



Lowell Hawthorne (right), president & CEO of Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery & Grill, collects the 2010 Observer Business Leader Award from Observer Chairman Gordon 'Butch' Stewart at an awards ceremony held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica. Joseph Wellington/ Jamaica Observer, File

VIGILS FOR THE DEAD

Suriname still mourns mass murder of 15 citizens

By Bert Wilkinson

On Friday, Dec. 8, opposition politicians, surviving relatives, grieving friends and even some officials in government will hold the usual candlelight and other types of vigils in Paramaribo, the capital of Suriname, to mark the 35th anniversary of the execution of 15 of that country's most well-known citizens. The 15 were rounded up at night by soldiers, 22 months after the same group had staged a coup against the then elected government in a bitter row over demands, mostly by junior soldiers, to be represented by a labor union, a development that is unheard of and is highly unusual among its Caribbean neighbors.

The group was taken to a colonial era Dutch fort, interrogated and shot in cold blood, some standing against brick walls. As the city prepares to mark one of the bloodiest events in modern Surinamese history, a military / civilian court which has been conducting criminal trials into the mass murders of 1982, is

stepping up its sentencing of the 25 criminal suspects who were charged with the murders. Back then and still up to today, the military has not been able to furnish any convincing proof that the group was planning a counter coup and plotting with western nations to dispose of military rule. The fort is located right next door to the presidential complex, the official residence of the head of state and a stone's throw from parliament.

At the time, Desi Bouterse, 72, now civilian president serving a second five-year term, was the military strongman in the Dutch-speaking Caribbean trade bloc nation of about 500,000 people. He was the leader of soldiers who decided that they had had enough of the relatively weak and indecisive administration of President Henck Arron so they stormed various government buildings and took control of the levers of state. Democratic elections were not held again until 1987. A political party backed mostly by soldiers and

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Jamaicans reeling from 'Patty King's' death

By Vinette K. Pryce

The funeral for the late Golden Krust President Lowell Hawthorne is expected to take place in Mount Vernon on Dec. 18, and a memorial for Hawthorne is set to take place at his flagship Golden Krust store on East Gun Hill Road in the Bronx on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Jamaicans residing throughout the USA are reeling from the Dec. 2 afternoon shocker that Hawthorne had committed sui-

cide.

Disbelief temporarily pacified many who could not grasp reality that the acclaimed Patty King and founder and Chief Executive Officer of Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery and Grill died from two self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

"We are shocked and some of us devastated by this tragedy," Duane Coombs said.

Coombs received the news moments after the alleged suicide occurred while en-route

to the Children Of Jamaica Outreach's annual fundraiser and dinner, an event Hawthorne annually attended and sponsored.

"There was a pall over the dinner," he added.

Hawthorne and his family were expected to attend the event, instead an announcement was made and a prayer was said on his behalf.

According to Coombs, throughout the gala guests

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Brooklyn Council Member Mathieu Eugene.

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Hawthorne's death leaves sadness

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Council Member Dr. Mathieu Eugene as added his voice to a chorus of shock and sadness across the United States and in the Caribbean over the death of Golden Krust founder and chief executive officer Lowell Hawthorne.

"Mr. Hawthorne was a valued member of the community who used his entrepreneurial and culinary skills to create a standard of excellence that will never be forgotten," said Dr. Eugene, the first Haitian to be elected to New York City Council.

"I want to extend my prayers and deepest sympathies to his family and friends," said Eugene, who represents the 40th Council District in Brooklyn.

Hawthorne, 57, reportedly killed himself on Saturday amid fears the United States federal government were investigating him for evading millions of dollars in taxes.

A family member told New York police detectives that Hawthorne admitted the huge tax debt to some of his relatives, and was "acting funny" and "talking to himself" in the hours before his suicide Saturday, according to the New York Post.

The paper said that, in August, "Hawthorne was slapped with a proposed class-action suit alleging he cheated as many as 100-plus workers at the Golden Krust plant out of overtime pay."

The suit — fairly common in the food service industry — remains pending in Manhattan federal court, the Post said.

The New York Daily News also reported that the owner of the Golden Krust restaurant chain who committed suicide in his Bronx, New York factory was deep in tax debt and was being sued by a former staffer for "thousands in lost wages," according to court records.

Vincy activist's death overshadows gala luncheon

By Nelson A. King

The death of popular Vincentian community activist and United Nations Development Officer Maxwell Haywood overshadowed the gala 8th Annual Luncheon Sunday of the Brooklyn-based group VincyCares at El Caribe Country Club in Brooklyn.

Haywood, the long-standing chairman of the Brooklyn-based St. Vincent and the Grenadines Diaspora Committee of New York, Inc., died Wednesday morning after ailing for most of this year. He was 53. He would have turned 54 on Dec. 13, two days before his Home-going Service takes place at St. Gabriel's Episcopal (Anglican) Church, between Nostrand and New York Aves., in Brooklyn.

Haywood died after VincyCares had announced early this year that he would be among four individuals and a group to be honored at its annual grand celebration that usually takes place at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn. The event was held Sunday, for the first time, at El Caribe Country Club.

Haywood's wife, Sherrill-Ann Haywood — an employee at Brooklyn's predominantly Black Medgar Evers College, who had worked closely with him in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Diaspora Committee of New York, Inc. — accepted the award posthumously in the highly passionate ceremony.

Other honorees comprised veteran Vincentian broadcaster Ferrand "Randy D" Dopwell (Lifetime Achievement Award); Head Master of the St. Vincent Grammar School Curtis King; popular Brooklyn-based Vincentian disc jockey Joseph Caiphas "SupaEyes" Cuffy; the Brooklyn-based Garifuna Indigenous People of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Inc.; and disc jockey Jonell "Yung Hova" Goodluck.

The Rev. Dr. Roxie Irish, a youth minister at Miracle Temple Ministries in the Brownville section of Brooklyn and founder and president of the United Vincy Cultural Group of Brooklyn, inevitably, set the tone for the pall, which was cast over the ceremony, in very terse remarks before delivering the opening prayer.

"In our community, we're mourning, because one of our very special stalwarts transitioned from this life," she said, asking for, and receiving, a minute's silence from patrons in honor of Haywood. "And it's none other but our dear brother, Maxwell Haywood."

Mrs. Haywood's acceptance speech was preceded and followed by standing ovations, and interspersed with selections — by DJ Kemmy "Man Kemmy" Christopher, the 1989 Junior Calypso King in St. Vincent and the Grenadines — from calypsonian Rasum's "Perse-



Sherill-Ann Haywood receives award on behalf of her late husband Maxwell Haywood from Franklin "Supadex" Richards, public relations officer of VincyCares, Inc. and consultant of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Diaspora Committee of New York

Photo by Nelson A. King

verance" and Elton John's "Candle in the Wind."

"Thanks for the overwhelming support since Maxwell's passing and all the prayers and well wishes," said Mrs. Haywood, as tears streamed down the cheeks of some patrons, and some used tissue to dry their eyes. "Maxwell was especially happy to receive this particular award because of his respect for Vincycares and the work they do. This year's theme 'Youth development is the path to successful leadership' also resonated with him, because it exemplifies his own life and journey.

"Maxwell, as a youth, was heavily involved in sports, culture, community and political organizations," she added. "He was positively mentored and developed his leadership capacity. This led him to be an effective youth and student leader. In fact, he began his professional career in the United Nations in the Youth Unit.

"So, Maxwell is here with us in the spirit today, and he is well pleased to receive this award from VincyCares," she continued about her late husband, who was also a student leader at Medgar Evers College. "In fact, he had prepared a message from his bedside that he wanted me to share today. He had hoped to watch the live stream today, but that was not to be."

In that speech, Haywood wrote, and Mrs. Haywood read: "Many countries around the world have created visions, programs and policies to promote youth development and development in general. Some of these include study abroad, cultural exchanges and sports program. Without these types of programs, our countries and societies will be poorer socially, politically and environmentally.

"The implication for us in SVG [St. Vincent and the Grenadines] is that we must seek to systematically create such programs for our youth, if we are to develop socially-conscious, global thinkers, who will creatively aid in solving the problems facing the world, region and country," Mrs. Haywood said. "So, VincyCares' current programs for scholarship, and the provision of school supplies and clothing are moves in the right direction.

"The next step must be a venture to impact policy directions to ensure our youth are empowered with the right knowledge and tools that will allow them to develop key leadership skills and to become successful leaders," she added. "This will significantly and positively increase VincyCares' scope and reach as one of the premier organizations in the Diaspora. So, keep the vision alive. One love, Maxwell."

Caribbean

Britain is providing more financial help to Antigua and Barbuda as well as Dominica to assist in the recovery and long-term reconstruction on the islands following the devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt who accompanied Prince Charles on his recent visit to the two hurricane ravaged islands, is giving a new £15 million package for Antigua and Barbuda and Dominica, which will receive £12 million.



The British government official said this is to a further £15 million already allocated to the Overseas Territories.

The support package, which brings the total contribution to £92 million, will include £10 million to help Dominica rebuild critical infrastructure damaged during the hurricanes.

The United Kingdom's contribution to Dominica also includes an additional two million pounds for early recover, building on the five million pounds committed in September.

Mordaunt said that for Antigua and Barbuda, it stands ready to assist with a £3 million fund which will be deployed once the priorities for reconstruction on Barbuda are agreed with the local government.

Antigua

The Antigua and Barbuda government has submitted a proposal to the University of the West Indies (UWI) for the establishment of the university's fourth campus.

A special session was held in Jamaica in October by the UWI Council, chaired by Chancellor, Robert Bermudez, to receive submission from the Antigua and Barbuda government to establish a campus.



The Council vice-chairman, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles indicated that ongoing conversations with the government had reached maturity and that a proposal was ready.

The vice-chancellor traced the 70-year history of the UWI from its single faculty, single campus status, in 1948 to a tri-campus university with the addition of the St Augustine and Cave Hill campuses in Trinidad and Tobago, and Barbados respectively in the 1960s. The Open Campus was established ten years ago in the last significant restructuring.

Deputy Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Steady Benjamin, presented his country's case arguing that only a campus producing a diversity of human resources at a much higher



Christmas serenade

United Vincie Cultural Group of Brooklyn Band provides music to serenaders at the Fellowship Hall of the Miracle Temple Ministries in Brownsville, Brooklyn. See story on Page 49.

Photo by Nelson A. King

level could attract the investment capital necessary to drive economic growth above the current two to three percent growth per year.

The Council acknowledged the need to examine the Antigua and Barbuda government's proposal and has authorized the vice-chancellor to establish a task force comprising university officials, students and other stakeholders to conduct a feasibility study- examine and evaluate the financial, operational and strategic viability and the sustainability of the establishment of the new campus.

Barbados

Barbados is moving to establish plea bargaining for accused people in a bid to address the backlog of cases. And a draft bill is now in the Attorney General's Office to take to parliament.



Attorney General Adriel Braithwaite recalled that the late director of public prosecutions, Charles Leacock, QC, was of the view that many of the accused persons would accept a plea if given the opportunity.

This is one of the areas which was recently discussed when members of the island's judiciary, attorneys and those working in the criminal justice system underwent a two-day training course conducted by officials from the Ministry of Center for State Courts in

Sentence Indications Hearing.

Speaking during the opening of the workshop, Braithwaite said Barbados had a situation where more than 50 percent of prison inmates were on remand.

While acknowledging that significant strides were being made to reduce the backlog so far, Braithwaite stressed that additional resources were required if they were to be successful.

While noting that giving persons the option to accept a guilty plea would assist with the backlog in the court system, Chief Justice Sir Marston Gibson said it was not simple as it had to be done to withstand appellate scrutiny.

