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U.S., Grenada sign energy security initiative

By Nelson A. King

As part of the Caribbean Energy Security Initiative, the United States says it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Grenada to “promote a cleaner and more secure energy future in the Caribbean.”

The U.S. Department of States said on Wednesday that Acting Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs, Amos Hochstein, and Grenadian Ambassador to the United States E. Angus Friday signed the agreement here on Aug. 27.

“The United States will work with Grenada on a pilot program that seeks to develop and apply a visionary approach to improving its energy sector, which includes integrating policy and regulatory reforms, and encouraging private sector investment in environmentally responsible and economically sustainable technologies,” said the State Department in a statement, adding that the MOU was announced by Prime Minister of Grenada Dr. Keith Mitchell at the Third U.N. Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in Apia, Samoa, on Sept. 1.

“This cooperation, which is integral to the Caribbean Energy Security Initiative announced by Vice President (Joseph) Biden,

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History maker

Rodneyse Bichotte became the first Haitian American to win a state Assembly primary. With the win, she'll likely take the seat in the November election. For complete coverage of Tuesday's vote, **see page 3**. Photo courtesy Rodneyse Bichotte

GUYANA BRIBE SCANDAL

Aussie miners: Kickbacks ordered

By Bert Wilkenson

An Australian mining company preparing to open a large-scale mine in Guyana has unwittingly handed the opposition a key elections issue on a platter by publicly condemning demands by government officials for bribes and inducements to help it get things done in the mineral-rich country.

Thanks to the successful filing of a no confidence motion by the seven-seat Alliance for Change (AFC) last month, general elections could be held later this year or early next year depending on whether parliament reconvenes from its summer break and votes on the issue in early October or whether the governing Indolent People's Progressive Party (PPP) decides to call an early date or not.

This week, Perth, Australia-based Troy Resources said in a statement that it absolutely won't pay any bribes to government officials and regulators to get things done in relation to a large gold mine it is preparing to open in the west of the country near Venezuela next year.

This is so because it is still subjected to Australian laws on graft, transparency, and corruption whether or not it is at home or outside of its Australian home base.

It is unclear whether company officials knew what kind of impact the company statement would have as nearly every group in the country, be it religious, political or civic, has complained about the level of graft and greed among top PPP officials

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Bichotte makes history with win over Tulloch

By Nelson A. King

A Haitian American candidate made history on Tuesday night by becoming the first politician of Haitian descent to win the Democratic Party Primary Election for a seat in the New York State Legislature.

Rodneyse Bichotte, who was born and raised in Brooklyn to Haitian immigrants, handsomely defeated Jamaican-born economist and accountant Rickie Tulloch by 20 percentage points to win the primary in the 42nd State Assembly District in Brooklyn.

Since New York is heavily Democratic, winners in the primary are considered shoo-ins to win the general elections in November.

With 100 percent of the polling precincts reported, Bischotte, who was the District Leader of the 42nd State Assembly District, garnered 47.4 percent, or 2,669 votes, to Tulloch's 29.7 percent, or 1,592 votes.

The other candidates in the race were Haitian Michele Adolphe, who received 800 voters, or 14 percent, and Guyanese Victor Jordan, who received 306 votes, or 5.7 percent.

"We did it!" exclaimed Bichotte. "I am humbled and exceedingly grateful to have received the confidence of the people of the 42nd Assembly District to serve as their next assemblywoman."

"Our success today at the polls would not be possible without the support and effort of a dedicated team of volunteers, campaign staff, and supporters who came together to make today's victory possible," she added.

Bichotte said during the past few months leading to Tuesday's victory, her campaign was able to put togeth-

er a widespread coalition of elected officials, unions, clergy and non-profits, "who believe that our community is in dire need of leadership in the state Assembly that will put their best interests at heart."

Tulloch had received the endorsement of the retiring Assemblywoman Rhoda Jacobs, whose 42nd Assembly District comprises Flatbush, East Flatbush and Midwood, among other Brooklyn neighborhoods.

But while Bichotte was successful at the polls, another Haitian American candidate was unsuccessful.

Lawyer and educator Rubain Dorancy lost soundly to another lawyer, African American Jesse Hamilton, for the 20th Senatorial District in Brooklyn.

Hamilton, the former legal counsel for Eric Adams who vacated the seat when he was elected Borough President, received 9,090 votes or 64.9 percent to Dorancy's 4,189 votes, or 29.9 percent. The other candidate, Haitian Guillermo Philpotts received 728 votes, or 5.2 percent.

"I'm glad that I ran on an issues-driven campaign," Dorancy told the Caribbean Media Corporation at his campaign headquarters on Nostrand Avenue in Brooklyn on Tuesday night.

"The most important thing is that the community's voices were heard," he added. "At the end of the day, the voters carried out the vote. I feel relieved."

Hamilton, on the other hand, said he was "humbled and honored by the trust voters have placed in me tonight, and I'll spend every day in Albany (the state's capital) working to live up to it."

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Some members of VincyCares take a minute out from the school-supplies drive to pose for Caribbean Life.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Popular Vincentian group holds successful school-supply drive

By Nelson A. King

The popular Internet-based Vincentian group, VincyCares, has expressed great satisfaction with its recent fund-raising drive to provide school supplies for primary school children in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

"VincyCares' dream is to make sure that school supplies do not come between a child and his or her education, thus leveling the playing field for more equal opportunity for a proper education," VincyCares president Franklyn "Supadex" Richards told Caribbean Life after the group staged its latest drive on Aug. 30 at Standard Shippers in Brooklyn.

The shipping company is owned by Vincentian native Gideon "Fessy" Yorke.

Richards, who hails from Calder, said the purpose of the annual drive, named after VincyCares' late board member Taswya Cambridge,

is aimed at providing school supplies to every needy child in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

"VincyCares' dream is to make sure that school supplies do not come between a child and his or her education."

"This year's event was much bigger and better than previous years, which adds to the trend of a growing support from the Vincentian and non-Vincentian community in the Diaspora," said Richards about the fifth annual event.

"This year also saw a wider variety of local dishes — blackfish, roast breadfruit, bakes, saltfish, tri tri cake, conch, peleau, crab and callaloo, bread and cassava pudding, corn soup, and bread nut," he added

about the mouth-watering delicacies.

Richards said most of the food was contributed by supporters, and well as well wishers and members of VincyCares.

Additionally, he said the sound system was supplied — free of charge — by Nolan Bulze, of the Brooklyn-based Vincentian band Solid, with DJs SupaEyes, Kemmy, Yung Hova, Bajan King, and Blondie, and announcer Atiba Williams.

"It was a festive mood that saw Vincentians from as far as California coming to Brooklyn to support a worthy cause," said Richards, adding soca artistes Luta and Fireman were also on hand in giving the crowd "a mini performance leading up to the show that Saturday night" at Café Omar in Brooklyn.

He said VincyCares has successfully distributed school supplies to every primary school in St. Vincent

and the Grenadines "and is continuing the trend to supply school supplies where they are needed."

In addition to school supplies, he said VincyCares has awarded nine scholarships to student throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines "and will continue to provide scholarships as long as the general public continues to support our cause."

"We have seen firsthand the impact the scholarships have on the students' overall performance, which further strengthen our determination to help those we can to better their lives, hence their future," Richards said.

"The best part of this whole experience is to see how hard the Board of Directors and members came together and worked tirelessly and unselfishly for the future of the children of St. Vincent and the Grenadines," he added.

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THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Antigua

The Antigua and Barbuda government says more than 12 major conglomerates in China have expressed interest in doing business in the Caribbean state.

During a recent visit to China, Prime Minister Gaston Browne told a group of chief executive officers and presidents of corporations attached to the Department of Commerce of Shandong Province that Antigua is part of a network of trade agreements that allow goods to enter the European Union, Canada and the United States.



“Antigua and Barbuda has a stable investment environment. When you invest in our country, there is no need to worry about a fall in the value of your products, in fact value will increase instead,” Browne said in a statement. He said investing in Antigua and Barbuda is also a gateway to other markets within Latin American and the Caribbean.

Deputy Director General of Shandong Department of Commerce, Yan Zhaowan said that Chinese business leaders were impressed with Browne’s presentations and the economic possibilities in Antigua and Barbuda, the statement said. Yan said his division sees the possibility of investing in tourism, information communication technology (ICT), agriculture and manufacturing.

Dominica

Dominica says while it will not impose a travel ban on people arriving from Africa, it will screen new students arriving in the country from West Africa where an outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus has resulted in more than 1,000 deaths.



Chief Medical Officer Dr. David Johnson, speaking on the state-owned DBS radio, said



First family flies

The DeBlasio family jumps and waves at the West Indian American Day Carnival on Labor Day. See story on page 44.

Photo by Paul Martinka

that a meeting had been held involving various stakeholders to look at the threat to the island, for which there is no known cure.

Dr. Johnson said that the advice is that “we cannot go down the route of imposing travel restrictions at this time.”

“So we would not advise any restriction on travel or on trade at this time,” he said noting that a screening questionnaire for West African nationals entering Dominica would be implemented.

He said based on the information provided during the screening process “we will take it to the next level in terms of isolation and management of those individuals.”

The chief medical officer said

several countries, including Dominica, were now seeking to establish the appropriate isolation facilities to manage any case that may occur.

There are several students from Africa and Nigeria who attend medical school in Dominica.

Haiti

The United Nations has launched the second phase of a vaccination campaign against cholera in Haiti where health officials say more than 8,000 people have died since the outbreak in 2010.

The campaign initiated and implemented by the Haitian authorities until September, is part of the broader framework of the national plan for the elimination of cholera

in Haiti.

It aims to vaccinate 200,000 people living in the communes where the disease persists in particular the department of Artibonite.

Earlier this year, nearly 1,500 Haitians filed a lawsuit in the United States seeking compensation from the United Nations for victims of the cholera outbreak that sickened more than 600,000 people.

They claim that the disease was brought to the country by the UN peacekeepers from Nepal, where the disease is endemic.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon rejected a previous claim for



compensation for cholera victims, citing diplomatic immunity, but announced a US\$2.27 billion initiative to help eradicate cholera in Haiti in December 2012.

In August 2013, a similar vacation campaign was conducted by the Haitian government with the support of the United Nations and was able to reach a population of about 107,000 people.

Grenada

Grenada’s Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell says the decision by St. George’s University (SGU) in Grenada to inject more than EC\$700 million into an expansion program will have enormous impact for the university and for the country.

Dr. Mitchell said since returning to office a year and a half ago his administration has been working diligently to improve the business climate in Grenada and “we have vigorously promoted new investments.”

He said it is in this new environment the university, which has been operational in Grenada for the past 40 years, “has attracted such a huge and unprecedented new deal.”



Dr. Mitchell said among the new investments will be the establishment of a teaching hospital, noting “such a venture will open a new frontier in medical research and technology and provide training for generations of medical practitioners.”

Guyana

The Opposition grouping, A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) has called on President Donald Ramotar to uphold the pledge he made to hold local government elections “within one year of the 2011 general election.”

Local government elections were

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Greener Grenada pact

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 during his trip to the region in June, will serve as an example to lead the way to a cleaner energy future for the Caribbean region and for small islands around the globe," it continued.

"The best practices and lessons learned from the comprehensive energy reform approach in Grenada will be helpful to other islands looking to reform their energy sector in support of environmental, economic, and social objectives," the statement said.

The State Department said the United States is "committed" to working with SIDS on "critical global issues," including climate change and ocean conservation, as well as the islands' sustainable development, energy security, food security and health issues.



Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell.
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Bribes

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 and their audacious displays of wealth on a daily basis.

Troy Resources more than hinted that some key documents officials should have signed off on already have not been attended to expeditiously so it took the unusual step of going public with its complaint in a newspaper advertisement about plans for the mine and the way it operates at home and abroad.

