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Guyana's President David Arthur Granger addresses the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly, at U.N. Headquarters, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015.

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Guyana wants protection from foreign aggression

By Nelson A. King

Reaffirming his country's commitment to international law and the primacy of the decisions of the United Nations, the President of Guyana, David Granger, on Tuesday called on the world body to stand by its commitment to protect small states from foreign aggression.

In this case, Granger told the 70th Ses-

sion of the UN General Assembly Debate on Tuesday that it was attempts by Venezuela to "unravel borders which have been undisturbed for decades."

In his maiden address to the General Assembly, the Guyanese president focused solely on his country's long-simmering territorial dispute with neighboring Venezuela

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TOUGH LETTER TO BRITS

Reparations movement moves against David Cameron

By Bert Wilkinson

The Caribbean Reparations movement did not lose a moment this week by jumping on the back of visiting British Prime Minister David Cameron demanding that one of the largest Trans Atlantic slave trading nations prepares itself to pay millions in compensation to the region.

Cameron was on a two-day visit to Jamaica this week and the umbrella Reparations Commission headed by University of the West Indies Vice-Chancellor Sir Hilary Beckles wasted no time in letting him know there is a plan by regional governments to take Britain and other European nations to

court to win reparations.

Beckles penned a formal letter to Cameron and his delegation on behalf of Caribbean trade bloc governments which two years ago had established a region-wide body to research the slave trade and to hire a respected law firm to fight the case in European courts as the people who had owned slaves were the ones compensated for losing them at abolition in the 1830s rather than those who were brutalized on sugar and other plantations.

"It is not an issue that can be further ignored, remain under the rug, or placed on back burners,"

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Jamaica Hospital and LiveOnNY Rallies New Yorkers To Help Save Lives On Organ Donor Enrollment Day

Jamaica Hospital joins in effort to raise awareness and bring hope to the more than 10,000 New Yorkers waiting for a life-saving transplant.

Jamaica, NY (September, 30 2015) – Jamaica Hospital Medical Center is joining LiveOnNY to galvanize New Yorkers to give the gift of life in the first-ever Organ Donor Enrollment Day. Teams from hospitals and businesses, including government officials throughout the greater New York area, will band together on Tuesday, October 6th with one common goal—to enroll as many residents as

possible as organ donors. “Over 90% of New Yorkers support organ donation, but just 24% are registered. So, we created Organ Donor Enrollment Day to inspire New Yorkers to sign-up to save lives,” said Helen Irving, president and CEO of LiveOnNY. “We will join forces with many in our community to hit the streets, and get supportive New Yorkers to take the important step to sign-up as organ donors. We are thrilled that Jamaica Hospital will take part in this first-ever lifesaving day.”

Jamaica Hospital will host the event in its main

lobby located in the “C” building from 9am to 5pm on October 6th. The hospital hopes to register as many people as possible in one day to contribute to LiveOnNY’s mission to save lives through organ donation. The hospital is committing to impose change by helping reduce the number of New Yorkers who die each year, while waiting for organ donations. This mission is one of great importance to Jamaica Hospital as one of the hospital’s own physicians; Dr. Anthony Dimaria received a life-saving heart transplant several years ago. “The generosity

of donors has allowed me to see my daughters grow,” Dr. Dimaria stated.

While LiveOnNY has helped to save 20,000 lives through organ donation, and helped to improve half-million more through tissue donation over the past 37 years, there is still a dire need for more New Yorkers to sign up as organ donors.

New York ranks last in the country in percentage of residents registered as organ donors. With just 24% of New Yorkers enrolled on the registry, the state is well below the national average of 50%. This contributes to a troubling fact: every 18



hours a New Yorker dies waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.

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Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda Gaston Browne greets President of South Africa Jacob Zuma at the UN. Gov't of Antigua and Barbuda

Antigua, South Africa pledge closer ties

By Nelson A. King

The Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda Gaston Browne and the President of South Africa Jacob Zuma have pledged to establish closer cooperation between the two nations, according to an Antigua and Barbuda Government statement issued in New York.

On the margins of a reception hosted by the South African leader, Browne and Zuma discussed the long history of cooperation between Antigua and Barbuda and South Africa dating back to the anti-apartheid era in South Africa, the statement said on Sunday.

Ambassador to the United States for Antigua and Barbuda, Sir Ronald Sanders, who was present during the discussions, presented Zuma with documents relating to passports that were issued to South Africans as Antigua and Barbuda partnered with the African National Congress (ANC) in the liberation struggle to end apartheid, the statement said.

"Zuma was visibly affected when he examined the documents, taking him back to his days as a young freedom fighter alongside former President Nelson Mandela," the statement said.

It said the documents included photos, "which Zuma identified as being him and recalled the partnership between Antigua and Barbuda and the ANC when other countries had refused to grant them entry."

Zuma told Browne that South Africa will remain a close friend of Antigua and Barbuda, adding that it is his government's intention to forge stronger ties and advance various levels of cooperation, the statement said.

Browne responded that he intends to advance talks with South Africa in the areas of manufacturing and tourism, among other areas.

Vincentian PM urges calm in Guyana-Venezuela border dispute

By Nelson A. King

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves has appealed for calm among "agitators" in the Guyana-Venezuela border dispute.

In response to a question Saturday night, by Guyanese, New York-based lawyer and political activist Colin Moore, for Gonsalves' intervention in the dispute, the Vincentian prime minister urged elements on both sides to tone down the rhetoric.

"In both countries, there are elements who want to ratchet it up," said Gonsalves during the question-and-answer segment of a town hall meeting at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn. "It has to be done (settlement of dispute) in the framework of International Law."

With the death of Norman Girvan, the UN appointed mediator in the Guyana-Venezuela border dispute, Gonsalves said Guyanese feel they "should go to a different process under the auspices of the UN, but we have to tone down [the rhetoric]."

The Vincentian leader said he was one of four regional prime ministers who have sought a peaceful settlement of the Guyana-Venezuela border dispute.

"I form the opinion that both sides want a peaceful settlement," said Gonsalves, disclosing that he was expected to meet with Guyana's President David Granger and his Venezuelan counterpart, Nicolas Maduro, on Sunday on the margins of the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Granger and Maduro were expected to hold talks on Sunday in a meeting facilitated by the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon.

On May 26, Maduro issued a decree claiming two thirds of Guyana's territory, igniting controversy from a dispute that was settled since 1899 by an Arbitral Award, according to the Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC).

The purported annexation of the



St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph E. Gonsalves addresses the United Nations General Assembly at the U.N. headquarters in New York, Monday, Sept. 19, 2005. Associated Press / John Marshall Mantel, File

waters off Essequibo now takes in the oil-rich Stabroek Block, where American oil giant Exxon Mobil in May found a "significant" reserve of high quality crude oil, CMC said.

ExxonMobil said the discovery was made in one of the two wells it dug, in the Liza-1 drill site, which realized more than 295 feet of high-quality oil-bearing sandstone.

Tension between Guyana and Venezuela ratcheted up significantly in recent weeks with the presence of "extraordinary" amounts of troops on the Venezuelan side of the border, according to iNews Guyana.

It said Venezuela had also deployed

naval vessels laden with high-powered weapons in the Cuyuni River.

Chief of Staff of the Guyana Defense Force, Brigadier Mark Phillips told Guyanese soldiers at Camp Ayangana Saturday morning that they should stand ready to defend Guyana's borders, iNews said.

"We are ready to ensure that we have peace throughout Guyana," Phillips said. "We are defending Guyana, we are defining aggression on our frontier, because we want to have peace in our country."

But CMC reported on Sunday that the Venezuelan military was scaling down its presence at the Guyana - Venezuela border.

Guyana nationals can travel to Russia without a visa

By Vinette K. Pryce

Russian President Vladimir Putin may not agree with U.S. President Barack Obama on how to handle Syria.

But governments of Guyana and Russia are of one opinion that visas will not be required to travel between those two distant nations.

Recently, Guyana's Foreign Affairs Minister Carl Greenidge and his Russian counterpart Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov signed an agreement that will facilitate visa-free travel for their citizens.

The groundbreaking signing took

place at the United Nations where the 70th session of the General Assembly opened earlier this week.

According to terms of the arrangement citizens of the nation s will be able to travel between the two countries without a visa and stay for a maximum of six months at a time.

Aimed at encouraging tourism between the two countries, Greenidge said the provision of the agreement will begin a new development to boost the industry and also enhance business throughout the Caribbean nation.

He added that the latest agreement would also improve major barriers that currently impede business relations between the two states.

Guyana established diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union in 1970.

They maintained ties when Russia became the successor state, following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

A Russian embassy in the capital city of Georgetown and Guyana's honorary embassy in Moscow will continue to handle all bureaucracy pertaining to the two nations.

Antigua

Students from Montserrat have been offered a scholarship to pursue studies at the American International College of Arts and Sciences (AICASA) or the American University of Antigua - College of Medicine (AUA).

Montserrat Premier Donaldson Romeo recently held discussions with Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne on the possibilities of having Montserrat students pursue medical studies in Antigua and Barbuda. Prime Minister Gaston Browne approached the American University of Antigua for assistance.



The vice-president of international affairs and dean of the library services and academic support, Dr. Majid Pathan announced that, following consultations with the president of AUA, Neil Simon, the request made by Browne has been approved.

"The president is extremely happy to grant one scholarship annually to a citizen of Montserrat either for courses leading to an Associate of Science in Health Sciences or the Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree," Panthan said.

Browne, in commenting on the approval of his request, said that his government sees the education of the young people of Antigua and Barbuda and the region including the sister nation of Montserrat, as fundamental towards our nations' future development.

The AUA and the ACIASA grant six scholarships each on an annual basis for Antigua and Barbudan students in their institutions.

Barbados

The Barbados cabinet will soon consider a drug plan for 2015 to 2020, which was recently finalized.

This was disclosed by Attorney General Adriel Brathwaite when he addressed the opening of a four-day national seminar in Illicit Drug Production, Synthetic Drugs and New Psychoactive Substances at the Grane Resort, Bridgetown.

"In formulating the drug plan, we would have a holistic approach to how we would treat legal and illegal substances and have one body that champions our overall legal framework," he explained. He said once Cabinet gave its approval, the plan would be implemented.



"We have not had a comprehensive plan in many years (and) we were bit behind time in terms of our commitment to CICAD (the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control)," Brathwaite said. He added that the drug plan, which



Caribbean faces drought

In this June 15, 2015, file photo, a fish carcass litters the banks of the unusually low Carraizo reservoir in Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico. See story on page 14.
Associated Press / Ricardo Arduengo, File

was for five years, outlined the island's overall framework, in terms of its response to the international, in terms of its response to the international best practices for legal and illegal substances.

Brathwaite also stated that he firmly believed that as many people as possible should be trained in detecting the use of illegal substances in determining the use of illegal substances and in educating young people, particularly those who were more inclined to experiment.

Head of the Supply Reduction Section of CIAD, Ziggy Malyniwsky said traditionally, the Caribbean focused on drugs such as cocaine, heroin, marijuana and alcohol.

Dominica

Airlines have resumed flights since Tropical Storm Erika ravaged Dominica in late August.

