



Some of the mourners at the Repast for former WIADAC President William Howard.

Photo by Nelson A. King

Last respect paid to late WIADCA prez

By Nelson A. King

The Caribbean Community in New York on Wednesday paid their last respects to William "Bill" Howard, president of the Brooklyn-based West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA).

Howard died on Aug. 5—just less than a month before the massive West Indian American Day Carnival Parade, organized by WIADCA, takes place on Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway on Labor Day, Mon-

day, Sept. 3. He was 75.

The WIADCA African American-born president was found dead in his Brooklyn home.

His family said in a statement that he "passed away in his sleep."

"Coroner's report indicated he died of natural causes," the statement added.

Hundreds of Caribbean nationals and legislators paid tribute to Howard at a massive funeral service and repast at the Lawrence H. Woodward

Funeral Home and Medgar Evers College, respectively, in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

The funeral chapel Wednesday afternoon was filled to capacity, as nationals paid tribute in speeches, songs, hymns, musical selections, scripture readings, prayers and video presentations, among others.

At the subsequent repast, at the nearby Medgar Evers College, City University of New

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CASH FROM OIL

Guyanese debate direct payments from oil money

By Bert Wilkinson

Until renowned Caribbean economist professor Clive Thomas raised it at a public engagement recently, Guyanese had long been speaking in hushed tones about how some of the billions the country expects to get from its bountiful offshore oil harvest will directly and quickly reach to their pockets.

Thomas, a leading light in the Working People's Alliance Party (WPA) and the head of the post 2015 State Assets Recovery Agency (SARA) has triggered a political firestorm by suggesting that poorer households and by extension, every Guyanese should be able to directly draw down cash when actual oil production begins in late 2019 or early 2020.

The administration of President David Granger has been more preoccupied with establishing a petroleum department, a national oil company,

hiring local and international experts, establishing a rainy day fund with oil revenues and putting a proper legislative framework for oil and gas in place rather than with the merits or demerits of direct cash pay outs to Guyanese. But Thomas' suggestion has placed it on the back foot and has stirred such a spirited debate that cabinet ministers and high ranking officials have been forced to react and join the debate.

Thomas and the WPA, perhaps the third largest unit in Guyana's multiparty governing coalition, threw the proverbial cat among the pigeons by simply raising the topic about how lives of the poorest could be immediately improved once revenues from oil begin to pour into state revenues from early as late next year.

The fact that the suggestion came from the mouth of

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Isaiah's Temple honors Adams among 14 at Gala Awards Ceremony



Giving back: Founder of the Rohan Levy Foundation, Nadine Sylvester, center, and two recipients of her organization's college scholarship send off event at Prospect Park on Aug. 12.

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Mom who lost son to violence, gives back

By Alexandra Simon

The Rohan Levy Foundation presented two students with scholarships at a college send-off event at Prospect Park on Sunday. The organization, founded by Nadine Sylvester, who named it after her son she lost to gun violence, awarded Jalen Vasquez and Kenneth Nelson Jr. with \$2,000 each for college expenses. The young men and their parents were appreciative of the event, which is geared towards assisting the most vulnerable of becoming victims of crime.

"They had a great time and their families were so excited and thankful," said Sylvester. "The foundation is there to eradicate gun violence in the community and offer support through education, mentorship, and policy."

About 100 people turned out to support the send-off.

Vasquez will begin his sophomore year at Howard University as an architect major, and Nelson starts his first college year at Rochester Institute of Technology to study engineering, according to Sylvester.

Last year, Sylvester's 15-year-old son Rohan, was shot and killed in East Flatbush in a case of mistaken identity. She created the anti-violence foundation to provide services that aim to support and encourage young men at-risk of being victims, and to prevent others from resorting to guns and gang activity. She says prioritizing the at-risk youth will help push them to strive for improvement, and raise awareness that informs families that it can happen to anyone.

"I think especially in communities of color, often times we don't think we can be impacted," she said. "But I'm middle class and highly-educated, and my son was a B student just hanging out in front of his house when he was shot. Race or class — anyone can be impacted and we need to realize that."

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn's Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope Spiritual Baptist Church Friday night honored Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams among 14 outstanding members of the community at its 2018 Gala Awards Ceremony at Paradise Manor on Avenue U in Brooklyn.

The church, founded and headed by Jamaican-born Archbishop Dr. Vonni B. Johyn, bestowed its Lifetime Achievement Award on Trinidadian natives the Revs. Selwyn and Olive Rodriguez, and on Richard and Lois Larghi.

The other honorees were: Errol McGlashin, vice president and senior branch manager of M&T Bank; Trinidadians Arch Abbess Christine (Maver) Ashby, the Rev. Dr. Roxanne Simone Lord-Marcelle, a board-certified doctor of naturopathy, and the Rev. Mother May Stewart; Japanese-born Minister Reiko Jenkins; Jamaicans Bishop Dr. Antoinette Dreckette; educator Joan Sparkes and Chief Apostle Archbishop Mark Adolphus, Esq.; Guyanese Archbishop Lynette P. Somersel; and the Most Rev. Audrey Elaine Ellington, who born in London, England then migrated to Kingston, Jamaica.