"It should be noted that any form of payment or inducement to individuals and organizations to expedite, seek favors, get unfair

advantage or to circumvent official procedures in any country of operation is unlawful under Australian corporate law and any breach is regarded as a serious crime which may result in a prison sentence for any company officer engaging in this practice."

The statement comes as the firm announced that it has already spent \$5 million on heavy duty equipment it would need at its mine in the western jungles while it awaits the signing of its mineral agreement with government to allow it to expedite the construction of its mine site and begin mining as planned in 2015.

The firm recently announced that it had secured \$87 million in financing to build its open pit mine, plants, and tailings waste ponds but warned that it is not in the habit of paying inducements to get things done.

The miners association of which the company is a member chimed in this week saying that it is quite "aware of the frustrations" Troy is experiencing, noting that it has raised the issue at recent meetings with executives.

Spokesman Colin Sparman said that the company "has faced a lot of hurdles but is determined not to bribe anyone to get things

done. They have told us that they don't do things that way and are very frustrated with the red tape in Guyana," Sparman said.

Opposition parties and rights groups have persistently complained about the level of corruption in the country. The issue is the main reason a parliamentary opposition party successfully filed a no confidence motion against government last month. The issue is to be debated in the opposition controlled 65-member parliament in early October. A successful vote will result in general elections in 90 days and about two years before constitutionally due.

Primary

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"Tonight's results clearly show that voters in this district demand a proven progressive who will continue Borough President Adams' long legacy of delivering for our neighborhoods — and I'm proud to answer the call," he added.

"I have big shoes to fill, but with the help of supporters, resi-

dents, and community leaders like Rubain Dorancy, I look forward to making progress on all the issues working families care about as our next state senator," she continued.

Two other Caribbean American candidates were also successful in the Primary.

State Sen. John L. Sampson, whose father is Guyanese, survived a challenge as three other candidates split votes for the 19th Senatorial District in Brooklyn.

Sampson is under federal indictment on charges that he embezzled more than \$400,000 from the sale of foreclosed homes. He said he is vigorously fighting the charges.

Sampson received 7,218 votes, or 54.2 percent; Dell Smitherman received 3,981 votes, or 29.9 percent; Sean Henry received 1,668 votes, or 12.5 percent; and Elias Weir received 458 votes, or 3.4 percent.

"We had the governor, the mayor and some of my colleagues in the

Assembly who didn't want to see this happen," Sampson told supporters at the Thomas Jefferson political club in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn on Tuesday night.

"Prosperity breeds friends, adversity proves it," he added. "It is going to be a different John Sampson."

In Queens, voters in the 14th District turned against state Sen. Malcolm A. Smith, who is accused of bribery in his bid for the 2013 New York City mayoral ballot.



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Jamaica's Maroons champion UNESCO award

By Vinette K. Pryce

A group of Maroons in Jamaica are the winners of a United Nations' award of excellence for the outstanding Bench Drum submission they entered in the handicraft category judged in the Dutch and English-speaking Caribbean region.

The Charles Town Maroon Council beat out 26 entrants to win the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) award of excellence.

A statement from the three member jury that met in Curaçao to evaluate the entries from numerous countries said the African instrument was chosen "for its craftsmanship and cultural content."

The drum is "a standalone object that talks about music using noble materials such as local woods and goat skin," the jurors said.

They noted that in addition to providing rhythm, the use of the drum in spiritual rituals is significant in calling on the African ancestors.

Colonel Frank Lumsden, the head of the Charles Town Maroon community, explained that the drum was designed to resemble a bench so that the ancestors could "hide it in the open" from the colonizers who had forbidden the use of the drums.

Maroons in Jamaica claim ancestry in Ghana, Africa where the bench drum is an integral instrument attributed to victories by the Ashanti people over the British invaders.

Highlighting the national value of the international honor Secretary-General of the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO Everton Hannam said the award "aims to ensure that when consumers buy

awarded handicrafts they receive high quality, culturally authentic products that have been manufactured in a socially-responsible manner with respect for the environment."

According to the spokesperson for UNESCO, the award for handicrafts was established to "encourage artisans to produce handicrafts using traditional skills, patterns, and themes in an innovative way in order to ensure the continuity and sustainability of these traditions and skills."

Based in Paris, France with more than 50 field offices located throughout the world, UNESCO is an agency within the United Nations that is responsible for promoting peace, social justice, human rights, and international security through international cooperation on educational, science and cultural programs.



Colonel of the Charles Town Maroons Frank Lumsden, left, receives the UNESCO Award of Excellence for Handicraft for the Bench Drum from Secretary-General of the Curaçao National Commission for UNESCO, Marva Browne. Sharing in the moment are, from left, UNESCO director Jamaica Christine Anne Norton and Barlow White who made the winning drum. Jamaica Information Service



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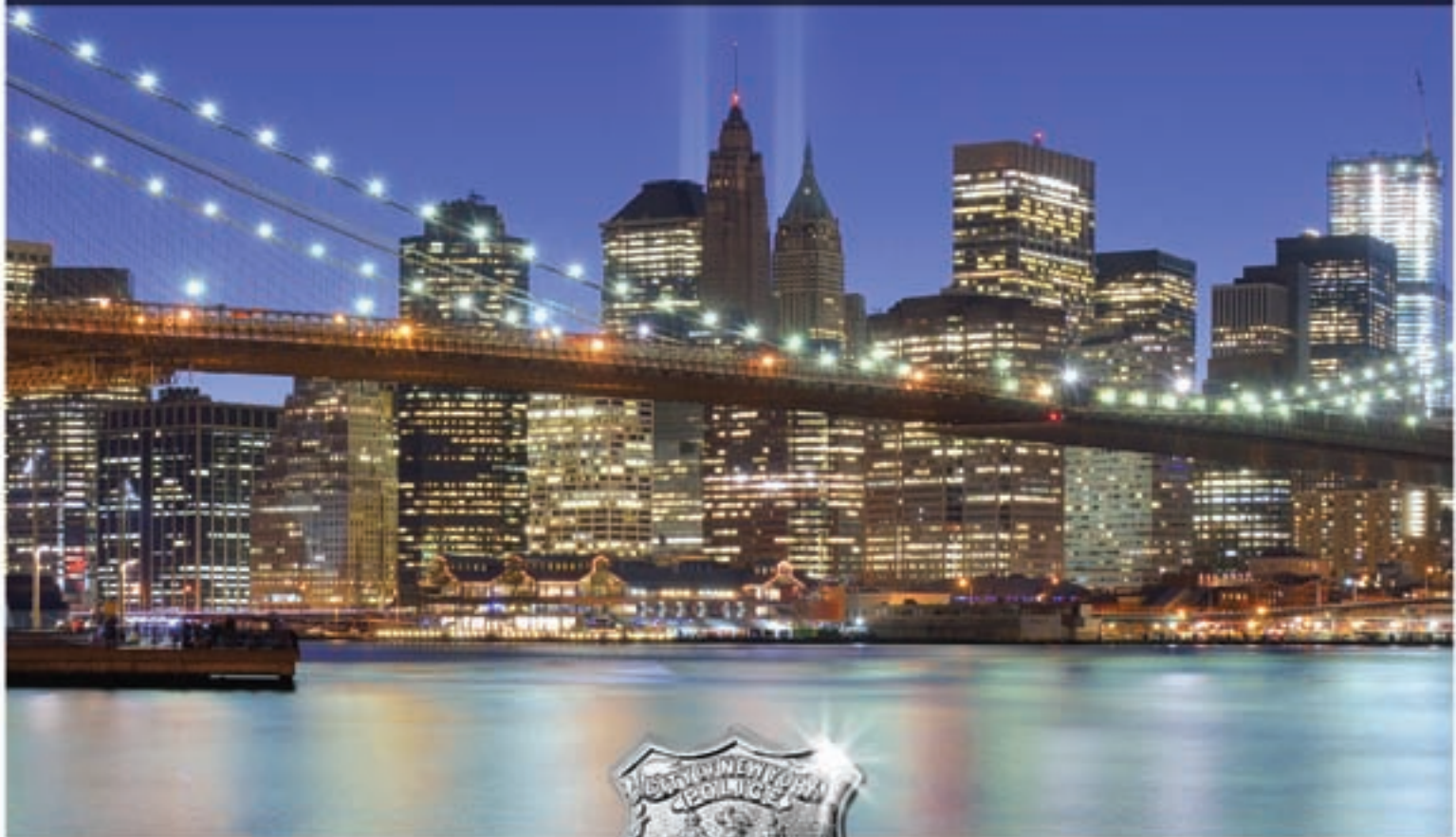
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Pres. Obama follows Bush's Iraq playbook

By Sheldon Richman

United States politicians are exploiting the gruesome beheadings of two American journalists to whip up war fever against ISIS, the "criminal gang" masquerading as an organization of devout Sunni Muslims that controls large parts of Syria and Iraq. The American propaganda campaign seems to be working if recent polls are accurate.

No decent person is anything but appalled by those executions. But are they grounds for the United States to go to war?

No, they are not. Barack Obama says his job is to protect Americans wherever they are,

but he doesn't cite the source of this power. No such power is implied in the president's oath of office, which obligates him only to "faithfully execute the Office of President" and to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution."

Article II of the Constitution vests the "executive power" in the president, but that just means he has the power to execute laws passed by the legislative branch. There is no blank-check language about protecting Americans, particularly outside the country.

Section 2 of that article of course says the president is "commander in chief" of the armed

forces, but no matter how many times the war party repeats that phrase, it cannot be reasonably interpreted as unilateral power to take the country to war. Article I reserves the power to declare and finance wars to Congress alone.

True, since the end of World War II, presidents have assumed the unilateral power to make war, and most members of Congress have been more than happy to defer. But this does not mean that we who understand the danger of autocracy should acquiesce.

Obama says he can go to war against ISIS anywhere without "authorization" from Congress. (No one in government or the media uses the word declaration.) In his interview on Meet the Press, Obama said,

I'm confident that I have the authorization that I need to protect the American people. And I'm always going to do what's necessary to protect the American people. But I do think it's important for Congress to understand what the plan is, to have buy in, to debate it.

But understanding, buying in (whatever that means), and debat-

ing are not the same as authorizing through a declaration of war. Just because most members of Congress would hate to sign off on a years-long, offensive war less than two months before an election, that's no excuse for Obama to exercise autocratic powers.

Note that Obama speaks of protecting the American people. He means Americans both abroad and at home. Americans of course are free to travel anywhere. If the U.S. government is to have the power to protect or avenge them abroad, it will have to be able to exercise military power globally. Such imperial power, which the government has long exercised, should disturb peace- and freedom-loving Americans precisely because it creates the potential for perpetual war, invites retaliatory terrorism, and requires high government spending and borrowing.

It may be taken for granted that a president can go to war when an American is killed overseas, but that kind of power is too dangerous to accept meekly. Americans, especially war correspondents, should be on notice

that they travel at their own risk. This may sound callous, but the alternative is a global empire that we cannot afford either in blood or treasure.

What about protecting Americans at home? Here the irony of Obama's position is striking. U.S. intervention in the Middle East is what endangers Americans at home. Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda hit Americans here because for many years the U.S. government had perpetrated and supported violence against Arabs (Palestinians, Iraqis, Egyptians, Lebanese and others) — and it still does.

No al-Qaeda affiliate existed in Iraq before George W. Bush launched his invasion and occupation in 2003. ISIS is an offshoot of al-Qaeda, and its execution of the two journalists was retaliation for recent U.S. bombings in Iraq. No doubt those murders were intended also to goad Obama into sending American forces, which would boost ISIS's recruitment and prestige. Bin Laden did the same thing, bragging he would bleed the United States bankrupt through long years of war. He succeeded.

