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Art from home: Curator Donna Mason's show supporting Caribbean artists will go on display at the Brooklyn Waterfront Artist Coalition on May 12. See story on Page

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GOV'T SAYS FRAUD

Former Guyana finance minister, top official charged

By Bert Wilkinson

Eventually, the main opposition People's Progressive Party (PPP) which had governed Guyana between 1992 and 2015 will allege that the administration of President David Granger is systematically bringing criminal corruption charges against its former cabinet ministers and top executives so as to deliberately win convictions and cripple them from participating in the 2020 general elections.

The party's 23-year tenure in office had been dogged by

credible domestic and international allegations of widespread corruption, entrenched links with the criminal underworld, including local drug kingpins, and of shaking down both local and international investors for large sums in exchange for state contracts and other awards.

The party has vehemently denied these allegations which had come from western embassies, civil society, local media and a slew of other stakeholders.

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Guyana mayor to be grand marshal

By Nelson A. King

The Guyana Independence Anniversary Celebration Committee (New York) says Georgetown, Guyana mayor Patricia Chase-Green will be grand marshal of the annual Guyanese Independence Parade in

Brooklyn on June 3, 2018.

The Committee said on Friday that the parade is part of Guyana's 52nd Independence celebration in New York, which will be held from June 3 – 10.

Other top invitees include Guyana's Minister of State

Joseph Harmon; Guyana's Attorney General Basil Williams, and other ministers; New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo; New York City Mayor Bill deBlasio; US congressional representatives Yvette Clarke

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Guyanese inducted into Hunter College Hall of Fame



From left, physician assistant Roland Ottley, Shaundell Agrippa and Paul Hawker. Shaundell Agrippa

Kingsbrook Jewish honors employees

By Nelson A. King

Kingsbrook Medical Center, a teaching hospital in Brooklyn, on May 1 honored over 250 employees from 25 departments for their “dedicated service” at a grand celebration at the hospital’s Lillian Minkin Ballroom.

The employees, who served from five to 40 years, were honored during the Central Brooklyn hospital’s Employee Service Awards ceremony.

One retiree, Michael Barry, was honored for 41 years of service.

The hospital bestowed certificates of appreciation and gold anniversary pins on 251 employees.

“This event serves as the most important recognition for staff members, and demonstrates the commitment and admiration Kingsbrook has for its valued employee base,” Enid Dillard, director of marketing and public affairs, told Caribbean Life.

Dillard, who was also honored for 15 years of service, added: “I have the greatest opportunity to help impact the community I was born and raised in.

“This work and the relationships I’ve made in the community and with my peers have been invaluable,” she continued.

Michelle Flournoy, director of human resources, said the ceremony provided Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center with “the opportunity to formerly thank our employees for the continued service and commitment.

“Throughout the ceremony, we heard many stories that demonstrate the hard work and love our staff has for Kingsbrook,” she said.

After receiving his award for 15 years of service, Vincent Mifsud, administrator of surgery and vascular services, said Kingsbrook, “many years ago, has become my second family.

By Tangerine Clarke

New York Police Department Deputy Inspector Rhonda O’Reilly-Bovell received a resounding applause when she stepped on to the stage at Hunter College to be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame, and presented with a certificate during a May 4 ceremony in the school’s West wing in Manhattan.

The Guyanese-American, whose astounding accomplishment got the attention of the Hall of Fame committee, also had her name unveiled on a plaque with six other inductees during the evening that honored the distinguished alumni.

Bovell, the co-founder and president of the Guyanese American Law Enforcement Association (GALIA), said she was humbled to receive such an honor and expressed gratitude to her relatives, husband, and her mother, whom she said sacrificed so much to send her to New York to fulfill her dreams.

Bovell, who joined the New York Police Department immediately after graduating from Hunter College in 1996, is the first female Guyanese NYPD officer to make such a rapid transition from her first post as officer in the 100th Pct. to sergeant in 2002, lieutenant in 2010, captain in 2014 and deputy inspector in 2017.

The NYPD bravest has worked throughout the city, above and below ground, in Transit district 33, which covers train stations in East New York, and Brownsville, Brooklyn, the 30th Pct. in upper Manhattan, South Ferry, Brooklyn Bridge and the World Trade Center.

Guyana Consul General to New York Barbara Atherly, who was present at Bovell’s induction, called this captivating young woman an inspiration to others.

“It was indeed a pleasure for me to be present at the Hunter College Hall of Fame ceremony that honored one of our Guyanese sisters,” said Atherly.



Deputy Inspector Rhonda O’Reilly Bovell (fourth from left), Mrs O’Reilly (mother) on her left, next to Consul General Mrs. Barbara Atherly and other family members at Hunter College inductee ceremony.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke



From left, Chair of the 2018 Hall of Fame committee, Elizabeth Wilson Anstey, committee member, James Amodeo, inductee NYPD Deputy Inspector, Rhonda O’Reilly Bovell, and Hunter College President, Jennifer J. Raab.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

“I am proud of the achievement of Deputy Inspector Rhonda O’Reilly Bovell, who is an inspiration to young Guyanese. Through hard work and dedication she rose rapidly through the ranks of the NYPD.”

“Today she stands as an example of what it means to reach for the stars,” added Consul General Atherly.

President of Hunter College Jennifer J. Raab congratulated the Hunter College alumni, stating that students have been at the forefront of social justice, and thanked the inductees for setting great examples of excellence for other students who have followed in their footsteps.

Raab singled out Bangladesh-born Safia Mahjebin, the only Truman Scholar, and only the second student in Hunt-

er’s history to win a Truman award. While at Hunter, Mahjebin had been instrumental in helping to pass legislation to raise the legal age of marriage for girls in New York State from 14 to age 17, by testifying before the New York State Assembly. Mahjebin was found sleeping in the hallway of Hunter College after her father wanted to send her back to her country for an arranged marriage.

Daughter of Haitian immigrants Tamara Jean, born in Brooklyn, was also honorably mentioned. She was named a 2018 Rhodes Scholar, the first Hunter College student to receive this prestigious award.

Thamara wrote a senior thesis on the Black Lives Matter movement. It was recently published in the Columbia University Journal of Politics and Society. Thamara worked as a researcher for Prof. Brandon Terry at Harvard University, who is writing a book on the intellectual history of the Black Power movement.

“These achievements only underscore the high caliber of our student body and the important work of the Ruth and Harold Newman office of Prestigious Scholarships & Fellowships in supporting our students in their pursuit of excellence,” said Raab.

Alluding to the school’s motto: Mihi Cura Futuri — The Care of the Future is Mine, that the inductees epitomizes, Raab said, “you make us deeply proud, and we are deeply grateful for your service, and deeply grateful that you have come home tonight, congratulations to you all, and welcome home.”

Antigua

The Antigua and Barbuda government says it is moving to implement legislation that would allow the island to take advantage of the new wave of global technology, including cryptocurrency.

This was revealed by Information Technology Minister Melford Nicholas who said that Antigua and Barbuda is determined to be on the cutting edge of the new system of creating wealth with the exception that the exchange will generate non-tax revenue for the treasury.



He said the cryptocurrency exchange will act as a facilitator to bring together cryptocurrency buyers and sellers for a fee.

A government statement said, "by establishing an exchange in Antigua will bring it into the game, as it were; should there be any potential economic spin-offs Antigua and Barbuda should be in the front seat."

It said Calvin Ayre, who was appointed as an economic envoy, is the founder of online gaming platform Bodog is the government's cryptocurrency adviser.

He recently announced that he would be building a US\$100 million resort on the island, with profits gained from his digital currency investments.

Cryptocurrency is a digital currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank.

Barbados

CARICOM Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROS&Q) is warning regional importers about attempting to bring in inferior products in the Caribbean.



CROS&Q recently held a meeting with Barbados Industry and Commerce minister to outline several guidelines for improving the quality of regional standards.

Innis told the delegates at the 32nd meeting of the CARICOM body that stiffer penalties are needed to ensure the standards in the countries are upheld.

He suggested that all importers arm themselves with knowledge or the standards in Barbados including acceptable labels prior to placing orders.

CROS&Q is the regional center for promoting efficiency and competitive production in goods and services through the process of verification of



Politician pledges support

Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness, addressed a recent meeting of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) ambassadors in Brussels, Belgium.
Associated Press / Collin Reid, File

quality.

The organizers said the meeting discussed how standardization, trade and trade facilitation and international health matters, among other issues, fit into the quality agenda of the region.

Grenada

Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell has expressed concern about the increasing number of rogue police officers who have found themselves in recent times disobeying the law instead of upholding and enforcing it.



According to police reports, during the first quarter of this year, several officers were charged with offenses ranging from drugs to sexually-related offenses.

The latest report made was about an incident involving a policeman who is now being investigated by his colleagues.

He said the matter has since been submitted to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for advice and directives.

Dr. Mitchell said those officers are supposed to be upholding the laws of the land and if they are the ones breaking it that is troubling.

He was speaking at his first news conference since returning to office following the March, 13, 2018 general

election.

Jamaica

Prime Minister Andrew Holness says Jamaica is committed to its responsibility to each state within the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States council and that no state will be left behind in the process.



He stated that along with the CARIFORUM Group of states that Jamaica represents, the council is committed to promoting a process of collaboration.

Holness noted that the ACP Group has a rich history and has accomplished much through its unity, strength and solidarity, adding the Group's major strength lies in its ability to serve as a platform for its member countries to engage with bilateral and multilateral partners in order to secure sustainable development, inclusive of growth and poverty eradication for its 1.1 billion people.

The prime minister further explained that the ACP must reflect and examine itself in order to remain viable.

He was at the time speaking to ACP ambassadors in Brussels ahead of the recent Commonwealth Summit in London.

St. Kitts

Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris

is not in favor of decriminalization or legalizing marijuana in St. Kitts and Nevis.

Speaking at the launch of the new Forensic Laboratory in St. Kitts recently, Harris urged residents to reject crime and drugs, including marijuana.



He said in the debate that is going on about the legalizing of marijuana, a lot of reckless statements are being made adding that mothers, fathers and adults have to stand firm on a point of principle.

According to Harris, the evidence of the effects of marijuana is clear for all to see. However, he acknowledged that the time may come when legislation becomes a reality.



Trinidad

Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley has stressed that Trinidad and Tobago will not be converted into a "refugee camp."

He was responding to objections from the United Nations spokesperson and Amnesty International and other critics to Trinidad and Tobago's deportation of 82 Venezuelans recently.

Rowley told a media conference that international organizations would not tarnish the image of Trinidad and

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Barbados government broke



Barbados Central Bank Governor, Clevison Haynes.
Photo by George Alleyne

By George Alleyne

The government of Barbados's financial troubles have got so bad that it will be calling on private sector banks and other corporations for a bail out, according to Central Bank governor, Clevison Haynes.

The head of Barbados' monetary authority said this week that government foreign reserves are so low that "accessing increased public and private sector capital flows is therefore warranted to strengthen the reserves position."

To illustrate, at a glance, the dire straits in which Barbados finds itself, a look on current financial holdings as reported by Haynes Wednesday, must be compared with how the nation's foreign reserves stood a year ago, then through the past three years.

Haynes revealed in his first quarter report that as of the end of March, Barbados had only \$423.3 million (Bds\$1 = 50 cents US) in foreign currency for purchases of essential items, including all petroleum products and repayment on foreign loans.

At March 2017 that figure stood at \$709.4 million; in 2016 it was \$942.5 million; and in 2015 it stood at \$1.13 billion.

Notwithstanding the quarter by quarter comparison the March 2018 figure represents all the money the government of Barbados has with which to make purchases abroad for a country that is more than 70 per cent import dependent.

That money stands in contrast to \$1.45 billion it had in 2012.

That current figure enables Barbados a buffer zone of 6.9 weeks of imports in event of a national disaster. The international benchmark of an import period for such eventualities is a minimum of 12 weeks.