Commercial flights serving the Caribbean island are resuming flights to the Douglas-Charles Airport following the storm which left 25 people dead and hundreds of homes destroyed.

The Eastern Civil Aviation Authority gave the go-ahead to resume commercial flights. Since then airport authorities have been working to restore essential services to the badly damaged terminal building in order for airline partners, LIAT, Seaborne Airlines and Winair, to re-establish sched-



ules to the airport.

Partners airlines have made several test landings since receiving the go-ahead

Guyana

A delegation from St. Maarten — one of the five Caribbean countries seeking associate membership in CARICOM — recently met with CARICOM Secretary General, Irwin La Rocque at CARICOM headquarters in Georgetown, Guyana.

In addition to discussions on the terms and conditions of associate membership, the delegation received information on the structure and work of CARICOM and the ongoing reform of the Community and the Secretariat.

St. Maarten already enjoys a good relationship with CARICOM, as it has attended meetings of the COHSOD (Council for Human and Social Development) as an observer; it participates in the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and offers the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) curricula and examinations in its schools.

The delegation also met with the technical directorates of the CARICOM Secretariat and representatives of CARIFORUM.

Grenada

Grenada and China are moving ahead with plans to formalize an air services

agreement.

This was revealed by Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell on his return from China, saying tourism was also high among the items high on the agenda during his trip.

Grenada is set to become the second country in the region after The Bahamas to conclude such an agreement with China, which can boost the economy.

"We are going to be the second country in the Caribbean that has signed on officially to air service agreement with the major project being planned by the Chinese investor Charles Liu in Mt. Hartman area, which is almost a billion dollar investment," Dr. Mitchell said.

China is planning to initiate a regular flight to Cuba by way of Montreal, Canada, next month.

The prime minister said his government plans to work with Cuba in order to benefit from a Chinese flight in the region.

Mitchell met with a high level delegation in China led by the country's Premier Li Keqiang.

Discussions covered a range of other issues including Beijing's desire to speed up on infrastructural projects on the island such as the housing projects and completion of the football and athletics stadium.

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Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron talks with Prime Minister of Jamaica Portia Simpson Miller at Buckingham Palace in London.

Associated Press / Stefan Rousseau, Pool

Reparations

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Beckles said in a tough missive to Cameron.

He pointed a finger directly to Cameron, reminding him that some of his relatives had actually owned slaves in the region and had been paid millions by today's measure when the trade was officially ended in the region more than 200 years ago. Well publicized research also shows that his wife's relatives were also part of the slave trade.

"You are a grandson of the Jamaican soil who has been privileged and enriched by your forebears' sins of the enslavement of our ancestors. You Sir, are a Briton, not a Greek, and we have no reason therefore to fear what you bear. But we do ask that you recall that the Caribbean region was once your nation's unified field for taxation, theatre for warfare, and space for the implementation of trade law and policy. Seeing the region as one is therefore in your diplomatic DNA and this we urge that you remember," the letter said.

Upon arrival in Kingston on Tuesday, Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller, obviously feeling the pressure of the rising tide of support for reparations, raised the issue with the prime minister as he landed.

"I brought to the prime minister's attention, the issues of reparations, indicating that Jamaica is involved in a process under the auspices of the Caribbean Com-

munity to engage the UK on the matter while we are aware of the obvious sensitivities involved," she said.

Beckles had also hinted that Cameron, like his predecessor heads of government, will seek to ignore the reparations issue and try to divide and rule the region by announcing a package for Jamaica and the Caribbean and from all appearances he is on course to do just that.

Cameron said Britain will help Jamaica build a new prison edifice with a Sterling 25M grant to house hundreds of Jamaican locked up in the UK for various offenses. They will serve time at home, especially those who have 18 months more left on sentences.

And just as Beckles had predicted, he unveiled a Sterling 300M fund to provide grants to the region for infrastructural projects and transportation

"I believe this money can help to unleash trade across the region with your roads and bridges, and port infrastructure to help speed up freight movements. It will benefit British businesses who have the knowledge and expertise to deliver infrastructure improvements," the prime minister said.

Some Jamaican legislators had called for a boycott of Cameron's visit and of his address to a joint sitting of parliament to press the case for reparations.

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Guyana's first lady champions women's causes



Assemblywoman Roxanne Clarke and Sandra Chapman, both Guyanese-born present First Lady Sandra M Granger with citations.

Tangerine Clarke

By Tangerine Clarke

Guyana's First Lady, Her Excellency Sandra Marie Granger, a champion for women's causes, was the guest speaker at a Women's Networking Reception on Sept. 26, as part of her first official visit to New York to attend the 70th UN General Assembly with President David Granger.

The capacity crowd of women at Crystal Manor in Brooklyn gave the first lady a warm welcome, while Jaida and Jadyann Parris presented Granger with a bouquet of flowers, after which, the humanitarian spoke of education as her top priority.

Granger, who thanked the organizers for giving her the opportunity to celebrate "our Guyanese heritage" and to

share her thoughts about children, seniors, the unemployed and the underemployed in Guyana, was passionately about her causes that needed immediate attention.

Quoting Pakistani activist, the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai, who said education is hope and development, Granger added that the key to "our development and success, is education," and spoke of the many students she met along the campaign trail that lacked basic reading and writing skills, but who were promoted to higher learning.

Educated, in politics and anthropology in Latin American, Granger noted that the students who pass the Grade 6 Common Entrance examination are predominantly those who attend private schools, and added that most who write the exam are girls.

"We are in a crisis," said Granger who blamed the previous government's lack of interest to provide the education that students deserved. "The scores are bleak, especially in mathematics, science and social studies, where the pass grade is just over 50 percent."

US amends Cuba sanctions regulations

By Nelson A. King

The United States Department of the Treasury and Commerce have made additional revisions to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations (CACR) and Export Administration Regulations (EAR), building on the changes put into place by the departments earlier this year and further delivering on the new direction towards U.S. relations with Cuba that President Barack Obama laid out last December.

The Treasury Department said on Wednesday that the changes, consistent with the President's December announcement, will take effect on Sept. 21, when the regulations are published in the U.S. Federal Register.

"Today's announcement underscores the Administration's commitment to promote

constructive change for the Cuban people," said U.S. Department of the Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew. "These regulatory changes build on the revisions implemented earlier this year and will further ease sanctions related to travel, telecommunications and internet-based services, business operations in Cuba and remittances.

"A stronger, more open US-Cuba relationship has the potential to create economic opportunities for both Americans and Cubans alike," he added. "By further easing these sanctions, the United States is helping to support the Cuban people in their effort to achieve the political and economic freedom necessary to build a democratic, prosperous, and stable Cuba."

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Jamaica

United States President Barack Obama regards Jamaica as a vital partner in the fight against transnational crime and is looking forward to the island further cooperating with Washington “to advance our common agenda.”

A government statement said Obama made the remarks as he accepted the credentials of the island’s new Ambassador to the United States Ralph Thomas.

“We have supported your exemplary effort by providing training and equipment for the Jamaica Defense Force, the Jamaica Constabulary Force, as well as working to improve overall security within the Caribbean basin,” Obama was quoted as saying. He said Washington was also working with the Caribbean island to improve the country’s energy diversity and security.

Obama said he was looking forward to working together, “to advance our common agenda as we deepen further

the strong and abiding friendship of our two countries.”

Montserrat

Former Chief Minister David S Brandt has described as “totally false” two sex-related charges laid against him by the police recently.

Brandt, a prominent lawyer, who served as chief minister of the British Overseas Territory from 1997 to 2001, was released on EC\$200,000 bail and is due to return to court on Dec. 7 this

year. He was charged with having unlawful sex with a girl under the age of 16 years, and conspiring to have unlawful sexual intercourse under the age of 16 years. The allegation dates back to 2010.

But speaking on ZIB radio recently said: “I am not guilty and in the fullness of time it will be shown that I am not guilty. I cannot comment anymore on anything.”

“The allegations they have brought against me are totally false,” he added.

Compiled by Azad Ali



Border dispute

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— an issue he said was actually settled 116 years ago.

“The whole world — except the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela — accepts our borders,” he declared. “For 50 years, our small country has been prevented from fully exploiting our rich natural resources.

“Venezuela has threatened and deterred investors and frustrated our economic development,” added Granger, emphasizing that Guyana’s territorial integrity is being violated by Venezuela, “which has occupied a part of our territory, the most recent incident being on Oct. 10, 2013, when it sent a naval corvette into our maritime zone and expelled a peaceful, petroleum exploration vessel which was conducting seismic surveys.”

Quoting a UN General Assembly resolution adopted some 20 years ago, Granger said that, despite such international decisions and attempts at arbitration, Venezuela had promulgated “spurious decrees” claiming Guyana’s territory, the most recent being on May 26, 2015, our independence anniversary, when Venezuela issued a decree with specified coordinates purporting to annex almost our entire maritime zone.

“That decree constituted a reassertion of its claim to five of Guyana’s 10 regions,” he said, rejecting claims by Venezuela which he said are in defiance of international law.

“Guyana resists Venezuela’s acts of aggression in defiance of the Charter of the United Nations which prescribes the peaceful settlement of disputes and proscribes the use of armed force,”

Granger said.

He said Venezuela is unsettling a settled border.

“It is destabilizing a stable region of the globe by the use of armed force against a peaceful, small State,” Granger said. “Venezuela has retarded Guyana’s development by threats that are intended to force a small state to yield its birthright.”

He added that Venezuela’s expansionist ambitions cannot be allowed to unsettle the principle of inviolability of borders, undermine the tenets of international law and unravel borders which have been undisturbed for decades.

Renewing Guyana’s pledge to continue pursuing the path of peace, Granger said Guyana does not wish for Venezuela’s “obnoxious territorial claim” to obscure the prospects of peace and obstruct the possibility of growth for the next 50 years.

“We need a permanent solution in order to avoid the fate of perpetual peril and penury,” he said. “Guyana seeks a juridical settlement to this controversy.”