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Taking one for the team — when necessary

So, as we hit the pivotal two-month mark prior to November's mid-term elections, the buzz around control of the United States Senate has predictably intensified. Pundits and pollsters across the board seem inclined to giving an edge to Republicans to emerge from the elections with a slim advantage of maybe two seats. All of them, though, are hedging bets and noting how much Election Day turnout of the respective party bases could alter the picture. Even crackerjack Democratic strategist James Carville commented in a television interview the other day that if the GOP doesn't have itself a Senate majority after the dust clears in November, its leaders would seriously have to look into what's wrong with their party.

Carville, like other observers of the ebb and flow of American party politics, made note of how traditionally dicey it has been for the party of an incumbent president in the sixth year of a two-term presidency. Even that darling of all conservative darlings, Ronald Reagan, saw his Republicans lose the Senate in 1986, his sixth year. It is rational to assume that, consider-

ing the anti-Obama venom that has bubbled up over this president's six years in office, 2014 figures to be tough sledding for Democrats. Republicans having done a no-holds-barred number in gerrymandering solidly hard-right Congressional Districts across the electoral landscape to keep them red for the foreseeable future, control of the House continues to be a non-issue. But given what the president (not to mention we, the people) has already had to endure with just one Capitol Hill chamber under GOP control, it is no endearing prospect, the full legislative branch committed to the kind of obstructionist, renegade M.O. that now typifies the House GOP.

Naturally, much of the focus in these Senate majority-control stakes is on toss-up states like North Carolina, Iowa, New Hampshire, and others. But what ensues in the normally safe Republican stronghold of Kansas suddenly figured to be a big deal in the Election-night math, after some developments a few days ago shook up the race in which veteran Republican Pat Roberts is up for re-election. The Tea Party supposedly viewed Roberts as coming up short in far-right

Viewpoint

By Les Slater

style and substance and mounted a primary challenge, which he beat back. Even so, the scuttlebutt was that support for Roberts in the state wasn't what it used to be, compounded perhaps by reports that he didn't live in the state he represents. Those headwinds, though, didn't look strong enough to prevent Roberts from defeating his Democratic opponent, Chad Taylor. But complicating matters was the presence in the race of Greg Orman, an independent candidate who, polls showed, was a stronger opponent for Roberts than the Democrat. Last week, when Taylor announced his withdrawal from the race, the ground shifted dramatically in Kansas. And the possibility of a non-Republican being elected to the Senate for the first time since the 1930s grew instantly stronger — with whatever the implications for reconfiguring the GOP game plan to assume Senate control next January. True

to form, the state's Republican secretary of state issued a ruling that the Democratic candidate's name must remain on the ballot.

The Democrat's decision to get out of the way is worthy of applause whether or not what has all the appearances of a nakedly political move by the secretary of state will stand (the candidate withdrew a full two months before the election, for heaven's sake) — even if there was some friendly persuasion required to seal the deal. Being adult, pragmatic and public-spirited about such scenarios has been frequently shown to be beyond the capacity of players involved.

Taking one for the team is an off-limits concept for those who regard politics as a "me first" pursuit. Over the years we've had some showcase examples of ignoble conduct when there was a clear need for doing the opposite. Because of how it probably affected the course of early 21st century American history, the obstinate refusal of Ralph Nader to withdraw from the presidential ballot in Florida in 2000 remains a high-ranking instance of ego trumping the public good.

Nader's absence from the bal-

lot would very likely have meant Florida's secretary of state being denied a spotlight turn in that vote count debacle and, later, Supreme Court conservatives not being called upon to hand the presidency to George W. Bush.

We'll see whether the Democrats' thanks to candidate Taylor will extend to stymieing this year's GOP grab for Senate control. Or if, conversely, Republicans will be looking to declare Taylor Public Enemy Number One for being key in having those GOP ambitions frustrated. Either way, who would have thought that in steady-as-she-goes solidly red Kansas, there would be suspense surrounding what voters do come November?

Historically, mid-term elections are viewed as a presidential referendum. Based on all that has preceded them, the mid-terms this year will probably reflect anti-administration feeling to a degree equal to or surpassing some of the celebrated instances of presidential disfavor in the past. The calculus, more so if Republicans gain Senate control, doesn't bode well for even a moderately productive final two years for this White House incumbent.

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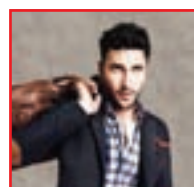
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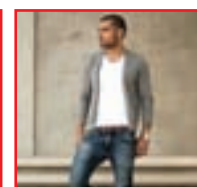
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Jamaican-born designer lights up Grand Central with flashmob show

By Tangerine Clarke

It was fashion in a flash! A “flashmob” fashion show by House of D’Marsh on Friday, Sept. 5, left passersby aghast in Grand Central Terminal, as models sashayed along the corridors in fabulous gowns, and menswear pieces to showcase the magnificent work of Jamaican-born Glenroy D’Marsh.

The Brooklyn-based fashion guru made history when he attracted a large audience to his collection in the busy train station to kick-off New York Fashion Week.

“This is not your typical runway style fashion show or presentation,” he said.

And he was right.

More than 20 svelte models strutted their stuff in the fabulous Spring collection show from D’Marsh’s bold new colorfully-coordinated brand to showcase a yellow mix motif, followed by

black, green, red and white, in topless floor-length gowns, and lavish skirts paired with chic blouses.

The master of fashion outfitted the ladies in dresses with thigh high slits and plunging neckline, some designed with fishtails. The garments were accessorized with lavish bows, belts, jewels, and fringe, in addition to eye-popping, off-the-shoulder and two-piece swimsuits.

The models exuded elegance under the lights that shone on the makeshift runway of the centennial building, and where flashbulbs captured male garments in black, white and yellow ensembles, designed in summer shorts, long sleeve shirts, suits and sweaters, in keeping the brands diverse collection.

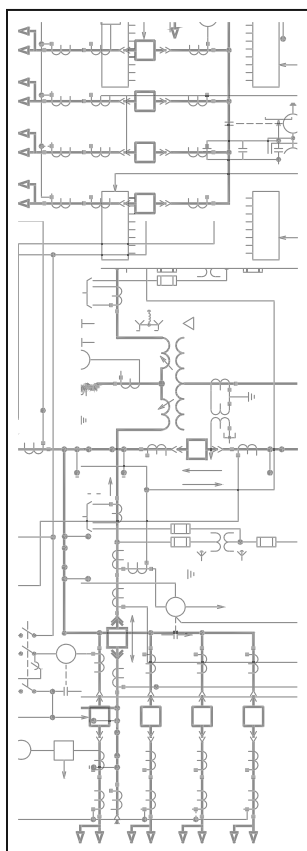
D’Marsh stated that upcoming 2015 will be the year of innovation for his



(Above) Glenroy D’Marsh, in yellow, with models in Grand Central Terminal. (Right) One of the latest fashions is modeled — with hashtag! Photos by Tangerine Clarke

brand that has lit up runways across the Caribbean and North America. He added that he would continue to push the boundaries of fashion to ensure the

couture line stays relevant. Follow D’Marsh on Facebook at www.facebook.com/houseofdmarsh, and on Twitter at [#houseofdmarsh](https://twitter.com/houseofdmarsh).



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held in Guyana in 1994 which was won by the ruling People's Progressive Party/Civic.

The APNU said that when he campaigned as the PP/Civic presidential candidate, Ramoutar had written in the party's manifesto that "in the area of local government and governance, the next PP/Civic government will ensure, within one year of the 2011 general elections, that local government elections are held bringing much needed reinvigoration into local government."

The APNU said three years since the election, Ramoutar "has failed to keep his promise on local government elections."

The opposition grouping has accused the head of state of showing "gross disrespect for the National Assembly by refusing to assent to a bill which was approved after careful scrutiny and arduous work," to pave the way for the poll.

Jamaica

Jamaica says the agricultural sector has lost nearly J\$1 billion as a result of the prolonged drought that has hit the island.

Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change Minister Robert Pickersgill in a joint statement on the effects of the drought on schools and agriculture said that 2,190 hectares of crops valued at \$953.3 million had been lost and that an estimated 18,309 farmers were affected.

"To mitigate the effects of the drought,

the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has disbursed J\$33 million, of which J\$30 million has been allocated to the Rural Agricultural Development Authority, as well as to members of Parliament in the most affected areas, as well as to increase production in those areas," the minister said.

He told legislators that the government is undertaking an audit of the available underutilized greenhouse capacity with a view of working with greenhouse farmers to maximize their production.

Pickersgill said that drought is a result of climate change.

St. Vincent

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves has defended the new policy of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to developing countries, even as he acknowledged not being fully satisfied with its lending policies.

Gonsalves called in to the television program "Time to Face the Facts" recently. The program looked at the role of the IMF in the Caribbean.

Gonsalves recalled St. Vincent and the Grenadines had benefitted from a US\$6.4 million loan given by the Washington-based financial institution, "especially in relation to balance of payment difficulties which arose after the December 2013 natural disaster."

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Golden Krust celebrates 25 'Golden' years!

Golden Krust

Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery and Grill, the nation's largest and fastest growing Caribbean franchise has been celebrating 25 years in business this year.

The Jamaican family-owned and operated business started back in 1989 in the South Bronx is now a leader in the franchise and baking industry. The celebration began with the company's Mavis and Ephraim Hawthorne Golden Krust Foundation Scholarship Ceremony on Aug. 12. Golden Krust's president and CEO and foundation chairman Lowell Hawthorne was beaming with pride exclaiming that "nothing brings me greater satisfaction than knowing that in some small measure I am sharing in the success of the young scholars being awarded this evening."

Thirteen well-deserving graduating high-school seniors were presented with \$2,000 scholarships toward their college education and 26 students in the United States and Jamaica received scholarships this year.

The company also celebrated this major milestone with system-wide celebrations on Aug. 23, provid-



Left to right: Consul General of Jamaica to NY Honorable Herman Lamon, founder Lauris Campbell, president and CEO Lowell Hawthorne, founder and director of human resources Lorna Hawthorne, Una Clarke, founder Milton Hawthorne, and executive chef Velma Hawthorne at the Golden Krust 25th anniversary celebration.

Golden Krust

ing the first 100 customers with 25-cent beef patties!

The events kicked-off nationwide at noon, and

customers enjoyed live music, free samples, and lots of other giveaways. The main event took place at

the company's first location on 1381 E. Gun Hill Rd. in the Bronx.

Consul General of Jama-

ica to New York Herman LaMont, Una Clarke, and Rev. Dr. Leroy Richards were some of the individuals in

attendance to congratulate the Golden Krust family.

The executive team, staff, family, friends, and customers were out in full force to support and enjoy the unforgettable sounds of the Platinum One Band, the taste of succulent jerk chicken, and a memorable ceremony.

Hawthorne took words from the song "Wind Beneath My Wings," sung eloquently by the soloist Kristina Newland as he saluted his deceased parents for their love, vision, and determination.

The Golden Krust team thanks all their franchisees, staff, and customers for their commitment to the brand.

There are other milestones left to be achieved for the Golden Krust organization. Hawthorne stated that the company looks forward to fulfilling its' 2020 vision of making Jamaican-styled patties and jerk chicken mainstream food items.

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Suicide rates soar in Guyana this year

By Azad Ali

The World Health Organization (WHO) said Guyana has by far the highest suicide rate among countries in the Caribbean. It is also listed in the top 10 most suicidal countries.

So far for this year more than 30 people have committed suicide, while several others are recovering from failed attempts.

The government says it has developed a "strategic partnership" with the Indian Arrival Committee (IAC) to heighten awareness on the need to prevent suicides in the country.

It said that Health Minister Dr. Bheri Ramsaran met with the IAC who presented their organization's initiative and explored the possibility of a meaningful collaboration.

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Ramsaran said there was a need for all stakeholders to be involved in the fight against suicides reiterating the ministry's commitment to work with organizations that have expressed an interest in dealing with social issues.

The IAC in the past had demonstrated its willingness to lead and support an intervention regarding this issue and based on the magnitude of incidents, called for suicide

to be declared a national priority. Further, the organization noted that due to the high rate of suicide, a major international news network visited Guyana and produced a story highlighting this distressing trend.

