EPA will give us the confidence we need to know that our access to clean water will be protected.

So many businesses rely on clean water: industries from manufacturing to agriculture to tourism can only survive if bodies of water are protected. In our case, clean water is essential to great-tasting beer. Losing access to clean water as a resource can make the difference between a company thriving and failing. What the EPA is doing will save jobs.

We believe that clarity in regulation and the protection of natural resources are keys

to economic development. Our own journey in crafting world class beers over the past 23 years and growth to over 525 co-workers attest to the fact that when smart regulation exists for all - and when clean water is available for all - business thrives.

However, loopholes in the current Clean Water Act have made it possible to dump waste into many small streams and tributaries without fear of prosecution. In many cases, the loophole has rendered the EPA (and its sister agency on clean water issues, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) unable to protect communities. Lawsuits and weak policies left over from the 1980's have left many streams without adequate protection

Under the new safeguards proposed by the Obama administration, hundreds of communities will now enjoy the full protections of our nation's clean water laws. Bringing these streams and wetlands under the umbrella of the Clean Water Act will also help protect drinking water for 117 million peo-

ple. It will safeguard natural flood protection, since wetlands and streams help catch and soak up rain. This is no small benefit; 9.6 million homes and \$360 billion dollars-worth of properties lie in flood-prone areas. Similarly, brewers rely on clean water to sustain their businesses and are cheering the new protections, as are hunters, anglers and wildlife-lovers

The EPA has done a terrific job of coming up with these new rules. They don't give the agency any additional power that isn't already granted to them by the 1972 Clean Water Act. They're based on a thorough review of more than 1,000 pieces of scientific literature. And they'll give the business community a much-needed dose of certainty going forward. Business organizations, such as the American Sustainable Business Council, of which our company is a member, have endorsed the rules.

Vervier is director of Sustainability and Strategy for New Belgium Brewing Company, the third largest craft brewery in the U.S.

Abuse Awareness Month 2014

To The Editor:

US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics verify that:

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- * Every day, one man dies from this disease And it doesn't stop there.
- * It affects 25 percent of our women, 40 percent of girls ages 14 to 17 years old and 30 percent to percent of families with children.

Research Date: June 28th 2013

The disease is Domestic Violence/Child Abuse. Shouldn't we be talking about this epidemic much, much more?

I have recently completed the biography of a 53-year-old woman who was brave enough to discuss the silent shame of domestic abuse. She shows us how her life

was deformed by incest, beatings, molestation and murder and subsequently defined by the social ills that follow that cocktail of poor nurturing - drug abuse, crime and the transference of those poor nurturing skills to the generation that came after these siblings were so heinously mal-nurtured.

Sadly, these are the issues that our communities do not address as loudly as they address the broken, dependent individuals, the children, the products of this environment.

April 2014 is Child Abuse Awareness month and I am asking you to help to bring this devastating social epidemic towardsv more recognition by getting several copies of this book for the groups that you may be affiliated with..

Every group has a silent victim, and just as we fight for justice and civic involve-

ment in every other cause, let's do it for Abuse.

I am asking you to buy a minimum of 10 books, either personally, or by encouraging a minimum of 10 of your friends to join in increasing public awareness of this great cause.

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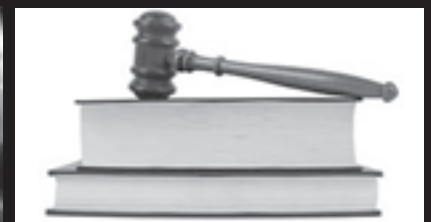


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Jamaica names Poet Laureate

By Vinette K. Pryce

After decades and perhaps a dry-spell since Jamaica lauded a literary intellectual and poet with national duties, 76-year-old Mervyn Eustace Morris was named the island's new Poet Laureate. The literary renaissance celebrated recently at the National Library of Jamaica in Kingston, named Morris the three-year ambassador tasked with increasing "public appreciation for the well-written and read poems; stimulating poetry writing, strengthening the National Library of Jamaica's resources in Jamaican poetry and bolstering Kingston's image as a creative city and Jamaica as a literary destination" a release stated.

"It's a great honor and I look forward to finding out exactly how the program works," Morris said. "It's an honor to be selected from a number of other possible selectees."

"My priority would be to find ways of putting poets in

more frequent contact with the Jamaican audience," Morris added.

During a ceremony attended by a cross-section of government representatives who collaborated to decide the third-ever poet to be granted the high honor, Morris stated that "there are elements of promoting Jamaica abroad, for instance, that is part of what the tourism people have in mind."

Dr. Wykeham McNeill, minister of Tourism and Entertainment along with members of the Entertainment Advisory Board of the Ministry of Tourism and Entertainment, the Ministry of Youth and Culture and members of the nine-member selection committee echoed similar sentiments.

"I am not sure why it took so long, but when we realized that there was such a void, we decided as an entertainment board that it was something that we needed to address," Kingsley Cooper, chairman of Jamai-

ca's Entertainment Advisory Board said.

Jamaican poets laureate were previously appointed by the Poetry League of Jamaica, therefore this latest announcement is the first made by a national grouping combined with government officials.

Not since gaining independence in 1962, has the position been prominently heralded as one in need of exploiting. About his mission, Morris added:

"Obviously, more attention would be pleasing, but I think at the present, there is a lot of attention being paid to poets in different venues. Certainly, we see advertisements for poetry readings and various activities. The point would be to help those who are writing to have to look more carefully at what they are writing and how they are writing and also to increase the audience to make it wider. Things can be better, but I don't think things are really bad now."

Morris is only the third-

ever poet laureate of Jamaica. According to the National Library of Jamaica, the first poet laureate was Tom Redcam (Thomas McDermott) who was posthumously awarded the honor by the Poetry League of Jamaica in 1933. He was succeeded by JE Clare McFarlane, a former president of the league who first served on April 7, 1953 until his death in 1962.

Morris was born in Kingston and studied at the University College of the West Indies (UCWI). He was a Rhodes Scholar at St Edmund Hall, Oxford. In 1992, he was a UK Arts Council Visiting Writer-in-Residence at the South Bank Centre. He resides in Kingston. Since the 1960s he has been teaching at UWI. There he also serves as Professor Emeritus of Creative Writing & West Indian Literature.

In 2009, he was awarded Jamaica's Order of Merit, the country's third highest national honor.

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New Yorkers in tribute to Basil Paterson

By Nelson A. King

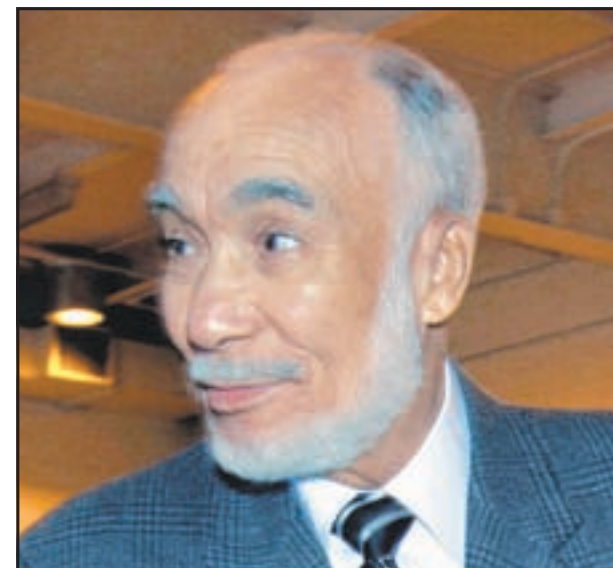
Tributes have been pouring in over the death of Basil Paterson, the son of Caribbean immigrants and one of New York City's old-guard Democratic leaders who for decades dominated politics in Harlem. He died on Wednesday in Manhattan at age 87.

Paterson, who influenced black political power in New York City and the state into the 21st century, was the father of former New York Gov. David A. Paterson, the first African-American to hold that post. on in the state.

Basil was born in Manhattan on April 27, 1926 to Caribbean immigrants, Leonard and Evangeline Rondon Paterson. His father was from Carriacou, Grenada's sister island and his mother from Jamaica. He grew up in Harlem.

"I had the pleasure of knowing this legend of African-American politics, who along with his colleagues in the 'Gang of Four' made it possible for a new generation of leaders, including myself, to serve their communities," said Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams.