Jamaica

Jamaica's Commissioner of Police George Quallo has called for divine help of the church in the fight against crime, as the murder rate has sky-rocketed past the 1,400 mark.

Quallo, who was speaking at the recent Jamaica Constabulary Forces' (JFC) 150th Commonwealth and Memorial Church Service at the Church of the Open Bible, in the St. Andrew parish, said that as the nation grapples with crime and violence, it is critical that substantive partnerships are secured and sustained to rebuild and maintain safer communities.



"We care calling on the church and

its members to help us to help people to examine the choices they are making. Yours is also a pivotal role in crime prevention and we crave your partnership if we are to be successful in combating and ultimately rid Jamaica of this scourge that plagues us," he told the congregation.

The commissioner also followed similar remarks by National Security Minister Peter Bunting, who recently said it is going to take divine intervention to help solve the crime problem.

As of Nov. 17, 2017 a total of 1,404 lives have been lost, compared to the 1,137 people who were murdered last year over the same period.

Haiti

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is giving Haiti a US\$65 million grant to help the impoverished Caribbean country improve drinking water and sanitation services in Port-au-Prince area, in particular those affected by Hurricane Matthew.

The funds will help improve the sanitary situation in the capital and rural communities by supplying them with drinking water and sanitation services and enhancing hygiene practices and focus on the needs of the population living in areas affected by the last hurricane.



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Lord Horatio Nelson statue defaced in Barbados



Barbadian scholar, Richard Drayton. Photo by George Alleyne

By George Alleyne

Apparently having had enough of the talking and calls for its removal, an unknown person or group splashed the Nelson Statue in paint the colours of the national flag to greet Barbadians one day before the 51st anniversary of independence.

Barbados celebrated the day it began the next 50 years as an independent state last Thursday, but those going about their business on Wednesday morning were greeted with the 200-year-old statue defaced with blue and gold paint.

There was also a hand-written sign placed at the bottom of the monument stating, "Lord Nelson will Fall. This racist white supremacist who would rather die than see black persons free, stands proudly in our nation's capital. Nelson must go! Fear not Barbadians have spoken, politicians have failed us."

Government intervened and had it cleaned and restored in

time for the next day 51st anniversary independence observations.

Since 1813 it was there, an imposing monument on an area called Trafalgar Square across the road from Parliament and at the head of Broad Street, the main thoroughfare of Barbados' capital Bridgetown, but following independence in 1966 many Bajans began questioning its relevance to the island's people of over 90 percent Blacks, descendants of slaves.

Many have argued that Vice-Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson statue has no place in an independent Barbados because he did nothing for the island, and supported slavery.

Noted Barbadian historian Trevor Marshall earlier this year stated, "every primary and secondary school child in Barbados now knows that Horatio Nelson fought against William Wilberforce, who spent all of his father's fortune in his campaign to abolish the heinous enslavement of Blacks".

Barbadian scholar Richard Drayton stated days ago that as an active part of the British Navy protecting slave traders, it is fair to say, "he (Nelson) certainly took white supremacy as a natural order to be defended. And posthumously he did play a part in anti-abolition politics: in 1807, at the climax of the debates in Britain about abolishing the trade, a private letter Nelson had sent to the Jamaican planter magnate Simon Taylor in June 1805 was republished by Cobbett in which Nelson had denounced "the damnable and cursed doctrine of Wilberforce and his hypocritical allies."

Another historian and scholar, University of the West Indies Vice-Chancellor Hilary Beckles stated in September, "the 85,000 enslaved Blacks entrapped in Barbados only knew of Nelson as leader of the naval power dedicated to keeping them in slavery. The 15,000 slave owners in Barbados who welcomed Nelson in the Caribbean and celebrated his presence, did so

because their greatest fear was black freedom." Beckles insisted that Nelson was the sworn enemy of Barbados' blacks.

"The enslaved Black com-

munity was not invited, therefore, to be a part of the decision made by enslavers to erect the Nelson monument in Bridgetown in 1813."

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Prez Bouterse awaits his fate

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civilian counterparts won several seats in that election.

But the days leading up to Friday's observances were marred by the suicide of Ruben Rozendaal. Ruben, 61, slit his own left wrist last week after the court, which had been conducting hearings into the killings had sentenced him to 10 years in prison for his role in the executions.

Rozendaal had warned the country that he might have sacrificed himself if he was sent to jail as all he had done, on orders as a junior rank, was to round up two of the executed, including former sports Minister Andre Kamperveen and take them to the fort for death. Specifically, he argued, that he had never pulled the trigger on any one. The judges never bought his story.

"If I didn't obey maybe I would have been the 16th person who would have been killed," he told the court. It did not buy his story. In all about 20 of the still living group of 25 including Bouterse are before the courts. Some have already been sentenced. Prosecutors say they want to jail Bouterse and five others for 20 years each and set free another 10. Rozendaal had strongly believed that he would have been a free man. The 15 who were executed included four



President of Suriname Desi Bouterse. Associated Press

journalists, academics, clergymen and labor leaders, all prominent citizens at the time.

As the years go by and as the court slowly gets to each individual defendant, Surinamese are beginning to sense that the end is near and that some form of closure is forthcoming as every single effort by the state to stop the hearings have failed over the years.

Bouterse had back in 2012 invoked an amnesty law to permanently close the case through parliament. That attempt failed. Last year, the state also had invoked article 148 of the constitution that gives authorities the power to mandate the prosecutor general to stop criminal trials. That failed too as courts had overruled the attempt.

Jamaica has lost a son

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made nostalgic references about the successful Caribbean businessman who arrived in the USA in 1981; opened the first Golden Krust restaurant on East Gun Hill Road in the Bronx in 1989 and established the largest manufacturer of Jamaican patties in America.

"My condolences to the friends, family and employees of Jamaica-born Lowell Hawthorne," Jamaica's Prime Minister Andrew Holness said.

Peter Phillips, Jamaica's Opposition leader of the People's National Party expressed sadness adding that Hawthorne "represented the best of Jamaica in the diaspora."

"Lowell was a true Jamaican patriot. He exemplified hard work, dignity, positive attitude and high standards."

Jamaica has lost a son, ambassador and friend."

Phillips said the businessman left behind a model for success that will serve many generations in the future.

Noting that Hawthorne was a popular personality here, Phillips said he generously supported many programs in his homeland over the years and remained true to the land of his birth.

Many Jamaicans residing in South Florida flocked to social network to verify the validity of the reports.

Tony Blair, chief operating officer of

HiClass Promotion in Fort Lauderdale, echoed statements of disbelief adding that "he was such a nice guy. He had everything to live for."

Hawthorne was regarded as a role model, received numerous awards and acclaimed to being one of Jamaica's success stories as well as a generous philanthropist.

Mayor Bill deBlasio offered consolation to the entire Caribbean community. "We are shocked and saddened by the death of Lowell Hawthorne," Mayor deBlasio tweeted.

"Our prayers are with his family and his loved ones."

And Bronx Borough President recalled the generosity of the entrepreneur whose small idea in the borough expanded to establish national franchises in nine states including Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Texas, Georgia, Florida, New Jersey, Maryland and New York.

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Complaint against Gandhi's statute in Grenada

The Editor,

I write in response to a letter on Mahatma Gandhi entitled "Dustbin of history" written by Josiah Rougier and published in the Grenada newspaper, The New Today (Nov 3, 2017).

In his letter, Rougier is asking the Government to remove the bust-statue of Gandhi which overlooks Sauteurs Bay in Grenada where East Indians arrived 160 years ago.

Rougier's opinion is based on the false notion that Gandhi was racist because the Mahatma reportedly considered Indians to be superior to black Africans when he referred to the latter as "kaffirs."

Gandhi was only 27 years old when he made that contextual statement.

If Rougier had done his research, he would have found that Nelson Mandela said: "Gandhi must be forgiven for these prejudices in the context of the time and the circumstances."

The quote can be found in "Gandhi the Prisoner" by Nelson Mandela published in 1995.

Gandhi was a man; he was not god. And even god made mistakes.

Rougier must instead focus on the Gandhi's vision of non-violent protest and his belief in satyagraha which inspired rebels and revolutionaries around the world.

Gandhi's ideas influenced leaders of the African National Congress and the struggle by Indians and blacks against white apartheid rule in South Africa.

From as early as 1956 when he was 27 years old, Martin Luther King, Jr. referred to Gandhi as "the guiding light of our technique of nonviolent social change."

Following the success of his boycott, King contemplated traveling to India to deepen his understanding of Gandhian principles.

The fact is that Gandhi saw people of all races, castes, colours and creeds as equal which led to his assassination by a Hindu fanatic in 1948.

So who is this unknown Josiah Rougier? Is he as illustrious as the great Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King? And is he disagreeing with his possible heroes?

A friend to all.

Jai Sears

Grenada, Caribbean

The confluence of great minds

By Albert Baldeo

"Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime, and, departing, leave behind us, footprints on the sands of time." -Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Being unjustly plucked from family and society and being tossed in jail for bogus crimes designed to silence them were but mere stepping stones to their individual journeys to greatness for these divine titans. When others would have been broken, they became more resolved to fight oppression and injustice, and inspired the world, making it a better place. We must forever cherish their examples of courage and purpose.

As we celebrate the holidays, and the good things of life, we must pause, and pay tribute to the true people and real icons who made happiness and progress possible in America. The most revered in America is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His life and legacy remind us of the universality of the message of love, peace, brotherhood and the principles of truth and justice. In a letter from Birmingham City Jail, April 1963, Dr. King taught us, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

Dr. King was strongly influenced by Mahatma Gandhi's doctrine on non-violence. Globalization of thought has existed

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from time immemorial. In March, 1936, Mahatma Gandhi shared, "I have nothing new to teach the world. Truth and nonviolence are as old as the hills. All I have done is to try experiments in both on as vast a scale as I could." Yet, he defined the soul of human existence.

Similarly, Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid icon and revolutionary leader who broke the shackles of the color barrier to become President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was also inspired by Gandhi's and King's common philosophy. After serving 27 years in prison by his oppressors, he became the country's first black head of state and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election. His government focused on dismantling the legacy of apartheid by tackling institutionalized racism and fostering racial reconciliation. He conquered the evil system of apartheid by his monumental sacrifices.

Mandela's teachings will also live on long after his death. He taught us that,

"It always seems impossible until it's done... Never, never and never again shall it be that this beautiful land will again experience the oppression of one by another... The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall... Difficulties break some men but make others, No axe is sharp enough to cut the soul of a sinner who keeps on trying, one armed with the hope that he will rise even in the end... And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same... I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying."

So how does this relate to you? New York is a microcosm of America. Our portals are graced by the entry of many different people, whose blood, sweat and tears, oftentimes unrequited, provide the foundations for growth. Its strength is its diversity, in excelsis. The hero who opened that door widest in America is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Be grateful for that.

Yes, it was Dr. King who not only brought together people of color, but also welcomed people from around the world, from all races and walks of life, to follow his dream and work for equality and justice. The celebration of his life is a timely reminder of the ideals for which he stood. Not for a day, but for the rest of our lives, if we are to truly and collectively live the American dream!

To live the dreams and
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Afro Jamaican queen wins natural acclaim

Dec. 1 was designated Afro Friday in Jamaica.

In honor of Miss Jamaica Universe contestant and second runner-up Davina Bennett who bested third from a field of 92 beauty queens in the recent Miss Universe pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada, the day celebrated pride in wearing natural and unprocessed hairstyles.

Women on the island were encouraged to boast Afros and natural looks in schools, businesses and while making public appearances.

Traditionally, Afros and the natural hairstyles of people of color are still frequently considered unprofessional or deemed inappropriate in the Caribbean.

It is that snobbery which Bennett publicly defied by wearing her hair in its natural form while representing her country.

On the universal stage as millions around the globe watched she boldly made a statement against the norm.