The IAC believes that much more can be done and had called for meaningful collaboration among the various government ministries "to derive a plan of action which will lead to the provision of education through awareness and related counseling with the aim of reducing and hopefully, eliminating incidents of suicides."

Earlier this year, the government said a multi-sectoral approach was needed to deal with the number of suicides in the country.

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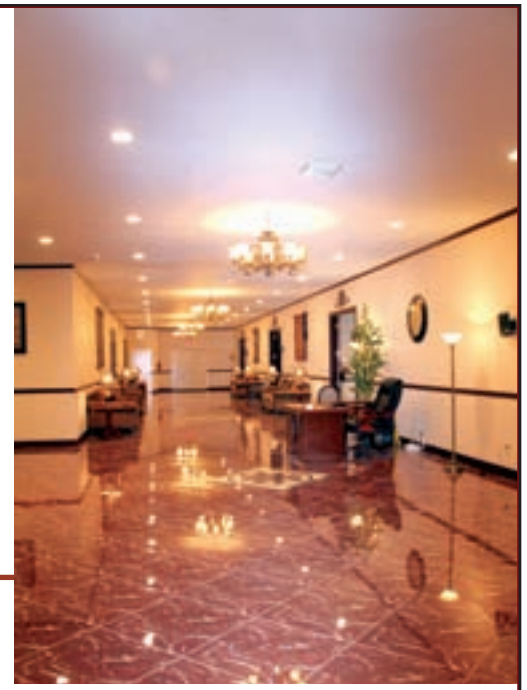
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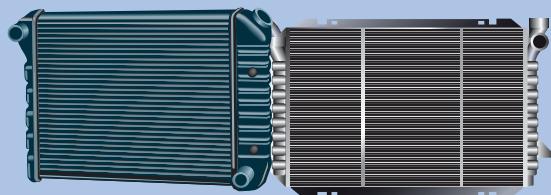
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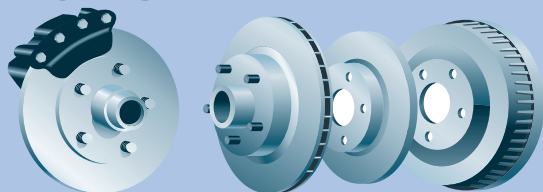
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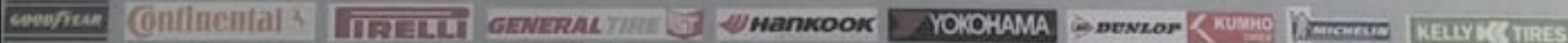


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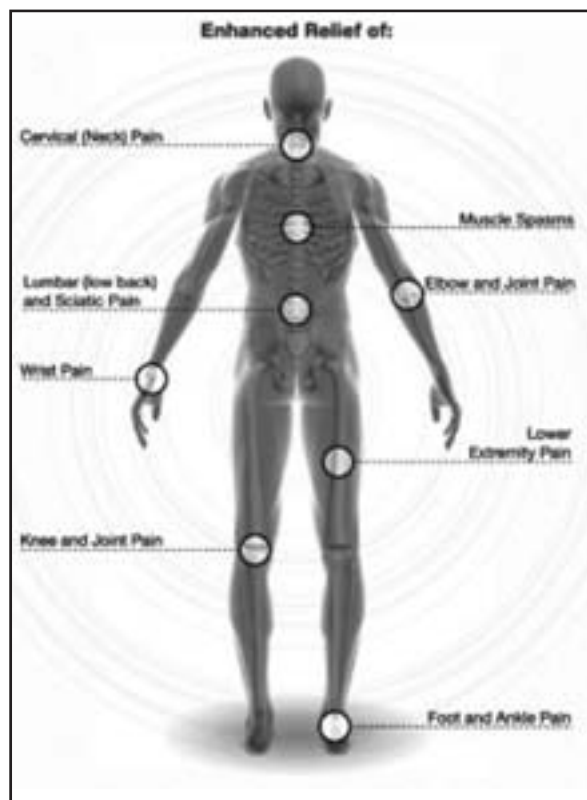
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Regulation to curb obesity should be 'stimulated' in the Caribbean



Health advocates say better food choices can lead to slimmer waists.

By Nelson A. King

The Pan American Health Organization has welcomed regulations that seek to inform and protect consumers in the Americas, including the Caribbean, while creating incentives for healthier eating, saying that they are "important advanc-

es that should be stimulated throughout the region."

In addressing and International Conference on Food Labelling and Fiscal Policies on Healthy Food and Obesity Prevention in Quito, Ecuador, over the weekend, the group's Dominican-born director

Dr. Carissa F. Etienne noted that countries in the Americas — which have the highest obesity rates in the world — are fighting the epidemic with "new, stricter regulations on food labelling, promotion, and advertising."

Etienne said that one in two adults in the Americas is overweight or obese, adding that the proportion reaches 75 percent or more in some countries.

And 20-to-30 percent of school-age children and adolescents are overweight or obese.

The organization said growing obesity is one of the major contributors to chronic diseases, such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes, which are now the leading causes of death and illness throughout the region.

"These conditions bring not only suffering and pain but also the spectre of economic bankruptcy for both national economies and family budgets," Etienne said.

The causes of the epidemic include "profound changes in eating patterns in recent decades, with an unprecedented increase in consumption of processed foods and a parallel decrease in consumption of natural products," Etienne said.

She said although the countries of the Americas are "rich and diverse" in healthy, natural foods, the region is increasingly making junk food "the new basic food."

Etienne said Ecuador's Law on Food Security and Sovereignty, which was updated in 2012, is an example of the kind of efforts that are needed to reverse this trend.

The law's provisions protect small farmers' rights to produce healthy foods, guar-

antee consumers' rights to decide what they want to consume, and stimulate the development of fair international trade.

Efforts such as these, aimed at increasing access to affordable healthy foods, "fall within the framework of strategies that both PAHO and [World Health Organization] promote to stop this pandemic," Etienne said.

During the week's conference, Minister of Health of Ecuador Carina Vance presented data from her country's National Survey on Health and Nutrition that show declines in malnutrition, but also significant increases in obesity.

She said Ecuador's response to obesity includes a new system of food labelling based on World Health Organization recommendations, which tells consumers how much sugar, salt, and fat are in processed food products.

Other measures taken by Ecuador include regulations on school meals, an obligatory hour of physical activity during the school day, promotion of breastfeeding, promotion of healthy spaces for physical activity in towns and cities, and stricter regulations on tobacco and alcohol.

"Measures directed only at education and action that is directed only at promoting healthy individual behaviours are necessary, but they are not sufficient," Etienne said.

"The great challenge is to promote public policies that aim to transform the environment, encourage healthy behaviour and inhibit those unhealthy behaviors that are increasing exponentially and that promote harmful and unhealthy patterns of consumption," she added.

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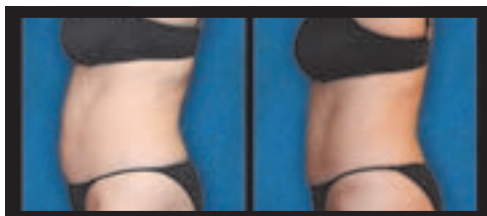
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Carib-themed magazine celebrates men's fashion

By Kevin Bollers

It's the Caribbean's answer to GQ!

Caribbean supermodel Corey Baptiste was on hand for a party celebrating the fashion issue of the four-issue old "GCaribbean" magazine, which features the part-Trinidadian, part-Grenadian on the cover.

The invitation-only event on Friday Sept. 5 at the Attic at 251 W. 48th Street in Manhattan featured great music, cocktails, delectable hors d'oeuvres and the chance to meet top-ranked male supermodel.

Created by founder, editor-in-chief, and publisher Geoff K. Cooper got the idea for the magazine at a charitable function three years ago where he saw a young man looking particularly dapper.

"Hey, you look so 'GQ,'" he complemented the man.

The gentleman responded, "Oh no, I'm not gay!"



From left, GCaribbean founder, editor-in-chief and publisher Geoff K. Cooper, Summer issue cover model Corey Baptiste, and vice-president of business development and marketing Fabrice J. Armand.

Photo by Kevin Bollers

Cooper had to explain to him that the term "GQ" doesn't mean gay, it just means you look well groomed and put together.

It was at that moment that he realized that there was a

need for a medium focused on Caribbean men and fashion. Cooper talked about reading mens fashion magazines like GQ, claiming they didn't really speak to Caribbean men — something



GCaribbean is all about.

According to Cooper, GCaribbean has an interesting flavor in terms of the models it picks, the places it shoots and the people it focuses on. Cooper admits

that people call it "GQ Caribbean," but he sees it as a compliment because if GCaribbean can be recognized in the same vein as GQ, the staff must be doing something right.

The significance of a magazine like this is that it allows the Caribbean to be lifted above and beyond the cheeky sand, sea, and rum punch stereotype to a more definite context. According to Cooper, one of the major aims GCaribbean is to present the Caribbean as a place of substance and not just a tourist destination.

Cooper points out that the fourth issue of GCaribbean highlighted the fact that Baptiste is part Trinidadian and Grenadian. He also points out that there are numerous celebrities that have strong and unique connections to the Caribbean and their magazine allows those angles to be explored where ordinarily they would not be in the other fashion magazines of the world.

Cooper's says GCaribbean will naturally evolve into the mainstream while still championing the viability of Caribbean culture. He believes that young men from the Caribbean or of Caribbean descent seeing themselves through the people spotlighted in the magazine champion their own uniqueness.

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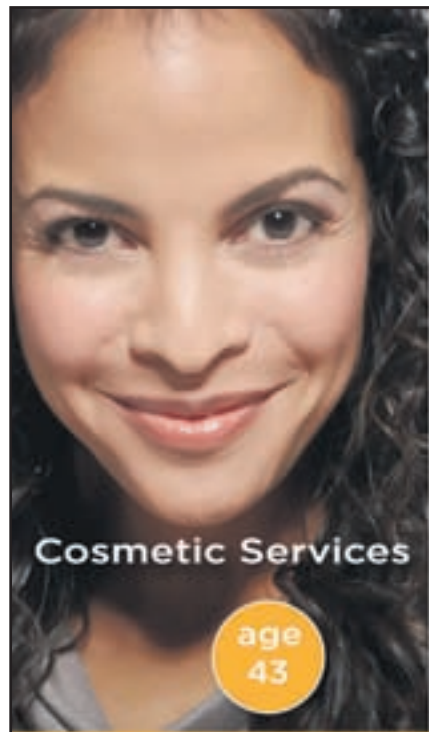


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The most uncomfortable afflictions are often the most embarrassing. And anorectal health issues can interfere with almost everything one does, from sitting on a bus to enjoying a meal out with friends.

If you suffer from an uncomfortable and at times, painful condition like hemorrhoids, you're not alone. In fact, millions of Americans — particularly those between the ages of 20 and 50 — are affected by hemorrhoids. Additionally, other anorectal disorders can have similar symptoms.

So ditch the embarrassment and use this knowledge to feel empowered to discuss your issue with your doctor. He or she can diagnose the issue properly and offer you tips for relief. In the meantime, here are a few things you can do to address the problem on your own.

- **Change your exercise routine:**

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While regular physical activity can improve your cardiovascular health and help you to maintain a healthy weight, certain types of activities can cause hemorrhoids. Straining from weight lifting, for instance, may cause the veins near the anus and rectum to become swollen, eventually leading to this condition. Cycling may also exacerbate the issue. Talk to your doctor about exercises that are safe for you.

- **Don't rush in the bathroom:** Rushing and pushing can cause excessive straining and increase pressure on rectal veins. When you are done, don't linger. Sitting on the toilet longer than necessary can aggravate your discomfort.

- **Lose weight:** Excess weight in your abdomen can increase your chances of developing hemorrhoids.