"Basil Patterson was a trailblazer and a proud son of a father from Carriacou in the Grenadines and a mother from Kingston, Jamaica," said Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke. "His contributions to the civil society we share today were considerable – as a civil rights activist, an attorney supporting the rights of workers, as a member of the



In this Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010 file photo, Basil Paterson, father of former New York Gov. David Paterson, prepares to vote in New York. Paterson, who would have turned 88 on April 27, died at Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at Mount Sinai Hospital, his family said.

AP Photo/Richard Drew, File

New York State Senate, and as deputy mayor for labor relations, in which position he provided critical assistance in negotiating contracts that allowed New York City to avoid bankruptcy,".

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Basil Paterson," she added. "His legacy will remain a part of New York for the generations that will follow us. He will be deeply missed."

Council Member Jumaane D. Williams, the son of Grenadian immigrants, said he was "saddened to learn of the transition of Basil Paterson, who paved a way for people of more color in careers of public service across this state. "Basil,

himself a public servant of Grenadian descent, spent decades serving the people of this city and state, including as the first black to serve as Secretary of State for the State of New York, as Deputy Mayor for the City of New York, and as longtime labor attorney who represented the interests of those who are long ignored in this economy," said Williams, who represents the 45th Council District in Brooklyn.

Haitian-born Council Member Dr. Mathieu Eugene, who represents the 40th Council District in Brooklyn said, he, too, was "deeply saddened" by Paterson's passing, adding that he was "an iconic figure in this great city and state, with an outstanding record of service in government that spanned several decades.

"In addition to his unparalleled career in the public sector, Basil A. Paterson was for many years a champion of working people as a labor attorney," he added. "I extend my prayers and condolences to former Gov. David A. Paterson and all members of the Paterson family during this trying time."

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New-age awning with Caribbean flair.

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Fisherman's Cove expands

By J. D. Massiah

Fisherman's Cove is building an impressive footprint on the culinary landscape in Brooklyn, and apparently, it's about to get even more expansive. This restaurant chain just completed an extensive renovation to its flagship store at 2025 Church Avenue, which has doubled the size of the location so that diners could sit and enjoy their meal.

"I like the way they have expanded this location," said Marcia James, a patron. "I'm sure it would be able to handle the long lines much better, especially in the evenings."

From its clean, bright yellow interior, to its artsy and

jazzy Caribbean flair menu dangling from the ceiling, and the new-age awning hanging on the outside of the building, will be added to all of the Fisherman's Cove Jamaican Grill locations.

"We have just upgraded our name to Fisherman's Cove Jamaican Grill and are diligently working to bring all of our locations under one look," said Kirk Gibson, CEO of the chain. "We've perfected consistency with our food, and now we are looking to bring that passion and consistency to our physical appearance. Our motto is consistency, and we are looking forward to doing what we do best in an

even bigger way, said Gibson."

Ever since it opened its doors in 2000, Fisherman's Cove has been bringing authentic Jamaican cuisine to the residents of Brooklyn. Gibson's appetite for expansion is not an accident, from the inception of the flagship location, Gibson knew that the market for authentic Jamaican cuisine is a vast one in Brooklyn, the largest concentration of Caribbean nationals in the US, and he plotted a strategic path for the other four locations over the next 14 years in the densely populated Caribbean areas.

Fisherman's Cove Jamaican Grill is a privately held

company that will be elevating the Jamaican cuisine dining experience by franchising its brand not too far in the future.

"I know that we are only beginning to scratch the surface of this huge market in New York, and we have yet to look at Queens, Manhattan and the Bronx where it is highly likely that we'll be branching out sometime in the future," said Gibson.

Fisherman's Cove Jamaican Grill success story Gibson credits to his faith and his deep passion to giving back to the community which has supported him over the years.

Entrepreneurs need a business-first banking mentality

(Family Features) Owing a home-based small business offers undeniable perks – flexible hours, the ability to control your own professional destiny, even the option to work in your jammies if the mood strikes. But many first-time business owners operating out of the home underestimate important aspects of operating your own company – especially when it comes to finances.

Whether you're funding a startup or sustaining an existing enterprise, money management is a critical aspect of successfully running your home-based business. However, many first-time entrepreneurs make the mistake of treating their home business finances similarly to their personal accounts. In the long run, this can be a costly mistake, according to Jay DesMar-teau, head of small business at TD Bank.

Checking accounts are the most popular financial products for small businesses, but a recent TD Bank survey found that more than 40 percent of small business owners are using the same account for business and personal use.

An important first step is to understand the distinctions between a busi-

ness checking account and a personal checking account, and why the former is a safer bet for your business. Business checking accounts allow small business owners to:

1. Manage your cash flow better. Small business owners have better cash flow management and more advanced payment capabilities when they choose business banking over personal banking for business.

2. Build your business brand. Having a business checking or business debit card with your company name on it can help establish an identity around your business. Also, customers might feel more comfortable writing a check to a business instead of a personal account – it feels more professional.

3. Simplify your accounting and bookkeeping. Having a personal checking account and using it for your small business means you aren't separating your business and personal finances. And that can make accounting and bookkeeping more complicated.

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Dr. Camele White

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The doctor says it's not that difficult to grow your own herbs at home, but she realizes not everyone has the time or is motivated to do so. There are other options. Buying organic is one of them. Avoiding processed food is another. When shopping at the grocery store, Dr. White says, "We can choose to buy what we want to put into our bodies." Make the healthier selection.

Eating better is one of the keys to wellbeing, as food contains nutrients the body requires. As this food is absorbed by our cells, it impacts everything we do. The expression, "You are what you eat," does have credence. We can help our bodies function, or we can hinder them.

Exercising is also important.

"If we take care of ourselves, our bodies will take care of us," says Dr. White.

It all translates to a better state of mind and an improved quality of life, she says.

Dr. White opened her brand-new practice on March 8, providing primary care for children and adults, as well as specializing as gynecology and women's health, making it convenient for the entire family to get the care it needs. She sees patients for wellness visits and consultations. The office performs EKGs, hearing and vision screening, and blood work. There is a laboratory on the premises.

The new facility is cozy and comfortable, with a television in the waiting room to help pass the time.

The office offers modern conveniences like electronic medical records, but Dr. White says when it comes to caring for patients, she does things the

old-fashioned way — she spends time with them. When patients make an appointment to see her, she is very thorough.

"It's not five minutes, in and out," she says. "I start with asking patients everything they've done before seeing me."

This provides the doctor with insight as to why people may feel the way they do.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is a partnership, says the doctor, and people have to do their part. The doctor teaches patients how to go about this.

Dr. White attended medical school in Manhattan at the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education. From there, she continued at Albany Medical College. She completed residencies in Queens and the Bronx. She is affiliated with Brooklyn Hospital.



The office accepts most major insurances.

Dr. Camele White [385 Remsen Ave. between Lenox Road and Clarkson Avenue in East Flatbush, (347) 915-1755]. Open Mondays, 11 am-7 pm; Tuesdays, 9 am-5 pm; Saturdays, 11 am-3 pm. Patients may call any day during business hours to make an appointment.

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

It's not only trees that grow in Brooklyn.

Fruits and vegetables do, too.

Just ask Dr. Camele White, a family physician and Brooklynite who grows her own organic tomatoes, strawberries, mint leaves, parsley, and grapes in her front yard.

The doctor, born and

raised in the same East Flatbush neighborhood where she now practices medicine, believes in teaching patients how to adapt healthier lifestyles. Eating better is one way to do so. She practices what she preaches, selecting healthier organic choices, whenever possible.

"We need to get rid of the chemicals in our food," she says. "Then there will be less cancer, and we will be healthier."

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Colorful kite making

By Tangerine Clarke

Georgetown, Guyana resident Trevor Smith sits on the sidewalk at the corner of Camp and Regent streets - one of the busiest intersections in the capital to sell his colorful designed kites.

He has perfected one of the most popular designs that could be found anywhere in the country, but according to him, he has put his spin on the creation to make it his own.

Smith has been laying out five sizes of his Six-Point Star collection to capture the attention of thousands of kite flyers that have gone by this spot for the last 35 years.

The dreadlocked vendor says kite making is a science and compares it to geometry and math because according to him, a kite maker has to divide evenly to create angles for a perfect kite, one that will stay up with the wind.

"Kids that make kites develop a higher intelligent



Trevor Smith shows off his six-point star kites in Georgetown, Guyana. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

quotient (IQ) for mathematics," said Smith.