While the need to find money for fuel imports remains an ongoing challenge, Barbados has to meet its foreign debt repayments deadlines or risk international creditors risk putting it in default — something which has never happened to this island since independence more than 51 years ago.

Ranking high among the foreign debt repayments is

\$450 million due to international lender Credit Suisse in twice-annual payments on each deadline of June and December.

With that amount due next month and threatening to consume Barbados' entire foreign currency holdings, the Central Bank governor announced that government will seek private sector help as it did just over 26 years ago when the administration was in crisis.

"In 1991 as part of the adjustment effort, several private sector entities came together and provided on a voluntary basis, support to the Central Bank to keep our liquidity at a certain level," Haynes said, adding, "once the adjustment was over, we were able to return those funds."

He said, "the bank contemplates that we will do some similar exercise on this occasion."

Borrowing from the private sector to save its foreign currency from a washout and suffering the indignity of a financial default, are not easy measures for a government that is going into general elections in 20 days.

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Can my employer fire me, or will I lose my job if I file a Workers' Compensation claim?

An employer is not allowed to fire an employee just because a Workers' Compensation claim was filed.

I just got injured while at work, what do I do now?

First ensure that you are seen by a proper medical professional right away. Next, make sure your employer is immediately notified about this accident. Different forms will also need to be filled out and submitted to Court in order to protect your rights. It is highly advisable you speak to a Workers' Compensation attorney to ensure your rights are protected.

How often do I need to see the doctor?

You are entitled to be seen by your doctor as often as is deemed necessary by your doctor. If you remain out of work, we advise that you be seen at least once every 45 days.

Do I really need an attorney?

Although, you are not required to obtain an attorney, retaining one is highly recommended. The attorney will ensure all required documents are properly filled out and submitted to Court in a timely manner. Furthermore, the attorney makes certain that you receive all the money you deserve. Since the insurance company has hired attorneys in order to figure out a way to pay you the least amount of money as possible, it is highly advisable for you to retain an attorney to maximize the money due to you.

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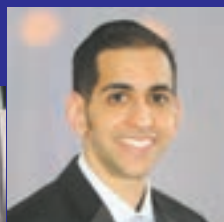
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Guyanese face corruption charges

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Now in its third year in opposition, its leaders are beginning to feel the heat of two state agencies which have been investigating alleged criminal wrongdoing since the party lost power to the APNU-AFC alliance three years ago.

On Tuesday of this week, former finance minister Ashni Singh, 45, and former Head of the National Industrial and Commercial Investments Limited, Winston Brassington, 50, were charged criminally with misconduct in public office linked to allegations that they had deliberately sold off prime seaside state land to friends of the PPP cheaply. Brassington had headed up an agency which had full control over state assets, everything from buildings to state lands.

Both men had moved overseas once the PPP had lost power. Both appeared in the country on Tuesday and were immediately hauled before the courts.

Authorities say several other top officials, cabinet ministers, including former president Bharrat Jagdeo will eventually join Singh and Brassington in criminal courts for conduct linked to their time while in office, especially for the period between 1999-2015 when Jagdeo was president or when Jagdeo was the power behind PPP cabinets.

One of the main elements of the charges, that could land them jail time between one and five years, has to do

with accusations by the Special Organized Crimes Unit (SOCU) that they had calculatedly bypassed a mandatory valuation of the land before selling it local and CARICOM investors cheaply.

Handcuffed behind their backs and forced to move from the courtroom to the ground level police detention center through a dark, damp prisoner "chute" used by common criminals, the two were placed on a total of \$30,000 bail each and ordered to reappear in court on June 5th. The court turned down requests from defense attorneys for self bail, citing the fact that they men had returned voluntarily and are known figures.

But the printing ink had hardly dried on editions of the four daily newspapers on Wednesday, when SOCU ordered the two to turn up at its headquarters on Wednesday to answer questions about a string of other deals made while in office. SOCU Head Sydney James said that additional criminal charges are expected in the coming days and the two could be in handcuffs once again, humiliated and embarrassed like common criminals.

While SOCU is forcing them to explain activities while in office, the State Assets Recovery Agency (SARA), set up just days after general elections in 2015, is moving against the same group of politicians and business associates to recover hundreds of millions of dollars in cash and assets allegedly stolen during the time of the PPP.



Georgetown, Guyana Mayor Patricia Chase-Green.

Guyana Independence Anniversary Committee (New York)

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and Hakeem Jeffries; Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams; Guyana's Consul General to New York, Barbara Atherly; Guyana's Ambassador to the UN Michael Ten-Pow; and Guyana's Ambassador to the US Dr. Ryiad Insanally.

Committee chairman, Rickford Burke, told Caribbean Life that he and executive members have been meeting with New York officials and members of the New York Police Department (NYPD) in finalizing plans for the celebrations.

Burke particularly lauded Adams for his "exceptional efforts to endure a successful celebration and for donating US\$5,000.00 towards the celebration."

The 1.7 miles parade takes place on Sunday, June 3, at 10 am.

The parade commences at Church

Guyana parade

and Brooklyn Avenues in Brooklyn, culminating at the Brooklyn Museum on Washington Avenue and Eastern Parkway.

Burke said a Unity Concert will be held on the same day at 1:30 pm at the Brooklyn Museum, featuring, among others, Guyanese reggae superstar Dexta Daps; Carib Soca Monarch Brandon Harding; Soca stars Jumo Primo, Adrian Duchin, Blaze Antonio, Treyvon Vibe and Melissa Vanilla Roberts; and chutney artists Terry Gajraj and Vicadi Singh.

Burke said recording artists Eddie Neblet, Kapa Shanti, Lisa Punch and Jihny Go Figure will also appear.

A flag-raising ceremony, to be conducted jointly by members of the Guyana Defense Force (GDF) and Guyanese in the US Military, will precede the concert at 1 pm, Burke said.

Other activities include the Independence Festival, to be held on Saturday, June 9.

The Independence Cup Soccer tournament is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 10, at noon at the Old Boys High School Soccer Field in Brooklyn.

Burke said "Guyanese pride will be on full display when the New York Diaspora unites for one celebration."

He said the celebration will be held under the theme, "Celebrate Guyana to the World."

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For many, living with advanced dementia is a fate worse than death

By Kim Callinan

My grandmother, whom we called “Nana,” always loved children. Many times, she asked me to give her great-grandchildren.

In 2000, the moment finally arrived. But it didn’t seem to matter. Eagerly, tenderly I lay my newborn son in her arms. She sat motionless, her eyes void. No expression whatsoever. I searched her face, desperately hoping to see some sign of joy...of recollection...of understanding. Nothing. Her eyes were vacant. She could not speak. She did not move.

The reason? My nana had Alzheimer’s disease. It was during this visit that I started to contemplate the quality of life and the certainty of death.

Almost 20 years later, as I lead the largest national organization advocating for patient-driven, end-of-life care, the consensus among our supporters is clear: They (and I) see nothing compassionate or patient-driven about how people with dementia die.

The cultural “norm” in the United States is that life — regardless of the quality of that life — is better than death. Traditionally, love means keeping someone alive, not helping him or her die peacefully. We are so afraid of death that we don’t ask our loved ones what they want. This paralyzing fear of life’s final chapter leaves us guessing, guilt-ridden and trapped in the default mode

of our medical system — life-extending tests and treatments — even for a loved one hollo-
wed by dementia.

We spoon feed and hydrate people with advanced dementia, even though losing the desire to eat and drink is a natural part of the dying process. We prescribe medical treatments — such as kidney dialysis — even if the person declined this preference in writing when they were capable of making an informed healthcare decision. We marshal every resource to extend life and subject nine out of 10 dementia patients to at least one invasive medical procedure in their last week of life. We don’t merely refuse to let people with dementia die; we do everything possible to keep them alive.

This default mode of our medical system contradicts what most people want. According to a study published by the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), many people regard being confused all the time (45 percent) as a fate worse than death.

We are using medicine and human intervention to keep people alive for years — long past when they would naturally die. People should be able to document their desires before they have lost their mental capacity to make informed healthcare decisions and realize a natural death, if that is their preference.

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Improve police relations in minority communities!

By Albert Baldeo

For a very long time, Guyanese, West Indians, Latinos, Sikhs and other minorities in Richmond Hill, Queens, Brooklyn and elsewhere, have accused New York police of racism and abuse of their powers, including at a groundbreaking Town Hall meeting at the Nareesa Palace on Rockaway Boulevard in Richmond Hill. Indeed, Richmond Hill and Flatbush are mere microcosms of this greater institutional problem in minority communities all across America, where many continue to be murdered and discriminated against senselessly.

Years ago, the Stabroek News of Feb. 1, 2007, reported in an article by Dr. Vishnu Bisram, “Guyanese in Richmond Hill charge police with profiling, abuse.” He reported that, “Person after person came forward to relate experiences of racism and police abuse in an exchange with the Police Chief of Queens and the Captain of the 106th Police Precinct (Pct) which is responsible for most of the Richmond Hill Ozone area. Allegations were also levelled against the 102nd Pct but the bulk of the complaints were against officers of the 106th Pct.”

At that meeting, organized by Rotarians and concerned businessmen Joe Iaboni, Jack Rassbeharry, TV host Roy Ramsarran, Trevor Rupnarain, Colin Moore and myself, “the Guyanese victims complained about racial profiling accusing the police of capricious and arbitrary targeting of their community to meet ticketing quotas and to make unjustified arrests in order to obtain overtime pay, charging that the police

tend to make arrests towards the end of their shift in order to earn overtime pay, and that there has been a de facto increase in arrests in the precinct of some 22% since 1995.”

Many speakers applauded the work of the police in bringing down crime, noting that the district had seen crime decrease by 73% in the 106th Pct and 77% in the 102 Pct, contending that the community is not against the police enforcing the law but the community should not be targeted.

They complained that “other ethnic communities are not targeted for aggressive enforcement of the law, and that police officers do not enforce double parking in White neighborhoods such as Howard Beach but they have zero tolerance in Richmond Hill, and complained that they would appreciate answers, explanations and solutions to our complaints and an end to profiling.”

The report further said, “One Guyanese taxi driver related how he triple parks every day on Cross Bay, an Italian neighborhood, and he never received a ticket. But on Liberty Avenue he gets tickets and is harassed for double parking even when sitting in his car. Mike Persaud, a teacher, who was subjected to an unjustified summons that was thrown out by a judge said, ‘What the police is doing to this community is tantamount to harassment. We must put an end to it.’”

There were also several complaints about motorists getting tickets for dropping off relatives at bus stops (when there is no where else to stop) or for double parking letting off passengers. In

one case, the police issued a ticket to a motorist who was dropping off an 81-year-old at the bus stop. Another motorist was issued a summons for dropping off a pregnant woman at the bus stop. It was alleged that the police don’t issue summons for putting off passengers at bus stops in White neighborhoods. And in White neighborhoods, the police gently ask drivers who are double parked to move on rather than issue summons. But in Indian neighborhoods, they are issued a summons for \$105.

The report continues, “Lawyer Albert Baldeo suggested that the police show more sensitivity when issuing summons. Drivers should not be issued summons for dropping off.” The police chief agreed with Baldeo and promised to re-examine the issue with his officers. Chief Tom Dale said officers should use commonsense and discretion when issuing tickets. Dale also requested speakers from the community to come forward and address officers about the diversity of the community. Baldeo also called on Chief Dale for better community policing. “There is a problem with the method the police use in going after residents in the community. They are arrogant. There is a cultural divide between the police and the community. Almost all of the officers are from outside the area, and living in Long Island they have no knowledge about the cultural background of the community.”

One victim, Faroukh, described how he was ridiculed and taunted by a police officer who arrested him without justifiable reason.