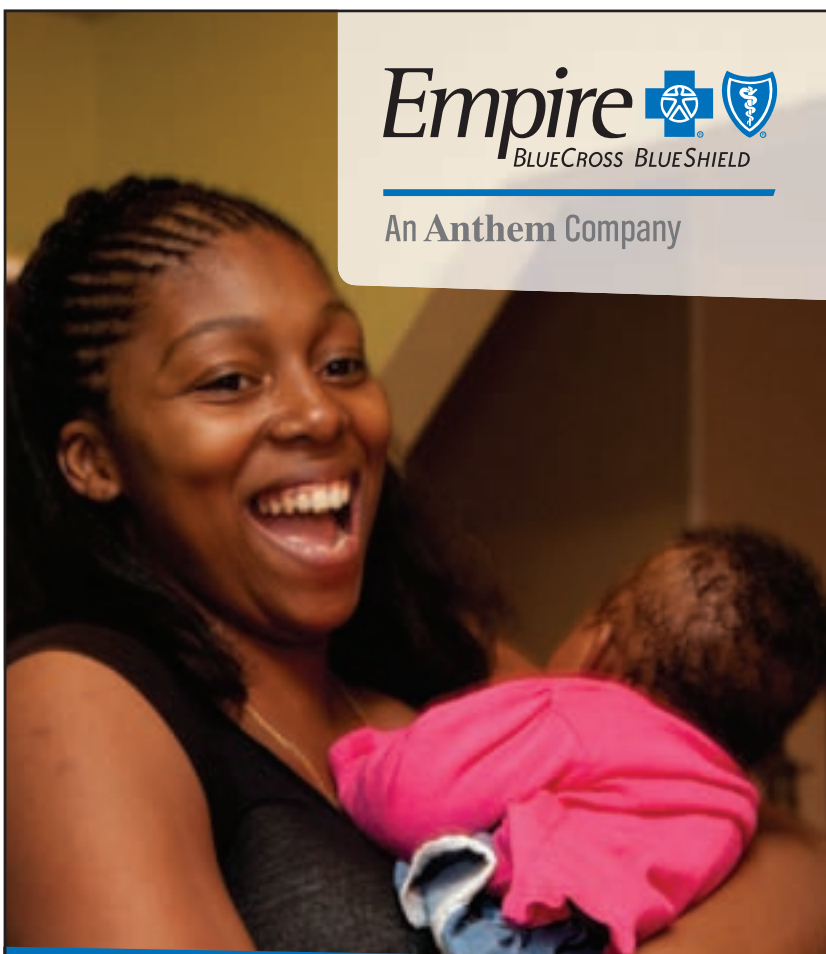
The Guyanese leader said his country reposes its faith and places its fate in the international system of peace that was promised by the Charter of the United Nations 70 years ago.

“We want to bring an end to Venezuelan aggression,” he said. “We want to develop our country, all of our country, in accordance with international law.”

Granger called on the UN to give “real meaning” its Assembly resolution of May 9, 1994 by establishing a collective security system not merely to “monitor” but, more so, “maintain” the security of small states.

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The Pope, partisanship and the common good

By Andrew Hanauer and Eric LeCompte

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, 2015 (IPS) - Pope Francis delivered two very strong messages in his speech to Congress Thursday morning: let's work together and let's protect the vulnerable.

Those are fairly non-controversial comments. Both messages received standing ovations from both sides of the aisle, the type of ovations Presidents rarely receive during a State of the Union address.

The Pope promoted bridge-building eloquently:

"There is another temptation which we must especially guard against: the simplistic reductionism which sees only good or evil; or, if you will, the righteous and sinners. The contemporary world, with its open wounds which affect so many of our brothers and sisters, demands that we confront every form of polarization which would divide it into these two camps. We know that in the attempt to be freed of the enemy without, we can be tempted to feed the enemy within."

This is an important statement in a city gripped with partisan gridlock and amidst a Presidential campaign not known for its civility.

Meanwhile, Pope Francis lamented that so many people live in "cycles of poverty" and noted that "the fight against

poverty and hunger must be fought constantly and on many fronts, especially in its causes."

It's tempting to divide those two messages – work together, help the needy – into separate items, two easy things to check off society's to-do list. Be nice. Help others. But this Pope was saying so much more.

Francis' message was that if we don't work together, we can't help the vulnerable. That each and every one of us must contribute to a world built on "hope and healing...peace and justice." He said that "the challenges facing us today call for a renewal" of a spirit of cooperation. Getting along with each other isn't just a nice thing to do, it's our moral duty because the most vulnerable are counting on us.

Francis is clear about the challenges we face. Poverty and inequality are at the top of the list. Since he became Pope, Francis has skillfully and specifically connected religious teachings on poverty and compassion to the actual debt, tax and trade policies that shape our global economy.

He criticized tax avoidance to dignitaries from known tax havens. He called for a global bankruptcy process for countries in response to the Greek debt crisis. He criticized austerity by name, labeling it bad for the poor. In his speech to Congress, Pope Francis talked

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Recognize the aspirations of ACP group of developing countries

By Dr. Ousmane Sylla

BRUSSELS, Sept. 24, 2015 (IPS) - The significance of the issues covered in the post-2015 development agenda, to be adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit on Sept. 25-27, cannot be over-emphasized.

For the 79 countries that make up the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group), the post-2015 agenda not only recognizes the reality faced by hundreds of millions amongst its populations who live in poverty, but also takes into account the aspirations of these nations to innovate and industrialize, to be energy-efficient, and to attain sustainable economic development while protecting the environment and natural resources for generations to come.

For the first six months in 2014, I had the pleasure of chairing the ACP Group's Ad-hoc Ambassadorial Working Group on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Our mandate at that time was to work closely with the European Commission to develop a Joint ACP-EU Declaration on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

It was indeed a milestone that after many informal and formal meetings with our EU colleagues, at the technical and ambassadorial levels, the ACP-EU Council of Ministers adopted a Joint Declaration on the Post-2015 Development Agenda last June – representing the views of 107 countries of the world.

This joint document underlined the persistent

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and unique vulnerabilities of ACP countries, including amongst its membership 37 Small Island Developing States (SIDS), 40 Least Development Countries (LDCs), 15 Land-locked Developing Countries (LLDCs) as well as those recovering from conflict and political instability.

While many countries have made significant progress in the achievement of the Millennium Development goals, others have not been so fortunate. It is for this reason, and many others, that the development agenda will have to be ambitious and transformative.

As the ACP Group, we expect that the development agenda will address, among other issues: 1) basic living standards and a life of dignity for all; 2) inclusive and sustainable economic growth; 3) the sustainable use, management and protection of natural resources; 4) good governance, equality and equity; and 5) peaceful and stable societies which are from violence.

Moreover, the adverse impacts of climate change poses immediate and long-term significant risks to the efforts of all developing countries, however this threat is

particularly acute for SIDS, as evidenced by the devastation to the Commonwealth of Dominica, a small island in the Caribbean, after the passage of tropical storm Erika just last August. Any post-2015 framework must, therefore, take into consideration the SAMOA Pathway (concluded at the Third International Conference on SIDS) to ensure that specific attention is given to the most vulnerable, in this respect.

In addition, the post-2015 development agenda must address issues related to science, technology and innovation. Technology development, the transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms and capacity building must be addressed.

It is my belief that, in order to ensure that the development agenda is implemented by developing countries, especially those of the ACP Group, adequate and predictable financing from a variety of sources is critical and must be forthcoming.

There is need to address in a comprehensive manner avenues for financing such as domestic and international public resource mobilization, debt sustainability, innovative financing and mobilization of private financial and investment flows.

It is also a fact that, for many ACP countries, official development assistance will remain an important source of financing and in that sense developed countries must fulfill their commitments of providing 0.7 percent of Gross National Income as Official

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In Boehner-less Congress, same old deal

As if we lacked for affirmation of what has already been so crystal clear, announcement of the upcoming resignation of House Speaker John Boehner gave us a jumbo-screen projection of the extent of extremist, recklessness-driven control that embodies the Republican Party. Cynics would wonder (as we do here) why Boehner chose to drop his thunderbolt news nugget while Pope Francis, bearer of a whole different message than has come from Boehner and his allies, was still in our midst. But, so it goes on that side.

Folks close to the situation say the Boehner departure is no surprise, that the speaker's obvious inability to rein in renegades in his conference made stepping down a "when" not "if" matter for him. For his part, Boehner says quitting was necessitated by constant turbulence in the ranks. The inference is that with his departure that turmoil will dissipate. But we'll see about that.

Truth be told, it's not that the speaker was by any means a standout moderating presence in his caucus. As lead orchestrator of more than 50 time-wasting votes in the House to derail

the Affordable Care Act, for one thing, he didn't exactly distinguish himself as a leader given to constructive utilization of the legislative function the House performs. Indeed, the congressional terms over which Boehner has presided since attaining the speakership in 2011 are generally adjudged to be the least productive of all time. Certainly, his lambasting of President Obama, for everything under the sun, doesn't take much of a back seat to what has emanated from the rabid right flank that supposedly has made his tenure anything but a cakewalk.

What might reasonably be said of Boehner is that he has on occasion shown a willingness to draw a line at the devil-may-care, irresponsible tactics of right-fringe lunatics dead-set on pursuing actions even when critically jeopardizing the flow of state business is at stake. Some observers have described Boehner — and he has labeled himself — as committed to the institution that is Congress, where he has served since 1991. And although we're no way inclined to confer on him anything remotely close to a positive rat-

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By Les Slater

ing for the job he has done as speaker, there have been those very few instances of even he finding the conduct of tyrannical misfits in his camp too much to abide.

Frankly, a pattern of continued hardened resistance will likely persist on the GOP side to practically anything surfacing among Democrats, be they in the White House, the Senate or the House. And Boehner's being or not being in the mix doesn't figure to make a difference in how that plays out. We have seen perhaps coming to full bloom in the age of Obama, this complete overturn of the premise of Congress being, by its very nature, defined by collegiality and compromise... which again challenges the proposition that America truly turned a page in its 2008 presidential vote.

Prospects look pretty dim for any dramatic change in the near future from the bilious relation-

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ship Capitol Hill Republicans have had with the Obama administration. It seems the odds-on favorite to succeed Boehner as speaker is the current majority leader, Kevin McCarthy. And unless he has some kind of epiphany, things will proceed pretty much as they did with Boehner, if not worse. As one of the persons front and center in the great anti-Obama electoral push of 2010, resulting in that infusion of Tea Party hysteria that would be the new face of the House GOP, McCarthy clearly is no one from whom you would expect a more sober navigation of House business than under

his predecessor.

Who knows whether, had Boehner come into his speaker's role at another point in time, his arc, as big noise on Capitol Hill, would have been different? As it was, he became perhaps the ultimate personification of an unprecedented and shameless attempt to delegitimize a presidency. It essentially was rooted in what we knew it to be — naked racism. The deliberate belittling of the office of the president under Boehner probably reached its nadir when the speaker ignored President Obama and issued an invitation to Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu to address Congress. Even if one were inclined to be sympathetic to Boehner's ongoing challenges posed by a clearly out-of-control GOP rump, there was just too much from him, as the guy calling the shots, to dissuade us from the view that he fully bought into what, despicably, was the main thrust of GOP policy.

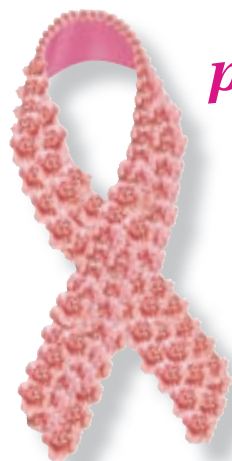
Boehner's quitting means merely making way for someone else continuing to pilot a GOP-controlled Congress through this period of abysmal existence.

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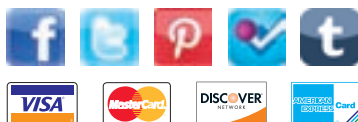
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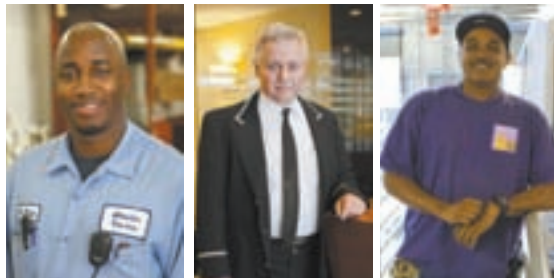
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about “unjust structures.” He didn’t label them, but anyone who listens to Pope Francis speak on a regular basis knows what he’s talking about.