The first step to relieving gastrointestinal symptoms is to visit your doctor. Statepoint

- **Seek relief:** You don't necessarily need a prescription to relieve the pain, itching and burning associated with hemorrhoids and other anorectal disorders. If your doctor confirms you have

hemorrhoids, look for an over-the-counter topical, local anesthetic at your drugstore, such as RectiCare Anorectal Cream, which contains the highest lidocaine strength available without a prescription. It works quickly to help soothe discomfort. In addition, each tube comes with a supply of "finger cots," little covers that fit over the finger, to promote hygienic application.

Visit www.RectiCare.com for more information.

- **New diet:** If your hemorrhoids are caused by constipation, try adding more fiber to your diet to get to the root of the problem. And remember to drink plenty of water alongside any meal.

Whether you're walking down the drugstore aisle or talking with your doctor, seek the relief you need without embarrassment. Anorectal problems are more common than you think.

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Independents seek to revoke bill

The opposition Independent Liberal Party (ILP) in Trinidad and Tobago is taking the government to court over the controversial Constitution Amendment Bill which was passed recently in the Senate.

The ILP last week filed a constitutional motion in the High Court, Port of Spain arguing that the bill breaches constitution rights, as detailed in the affidavits also filed by two citizens, Sherwin Mitchell

and Dane Francois, both ILP members.

Mitchell is contending that the bill breaches his constitutional right as an elector, while Francois has alleged that the bill violates his rights as a potential general candidate.

Attorney Rekha Ramjit, who is representing the ILP, said Section 4 of the Constitution states, rights including freedom of political expression, while Section 5 says no law must infringe

those rights, even as section 13 says any infringement can only be done with a three-fifths special majority.

She said even as section 73 of the Constitution says you elect a Lower House by first past-the-post system, the bill amends this to read a runoff.

She warned that this new voting system could create an inequality of treatment in violation of the constitutional norms.

Embattled registrar to stay in St. Vincent

The Immigration Department has prevented the embattled former registrar of the High Court in St. Vincent, Vanessa Tamara Gibson-Marks, from leaving the island for her homeland, less than 24 hours after she was granted bail on theft, abuse of office and falsification charges.

"The information received is that there is an ongoing investigation in which

Marks was needed and she was stopped," said Chief Immigration Officer Stanford Hamilton.

Marks was granted EC\$30,000 bail when she appeared at the Kingstown Magistrate's Court recently. The court did not ask her to surrender her travel documents,

Marks checked in to travel on a one-way ticket to St. Lucia recently, but she

was unchecked and her bags removed.

She pleaded not guilty to the charges and is scheduled to re-appear at the Kingstown Magistrates Court on Oct. 7, 2014.

Marks is also expected in court later this month to give cause why she should not be disbarred from practicing law in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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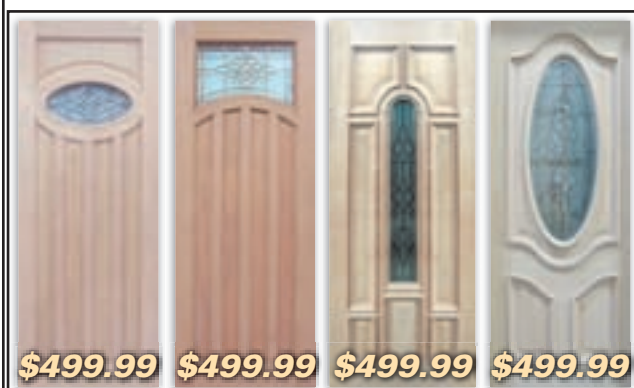
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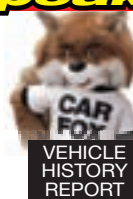
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Parochial schools offer more than just religious training

By Tammy Scileppi

In these turbulent times, young people need direction, something to believe in.

More than ever before, a quality education is crucial to students' achievements in the 21st century. It is not only about keeping up with technological advances, but even more about becoming an well-around individual and living a purposeful life.

Learning important academic and life skills is the key to achieving personal success in a complex world and future career goals in a super-competitive, precarious job market.

When it comes to education in Queens' and Brooklyn's Catholic schools and academies, it is all about focusing on developing the whole child — mind, body and spirit.



Our Lady of Lourdes celebrated Catholic Schools Week with an International Festival and performance during Sunday Mass last year. Photo by Christina Santucci

This holistic, values-based approach — rooted in the mission of the Catholic Church and fully integrated into all programs — makes for a unique learning experi-

ence. This is what sets Catholic schools apart from other local, non-sectarian private schools.

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Every member of the class of 2014 attends college and 77 percent of them received almost \$20 million in academic scholarships and performed almost 20,000 hours of community service.

Reflecting the state Learning Standards in a safe, caring and supportive environment, the Catholic

academies and schools within the Diocese of Brooklyn educate more than 30,000 students in Brooklyn and Queens, according to Brooklyn Diocese press secretary Stefanie Gutierrez.

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'Satisfy My Bowl' a creamy tribute to Bob Marley

In addition to "Chunky Monkey," "Cherry Garcia," "Hazed & Confused," "Liz Lemon," "Mango Mango," and "White Russian" Ben & Jerry's now adds "Satisfy My Bowl" to their flavorful assortment of desserts.

Named to parody Bob Marley's hit song "Satisfy My Soul," the ice cream treat adds to the long list of specially named flavors marketed by a company acclaimed for being a "socially conscious ice-cream maker."

Due in stores on Sept. 15, the Marley treat was named to "pay tribute to a man who dedicated his life to bringing people together through music" and will mark the 30th anniversary of the release of the legendary track which was compiled on Marley's best-selling "Legend" album.

"We're celebrating our father's legacy of bringing people together and using music to drive social change through a sweet partnership with Ben & Jerry's," Marley's eldest daughter Cedella



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

reportedly said.

First released on the "Kaya" album in 1978, the song debuted simultaneously with the launch of the ice cream company by two former hippies in Burlington, Vermont.

It was 1978 and the concept of healthy eating, conscious music, and clever marketing coincided. In England and Jamaica, Marley's message and music exploded.

Ben & Jerry's is reputed for advocating for some worthy causes. The company is acclaimed for supporting Farm Aid to independent farmers; increasing voter turnout among young people by partnering with Rock the Vote to offer Free Cone Day and registering more than 11,000 voters — the biggest one-day grass

roots registration in Rock the Vote's history.

When the U.S. Food and Drug Administration declared that it believed meat and milk from cloned animals was safe to eat, Ben and Jerry's defied the decision by urging Americans to speak out against cloning. They sent a herd of cow-costumed individuals to Washington, D.C. for a protest "Truth or Clone-sequences" demonstration.

They were also prominent in the Occupy Wall Street campaign which rallied against increasing economic inequality in the United States, high unemployment, mortgage fraud, and corporate influence in American politics. Its board of directors issued a statement of solidarity and showed up in Zucotti Park on sever-

al occasions to scoop ice cream for Occupiers. As the campaign to label food products made with genetically modified organisms moved across the states, the company also stood with a growing consumer movement that advocated for transparency and "genetically modified" labeling legislation. The company boasts that all of their ingredients are fully non-GMO.

The new Marley venture adds to a long list of commercial projects associated with the Marley brand which includes a restaurant, coffee, children's books, and a musical. There have also been a shoe line, water, and a number of concert series.

In a recent article in Speakeasy Magazine, the singer and entrepreneur who also launched her "Catch A Fire" clothing line — named in honor of her famous father's recording — responded to a question about the perception of over-commercialization of the brand saying: "It's a fine

line because I don't think lots of people know daddy was a very smart businessman. He started his own record label, built his own (recording) studio."

She added that her iconic father also "started his own distribution company where he was pressing records."

"We have to remember daddy was in the music business and it's a business. At the same time, we keep the integrity of the man separate from the integrity of the musician," she explained.

"He was very strict when it came to his business. He was the first person to print a Bob Marley T-shirt, let's not get it twisted! He would wear his own T-shirt because that is the music business."

Agreed through a partnership with the family's One Love Foundation, the ice cream company will donate proceeds from the special-edition flavor to promote peace, love, and social equality on the island of Jamaica by energizing the

creative skills of youths.

Ben & Jerry's ice cream tribute to the king of reggae is a blend of caramel and cookie swirls with bananas topped off with "a chorus of chocolatey peace signs."

But don't rush to outlets to purchase the sweet treat. Unfortunately, sales are limited to the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Ireland, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, and Norway.

A petition is being encouraged to urge Ben & Jerry's to make the flavor available to American ice cream buyers.

"I think we can all agree that this is a big mistake, and so we need to take action," an ice cream lover wrote at www.ipetitions.com

The blogger said "I am going to try to convince them (B&Js) to make it a global flavor."

A number of individuals have also voiced the need for the Marley signature flavor to be made available for retail in the United States.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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'Rising Star finalist' Lisa Punch in B'klyn

By Tangerine Clarke

Lisa Punch proved that she is a talented to be reckoned when she brought her vivacious performance to the stage of the recent Guyana Folk Festival.

The Georgetown girl was a finalist on ABC's "Rising Star," where she garnered 80 percent of the East Coast votes and 78 percent from the West, to raise the wall, and received positive comments from music's heavy weights, Ke\$ha, Ludacris and Brad Paisley.

"It was an overwhelming feeling for me. I was nervous, but excited at the same time," stated the former Guyana deejay during an exclusive backstage interview at the cultural event in Brooklyn.

Punch praised her mentor and vocal coach Dorian Holly for the great advice he gave her.

"He inspired me by saying this is what you have been



"Rising Star" finalist Lisa Punch on state in Brooklyn. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

doing all of your life, this is all you know to do, imagine you are singing for the people who love to hear your voice."

These words of encouragement fueled the passion Punch has for music, she said.

"I went on stage with Guyana in mind and I transformed my thoughts to back
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Arts group brings film, shows to Flatbush