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Reggae fans mark Marley's passing in '81

May 11 marks 37 years since the untimely passing of the only Rastafarian, songwriter, legend, musician and world acclaimed superstar from the Caribbean.

Scratch that, no add to it, Robert Nesta Marley remains the only disciple of Ethiopia's Emperor Haile Selassie I to use his music to unite peoples throughout the world and in the process emerged the internationally acclaimed first Third World superstar.

There was and is no other individual claiming such repute other than Marley who after three decades and seven years after his premature departure on May 11 is annually recalled as a legend.

"It's not the happiest day, but we've learned to live with it," his eldest son David aka Ziggy told Reuters.

"The actual day is a day of journey. It's a day of movement. We accept it as that. We're not here to cry or to be sad. We're here to celebrate and be happy."

Every anniversary, members of the Marley family, reggae fans as well as cultural cel-



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

ebrants recall the Caribbean man who motivated generations to "Get Up, Stand Up" for human rights.

In fact, since his passing he has added to an already impressive long list of lifetime accomplishment with presentations of a myriad of posthumous achievements that exalt his legacy.

Three years after his passing, Island Records released "Legend" a compilation of some of Marley's greatest hits. Since that date, the album has annually sold more than 250,000 copies.

Nielsen Sound Scan claims that it is only the 17th album to exceed sales of 10 million copies.

With roadways, schools, cultural centers, music divisions, children and awards named in his honor, Bob Marley's stature has reached iconic proportions.

Last year, in as many years as he lived, Africans in – Nigeria, Ghana, Rwanda, Liberia, Zimbabwe, The Gambia – rolled out the red carpet to acknowledge the 36-year milestone time-frame he lived and the 36th year anniversary of his passing.

Radio stations programmed his music throughout the day and concerts, and clubs celebrated the charismatic Jamaican renowned for composing freedom songs.

In his birth-island of Jamaica, the all-reggae, 24-hour radio station tailored a playlist to fill the IRIE-FM format.

Reportedly, this year, similar anniversary events are scheduled in those and other nations.

Here, clubs have booked reggae acts to celebrate his global contribution and undoubtedly radio stations will pay homage to the avowed king of reggae.



Jamaican Reggae singer Bob Marley performs on stage during a concert in Bourget, Paris, on July 3, 1980.

Associated Press / Str, File

Since his death, the Marley legacy continues to regale the genre, the island, culture and Rastafarian doctrine which he regularly proclaimed to be his spiritual guide.

Marley was posthumously inducted into the Rock and

Roll Hall of Fame in 1994. Rock royalty Bono lauded his accolades during the induction ceremony.

Five years later at the close of the 20th century; Marley's,

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New cultural norm for death

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This is different from — and should not be confused with — extending medical aid-in-dying laws in California, Colorado, Oregon, Vermont, Washington and Washington, D.C. to people with dementia. Conflating advance directives instructing care providers not to artificially prolong the person's dying process and asking for a prescription for medical aid in dying, as opponents of both options have been doing, is irresponsible and misleading.

Six million people have dementia right now. According to a newly released

study that number will grow to 15 million by 2060. Absent a miracle cure for dementia, millions more Americans will suffer from this devastating disease in the decades to come. It's time we establish a new cultural norm about death: one that respects the individual person's autonomy to decide their fate.

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Improve police relations

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Faroukh claimed he had just come from the Masjid after 10 pm during Ramadan and was parking his vehicle when the police came up to him and asked if he was drinking. "I told him I am fasting and he asked 'What is fasting?'"

The Muslim period of Ramadan was all over the mainstream news. But that police officer did not know anything about Ramadan and fasting. Faroukh claimed: "He took me for a ride for three and a half hours and then took me to the precinct for booking. He said he was charging me for drug use. I am going to teach you Indians a lesson." Faroukh said that the same officer did a similar thing to another Guyanese motorist in the evening, charging him for drug use. Both motorists had their charges thrown out by the court. But no action was taken against the abusive police officer who is free to continue harassing other Guyanese.

Guyanese also complained that the police would question them about their luxury cars such as BMWs, Rolls Royce, and Mercedes Benz. "If you drive a luxury car, they will stop and question you. The oft repeated complaint was the police would ask "Is this your car or how did you afford this car?"

One real estate owner charged, "They can't believe we could afford such expensive cars. We work very hard and want to enjoy our earnings." Chuck Mohan, a labor union leader, charged that "the police treat us as foreigners who don't belong here. They think Guyanese are animals. The police should be held accountable."

Chief Dale urged the community to file complaints against abusive police with the Community Civilian Review Board. But Guyanese say the CCRB pays lip service and almost never takes action against abusive police. Captain John Dorothy of the 106th Pct invited Guyanese to attend the precinct's monthly meeting to voice their concerns and grievances and to make suggestions on improving

police-community relations.

Both Chief Dale and Capt. Dorothy agreed there is need for interaction between the police and community. Dale also promised there will be more meetings for the community to voice their concerns and grievances. "We want to know what is going on in your neighborhood. Let us work together to improve relations and to make police work better."

Other community leaders like Colin Moore, Latchman Budhai, Kris Gounden, Haji Zakir, Mike Persaud and many other residents vociferously highlighted the constant harassment experienced by police officers on Liberty and Flatbush Avenues, like getting tickets when parked safe distances from bus stops, being stopped and threatened for no reason, ordered out of one's car because of "driving while brown," profiled for driving a modern car, and for various other unlawful, biased related reasons. "There is a notorious Latino, mustached cop from the 106th Precinct, who ducks and waits like a cobra in an unmarked car, patrols Liberty Avenue and Rockaway Boulevard whole day, and just tickets people like a monster machine," complained several residents. His name sounds like "Avocado."

Guyanese immigrant Damon Mootoo, whose lost and found episode in New York made headlines then, was afraid to ask police for directions to his home, and nearly died of frost bite as a result. Moreover, immigrants are justifiably afraid that the police will turn them over to immigration authorities for deportation, despite the City's sanctuary policies denouncing this type of action.

Have relations improved or deteriorated since then? Have law enforcement methods improved, or gotten worse? Now, it is time to take another look at this situation. Please email your suggestions, concerns and experiences to AlBaldeo@aol.com, for an updated article and renewed advocacy concerning this important issue in the community.





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Contrasts in Barbados elections launch

By George Alleyne

The main contenders in Barbados' elections launched their campaigns in contrasting styles with Barbados Labour Party advocating plans covering from young to old, while the incumbent Democratic Labour Party focussed on the failings of BLP leader Mia Mottley.

Following Prime Minister Freundel Stuart's announcement on April 26 that Barbadians will go to the polls on May 24 to elect a new government, these two traditional political parties kicked off their official campaigns over the weekend.

First out the block Saturday night was the BLP, which has been in opposition for two political terms since 2008.

That party kicked off its official crusade to regain office at a mass rally Saturday by appealing to the hearts and minds of the elderly with a promise to radically increase old age pensions almost immediately after assuming government.

The BLP then appealed to the pockets of public servants, a large section of the working population, with an undertaking to talk with their trades unions about

salary increases which were due since 2010 but had been a major issue with the incumbent government.

BLP leader Mia Mottley assured this large group of the Barbados workforce that in event an agreement is not quickly reached with the unions the workers will not be going home empty-handed because her government would grand an interim cost-of-living allowance until a pay raise deal is reached.

Former attorney general in the past BLP administration, Dale Marshall, then announced that there would be no jail sentences for persons caught with small amounts of marijuana. This touched the young as there are numerous of teenagers and emerging adults, some of them university graduates, whose careers were stained with criminal convictions for possession of spliffs.

Such a flying start raised expectations in the minds of voters on what the DLP will offer during that campaign launch the following night.

But instead of focussing on what any gains of the past 10 years and projecting future

developments for people of the island, speakers on the incumbent party platform decided to rip into aspects of the political career of the BLP leader, coloured with personal attacks, with former government minister Steve Blackett even labelling her a devil worshipper.

The excessively negative DLP launch prompted a backlash of voter criticism that caused Prime Minister Freundel Stuart to offer an explanation.

"I am aware that we have come under attack for the content of last night's platform. That is always a good sign. It is never a good sign when your adversaries are praising you. Whenever your adversaries are praising you it means you are behaving as they want you to behave," he said Monday.

"We were in the constituency of the Leader of the Opposition last night and we were there for a very good reason, and she had to be the focus of last night's meeting.

"We're not going to be there every night so she will not be the focus of the campaign every night," he added.

Mottley responded, also on



Barbados Prime Minister Freundel Stuart.

Photo by George Alleyne

Monday

"If you have no record to run on, that is the kind of thing that will cause you to feel that you can excite your base," she said, adding, "I know it reflects more on them than me, and therefore I stand focused and remain ready to deliver the promises to the people that we know can be

delivered to make a difference in people's lives".

This 2018 campaign comes at a time of the economy being in such dire straits that government plans to borrow foreign currency from the private sector, so Barbadians would be interested in hearing of solutions to the challenges.

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Tobago based on "misinformation."

He announced he would write a complaint to the United Nations at its headquarters about the conduct of persons who take it upon themselves to speak about Trinidad and Tobago.



The prime minister said currently there are arrangements that allow Venezuelans to come to Trinidad and Tobago, for a short stay, obtain supplies if they have to, and return to Venezuela.

But, he noted that many of them are staying illegal in the country and want to apply for asylum. He said applying for asylum did not mean people had to be given asylum.

Furthermore, the prime minister said, Venezuelans who come to Trinidad and Tobago illegally "are exposed to a hell in this country that may be greater than in Venezuela."

He said people who know the Venezuelans are illegal are likely to exploit them for "prostitution, cheap labor and all manner of evil."

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Arrests in high seas mass murder case

By Bert Wilkinson

Guyanese police Friday said they have arrested the brother of a local fishing boat captain who was killed in neighboring Suriname last month to determine if there is a link to last week's high seas attack off the coast of neighboring Suriname that left more than a dozen crewmen either dead or missing.

Divisional Commander Lyndon Alves confirmed the arrest of Nakool "Fyah" Manohar on the Corentyne coast in southeastern Berbice County on Thursday. He is the prime suspect and is known to be a major figure in the fishing sector

on the coast, across the border river from Suriname and about 90 miles from Guyana's capital, Georgetown.

Alves said detectives are trying to confirm suspicions as to whether the attack on five fishing vessels off the Surinamese coast last week Friday might have been revenge mass murders for the death of Manohar's brother, Somnauth. The brother was a fishing boat captain in Suriname. Most of the small fishing vessels in Suriname are crewed by Guyanese fishermen.

Somnauth was killed in Suriname at the end of March. Alves said "that death was not reported to us, but we are told by police in Suriname that all this might be because of the death of the brother. Detectives are on the case. We have three people in custody. All are close to Nakool Manohar," he said.

So far, five crewmen survived the ordeal in waters southeast of the Surinamese capital, Paramaribo, including one who miraculously turned up in a semi conscious

state on Thursday. Police say he had walked without food for five days through swampland before reaching help. He is in intensive care in a Surinamese hospital. Most of them have given names of their attackers to police on both sides of the Corentyne River, hence the arrests of the three.

Guyanese authorities have not so far sent any search aircraft or vessels to assist with the search for bodies or survivors, saying they have left it to counterparts in the neighboring South American nation.

Guyanese President David Granger meanwhile, said authorities "are deeply grieved by the tragedy. Clearly some Guyanese have been victims, and we are in touch with Surinamese government and also the Surinamese police authorities and our police in the 'B' Division, which is the East Berbice Corentyne Division, are in touch with the families and we plan to observe formal mourning. It is a massacre, it is a great tragedy," Granger told reporters Thursday night.

CTO launches 'Regional Tourism Education and Awareness campaign'

By Nelson A. King

The Barbados-based Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) says it officially launched a "Regional Tourism Education and Awareness Campaign" on Monday to foster discussion on climate resilience and sustainability on both the regional and international stage.