It’s no mistake he’s talked about “an economy” of inclusion or exclusion. He recognizes that whether or not the most vulnerable have enough money to feed their families is the direct result of economic policies formed in capitals around the globe. We all have a role in shaping that economy. And when we work together, we can shape it for the better.

Our organization, Jubilee USA, was founded by religious leaders and Pope John Paul II to shift those very economic policies. We’ve won USD130 billion in debt relief for the world’s poorest countries – money that reduced child mortality rates, built schools and clinics, waived health fees for rural Africans and more. We won this relief because Republicans and Democrats worked together.

From George W. Bush to Barack Obama, from Pat Robertson to Jesse Jackson, we forge broad consensus. It wasn’t inevitable. World Bank President Jim Kim recently noted that when the Jubilee movement began in the late 1990’s, nobody thought it would succeed. But because we worked together across political divides – now Kim attributes the debt relief work of Jubilee as a primary reason for economic growth on the continent.

We’ve got more big challenges to overcome. More than one billion people live in extreme poverty. Debt crises are spreading, from Greece to Puerto Rico to El Salvador. The developing world loses nearly one trillion dollars

each year to crime, corruption and tax evasion, money that could be building schools and hospitals in the world’s poorest countries. Pope Francis noted in his speech that these very structures not only cause poverty, they fuel conflict and instability.

Congress has plenty it can do to help, but will be most effective if they can achieve bipartisanship. Take, for example, the fact that the US is one of the easiest countries in the world in which to create an anonymous shell company to move dirty money around the world. Criminals use anonymous shell companies to scam Americans, steal from developing countries and even fund terrorism. Legislation in Congress could change that – and it will only advance with support from both parties.

When Pope Francis encourages all of us to work together, both Democrats and Republicans should take note. Pope Francis did not deliver a liberal or conservative message. He delivered a message about putting people first – and putting the most vulnerable at the very center – of our political, moral and spiritual lives.

Andrew Hanauer is the campaigns director and Eric LeCompte is the executive director of Jubilee USA Network, a coalition of 75 national organizations and 400 faith communities advocating for economic policies that benefit the most vulnerable. LeCompte attended Pope Francis’ speech to Congress this morning.

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New development strategies

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At the same time, we must also be willing to think out of the box and engage in non-traditional ways of approaching development strategies, which can complement the North to South flow of development assistance.

In this regard, South-South Cooperation – which refers to the exchange of resources, knowledge, technology and experience between or amongst developing countries – is gaining increasing interest in global discussions on fighting poverty and promoting sustainable development. In the same vein, Triangular Cooperation engages a third party – usually a developed country – which also enters the partnership by sharing its own resources and expertise.

The ACP expects a successful and ambitious outcome at the Summit, and we call for an inclusive and effective global partnership to underpin the post-2015 development agenda. This is integral for

the international community to be able to address in a coherent, integrated and balanced manner, the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development.

We stand ready to work in collaboration with relevant stakeholders at the national, regional and international levels, including inter alia, civil society and the private sector, to ensure the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda with the aim of improving the lives and livelihood of our peoples.

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T&T AG paves way for Warner extradition proceedings

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) — Trinidad and Tobago's attorney general has signed documents allowing authorities to potentially go ahead with a U.S. effort to extradite former FIFA Vice President Jack Warner to face charges in a corruption case that has shaken international soccer, officials said in court Monday.

Attorney General Faris Al Rawi signed "authority to proceed" documents in the high-profile extradition case against the indicted Warner, said Queen's Counsel James Lewis, who represents the state. He made the comments Monday at Port-of-Spain magistrate's court.

Al Rawi would not comment on specifics Monday, saying only that "the process is still



In this June 3, 2015, file photo, former FIFA vice president Jack Warner holds a copy of a check while he speaks at a political rally in Marabella, Trinidad and Tobago.

Associated Press / Anthony Harris, File

unfolding." The case against the former FIFA powerbroker was adjourned until Friday while Deputy Chief Magistrate Mark Wellington reviews the matter. Warner is resisting extradi-

tion on U.S. charges of racketeering, wire fraud and money laundering in the FIFA corruption case. He is required to report twice weekly to a police station near his home and his passport has been seized.

Caribbean braces for worsening drought as dry season nears

By Danica Coto
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The most severe drought to hit the Caribbean in recent years is expected to worsen despite rains from tropical storms that have replenished some reservoirs.

Forecasters say El Nino phenomenon is gathering strength and will continue to warm the tropical Pacific until early next year, which translates into sparse rainfall for this largely parched region as the dry season approaches.

"The real concern will come late in the year," said Adrian Trotman, a forecaster with the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology. "We are definitely in a period of relief,

but it's quite likely the relief will not be as long-lived as we would like it to be."

El Nino has produced a quiet hurricane season, which begins in June and ends in November. Only two of nine named storms having dumped significant rainfall over parts of the Caribbean.

The institute issued a report this month saying that many islands in the eastern Caribbean remain in drought, and officials warned that the current wet season will likely end before the traditional date of Nov. 30.

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By Tequila Minsky

Brooklyn heats up with chile peppers

Brooklynites who like their foods hot and spicy flocked to the 23rd Brooklyn Botanical Gardens Chile Festival and sampled “the spicy” poured or dipped onto corn or plantain chips. Tongues tingled and mouths sometimes burned.

Not afraid to dive into the depths of peppery, locals crowded the booths to taste hot sauces, salsas, jams and jellies, honey, kimchi, horseradish and herbs with varying degrees of heat. Many of these vendors source their hot peppers locally from nearby farmers or even closer like A&B American Style Pepper Sauce that harvests peppers grown on a rooftop garden at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

On-site, some artisanal vendors brought inspiration from their varied ethnic heritages: Malaysian, Moroccan, Korean, Indian-influenced sauces and Senegalese-inspired condi-



Antiguan Sonya Samuel holds her “Baccanal Pepper Sauce” and her “Mango Hot Sauce,” both Caribbean-inspired with tropical fruits and peppers.

ments.

Antiguan Sonya Samuel sells two varieties of her “Bacchanal Sauce,” a sauce she developed

with the tropical fruit flavors and spices of her Caribbean roots. “It’s not just about the heat,” she says of her sauce, “My focus is on flavor.” Along with the habanero, scotch bonnet or ghost peppers are tamarind, pineapple, lime and papaya.

Her newest and less hot creation is her “Mango Hot Sauce.” “It’s a trip to the Caribbean,” she likes to say of her sauces that go well on cheese boards and meats. She emphatically proclaims that in the Caribbean, “We use it for everything.”

Based in Crown Heights, Ms. Samuel is very new in the pepper sauce business. Three years ago, at this very same festival she was introduced to local cook-offs for home cooks in Brooklyn. She began competing. At the Googa Mooga food festival in Prospect Park, with a theme of “my hot sauce is hotter than yours,” she fused heat with flavor and placed in the peoples choice category. “People kept asking where they



The zydeco of Jeffery Broussard & The Creole Cowboys from Louisiana were one of the five bands performing sizzling sounds during the full-day Chile Festival.

Tequila Minsky

could buy more.”

Now, this primarily one-woman show sources her peppers from New Jersey Farmers Markets (and freezing them for when they’re out of season), uses a commercial kitchen in Bushwick, and sells her Caribbean-influenced hot sauces on-line and gourmet stores in Brooklyn.

At the Festival, on the other end of the quantity of selections spectrum is 303 Salsas offering a wide variety of salsas artfully concocted by Cantina Royal’s (Mexican restaurant in Williamsburg) executive chef Julio Mora. Twelve of the brand’s 51 varieties were lined up by

increasing degrees of heat for festivalgoers to sample.

Mexican Chef Mora studied French culinary techniques in Mexico City but it was the influence of his mother and her use of spices that inspired him to create salsas. Mora won the 2012 “Hot and Spicy Iron Chef’s Competition” in Toronto.

Torchbearer Sauces traveled from central Pennsylvania with blistering sauces carrying names like “Psycho Curry,” “Trinidadian Scorpion Pepper Sauce,” “Ultimate Annihilation Sauce,” and “Zombie Apocalypse Ghost Chili Hot Sauce.” Their booth was not far from the EMS station.

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Grandchamps Kitchen gives Bedstuy a taste of Haiti



Husband and wife duo, Shawn and Sabrina Brockman, serve Haitian classics and remixes at their new restaurant Grandchamps.

Alley Olivier

By Alley Olivier

Feed your rumbling bellies with a strong sense of community in Bedstuy's newest restaurant: Grandchamps.

Serving Haitian staples to their diverse neighbors, husband-and-wife duo and Bedstuy residents, Shawn and Sabrina Brockman, are making it their responsibility to serve their community's needs. From delicious food to even selling pantry items like Cafe Bustelo and pasta at affordable prices, Grandchamps is investing each delicious bite with an opportunity to better their community.

"We decided to open this business just because we live in this community and we identified a need for this type of business — it's like a food desert here," Sabrina Brockman said.

Offering a full menu from breakfast to dinner, Sabrina — who is of Haitian descent — decided to open Grandchamps along with her husband as a way to offer the community a family-oriented meeting place.

Sabrina and Shawn Brockman entered the restaurant business with a detailed eye on what their community needed. Shawn has a wealth of 12 years in the restaurant business while Sabrina divides her time still working in her field of finance.

Located on Patchen Avenue between Halsey and Hancock streets in what was previously Archie's Grocery, Grandchamps opened back in June and is one of two sit-down eateries on the strip. It is important to them that their staff reflects their neighborhood, hiring majority of their workers who live just a few blocks away from the restaurant. Shawn Brockman, who leads the kitchen as the head chef, certainly did his homework in terms of learning as much about Haitian food and its culture to create imaginative new staples on the menu like the griot sandwich.

"The griot sandwich was Shawn's creation; it has the griot, the pickles and the banan perze in a sandwich. It's a full

meal on its own but it's a way to introduce people to Haitian culture if they're not ready for a full out rice and beans dish," Sabrina Brockman explained.

The motivation behind adding creative spins to Haitian classics are two-fold, first to appeal to New York's fast-paced lunch culture lending the inspiration behind the sandwiches included on the menu.

"What we tried to do is first we thought about the staples, griot, legume, salt fish, the turkey tasso — things that we thought people would expect to see," she explained. "Then, I came up with using our stew chicken and shredding it, using a pita and making a sandwich out of that as a way to repurpose items on the menu," she said.

Secondly, it was important to the Brockman's to craft a menu that could be trained to people unfamiliar with Haitian food. Unlike many other Caribbean eateries that may keep the cooking staff all within the family, Grandchamps' focus is

to provide jobs and teach the local community the valuable life skill of cooking.

"We wanted to bring a different type of awareness to Haitian culture and we just wanted to bring people together," she said.

Operating as the neighborhood's new dining room, Grandchamps opens its doors to fully serve their neighbors with new initiatives and events within their short time of being open. On their immediate list is creating a menu to aid with preparing Thanksgiving meals, providing dishes that could be

completed at home.