"It's a process that begins with four pieces of wood," said Smith who adds "that the more colorful the kite, the better it sells. Blending light and dark colors with a background that suits the star-point design is very

important."

There are other designs such as the box kite, the singing engine and the bird kite, but Smith specializes in the six-point flyer that is completed with two loops at the top to raise the kite and a tail to balance and keep it in the air.

Out-of-school suspension

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retary of Education Arne Duncan said on releasing the new data. "In all, it is clear that the United States has a great distance to go to meet our goal of providing opportunities for every student to succeed."

The study marked the first time that a federal initiative known as the Civil Rights Data Collection included preschool, but the numbers reflect similar trends at all levels of lower and secondary school.

"Black children are not behaving worse," Jim Eichner, the managing director of programmes at the Advancement Project, an advocacy group, told IPS. "But they are being punished and punished more severely."

ZERO TOLERANCE

While the reasons children are suspended in preschool are not reported, anecdotally such actions appear to be being taken for relatively minor infractions, such as like "not paying attention, being late

or talking back," Eichner says.

Out-of-school suspension has multiple and varied negative impacts on the student and school community. Not only do students miss class time, but they tend to receive the message they are not welcome in school.

Such actions also tend to create new mistrust between the student and teachers that can challenge future learning.

In addition, out-of-school suspension can jeopardise a family's income if a parent needs to leave work. Or, if a parent cannot leave work, the child may not be sent to a well-supervised home.

Finally, some advocates worry that excluding a child fails to teach him or her how to manage the behaviour that originally caused the problem.

Suspending children at such a young age comes from a "zero tolerance" discipline policy. Such an approach stems from anti-drugs policy adopted by

the U.S. criminal justice system during the 1980s, and brought into schools as an attempt to combat increased violence and school shootings.

Yet the broader approach has been seen as something of a failure by the U.S. criminal justice system, a view increasingly being adopted by those working in the school system, as well.

Both Osher and Eichner, for instance, are involved in studying and promoting alternatives to zero-tolerance policies. Eichner particularly points to restorative justice techniques that have students work together to mend any problems, adding that punitive atmospheres have been found to harm all students.

IMPLICIT BIAS

Although the Civil Rights Data Collection does not investigate why these disparities occur, Osher and Eichner both explain that this is one effect of overarching social, economic and political structures.






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Jamaica

Jamaica police have promised to continue co-operating with the Independent Commission of Investigations (Indecom) after it alleged that senior police officers are being investigated for their alleged roles in alleged extrajudicial killings.

Indecom Commissioner Terrence Williams told a news conference that police officers from Clarendon, Manchester and St. Elizabeth had been arrested for two murders that initially been reported as homicides committed by civilians.

"The Commission intends to consider carefully whether any senior officer permitted, ordered or acquiesced in the activities, which led to these killings, and if there is evidence that shows matters are out before the proper tribunal for a determination," he added.

So far four police officers, Constables Collin "Chuckie" Brown, Carl Bucknor, Jerome Whyte and Detective Corporal Kevin Adams, have been charged with murder relating to killings that took place in Clarendon.

Adams has been charged with four mur-

ders, while Bucknor and Whyte face one charge of murder.

St. Kitts

Two men tragically lost their lives in an accident involving Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas in St. Kitts recently.

Reports are that the two men apparently were assisting with the unberthing process of the cruise ship vessel when their boat overturned while the ship was pulling out of port.

Eyewitnesses suggest that the cruise ship liner may have pulled out before the men had enough time to clear the berthing area. The incident is under investigation.

Trinidad

A new National Security Special Operations Group (NSSOG) is being formed to deal with major issues that may occur, including terrorism activities, hostage negotiation or gang warfare.

This was revealed by Trinidad and Tobago National Security Minister Gary Griffith who said the NSSOG was a tactical unit geared for special initiatives.

The team will comprise of several arms of law enforcement agencies: Coast Guard Officers, prisons, immigration, customs and army.

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Saving Caribbean tourism from the sea

By Desmond Brown

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, April 16, 2014 (IPS) - Faced with the prospect of losing miles of beautiful white beaches – and the millions in tourist dollars that come with them – from erosion driven by climate change, Barbados is taking steps to protect its coastline as a matter of economic survival.

“We need to be able to preserve those beaches. We need to be able to preserve our coral reefs. We need to preserve the marine life of our country, which is part of what tourists come to the Caribbean for,” Ronald Sanders, a former regional diplomat, told IPS.

The impacts of climate change on economies like Barbados could be more severe than any global economic recession.

“All of those things are now, even as we speak, being eroded, and sitting back and doing nothing about it is not in our inter-



Some of the groynes installed at Folkestone Beach in Barbados. IPS/Desmond Brown

est,” he said.

“If there is continuous erosion of the beaches, that is the very thing that you are selling worldwide. You are saying ‘we have great beaches, come and enjoy

them and pay for the privilege’, but if you have no beaches, what are you selling?” Sanders added.

Tourism is one of the largest industries in the world, with an estimated

500 million people spending billions of dollars on tourism-related services annually. In addition, the industry employs more than 100 million people worldwide.

Tourism accounts for 15

percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Barbados, with the beaches playing a significant role.

Foreign Affairs Minister Maxine McLean stresses that Barbados has not been spared the effects of climate change.

“There is no greater threat to the survival, viability and security of Barbados than the threat posed by climate change,” she said.

And Barbados is not alone. Sanders said almost every Caribbean country is selling the same thing. He is proposing a united approach.

“Barbados alone can’t act, Antigua alone can’t act, St. Vincent alone can’t act. It’s only if we act together in concert with other countries that have the same problem that people will listen to us,” he told IPS.

Sustainable Programme Manager at the Caribbean Tourism Organisation Gail Henry said the Caribbean region has been seeing

impacts of climate change for some time.

“We are seeing instances of greater periods of drought, greater periods of unanticipated precipitation in periods that are outside of the typical rainy season,” she told IPS. “There are issues of salt water intrusion, coastal erosion. These are some of the typical impacts of climate change that we are aware of that will occur, according to science.”

She said Barbados and its Caribbean neighbours will have to look at creating a more diversified tourism product that’s not just hinged on the typical sun, sea and sand.

In the interim, she said they will have to put structures in place to save the beaches.

“Once you have a tourism product that is hinged around the coastline, you have to be concerned about things like the impact of sea level rise,” she said.



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Routine blood pressure screenings are often the only way men and women can learn if they are suffering from high blood pressure.

Understanding and fighting hypertension go hand-in-hand

Hypertension, often referred to as high blood pressure, affects millions of people across the globe. According to the American Heart Association, more than 76 million adults in the United States alone have been diagnosed with high blood pressure. But even children and teens can suffer from hypertension, making it a formidable but largely preventable foe.

Understanding high blood pressure may encourage adults and children alike to take steps to maintain a healthy blood pressure, which can reduce their risk of heart attack, stroke and kidney disease.

What is high blood pressure?

High blood pressure is

often associated with men and women who are considered to be constantly on edge, nervous or hyperactive. But even laid back men, women and children can suffer from high blood pressure. As a person's heart beats, it creates pressure that pushes blood through the body's arteries and veins. Those arteries are made of muscle and a semi-flexible tissue that stretches when the blood is pumped through them. The more forcefully that blood is pumped, the more that flexible tissue is stretched. When the tissue is stretched too much, a person is at an increased risk of suffering from a host of problems, including blood clots, plaque buildup that can lead to heart attack and stroke, and tis-

sue and organ damage from arteries that have narrowed or become blocked.

Are there symptoms of high blood pressure?

The Association notes that high blood pressure is typically devoid of symptoms. So people suffering from high blood pressure may not know it if they have not routinely had their blood pressure checked. Over the years many myths have prevailed regarding high blood pressure. Such myths can be dangerous, giving people a false sense of security regarding their blood pressure. For example, in the early 1900s it was assumed that people with high blood pressure experienced more frequent

headaches than those with healthy blood pressure. However, a study published in the journal *Neurology* found that people with high blood pressure were significantly less likely to have headaches than those with healthy pressure readings. Nosebleeds have also been linked to high blood pressure, but one study found that 83 percent of patients treated for high blood pressure did not suffer from nosebleeds.

Debunking such myths is important, as it further emphasizes the need to receive routine blood pressure readings as the only reliable means for men, women and children to determine if they have high, low or healthy blood pressure.

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Do you know your risk for stroke?