The CTO said on Tuesday that the initiative is "dedicated to the memory of CTO colleague Bonita Morgan, a beloved regional champion of Tourism Education and Human Resource Development prior to her untimely passing earlier this month."

"The Caribbean tourism product is to a large extent based on the natural environment, and, as such, CTO and our member countries are committed to safeguarding these resources on which our very lives and livelihoods depend," said CTO Secretary General Hugh Riley.

"Having recently celebrated Earth Day, we are reminded to respect and protect the fragile planetary resources that are critical to maintaining the integrity and economic stability of our countries," he added. "Through the Education and Awareness campaign, it is our intention to inspire and empower the regional tourism stakeholders to concerted action."

The CTO said the campaign will run for seven months, through November 2018, as part of a series of activities delivered in support of the Climate Smart and Sustainable Caribbean Tourism Industry (CSS-CTI) Project.

The project will be delivered via CTO's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn social media pages, as well as through the Barbados-based CaribVision Television and the www.ourtourism.onecaribbean.org campaign hub, CTO said.

Tourism stakeholders, media and friends of the region are encouraged to share the campaign via the hashtag #TEAC2018.

Materials submitted by CTO-member destinations will be utilized during the campaign for monthly features delving into key themes in sustainable tourism development, the CTO said.

These themes include the work and role of the CTO in tourism sustainability; participating in "Sustainable Action Challenges;" fun facts about Caribbean tourism and CTO-member destinations; climate resilience and disaster management in tourism; key players in Caribbean tourism development; and sharing in the stories of Caribbean people.

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Early stage: East Flatbush school services special needs

By Alexandra Simon

In East Flatbush, a state-funded school that services young children for early intervention is the primary school for residents looking for a facility that caters to young children with special needs. The State University of New York's (SUNY) Infant and Child Learning Center pays special attention to their students, and providing preventative measures to ensure children of special needs have a proper educational environment.

The school has been around for 30 years servicing infants and toddlers — all of whom are born at SUNY Downstate's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). Majority of these students are on the spectrum, suffering from autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), have speech delays, and other learning disorders. And the school's main mission is to help curb any and all of those disabilities, and set the children on the right path, said the school's executive director.

"We are a preliminary service for students with special needs between birth and five years old, and a major part of our program is our early intervention program," said Kathy McCormick.

The school aims to be well-connected with both its student body and the families.

"We provide a high quality service in a low-risk environment, and we are always in contact with parents because it is very important to us that communication between the school and the community is transparent," added McCormick. "It's an integral part of who we are."

For enrollment, students are entered into the school under department of health eligibility criteria. If the children are born in NICU and show early signs of aforementioned disorders, they are eligible for the school. Only residents in the area are qualified for the service but they are not required to sign up and it is not based on income, said McCormick.

"We do the evaluation but

the decision is completely up to the parents. We don't determine what school they can go to," she said. "The parents don't have to agree to anything and it's not mandatory, but we do tell them about the free service."

There is a staff of 45 that includes teachers, therapists, and psychologists. The school has five classrooms that have about 12 to 18 students, and two teachers per room and a paraprofessional, according to McCormick.

"All classes but one have special needs of varying degrees and our integrated class, is the only class that's different," said Lisa Fletcher.

A few special programs the school offers are music therapy, yoga, karate, and other supplemental programs. They also partner with The Brooklyn Public Library and nature organizations to bring in interactive activities to the school. And at-home services are also available.

McCormick has worked with the school from the early start



Kathy McCormick, the executive director of State University of New York Infant Child and Learning Center in East Flatbush. The school provides education for special needs children from birth to five years old.

Community News Group / Alexandra Simon

and says running a school that focuses on the critical and early stages of education for delayed children is a huge dedication that she fell in love with.

"It is definitely a commit-

ment because you have to make sure the students and the parents needs are met," she said. "But I'm very honored to work here because it grabbed my heart and that's why I've stayed."

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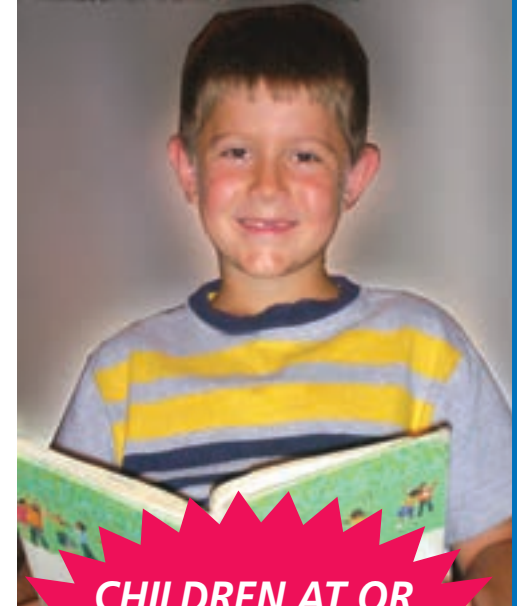
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Caribbean hotels help housekeeper complete internship



Drouillard and members of The Sandpiper's housekeeping staff, where she would learn additional skills as part of an internship to bring back to Le Plaza Hotel.

Caribbean partnership: From left, Rooms Division Manager at The Sandpiper, Henderson Wallace, Le Plaza Hotel's Melicienne Drouillard, and head housekeeper at The Sandpiper, Yvette Clarke. The team welcomed Drouillard at the resort to complete a free internship that proved hard to get to due to visa issues.

By Alexandra Simon

It's a Caribbean connection.

A Haitian housekeeper saw the power of inter-Caribbean collaboration last month, when two hospitality organizations in Haiti and Barbados respectively, made her internship opportunity happen.

Management teams at Le Plaza Hotel in Haiti and The Sandpiper Resort in Barbados, worked together to help Melicienne Drouillard — a

16-year veteran at Le Plaza, earn some valuable training when her trip kept running into roadblocks. The situation could have been resolved with assistance from the U.S. State Department, but this would have been a missed opportunity to show that the Caribbean can rely and benefit from cultural likeness, said the general manager of Le Plaza.

"Turning to the United States for help always seems like the the easiest option

however, although we speak different languages, Caribbean nations have similar cultural behaviors, and skills are often easier to learn without having to jump through cultural barriers," said Marc Pierre Louis.

Unfortunately for Drouillard, a housekeeper, not having a United States visa proved difficult to travel, and an additional last minute cancellation nearly forced her from missing out on the internship. But

in the nick of time was some luck, added Pierre-Louis.

"She was initially scheduled to go through the Dominican Republic but her flight was canceled a couple of days prior to her departure," said Pierre-Louis. "But she was granted a last minute temporary visa to go through Guadeloupe."

In an effort to facilitate her travel, Pierre-Louis and his team reached out to the management at The Sandpiper and the developers of the internship and informed them of their situation. Together they worked to lobby and eventually secure Drouillard's visa to Barbados, according to Pierre-Louis.

Through Guadeloupe,

Drouillard was finally able reach Barbados and complete her two-week program where she learned interpersonal skills and safety measures. And most importantly, a chance to experienced tourism on a bigger scale, according to Pierre-Louis.

"People management skills were a priority but we were also trying to get her to experience hospitality service in a country that has a thriving tourism industry," he said.

Pierre-Louis said he would like to see more similar collaborations among hospitality organizations in the Caribbean, and hopes that it opens doors to foster these connections through programs.

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Using mobile phones

Leading the list of the top distractions behind the wheel are mobile phones. Phones now do more than just place calls, and drivers often cannot pull away from their phones, even when driving. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell

phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

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.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

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Garifuna Coalition head wants safeguards for Garifuna culture in NYC

By Nelson A. King

The head of the Bronx-based Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc., José Francisco Ávila, wants the Garifuna culture in New York City to be safeguarded.

According to the Garifuna history and culture, the Afro-Caribbean Garifunas originated with the arrival of West African slaves who washed ashore in St. Vincent and the Grenadines around 1635.

The Garifunas, an admixture of African slaves and the local Carib Indians, were forced into exile by the British on Roatan, a small island off Honduras.

Today, the global population of Garifunas is estimated to be over 300,000, with many living in the US and Canada.

Garifuna communities along the Caribbean Sea live primarily along coastal towns and villages in the Central American countries of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

As the Coalition celebrates Garifuna Arts & Culture Appreciation Month in New

York City during the month of May, Ávila, the Honduran-born chairman of the Board of Directors, said Sunday that “there is a need to create greater awareness, especially among the younger generations, of the importance of the intangible cultural heritage and of safeguarding it.

“According to the 2003 UNESCO [United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization] Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, sustainable safeguarding cannot be detached from the communities and individuals that recognize specific intangible expressions as part of their cultural heritage and identity,” he told Caribbean Life.

Ávila noted that, during the regional forum on the “Promotion and Safeguarding of the Garifuna Intangible Heritage for Sustainable Development,” held in Livingston, Guatemala on Sept. 19 - 21, 2005, “the Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc. was designated as a partner and the lead organization that

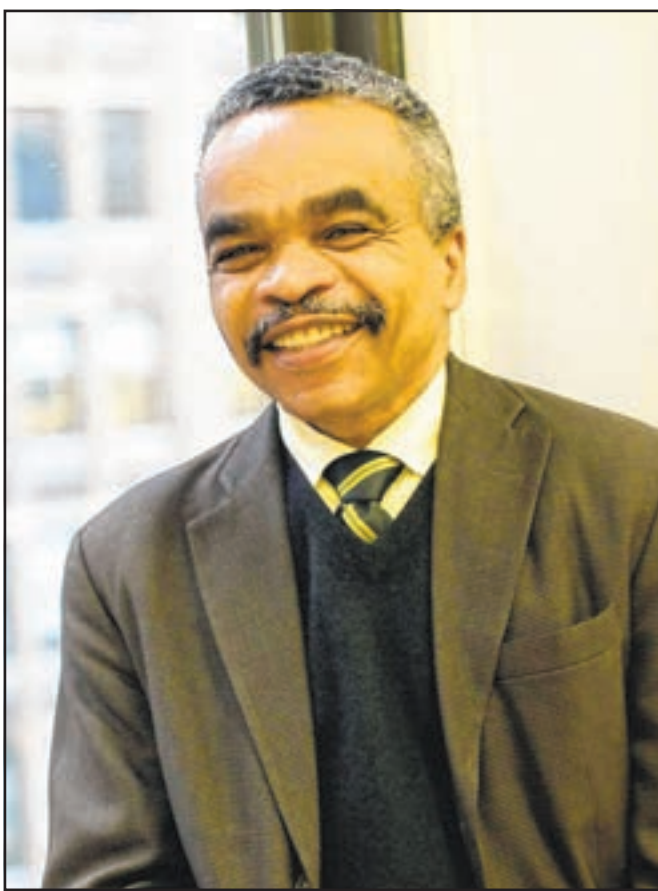
is responsible for safeguarding preserving and revitalizing of the Garifuna Culture in the United States.”

New York City is currently home to the largest Garifuna population outside of Central America, with an estimated 200,000 living in the South Bronx, Brownsville and East New York in Brooklyn, and Harlem in Manhattan.

In 2008, Ávila said the Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc., “decided to confront the erosion of the Garifuna culture in the heart of modern day communities and developed an initiative to raise awareness and appreciation of the Garifuna Community and its contribution to the culture and society of New York City.”

He said the strategy was “to plan, organize and execute a series of activities to promote the Garifuna community in New York City.”

Ávila said this initiative led to Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrión issuing a proclamation declaring March 11 to April 12, 2009 as Garifuna-



Jose Avila.

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American Heritage Month in the Bronx.