"We're hoping to do something like we'll prep a macaroni and cheese dish that you can purchase and bake at home. We're trying to creatively look at our menu so we can cook things that people can finish at home to help with Thanksgiving dinner," she said.

Since opening the community-focused restaurant, Sabrina Brockman is most happy about the positive response she's received from neighbors and passersby who reflect on the former grocery store and many more stories.



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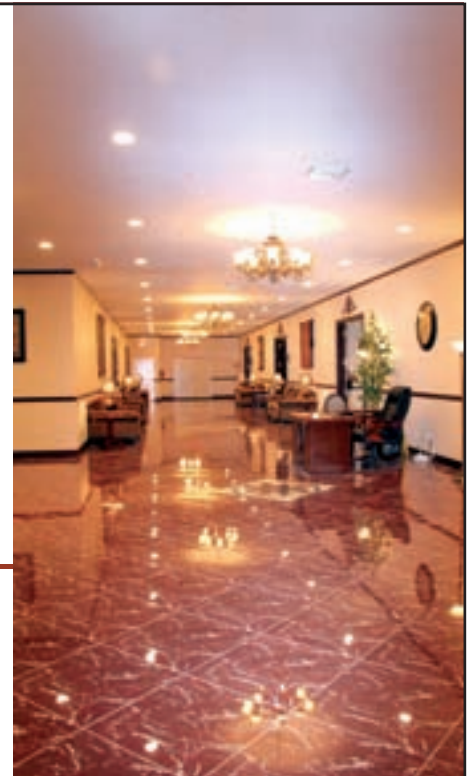
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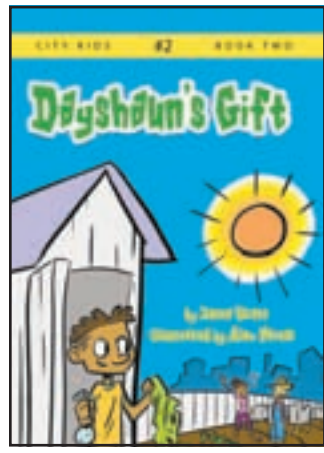
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Immigrants approach our city with eyes wide open, particularly those with a voracious appetite for history, and author Zetta Elliott is no different.

“When you’re an immigrant and you’re new in the country everything is so new – I would walk around with my mouth wide open. I couldn’t believe there was so much history,” Elliott, whose father is from St. Kitts and Nevis and originally from Canada, said.

Through working with middle-school aged children, she realized that they were far removed from history, particularly African American history.

“I was working with a group of seventh grade girls and they had zero interest in the history of their community,” she said. “I was fascinated because I was doing my dissertation on Brooklyn’s history of racial violence



“Dayshaun’s Gift” takes reader’s on a journey back to 1863 Draft Riots in New York City.

but the girls were still like it seemed interesting but it wasn’t relevant to their daily life.”

Inspired by her research and Octavia Butler’s novel, “Kindred” — a time travel story — Elliott decided to blend history and the mysticism of magic and time travel to make history

more approachable to kids.

The author and self-publisher has crafted a series blending history and magic for kids to associate what has happened in the past in connection to the present, like the Black Lives Matter movement.

“This book ‘Dayshaun’s Gift’ is a part of a series, City Kids series, and it’s a group of multicultural boys and girls that have adventures in the city that blends history and magic,” she explained.

The second installment, “Dayshaun’s Gift,” follows a young boy who travels back to the 1863 Draft Riots in New York after putting on his grandfather’s old gardening hat. During the story, Dayshaun learns “about the importance of urban farming and self-sufficient communities when refugees from the draft riots seek sanctuary in the free black community of Weeksville.”

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August, while Haiti saw up to a 50 percent loss in crops in the hardest-hit areas, according to a report from the International Monetary Fund.

The neighboring Dominican Republic saw its agricultural production drop nearly 11 percent as a result of drought, and dairy industry officials have warned that production could drop 30 percent by year's end.

Jamaica also has struggled with crop losses, especially in the island's eastern region.

"They are suffering terribly," said Leslie Simpson, a specialist with the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute. "It's really going to be more serious as we go into the dry

season, not only for agriculture but for domestic consumption."

Some islands, including the Bahamas and Cuba, have had some relief in recent months, and more rain is forecast for them than anywhere else in the Caribbean in the coming months.

Severe drought also has ebbed somewhat in Puerto Rico, where officials this week eased austere water rationing measures. However, 19 percent of the island remains under an extreme drought and 45 percent more is under a severe one.

The Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute is encouraging farmers to find new irrigation methods and better manage existing resources.

"They are predicting more frequent droughts," Simpson said. "This is just the beginning."

Sanctions

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retary Penny Pritzker said the regulations are designed to empower the Cuban people and support the emerging Cuban private sector, "bringing us one step closer to achieving President Obama's historic policy goals.

"These actions build upon previous Commerce regulatory revisions, and will ease restrictions on authorized travel, enhance the safety of Americans traveling to the country, and allow more business opportunities for the nascent Cuban pri-

private sector," she said. "These additional adjustments have the potential to stimulate long overdue economic reform across the country and improve the living standards of the Cuban people."

The Treasury Department said these measures will further facilitate travel to Cuba for authorized purposes; and expand the telecommunications and internet-based services general licenses, including by authorizing certain persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction, which includes individuals and entities, to establish a business presence in Cuba, such as through subsidiaries or joint ventures.

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By Tangerine Clarke

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The Sunday, Sept. 13 celebration renewed the spirit of many churchgoers who came out to praise God for a new beginning in the modernized church hall, after worshipping in a small space of the Albany Manor Banquet Hall, for 13 years.

The spirited, uplifting inaugural service which began at 11:30 am, under the theme: "To Know Christ And Make Him Known – Year of Spiritual Breakthrough" opened with a prayer by Deacon Roderick Langford before a call to worship, and then a proclamation by Brother Khalem Clarke.

Rev. Chester, who became a Christian in 1974 in Georgetown, and served in various ministries, before becoming deacon, elder, pastor and then senior pastor of Newtown Assembly of God in



Parishioners enjoy the inaugural service at Victory Assembly.

Tangerine Clarke

1989, along with his wife Pastor Felicity, and members, raised millions of dollars and worked with builders over the last three years to complete the campus.

The multi-cultural congregation of Caribbean nationals and American followers enjoyed an awe-inspiring service of music, song, testimonies, and interpretive dance performances by the youth and adult ministries.

The followers will benefit from the church's expansion, which includes an annex that

will house a recreational facility, after school programs, a daycare program, and kitchen and dining areas, in an 8000 sq ft space costing of \$6 million when completed.

Reverend Chester, who delivered a "God-sized Victory Assembly" message to his parishioners, as a teenager became inspired to spread the gospel. He became a Sunday school teacher serving in the Youth Department, and later, the Men's Fellowship, choir, church band, and Bible Club in

secondary school.

Rev. Chester, a father of three, Joshua, Jonathan and Gabrielle, graduated from Assemblies of God Bible Institute and the Caribbean School of Theology. His love of God and working with people has taken him across the globe as a preacher and teacher.

The man of God has inspired many in Africa, Europe, South America, Asia, the Caribbean, United States, Canada, Hawaii and Mauritius, spreading the word of God, while holding lead-

ership seminars for pastors and lay workers.

In addition to his role as senior pastor at Victory Assembly of God in Brooklyn, he is also the Missions Advance New York (MANY) director for the Brooklyn / Staten Island section of the New York District of the Assemblies of God.

Rev. Chester and Pastor Dionne Lewis thanked Pastor Peter Park, contractor of the Korean Church Association for the beautiful construction of the one-level building, located between Maple and Midwood streets.

Rev. Chester said, "As the church has outgrown its current meeting place, the Lord has helped us to buy a larger facility that would enable us to not only minister to a larger audience during worship services but also extend the ministry to other areas."

The Queens branch of Victory Assembly is located at 192-20 Linden Blvd. and 193rd Street. Worship begins at 8 am.

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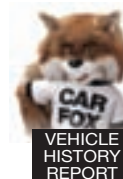
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EXERCISE AND AGING

Addressing common concerns
about fitness after 50

Exercise is an essential element of a healthy lifestyle. Including exercise in your daily routine can lower your risk for diabetes, heart disease and stroke, and exercise can even sharpen mental acuity, reduce anxiety and improve mood. But as beneficial as exercise can be, many men and women — particularly men and women over the age of 50, who have not laced up their sneakers in years — are hesitant to begin an exercise regimen for a variety of reasons, potentially putting their long-term health at risk.

Regardless of a person's age, beginning a new exercise regimen can be intimidating. But it's especially so for men and women over the age of 50, who might not know where to begin or how to approach adopting a healthier lifestyle. According to the National Institute on Aging, the following are a few points men and women should know as they attempt to improve their physical fitness with a more active lifestyle.

Exercise is safe even if you have not been physically active in a long time. Many older men and women worry that suddenly embracing physical fitness after years of inactivity may be detrimental to their health. But that's only true if they don't exer-

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Managing money after age 50

Investors know that money management can be difficult. The ebb and flow of the economy can be similar to a roller coaster, with soaring highs followed by steep drops, and those changes all affect investors' bottom lines. It's no wonder then that many investors over 50 envision the day when they can get off that roller coaster and simply enjoy their money without having to worry about the everyday ups and downs of the market. But managing money after 50 is about more than just reducing risk.

Reducing risk as retirement draws near is a sound financial strategy that can safeguard men and women over 50 from the fluctuations of the market. That's true whether investors put their money in stocks, real estate or other areas that were not immune to the ups and downs of the economy. But there are additional steps men and women can take after they turn 50 to ensure their golden years are as enjoyable and financially sound as possible.

Prioritize saving for retirement. It's understandable that other obligations, be it paying kids' college tuition or offering financial assistance to aging parents, may seem more immediate, but men and women over 50 should recognize that their time to save for retirement is rapidly dwindling. Just because you are retired does not mean your bills will magically disappear. In fact, some of those bills, such as the cost of medical care, are likely to increase. So now is the time to make retirement a priority if you have not already done so.

Start making decisions. People retire at different times in their lives. Some people want to keep working as long as they are physically and mentally capable of doing so, while others want to reap what their lifetime of hard work has sewn and retire early. Finances will likely play a strong role in when you can comfortably retire, so start making decisions about your long-term future. Do you

intend to stay in your current home or downsize? Will you stay in your current area or move elsewhere? These decisions require a careful examination of your finances, and many will hinge on how well you have managed your money in the past and how well you manage it in the years ahead.

Pay down debt. Thanks in part to the recession that began in 2008 and led to high unemployment, many people in the baby boomer generation, which includes people born between the years 1946 and 1964, went back to school to make themselves more attractive to prospective employers. While that might have been a sound decision, it left many deeply in debt. Those who are still carrying debt should eliminate consumer debt first, as such debt tends to be accompanied by higher interest rates than mortgages and student loan debt.

Examine your insurance policies. Your approach to insurance should change as you



Managing money after age 50 is about more than just reducing risk.

get closer to retirement. For example, you want to maximize your liability insurance on homeowners and auto insurance policies. This ensures the money you have set aside for retirement won't be going to a third party should you be

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A lesson for caregivers in Medicare 101

According to the Caregiver Action Network, more than 65 million Americans care for loved ones with chronic illnesses, disabilities, and frailty. Among their many responsibilities, caregivers are often tasked with helping their loved one understand Medicare and make coverage decisions. By following a few tips, caregivers can feel more confident about their ability to help their loved one navigate Medicare.