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This year, it will strike 700,000 Americans of all ages, genders and ethnicities. A member of your family, a friend or neighbor — or even you — could be a victim.

Many Americans are not aware of their stroke risk factors, many of which can be prevented or controlled. You can start to take control by knowing what factors put you at risk. Check all that apply to you.

Age: For every decade after age 55, your chance of stroke doubles.

Family history: Your mother, father, sister, brother or grandparent had a stroke, or your father or brother had a heart attack before age 55, or your mother or sister had a heart attack before age 65.

Previous stroke or transient ischemic attack: You have had a stroke or transient ischemic attack ("ministroke").

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your level.

HDL cholesterol: Your HDL — or "good" cholesterol — is less than 40 mg/dL, or you don't know your HDL cholesterol levels.

Physical activity: Your physical activity level is less than a total of 30 minutes on most days.

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a high red blood cell count or sickle cell disease (also called sickle cell anemia).

Atrial fibrillation: You have a heart rhythm disorder called atrial fibrillation.

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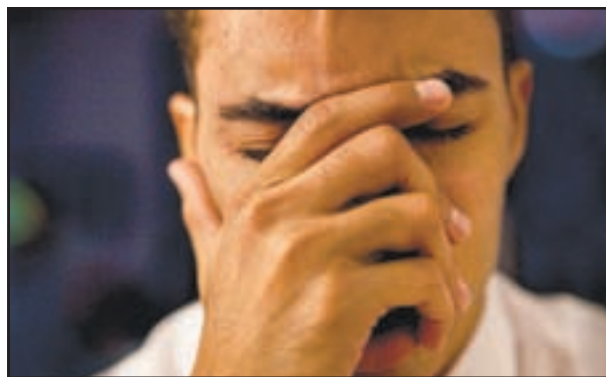
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Up to 40 percent of people who experience a transient ischemic attack will go on to have an actual stroke, and studies have shown that nearly half of all strokes occur within a day or two of having an attack.

Did you know?

A transient ischemic attack, often referred to as a “mini stroke,” is an event that’s similar to a stroke. When a person has an attack, the symptoms are just like those of a stroke, but they last less than 24 hours before disappearing. However, that disappearance does not mean a person is in the clear, as it is a serious warning sign of stroke.

According to the National Stroke Association, up to 40 percent of people who experience a transient ischemic attack will go on to have an actual stroke, and studies have shown that nearly half of all strokes occur within a day or two of having an attack. But even those people who do not have a stroke within 48 hours of having an attack are still at risk of having a stroke. In fact, 10 to 15 percent of people who have a tran-

sient ischemic attack will have a stroke within three months.

Symptoms of a transient ischemic attack are sudden and may include confusion; difficulty speaking or understanding; numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, particularly on one side of the body; vision trouble in one or both eyes; trouble walking; dizziness; or loss of balance or coordination.

Interrupted blood flow to the brain is often behind a transient ischemic attack. A lack of blood and oxygen in the brain often leads to the temporary symptoms described above. Should you or a loved one exhibit any of the aforementioned symptoms, seek medical help immediately, even if the symptoms feel or appear as if they are subsiding. A quick response might just prevent a full-on stroke.

Boomers need to prepare for their roles as caregivers

Training relatives in caregiving can ease their burden and aid stroke survivors. More than 81 million baby boomers live in the United States, and most are at or exceed the age of 55. This is the age when the odds of having a stroke and becoming a stroke caregiver start to increase. It is important to know how to prevent stroke and how to prepare in case you or a family member experiences one.

Each year, 700,000 people have a new or recurrent stroke. In adults over 55, the lifetime risk for stroke is greater than one in six, and women have a higher risk than men.

The first line of defense for all people, not just those over age 55, is to know the stroke warning signs, manage stroke risk factors and visit the doctor regularly. Some risk factors are high blood pressure, smoking, obesity, having a family history of stroke or having had a transient ischemic attack, or “ministroke.”

If you or a family member has one or more of these risk factors, there is a real possibility you could become a stroke caregiver. Making plans now will save an immeasurable amount of time and stress later, and



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allow you to concentrate on what really matters in a health crisis — your family member.

According to an American Stroke Association survey, two out of three people

say they are prepared in the event they become a caregiver, yet only seven percent of those same respondents are planning — or have planned — for the event.

“Families don’t realize that even stroke survivors who regain functional independence will need constant, full-time care for an extended period of time while rehabilitating. They may need care for one month, 10 years, or a

lifetime,” explained Robert Adams, MD and American Stroke Association volunteer.

Taking simple actions now can help protect against — and, in some instances, eliminate — the impact that comes with becoming a stroke caregiver.

- First, know and manage your and your family member’s stroke risk factors.

- Second, identify materials to educate yourself and your family on what being a caregiver involves.

- Third, ask your at-risk family members about their financial situation.

- Finally, take stock of your own financial health and retirement savings.

Taking simple actions now can help protect against the impact that comes with becoming a stroke caregiver.

For more, call the American Stroke Association at (888) 4-STROKE, or visit StrokeAssociation.org.

Quick action is vital in stroke response

Quick thinking and prompt action can help keep you and yours from being among the 700,000 strokes that occur in the U.S. annually and result in 160,000 deaths.

Carotid arteries in the neck build up plaque as we age. Strokes result either from obstruction of blood flow to the brain by plaque, or when bits of plaque and clots break off and flow to the

Left untreated, carotid artery disease may lead to stroke.

brain. Left untreated, carotid artery disease may lead to stroke, when lack of oxygen and other essential nutrients cause damage to the brain. It is sometimes difficult to

know if someone is having a stroke. The National Stroke Association recommends this simple test to determine if someone is having a stroke:

Think FAST:

Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of her face droop?

Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one

arm drift downward?

Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Does his speech sound slurred or strange?

Time: If you observe any of these signs, it’s time to call 9-1-1.

If you are diagnosed with carotid artery disease, see a vascular surgeon.

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The National Stroke Association says that stroke is one of the leading causes of death and adult disability. However, it is largely preventable. Most people are familiar with stroke, but some people are not aware of what a stroke entails.

Stroke has been described as a "brain attack," similar to a heart attack. It occurs when a blood clot blocks an artery (ischemic stroke) or when a blood vessel breaks (hemorrhagic stroke), interrupting blood flow and oxygen to an area of the brain. When this occurs, brain cells begin to die and brain damage can occur. How much brain damage occurs depends on where the stroke occurs and the severity of the stroke. Mobility,



facial control, memory, and speech may be affected by a stroke. The National Stroke Association says that two million brain cells die every

minute during a stroke. Recognizing symptoms and getting fast medical attention can save a life and limit resulting disabilities.



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Front-row seat in Pearl Cleage's interesting life

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Dear Diary...

You've written that many times in your life. Little hurts, schoolgirl crushes, firsts, lasts, and thoughts. It's all written in your journal so you'd see where you came from and where you're going.

But would you want your children or grandchildren to read your journals, unedited, warts and all? Pearl Cleage thinks she might. Maybe. And in her new book, "Things I Should Have Told My Daughter," she explains why.

The "no" came as no surprise: as a 15-year-old, Pearl Cleage's daughter, Deignan, declined the opportunity to read her mother's journals. So when Cleage offered to keep the journals for her granddaughter to read someday, Deignan turned her down, saying that the toddler didn't need to read them, either.

Deignan figured she understood what happened in Cleage's life. She was there for much of it, after all, but Cleage wondered if the things her daughter never knew were just as important as the things she knew. There were lessons to learn, and Cleage chose to begin with January 9, 1970.

Twenty-one-year-old Cleage was at a party that night, commiserating with the wife of a friend on his way to jail. Politics



Book cover of "Things I Should Have Told My Daughter: Lies, Lessons & Love Affairs" by Pearl Cleage. Photo courtesy of Atria

and activism were a major part of Cleage's life then: she had many friends in the SNCC, had met Coretta Scott King, was a supporter of Angela Davis and, later, worked with Maynard Jackson. Racial issues were on her mind a lot then, as was sexism and feminism.

Though it would alter her plans for her future, Cleage thought about having a baby in her mid-twenties. She didn't mention it to her then-husband, Michael Lomax, but she often wondered what their child might look like. In August of 1974, she found out. Giving birth wasn't hard. Motherhood sometimes was.

And as her daughter grew, so did Cleage. Still politi-

cally active, she honed her writing skills and became a playwright, columnist, and author. She got divorced. Her mother died as Cleage's career and her love life thrived. Yes, things happened that her granddaughter "probably" didn't need to know, but Cleage is overall "glad" she wrote them down anyhow.