Since then, Ávila said a number of annual events continue to raise awareness and

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Indo-Guyanese celebrate 180-yr arrival anniversary

By **Tangerine Clarke**

Consul General of Guyana to New York, Hon. Barbara Atherly, called on Guyanese to unite and uphold the motto of their country “One People, One Nation, with One Destiny” during the screening of “Echoes of the Plantation” — a movie commemorating 180 years of East Indians in Guyana.

Oh behalf of the Guyana Consulate of Guyana, I would like to congratulate our Indian brothers and sisters who are celebrating 180 years of their arrival to Guyana. If you reflect on when East Indians arrived in Guyana to work on the plantation, you would remember their work was for our colonial masters.”

Mrs. Atherly, dressed in traditional Indian attire, noted during her remarks on May 5 in St. Stephen’s Church Auditorium, that the celebration of East Indian arrival day celebration, is fitting since the month of May marks Guyana’s 52nd year of Independence.

The diplomat applauded the nationals, the largest ethnic group of at home, whom she

said, made significant contributions to “our nation in areas of culture, social and political, and sports among other components, that helped in the development of Guyana.”

“As we look at this film, we can reflect on where they came from and where they are today. I hope we are inspired, so that we in turn could inspire others as we work towards the development of our country,” said Atherly.

The evening was dedicated to “Echoes of the Plantation,” written, directed, and produced by Indo-Guyanese artist, Kishore Seunarine.

A mini exhibition of artifacts from that era, and seen in the movie, highlighted the night’s collaboration between the diplomatic office, and the Guyana Cultural Association, NY. Member, Dr. Rose October-Edun was mistress of ceremonies.

The Guyana Consulate New York, and Guyana Mission to the United Nations, and other Guyanese organizations are finalizing a month-long celebration to honor Guyana’s 52nd Independence anniversary.



From left: Ave Marie Brewster, Patricia Jordon-Langford, Lorna Welshman-Neblett, Pandit Deepak, Priyadarshani Gordon, Echoes from the Plantation writer, director, producer, actor, Kishore Seunarine, Mrs. Seunarine, actress Satwika Reddy, GCA Cultural Director, Claire Ann Goring, Consul General, Mrs. Barbara Atherly and Alexandria Gordon.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

sary.

Some of the events will include an Interfaith Church Service at York College on May 20, a Youth Forum on May 22, and a flag-raising ceremony

at Brooklyn Borough Hall on May 25, (invitation only).

Additionally, the consulate will join a Guyana Unity Day march on June 3, an awards

ceremony on June 15, and an awards gala on the same day.

“We look forward to you joining us to celebrate our country’s 52nd Independent Anniversary,” added Atherly.



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Parker's prom dress giveaway benefits many

By Tangerine Clarke

The large turn out at Senator Kevin Parker's 11th Annual Prom Dress Giveaway last Saturday, May 5, was a clear indication that the initiative continues to motivate youth, who had an exciting time picking out formal attire for prom night, before heading off to college.

The bottom level of Samuel J Tilden High School campus, on Tilden Avenue, was abuzz with activity as young ladies selected pretty prom dresses, jewelry, stylish footwear, and had their hair styled, and nails manicured.

The young men in turn, had a wide selection of neckties, shirts slacks, as well as suit jackets, tuxedo, and accessories to choose from. This was all made possible due to the partnerships forged with Sen. Parker's office to make the event a success.

The politician said he was delighted to host the 11th Prom dress giveaway, noting that attending the proms could be very costly, particularly for families with young ladies, adding that parents pay upwards of \$1000, for prom preparation, and as such, he thought it nec-

essary to start the program that has grown over the years.

For this, he thanked Macy's department store, Show Dazzle, Sesame Flyers,, Karen's Body Beautiful, K Nail Paint, Shantoria Ameer, and Opportunity for a Better Tomorrow, media partners WLIB/Hot 107, and Tropical Paradise Restaurant, and others, for their support.

Sen. Parker, who sponsors numerous initiatives, including a backpack giveaway during the summer season, and community outreach programs in health, education, and community giveaway, to support his 21st Senate District constituency of East Flatbush, Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington, and Boro Park, thanked the Brooklyn-based Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Delta Rho Omega Chapter for their continued partnership.

Carol-Ann Huggins, chairperson of Delta Omega, said the group started a dress drive in the month of March. A collection of footwear and accessories, were also donated to Senator's office.

She pointed out that the attractive display at the kiosk



Lovely young ladies decked out in pretty dresses are photographed with Sen. Kevin Parker. Sen. Kevin Parker's office

showcasing the history, and the great work of the group, helped to introduce young ladies to sorority life.

Yani Deconescu, director of strategy initiatives, Opportunities For A Better Tomorrow (OBT) — a youth program that builds careers through confi-

dence, discipline, and professionalism — said he was pleased to partner with Sen. Parker for the second year, to dress young men with suits and tuxedo for the prom.

The engaging event which also provided snacks was exceptionally helpful to the youths

who left with bags of goodies, gift, and flyers to keep them informed.

Sen. Parker is inviting anyone who unfortunately, was unable to attend the event, to call Raven Robinson in his office — 718-629-6401, to request available ensemble.

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Haiti's best chefs prepare dinner

By Alexandra Simon

In honor of Haitian Heritage Month, the Haitian Culinary Alliance is hosting a dinner at the James Beard House in West Village on May 18. It will be the first time Haitian cuisine will be featured at the venue, which also happens to be on a Haitian flag day. The idea came to fruition after founder and chef Stephan Berrouet Durand wanted to bring together some of Haiti's top chefs to celebrate the commemorative month.

"I approached James Beard about doing a Haitian dinner, and it just so happened the dates available was May 18th, which is both a month that celebrates Haitian culture and a big symbolic date in Haitian his-



Haitian-American chef Stephan Berrouet-Durand is bringing together Haiti's best chefs for a Haitian heritage month dinner celebration at the James Beard House on May 18. Ludmillo Pierre

tory," said Durand. "I saw it as a perfect opportunity to really show the best of Haitian gastronomy."

Eight chefs including Durand will prepare a variety of different takes on traditional Haitian dishes — some that will be familiar.

"You will see stuff that is very familiar but it will certainly not be your typical Haitian dish or food you'll find at a restaurant in Brooklyn or Miami — that is only the surface of what Haitian cuisine is about," he said. "What people typically see in Haitian cuisine is very selective, but there are foods that come from different regions and cities."

Many of the chef's are based in Haiti or in the United States.



Montreal-based chef Harry Paiul Toussaint will be at the "All-Stars of Haiti" dinner on May 18.

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Windies to play Pakistan

By Azad Ali

West Indies will open its 2019 World Cup campaign against nemesis Pakistan in its bid for a third title in the International Cricket Council's (ICC) premier 50 overs masterpiece.

The ICC, world governing body, formally released the schedule for the May 30 to July 14 West Indies, two-time winners will play matches in Southampton, Manchester and Nottingham, with other fixtures also carded for Taunton, Chester-le-Street and Leeds but have been kept away from the London venues of the Oval and Lord's.

West Indies will take on Pakistan in Nottingham on May 31, having not beaten the Asian side in a bilateral series in 27 years, winning just four of the last 19 One-Day Internationals against them.

The regional team will clash with world champions Australia on June 6 also in Nottingham before facing South Africa four days later in Southampton and taking on Bangladesh three days later.

The Windies will then do battle with host England on June 14 and will take on New Zealand (June 22) and India (June 27) in two Manchester fixtures, play Sri Lanka at Chester-le-Street on July before wrapping up their preliminary camping on July 4 against Afghanistan at Leeds.

All 10 teams will play each other in the preliminaries with the top four teams progressing to the semi-finals carded for Manchester and Birmingham on July 9 and 11.

West Indies will not play a single game at the historic Oval in London, where most of their traditional Caribbean support can be found.

However, the ground will be the scene of the tournament opener between England and South Africa.



Pakistani bowler Mohammad Amir, second right, celebrates the dismissal of West Indies' Keemo Paul, center, during the second Twenty20 match in Karachi, Pakistan, Monday, April 2, 2018.

Associated Press / Shakil Adil, File



The Belize contingent at Penn Relays.

Photo by Nelson A. King

BELIZE CREATES HISTORY

High school competes in Penn Relays for first time

By Nelson A. King

Belize created history late last month by becoming the first country in Central and South America to compete in the illustrious Penn Relays in over 80 years.

"In 1937, a Panamanian team came to the Penn Relays and, since that time — until now — there has not been a team from Central America participating in the games," James Cordice, the Vincentian-born, Philadelphia-based architect behind Belize and St. Vincent and the Grenadines' participation in the Penn Relays.

The Penn Relays takes place annually, during the last weekend in April, at the Franklin Field Stadium at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Cordice, a community advocate, was instrumental in having two St. Vincent and the Grenadines high schools — The Thomas Saunders Secondary School and the St. Vincent Grammar School — compete in the Penn Relays Carnival for the past eight years.

Earlier this year, Cordice undertook a special trip to Belize, convincing at least one high school — Stan Creek — to participate in the oldest and largest collegiate athletic meet in the United States.

The 10-member Stan Creek contingent — comprising seven athletes and three officials (Principal Jeremy "Jackie" Cayetano, Assistant Principal Gregory Ovado and Head Coach and Councilman Gary Francisco — showered praise on Cordice for facilitating the historic initiative.



Stan Creek High School Principal Jeremy (Jackie) Cayetano addresses reception in Philadelphia.

Photo by Nelson A. King

"Salute to our athletes!" Cayetano told a reception for athletes from St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Belize, at the Vincentian-owned Calabash Restaurant and Lounge on Lancaster Avenue in Philadelphia, at the conclusion of the Penn Relays.

"Extreme thanks to Mr. Cordice," she added. "You are part of our family. We take this love from the Penn Relays back home."

Ovado echoed her boss's remarks, adding: "Today, we made history. Today, for the first time, we have anybody from Belize [competing in the Penn Relays]."

"I'm totally proud of them," added Ovado, referring to the Stan Creek athletes.

Nigel Rodriguez, captain of the Stan Creek High School team, evoked loud laughter in declaring: "Back home, I see fast runners; but, at the Penn Relays, we have jet runners."

Though the Belizean athletes did not match up to most of their competitors in their first Penn Relays effort, they, nonetheless, gave a good account of themselves, Cordice said.

Francisco also said Cordice "gave this town and this community hope — something we haven't received in years.

"We'll forever be thankful for you, your heart and your passion for the younger generation," he said.

"This was the start of what is now history," added Francisco about Stan Creek's participation in the Penn Relays. "Thanks for coming through."

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Brooklyn group launches Vincy Mas

By Nelson A. King

Sherill-Ann Mason-Haywood, the new head of the Brooklyn-based St. Vincent and the Grenadines Diaspora Committee of New York, has described as a success Saturday's launch of Vincy Mas in New York.

"The event drew hundreds of Vincentians to the FOCH and scores of non-Vincentsians who were drawn in by the sound of sweet pan music," Mason-Haywood told Caribbean Life on Sunday, referring to the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn, where the event was held to coincide with the official launch of Vincy Mas in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

"Video displays of previous carnival actions and this year's mas bands presentations were on display throughout the event," added Mason-Haywood, who succeeded her husband, Maxwell Haywood, as chairman of the group, on his death from cancer.

At Saturday's New York launch, Mason-Haywood said performances came from, among others: Brooklyn 20th Century Steel Orchestra; Don Radix; John Dougan; Oscar James; Hymn legend;

Curtis C; Panchant (Garifuna award-winning artiste); Wiseguy; Dennis Bowman (of Blaksand fame); Fyah Empress and Naphtali.

Mason-Haywood said there were also costume band displays, mainly from Adrenaline, Carnival Players International, Nelson Bloc; and SVG Connect.

In addition, she said there were displays by promoters of private events, the SVG Diaspora Committee, the SVG New York Tourism Office and Caribbean Airlines.

Local Vincentian cuisine, treats and drinks were on sale. Djs Supa Eyes, Young G and Ez Soundz provided music.