"Bennett chose to use her platform and provide representation to the countless faces at home watching who share her



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

natural hair texture, but rarely get to see the attribute reflected in beauty pageants," an editorial in the Jamaica Observer said.

Prior to the contest she told the newspaper — "We should allow our women to believe that they are beautiful and can fit in regardless of size, height" or "natural hair which I feel should be embraced more, and not ignored."

Bennett was named first in the final 10.

She was also named the first finalist to contend in the top three.

In the final round Bennett was asked by Steve Harvey who hosted the pageant — "What quality in yourself are you most proud of and how will you make that apply to your time as Miss Universe?"

In response she said: "I am the founder of a foundation that spreads awareness for the

deaf community, and this platform is such a great platform to just let (people) know that these persons need opportunities and equal opportunities like those in society. And so the Miss Universe competition will be the platform for me to use this foundation to spread awareness for all the deaf people around."

Followed by Columbia and South Africa, hopes were high that the Afro-centric queen would rule the universe through 2018.

Poised, eloquent and stunning she seemed well-suited to wear the crown.

But her name was announced as the first of three to be eliminated from the finals. Loud boos echoed throughout the audience — seemingly objectionable to the judges' decision.

"Social media went wild with posts on Insta-



Miss Jamaica Universe Davina Bennett hugs Olivia Grange, the island's minister of Culture, Sports and Youth on her return to Jamaica after placing third in the Miss Universe pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ministry of Culture, Sports & Youth

gram and Twitter with commentary to the hash tag... #MissJamaicaShouldHaveWon.

With very few objections to 22-year-old Demi-Leigh Nel Peters taking the diamond-studded tiara, on this go-round

the contention was not that the South African queen was undeserving because she too was eloquent, composed and beautiful but that Miss Jamaica

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Williams honors Kaepernick with proclamation

Former Trinidadian PM receives women award

By Azad Ali

Former Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar was honored on Saturday (Dec. 2, 2017) in the Bahamas with a "Women in Distinction" Award.

The award recognizes the Opposition Leader's "leadership, outstanding involvement in the community and the positive and inspirational example that she set for women and young girls everywhere."

The award was presented at the Celebrating Women International's 2017 awards presentation and gala reception at the Atlantic Paradise Island Resort, Nassau.

According to a statement from the Office of the Opposition Leader, the organizers of the event indicated that Persad-Bissessar was chosen because of her commitment she has shown throughout her professional life to working to improve the lives of people.

Other leaders who have

received the "Women in Distinction" award include former Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller, Governor General of Grenada Dame Cecile La Grenada, former President of the Central African Republic Catherine Samba-Panza; and Governor General of St Lucia Dame Calliopa Pearlette Lousiy.

Celebrating Women International is a non-profit organization which aims to mobilize and inspire women, across the globe.



Kamla Persad-Bissessar. Associated Press / Moises Castillo

part: "Despite all criticism, Mr. Kaepernick knew he was in the right and risked everything to make a difference.

"He continues to prove that by working together, we can create the change needed to improve our society for both our current and future generations," it says.

Kaepernick also received the 2017 Puffin / Nation Prize for Creative Citizenship at the event.

"I don't want to have to wait 20, 30 years to celebrate Colin Kaepernick and what's done," Williams said. "We had to wait decades before we could celebrate Muhammed Ali.

"But it's important to have the courage to know when you're in a moment to recognize and celebrate the people who have made that moment happen," he added. "Colin Kaepernick ignited a movement with the simple and courageous act of kneeling, and he deserves the recognition and respect that some are trying to deny him."



Council Member Williams presents Colin Kaepernick with City Council proclamation.

Williams said he "has long been an active supporter of Kaepernick's efforts," leading a rally in support of his movement alongside a group of NYPD officers in August and leading 14 of his fellow council members in staging a "kneel-in" on the steps of City Hall in September, in solidarity with the protesting athletes.

The proclamation reads in

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Council Member Jumaane D. Williams has presented former National Football League (NFL) quarterback and civil rights activist Colin Kaepernick with a New York City Council proclamation honoring him for his "commitment to protesting the systemic oppression of and police brutality toward people of color."

Prior to presenting the proclamation Tuesday night, at a gala hosted by The Nation Institute, Williams, who represents the 45th Council District in Brooklyn, said he and Kaepernick discussed the movement that the quarterback sparked when first he opted to kneel during the playing of the National Anthem at NFL games.

Since then, Williams noted that the act of protest has gained momentum, most recently when the President Trump "began a sustained campaign of attack against Kaepernick and the other athletes he inspired to take a knee."

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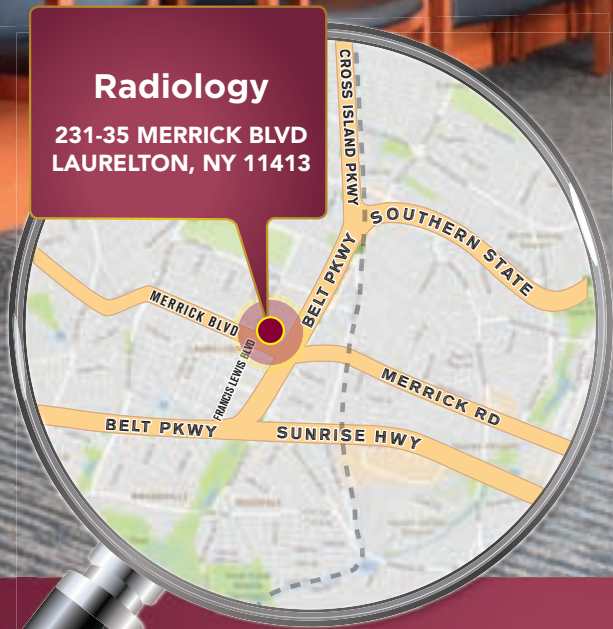
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Some 60 drinking water facilities have been severely damaged or totally destroyed.

Suriname

Suriname Foreign Minister, Yidiz Pollack-Beighle became the first minister from her country to visit Russia recently where she held bilateral talks with Russian Foreign Minister, Sergey Lavrov.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Beighle's visit is a

milestone in promoting Russia-Suriname interaction, and is indicative of the fact that "our ties with Latin America and the Caribbean region are gradually expanding."

During the talks, the ministers signed several bilateral agreements to "promote political dialogue, interaction in the material sphere and cultural humanitarian exchanges."

The minister said Russia also sees other prospective areas of cooperation including renewable energy sources agriculture, shipbuilding and repair, adding that there's good potential in exploration, fishing, building a tourist infrastructure.



The Suriname minister also paid a visit to the Kingdom of Morocco. The Morocco — Suriname relationship dates back to "people to people" ties after 1975, when hundreds of thousands of Surinamese migrated to the Netherlands and established relationships with Moroccans there. These ties developed and Moroccans from Holland invested in Suriname.

- Compiled by Azad Ali

Caribbean Maritime University hailed in the United States

A small delegation of Caribbean maritime officials, including Jamaica's minister of Transport and Mining and Grantley Stephenson, CEO, Kingston Wharves, were in New York on Nov. 16 to attend the American Caribbean Maritime Foundation (ACMF) annual event.

Their visit comes on the heels of the transition to university status of the Caribbean Maritime Institute (now Caribbean Maritime University) at the 2017 Charter Day ceremonies held in Jamaica in September 2017. The Kingston-based Caribbean Maritime University (CMU) is the Caribbean region's premier center for tertiary maritime education, training, research and consultancy.

While here Minister Michael Henry was acknowledged with the ACMF Leadership Award for his critical support in moving the process through the government approval process and for his ongoing support of the CMU over the years.

"He never lost the vision of what the CMU was and could grow to become," said Dr. Fritz Pinnock, executive director of the CMU. "That encouragement drove all of us to the next level," he added. The

CMU will be expanding its curricula and program options with its engineering department, to be launched soon under its newest venture — the \$3M facility, to be named FESTO Didactic Centre, will offer training in the industrial automation and mechatronics.

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Rihanna gets home street

By George Alleyne

Among praises heaped on international singing sensation, Rihanna, is that regardless of her fame the musical icon never forsakes the neighbourhood in which she grew up, and takes every opportunity to drop in on past neighbours.

It naturally followed that the government of Barbados decided to honor this pop icon by choosing last Thursday, the day of the Barbados' 51st Anniversary of Independence to rename Westbury New Road — the street on which she played in her childhood — to 'Rihanna Drive.'

"I couldn't be more honored to have the street that I was raised on, the street that I grew up on, the street," Robyn Rihanna Fenty, said on Barbados' Independence Day after being greeted by a fanfare of bugles and a guard of honor bearing the island's flag on her arrival for the renaming ceremony.

She continued, "my dreams were born on this very street here and I know that saying 'believe in your dreams', it sounds cliché but, I guarantee you, the only thing that got me here was believing my dreams".



The commemorative on Rihanna Drive.

"Special thanks to all my neighbours in Westbury New Road who had a hand in raising me and the woman that I am and the discipline that I have. I am very grateful for that kind of backbone. I believe that I was here for a reason," the 28-year-old superstar said.

Reflecting on her childhood dreams while playing in Westbury community Rihanna said that since then her goal was fixed on becoming an entertainer.

"I didn't know how it was going to happen. I know I was hidden away on this little rock Barbados, how would anybody find me but I always knew it would happen. I always focused on the result and that kind of faith. It really was just faith."

Using herself as a motivation for young Barbadians, she encouraged them to harbour the dream because "it is possible."

This pop star who was in 2008 named an honorary Barbados Youth and Cultural Ambassador at age 20, said "I want to encourage, not just the people of Westbury New Road and the Westbury community, but all the people in Barbados, all the young women and young men who have dreams and think that the world is against them".

A community elder, one of those credited with giving guidance to Rihanna in her formative years, Kathy 'Ife' Harris, said at the ceremony, "Rihanna has given hope to the children of this neighbourhood and Barbados, that they can dare to dream, that it doesn't matter where you come from, or your humble beginnings."



Rihanna arriving for her street naming ceremony amidst a fanfare of bugles and a guard of honour with Barbadian flags. Photo by George Alleyne

She said that thanks to Rihanna young Bajans feel they "can make things happen by taking a risk, extending and exposing yourself, your fears and insecurities, by making your dreams a reality."

Harris, who continues to live in the Westbury area, spoke of Rihanna being so proud of her working-class origins and community that she has been taking her celebrity friends including Oprah Winfrey to the location.



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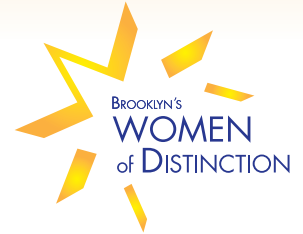
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Jamaican-American lawyer to head New Jersey law group



New Jersey lawyer Carolyn Chang being sworn in as president of the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey earlier this month.
Carolyn Chang

By Alexandra Simon

The Association of Black Women Lawyers (ABWL) of New Jersey has a new president.

New Jersey lawyer Carolyn Chang was elected for the post and sworn in as the head of the organization last month. Having spent more than two decades with the club and holding various titles, she is now eager to take on her new duties and says this appointment is a high point in her career.

"Taking on the role of president of the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey is a tremendous amount of responsibility, however I have been involved in the organization for more than 25 years therefore this may well be a culmination of service to the organization," said Chang.

Her previously held titles with the group included South New Jersey representative, treasurer, and most

recently vice president. Fully working her way up to the top, she is now going to head the association, and is ready to start working on her agenda. At the top of her list, is giving back to the Caribbean community.

"One of the first things I would like to tackle is related to providing more services to the Caribbean and migrant community. Services include hurricane relief efforts, which would positively impact several Caribbean islands, including the U.S. Virgin Islands," said Chang. "In addition to providing disaster relief efforts abroad, the association is also about educating the community regarding their legal rights. In the age of Trump, we would like to co-sponsor seminars with other Affinity Bars on immigration issues, such as 'Know Your Rights.'"