First, start with the basics. There are two ways to access Medicare. Original Medicare includes Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance) and is offered through the federal government. As an alternative, some people choose Medicare Advantage (Part C), which includes all the coverage of Original Medicare plus additional benefits, often for no additional monthly premium. These plans are offered through private insurance companies approved by the government.

Prescription drug coverage is available with Medicare Part D, which is typically included in Medicare Advantage plans but can also be purchased separately for those with Original Medicare. It is also offered through private insurance companies approved by the government.

Some beneficiaries who have Original Medicare enroll in a Medicare supplement plan, which covers some or all of the costs not covered by Parts A and B. Next, compare your care recipient's options.

"When caregivers are comparing Medicare plans, it's important

for them to consider both their loved one's health and budget needs," said Rhonda Randall, D.O., chief medical officer for UnitedHealthcare Retiree Solutions. "Look at the total cost of a plan, including premiums, deductibles, copayments and coinsurance, as well as the plan's network, if it has

"When caregivers are comparing Medicare plans, it's important for them to consider both their loved one's health and budget needs.

one, to make sure you're comfortable with the doctors and hospitals that are included."

If additional benefits such as dental and vision care or a gym membership are important, Randall suggests considering a Medicare Advantage plan; benefits like these are not typically covered by Original Medicare.

Lastly, don't go it alone. If you care for an older adult now or anticipate taking on a caregiver role, there are caregiver tools and resources available to help you and your loved one. To learn more and get the support you need today, visit www.WhatIsSolutionsForCaregivers.com or call (877) 765-4473. Services are available in all 50 states and can be tailored to meet specific needs.

consult with their physicians before making any lifestyle changes.

Exercise reduces fatigue. Exercise improves strength and energy levels, so sitting on the sideline to preserve your strength is counterproductive and could lead to serious medical problems. The "Report on Physical Activity and Health" from the U.S. Surgeon General's office noted that men and women who are inactive are almost twice as likely to develop heart disease as those who are more active. While getting adequate rest and giving your body ample time to recover from physical activity is essential, your body won't benefit by avoiding exercise to preserve your strength.

No one is too old to exercise. Exercise helps the body stay strong and fit even when you can no longer max out on the bench press or squat hundreds of pounds. Scaling back your exercise routine will be necessary as you get older, but that does not mean you cannot still enjoy and benefit from physical activity.

EXERCISE

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cise caution at the outset of their routines. When beginning the routine, take things very slowly at first, choosing to walk or bike every day rather than hitting the treadmill and adjusting it to maximum resistance. When strength training, start off with very little weight so your muscles can grow acclimated to the motions and you can get the exercises down pat.

Exercise can make existing medical conditions more manageable. Those over the age of 50 who have preexisting medical conditions are likely to find that exercise alleviates rather than exacerbates their physical problems. The NIA notes that studies have shown that regular exercise and physical activity can benefit people with arthritis, high blood pressure, and heart disease. But it's still recommended that those with preexisting medical conditions

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Early Detection of Breast Cancer at BRMI

BY DR. JOSEPH ABRAMS

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. One of every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, making breast cancer the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women, and the second leading cause of death among women. The aim of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is to promote screening as the most effective weapon in the fight against breast cancer.

Too many people wait until they experience symptoms, like a palpable lump or nipple discharge, before they get a mammogram. By then, the cancer may be more difficult to treat and cure. That's why it is so important to have a screening mammogram once a year. When breast cancer is detected through annual screening, the vast majority of women are cured.

Mammography is the primary modality used to detect breast cancer. The American Cancer Society and the American College of Radiology recommend yearly mammography



screening after the age of 40. Additionally, screening may include breast ultrasound in women with dense breasts, and breast MRI in women at increased risk for breast cancer (e.g., family history, genetic predisposition, past breast cancer).

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A better mammography at Bay Ridge Medical Imaging

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Incredibly, one out of every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, says Dr. Joseph Abrams of Bay Ridge Medical Imaging.

"It is the second leading cause of cancer death among women, after lung cancer."

Breast Cancer Awareness Month reminds us to go out and get that mammography.

"It's the most effective weapon in the fight against breast cancer," says the doctor.

Now there is a new modality that makes detection even more efficient.

Bay Ridge Medical Imaging is proud to offer this breakthrough technology — the three-dimensional mammography — at its 99th Street office. This revolutionary procedure, also known as tomosynthesis, enables the radiologists there to view the inside of the breast, layer-by-layer, getting a clear image of the tissue.

In the past, if the images seen on the screen were unclear, women might have been asked to undergo ultrasound testing or an MRI, so radiologists would have better images. While such diagnostic tools are still used and may be required, depending upon the circumstances, the 3D mammography images are so much clearer, it often reduces the need for additional testing.

This particular machine — the G.E. SenoClare — "has 40 percent less radiation than other 3D-imaging machines on the market," says Dr. Abrams. "We are the only facility in Brooklyn with this specific machine."

Technologist Jaclyn Crimi has been using this technology since Bay Ridge Medical Imaging obtained it in July.

"Women find the machine more comfortable because the panels are slightly more flexible," she says.

The breast is still com-



(From the top clockwise) The staff of Bay Ridge Medical Imaging. Dr. Joseph Abrams and technologist Jackie Crimi show off the new SenoClare, a machine that can take a three-dimensional mammography. Dr. Abrams checks the results. Photos by Georgine Benvenuto

pressed, and the machine takes sweeping photos to get the 3D images. Knowing that these images provide doctors with a clearer picture of their breast tissue gives women some extra peace of mind, says Crimi.

The test is covered by many insurance plans, including Medicare and GHI. If women don't participate in a plan that covers it, Bay Ridge Medical Imaging will accept the existing insurance plan, and charge an additional \$75 to use this ground-breaking technology.

The American Cancer Society and the American College of Radiology recommend yearly mammography screening after the

age of 40, says Dr. Abrams. If there is a family history of breast cancer or ovarian cancer women may want to come in before then.

He notes that too many people wait until they see a lump or experience discharge coming from the nipple before they decide to get a mammogram.

"By then, the cancer may be more difficult to treat and cure," he says. By making it a point to obtain a mammogram once a year, breast cancer, if it exists, can be detected sooner. As a result, "the vast majority of women are cured," he says.

Should something suspicious be detected, Bay Ridge Medical Imaging does biopsies on the pre-

ises. Minimally invasive needle biopsies can be performed, using ultrasound guidance and guidance obtained via MRIs, says the doctor. When necessary, a biopsy can be performed on the same day as the mammogram.

Make no mistake about it: having annual mammography saves lives, says Dr. Abrams, who attended medical school and performed his residency at New York University. He completed a fellowship at Memorial Sloan Cancer Center, specializing in breast imaging and the detection and diagnosis of abnormalities.

Women are encouraged to make an appointment,

and to bring family members and friends who may be remiss about getting there themselves.

About one percent of men will be diagnosed with breast cancer, too.

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One week: Tragic, spiritual, celestial, political

If asked to sum up the last full week of September 2015, regardless of location, one would be hard-pressed to find the one word that best describes the events that shaped world opinion.

Beginning on an abysmal low from news of a stamped at the Hajj in Mina, Mecca, Saudi Arabia where an estimated thousand or more pilgrims died, to the celestial lunar super-moon eclipse shadowing a blood-red circle in the sky, the year's most eventful week ended on a high with millions looking up for the most ideal view.

The sadness of another Muslim travesty lingers, however, a global audience witnessed the joy and exuberance of disciples who gathered in four cities to welcome the world's most-recognized religious shepherd.

Images of cheering crowds in Havana, Cuba beamed greetings to Pope Francis when he visited the Caribbean island.

That the Argentina-born pontiff from the Vatican addressed citizens there in a familiar, native tongue and is also the first from the Americas seemed more than reli-



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

gious, it was almost sacred.

Is the Pope catholic? No need to ponder, when the pacifist arrived in the capital of the USA, the answer was evident he was not only Roman Catholic but catholic in appeal.

Thousands of disciples, agnostics, protestants, non-sectarians and yet to be defined individuals converged on the district to see and hear the 77-year-old messenger who would likely shine a spotlight on relevant issues affecting a global audience.

Met by President Barack Obama, first-lady Michelle, her mother Marian Robinson, and two daughters named Malia and Sasha who reside at the White House, the charismatic leader of the Roman Catholic Church immediately stole headlines in newspapers across the globe.

Stating a position on immigration, mistreatment of Native Americans, climate change, helping the poor and dispo-

sessed, abortion, gay marriages, the death penalty, global refugee crises, volunteerism, senior citizens, youth and a myriad of other issues, the visitor from the Holy See amplified his message by invoking the names of four Americans he considered worthy of note. He described Abraham Lincoln as the "guardian of liberty" who "labored tirelessly that "this nation, under God, (might) have a new birth of freedom."

The mention of Roman Catholic social activist Dorothy Day clarified the role she played in reforming the American justice system.

Perhaps equally enlightening was his acknowledgement of Monk Thomas Merton who he described to be "above all a man of prayer, a thinker who challenged the certitudes of his time and opened new horizons for souls and for the Church." He added that the now-sainted



Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia reads acceptance speech at the South-South awards as, right, Prime Minister Gaston Browne of Antigua & Barbuda looks on. At left, three committee representatives of South-South honors. Vinette K. Pryce

American "was also a man of dialogue, a promoter of peace between peoples and religions."

As the very first messenger from the Vatican to address a joint session of Congress, he probably united a divided congress saying: "I think of the march which Martin Luther King led from Selma to Montgomery 50 years ago as part of the campaign to fulfill his "dream" of full civil and political rights for African Ameri-

cans."

His inclusion of the revered Nobel Peace Prize winner and Civil Rights activist among only four prominent Americans he considered integral to emphasizing his message reminded the global viewing audience of a dream Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. described in a speech about the future of America.

"That dream continues to inspire us all," the pope added.

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FASHION FOR A CAUSE

By Alley Olivier

Runway shows aren't always so cookie cutter or rest on a surface stitch level. With New York Fashion Week already etched in our minds as a good memory, the Grenadian American Young Women's Association is inviting us to revel in good fashion for an inspiring cause.

Chantal Jones, a founding member of the association, said, "The fashion show is to raise funds for Cedar's Home for women and children. We plan to go

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Tyson & Jones return to stage

By Vinette K. Pryce

When actress Cicely Tyson returned to the Broadway stage in 2013 after a 30-year absence, she said she was compelled by the role offered to portray the matriarch in a dramatic production called "Trip To Baltimore."

She also said then that she was uncertain that as an octogenarian she would have an opportunity to return to the Great White Way.

Her command of the character, the ease with which she escorted audiences from Houston, Texas to a small town named Bountiful and the maternal instincts she exhibited against colleagues Vanessa Williams, Cuba Gooding and Condola Rashad earned kudos, extended performances and the big prize – theater's highest award, the 2013 Tony

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ARUBA JAZZ

Roy Hargrove of RH Factor.