The event, hosted by the Diaspo-



Desbert Pitt (left) and Petulah Quammie-Commissiong in foreground of SVG Players International's display of 'Legends of the Soca Monarch - The Best of the Best.'

Photo by Nelson A. King

ra Committee's Cultural Association, CAVUSA, heard remarks from CAVUSA chairman Awusu Slater and Mason-Haywood.

"The event as a success in volunteerism in the Diaspora," Mas-Haywood said. "Everyone who participated did so in pure love for country and for the promotion of our country's premier cultural festival, Vincy Mas.

"We will continue to support CDC

[local Carnival Development Committee] and to forge an even stronger partnership in the years to come," she added.

Vincy Mas, the premier cultural festival in SVG, which is dubbed the "hottest carnival in the Caribbean," runs from June 29 to July 10.

The Committee said this new partnership with CDC emerged after Ainsley Primus, a Brooklyn-based Vincentian cultural organizer, who had previously spearheaded the annual launch, "gave up the project due to personal reasons.

"CAVUSA stepped in and committed to building on Primus' efforts," the statement said. "CAVUSA secured the endorsement of the Ministry of Tourism and CDC, and has worked in close collaboration with chair of the CDC, Ricky Adams, and other members of the committee to ensure the success of the event.

The support for Vincy Mas is "a strategic developmental focus of the Diaspora Committee and CAVUSA, who have proposed the hosting of a 'Carnival as Economic Development' forum for key stakeholders in the aftermath of the carnival," the statement said.

"The ultimate goal is to increase the promotion and packaging of Vincy Mas to Vincentians and non-Vincentsians alike, and to increase the visitors to the shores of St. Vincent and the Grenadines," the statement said.



Calypsonian Don Radix deputs with 'This is a Vincy Party.'

Photo by Nelson A. King



Brooklyn Century Steel Orchestra performs at Vincy Mas launch in New York.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Parks commissioner works on his pickleball skills

By Tequila Minsky

Commissioner Mitch Silver doesn't mind a little sweat. That's appropriate given that this Haitian-descent New Yorker is the NYC Parks Commissioner.

It was a pleasant surprise to see the commish in athletic get-up last week at the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center near Houston Street to play pickleball. It's the same center he first played the game while making a site visit two years ago.

Pickleball is very popular low-impact competitive sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and ping-pong. Using paddles, two or four players hit a Wiffle-like plastic ball over a net.

The game was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island near Seattle, Washington by three dads who came up with this summer activity for their bored kids. The sport has gained a foothold in retirement communities across the country and in New York City, it's so popular that NY Parks held a series of pickleball clinics at McCarren Park in

Brooklyn, earlier this year.

Commenting on the game's popularity, Dapolito Center manager Trevor Merk says, "Since I've been here, we've added two more days to the pickleball schedule. The public demanded it!"

Players travel from all boroughs to play at Dapolito. "We offer the most court time for pickleball at a Parks center, city-wide," Merk notes.

"Our court accommodates players the best — it's wide and we have pickleball specific lines on our court thanks to a recent gym revamp," he added.

Many other Parks centers schedule pickleball for members. The Roy Wilkins Recreation Center in Jamaica and Al Oertler Center in Flushing, Queens; East 54th St., Chelsea, and Gertrude Ederle in Manhattan and Brownsville Recreation Center offer pickleball.

With one of Dapolito's pickleball regulars clarifying the rules and calling the shots and out-of-bounds, the parks commissioner teamed up with Donna Corrado,

Commissioner of Department for the Aging to sweat it out against NY1 reporters. The cable news channel was producing a promotion segment on the NYC Parks third annual Senior Games in Brooklyn.

The Olympic-style Senior Games were primarily held at the Brownsville Recreation Center, open to members of the citywide senior recreation centers. Almost 500 people registered this year to compete in games including pickleball, as well as swimming, basketball, track and field and other competitive games. It ran May 7 - May 11.

Additionally, a pickleball tournament on June 9 with three categories of ages of competitors (ages 18 to 55-and over) is scheduled from 8 am - 5 pm at the Roy Wilkins Park tennis courts in Queens.

As for the commissioner and the good sport (and good at sports) that he is, as he was leaving his workout with Commissioner Corrado, without missing a beat, he joined for a quick



Parks Commissioner Mitch Silver gets ready to serve during a game of pickleball.

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minute, Naomi Haas' weekly Dance for a Variable Population movement class in the adjoining gym. With gusto, he followed

the class routines, keeping the beat. No wonder. It is said that the commissioner is a very good dancer.



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Ernie Smith to headline Caribbean Folk Festival

By Vinette K. Pryce

Jamaica's Ernie Smith will headline a full day of Caribbean cultural presentations on May 12 at York College Performing Arts Center in Queens when Braata Productions, creator of The Bankra Caribbean Folk Festival hosts a free event.

The baritone whose hits of the 1960s and 1970s yielded "Duppy or Gunman," "Life Is Just For Living" and a myriad of folk songs is expected to bridge entertainment with cultural nostalgia during a live performance which will likely inform some, delight others and probably unite all patrons.

His hits of yesteryear have become classic hits to revel.

Often described as "incomparable" Smith epitomizes nostalgia and Caribbean culture and will provide the appropriate melodies to enchant generations.

In addition Children of Culture St. Lucia, the True Tribute Organization and Andrew Clarke are also slated to per-

form.

For the fourth year, Clarke has been showcasing his BRAATA ensemble singers and actors to families yearning for an outing of Caribbean feasts and treats.

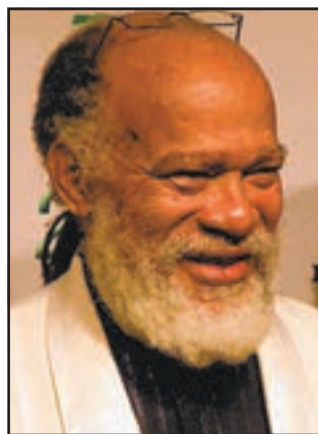
This year, he announced that the fun commences at noon on May 12 with an entire program of free and enjoyable program that is open to the community.

"The Caribbean community has so much to offer and this folk festival provides a unique opportunity to showcase our rich and diverse cultural heritage with the residents of the borough and its environs."

"2018 represents our fourth staging of this celebration of Caribbean folk arts, culture and heritage," Clarke, the event organizer added.

"We really want to make this an accessible event for all."

Clarke has been advocating for an intergenerational annual celebration for the immigrant Caribbean community by



Jamaican singer Ernie Smith, Wikipedia.org

hosting gatherings appealing to youths and elders and also showcases the region's traditions.

With his BRAATA musical ensemble, he has successfully showcased music and dance as well as dramatic productions that Caribbean nationals can relate.

The Bankra Caribbean Folk

Festival will feature a drumming circle, steel pan orchestra, basket weaving demonstration and instructions, storytelling, a pop up cultural exhibit featuring life sized puppets of folk hero Anansi, rolling calf, Bacoo as well as accommodate patrons with a play zone where youngsters will be able to test their skills at dandy shandy, marbles, hop scotch, Jacks, ring games and other childhood games.

Foods and beverages from the Caribbean will be in abundance to refresh the palates and senses familiar to the islands' unique cuisine.

Patrons are asked to bring drums and other musical instruments for a participatory session which will begin after noon.

"We hope parents will take their children, grandparents will take the grandkids, church groups will make it an outing,"

Clarke said. He also wants senior citizen centers to encourage their members to attend.

"Civic, youth groups and other non-profits will see the value in ensuring their members to participate," he added.

"Our play zone will feature many of the games that we played back home in the Caribbean. Guided and lead by activity coordinators, they will teach and engage the children and adults in the playing of these games."

"The idea is that the generations will meet in one space and exchange experiences. Grandma will play with her grandkids and teach them games she used to play."

Braata Folk Singers will lead an impressive lineup of cultural groups scheduled to perform throughout the afternoon starting at 4pm.

"We look forward to the support of the Queens community and the wider New York Tri-State area to ensure the festival's success."

Tickets can be reserved online at <https://bankrafestival.com> or call 917-6682209.

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NY African Film Fest celebrates notable movie makers

By Alexandra Simon

The New York African Film Festival returns on May 16 and is celebrating its 25th anniversary starting with screenings at the Elinor Bunin Munroe Film Center. The festival will feature the leading and notable African filmmakers instrumental in introducing a wave of classic movies into the African film industry. To commemorate that, an addition to the festival will bring new and old filmmakers together for a discussion on how their classic films stood with time, and where the upcoming generation will take the new style of African film, said the festival's founder.

"In this new program, we're going to be paying homage to the pioneers and we're bringing the filmmakers in transition and still with us, and we want to bring them together with the emerging filmmakers," said Mahen Bonetti.

Honoring them while they are still active is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for rookie movie makers, who can learn



Founder and executive director of the New York African Film Fest, Mahen Bonetti. New York African Film Fest

from their predecessors, she added.

"It's going to be an intergenerational conversation taking place through the work and we really want them to pass on that baton and show the ropes to young filmmakers," said Bonetti. "We have to be mindful that a lot of trailblazers are passing on and we need to record them and their

work, because we are fortunate to have them share their stories on film."

The two-day intergenerational discussion begins May 21, featuring the film "The Wedding Ring" by Nigerien director Rahmatou Keita. Her daughter, filmmaker Magaajyia Silberfeld, will show her short film "Vagabonds," and the two will lead a discussion about their films. The next day another discussion will take place between Senegalese director Safi Faye and Ghanaian-American filmmaker Akosua Adoma Owusu.

There will also be a free town hall event on May 13, which will be a conversation between young artists and how they use their art for activism, according to Bonetti.

The festival's lineup has more than 60 films from over two dozen countries, with a large number of them by creators from Burkina Faso and South Africa. Some of the films include the New York premiere of the award-winning Burkinabe film, "Borders," a film documenting



The film "Borders," by Burkinabe filmmaker Apolline Traore, will kick off the opening night of the New York African Film Fest on May 16. This year the festival is screening a lot of films out of Burkina Faso and South Africa. Apolline Traore

one of Africa's most famous filmmakers — Mauritanian director Abderrahmane Sissako, and a film highlighting the continent's first film festival — the Carthage Film Festival, according to Bonetti.

After kicking off with the May 13 town hall, screenings begin at the Elinor Bunin Munroe Film Center on May 16. It will con-

tinue at BAMcinémathèque and conclude at Maysles Documentary Center in Harlem with showings of short films.

Bonetti says she wants people to explore African filmmaking and participate in the conversations that come after a film because they are integral to understanding a variety of contexts each film analyzes for its viewers.

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Tribute to Robert Nesta Marley

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“Exodus” an album he recorded in 1977 was named Album of the Century by Time Magazine.

“One Love,” a song which has become an anthem to unification, was also designated Song of the Millennium by the BBC.

At the turn of the century, Marley was accorded the 2171st star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame by the Hollywood Historic Trust and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce in California.

Bob Marley’s music was never recognized with a Grammy nomination however, his children Ziggy, Steven, Damian, Julian and Kymani have all been nominated for the coveted miniature golden gramophone and to date his off-springs possess the highest amounts of Grammy awards in the reggae category.

Nevertheless, Marley was bestowed The Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002, an honor given by the Recording Academy to “performers who during their lifetimes, have made creative contributions of outstanding artistic significance to the field of recording.”

That same year, a feature length documentary “Bob Marley’s Life, Rebel Music” spotlighted the story about the

dreadlocked singer who made Trench Town — a garrison community in Kingston — a place tourists now revel as a main attraction.

Directed by Jeremy Marre, the feature was nominated for a Grammy award for Best Long Form Music Video documentary.

A few years later, a Brooklyn boulevard was named in his honor after community board 17 propositioned the idea to the City Council. East New York Councilman Charles Barron sponsored a bill to rename a portion of Church Ave. in Marley’s honor.