Achieving this feat took a lot of hard work and dedication, added Chang. She immi-

grated to the states with her siblings at 14 years old. She always knew she would study law, but adjusting to her new life took some time and that is something she knows immigrants encounter often and why she wants to ensure their assimilation.

"It should not be unusual for someone with my immigrant background to have as one of my goals service to New Jersey's immigrant communities, especially Caribbean communities," said Chang. "It makes sense for me to want to advance the issues which are important to the communities from which I came. Surely, it is important to give back to my own people who have given me so much of my core values."

Chang added that she and several members of the group who are also of Caribbean descent, express a high interest in assisting other immigrants, and positioning them on a path to success just as

they found.

"It is important that we give back to our communities. I attribute my work ethic and drive to the values instilled in me during my childhood in Jamaica," she said. "I understand that it is upon the shoulders of so many others that I stand and this brings a responsibility to help others."

As president of the association, Chang will be responsible for making policies for

the board, implementing educational programs for the state, providing assistance for attorneys and students interested in studying law, and fund-raising to provide scholarships for law students with their annual fund-raiser. But another duty she is adding to her agenda is going abroad to help the Caribbean. Next spring the group will be taking their skill sets to her native home to provide some counsel for residents.

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Day of giving

Canarsie holiday display honors late Thomas Seddio

By Tangerine Clarke

The Queen's College of Guyana Alumni Association (NY), Inc. ("QCAANY") will spread Christmas cheer during a Day of Giving and Celebrating at Calvary's Mission Food Pantry in Richmond Hill, where volunteers will help to distribute food to the community at 7 am on Dec. 9.

The executive is inviting the community to share in the festive Day of Giving that will culminate with an appreciation Christmas party, to say thanks to the community that supported the organization over the past year. The event will be held at Guiding Light Cocktail Lounge in Jamaica, Queens, at 7 pm.

To volunteer, send email to nychapter@qcguayanaalumny.org.

Karen Wharton, president of the QCAANY in a statement to Caribbean Life, said that the up-coming Day of Giving and Celebrating further embraces the QCAANY's role within the community.

She noted that QCAANY is collaborating with Calvary's Mission Food Pantry and its Guyanese-American President Tony Singh to provide families with needed food supplies. The association chose Calvary's Mission Food Pantry because of Calvary's history of providing help to the working poor within the Richmond Hill community.

"Calvary's Mission is one of the largest food pantries in Queens, distributing over three million pounds of food each year to working families within our community," said Wharton. "We feel compelled to aid in whatever ways we can, particularly at this time of year, and hopes that the community joins us in supporting Calvary's mission."

Lead organizer of Day of Giving and Celebrating, Sherrilyn McPherson, noted that she is excited to create more opportunities to engage the community. "Our school's motto is 'Faithful and Useful Everywhere.' Working with Calvary's gives us the opportunity to connect with various members of our community in ways that are beneficial and to all," she said. McPherson said this type of community engagement will continue to be a vital part of QCAANY.

With a focus on rehabilitating and revitalizing Queen's College of Guyana, QCAANY held its first meeting in Brooklyn on Aug. 21, 1991. Since then, the association has made several pivotal contributions to the school with recent offerings centered largely on supporting the development of social and academic skills of students. The efforts included the annual student conferences that reach about 200 students from Queen's College and other Georgetown schools each year; an annual summer mathematics program to inspire students to pursue STEM careers and donations to language immersion trips for students.

By Tangerine Clarke

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio dared the community to find another homestead in Brooklyn with more decorations than that of Frank Seddio Esp., who for the past 45 years has brought holiday magic to the corner of E 93rd Street and Flatlands Avenue, in Canarsie, Brooklyn.

"This is a beautiful example of what we love about NY City and what we have to cherish and always protect. These are people come from every background and every faith, all together as a community to teach the world that we found a way to get along very well," said Mayor de Blasio, who brought holiday greetings to the 2017 Seddio Family Holiday Display on Dec. 3, where scores of residents gathered to witness the unveiling of the spectacle of lights.

"Frank is someone in Brooklyn who brings people together. Let us remember our values as New Yorkers, we believe and support each other, that is why New York is a special place and a beacon to the world, we support each other," said de Blasio, thanking Frank Seddio for his continued support, to the community.

The children and grandchildren of the Thomas Seddio flipped the switch to light up the 2017 Holiday Display in dedication to the late brother of Frank Seddio. This custom honors persons who have made significant contribution to the community, such as deceased Guyanese-born Detective Randolph Holder who received the honor in 2015, and Brooklyn District Attorney, Ken Thomas, in 2016.

More than 100,000 lights shone down on the joyous occasion where politicians gathered to wish the Seddio family and hundreds of gleeful spectators - Happy Holidays, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanza and Merry Christmas.

From Senator Roxanne Persaud to



Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, far right, decked out as Mrs. Santa Claus with Santa Claus and his elves
Photos by Tangerine Clarke

Assemblywoman Jaime R. Williams, Public Advocate Letitia James, NYC Comptroller Scott Springer, Council Member Alan Maisel and Sue Ann Partnow, District 59 Democratic Leader, among others.

The melodious voices of the students of PS 115, rang out with Christmas carols as the Waverly Sounds Steel pan orchestra of PS 156 belted out tunes to welcome the season, before Santa Clause and Mrs. Claus accompanied by giant Disney characters made their appearance against the backdrop of more than 100,000 glistening lights, giant mechanical animated dolls.

The diversity of the community was represented by flags that adorned a carousel rode by teddy bears, as the

Ferris wheel of multi-colored lights, and a giant Hot Air Balloon with the Seddio name floats on a zip-line from side to side across the width of the majestic house of lights.

Each of the displays including Santa's Workshop showcases different holiday celebrations. A Petting Zoo in the front yard of the homestead attracted scores of children who delighted in feeding calves and horses, in this extraordinary display valued at more than \$300,000.

Frank Seddio, the Kings County Democratic Party Chair, every year, puts on his animation elf hat, and delights in this spectacular Holiday Display that brings joy and warmth to his neighborhood, and the many who travel far and near, to behold.



From left; Senator Roxanne Persaud, Frank Seddio, Esq., Joyce Becker, Sue Ann Partnow, Mayor Bill de Blasio, and Alan Maisel bring cheer to the 2017 Seddio Family Holiday display unveiling. (Right) Students of PS 115 in Canarsie smile for the camera after caroling for the audience.

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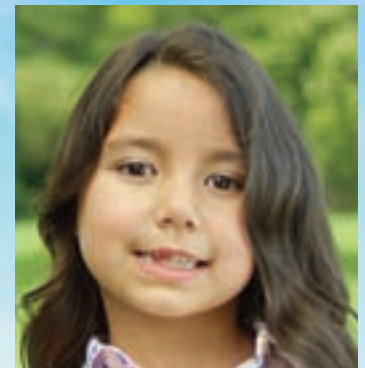
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Building bridges of understanding

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hopes of Dr. Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, communities must unite for a common cause, and unite and participate in meaningful pursuits.

One of the pillars of Mahatma Gandhi's teachings was to attain freedom and build unity by integrating the principles of Truth and using peaceful methods to advocate self-reliance and self-sufficiency. Our efforts to gain political inclusion have initiated the integration effort, and will continue the process of assisting our fellow human beings, our brothers and sisters.

We must demystify archaic traditions of caste, class and consciousness, and help our neighbors to see us as just another person passing this way but once, and if we stop to help a brother or sister, it must be seen as just that-humanity. If we work together, we will realize our transformative collective potential.

When we build bridges of understanding with our neighbors, we need to address the issues that suppress and divide us. We must applaud and promote service to our brothers and sisters, not detract from them. Service costs money, sacrifice and time. We need to develop our civic consciousness, overcome our petty prejudices and narrow mindedness, and make a difference in the fabric of America.

Colloquially, you must rid yourselves of the crab mentality, stop pulling each other down, and criticizing each other. Uplift and progress, not stagnate and destroy.

The efforts of these three giants changed the course of history in their countries, and indeed, the world. We must nurture inspiration today to understand what it means to be part of a much more diverse and challenging America, where our challenges will grow daily to preserve the hard fought victories won against those would want to preserve the status quo. Just as how communities across America are inspired, daily, by King's, Mandela's and Gandhi's approach to inclusion, brotherhood, peace and nonviolence, we must likewise take counsel.

My fervent hope is that we will understand the issues and get involved to strengthen and empower ourselves, our neighborhoods, our families and communities before it is too late. Walk a few steps in the imprints they left us...just follow the path...it's already marked out for you!

Note: Albert Baldeo is a civil rights activist and community advocate. As President of the Baldeo Foundation and Liberty Justice Center, he has continued to fight for equal rights, dignity and inclusion in the decision making process. He can be contacted at the Baldeo Foundation: (718) 529-2300.



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Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

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700 Guyanese receive free eyecare, glasses

By Nelson A. King

As part of its 26th medical mission to Guyana, the Queens-based George Subraj Family Foundation said it provided critical eye care to an unprecedented 700 residents, mostly in the rural areas of the country, building upon its decades-long success in providing medical care to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member-nation.

The mission, carried out last month, included several ophthalmologists, who provided free eye care health screenings and handed out reading and prescription eye glasses to 700 residents.

The foundation, begun by the late George Subraj, a Guyanese native who founded the successful real estate firm Zara Realty Holding Corp. in Jamaica, Queens, has sponsored 61 corneal transplants, 34 kidney transplants and eight major heart surgeries, all free, to residents otherwise unable to afford this type of medical care.

The foundation, now led by Tony Subraj, the son of its founder, partnered with the



Tony Subraj (left) with a patient who received a free screening as part of the Subraj Foundation charitable mission to Guyana.

The Subraj Foundation

Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC) and Suddie Regional Hospital on Guyana's Essequibo Coast. The mission's goal was to further expand medical care into the country's poorer rural regions.

"We want to reach as many people as possible and continue to build on our past suc-

cess," said Tony Subraj, who is also vice president at Zara Realty in Jamaica, Queens.

"In addition to treating serious conditions, our doctors are providing critical preventive care, which will result in better outcomes for patients with early stage illnesses," he added. "We are also helping to train doctors and volunteers in Guyana, so that a healthcare infrastructure can be built that will complement and enhance the vital work the Foundation carries out on these missions."

The foundation said that residents traveled from throughout the remote Essequibo Coast area to receive screenings, eyecare, much needed medicine eyedrops, and glasses.

The medical team included ophthalmologists Dr. Celeste Haynes-Hinds from GPHC and Dr. Ileana Agramonte from Suddie Hospital, as well as optometrist Jonelle Duke.

The foundation was also instrumental in successfully procuring one cornea tissue, which was used during this latest medical mission in to



A Guyanese resident gets his eyes tested. The Subraj Foundation

perform a corneal transplant operation by the GPHC doctors.

A second eye clinic is planned in another rural area, Leguan, with the goal of reaching another 300 residents, the foundation said. This upcoming mission will be led by George's wife, Gloria Subraj, and her daughter Jasmine Subraj.

The medical missions introduced and funded by the Subraj Foundation beginning in 1992 resulted in the nation of Guyana's first ever kidney transplant in 2008, the foundation said.

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Jamaicans tout benefits of national ID database

By Nelson A. King

Jamaica is going through the looking glass, taking advantage of technology and launching a National Identification System (NIDS) in 2018, according to reports.

The NIDS, very similar to a Social Security number system that the United States has had for decades, will be used as a countrywide database to store National Identification Numbers for identifying people in the system and tracking where and who are getting government services, reported the Philadelphia Tribune on Saturday.