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Roy Hargrove headlines festival

By Amun

Roy Hargrove RH Factor headlined the 9th Annual Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival Aruba 2015. Roy Hargrove is a two-time Grammy award winner, and the leader of three separate bands, a straight ahead jazz quintet, a big band, and his Hip-Hop, Soul, Funk, Jazz Fusion Band, RH Factor.

For the third consecutive year the festival was held at the Renaissance Festival Plaza (Renaissance Marketplace), a venue overlooking the deep water harbor, where cruise ships

dock daily, and which houses fine restaurants and shops. A high-end shopping mall is just up the street. The festival ran the last weekend of Friday, Sept., 25 to Saturday, Sept. 26. RH Factor played the first night Friday the 25th, and did not disappoint. Roy Hargrove plays trumpet, flugel horn and keyboard, and in the tradition of jazz legends such as Louis Armstrong he also sings.

RH Factor got into full gear as it swung through jazz, blues, soul, funk and hip-hop rhythms and beats.

By mid set RH had transformed into Parliament Funckadelic with a high energy rendition of "One Nation Under a Groove." When they left the stage, the audience was stoked having enjoyed a rare music experience. They whistled, clapped and shouted for Roy to return to the stage. He walked back on the stage, but only bid them good night and promised to see them again. Besides being a consummate performer Roy Hargrove is a style-setting icon with many looks.

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES



- 1 **The Hills**
The Weeknd
- 2 **Can't Feel My Face**
The Weeknd
- 3 **Locked Away**
R. City Feat. Adam Levine
- 4 **Photograph**
Ed Sheeran
- 5 **Good For You**
Selena Gomez Feat. A\$AP Rocky
- 6 **Lean On**
Major Lazer & DJ Snake ...
- 7 **Wildest Dreams**
Taylor Swift
- 8 **What Do You Mean?**
Justin Bieber
- 9 **Cool For The Summer**
Demi Lovato
- 10 **Cheerleader**
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TOP 10 ALBUMS



- 1 **What A Time To Be Alive**
Drake & Future
- 2 **Honeymoon**
Lana Del Rey
- 3 **GO:OD AM**
Mac Miller
- 4 **1989**
Ryan Adams
- 5 **Threat To Survival**
Shinedown
- 6 **Uncomfortable**
Andy Mineo
- 7 **Beauty Behind... Madness**
The Weeknd
- 8 **1989**
Taylor Swift
- 9 **Turnpike Troubadours**
Turnpike Troubadours
- 10 **Higher Truth**
Chris Cornell

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BROADWAY

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award for best performance as an actress in a leading role in a play.

Since that time, it seems the star of screen and stage has been busier than ever.

Making appearances from coast to coast, she is now embracing another role on the Great White Way and this time she is tagged with another octogenarian to execute the challenging nightly routine.

Tyson will join Tony Award-winner James Earl Jones in a revival of D.L. Coburn's "The Gin Game" at the Golden Theatre.

Slated for a limited sixteen-week run, previews begin Sept. 23.

In the 1978 Pulitzer Prize-winning play, an elderly man and woman living in a retired home, repeatedly play games of gin.

Together they share stories and explore their failures.

"Weller Martin (James Earl Jones) and Fonsia Dorsey (Cicely Tyson) meet on the porch of their nursing home and strike up a friendship, with Weller teaching Fonsia how to play gin rummy. As they play, they share stories

about the lives they led in the outside world. But when Fonsia wins every hand, Weller becomes increasingly frustrated, until their gin games and conversations become a battleground, with each player exposing the other's failures, disappointments and insecurities."

Jones and Tyson were last on Broadway together in 1966 when they appeared in "A Hand Is on the Gate."

They also starred in the long-running off-Broadway production of Jean Genet's "The Blacks."

Tyson's age has been reported to be from 81 to 90.

Most frequently reported to be born in Harlem on Dec. 18, 1924, at times she is acclaimed to have entered the world in 1933.

What is certain is the actress whose roots sprouted after her parents migrated from the Caribbean island of Nevis is a three-time Emmy winner that won a Tony in "The Trip to Bountiful" in 2013.

Jones, 84, won Tony awards for "Fences" and "The Great White Hope."

He recently starred on Broadway in the comedic drama: "You Can't Take It With You."



This June 9, 2013, file photo shows Cicely Tyson posing with her award for best actress in a play for "The Trip to Bountiful," in the press room at the 67th Annual Tony Awards in New York.
Charles Sykes / Invision/ Associated Press, File



Members of the Grenadian American Young Women's Association started "Fashion for a Cause" to support Cedar Home - a home for women who have suffered domestic violence in Grenada. Grenadian American Young Women's Association

FASHION

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to Grenada and refurbish the home."

Cedar's Home is a women's shelter in Grenada the women adopted in 2013 to help serve victims of domestic violence. This particular initiative - known as the "Take A Stand Campaign" - is something the women have worked tirelessly for since its inception in 2012, visiting the women that reside there and doing what they can to ensure

their living conditions are as comfortable as possible. During the "Take A Stand" campaign the association raised just over \$5,000 for the home.

"Fashion for a Cause" is one of the many events the women host each year to raise funds to donate to the home. "This is what the proceeds are for. It needs a lot of painting and supplies for the women," she said.

Fashion for a Cause (922 Remsen Ave. between Foster Avenue and Avenue D in Canarsie, www.facebook.com/gaywa2010) Oct. 3, 6 pm. \$20 at the door.

JAZZ festival

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This night he wore a beige linen suit with matching shirt and bow tie, and tortoise shell shades, and to top it off, he sported a Mohawk haircut.

Friday night also featured a local Aruban group, The Failures (who are anything but that), Michael Bremono, Fuente, The Ploctones, Earth Wind and Fire Experience featuring Al McKay and Mike Stern. Saturday, night two, featured Roberta Gambarini, Franklin Granadillo Big Band, Johnny Scharbaay, Maite Hontele, Robert Jeand'or, Jessy J, Grupo Niche and Live Xpressions.

The Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival Aruba offers an opportunity for local high caliber bands and bands with a reputation built on European touring to play on a bill with internationally celebrated band and musicians. Some of the featured performers who have been featured in the festival over its past nine years are George Benson, Jose James, Liv Warfield, Chaka Khan, Fourplay,

Richard Bona, Randy Brecker, Eddie Palmieri, Marcus Miller, Michel Camilo, Angie Stone, and David Sanborn.

The Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival Aruba offers an opportunity for local high caliber bands.

Aruba is an idea place for a jazz festival of this caliber, and an end of summer vacation. The island is a virtual paradise with pristine beaches, luxury hotel accommodations, fine restaurants and beautiful weather all year long. The island escapes the hurricane belt in the Caribbean and is just north of Venezuela, and part of the Dutch Antilles. There is a constant breeze from the trade winds, which keeps the temperature and humidity at a very comfortable level.

Next year's festival is scheduled for Sept. 23 and 24. Prepare for your end of summer vacation to an island paradise with some great music.

Powerful portrait of Nobel prize-winning teen

"He Named Me Malala"
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated PG-13 for death threats, mature themes and disturbing images
Running time: 87 minutes
Distributor: Fox Searchlight Pictures



"He Named Me Malala": Malala Yousafzai at the Kisaruni Girls School in Massai Mara, Kenya. May 26, 2014. Fox Searchlight Pictures. © 2015 Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, All Rights Reserved

By Kam Williams

Malala Yousafzai was named after a girl who spoke out and was killed for speaking out. That folk hero was a flag-bearing teenager who perished in 1880 while rallying fellow Pashtun resistance fighters to an unlikely victory over British invaders in a pivotal battle of the Second Anglo-Afghan War.

After settling on the very meaningful moniker, Malala's father inscribed it into his genealogy because no females were mentioned in his family

tree stretching back several centuries. Furthermore, Ziauddin Yousafzai resolved to raise his daughter to see herself as the equal of any boy.

While such an approach might be unremarkable in the West, it was downright heretical in the Swat District of Pakistan, a hotbed of Islamic fundamen-

talism in the late 20th Century. For, over the course of Malala's formative years, much of the country was being terrorized by the Taliban which had taken to

blowing up any schools which had the temerity to admit girls.

In defiance of their militant mullah's absolute mandate against any female education, Mr. Yousafzai not only allowed his daughter to matriculate, but even spurred her to speak out online as an equal rights advocate blogger. This only served to infuriate Mullah Fazlullah who issued a fatwa against her over the radio, which led to an assassination attempt on a school bus by one of his followers.

Malala, who was just 15 at the time, was lucky to survive the bullet to the brain. While she languished in the hospital unresponsive and attached to tubes, her worried folks had no idea whether their daughter would ever even be able to walk or talk again.

She did eventually emerge from the coma, though deaf in one ear and in need of months and months of rehabilitation just to master simple bodily functions most people take for granted.

Independent & Foreign Films

Addicted to Fresno (Unrated) Dysfunctional siblings comedy revolving around a lesbian (Nataasha Lyonne) working as a maid in a hotel where her sex-addicted sister (Judy Greer) just out of rehab accidentally kills a guest during a passionate relapse. With Aubrey Plaza, Clea Duvall, Fred Armisen and Molly Shannon.

Brand: A Second Coming (Unrated) Warts-and-all biopic about iconoclastic actor/comedian Russell Brand, following the British bad boy as he dives headlong into drugs, sex and fame in an attempt to find happiness, only to realize we have all been nurtured on bad ideas and empty celebrity idols.

Freeheld (PG-13 for profanity, sexuality and mature themes) Gay rights documentary of the same name chronicling the struggle of a terminally-ill, NJ police lieutenant (Julianne Moore) to secure pension benefits for her lesbian life partner (Ellen Page). With Steve Carell, Michael Shannon and Josh Charles.

Gravy (Unrated) Horror comedy about a trio of costumed misfits who seize control of a Mexican restaurant before forcing the staff to consume some unusual cuisine and libations. Featuring James Roday, Dule' Hill, Lily Cole, Gabourey Sidibe, Sarah Silverman, Sutton Foster and Paul Rodriguez

Northern Soul (Unrated) Musical drama, set in 1974, about a couple of



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

young British BFFs (Josh Whitehouse and Eliot James Langridge) whose horizons are widened by the discovery of American soul music. Support cast includes Emily Aston, James Rhodes-Baxter and Dylan Brown.

Partisan (Unrated) Suspense thriller, set in a utopian commune isolated from society, where an 11 year-old boy (Jeremy Chabriel) meets resistance when starts to question the motives of the cult's domineering leader (Vincent Casel). With Nigel Barber, Florence Mezzara and Timothy Styles.

Shanghai (R for graphic violence, drug use and brief profanity) Suspense drama, set in 1941, about an American who falls in love and uncovers a political conspiracy when he ventures to occupied Shanghai to investigate the mysterious death of a friend. With Gong Li, Chow Yun Fat, Franka Potente, Ken Watanabe and David Morse. (In English, Mandarin, Japanese and German with subtitles)

Shout Gladi Gladi (Unrated) Medical care documentary, narrated by Meryl Streep, celebrating the efforts of altruistic nurse-turned-peripatetic philanthropist Ann Gloag dedicated to healing African women suffering from obstetric fistulas.