By Kevin Bollers

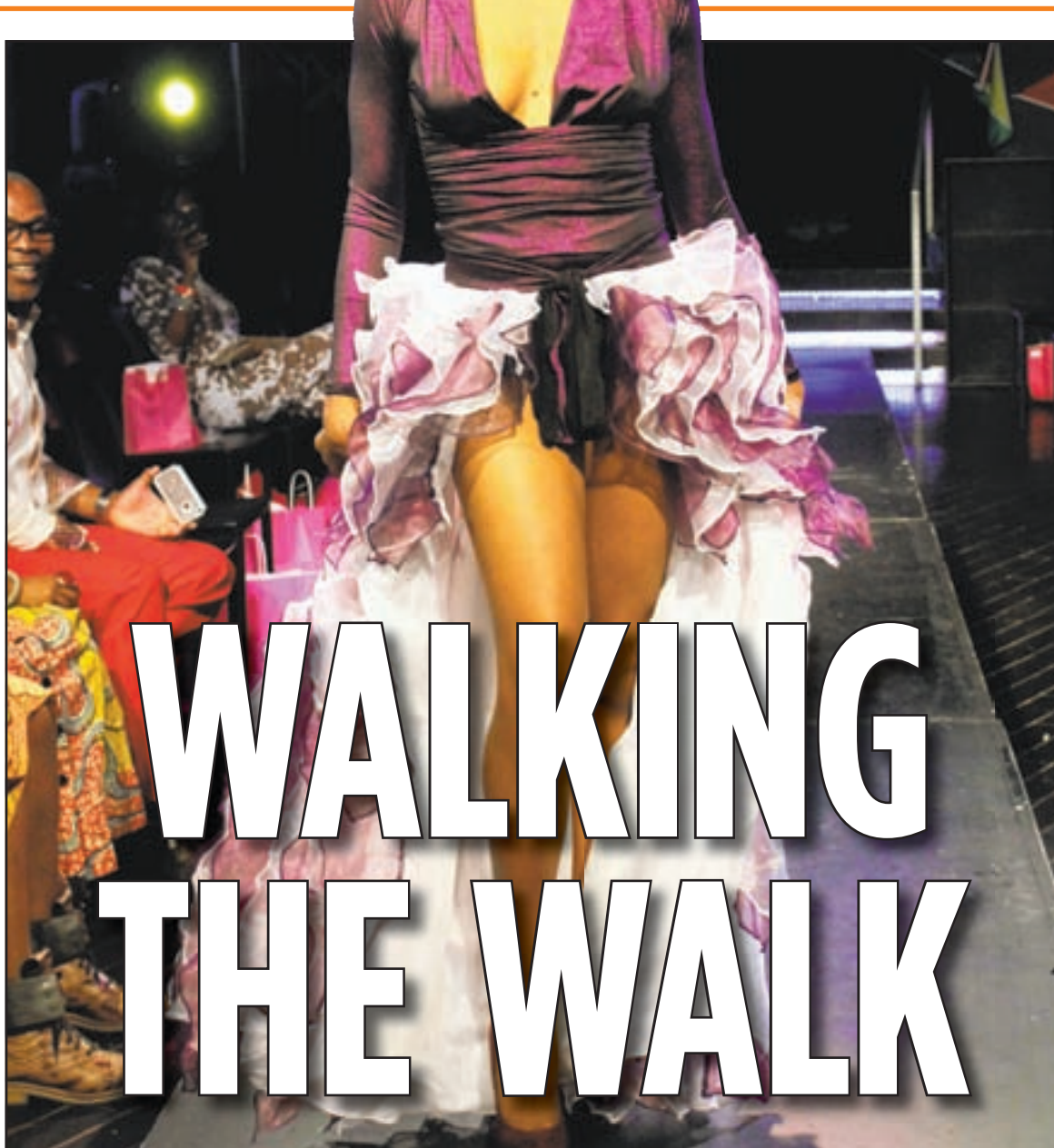
"Be bold. Be beautiful. Be CaribBeing" is the motto for CaribBeing, an organization committed to the uplifting and empowerment of Caribbean culture and heritage through film and art. CaribBeing aims live up to its slogan by bringing the freshest Caribbean-based events to Brooklyn, particularly in the Flatbush community.

CaribBeing's most recent event took place on Saturday Sept. 6, 2014 at the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Flatbush on the



Jouvert visual artists Pagwah perform on the streets of Flatbush and Church avenues.

Photo by Kevin Bollers



WALKING THE WALK

Model Ayana L. Whitehead wearing gown designed by Carol Fraser of Guyana.

Photo by Kevin Bollers

Carib Fashion Week hits Midtown

By Kevin Bollers

The hippest and coolest fashion from the most cutting-edge designers that the Caribbean has to offer were on display during the Caribbean New York Fashion Week 2014 that hit midtown on Sept. 7.

Twelve designers from nine Caribbean Islands including Antigua and Barbuda's Daniel Shem Henri; Barbados' Andrew Harris Jr.; Domi-

nica's Glenda Jones; Guyana's Carol Fraser, Myrna Patterson, Patricia Jonas, and Sonia Noel; Haiti's Prajje Jean-Baptiste; Jamaica's Gillian Francis aka Minka; Saint Lucia's Lisa Barton-Volney; Trinidad and Tobago's Athaliah Samuel; the Bahamas' Apryl Burrows. Participating Caribbean Featured Models included: Dominica's Barbie "Alias" Labassiere and Ruth Augustine;

Grenada's Aria M. Francis; Guyana's Nkechi Vaughn; Jamaica's Face Of Fashion "Jamaica" 2013 first runner up Venissa Bruce and second runner up Shamecia Ritchie; Trinidad and Tobago's Miss World 2012 Athaliah Samuel and Soowan Bramble; the Bahamas' Chantiyah Miller, Ray-Ann Smith and Rokara Hepburn.

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Fictional tale of Elvis' twin brother fails to rock

The Identical

Fair (1 star)
Rated PG for smoking and mature themes
Running time: 107 minutes
Distributor: Freestyle Releasing

By Kam Williams

What if Elvis Presley's stillborn twin had survived his mother's pregnancy rather than passed away during delivery back in January of 1935? That is the alternate reality contemplated by "The Identical," a faith-based musical marking the underwhelming directorial debut of Dustin Marcellino.

Unfortunately, Dustin tapped an Elvis impersonator to star in his revisionist version of events, a dubious decision that comes back to bite him whenever Blake Rayne

isn't singing and shaking his hips onstage. The first-time actor plays both Ryan Hemsley and his identical sibling, Drexel (the Elvis in this fictionalized account of the life of the King of Rock and Roll).

The speculative endeavor's point of departure is Decatur, Georgia during the Depression, which is where we find poverty-stricken sharecroppers Helen (Amanda Crew) and William Hemsley (Brian Geraghty) fretting about how they're going to provide for their twin newborns. The answer to their prayers arrives soon thereafter, at a revival meeting pitched under a big tent by Reverend Reece Wade (Ray Liotta), a Pentecostal preacher with a soulful of hope and a barren wife (Ashley Judd).

The Wades' desire to start a family conveniently dovetails with the Hemsleys' having one more baby than they can reasonably afford. So, with God as their witness, Reece and Louise agree to adopt Ryan before surreptitiously



Blake Rayne playing the guitar in the movie "The Identical."

slipping out of town and back to Tennessee. Meanwhile, Helen and William announce the missing boy's death to friends and relatives, and stage a faux funeral, complete with an empty casket.

Reece proceeds to raise Ryan in the church with a career in ministry in mind although, given his

great vocal chords, the kid proves more comfortable in the choir than the pulpit. He rebels in his teens by enlisting in the military, leaving his domineering dad and a budding sweetheart (Erin Cottrell) behind. By contrast, Drexel, who was also blessed with powerful pipes, is allowed by the Hemsleys

to pursue his passion, and naturally blossoms into the nation's next singing sensation.

Will the twins ever learn of each other's existence? If so, will they be able to forgive their folks for having separated them at birth? And will Ryan ever enjoy an opportunity to take his own shot at fame and fortune?

These are the probing questions posed by a production so flawed in terms of plot, dialogue, and performances that it ends up unintentionally funny at practically every juncture.

Regrettably, "The Identical" flunks the basic plausibility test, whether in terms of its farcical reimagining of race relations in the Jim Crow South or its equally silly staging of sophomore car chases straight out of "The Dukes of Hazzard."

To paraphrase a Presley classic, only fools rush in to see a one-trick pony revolving around an annoying Elvis look-a-like.

Independent & Foreign Films

108 Stitches (R for profanity and sexual references) Ensemble comedy about a lousy college baseball team that schemes to go out on a high note after learning that the school president (Kate Vernon) plans to disband the program at the end of the season. Cast includes Bruce Davison, Erin Cahill and retired major leaguer Roger Clemens.

Altina (Unrated) Reverential biopic about Renaissance iconoclast Altina Schinasi (1907-1999), trendsetter, socialite, artist, inventor, feminist, civil rights advocate and bon vivant way before her time.

Archaeology of a Woman (Unrated) Justice delayed drama about a daughter (Victoria Clark) who unexpectedly uncovers clues to a long-unsolved crime of passion while caring for her mother (Sally Kirkland) suffering from Alzheimer's. With James Murtaugh, Karl Geary and Mary Testa.

Atlas Shrugged: Who Is John Galt? (PG-13 for violence and sexuality) Third installment in the ambitious adaptation of Ayn Rand's 1,200-page opus stars Kristoffer Polaha as



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

the title character, the man supplying the answer for the nation's impending economic collapse. Featuring Stephen Tobolowsky, Rob Morrow and Laura Regan.

Bird People (Unrated) Romance drama about a jaded, Silicon Valley engineer (Josh Charles) who quits his job and breaks up with his wife while in Paris on business in order to pursue a passionate affair with his young hotel maid (Anais Demoustier). With Roschdy Zem, Camelia Jordana and Geoffrey Cantor. (In French, English and Japanese)

Born to Fly (Unrated) Dance documentary chronicling the gravity-defying choreography of the legendary Elizabeth Streb.

The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby: Them (Unrated) Final installment of the simultaneous trilogy, set in NYC, revolving around the trials and tribulations of a young couple

(James McAvoy and Jessica Chastain) struggling to save their marriage in the wake of a tragedy. Ensemble includes Viola Davis, William Hurt, Isabelle Huppert and Bill Hader.

The Drop (R for graphic violence and pervasive profanity) Screen adaptation of Animal Rescue, the Dennis Lehane short story about a lonely bartender (Tom Hardy) who launders cash for local mobsters only to become the focus of the police investigation in the wake of a robbery gone wrong. With Noomi Rapace, John Ortiz and the late James Gandolfini.

Faith Connections (Unrated) Spiritual documentary chronicling events unfolding at the Kumbh Mela, the triennial pilgrimage undertaken by 100 million worshippers to Allahabad, India to worship while sharing a bath in a sacred river. (In Hindi with subtitles)

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- 2 **Rude**
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- 3 **Am I Wrong**
Nico & Vinz
- 4 **Boom Clap**
Charli XCX
- 5 **Maps**
Maroon 5
- 6 **Don't Tell 'Em**
Jeremih Featuring YG
- 7 **Shake It Off**
Taylor Swift
- 8 **Latch**
Disclosure Featuring Sam Smith
- 9 **All About That Bass**
Meghan Trainor
- 10 **Bailando**
Enrique Iglesias...

TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **My Everything**
Ariana Grande
- 2 **Guardians Of The Galaxy:**
Soundtrack
- 3 **Moonshine In The Trunk**
Brad Paisley
- 4 **Promise To Love: Album IV**
Kem
- 5 **Blacc Hollywood**
Wiz Khalifa
- 6 **The Beauty Of ...**
G Unit
- 7 **In The Lonely Hour**
Sam Smith
- 8 **The Undoing**
Steffany Gretzinger
- 9 **Oxygen : Inhale**
Thousand Foot Krutch
- 10 **Beyonce**
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Film shows

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corner of Church and Flatbush Avenues. The itinerary for the evening was a demonstration by artist and painter Shakespeare Guirand from Haiti, a CaribBeing Pop-Up shop with T-shirt vendors, a photo booth with the organization's resident photographer Tiana Woods, a cultural visual presentation by Jouvett performers Pagwah, and a screening for the feature film "Masquerade," produced and directed in 1992 by Dalton Narine.

The film was a tribute to Peter Minshall during his time away at the Olympic Games. Minshall's band decided to do a band portrayal called Barcelona with costumes done in the Olympic colors of Spain while in that country done in tribute of their absent band leader. At that same time, Wayne Barkley, Minshall's band rival did a band portrayal called Titanic commemorating the history and tragedy of the doomed vessel. Wayne Barkley's band ultimately won the title of best band that year. Much of movie records Carnival done on the streets and not on the judges stage. According



Neighborhood residents sit down to view the screening of Dalton Narine's "Masquerade."

Photo by Kevin Bollers

to Narine, Carnival recorded on the streets with the dancing and singing was visually more sensual, raw and immediate.

CaribBeing has been doing this event at this location for the past three years. For Worrell, it is important to be in the heart of the community with cultur-

ally relevant programming that is truly and authentically Caribbean. Furthermore, the organization has a great relationship with the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Flatbush and they offered their venue to CaribBeing for indoor and outdoor events.

Looking forward into the Fall,

Shelley Worrell wants to relaunch the Flatbush Film Festival in a venue that can serve the community. Also, there are plans of launching an online store because people have been asking about the merchandise seen at their events. CaribBeing is constantly looking for ways to evolve.

Fashion

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Week 2014 is produced by Face Of Fashion, a fashion modeling and fashion design management company located in New York City, under the direction of Carla Hazel. Face Of Fashion's primary goal is to emphasize the beauty of diversity in all nationalities. Face founder and CEO Carla Hazel stated that this goal can be achieved by opening doors to the global fashion market. This premier fashion event puts the spotlight on Caribbean fashion designers and models. The events provide the platform for all talents to showcase their inspirations in creative fashion designs for brand launching, as well as, the forum for fashion buyers and investors.