"This will spur the growth and development of commerce and economic activity through the provision of a platform of greater security and integrity for public partnerships," the paper quoted Jamaica Prime Minister Andrew Holness as saying.

The Tribune said Holness and his administration feel that the NIDS will enable the government to ensure compliance with tax collection and other critical government functions.

It is seen as strengthening immigration laws, border control and national security," the Tribute also said. Furthermore, the verification system will

authenticate the identity of citizens and other persons who are Jamaican residents and establish a database to generate national identification cards."

But the Tribune said many Jamaicans are skeptical about the National Identification and Registration Act of 2017, stating that nationals feel "the law will turn them into just another number among the Caribbean island's 2.8 million inhabitants."

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," the Tribune quoted a Jamaican American who intends to return to the island after retirement.

"Jamaica has been functioning quite well without the formality of a social security system," said Collin D, whose last name was not used. "This is just going to create more red tape that people have to go through to get anything done. I hope they have a seamless plan in place to roll this out and ensure that all Jamaicans benefit from it. It will be very interesting to see the implementation of this NIN [National Identification Number]."

"I understand that the government is trying to improve things" said Garnett Mills, of Philadelphia. "When I hear that every Jamaican will be given a number."

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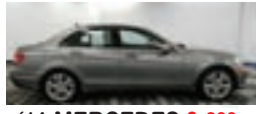
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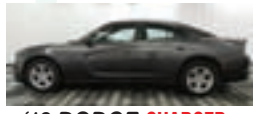
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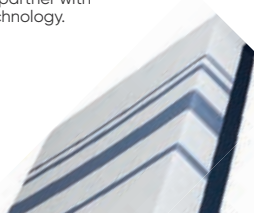
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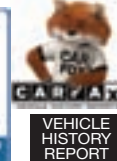
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should have at the very least gotten the crown as first runner up.

The second-place finisher took to Instagram thanking her fans for the support and celebrate her accomplishment as the "first Afro queen who has made it this far."

"I did not win but I got what I was seeking. I won the hearts of many. I stand as the first Afro queen to have made it thus far. I resented my little island and I received all the love one could possibly wish for."

She intends to develop an app specifically befitting to aid the hearing impaired.

Reportedly a Miss Jamaica Universe doll is already in the works.

Television producer, screenwriter, and author, Shonda Lynn Rhimes, best known as the creator of the popular TV series 'Grey's Anatomy', 'Scandal' and 'How To Get Away With Murder,' said she wants a Miss Jamaica Universe 2017 doll for her daughters this Christmas.

"I am clearly going to need some Miss Jamaica dolls for my daughters, so they can play with a doll that shows them they are fully everything the universe ever needed," the 47-year-old Chicago-born African-American head writer and executive producer tweeted.

Jamaica's Kaci Fennel broke the glass ceiling five years ago when as Miss Jamaica Universe she wore closely cropped short hair instead of the usual long tresses usually fashioned by queens representing countries on every continent.

Fennel placed fifth in the pageant, emerging the first for her country to score a top five position.

During the 66-year-history of the pageant English-speaking Caribbean countries have been underrepresented in the final judging segments.

Trinidad & Tobago championed two

winning tiaras when 24-year-old Janelle Commissiong (in 1977) and 25-year-old Wendy Fitzwilliam (in 1998) emerged queen of queens.

From the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, Puerto Rico has had the most wins with five and the Dominican Republic and Panama one each.

Of all the international beauty pageants, the Miss Universe is the most publicized, the most important and most reputed.

Although three Miss World crowns have gone to Jamaicans Carol Joan Crawford, Cindy Brakepeare and Lisa Hanna, the Miss Universe title has eluded queens from the island.

Marley Among Final 5 for Reggae Grammy

Damian Marley picked up a MOBO award on Nov. 29. The British celebration of Black music was held in Leeds and represents an alternative to the Grammy Awards.

Named Music Of Black Origin, Marley scored the nod over a formidable field of reggae recorders for his "Stony Hill" CD in the Best Reggae Act category.

Despite stiff competition from Aidonia, Popcaan, Alkaline and Chronixx, the youngest son of Bob Marley persevered to win. Also nominated for a Grammy in January when the awards return to New York City, in order to win another miniature gramophone Marley will have to beat Chronixx, Common Kings, J. Boog and Morgan Heritage.

Rapper Jay-Z topped the most nominations in top categories of record of the year, song of the year and album of the year for his "4:44" CD. With eight nominations to his already 21 wins, he was named to contend for eight more golden music trophies.

Catch You On The Inside!

Barbados PM hits back at CCJ

By George Alleyne

Barbados Prime Minister Freundel Stuart might have picked a fight with the Caribbean Court of Justice when he accused the region's highest court of slandering the island.

With the country having been hit by at least three reprimands in the past two years from the CCJ on delays in its criminal justice system, Stuart Tuesday signalled he has had enough and fell just short of saying that this island is being picked upon.

CCJ had slammed Barbados in 2015 for a civil case that was creeping through the island's court since 1988. In 2016 it spoke of the 'inordinate systemic delay' in a case involving drug dealers.

Also last year CCJ President, Sir Dennis Byron, criticised the frequent adjournments of legal matters in Barbados' magistrates courts that slows the justice system.

Additionally, Barbadians have been complaining about the number of persons charged with serious criminal offences, including murder, walking the streets free because of long

delays in getting them to court trial.

"I do not myself get too overwhelmed by what the Caribbean Court of Justice says. We do not rejoice that there are delays in the system. There are delays, and we have to deal with them," Stuart said on the floor of Parliament.

In reference to the number of times that CCJ judges had reason to scold the island on its judicial delays, which attracted wide media attention he said, "I sometimes think that Barbados is being unnecessary slandered by some of the reports which I see."

The prime minister pointed out that CCJ can make such comments of the Barbados system because this island along with Guyana, Dominica and Belize are the only ones of the 15-member CARICOM grouping to have signed on to this Caribbean court as the jurisdiction of final appeal.

"All the others still go the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and when you read decisions coming out of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council ... evidence of

horrible delays is uncovered in CARICOM countries that have not signed on to the CCJ," Stuart said, adding "but the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council handles that issue of delays much less salaciously than seems to be the case when the issue is being handled here in the Caribbean."

He said that matters of delays that are before the British Privy Council "are dealt with in one sentence, two at most, without any administering of rebuke or any holding up of a particular country to ridicule... but a lot more salaciously issues are handled in this region."

The prime minister said that delays in the criminal justice system "is a serious problem for all countries and we have to confront the problem because we all know that justice delayed is justice denied."

He went on to speak of the 'vested interest' of all Barbadians in a properly functioning judicial system, but added, "it is not going to function efficiently if whenever there is evidence that there is delay ... a country is held up to ridicule and the impression is given that the



Barbados Prime Minister Freundel Stuart.

Photo by George Alleyne

system is not working."

He assured that the issue is not one on which Barbados can rest on its laurels, "but I am just saying that it is a regional problem and it just happens that those countries that have signed on to the CCJ come under the CCJ spotlight.

"Those that have not signed on to the CCJ come under the spotlight of the Judicial Com-

mittee of the Privy Council that deals with these issues fundamentally differently from how they are handled in the region."

The clearly unhappy prime minister added, "the impression should not be given in any quarter that we hear about delays, or we know about them, and we're doing nothing about them."

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New book highlights Belize's diversity and history

By Alexandra Simon

All Belize everything! Belizean author Andre Lopez says his native home has a lot to show the world with its one of a kind unique qualities. In his book, "Belize: An Intimate Portrait," he presents an in-depth look at Belize with an all-reference visual guidebook about the Central American country and its people.

"It's not your typical tourist book full of pictures of happy tourists on the beach — it's a portrait of Belizeans, who we are, what we are, and how we live," said Lopez.

The 180 page encyclopedia-like book examines the history, geography, cultural diversity, religions, and the languages spoken in the country, along with some interesting facts. Lopez says the driving point for writing the book is to share this information with a wider audience about the notable value of his home. And he wants to pay homage to the people who help build the



Andre Lopez, author of "Belize: An Intimate Portrait," wanted to provide readers with an all-reference guidebook for the Central American country. *Andre Lopez*

country and those who continue to help make it what it is now.

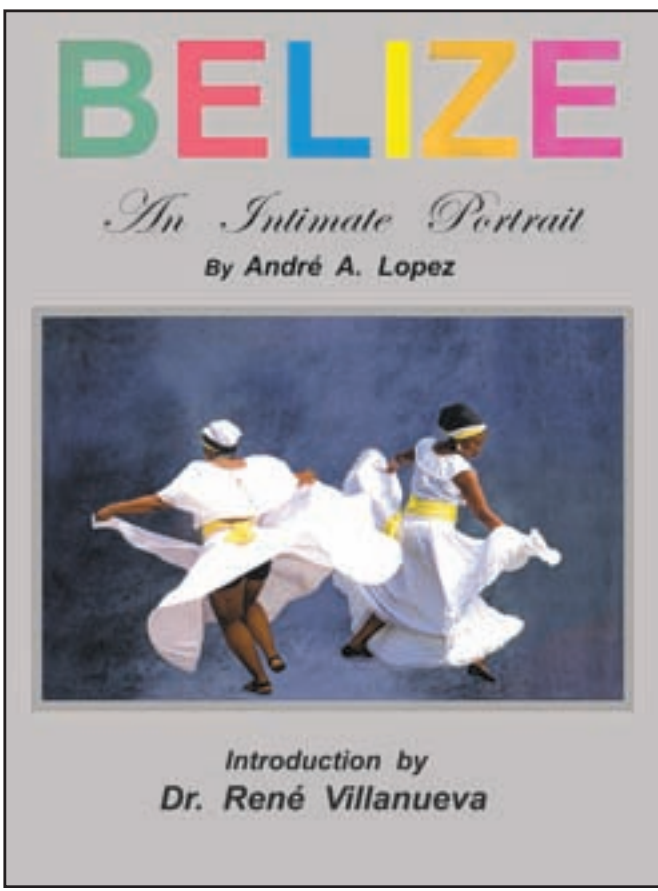
"Almost everything you want to know about Belize is in this book," he said. "This book is a love story about Belize and

it's also about the common man, the nation builders, and their belief systems."

A former British colony, Belize is the only country in Central America with English as an official language. Having previously been occupied by the Spanish prior to United Kingdom and the site of migration from various ethnic groups, multiple languages are now spoken there. It is home to one of nature's most fascinating organisms, and the 36 year-old nation is the youngest nation in the region.

"We have the second longest barrier reef in the world which is an and economic powerhouse in the country, we speak 11 languages, and we are the newest country in all the Americas but haven't had a war since 1798," said Lopez.

It also offers readers with over a 150 photos, and an index on the national holidays, festivals, and a chronological rundown of important dates in the country's history.



Book cover for Lopez's book celebrating his native Belize's diversity. *Andre Lopez*

Belize is home to indigenous Mayans, East Indians, Chinese, Europeans, and the Garifuna, descendants of exiled Afro-Caribbeans who migrated to the area. Today, many Belizeans can be a mixture of two or more of these ethnicities.

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Haiti Cherie supports education in Haiti

By Tequila Minsky

Haiti Cherie, Pride, Love and Commitment attracted a good-looking, tony crowd that mingled in the expansive West 57th space. After a few drinks (thanks to Moët Hennessey), one might even forget you are in Mosafér, a luxury luggage shop. But, the purpose of the evening was very clear.

For seven years, Fabrice Armand has organized an event bringing together young professionals, managers and directors at a ticketed \$75-\$100 with all proceeds going to a Haitian organization.

This year's event honored New York City Parks Commissioner Haitian-American Mitch Silver and Maryse Penatte-Kedar, founder of ProDev, the designated recipient, a foundation in Haiti building high quality education in Haiti.