You know those nature shows where you watch a flower open in quick-time? That's what reading "Things I Should Have Told My Daughter" is like: we watch an accomplished writer blossom before our eyes, in a book written while she bloomed.

But that's not the only appeal here: author Pearl Cleage gives us a front-row seat, not only to her life but to the social issues of the days in which she journaled. That allows us to see history in the eyes of an idealistic young woman, then a new mother, then someone who's on the edge of attaining her dreams – all perspectives for which we know the outcome but getting there, as they say, is half the fun.

Though clarifying notes might've been occasionally helpful (particularly in determining ownership of pronouns), this is one diary you needn't read furtively. For you, "Things I Should Have Told My Daughter" is a book you should see.

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Happy birthday to Randolph -Wright's 'Motown'

One year ago, "Motown The Musical" opened at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre on Broadway. The exact date was April 14, 2013. Billed as "the real story of the one-of-a-kind sound that hit the airwaves in 1959" the music "changed our culture forever."

Directed by Charles Randolph-Wright, "Motown" stars Brandon Victor Dixon (Berry Gordy), Krystal Joy Brown (Diana Ross), Charl Brown (Smokey Robinson) Bryan Terrell Clark (Marvin Gaye) Raymond Luke (Michael Jackson/Stevie Wonder) and a cast of talents that continue to recall audiences one year later to learn more about the pioneering mid-western music label.

Audiences were promised the music and lyrics from the legendary Motown catalogue however since opening they have gotten more than they bargained for with insider peeks into the personal life of the label's founder Berry Gordy.



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

Culled from his book "To Be Loved," musical snippets bolster the show that has been recalling celebrities, tourists, fans and music insiders to glean insight into what made the label a success. New audiences are also discovering that the former featherweight boxer emerged to preside over America's iconic singers to include: Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, Martha & The Vandellas, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, Mary Wells and a catalogue of others. That alone could well have formed the basis for an entire storyline. However, by the second act audiences learn that among Gordy's signees was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr? Apparently speeches and recordings by the Civil Rights lead-

er were among the deals Gordy brokered for one of his many subsidiary labels. King was indeed among the elite Motown roster. While that information may not be widely known Gordy's love story with Ross, their love child, Rhonda, racism within the music industry, Civil Rights obstacles and encounters with the Ku Klux Klan and a myriad of other enlightening back stories account for the successful run in this compelling production. Wrapped around a reunion anniversary celebration concert tagged "Motown 25" stories unfold about the city, state and its talent pool of young, Black music artists. George Romney was governor of Michigan then and life for Blacks was not as rosy as it is his for his



Brandon Victor Dixon as Berry Gordy, left, and Valisia LeKae as Diana Ross in "Motown: The Musical," performing at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre in New York.

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son Mitt who aspired to the high office of president of the United States. But despite the obstacles Gordy persevered and with

his dedicated executives, songwriters, musicians, singers, choreographers, and a sophisticated color-blind listening audience he

charted better than major record labels even surpassing many with five songs claiming Billboard Magazine's weekly Top 10 position.

It is no wonder an 18-piece orchestra reprises those hits during each performance. Known then as the Sound of Young America, music selected for the stage production and the original cast album was nominated for a 2014 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album.

The first national tour launched after Easter in Chicago at The Oriental Theatre. It will run until Aug. 9 before continuing across the country ending in Charlotte, NC on Sept. 6, 2015.

"Motown The Musical" continues here at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, 205 West 46th St. daily Tuesday - Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Saturday at 2:00 p.m.; and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

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Warming up for the Annual Arts Fest

By Eulene Inniss

Violin Diva Charisa entertained the audience during a Brothers Who Cook event at the Restoration Plaza in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn on April 13.

The event hosted by the International African Arts Festival (IAAF) is part of its annual fundraising activities. IAAF showcases exceptional well known artist throughout the year in an effort to preserve the cultural history and significance of the organization.

This year's July 4 weekend Festival will again be held in Brooklyn's Commodore Park to celebrate their 44th year and world wide performers and visitors are already scheduled to attend.

The continuous exposure of youths and the community to Black artists whose musical talents span the music spectrum is necessary. Today's youths must



Charisa "The Violin Diva" at the Restoration Plaza, Brooklyn.

Photo by Lem Peterkin

know that many Blacks contributed to, pioneered and enhanced all genres Music in the entertainment world which have now become extinct in public schools or unattainable to the average child.

Charisa says that she has been playing the violin for
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Spotlight on a Trinidadian pianist

One of the most fabled of the Trinidadian steelpan exponents transitioning to the New York scene decades ago, Caldera Caraballo, whose exploits included a stint in Harry Belafonte's touring troupe, will be the focus of attention at the next collaboration of the Trinidad & Tobago Folk Arts Institute and Medgar Evers College's School of Professional & Community Development on Friday, May 2. The forum reviewing the often trail-blazing career of Caldera Caraballo will take



Caldera Caraballo.

place in the Mary Pinkett Lecture Hall on the Medgar Evers College campus, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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Jaques Schwarz-Bart will be at La Mama May 1 and 2 and St. Lucia Jazz festival May 4 with his Jazz Racine Haiti band.
Photo by William Farrington

Worlds will overlap at St. Lucia Festival

By William Farrington

When jazz saxophonist Jacques Schwarz-Bart lifts his horn to his lips, he is calling the spirits. His current project, 'Jazz Racine Haiti,' explores the depths of the source of Jazz and Haitian Vodoo. The two worlds rarely overlap, heightening the anticipation at Sub Culture, before the album's U.S. unveiling in March.

The a capella voice of Rozna Zila broke the silence in the noho music space as the band assembled on the darkened stage. Greeting Legba and the spirits with 'Ago eh' (open the gate) before being joined by percussionist Bonga, and Jacques on tenor sax. 'Ago eh' merged into a traditional song 'Badé Zilé' built around a ritual chant. Joined by the full band it opened with a theme intro-

duced by pianist Milan Milanovic and taken up softly by Jacques on tenor sax and Mike Rodriguez on trumpet, before Rozna returned.

The trumpet/sax interaction is a point the music came back to over the course of the evening. "I have been trying to develop situations where you have extended collective blowing," Jacques told Caribbean

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A native son's emotional journey to Tanzania

"Tanzania: A Journey Within"

Excellent (4 stars)

Unrated

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By Kam Williams

After finishing high school, Venance Ndibalema made the most of an opportunity to leave Tanzania to study physics and philosophy at the University of Miami. Now, he's ready to visit his homeland for the first time in years, a trip likely to prove traumatic, given the changes both he and the country have undergone during the interim.

Accompanying him on the eventful return to Dar es Salaam is Kristen Kenney, a fellow Miami alumnus who's never been to Africa. A child of privilege, she must brace herself for the culture shock

involved in adjusting to modest accommodations sans most of the modern conveniences she's always taken for granted.

The subsequent sojourn is the subject of "Tanzania: A Journey Within," a documentary chronicling Venance and Kristen's emotional and physical challenges along the way. Directed by Sylvia Caminer, the picture is worth watching for the spectacular visuals and anthropological insights alone, given the off-road trekker's point-of-view it affords the audience of everything from Mount Kilimanjaro to the Serengeti Plains.

However, proving just as compelling is the badinage between Venance and Kristen, as well as their chats with everyone they encounter. He enjoys a reunion with his BFF William, and searches for a sibling he hasn't seen in over a decade. Meanwhile, Kristen experiences a sense of exhilaration at exploring new places and



Tanzanian Venance Ndibalema and American Kristen Kenne during their visit to Tanzania.

at being so close to nature, at least until she becomes deathly-ill during a bout with Malaria.

Nevertheless, she has to admit that she'd grown up in the lap of luxury, so spoiled, in fact that she

never even had to cook her own food. By contrast, Venance reflects upon the harshness of formative years spent fatherless in abject poverty exacerbated by his HIV+ mother's being shunned by her neighbors until the day she finally lost her battle with AIDS.

Lessons? "We learn through hardship," Ven rhapsodizes, adding, "If there were no fathers on the planet, I would never have known I needed a father to be a man." As for Kristen, she finds it hard to leave Africa, "because you get so close to the people so fast." She also comes away appreciating that "they don't care about status. They just care about you."