The aim of Caribbean New York Fashion Week 2014 was to fuel the business of fashion for Caribbean designers and models to take their skills and talent to the next level onto New York City International Fashion Stage. This is significant because participating talents become empowered and contribute to the fashion industry through Caribbean Fashion Tourism, thus bringing fashion at the



Model Kayeli walks the runway wearing an outfit made by Gillian Francis, aka Minka of Jamaica.
Photo by Kevin Bollers

forefront of participating Caribbean Islands to generate revenue for sustainable economic growth. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Caribbean Tourism Organization foundation, which is a not-for-profit organization that provides scholarships and financial assistance to Caribbean nationals pursuing studies in tourism and hospitality.

Lisa Punch

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home. "The response was great," added the songstress who wowed millions around the world with Whitney Houston's "How Will I Know," an outstanding performance that took her to the second round of the competition. She ultimately impressed judges in two more rounds with "Girl On Fire" and "Perfect" before she was eliminated.

Nicknamed "Knockout Punch," the talented 22-year old with a mellifluous voice raised eyebrows when she called Guyana a poor country during her video introduction on the show.

In the clip that was viewed by Guyanese around the world, Punch talked about growing up in a tiny house with her parents and siblings, and then moving to Brooklyn where she and her family shared a one-bedroom apartment.

This stirring revelation was felt deeply by people from Asia, Europe South, North America, and many other countries that amazed the singer who said she

received messages that said viewers were touch by her story.

But now, with a renewed vision, Punch, who was well received by her homeland at a musical festival recently, plans on recording pop music, and a reggae fusion to engage her fans.

The young diva who loves California where she said, "you could make your dreams come true," but is inspired by New York where "you could make them happen," believes that if you work hard and believe in yourself, "your dreams will come true."

"What you perceive, you will receive, I am staying positive, and humbled. Always pray, put God first, do your best and be yourself," were the words of wisdom from the up and coming star.

"I want to continue to inspire people," she added, "and I ask that my fans continue to support me."

With her new manager Mary Brown — songwriter for Destiny's Child, and Missy Elliot — at her side, Punch is working on her first album, and hopes to top the charts someday, and to help her family to succeed along with her.

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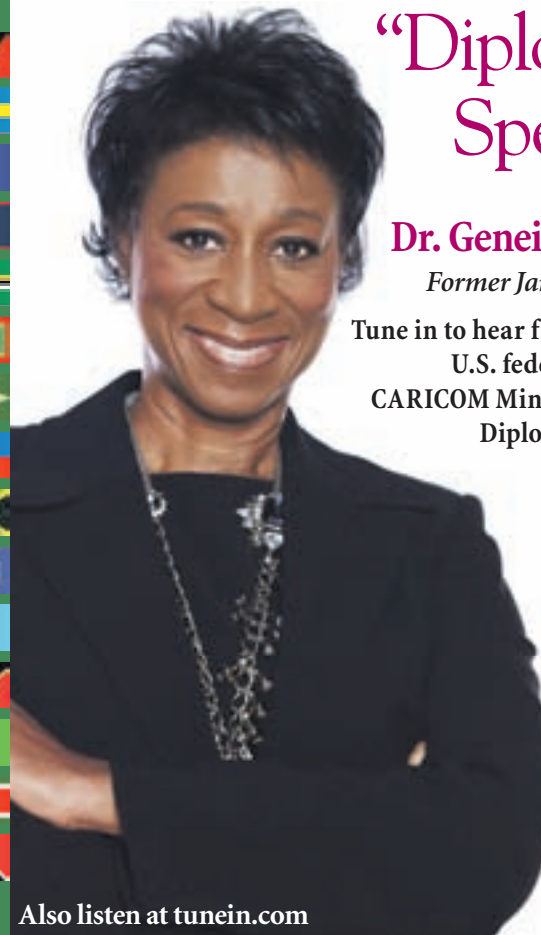
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FRI., SEPT. 12

VARIETY SHOW: "No Name ... & A Bag O' Chips" comedy-variety show will feature comics Kevin Avery (head writer FX Networks "Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell"), Jeff Kreisler (author "Get Rich Cheating"), and Brandon Scott Wolf ("Saturday Night Live Weekend Update") at Otto's. Showtime 7 pm No cover, no minimum. Otto's is located at 538 E 14th St (Cross Street: Between Avenue A and Avenue B). For more info, call (212) 228-2240.

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VARIETY SHOW

SEPT. 19: "No Name ... & A Bag O' Chips" comed -variety show will feature Liam McEneaney (Comedy Central's "Premium Blend"), comedian -pundit-blogger Leighann Lord (Fox News "Strategy Room"), Sharon Spell ("The Moth"), and sketch comedy collective Kokomo ("Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre"). The show starts at 7 pm and will feature house band The Summer Replacements. No cover, no minimum. Otto's is located at 538 E 14th St (Cross Street: Between Avenue A and Avenue B)

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HEALTH: The Alzheimer's Association NYC Chapter will host a free educational meeting, "Understanding Dementia" from 6 pm - 7:30 pm. The meeting will cover what you need

to know and where to go. 57 Willoughby St. Fourth floor. Please register by calling (800) 272-3900.

THURS., SEPT. 18

BOOK FESTIVAL: World-renowned author and journalist, Gail Sheehy and Girls who Code founder Reshma Saujani discuss the need to embrace risk and failure and to boldly chart your own course. Sheehy's new memoir, *Daring: My Passages*, chronicles the obstacles she encountered when she blazed a trail in the male-dominated world of journalism in the 1960s. Her earliest book, *Passages*, was named by a Library of Congress survey one of the ten most influential books of our time. Saujani, a former New York City Deputy Public Advocate, founded Girls Who Code to close the gender gap in technology and prepare young women for jobs of the future. Saujani's new book is *Women Who Don't Wait in Line*. This event starts at 7

pm Brooklyn Central Library, Dweck Center (10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11238)

FRI., SEPT. 19

MUSIC: New York-based blues favorites Renee and the Derelicts perform classic and original blues, rock and soul tunes featuring the vocals of the multitalented actress/playwright Renee Flemings, the band Sal Carolei (blues harp), Paul Bauman (guitar), Trevor Brown (bass), and Bernard Devlin (drums) will kick things off at 9 pm. No cover, great Mediterranean food and drink available. LURA Restaurant NYC is located on the upper West side (949 Columbus Ave) between 106th & 107th street. For more information, call (212) 866-7500.

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West Indian Parade organizers say 'Thank you'

West Indian American Day Carnival Association

The members of the West Indian American Day Carnival Association are thankful that 2014 Carnival celebrations will go down in history as one of the most enjoyable and safest Carnival seasons. No incidents were reported by the NYPD during the parade or after the festivities.

Consistent with prior years, the Carnival was preceded by four days and nights of cultural events on the grounds of the Brooklyn Museum, followed by a special Champagne Breakfast on Labor Day as hundreds rubbed shoulders with dignitaries and grand marshals — Mayor DeBlasio, Borough President Adams, District Attorney Ken Thompson, and CEO of ad agency giant Monique Nelson, NYPD Commissioner William Bratton, and Chief



(Left) The DeBlasio family marches as one at the head of the West Indian Day Parade, which often brings as many as a million people to Crown Heights for the day of celebration of Caribbean culture. (Right) Yvette, left, and Una Clarke at the 47th annual West Indian Day Parade last week.

of the Department Phillip Banks before joining grand marshal, Gov. Cuomo at Schenectady Avenue and Eastern Parkway.

The special line-up of powerful leaders lead off the Carnival Parade of more than 70 floats, marching

bands, other groups, and thousands of costumed masqueraders that depicted every imaginable creation that showcased true Caribbean and West Indian culture. Scores of huge flatbed tractor-trailers stacked high with gigantic music systems



Photo (left) by Paul Martinka, Photo (right) by Tequila Minsky

provided the chest-humping music that prompted the frenzied gyrations by everyone within ear-shot.

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Finally, the Association's gratitude goes out to Borough President Adams and his staff for their valuable assistance.

And we sincerely appreciate the hard work and dedication exemplified by dozens of Mas Band leaders and staff, thousands of costumed masqueraders, more than 1,000 Steelband musicians and their leadership, hundreds of volunteers, vendors, its membership, Funsation Media, Klust Creative, LightSourceCS.com, AM Creative Group, Marco-151polo Inc, and every level of the NYPD who were invaluable to the overall success of this year's events and who each showed the world that real partnership works.

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Bulls roll behind Wright-Phillips

By Patrick Horne

Bradley Wright-Phillips and Thierry Henry are the most in-form scoring tandem in Major League Soccer this season. The pair scored 29 of the New York Red Bulls' 37 goals in the regular season, with Wright-Phillips carrying much of the load with a league-high 21 goals, just six short of the league record for goals in a season.



Red Bulls forward Bradley Wright-Phillips heads the ball.

AP / Adam Hunger

Meanwhile, Henry is in full support with eight tallies and a team-high 11 assists.

The pair worked in tandem last Saturday night at Red Bull Arena to defeat the defending champion Sporting

Kansas City, 2-1, when Wright-Phillips gave the Red Bulls (8-8-10, 34 points.) the lead and Henry secured the winner to the delight of 20,831 fans.

Wright-Phillips, who was fully aware of playing against his main rival for the league scoring title — fellow Englishman Dom Dwyer, who has 18 goals — wasted no time in getting on the score sheet. He buzzed

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No rush to name Windies coach

By Azad Ali

West Indies Cricket Board chief executive officer Michael Murihead said there is no rush to appoint a coach of the regional team.

"We don't plan to rush this process. We will go through each interview at our own pace and no one will be given preferential treatment. The response has been good so far," he said.

Murihead said the Board will not be lim-

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Serena Williams, of the United States, holds the championship trophy after defeating Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, during the championship match of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, in New York.

AP Photo/Darron Cummings

Serena amazes with third-straight Open win

By Robert Elkin

In tennis what else is now new? Serena Williams defended her United States Open Singles Tennis title. Everybody in the capacity crowd of more than 20,000 fans from all over the world were amazed how she accomplished that remarkable

feat by taking her third-consecutive singles crown and sixth overall since she won her first in 1999.

Some officials, fans, and players became certainly stunned with her performances especially over 10th-seeded Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark, 6-3, 6-3,

in a quickly contested match to end a very successful Open for her. And she closed out her match with seven aces in the final match.

"Serena Williams has established herself as one of the greatest players of

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Serena Williams, of the United States, reacts after a point in the championship match against Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, in the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, in New York. (AP Photo/Darron Cummings)

Darron Cummings

Williams' win amazes tennis fans

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all-time," said World Tennis Association Chairman and CEO Stacey Allaster.

She has certainly gone into the record books and continuously does so along with those already there such as Stefi Graf, Monica Seles, and Chris Evert just to name a few of the female greats during the Open era. She now is headed toward the BNP Paribas in mid-

October.

"She will be a fan-favorite," Miss Allaster added. "Her success in the finals is an incredible treatment to her ability."

Players from the Open, which included some big-name men's upsets, pulled for Williams. She was very much prepared for the tournament and didn't lose a single set.

Serena certainly has the

talent to pull off an incredible moment.

"I didn't believe that talent can last everything," said Wozincki. "Williams is a hard worker. When she does that she can pull off that big serve. She has the power. She can push us back on the court and take that initiative. She certainly has the power to do so. I think that makes it even harder."

"She's an amazing player," added another player, who wanted to remain anonymous. "She said a long time ago that nobody can beat her, but only herself can."

This resident, once from Delaware is now residing in Edison, New Jersey.

Almost everybody agreed that Serena Williams is an amazing player and she is continuing to look toward a great career.

son was axed prior to the start of the One-Day International against Bangladesh in Grenada.