"If you're looking for a school where children are punished or learn by rote, this is not the school that we support," said Leonie Hermantin, director of ProDev USA, who picked up the award for Penatte-Kedar.

Corporal punishment and



For seven years, Fabrice Armand's Haiti Cherie brings out a good-looking crowd to support projects in Haiti.

Photo by Tequila Minsky



From left; Diallo Shabazz; Haitian-American Commissioner of Parks Mitchell Silver; Cassandra Hendricks and Leonie Hermantin of ProDev.

memorization and repetition are long-held conventions in many Haitian schools, which additionally are challenged with lack of funds and poorly trained, low-paid teachers.

"We create space where children get respect and are encouraged to think critically. We offer a place where they can be children and have access to a rich, learning environment,"

she explained.

The foundation's belief is that the key to development in Haiti is education "with a slightly better budget." The first of the ProDev schools operated before the earthquake, and now three ProDev schools — Cite Soleil, Zorange (K-9), and Labadee (K-9) — educate hundreds of children with their child-centered approach.

Class size is limited to 35, technology is part of the curriculum, and children get a hot, healthy meal reads the informative ProDev website. Haiti Cherie has joined the slew of partners that include IDB, Digicel, Partners in Health, and Save the Children. The foundation also is doing post-hurricane work in the south and trains teachers.

This past September, Armand

visited the ProDev school in Cite Soleil school. It was a component activity of the Haiti Food and Spirits trip he organized — five days, 17 visitors attending the festival as well as having other Haiti cultural experiences.

"Volunteering in a part of the trip," he explained of the half-day they spent with the students.

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A peek at stardom



Book cover of "Blessed Life" by Kim Fields.

"Blessed Life" by Kim Fields with Todd Gold
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

You have much to be thankful for this year.

There's a roof over your head, for beginners. You know where your next meal will come from. You can read, obviously. Running water, electricity, friends, and family, the list goes on. Author Kim Fields (with Todd Gold) counts those happy things, too, and in her new book "Blessed Life," she knows who gets credit.

Born in Harlem with a pedigree in performing — her grandmother was a dancer; her mother, an actress — Kim Fields recalls how much she loved Harlem, but she says she "would not trade growing up in Hollywood," which is where she moved with her mother when Fields was six.

At age eight, as her mother's L.A. star was on the rise, Fields tried out for her first role in a TV ad, later appearing in other commercials. She met Janet Jackson

and they often played together, a friendship that led Fields to an appearance on "Good Times," as a friend of Jackson's character.

Shortly after that first quick appearance, Fields was hired for a new spin-off television show, in part because she could roller skate. The show wasn't a hit with audiences at first, but NBC had faith in "The Facts of Life."

"Going through puberty on television was not fun," says Fields but she "handled" things. It helped that her mother kept her grounded; finding a church and connecting with God at age 14 also made a difference.

Those things helped Fields during her trials and lifted her higher when things were good. Friends helped her search for love, introducing her to men and offering support when love went wrong. Professionally, work came and went in large roles and small projects. Fields went to college, worked behind-the-scenes in the film industry, fell in love, and got married. When that relationship fell apart, she became depressed and stayed in bed for weeks, asking God if he "still got a plan, right?"

He did. It involved a new love, a family, more work, new focus, and maturity.

"What I've come to terms with," says Fields, "is that as long as I'm moving forward.... I'm winning at least half the battle."

"Blessed Life" is a bit of fresh air in the star-biography genre.

While so many H'wood memoirs get oversaturated with chummy shouts of Look-Who-I-Know, author Kim Fields' ubiquitous (in star bios) name-dropping feels incidental and totally natural here. Fields (with Todd Gold) doesn't seem to be reaching to impress anyone; rather, her anecdotes are breezy and fun and pretty matter-of-fact, but she's also open to laying out the ups and downs of being a child-star, grown up. Even that is told simply, but with just a little embellishment and a lot of gratitude.

Overall, we take the good, we take the bad, and we get a sense that the best aspects of Fields' TV characters reflected the best of her, too. Most happily, this peek at stardom isn't heavy on the drama and for that, reading "Blessed Life" is something to be thankful for.



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Lloyd knows making edu-

catinal decisions isn't easy. That's why she offers her advice on the most important things to consider when researching schools.

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Student progress: Test scores don't tell the whole story. It's important that no matter where students start on the educational spectrum, they make progress and continuously learn as time passes. Understanding student prog-

ress can give you important information about how much children are learning at this school from year to year.

Equity: Look at how students from all backgrounds are doing. Is there a big achievement gap between different groups? This helps you understand how schools are serving disadvantaged student groups.

Advanced coursework: To understand the academic rigor of a school, research the advanced courses offered. How many students are enrolling in those courses? What's the average number of advanced courses a student takes at the school? All these details can paint a picture about whether the students are getting the classes

they need for college and beyond.

Discipline and attendance flags: Does the school have high chronic absenteeism? Do they suspend some groups of students far more often than others? This might be a red flag that you should consider.

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pare it against other schools you're considering, helping you save time while providing you the necessary information to make a confident decision about your child's education.

"The updated school profiles on GreatSchools display information parents need, and provide support to help them take action," said Lloyd. "For example, if a school has a low Equity Rating compared to other schools in their state, parents will find tips on how to discuss improving the education of all students at this school with teachers and administrators. This empowers parents today and in the future so their children can receive the education they deserve."

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Here are five apps that should be on every college student’s must-have list:

Venmo: Keeping track of cash or a credit card can be a hassle for busy college kids. This payments app allows users to pay individuals or businesses using their Venmo account, link a bank account, make payments in other mobile apps, and transfer money into and out of bank accounts. Just be sure kids take proper security precautions with their mobile device to protect their payment app. Visit www.venmo.com to learn more.

Course Hero: While many learning apps provide great general information, Course Hero delivers course-specific learning tools. Students can search the app’s more than 18.5 million educational resources by their college and course names to find material that’s specific to their courses.

Students can also interact with a worldwide educational network of 20 million students and educators, ask tutors for personalized homework help, share study resources and find the best information for hard-to-complete projects. Learn more at www.coursehero.com, or download the free app in Google Play Store.

Flipboard: Between multiple social media accounts, cable news and newspapers, there’s a lot of information out there. You want your kids to be informed, but you also don’t want them spending half their day scrolling on their devices. Flipboard combines all the feeds from a user’s social media networks and curates news stories in an up-to-date, personalized magazine to help students get rid of the clutter and read the news that matters to them. Find more information at flipboard.com.

Alarmy: College kids can find it hard to drag themselves out of bed in time for that 8 a.m. class, especially if they were up late studying the night before. Sometimes an ordinary alarm just won’t cut it - it’s too easy to keep hitting “snooze” or just turn it off and go back to sleep. Alarmy forces students to get out of bed by requiring



Our picks for the apps that should be on every undergraduate’s must-have list.

them to take a specific action - such as using their mobile device to take a picture of an item in their living room, or solving a math problem - to turn off the alarm. The app is available at <https://alar.my>.

MyFitnessPal: “The freshman 15” is not a myth. College kids can find themselves gaining much more than a few pounds over the course of their college careers. Busy schedules, sleep deprivation, convenience foods and lack of exercise can undermine stu-

dents’ good health. This app helps students track key health factors such as nutrition, diet and exercise. It’s available at www.myfitnesspal.com for either Android or IOS devices.

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Actress Dianne Dixon is starring in the world premiere of the musical "Falling in Love with Mr. Dellamort."

Jamaican actress stars in new musical

By Alexandra Simon

She's on her way up.

Jamaican American theater actress Dianne Dixon landed a role in the debut off-Broadway musical show "Falling in Love With Mr. Dellamort," at the Slipper Room in Manhattan starting Dec. 6. In the show, Dixon takes on a role vastly different from her off-stage personality, and the other parts she has done in mostly Caribbean-centric theater, she said.

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Caribbean-style Christmas comes to Canarsie

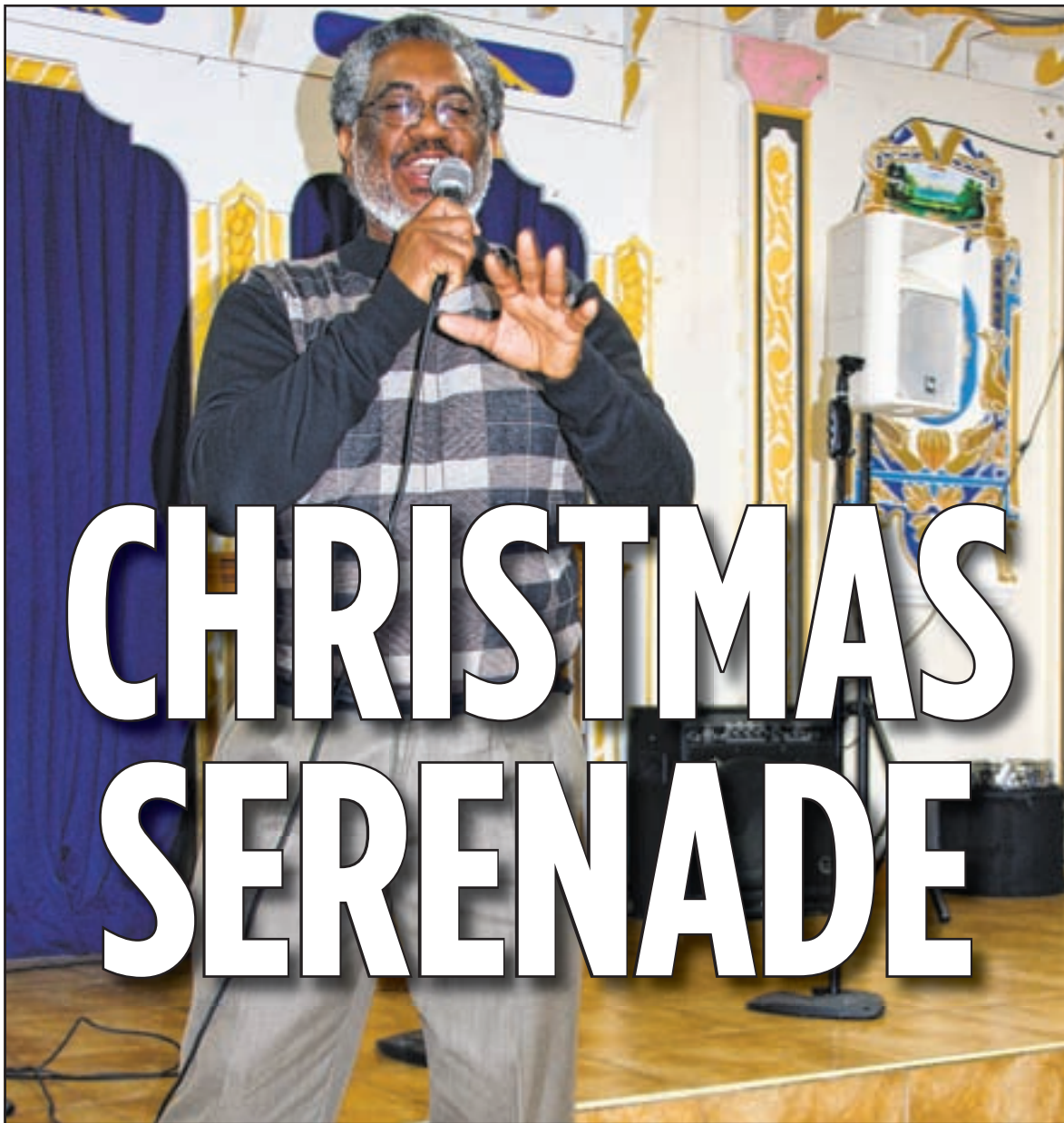
By Alexandra Simon

It's a home away from home for the holidays.