After winning approval, Mayor Michael Bloomberg signed into law that a stretch of the thoroughfare in the Caribbean-dominated, East Flatbush area from 98th St. to Remsen Ave. would be known as Bob Marley Blvd.

The unveiling occurred July 1 — International Reggae Day — at the corner of Remsen Ave. and was witnessed by Barron, the Brooklyn councilman who introduced the legislation to the entire city council.

Also present were Marley’s son Rohan and legions of fans. Portia Simpson Miller, the first female prime minister of Jamaica sent sentiments from her nation. Her message

expressed pride and accomplishment of a native son and were delivered by Basil K. Bryan, the island’s Consul General to New York.

Seven years ago on the 30th anniversary date in May, Marley’s eldest son Ziggy celebrated his father’s life with patrons and friends who gathered at the Grammy Museum where an exhibition about his father opened.

The museum’s curators, showcased photographs, musical instruments and memorabilia from personal collections the family loaned.

That same year “Late Night with Jimmy Fallon” commemorated the anniversary of Marley’s passing with an entire week (May 9-13) devoted to his music. Performances by Ziggy, Jennifer Hudson, Lauryn Hill, Lenny Kravitz and the show’s house band The Roots highlighted the television talk show.

According to a family web portal dedicated to his memory; “These triumphs are all the more remarkable considering Bob Marley’s humble beginnings and numerous challenges he overcame attempting to gain a foothold in Jamaica’s chaotic music industry while skillfully navigating the politically partisan violence that abounded in Kingston throughout the 1970s.”

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Portraying 'Mask Fo So', from left, Sandra Millington, Claudette Thomas-Butler, JoAnn DeShong, Curtis "Curtis C" Vincent and Verna Arthur.

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'Mask Fo So'

By Nelson A. King

Verna Arthur, the Brooklyn-based founder and bandleader of the two-year-old SVG Connect, says it will be "Mask Fo So" for this year's J'Ouvert in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

"As part of our costume, revelers will be wearing masks, and they will be playing mas; hence the double entendre, 'Mask Fo So,'" Arthur, a Vincentian-born cultural figure in New York, told Caribbean Life on Sunday.

"While female is the larger group of people who participate for carnival, last year, we had a large percentage of men from New York; persons we didn't expect

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Disaster artists

By Alexandra Simon

They are the eyes on the storm.

A new exhibit opening in Red Hook this weekend showcases the work of artists from Dominica and other Caribbean islands devastated by Hurricane Maria. "Dominica After Maria," opening May 12 as part of the Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition's 40th season, will not only raise cash for disaster relief groups — it also offers a big boost for the artists involved, said the show's curator.

"I organized this exhibit with the inclusion of other Caribbean artists because I wanted them to get the opportunity where people can support them and buy their work, or donate to the Caribbean disaster management," said Donna Mason.

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Jamaican gospel artiste Croswell Daily rocks the house.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Jamaican gospel artiste headlines fundraising gala

By Nelson A. King

Jamaican gospel artiste Croswell Daily was the major act at the recent annual gala fundraising dinner of the Bronx-based Vincentian group, St. Matthias Charities, Inc.

The event, held on April 28, at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn, attracted other Caribbean nationals, such as Jamaicans, Guyanese, Barbadians, Grenadians and Nevisians.

Daily — who performed during the two segments — provided much

spiritual food to patrons through his uplifting songs.

They included: "He was There," "Surely Will Deliver," "Run Him Out," "Behold," "Blessed Assurance," and "A Wonderful Savior."

Bishop Aaron Moore, of the St. Jude Baptist Church in Brooklyn, exhorted patrons to "examine yourself."

"Every man who invests in anything will like to see growth," he said. "So, you have to know when to invest, how to invest.

"Examine yourself," he urged. "Think about it. What's in my heart's condition. How do you respond to the word of God?"

"You must put in the work to reap a good crop," Moore continued. "You must prepare the soil to receive the seed. Check your heart. My word tonight is to prepare your heart to meet the Lord."

Pastor Robert McBarnett, president of St. Matthias Charities, Inc., lauded patrons for contributing to

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“Everywhere I go, I tell folks — even in St. Vincent and the Grenadines — [that] it’s the folks in New York why we’re able to do this,” he said. “Your contributions make us do this.”

Since the group was founded in 2012, McBarnett said members have made annual pilgrimages to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, distributing medical and other supplies to hospitals and clinics, and delivering food, clothing and books, among others, to communities and schools in the length and breadth of the country.

In response to McBarnett’s appeal for contributions for EKG machines in every hospital in St. Vincent and the

Grenadines, patrons contributed US\$791.00 on the spot.

“This is the biggest [single] donation thus far,” McBarnett said. “So, it means we are going to get an EKG machine.”

During a missionary trip to St. Vincent and the Grenadines last December, St. Matthias Charities, Inc. distributed four commercial washing machines, one commercial dryer, three television sets and recreational games to the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center and the Lewis Punnett Home (a home for the aged) — both at Glen, about five miles from capital, Kingstown.

Over the years, the group has also conducted missionary trips to neighboring Grenada, distributing medical and other supplies to hospitals, clinics and communities.



Pastor Robert McBarnett addresses patrons.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Carib art



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Mason, an art agent, first travelled to the island nation of Dominica in 2010, and developed relationships with many artists there. After Hurricane Maria hit they island, she felt obligated to organize a charity event.

“I am Jamaican, but I’m very connected to Dominica,” she said. “I learned about the country and connected with a lot artists, and after this hurricane, I knew those artists would illustrate their experiences and need help.”

There are eight artists in the exhibit — four with Dominican roots, some with other connections to the island, and others from countries that have faced similar natural disasters, according to Mason.

One artist, Mercedes Nugent-Head, has painted an image of ocean waves inspired by stories from her late mother and grandmother, who were raised on Dominica. Nugent-Head, who lives in Guadeloupe, says that her painting hits a sore spot, since she has never been able to visit the place it depicts.

“I never got to go to Dominica — and I was actually planning on going to Dominica, and then Maria hit,” said Nugent-Head. “When I get there one day, I hope to see

what my mother talked about in her time there.”

Relateable story: This collage piece by Puerto Rican artist Johnny Camacho depicts the island’s flag blended with the shape of the island. Photo by Zoe Freilich

what my mother talked about in her time there.”

Puerto Rican artist Johnny Camacho, whose home island was hit hard by hurricanes last year, has a collage piece in the show. He says the exhibit is a rare chance for visitors to see the aftermath of a natural disaster though the eyes of artists who were affected.

“A lot of people might be oblivious to all the islands that got hit and the people that need help,” he said. “So I think it’s great to see artists from the islands and get to see how their culture and upbringing is actually projected through their brushstrokes.”

“Dominica After Maria” at the Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St., Door 7, at the water in Red Hook, (718) 596-2507, www.bwac.org]. Opening reception on May 12; 1-6 pm. On display through June 17, Sat-Sun; 1-6 pm. \$5 suggested donation.

SVG Connect

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to play J’Ouvert played,” added Arthur, who coordinates the annual Cultural Symposium for the Brooklyn-based group, Club St. Vincent, Inc., of which she is a former president.

“They enjoyed the pan, while chipping on the streets of Kingstown [the Vincentian capital],” she continued. “We want to double that amount this year.”

“It is our hope that, with the 150 anticipated revelers and the heightened sounds of Starlift Steel Orchestra, other band leaders will be provided with the impetus to embrace pan for future J’Ouvert,” Arthur said.

In trying to recruit new revelers and raise funds for “Mask Fo So,” Arthur and two of her members — JoAnn DeShong and Claudette Thomas-Butler — were on hand Saturday, at the Friends of Crown Heights Educational Center in Brooklyn, during the New York launch of Vincy Mas 2018.

Saturday’s launching ceremony took place simultaneously with the official launch at home.

“Carnival is an event deeply engraved in our culture, so yesterday’s event [Saturday] was important in displaying the bands’ portrayals for 2018 and in reminding us of the pending events,” DeShong, also a registered nurse, told

Caribbean Life.

“It is also important for us to come together as a family in celebration, so that traditions could be passed down for generations,” she added. “SVG Connect’s goal is to contribute to the J’Ouvert experience.”

“We were encouraged last year by the positive feedback,” DeShong continued. “So, this year, we are hoping for robust support for our J’Ouvert presentation, ‘Mask Fo So.’”

“We are promising a delightful experience, with sweet steel pan music, reminiscent of years ago,” she said. “Please join us. It will be ‘fun fo so.’”

Arthur said SVG Connect started in 2016 after she held discussions with Errol “Sardo” Sutherland, who, until recently, was manager of Starlift Steel Orchestra.

She said Sutherland had brought her “up to speed” with plans for Starlift’s 50th Anniversary in 2017.

“One of the key elements, which I found missing was a J’Ouvert band; and, with the anticipated rush of people heading home for Vincy Mas, I had to find a J’Ouvert band for them,” Arthur said. “Thanks to our 2017 revelers.

“I later decided, in keeping with Starlift’s 50th anniversary, which they dubbed ‘We 50’, that the name of the portrayal will be ‘the Graduates: Class of 1967,’” she added.

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By Kam Williams

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"American," though set in the present, revisits that shameful chapter in our history. It is appropriate that the poignant picture stars George Takei, best remembered as Lt. Sulu of Star Trek fame since, at the tender age of 5, he and his family were forced out of their home at gunpoint and relocat-

ed to parts unknown.

In "American," he plays Clinton Nakamoto, a 94-year-old veteran who proudly served his country in WWII, despite hav-

ing been shipped to a concentration camp on account of his Japanese heritage. At the point of departure, we find him volunteering at the Japanese-

American National Museum as he recounts his unfortunate ordeal on U.S. soil to a visitor (Rachel Michiko Whitney) with an impressionable young

daughter (Araceli Prasarttongosoth) in tow.

As Clinton conducts an impromptu tour for them, we learn what life had been like for him when housed behind barbed wire. Ironically, he started every school day with the Pledge of Allegiance to the country imprisoning him. Nevertheless, when he came of age, he opted to enlist in the army.

The plot thickens when the little girl shows him a picture of her grandfather, who had also been a member of the 442, a Japanese regiment which suffered very heavy casualties while fighting the Nazis overseas. The photo triggers a battlefield flashback in Clinton which ultimately leads to a couple of touching tableaux it would be unfair for me to spoil.

Directed by Richie Adams (Of Mind and Music), "American" is a character-driven drama which packs quite an emotional punch, given its duration of less than 18 minutes. Kudos to George Takei for this labor of love doubling as a very timely teachable moment about racial tolerance.

Independent & Foreign Films

Always at the Carlyle (PG-13 for suggestive content, partial nudity and drug references) Reverential retrospective about the iconic, NYC hotel which has served as the

favorite haunt of several generations of Jet Setters. Featuring commentary by George Clooney, Woody Allen and Anthony Bourdain.

Anything (R for sexual references, drug use and pervasive profanity) Romance drama about a widower (John Carroll Lynch) who moves from Mississippi with his sister to L.A. where he takes a fancy to his transgender, next-door neighbor (Matt Boomer). Support cast includes Maura Tierney, Margot Bingham and Michael Boatman.

Beast (R for profanity, sexuality and disturbing violence) Psychological thriller set on a tiny English island where a young woman (Jessie Buckley) leaves home to move in with a free-spirited newcomer (Johnny Flynn) only to discover that he's the prime suspect in a string of brutal murders. With Geraldine James, Trystan Gravelle and Shannon Tarbet.

Boom for Real: The Late Teenage Years of Jean-Michel Basquiat (Unrated) Prestige biopic chronicling the late artist's life prior to his rise to fame.