Gibson spent two years in charge of the team, which captured the 2012 World Twenty20 in Sri Lanka.

Significantly, the West Indies are without a coach

ahead of their Test and ODI tour of India starting in October and the World Cup which starts in Australia and New Zealand next February.

Murihead said the WICB would not be pressured into a deadline because of pending tournaments.

Soccer update

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around the Kansas City (12-10-6, 42 points.) goal area, which led to a foul on the forward committed by Kansas City defender Matt Besler; Wright-Phillips scored the resulting penalty kick to give the Red Bulls a 1-0 lead in the 11th minute, which New York carried into the second half.

As has been the norm this season, Henry followed his scoring partner onto the scoring sheet with what turned out to be the winner in the 52nd minute. The former French international scored what was referred to as a "world-class strike" when he received a pass from midfielder Lloyd Sam and beat Sporting Kansas City goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum for the 2-0 lead.

It was as if Dwyer felt obligated to respond and stay in the scoring race, and he did by pulling a goal back for the visitors in the 54th minute; Dwyer fell short on two occasions earlier in the contest but not this time, as he hit a ball that was headed downward in the New York goal area by Seth Sinovic and beat Red Bulls goalkeeper Luis Robles.

Around the league

In other Major League Soccer games last weekend, host Houston Dynamo defeated the Montreal Impact 3-2 behind two goals from Giles Barnes (30th, 62nd, minutes) and a winning tally from Ricardo Clark (65th); Dilly Duka (40th) and Ignacio Piatti (55th) scored for Montreal. Real Salt Lake registered a 2-1 win over FC Dallas when Costa Rican international Javier Saborio (77th) broke a 1-1 tie; Robbie Findlay scored Salt Lake's first goal and Michel registered for FC Dallas. Meanwhile, DC United and the Vancouver Whitecaps played to a goal-less draw.

The Philadelphia Union is still improving while Toronto FC seems to be regressing; Philadelphia knocked off the host, 2-0, behind first-half goals from Conor Casey and Andrew Wenger. Toronto



New York Red Bulls forward Thierry Henry gestures after the MLS All-stars beat Bayern Munich in the second half of the MLS soccer All-Star match, Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014, in Portland, Ore.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

is now coached by former USA international Greg Vanney, who replaced Ryan Nelsen last Sunday.

Bocanegra to retire: Former Team USA defender and captain, Carlos Bocanegra announced Thursday that he will retire at the end of the 2014 season. The 35-year-old, who plays for Chivas USA in Major League Soccer, enjoyed a 15-year professional career in which he played for the American league's Chicago Fire, Fulham FC of the English Premier League, Glasgow Rangers of Scotland, Renne in France and Racing Santander in the Spain. Bocanegra is considered as one of the most successful American players. He represented the USA in 110 matches, including two World Cups (2006 and 2010), scored 14 goals (a record for a U.S. defender) and captained the national team 64 times, with 34 victories, another record for a U.S. player.

"Carlos has been an outstanding ambassador for U.S. Soccer," United States Soccer Federation president Sunil Gulati said. "As a player, a captain and a leader, he has epitomized the best of what it means to be a member of the National Team throughout his career. We are all extremely proud of everything he has accomplished, and look forward to working with him in continuing to help grow the sport in the country."

Cricket coach

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iting itself to regional applicants only.

"We have spoken to several coaches. Some of them are from the region

and some of them are from the outside. The interest in the position has been very high," the Jamaican said.

The post became vacant when Barbadian Ottis Gib-

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Here they are: Your 2014 Clonie Awards!

BY BROOKE CORTESE

Entertainment types are big on awards. The music industry has the Grammys, Hollywood has the Oscars, and teenage consumers of pop culture have their Teen Choice Awards. But it's easy to forget all that noise when you're sitting in the stands at MCU Park, feeling the sea breeze and watching the Clones miss a shot at the championship by a hair yet again (this was the Mini-Mets' 14th consecutive above-.500 season, and 13th straight without a championship).

That is why The Brooklyn Paper has its very own set of annual honors dedicated to all things Cyclones. So sit back with some peanuts and Cracker Jacks as we christen the heroes of a nail-biter of a season.

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The David Wright Iron Man Award

And the Clonie for endurance goes to third baseman



SAFE! Jhoan Urena is our Iron Man.

Photo by Steve Solomonson

Jhoan Urena, one of the youngest members of the Clones roster this season, and one of the most consistent. Urena turned all of 20 during the last week of the season but maintained a solid .300 batting average all summer long. He played in 75 games, missing only the Aug. 25 game against the hated Staten Island Yankees when he was ejected ahead of the game for staring down the Baby Bombers dugout from the field.

The "You Gotta Believe!" Award

And the Clonie goes to **Casey Meisner**. The tall, right-handed pitcher started the season with several no decisions before going an awful 0-3, including a heart-wrenching 18-2 loss on Seinfeld Night. But then, starting with his first win on Aug. 4, Meisner did a complete 180 and went on to collect five consecutive wins, earning double-digits strikeouts during two games. Sometimes you just gotta believe.

The Off to the Races Triple Crown Award

And the Clonie goes to **Marcos Molina**. This workhorse broke out ahead of the pack to lead, then swept the New York-Penn League in all three of the top pitching statistical categories: wins, earned-run average, and strikeouts. Pitching was never the Cyclones problem this season and having the top pitcher in the league sure didn't hurt.

The Ringer Award

And the Clonie goes to **Michael Conforto**. The 10th-top-paid Major League Baseball draft pick was a wise purchase for the Mets and a boon for Brooklyn's home team. The 21-year-old Oregon State University junior came out swinging to break an eight-game losing streak in July and start his career with a 10-game hit streak. He went on to change the way the team played. Conforto's arm helped out as well, as he made several assists from left field.



RACEHORSE: Marcos Molina was the best pitcher in the league this year. Photo by Steve Schnibbe



RINGMASTER: Michael Conforto is the one ringer to rule them all.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

The Steve Cohen Executive of the Year Award

He's done it again! Cyclones vice president **Steve Cohen** set Michael Conforto to slugging and steered the team through yet another fun-packed season, featuring hit theme nights such as Seinfeld Night, '90s Night, and "Star Wars" Night, not to mention landing MCU Park a minor league football team that will keep him — and MCU staffers — busy through the fall.

The Don't Call it a Comeback Award

And the Clonie goes to, you guessed it, Clones manager **Tom Gamboa**, who returned to the team after a three-year hiatus, at the beginning of which he said he had no interest in going back to baseball. Sure, Gamboa led the team through its second-longest losing streak ever, but he approached it with Yoda-like serenity, saying he was more interested in the players learning than winning games (it is worth mentioning that he brought the team within a single game of a playoff berth). And as a 40-year-plus veteran of the game, there is no doubt he imparted this year's squad with lessons to last a lifetime.

Lessons such as: good pitching is no help when you can't score runs; the Staten Island Yankees will always stink; and don't get all distracted just because the front office had you warm up wearing a puffy pirate shirt.

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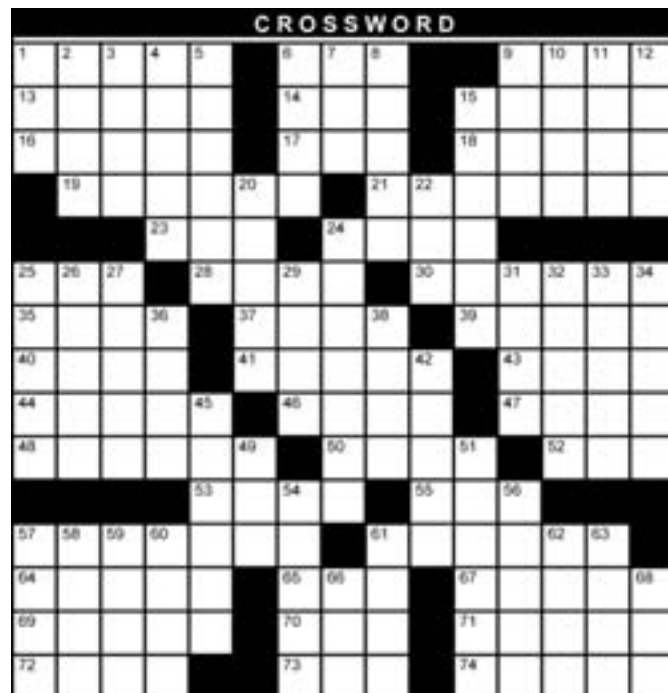
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6. "La" precursor
9. Japanese restaurant staple
13. Spasm of pain
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15. Where one reaction is oxidation and reverse is reduction
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17. Ash container
18. Anoint
19. *Clyde's crime partner
21. Ubiquitous protein
23. *Do it to create a tunnel like John Henry
24. Discarded cards in cribbage
25. Diminish
28. Jessica of "Dark Angel"
30. Last in octad
35. "Frog and _____ Are Friends"
37. Used to row
39. "And Then _____ Were None"
40. *Paul Bunyan did it to his axe?
41. Double-reed instruments
43. Enthusiasm
44. Montezuma, e.g.
46. Eurozone money
47. Arabic for commander
48. Nervous system component
50. First king of Israelites

52. *Br'er Rabbit is more this than Br'er Fox
53. Sommelier's domain
55. Additionally
57. Drag one's feet
61. *Halloween prowlers
64. Collectible in a cabinet
65. Court
67. Brownish gray
69. Resembling wings
70. "To _____ is human ..."
71. Encourage
72. *Br'er rabbit fought with a sticky one of these
73. Levi's competitor
74. What the defense does?

DOWN

1. Pilot's announcement, acr.
2. Fish of the carp family
3. Mythological ship
4. "The hills are alive with the _____ of music..."
5. Lifting injury
6. Swerve
7. "_____ the land of the free ..."
8. _____ eclipse
9. Waiter's handout
10. Footnote word
11. Musical composition for one, pl.
12. Friends of #29 Down
15. *Br'er trickster

20. Icy hut
22. Rest in state
24. Paint the town red
25. *Revolutionary Allen
26. Drunkard's downfall
27. African language
29. *Blue Ox
31. Clarified butter
32. Steers
33. Hiker's path
34. *Steel-driving man
36. Hunted ruminant
38. Evening in Italy
42. *Where "Uncle Remus" tales took place
45. *Pecos Bill, e.g.
49. Goose egg
51. Plunderer
54. Handrail post
56. "August: _____ County"
57. Healing sign
58. Maui dance
59. Kuwaiti, e.g.
60. Boggy
61. *Blood's partner in Halloween tales
62. Yanks
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66. Bonanza find
68. Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy



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ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, your thoughts are spinning and it's pretty difficult for you to get a hold of any one thing. Take a step back and try to clear your head before proceeding.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, don't let your nerves get the better of you this week. Find someone who can calm your nerves and help you realize you have nothing to be nervous about.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you have plenty of motivation to get a project started. All you need is some help to get things off the ground. Others will be inspired by your enthusiasm.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, others seem to spend time in the spotlight, but you're more comfortable spending time in the shadows. Make the most of this time for quiet reflection.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you may be anxious to try a new hobby this week, but just don't know which direction to go. Get some recommendations from friends about what keeps them busy.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Sometimes it is difficult for you to talk about your feelings, Virgo. You want to present a brave front, but you're only human and should let others in this week.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, staying the course may be a challenge this week. You have too many things pulling you in different directions. But you'll be successful if you can get a foothold in one thing.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Work associates may not be holding up their end of the deal, Scorpio. You're content to help out once in a while but not take on the work of everyone else.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Use your charm to win someone over, Sagittarius. This is an influential person who will be good to have in your corner. You never know when you might need a good ally.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, if certain ideas didn't work in the past, give them another try. All of the components may fall into place this time around, and you'll like the results.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, the coming weeks may be ideal for some rest and relaxation. Plan for some downtime and make the most of this chance to recharge your batteries.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, expect things to flow much more smoothly this week than they have in recent weeks. You may find you have more free time.

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