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Cricketers are unhappy with WICB tactics

Eyes on Cricket

By George H. Whyte

Too many flaws exist within the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) for this entity to be successful in its endeavors. To make matters worse, this situation has been going on for too long. The relationship between the West Indies Players Association (WIPA) and the WICB has been very sour, thus the cricketers suffer financially and otherwise.

It appears that most players are unhappy with the WICB and the WIPA and they feel that they have to fight for their own interests because those at the hierarchy have misrepresented them or they are not qualified enough to negotiate responsibly in their interest.

ades and no progress have been made with cricket particularly with the senior West Indies men's team.

Presently, West Indies stands at number seven in Test matches behind New Zealand, in One-Day Internationals, they are at a disappointing number nine behind Pakistan and more devastating number five in Twenty20, when the West Indies team has the best Twenty20 players in the world. These include Chris Gayle, Dwayne Bravo, Sunil Narine, Marlon Samuels and Kieron Pollard.

The WICB must modify their spending strategies and be much more efficient and transparent in showing success.

WICB MUST ABORT WASTEFUL SPENDING

The West Indies Cricket Board has been conducting business at a deficit for dec-

SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR JASON HOLDER

New Test captain Jason Holder, who also captains the ODI Squad will be having a very weak ODI Squad without



West Indies' bowler Jason Holder reacts after Australia's Steven Smith, not in photo, played a shot off his bowl during the opening day of their first cricket Test match in Roseau, Dominica, Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco

Dwayne Bravo, Kieron Pollard and Sunil Narine. The West Indies Cricket Board under the presidency of Dave Cameron should notify the public as to

whether Dwayne Bravo and Kieron Pollard are banned for life or suspended indefinitely from playing for the West Indies.

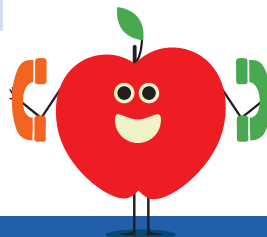
Note: One-Day Captain Jason Holder needs to have the best team possible and this is for the interest of West Indies cricket.

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New York Jets offensive lineman D'Brickashaw Ferguson (60) blocks against the Cleveland Browns, Sunday, September 13, 2015, Secaucus, NJ. The Jets defeated the Browns 31-10. Al Tielemans via Associated Press

'Brick' Ferguson seeks playoffs

By Robert Elkin

If a football 'buff' asks a question who holds the record of second most regular season games started since being drafted by the New York Jets in 2005 the answer would be D'Brickashaw Ferguson. In fact, 'Brick' is in second place in the National Football League and is runner-up to the New York Giants' Eli Manning for consecutive starts in the league.

Including last week's Jet-Philadelphia

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Jamaica's PM praise athletes

By Azad Ali

Jamaica's Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller has hailed the country's athletes for their performance at the recent IAAF's World Championships, describing them as inspirations to the entire nation.

In a statement to Parliament, Simpson-Miller she said, "All Jamaica's athletes who competed in the World Championships distinguished themselves and contributed valiantly to the country's illustrious performance winning 12 medals with

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HORNE IN THE HALL

Philadelphia Union midfielder Tranquillo Barnetta, right, clears the ball from under Orlando City forward Cyle Larin, left, during the second half of an MLS soccer game, Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, in Orlando, Fla.

Associated Press / John Raoux, File

Caribbean Life sports reporter inducted

By Patrick Horne

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015, will always be a special day in my life and in the lives of my immediate family, other family members and friends — it was the day that I, this writer, along with my college soccer teammates, was inducted into the SIUE

Soccer Hall of Fame.

In 1975, my senior year in college and my third year as a member of the SIUE (Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville) Cougars soccer team, I played a big role in helping the Cougars become the first SIUE squad in any sport to reach an NCAA Division

I national championship game. My Cougars team played the University of San Francisco for the 1975 NCAA Div. I title, at Edwardsville, and lost, 4-0, to the eventual champions, the Dons, which was rated as one of the best ever college soccer teams.

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game, Ferguson's figure is 147 at the offensive tackle position, one that doesn't usually get into the statistics in the book.

Last year was a dismal year for Ferguson and the rest of his teammates, thus forcing management to make many personnel changes including the head coach.

So far after the first three games there is a slight improvement, with the Jets holding a 2-1 record at press time. Ferguson's primary job is to help the skill position players do their job in the offense, including the putting points on the board.

Over the years, his play has just been a plus for the Jets and, he, himself, won some honors on the field, as voted by the coaches, and he earned year end pro bowl or all-star honors that has helped him during his amazing career even though there aren't any figures that could show it. It's his overall play on the offense that lead to the scoring.

It's a credit to him for the number of consecutive games that he has started.

A resident of Freeport, New York, where he has grown up and starred during his high school career, earning all-Long Island honors, D'Brickshaw is the son of Ed Ferguson, Sr., a native of Nassau, Bahamas. The football player's father followed his son's brilliant career whether it be at Freeport or at the University of Virginia. Brickshaw was born in the United States.

The next game is against the Miami Dolphins, and it's a big American Conference game but it is in London.

"We have to get ready for the next game," said Ferguson. "(We have to put the Eagle game behind us and move on.)"

Turning overs hurt the Jets in the last game, and the players don't want them to happen again.

In Ferguson's earlier days before reaching the National Football League, he was into the sport of karate. He is now concentrating on bigger things, such as football, where he is earning the money.

In his first two seasons competing in the NFL, he played at 295 pounds. He has now gone up to 310. He looks bigger than he did in his initial two seasons.

He has to execute for this teammates and let them keep winning and making the playoffs. That's the first step!

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Patrick Horne, fifth from left in the back row, with members of his Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Cougars soccer team in 1975. SIUE Photo Services

HORNE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

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It was a fantastic run for our team, which was, and still is, considered the best ever SIUE soccer squad. After advancing to the NCAA tournament the previous three years, my '75 team, for the first time, won consecutive games in NCAA postseason play. We defeated Cleveland State University (3-2) in the first round, knocked off powerhouse St. Louis University (2-1) for the first time in postseason play in the quarterfinals, then proceeded to beat defending NCAA national champion Howard University, 3-1, before falling to San Francisco in the title game.

The team featured leading scorer Tim Twellman, whose son Taylor is a former USA national team player and former MLS leading scorer with the New England Revolution; Taylor is now a soccer analyst on many broadcasts of USA national team games. A number of my teammates went on to play in the NASL, including Twellman, Greg Makowski, John Stremmlau and myself. Our assistant coach, Pat McBride, played in the NASL with the St. Louis

Stars and was one of the pioneers of the old North American Soccer League.

The event was most memorable because the reunion was our first in 40 years; it was good to see teammates and old friends, to meet their families, reminisce and laugh about old times and to see everyone health and well. I will forever remember my teammates and treasure the memories for ever. It is great feeling being an SIUE Hall of Famer.

MLS

The New York Red Bulls (14-9-6) were clobbered by the Kaka-led Orlando City SC, 5-2, last Friday night as Canadian international Cyle Larin recorded a hat trick for the visitors to Red Bull Arena. The Red Bulls, though, are still in first place in the MLS Eastern Conference, and thanks to New York City FC, which defeated Vancouver Whitecaps, 2-1, the Red Bulls are also still tied on points with the Whitecaps in the race for the Supporters' Shield trophy.

Larin (24th, 43rd, 61st) had his best day as a professional; he started the

goal spree in the 24th minute and never looked back. He now has 14 goals on the season, the most for an MLS rookie. He benefitted from two assists from Kaka, the Brazilian star. Bryan Rochez, scored Orlando's fifth goal in the dying moments of the game.

Dax McCarty (29th min) and Lloyd Sam (58th) scored for the Red Bulls, which saw their head coach Jesse Marsch and defender Matt Miazga red-carded. Sam scored his eighth goal on the season. Orlando's third goal was an own-goal by a Red Bulls defender in the 46th minute. The Red Bulls host Columbus Crew SC, Saturday, October 3 at Red Bull Arena, at 7:00 p.m.

In other MLS games last weekend, Los Angeles Galaxy topped FC Dallas, 3-2; San Jose Earthquakes over Real Salt Lake, 1-0; Sporting KC and Seattle Sounders played to a 1-1 draw, and so did Philadelphia Union and New England Revolution; Toronto FC bettered Chicago Fire, 3-2; Portland Timbers over Columbus Crew, 2-1; and Houston Dynamo defeated Colorado Rapids, 3-2.

Athletes

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an all-time high of seven gold, two silver and three bronze".

"Their stellar achievements represent a clear reminder of the outcome and benefit of hard work, discipline, dedication, ambition, faith and focus," the prime minister said.

Jamaica was outstanding across all disciplines. In the sprints Usain Bolt spearheaded their success by repeating as sprint champion in the 100 and 200 meters events.

Simpson Miller said Usain Bolt, 28, had "cemented his place at the very pinnacle of sport."

Defending women's 200m champion,



1. Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce from Jamaica reacts after winning the women's 100m race during the IAAF Diamond League athletics meeting in the Letzigrund stadium in Zurich, Switzerland, Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015. **2.** Jamaica's Usain Bolt celebrates as Jamaica wins the men's 4x100m relay final at the World Athletics Championships at the Bird's Nest stadium in Beijing, Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015.

1. Anthony Anex / Keystone via Associated Press 2. Associated Press / David J. Phillip

Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, also dominated the event to win again there was gold

for the men's sprint relay team and the women's 4x400 team.



ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, it may be challenging to express your true feelings, especially when you fear what others may think. Just do what feels comfortable to you.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Take a sentimental journey with a loved one, Taurus. You never know what examining your emotions will uncover, and you will get to spend quality time together.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you can strike up a conversation with just about anyone this week. Your gift for gab makes you a fun person to have around and a welcome member to any new group.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, someone may catch you off guard this week and you don't have your go-to plan in place. Worry not, as you will rebound quickly and bounce back in a big way.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, it may seem like everyone is hanging on every word you say this week. Don't worry about performing, just continue to do what gravitates people toward you.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, although you're not a big fan of the spotlight, this week you will be asked to handle a situation on center stage. You just may enjoy the situation, so don't fret about it.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, share your long-term goals with colleagues and you may find some unexpected allies. Support can only help your efforts even further.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, set personal feelings aside when dealing with professional matters. Allowing emotion to get in the way of your goals will only end up affecting you.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, this is a great time to try something new. Whether it's a new food or a new experience you've been looking to try, dive right in and enjoy the excitement.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, expect to be excited by a budding relationship in the weeks ahead. Open up to friends or family members so you can share this positive development with loved ones.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Waiting patiently this week will not get the job done, Aquarius. You may have to be more assertive to get things done. Others will understand and prove helpful.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, a problem at work seems tough to crack. Take your time and try a new approach, and you will be happy with the results.

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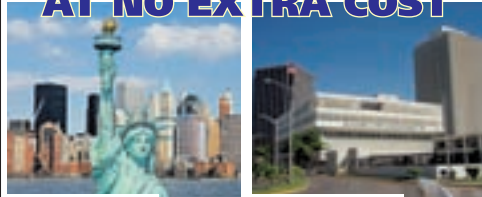
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