The fifth annual Old Time Grand Market returns this year, and it is coming to Brooklyn for the first time, at the Holy Family Church in Canarsie on Dec. 10. The formerly Queens-based festival is a yearly event that boasts of recreating Caribbean-style holiday traditions to soothe the longing for home during a time where people are celebrating their cultural customs, said the organizer.

"It's a trip down memory lane,"

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O'Brien Simmons sings "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas."

Photo by Nelson A. King

Vincie group stages Christmas concert

By Nelson A. King

Several members of the Caribbean community on Thanksgiving Saturday joined the United Vincie Cultural Group of Brooklyn (UVCGB) in participating in the group's annual Christmas Serenade at the Fellowship Hall of the Miracle Temple Ministries in Brownsville, Brooklyn.

Members and patrons sang lustily popular Christmas carols and songs, recited poems, gave speeches and performed a skit in evoking much Caribbean Christmas nostalgia.

After singing "Silent Night" and "Long Time Ago in Bethlehem," UVCGB members recited, in part, "The Gift."

"It's better to give than to receive/ So, this December/Let it be a reason to remember / So, what is your gift to Him this Christmas/Good things come in small packages."

Noting that each village in St. Vincent and the Grenadines has "a unique way in celebrating Christmas," Mistress of Ceremonies Caren Charles-DeFreitas, asked patrons to

describe the way in which this was done and to sing a Christmas carol.

"During Christmas, we sneaked and opened up our gift," said Registered Nurse Pamela Griffin, who trekked from the Bronx with her husband to attend the event for the first time, recalling Christmas in her household as a child in Frenches, Kingstown, the Vincentian capital. "We have we [our] mauby."

One patron from Georgetown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines' second

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TOP OF THE CHARTS

TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1 **Thunder**
Imagine Dragons
- 2 **Havana**
Camila Cabello Feat. Young Thug
- 3 **Feel It Still**
Portugal. The Man
- 4 **Perfect**
Ed Sheeran Duet w/ Beyonce
- 5 **Rockstar**
Post Malone Feat. 21 Savage
- 6 **What Lovers Do**
Maroon 5 Feat. SZA
- 7 **Too Good At Goodbyes**
Sam Smith
- 8 **Sorry Not Sorry**
Demi Lovato
- 9 **Bad At Love**
Halsey
- 10 **Mi Gente**
J Balvin & Willy William Feat Beyonce

TOP 10 ALBUMS

- 1 **Reputation**
Taylor Swift
- 2 **Friday On Elm Street**
Fabulous & Jadakiss
- 3 **A Pentatonix Christmas**
Pentatonix
- 4 **Beautiful Trauma**
P!nk
- 5 **The Thrill Of It All**
Sam Smith
- 6 **Who Built The Moon**
Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds
- 7 **No Shame**
Hopsin
- 8 **Christmas**
Michael Buble
- 9 **You Make It Feel Like Christmas**
Gwen Stefani
- 10 **Cybersex**
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CHRISTMAS

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largest town, said her house was thoroughly cleaned in preparation for Christmas Day.

"We cleaned the windows as usual," she said. "we had our ham and sorrel beer."

Geoffrey Holder, UVCCB vice president, who hails from Byera Hill in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, said his family stocked up on beverages from local manufacturing companies.

"We never waited until Christmas; we used to drink out the Ju-C," he said, about he and his siblings' indulgence as youths, to laughter.

"The best Christmas is in St. Vincent and the Grenadines," he added, announcing that he was going home this year for Christmas.

UVCCB president and founder Dr. Roxie Irish, a youth minister at the Miracle Temple Ministries, and her youthful friends — Jamaican Faith Bennett and London-born Yvonne Wilkes-Slater — reconnected at the event after singing together, about 20 years ago, as "The Zionnaires."

"Christmas to me is an enjoyable time," said Bennett, who journeyed from Connecticut.

"When I was a child, Christmas, to me, took 20 years. We were up at 4 am, and marched and sang up to 7 am."

The reunited "Zionnaires" then offered, acapella, to rave reviews, "There's a Name," and "Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child."

Laverne McDowald-Thompson, president of the Brooklyn-based Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Organizations, U.S.A., Inc. (COSAGO), COSAGO treasurer and Bequia United Progressive Organization (BUPO) president O'Brien Simmons, and UVCCB member Judith "Baffy" Cuffy-Murray collaborated in singing "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" and "Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy."

Jamaican Maxine Fisher, who worships at Miracle Temple Ministries, sang "Thank You, Lord," and her compatriot, Lavinia Hall, also a Miracle Temple Ministries worshipper, belched out "Dawn from the Glory."

Other performances included selections from the Miracle Temple Ministries choir ("Joy to the World"); Pastor Rudolph Telford, of Nehemiah Christian Outreach Ministries in Flatbush ("Lilly of the Valley"); Lorna



United Vincie Cultural Group of Brooklyn performs "Long Time Ago in Bethlehem." Photo by Nelson A. King

Jackson ("Raises Your Voices"); Emily Scykes ("Ra Pa Pom Pom"); Bishop Hollis Charles, of Bethel Gospel Assembly in Chester Cottage, St. Vincent and the Grenadines ("Trust Him Because He Loves You"); and Sheba ("We Three Kings").

Cuffy-Murray also led a short skit on "Beatrice Beauty Shop," ending with the cast rendering "Christmas, Christmas, We Wish You a Merry, Merry Christmas."

Using a broken bottle and aluminum foil as instruments, St. Vincent and the Grenadines' New York Consul General Howie Prince demon-

strated his versatility by playing to, loud applause, "O, Holy Night."

The UVCCB brought the house down with a medley, comprising, among others, "Christmas, Christmas," and "All We Want for Christmas is Peace and Love."

"I'm so excited to be here," said Savanda Latrice, originally from Georgetown, South Carolina, who traveled from Hartford, Conn. "I'm really enjoying myself."

"Christmas, for me, when growing up in the South, was about loving each other," she added.



The Braata Folk singers will perform traditional and modern Caribbean Christmas songs at the fifth-annual Old Time Grand Market in Canarsie on Dec. 10. Jason Johnson

Grand Market

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said Andrew Clarke. "If you're missing home and not able to afford the high prices of plane tickets to go home, you can come experience a little taste of what a Caribbean Christmas is like."

The old market tradition is a concept that originated in Jamaica before the rise of more modern trends of last-minute shopping. The marketplace was where people went

to make purchases of all sorts of holiday-related treats and gifts, added Clarke.

"It was the last opportunity to go buy your Christmas gift because predating shopping malls, people went to the grand market," he said.

To bring back this old-fashioned custom, the market is a chance to reconnect people to how it is done back home, along with traditional music and food.

"We want to foster that traditions with cultural performances and celebrate different cultures," said Clarke.

Musical

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and sexy seductress and I'm very shy," said Dixon.

The musical follows Mr. Dellamort, a man of mystery and three guests in his South Carolina inn who are also romantically interested in him. And Dixon's character is one his suitors and maintains some mystique of her own.

In the play she portrays Mina Thompson, an older woman in her sixties who presents a younger persona.

"No one knows how old she really is," said Dixon. "She keeps a youthful appearance to keep herself sexy, and tries to seduce the owner of a hotel and resort."

Dixon said she was drawn to the script for its humor and the opportunity to play a different type of role. She said that people will enjoy the hilarity the show has to offer, as much as her and her castmates do.

"I think people will like the wittiness of the script and the comedic timing," said Dixon.

"The script is so funny that even at rehearsal, we are all cracking top and turning red. It's quite entertaining and people will come away feeling tickled and caught up in the story."

Breaking into theater was not always an easy feat for Dixon. She mostly did Caribbean stageplays, working her way up but found her day job often interfering with her chances to secure auditions and roles. But now the up-and-coming actress is continuing to rise, recently appearing in "Naisula" and "Hair'itage: The Play" earlier this year.

Now she closes off the year with her latest role in the funny and mysterious musical "Falling in Love with Mr. Dellamort," showcasing her diverse acting style. She credits that to her publicists at Sure Thing Productions, for being her third eye and booking auditions for her as she works a day job.

"They were the driving force behind me getting auditions," said Dixon. "They would send my pictures and clips to casting directors, and I would get asked to come in for auditions."

A sentimental tale of redemption

"The Man Who Invented Christmas"

Very Good (3 stars)

Rated PG for mature themes and mild epithets
Running time: 104 minutes

Production Studio: Parallel Films / Rhombus Media

Distributor: Bleecker Street



A scene from "The Man Who Invented Christmas" directed by Bharat Nalluri. www.rottentomatoes.com

By Kam Williams

Charles Dickens (1812-1870) is considered the preeminent novelist of the Victorian Era because of his touching and timeless tales that shed light on the plight of the poor. He probably began developing an empathy for the less fortunate at an early age. That's because he had to drop out of school to work in a factory to support the family after his bankrupt father (Jonathan Pryce) went to a debtors' prison.

Charles' challenging childhood ostensibly served as the source of inspiration for

such coming-of-age classics as "The Adventures of Oliver Twist," "Great Expectations" and "David Copperfield." But the book which has had the most profound effect on Western culture is "A Christmas Carol," since it irreversibly altered how we celebrate the

holiday.

That notion is the genesis of "The Man Who Invented Christmas," Les Standiford's historical narrative recounting the events in December of 1843 leading up to Dickens' publishing "A Christmas Carol." Now, that opus has

been adapted to the big screen by Bharat Nalluri (MI-5) as a sentimental tale of redemption.

As the film unfolds, we find a cash-strapped Dickens (Dan Stevens) living beyond his means and struggling to support his family. Truth be told,

he didn't even marry his wife, Kate (Morfydd Clark), and have the first of their ten kids until 1836. That anachronism makes one wonder to what extent the picture conveniently takes further license with the facts in order to spin a heartwarming yarn.

Anyhow, with debt collectors closing in, we see Dickens fighting writer's block to crank out another best seller after releasing three bombs in a row. Luckily, key elements of "A Christmas Carol," like the characters Ebenezer Scrooge (Christopher Plummer) and "The Ghost of Christmas Past" (Anna Murphy) come to him in a variety of ways, ranging from dreams to an offhand observation made by his humble, Irish housekeeper (Donna Marie Sluuds).

He proceeds to publish the novella on Dec. 19, and the first edition sells out before Christmas. More importantly, the manuscript's moving message about catching the spirit of the season made a lasting impact that still shapes the way we observe the holiday.

Merry Capitalism!

Independent & Foreign Films

Big Sonia (Unrated) Bittersweet biopic about great-grandmother, businesswoman and haunted Holocaust survivor Sonia Warshawski who, after losing her tailor shop's lease

at the age of 91, recounts for posterity the horrors she witnessed at Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen and Majdanek, which included watching her mother being marched into the gas chamber.

Hollow in the Land (Unrated) Suspense thriller revolving around a woman's (Dianna Agron) effort to clear her murder suspect brother's (Jared Abrahamson) name after he flees from the scene of the crime. Supporting cast includes Shawn Ashmore, Rachele Lefevre and Jessica McLeod.

I, Tonya (R for violence, pervasive profanity, and some sexuality and nudity) Warts-and-all biopic recounting the rise and fall from grace of Tonya Harding (Margot Robbie), the American figure skater whose bodyguard (Paul Walter Hauser) and ex-husband (Sebastian Stan) hired a mobster (Ricky Ruffalo) to break the legs of her primary rival, Nancy Kerrigan (Caitlin Carver), weeks before the two were set to compete against each other in the 1994 Winter Olympics. With Allison Janney, Bobby Cannavale and Julianne Nicholson.