Class Rank (Unrated) Romantic comedy about a couple of couple of col-



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

lege-bound teens (Olivia Holt and Skyler Gisondo) who hatch a plan to improve their admissions chances by having their high school abolish its student ranking system. Supporting cast includes Kristin Chenoweth, Bruce Dern and Kathleen Chalfant.

Mountain (Unrated) Willem Dafoe narrates this documentary exploring the history of and extolling the virtues of mountain climbing.

Revenge (R for profanity, sexuality, graphic nudity, rape, gruesome violence and drug use) Action thriller set in France where an American socialite (Matilda Lutz) decides to take the law into her own hands after being raped and left for dead by a friend (Vincent Colombe) of her married millionaire lover (Kevin Janssens). With Guillaume Bouchede and Avant Strangel. (In English and French with subtitles)

What Haunts Us (Unrated) Paige Goldberg Tolmach directed this investigative documentary connecting the dots between the suicides of six of her high classmates all of whom had been molested by the same teacher.

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Sir Vivian Richards. Associated Press / Michael Kim

Sir Viv backs cricket reform

By Azad Ali

Legendary former West Indies Test captain Sir Vivian Richards is in support of CARICOM'S efforts at governance reform in West Indies cricket.

Sir Viv, who has never lost a Test series as captain, said he believed the regional nation grouping's intentions were genuine and were aimed at correcting some of the problems which had plagued the sport regionally.

"They are not in anyway, in my

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West Indies sinks further

By Azad Ali

West Indies has sunk to a historic low (9th) in the latest International Cricket Council (ICC) Test rankings, which were released last week.

The ICC release states West Indies lost five rating points to tumble to 67 and are now only above minnows Zimbabwe, which has two points inside the last five years.

The regional team is also now on eight points behind Bangladesh which picked up four points to move to 75 to take over the eighth spot in the rankings.

The sad news for the Windies come on the heels of a despicable tour of New Zealand last December when they suffered a 2-0 whitewash.

They were crushed by an innings and 67 runs in the opening Test at Wel-

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PELICANS FINISHED

New Orleans Pelicans' Anthony Davis, left, vies for a rebound against Golden State Warriors' Draymond Green during the first half in Game 5 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series Tuesday, May 8, 2018, in Oakland, Calif.

Associated Press / Marcio Jose Sanchez

Curry, Durant lead Warriors into Western finals

By Janie McCauley

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry had 28 points, Kevin Durant scored 24 and the Golden State Warriors advanced to the Western Conference finals by dismantling Anthony Davis and the New Orleans Pelicans 113-104 in Game 5 of Tuesday

night.

Klay Thompson added 23 points for the Warriors, who with a 15th straight home playoff win tied Chicago for an NBA record. The Bulls did so from April 27, 1990, to May 21, 1991.

Davis had 34 points and 19

rebounds for a Pelicans team that overcame the loss of DeMarcus Cousins to a season-ending torn Achilles tendon three months ago to make this strong run. The Pelicans shaved the lead to seven points with two minutes left on a basket by Davis

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opinion, looking to run the board or anything of that particular factor, the 66-year-old Antiguan told the Antigua Observer newspaper.

"They're just looking basically to address some of the problems which we have in terms of administration wise and things like that," he said.

CARICOM is challenging Cricket West Indies' (CWI) right, as a private entity, to manage the "public good" of West Indies cricket.

While CWI has resisted endorsing the 2015 Governance Report, which recommended the "immediate dissolution" of CWI, CARICOM has continued to agitate for change, and only recently approached the ICC to stake out its position.

The ICC, however, made it clear it would only agree to such a meeting if embattled CWI President Dave Cameron was present, which Sir Viv supports.

The ICC has suggested a November meeting, but Chairman of CARICOM'S sub-committee on cricket, St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves said CARICOM would press ahead with laying the legislative groundwork for governance reform.



Golden State Warriors' Andre Iguodala (9) dunks past New Orleans Pelicans' Anthony Davis, center, during the first half in Game 5 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series Tuesday, May 8, 2018, in Oakland, Calif. Associated Press / Marcio Jose Sanchez

PELICANS HOPES DASHED

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before Draymond Green's turnaround fadeaway moments later.

The Warriors advance to play the top-seeded Houston Rockets in what has long been an anticipated Western Conference finals matchup — with a Finals feel, perhaps — and one Golden State will start on the road Monday night. The teams didn't meet during the 2017 postseason, but the Warriors won a five-game series in the first round of the 2016 playoffs. Houston eliminated Utah in its Game 5 earlier Tuesday.

Curry, who returned for Game 2 after nearly six weeks out with a knee injury, knocked down an open 3-pointer midway through the third and raised his hands to get the crowd going, then made another less than two minutes later. He converted three free throws at the 6:25 mark following a hard foul by Jrue Holiday.

In the second quarter, Holiday shoved Curry hard into the basket, enraging the two-time MVP who let the officials know how upset he was by the push and no call.

Holiday contributed 27 points and 11 assists, but even with better shooting, New Orleans couldn't stay with deep, score-at-will Golden State.

The defending champions are serious about a repeat title, and took one step closer to that goal.

So far this postseason, with Durant and Green leading the way, the Warriors have admirably defended the slower

San Antonio Spurs and now the imposing, push-the-pace Pelicans.

Green had another superb all-around night on both ends with 19 points, 14 rebounds, nine assists, three steals and two blocked shots.

The Warriors came out of halftime with a 10-0 run over the opening 1:54, forcing two Pelicans timeouts and taking control for the rest of the game.

Thompson hit back-to-back 3-pointers midway through the first to put Golden State up 17-10, the second right in front of his own bench as teammates erupted in celebration. He began 6 for 9 and had 14 points by the 4:10 mark of the first.

Durant became irate when Nikola Mirotic made a late, hard bump on a 3-point try with 5:23 left in the first — a play that was reviewed and Mirotic received just a common foul.

As Durant took free throws, Green tried to listen in on the Pelicans' huddle before official Josh Tiven pulled him away.

CURRY'S SERIES

Curry went 10 for 16 in 37 minutes playing his fourth game back from a sprained left knee he hurt March 23. His minutes have increased each game he plays, up to 31 in Game 4 and 37 on Tuesday. He added eight assists and seven rebounds in Game 5.

He was 32 for 67 with 15 3s in the series.

On a side note, he went 0 for 5 on his signature tunnel shots before the game.

TIP-INS

Pelicans: New Orleans made 6 of 9 3s in the first and finished 10 for 24 from long range. ... New Orleans got back in it with an 11-0 run in the second.

Warriors: Golden State shot 4 of 14 from deep in the first half. ... Durant scored 20 or more points in a 17th straight postseason game. His first five points moved him past two players — Chris Mullin (685) and Harrison Barnes (687) — into 10th place all-time for the Warriors in postseason scoring. ... Curry (366) passed Paul Arizin (364) for second place on the franchise postseason list for made free throws.

... Curry (19) and Thompson (16) have made all of their free throws this postseason. ... The Warriors are 9-1 in Game 5s since 2015. They also clinched their first-round series with San Antonio at home in Game 5. ... Durant received the Al Attles Community Impact Award in a pregame ceremony. The Warriors Community Foundation will donate \$15,000 to the charity Durant chose, Oakland Elizabeth House, which provides residences to women and children who have been homeless or faced violence or addiction.

QUOTEABLE

Steve Kerr on whether he needed to check in with his players on the urgency of closing out the series: "I dial people on my rotary phone. Nobody seems to answer, though. Nobody answers a home phone anymore. No texts necessary. Our guys know what's at stake."

Windies sink

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lington, with both matches finishing inside two days.

West Indies beat Zimbabwe 1-0 in a two-match series last November but got no points from that victory.

Once world champions, the Windies team has fallen from the top of the table and has struggled badly over the past two decades.

Last year, the team won just three of 10 Tests and their victory over Pakistan in November 2016 broke a 19-month losing streak.

West Indies will have a chance to improve its rankings when they host Sri Lanka in June and Bangladesh in a two-Test series the following month and India for Tests matches later in the year.



West Indies captain Jason Holder bowls to England's Johnny Bairstow during the second One Day International match between England and West Indies at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, England, Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017.

Associated Press / Rui Vieira, File

Doughlin moving up

By George Alleyne

She is the queen in her category on the local scene, and Barbados woman's body fitness athlete, Shakira Doughlin, has shown herself as a force to be reckoned with internationally by medalling in a South American tournament.

The Barbados' Bikini Fitness queen captured bronze at the 2018 Arnold Classic that ended in Brazil just over a week ago.

What made 27-year-old's third place finish among competitors across South America even more remarkable was that she leap-frogged from the 15th place finish in the 2017 edition of the competition.

The Arnold Classic in Brazil is part of a worldwide annual series of continental competitions named after global bodybuilding champion turned movie star, Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The Brazil show sees over 3,500 competitors annually.

Of the Barbados 2018 contingent attending the show, Doughlin was the lone medallist. Four other persons placed in the top eight, and one squeezed into the top 15.

Doughlin said that she built confidence based on the 2017 experience, which made her better prepared when facing the judges.

That spunk was backed by solid training and study of past winners of the competition.

"It took a lot of research to get where I am now today, I had to look at all the winners from the previous categories from this same show and see where they had strong points and see if I could work hard enough to get some of that in my body and presentation.

"You really can't take anything for granted and you can't mismanage your time because preparation is what gets these girls to where they are supposed to be," she said.

"This particular show my focus was just on bringing it on stage. I worked very hard to ensure that my first showing this year would be a stepping stone to summer.

"I feel great to have made the top six, and over the Moon to crack the top three after being only in the top 15 last year."

But she will not be simply sit-

ting on this year's glory.

"I can't be too casual anymore. From the previous year to this year, I found that I had to manage my time well and I could not drop the ball," she said, adding, "every year as the sport grows ... you have to improve, you cannot bring back the same thing at all because they would have gone way ahead of you from the last time you went on stage. So, the next time [the aim] is probably getting more conditioned. That is something I would have to work on."

Doughlin said that as the reigning Barbados queen she saw a need to take on other competition and further challenge herself, "that is why I felt like let me just go out and see what that experience would do for me, if I'm really supposed to be doing this sport, if I can really make it overseas and that has really pushed me to the point where I am so determined to win or try to."

Copping a bronze medal at this mega event, shows that she is in the right sport and Barbados can expect more of its queen.



Barbados fitness queen Shakira Doughlin showing off her Arnold Classic bronze medal and trophy.

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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, take some alone time to focus on what is important to you. This will help you to feel the joy and fulfillment that keeps you going even when times are tough.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, this week you are in the mood to rise above petty conflicts and mend fences. Set aside time to speak one-on-one with those who need forgiveness.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, fun and physical activity attract you this week, especially as you approach your birthday. Surround yourself with loved ones and enjoy some fun nights.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
It is alright to want to escape your daily routine sometimes, Leo. If you are feeling restless this week, plan a getaway so you can take in new sights and sounds.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, there is no need to worry about whether or not you have been handling affairs deftly. Others will be quick to vouch for your work if called on.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Your competitive nature might be needed this week, Libra. Your confidence will be an asset as you propel through tasks in record speed. Slow down to catch your breath.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
It is time to share your good fortune with others, Scorpio. Expressing gratitude and helping those who do not have enough will make you feel happier and more fortunate.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
Infuse your social circle with some fresh energy, Sagittarius. Get together with friends and find ways to include new people into your social circle.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, if life has been rushing by at a harried pace, you need to find a place of solace where you can sit and exhale. It's important to have this time to rest.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Be conscious of how your actions and words affect others, Aquarius. Communication issues can affect relationships when misconstrued words are taken to heart.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, procrastination is often a sign that a person is not interested in what he or she is doing. Find activities that truly motivate you.

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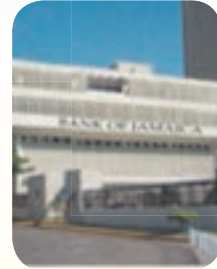
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