"I was soulless before this trip," the grateful debutante concedes. "This is the real world I was searching for." Africa from the perspectives of a "Native Son" returning to his roots and of a blue-eyed sister transformed by an unexpected catalyst for spiritual growth.

Independent & Foreign Films

Blue Ruin (R for profanity and graphic violence) Macabre thriller about a beach bum (Macon Blair) who returns to his hometown to carry out an act of vengeance only to botch the assassination attempt and end up having to defend his suddenly-imperiled family. With Devin Ratray, Amy Hargreaves and Eve Plumb.

For No Good Reason (R for profanity, drug content and sexual images) Reverential documentary about Ralph Steadman, the British cartoonist best known for his collaborations with the late, gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson. Featuring file footage plus appearances by Johnny Depp, Terry Gilliam and Jann Wenner.

From the Rough (PG for mature themes and mild epithets) Taraji P. Henson stars in this biopic about Catana Starks, the African-American trailblazer who made history in the mid-Eighties by becoming head coach of Tennessee State's golf team. With Letoya Luckett, Tom Felton and the late Michael Clarke Duncan. Gambit (PG-13 for suggestive material, partial nudity and a rude gesture) Crime comedy about



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

an art curator (Colin Firth) who conspires with a Texas rodeo queen (Cameron Diaz) to trick his abusive, filthy-rich boss (Alan Rickman) into buying a fake Monet. Cast includes Stanley Tucci, Cloris Leachman and Togo Igawa. (In English and Japanese with subtitles)

The German Doctor (PG-13 for mature themes and brief nudity) True tale, set in Patagonia in 1960, about an Argentinean family who had no idea it was living with Nazi fugitive Josef Mengele (Alex Brendemuhl), the wanted war criminal known as the Angel of Death. Co-starring Natalia Oreiro, Diego Peretti and Florencia Bado.

Jeune et Jolie (Unrated) Coming-of-age drama about a 17-year-old virgin (Marine Vacth) who turns to prostitution after being deflowered by a German boy (Lucas Prisor) she meets while on vacation with her parents (Frederic Pierrot and Geraldine Pailhas) in the south of France. With

Charlotte Rampling, Nathalie Richard and Akela Sari. (In French with subtitles)

Last Passenger (R for profanity) Suspense thriller about the struggle for survival by passengers on a hijacked, London commuter train whose emergency brake doesn't work. Starring Doug-ray Scott, Kara Tointon and Iddo Goldberg.

Locke (R for pervasive profanity) Distracted driving drama, set in England, about a construction foreman (Tom Hardy) whose life is irreversibly altered by a series of phone calls he receives while driving from Birmingham to London. With Olivia Colman, Ruth Wilson and Andrew Scott.

Tanzania: A Journey Within (Unrated) Road documentary chronicling a vacation shared by a couple of University of Miami grads, one, an African returning to his humble roots, the other, an American debutante visiting the continent for the first time.

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Jason Derulo Feat. 2 Chainz
- 5 **Team**
Lorde
- 6 **Pompeii**
Bastille
- 7 **Counting Stars**
OneRepublic
- 8 **Best Day Of My Life**
American Authors
- 9 **Not A Bad Thing**
Justin Timberlake
- 10 **Story Of My Life**
One Direction

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **Frozen**
Soundtrack
- 2 **SoMo**
SoMo
- 3 **G I R L**
Pharrell Williams
- 4 **Welcome To The New**
MercyMe
- 5 **Catacombs Of The Black**
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- 6 **She Looks So Perfect (EP)**
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Jazz Racine Haiti

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Life after the show “like on the tag on ‘Vaudou Zepole’ (a traditional piece from the album). Playing over the progressions (With trumpet player Mike Rodriguez), part of it is dialogue, part is harmony, part is rhythmical.”

Music from ‘Jazz Racine Haiti’ fall into two categories interpretations of traditionals based on voodoo chants and original compositions dedicated to a particular spirit.

‘Sept Fé’ dedicated to Oku, a turbulent spirit, falls into the later category. The song in 7/4 meter careened back and forth between pianist Milan Milanovic and drummer Ari Hoenig, heightening, chaotic nature of the spirit answered by a solo from Jacques, he rocked back and forth while the intensity built and he distilled notes down to single repeated phrase.

Kouzin is an arrangement of ritual chant calling to Kouzen Zaka, the god of nature. It makes use of silence, a pause that is longer than the motif itself. The silence is an integral part of the voodoo ceremony, calling out and letting the universe respond. In this context Jacques says “opening the door for the energy to hit you back.”

Soon after arriving in New York, 17 years ago, percussionist Bonga and Jacques would find themselves playing together and talking about jazz and voodoo music. The idea for this project was born in those conversations. Jacques was born in Guadeloupe and his first musical experience was on the Gwoka drum. Bonga is a voodoo priest from Port au Prince who was playing in Walkers house band. While voodoo was the origin of jazz, they discovered that jazz guys had no knowledge of voodoo, and voodoo musicians had no idea of composition. The few Haitian jazz musicians at the time were not interested in including ritual chants in their music.

In a sense, Mr. Schwarz-Bart is using the language of jazz, uniting what is implicit (the acknowledgement of past masters), in order to shine a light of understanding on what is explicit in the ritual music. “Voodoo music is so melodic, intricate and majestic it can only be compared to opera, it should be called Afro Caribbean classical music.”

Jazz Racine Haiti will next perform two shows at La Mama in the east village May 1 and 2 before heading to St. Lucia for a jazz festival show May 4, in the south at Rudy John beach.



Jacques Schwarz-Bart performing with trumpeter Mike Rodriguez, vocalist Rozna Zila and his Jazz Racine Haiti band at the band's New York album release party at Sub Culture. photo William Farrington

By William Farrington

The band included Rozna Zila, vocals; Gaston Jean Baptiste “Bonga” percussion; Milan Milanovic, piano; Mike Rodriguez, trumpet; Jacques Schwarz-Bart, tenor sax; Ari Hoenig, drums; Ben Williams, bass; and Sara Charles guest vocalist.



Participants of the Men Who Cook event.

Photo by Lem Peterkin

Brothers

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inviting me to play the violin, my mother asked me if I knew what the violin was. I responded, ‘Yea, you put it on your shoulder and it makes pretty sounds,’ she said.

She has been making and perfecting ‘pretty sounds’ since that day. “The intermix in her music is an innovative, Jazz infused take on contemporize soul,” she explains. She has had the privilege of collaborating with outstanding professional Artist such as Wynnton Marsalis and Quincy Jones, to name a few. Violinist Noel Pointer, Regina Parker, Nina Simone and Ella Fitzgerald are some of

her preferred artist. She says that the highest compliment she has received is the comparison of her scatting to that of Ella Fitzgerald. Charisa has performed at Jazz festivals throughout the country and won grand prizes in both the McDonald Gospel Fest Competition and the West Oak Lane Jazz Festival competition in Philadelphia, and much more.

Family relationships are extremely important to Charisa. She has an older brother and a younger sister who plays the Cello. She attributes her success to unwavering family support. She says that having ability is not enough, “it must be cultivated. It takes practice and parents willing to make sacrifices to get children where they want to be.

Folk Arts Institute

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“Proper documenting of the history of the steel band movement in New York would be seriously flawed without the input of Caldera Caraballo,” said Les Slater, chair of the Folk Arts Institute. “He was scheduled once before to share the fascinating details of his pan odyssey, but had to unavoidably miss that commitment. The May 2 exercise is significant, above all, from a documentation standpoint.”

Originally associated with the Casablanca band, one of the celebrated groups in the early history of steel band culture in Port of Spain, Caraballo became a New York transplant from Trinidad in 1956. It wasn't long before he had established himself as a gifted player as well as possessing the foresight and smarts to make inroads for the new steel band sound in other areas of the wider entertainment sphere. Those ambitions led to Caraballo signing on with Harry Belafonte when the latter was at the top of his game as an entertainer. Caraballo would work with

such headliners as singer Miriam Makeba, legendary jazz guitarist Charlie Byrd, jazz saxophonist Sonny Stitt and trumpeter Louis Jordan, among others.

Caraballo was one of the early steel band figures to formally become a member of New York's music community as a member of the musicians' union, Local 802. This facilitated access for both himself as a solo performer and subsequently the band he formed, to premium entertainment venues in the city such as Roxy Theater, the Waldorf Astoria and Carnegie Hall.