Miss Kiet's Children (Unrated) Poign-



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

ant profile of Kiet Engels, a schoolteacher who has dedicated her career to helping recent refugees make the cultural adjustment to life in Holland. (In Dutch with subtitles)

November Criminals (PG-13 for profanity, mature themes, teen sexuality, drug use and brief violence) Adaptation of Sam Munson's young adult novel about a couple of high school seniors (Ansel Elgort and Chloe Grace Moretz) who attempt to solve the senseless murder of a classmate (Jared Kemp). With Catherine Keener, David Strathairn and Cory Hardrict.

The Pirates of Somalia (Unrated) Adaptation of journalist Jay Bahadur's (Evan Peters) best-selling memoir of the same name recounting how, in 2008, he embedded himself with African hijackers holding Western ships for ransom. Support cast includes Melanie Griffith, Russell Posner and Barkhad "I'm the Captain Now!" Abdi. (In English and Somali with subtitles)

Quest (Unrated) Inspirational documentary, shot over the course of a decade, chronicling an African-American family's struggle to survive in a North Philly ghetto.

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Jamaican athlete Usain Bolt.
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Sprint king coaches Aussies

By Azad Ali

Australian cricketers recently sought help from retired sprint king Usain Bolt to boost their running between the wickets for the Ashes Test series against England. The Jamaican track superstar, the world record holder in the 100-meter and 200-meter and eight-time Olympic Champion, is working with the

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Coach: Chris Gayle still valuable

By Azad Ali

West Indies coach Stuart Law said that the Cricket West Indies (CWI) selectors should be lenient towards Chris Gayle selection on the West Indies team, describing him as a player “committed to the cause.”

However, the Australian coach was careful to note that the superstar opener would still have to meet certain

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BASKETBALL SHOWDOWN

Connecticut's Kia Nurse dribbles as Notre Dame's Arike Ogunbowale, right, defends during the first half an NCAA college basketball game, Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, in Hartford, Conn.
AP Photo/Jessica Hill

UConn rallies over Irish

By Doug Feinberg

NEW YORK (AP) — The annual meeting between UConn and Notre Dame lived up to a showdown of top teams. While that game nearly came down to the end, it didn't compare to the Creighton-Drake game that went four overtimes.

The top-ranked Huskies had cruised through their first six games to easy victories. They found themselves facing a rare double-digit deficit in the fourth quarter against the No. 3 Irish before rallying for an 80-71 victory.

UConn pulled off the comeback in

front of a loud sellout crowd without preseason All-Americans Gabby Williams and Katie Lou Samuelson. Williams was bothered by a migraine that's plagued her for a while and missed the entire second half. Samuelson tweaked a foot injury in the

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Sprint king

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Australian batsmen to improve their “explosiveness” off the mark.

Bolt told the Herald Sun newspaper in Australia, “It’s all about explosiveness and that’s one thing I’ve noticed with cricket — they don’t really have a lot of explosiveness when they’re running.”

The world’s fastest man noted, “They seem to always take off at a slow rate. Getting it right will definitely help people.”

Bolt, 31, who retired from athletics after August’s World Championships in London said he was trying to increase the awareness of running while batting.

Australian batsman Peter Handscomb said Bolt’s tips were welcomed ahead of the first Ashes Test in Brisbane, which started last week.

Bolt said he has been busy after retirement preparing for a stint at football.

Chris Gayle



West Indies player Chris Gayle.

Associated Press / Rick Rycroft, File

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“guidelines” but said that from what he has seen during the recent limited overs tour of England, Gayle was still a valuable asset to the side.

Law said there are certain players that have to be given leniency and Gayle is one of the greatest players.

Gayle, 38, returned to the West Indies One-Day International for the first time in nearly two months last September.

He gathered 173 runs at an average of 43, narrowly missing out on his 23rd ODI century when he made a top score of 94 in the third match at Brisbane.



Notre Dame's Marina Mabrey, left, is guarded by Connecticut's Crystal Dangerfield during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, in Hartford, Conn.

Associated Press / Jessica Hill

BASKETBALL SHOWDOWN

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fourth quarter that had sidelined her for the previous four games.

Still, the Huskies managed to overcome the 11-point fourth quarter hole to win their 69th consecutive home game.

“That fourth quarter really came down to, collectively, you could see a change,” coach Geno Auriemma said. “We don’t have that one person that walks around and acts like it and demands that kind of response. We don’t, and you can’t manufacture it. So it’s got to be a team thing, and that’s what happened in the fourth quarter. You could see it. The demeanor of our team changed.”

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw was disappointed her team couldn’t finish off the Huskies.

“We played well for 35 minutes,” she

said. “I thought we had some defensive lapses. Offensively, we executed, but I thought we could have played a little smarter. We did a great job rebounding in the first half and not in the second half. ... We just had a stretch of ugly and, unfortunately for us, it was the last five minutes.”

Creighton played its first four-OT game in 31 years, holding off Drake 108-100 on Sunday. Audrey Faber scored a career-high 34 points in a homecoming game for the junior. She surpassed the 1,000-point mark for her career in the contest.

It was the first four-overtime game in women’s basketball since Columbia and Dartmouth last year.

Other happenings around college basketball:

STAT SHEET STUFFER: Elon’s Shay Burnett had the program’s first triple-

double with 10 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists against Coker on Nov. 27. It was the second triple-double in the CAA this season. William & Mary center Abby Rendle has the other one. She is closing in on the CAA’s career blocks record (273) which is held by Elena Delle Donne. Rendle broke the William & Mary career blocks record against Davidson. Since then, Rendle has brought her total to 266. She has 44 blocks in eight games this season.

SHARP SHOOTER: UConn’s Kia Nurse hit 12 consecutive 3-pointers over the last three games before missing one to set the school record for successive makes. She fell two short of the NCAA record held by a few different players.

“It’s weird hearing that,” Nurse said of holding the school record. “The coaches have been so willing to put the time in to shoot with me.”

Brathwaite in top batting rankings

By Azad Ali

West Indies opener Kraigg Brathwaite has moved up into the top 20 of the ICC batting rankings, after rising one place in the latest release.

The right-hander is coming off an average two-match series against Zimbabwe in November where he scored 121 runs from three innings at an average of 40.

He had a difficult home series against Pakistan with just 101 runs from six

innings but has made steady progress up the rankings since then, following the three-Test tour of England where he averaged 47.

Brathwaite, 24, has emerged as the Windies batting leader in recent years and averages 36 from 42 Tests.

He is currently in New Zealand for the two-Test match starting this month (December).

Brathwaite is the only West Indies bats-

man in the top 20 with the next best being the in-form right-hander Shai Hope who stands at 25th.

Meanwhile, fast bowler Shannon Gabriel, has remained 20th in the bowling rankings. Following his five wicket haul in the two Tests against Zimbabwe recently.

The Trinidadian is the highest ranked West Indies bowler, with leg-spinner Devendra Bishoo lying 23rd and seamer Kemar Roach, 24th.

UWI vice chancellor: Blame it on IMF

By George Alleyne

Cricket is not played just on the field, it begins in the community from which players emerge, and the Caribbean environment has been producing individuals who put self before country, said historian Hilary Beckles.

For this reason, the University of the West Indies vice-chancellor has laid blame for West Indies cricket being in the doldrums for the past 20 years squarely on policies laid down on societies of the region by the International Monetary Fund, which he contends takes away from the poor and gives to the rich and big business.

He said that much of the decline in quality of players and the absence of their dedication to country and region is to be blamed on a selfish approach by players who put personal enrichment over national interests.

"That is the new mindset, but I do not blame cricketers for this mindset," Beckles said.

Beckles recently used the opportunity of a launch of his book on West Indies cricket to slam the fund for what he

said was the economic destruction its programmes caused in Caribbean societies where IMF policies benefit only the upper class and the corporate sector, while the wretched conditions it created for the masses contributed to the fall of West Indies cricket.

Beckles had authored 13 books on various aspects of Caribbean society before penning the new release, 'Cricket without a Cause: fall and rise of the mighty West Indian Test Cricketers.'

As the title suggests, Beckles' book chronicles the progress and struggles in this game that holds great significance to people of the English-speaking Caribbean.

He explained, "in the book I argued this is an issue of the education, it is not about cricketers.

"It's about why it is that after 50 years of independence we still have half of our citizens trapped in ghettos, living in the most deplorable environments imaginable.

"Almost every country in the Caribbean in the 1990s, in the decade of decline ... was under

an IMF programme in one way or another.

"To one level of intensity or another the IMF had taken over the Caribbean because our economies were all collapsing.

"And these are the societies — the societies that have been cut off by the governments, left to fend for themselves in poverty — these are the communities that are producing the cricketers."

The vice-chancellor said that when the Caribbean young cricketers emerge from these downtrodden societies where the struggle everyday is one for personal existence, "they come with a hardened attitude towards their governments, an indifferent attitude towards their societies, and an aggressive sense of surviving as an individual."

Beckles said that he shared his opinions with IMF Director, Christine Legarde, during a meeting with her in his office in Jamaica earlier this month when she had visited that island for the sixth IMF High Level Caribbean Forum.

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A cricket fan has her book signed by the author Hilary Beckles. Photo by George Alleyne

dem said that he told Legarde, "while you are pouring millions and millions of dollars into the governments to stabilise these economies, the beneficiaries of all these IMF programmes are the upper class, the corporate class, the big companies, and the victims of all of your programmes are the working poor people, and these are the people who are the majority."

Given these conditions he asked Legarde, "so what is the future of democracy of the IMF continues to dominate the Caribbean?"

He told his Monday night audience that in the conversation with the IMF head, "I was concerned about the fact that these young cricketers are coming from these dis-enfranchised communities."



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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may hit the employment jackpot this week. Those résumés you have been putting out or that promotion you were vying for will be worth the effort.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, the best thing you can do to rekindle a friendship is to spend some time with this person reconnecting. Enjoy a dinner for two or involve yourselves in another activity.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Those around you know the way to Cancer's heart is definitely through his or her stomach. Plan an entertaining night out enjoying the newest restaurant in town.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, receiving compliments from others certainly provides an ego boost. But you may want something more substantial from a relationship this week.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, this week you may be tempted to put off some of your more challenging projects at work and focus on yourself. It's okay to have some "me" time.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, a huge turning point in your relationship is ahead. Communication will help forge a deeper connection between the two of you.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, the best ways to get what you want are to share your desires with others. They may have some solutions you've overlooked and can be sources of inspiration.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, it may take a little time to get used to a new relationship or job. After a few weeks or months, you can sort out what works and what needs some extra effort.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, expanding your horizons comes easily when you have close friends who invite you along on all of their adventures. This could prove to be a week with lots of inspiration.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Mending fences can take a while, but you have the opportunity for some real healing this week. Aquarius. Explore all of your options to get closer to someone.

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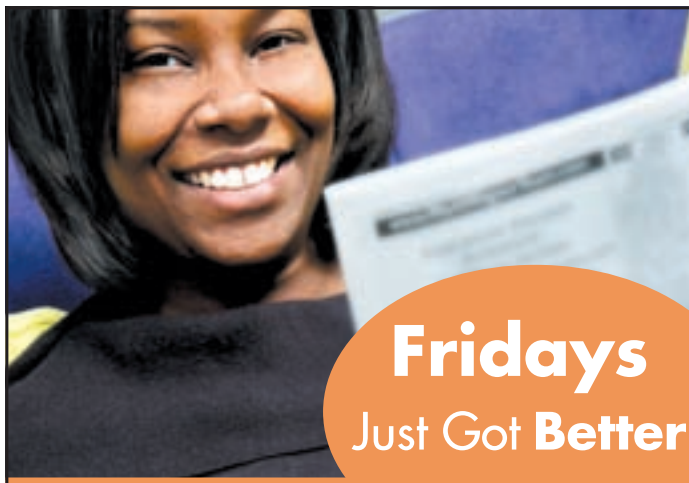
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