In later years Caraballo was the organizer of concerts in New York featuring major steel orchestras from Trinidad and Tobago. One of those concerts saw the historic pairing of the Casablanca Steel Orchestra and the Brooklyn Philharmonic. He also became a board member of West Indian American Day Carnival Association, organizers of the Labor Day Carnival in Brooklyn, in which capacity he was coordinator of the Steel Band Panorama.

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SAT., APR. 26

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Blackbirds prepare for outdoor meet

By Robert Elkin

Let's make it two for two during the 2014 track and field team at Long Island University-Brooklyn. First the Blackbirds from downtown Brooklyn captured the indoor title of the Northeast College Conference during the winter and are now during the spring continuing their success and goal of taking the league's outdoor title come this May.

They want to make it two for two on the men's side. Head Coach Simon Hodnett and his staff consisting of assistant coaches Leroy Solomon and Michael Robinson, head women's assistant track coach Janine Davis, and graduate assistant coach Robert Barnes turned in a tremendous job with their student athletes by capturing the indoor men's meet and by finishing runner-up with the women's team.

Now their job is to repeat with the men's outdoor team title, and if they do so, it will also mark the first ever for the men's in the school's conference history. They also want to take their females up another step.

The competitors certainly feel that they could accomplish both.

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Barbados still champs

By Azad Ali

Barbados was crowned Regional Four-Day Champions after Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago "Red Force" played to a draw on the rain-hit final day of their match at the Guyana National Stadium on Monday.

Barbados, the defending champions captured their 22nd first class title. They took the WICB President's Trophy after topping the table with 82 points while the "Red Force" ended runners-up with 80 points.

Starting the day needing a victory to overtake Barbados and clinch top honors, the "Red Force" was left disappointed after rain allowed just 29 overs, forcing the match to be called off late in the day.

Captain Leon Johnson was unbeaten on

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New York Red Bulls captain Thierry Henry dribbles the ball during a MLS soccer game against the D.C. United, in Harrison, N.J.
AP Photo/Julio Cortez, file

Red Bulls beat Philadelphia Union 2-1

By Patrick Horne

The waiting game is over for the New York Red Bulls! The team registered its first MLS win this season with a 2-1 victory over the visiting Philadelphia Union last Wednesday night, April 16 at Red Bull Arena in Harrison (NJ).

So what was different in the second half of last Wednesday night's game? Maybe it was a lambasting at half time from head coach Mike Pekte, who had seen a fruitless first half that resembled other first halves so far this season; or was it the fact that 14,768 loyal fans who

came out to support the team on a chilly mid-week night; whatever the reason, the Red Bulls were a different team in the second half.

New York (1-2-4, 7 pts.) forged forward literally from the outset of the second

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New York Red Bulls Lloyd Sam, left, struggles for possession of the ball with Montreal Impact Andres Romero during first half of an MLS soccer game in Montreal, Saturday, April 5, 2014. AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Peter McCabe, file

Bulls rebound after dismal first half

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period and forced goals by Captain Thierry Henry and midfielder Lloyd Sam. The Red Bulls played with much urgency and by the 57th minute, Henry tapped in a Roy Miller cross from the left wing; ten minutes later, it was midfielder Lloyd Sam, who headed in an Eric Alexander cross from the same side to give the home team a 2-0 lead. Former Red Bull Sebastien Le Toux scored from the penalty spot for the Union in the 80th minute. The Red Bulls go in search of its second win when it hosts the Houston Dynamo on Wednesday night, April 23, at 7:30 p.m.

AROUND MLS

In the Western Conference last Saturday, FC Dallas and new coach Oscar Pareda got their fifth win in seven attempts when the home team defeated Toronto FC, 2-1, at Toyota Stadium. After an evenly played first half that ended, 1-1, it took a Blas Pérez goal in the 88th minute to pull off the win. Issey Nakajima-Farran scored to put Toronto ahead early in the first half, before Matt

Hedges equalized for Dallas by half time. The stage was set for Pérez's winner.

The Vancouver Whitecaps and the Los Angeles Galaxy played to a 2-2 draw at B.C. Place. Stefan Ishizaki helped the Galaxy forge ahead, 1-0, in the 38th minute for a slim half time, but in the 67th minute, Darren Mattocks equalized for Vancouver. Los Angeles stormed back on a Robbie Keane goal to go ahead again, 2-1. Kekuta Manneh's shot late in the contest got the draw for the Whitecaps.

Also on the West coast, host Real Salt Lake topped winless Portland Timbers, 1-0. Ned Grabavoy scored for RSL in the 78th minute for the only score of the game at Rio Tinto Stadium. The Seattle Sounders visited the StubHub Center in Los Angeles and came away with a 2-1 win over host Chivas USA. Obafemi Martins scored the winner five minutes from the end. Erick Torres scored at the five-minute mark for Chivas USA and Lamar Neagle equalized minutes after. Martins combined U.S. Captain Clint Dempsey for the winner. Host Colorado Rapids and the San Jose Earthquakes played

to a scoreless draw at Dick's Sporting Goods Park.

In the Eastern Conference, defending MLS cup champion Sporting Kansas City walloped winless Montreal Impact, 4-0, at Sporting Park. Dom Dwyer scored twice and defender Aurelien Collin once to lead Kansas City. Kansas' other goal came from an own-goal by Impact player Calum Mal-lace. At Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, the Crew tied DC United, 1-1, on a goal by Hector Jiménez in the 90th minute; DC United was searching for its third straight win and almost got it, as it led most of the way on a goal by Fabián Espín-dola in the 30th minute.

Host Chicago Fire and the New England Revolution played to a 1-1 draw at Toyota Park. Quincy Amarikwa put the Fire ahead, 1-0, in the 16th minute before he was red carded in the second half and left to Fire a layer short. Lee Nguyen equalized for New England 15 minutes after from the penalty spot after defender Kevin Alston was tripped in the penalty area by Fire midfielder Patrick Nyarko. With the score tied, Revolu-

tion goalkeeper Bobby Shuttleworth stopped Juan Luis Anangonó's penalty in the 90th-minute that could have given Chicago its first win of the season. Meanwhile, the Philadelphia Union and the Houston Dynamo played to a goalless draw at PPL Park just outside Philadelphia.

UNITED FIRES MOYES

Famed English club Manchester United fired manager David Moyes with only four games to play in his initial season with the club. United, the defending champions of the English Premier League and not accustomed to losing, lost patience with Moyes, who seemed not up to the job. Moyes was brought in from Everton FC, another Premier League club, after legendary coach Sir Alex Ferguson retired last season. The results were very poor as the defending champion is mired in seventh place in the Premiership, missed out on all the trophies this year, including the prestigious English FA Cup, and will not qualify for next year's European Championship's League.

Chirping Blackbirds

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Led by double winners Brendan Rodney in the 60-meter dash (with a time of 6.881) and 200 meters (21.48), long jumper Adam Walker-Khan (6.95 meters) and triple jump (14.96), the Blackbirds scored 125 points in a field of 10 colleges for the men. The females scored 102 points, good for second place, in a field of nine colleges. The men accomplished the feat of winning the team title with hard work and practice without an indoor track and field facility on campus.

Now they are even hungry for an outdoor team to do the same.

Going into the meet, the men's team felt very confident that they could win the whole thing, according to their coaches and competitors.

In preparation for the outdoor championship, the coaches entered the team into the Larry Ellis Invitational Track and Field meet at Princeton University last Friday and Saturday. The directors and Invitational committee had close to 100 college teams and clubs combined to compete on its ground.

If the Blackbirds capture the NEC Outdoor Meet it would mark their first ever such league crown in their history. And Brendon Rodney is capable of breaking the college record of 20.78 which he set in Boston earlier this year.

Highlighting action for the Blackbirds in the Princeton Meet, was Elijah Taylor who turned with a 4:07.95 time for 12th place

in Section 3 of the 1500 meters thus becoming the first Blackbird to finish in this event and Adam Walker-Khan who cleared 21-9 in the long jump for 11th place and wound up overall eighth in the 400 meter hurdles. Teammate Rodney finished second overall in the 200-meter dash in 21.52.

On the field, Kemar Lewis a native of Kingston, Jamaica finished fifth with a leap of 6-8 ¼ in the high jump and Amir Armstrong who won the triple jump with a leap of 48-10 ¼.

On the distaff side, Katrina Anderson's 4:41.13 earned her top finisher for LIU in Section 2 of the women's 1500, and overall finished seventh in her event.

"I'm not complaining but overall I'm happy with the time," said Taylor.

Coming off winning the indoor championships the competitors feel that they can do very well in the upcoming conference meet. They are all capable of doing it. Everybody has to bring their 'A' game to the meet, and if they minimize their mistakes, they will just be fine.

"We are very excited about going to the meet," said Alistar McLean, who was timed in 48.74, which earned him second place in the second section. "We'll try to stay focused."

"It felt good to win my section of the 100, and finish second overall and we look ahead to the league meet," added sprinter Eric Williams, who was timed in 10.84. "We had good competition."

Cricket

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30 and nightwatchman Devendra Bishoo, not out at the time on 25, when time ran on for the match to continue.

The "Red Force" demise gifted Barbados the title following the defending champions' trouncing of the Leeward Islands by an innings and 49 runs at the Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua last Sunday.



Barbados and West Indies' cricketer Kirk Edwards. AP Photo/Rajnish Kakade, file

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WICB must act quickly to redeem itself

West Indies Cricket Board must act swiftly to regain the confidence of the region after the West Indies Cricket team failed to regain the Twenty20 ICC trophy. West Indies lost to Sri Lanka in the semi-final in a rain affected match. What has to take place is a general review of the state of West Indies players. Although many of the players are very talented, the manner in which these talents are exhibited do not create too many victories for the team.

Some players are not fully equipped to overcome the challenges that they face on the field. Sri Lanka defeating the West Indies in the semi-final was a clear indication of sporadic quality of the West Indies team. The 2014 Twenty20 champions displayed intense cricket. It was not the West Indies day.

Sri Lanka controlled the momentum of the game from the start to when the rain came. To back up Sri



Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Lanka's superb batting, their bowlers started with some hostility, which removed Chris Gayle, Dwayne Smith, Lendl Simmons and Dwayne Bravo.

West Indies must focus on two categories mainly, Test Cricket and One-Day International. Samuel Badree and Krishmar Santokie should be playing One-Day International. West Indies have top bowlers who can create havoc on any top batsman. Badree, Narine and Santokie are not only Twenty20 cricketers but they are suitable for all the other categories of the game.

The West Indies selectors ought to demonstrate better choices when selecting teams for the One-Day International and Test matches. Tino Best and

Kemar Roach are suitable Test match players in the bowling department along with the spinners. The composition of the team greatly determines the outcome of the game. A well balanced squad with the appropriate bowlers and batters for the specific game stand a better chance of winning. Much more efforts must be made by coach, captain and selectors. Some form of consistency must be shown by the West Indies cricket team.

West Indies' batsman Lendl Simmons, right, fist-bumps with teammate Chris Gayle on scoring a half century during their ICC Twenty20 Cricket World Cup match against Australia in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Friday, March 28, 2014. AP Photo/Aijaz Rahi



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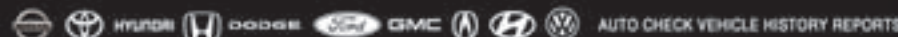
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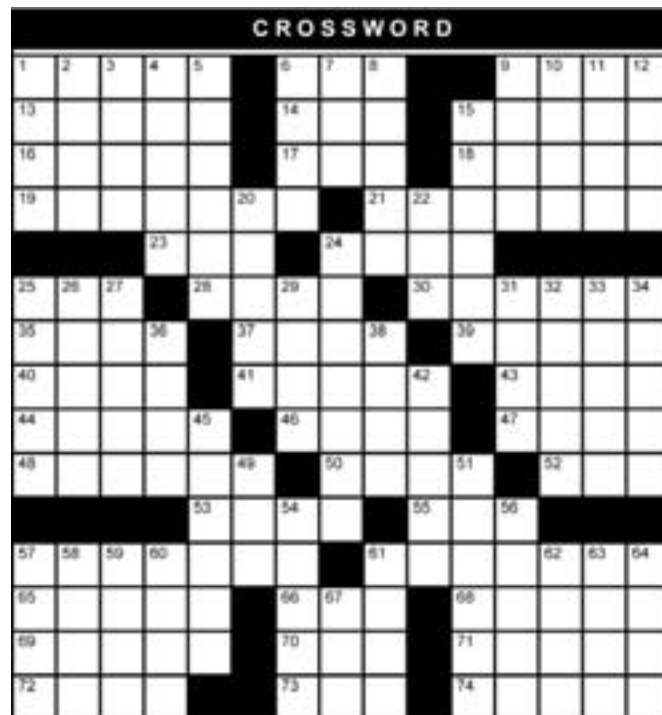
1. Swahili or Zulu
6. French lake
9. Marcel Marceau, e.g.
13. Type of squash
14. In the past
15. Engaged for a fee
16. Considered a representative of Allah
17. Month of Pearl Harbor attack
18. African antelope
19. *Chelsea's politically-minded mother
21. Funeral rite
23. Tell tall tale
24. Can of worms
25. Corn holder
28. Raneé's husband
30. Popular pet rodent
35. Acted like
37. Leave behind
39. Spacious
40. "Just along for the _____"
41. *"_____ Mia!"
43. Heroes
44. On the rocks
46. Nervous biter's victim
47. Fit of shivering
48. "A Series of Unfortunate Events" author
50. The Three Tenors, e.g.

52. He is
53. Lunch stop
55. *Rob to new mom Kim Kardashian
57. *Minnelli's mother
61. One who moves from place to place
65. Bay window
66. *Biblical matriarch Sarah had this many children
68. More capable
69. Like a wave caused by the moon
70. Shot _____ in track and field
71. Japanese-American
72. Door fastener
73. Type of wood often used for furniture
74. Walk loudly

DOWN

1. Johann Sabastian _____
2. Popular smoothie berry
3. Winningest Super Bowl coach
4. Do-re-do-re-do-re-do-re, e.g.
5. Like life, according to some
6. *Juliet's mother, _____ Capulet
7. Often checked in a bar
8. Warming winter beverage
9. 5,280 feet
10. Saudi Arabia's neighbor
11. MaÔtre d's list
12. *Christian Science founder,

- Mary Baker _____
15. *Scarlet letter-wearing mother
20. Camelot, to Arthur
22. Tom Hanks' 1988 movie
24. "Fragrant" rice
25. *Brady mom
26. Offer two cents
27. Obscure
29. **"Mommy Dearest"
31. Parks or Luxemburg
32. When it breaks, the cradle will fall
33. Permeate
34. Plural of "lysis"
36. Art style popular in 1920s and 1930s
38. Arab chieftain
42. Cover story
45. Ultimate goal
49. Japanese capital
51. Liver or kidney, e.g.
54. Parkinson's disease drug
56. Lunar path
57. Music style with gloomy lyrics
58. "Tosca" tune
59. Purges
60. _____ year
61. Made in "Breaking Bad"
62. Additionally
63. Indian Lilac
64. Stumble
67. Greek letter N, pl.



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You are in a position of power this week, Aries. But this doesn't mean you can impose your will onto someone else. Don't try to take over any situation.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, someone might dredge up uncomfortable feelings, but you need to muddle through with a smile on your face. This is the case at home and at work.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, separate your personal and professional lives, particularly with regard to potentially contentious issues. You may want to keep mum for a while.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, make your feelings known when something upsets you this week. Sharing these feelings will benefit you and your friends and colleagues now and in the future.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, your feelings of restlessness this week can benefit from a creative outlet. Engage in an activity that keeps your hands and your mind busy, such as a craft or a home project.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, minimize any negative energy this week. Strive to be a source of optimism when others are looking at the glass as half empty. It can work wonders.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, after several days of working entirely off of adrenaline, you finally have some time to kick back and relax. This will help you recharge your internal battery.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Your motivation is very strong this week, Scorpio. You can accomplish much more than you ever expected in a short period of time. Pick your projects wisely.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you are unable to convey some feelings to others, but your body language will go a long way toward getting your message across. Remain conscious of your actions.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
One of your goals this week is to propel yourself further without pushing others too hard, Capricorn. You want to be successful but not at the expense of others.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, focus on practical matters, such as your career goals, for the time being. Crucial decisions must be made and new relationships must be fostered.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, trust your gut instincts on an issue that has been puzzling you this week. Your intuition might be your best asset.

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Index No.: 51129/14
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parties in this action.
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Index No.: 11474/05
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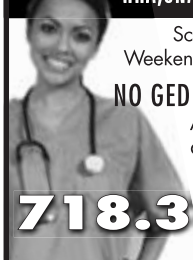
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