"It is with love and appreciation that I extend congratulations to our honorees," Dr. Johyn said. "Biennially Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope SBC extends recognition to well-deserved individuals, who through hard work and personal sacrifice continue to enrich the lives of others."

"It is a distinct honor to be in your presence tonight," she added. "We are truly blessed and fortunate to have the opportunity once again to celebrate this auspicious occasion. Over the years, it has been a genuine pleasure to serve within and beyond the community."

After receiving his award, Adams, a former police officer, told patrons that "prayers have always been around me."

"There were some very dark moments, you have to really believe in God," he said, "No one can drive you crazy if you give God the keys."



Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams receives award from Dr. Vonni Johyn (to his immediate left), flanked by L-R: Bishop Sylveta Gonzalez, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke and Dr. Una S.T. Clarke.

Photo by Nelson A. King

"At 15, I was arrested," he disclosed. "That same [Police] Precinct had to stand to their feet when I became a captain."

"God didn't turn over America to [President] Trump," he added. "God is still in charge."

The honorees and patrons were serenaded by Lisa Bates, a former vocalist with the Trinidadian band Trafik; Opera singer Veronica Kinisha; and Tobago songbird Hilton Samuel.

Isaiah's Temple Dance Ministry also performed a liturgical dance.

Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke delivered the keynote address.

Dr. Johyn said Isaiah's Temple of Mt.

Hope focuses its attention on "enriching the lives of those we encounter on a daily basis and work with various disenfranchised groups."

"We have also implemented programs that work directly with the youth within and beyond our communities that provide support and professional skills," she said.

"In the latter capacity, along with fellow community leaders, we are charged with the responsibility of shepherding traditions for the next generation," she added. "As such, we combine our efforts to provide assistance, thus enabling current and future development of a more stable and peaceful environment."



Honorees with Dr. Vonni Johyn (center).

Photo by Nelson A. King

Barbados

Two prominent Barbadian businessmen have been charged along with a sailor of the company's yacht with trafficking in cannabis and importation of cannabis after police found 276 pounds of marijuana on board the vessel recently.

Chairman of Barbados Private Sector Association (BPSA), Arthur Charles Herbert, 62, and Chairman of the Goddard Group, Chris Goddard, 56, and sailor Walter Prescod, 55, appeared in court recently to answer the charges.



Herbert and Goddard were granted bail in the sum of Bds\$400,000, while Prescod was allowed \$450,000 bail. Their cases were adjourned to Nov. 6, 2018.

The marijuana bust was made by customs and police officers who found the illegal "weed" valued around Bds\$534,000 (US\$267,080) on board the yacht.

A release from the Barbados Police Force said members of the Drug Squad discovered a quantity of marijuana on board the luxury yacht Ecstasy and three crew members were being questioned. They were later charged with various offences including the importation of cannabis.

Bahamas

The Bahamas government has embarked on a program to ban the use of plastics and Styrofoam which are proving to be detrimental to the country's eco and marine system.

In an effort to make the public aware of the planned policy, the first in a series of town hall meetings on Single-use Plastics & Styrofoam Ban was held recently.



Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis in addressing the gathering said the aim is to also simultaneously address main population and waste management and to ban single-use plastics, such as shopping bags, food utensils, straws and Styrofoam food containers by 2020.

He said reducing harmful waste streams such as plastics and Styrofoam is one of the first steps to be implemented in a more effective solid waste management strategy that prioritizes waste management prevention and minimization, while utilizing waste disposal as a last resort.

Guyana

Guyana and China have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation within the Framework of the Silk Road Economic Belt and



Haitians celebrate their revolution

With Grand Bwa, the drummers are integral to the ceremony marking the Haitian Revolution held in Prospect Park. See story on Page 38.

Photo by Tequila Minsky

the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road Initiative.

The MoU was recently signed by Guyana's Foreign Affairs Minister Carl Greenidge and China's ambassador to Cui Jianchun.

The MoU is expected to see enhanced cooperation in five main areas such as policy coordination, facilities connectivity, trade, and investment, financial integration and people-to-people interaction.

Public infrastructure is also expected to be a major focus under the agreement.

Minister Greenidge said the MoU demonstrates the two countries' commitment to further strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation which have characterized the relationship between the two countries since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1972.

He said the Government is looking to explore projects under the agreement that it can build on this priority.

Jamaica

Jamaica Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Justice, Carol Palmer, has called on faith-based and non-governmental organizations for a more structured and coordinated approach in responding to trafficking in persons.

Palmer, who is chair of the National Task Force against Trafficking in Per-

sons (NATFATIP), said the organizations can give support of Government efforts by providing shelter for victims, helping raise awareness, operating hotlines and referral centers and maintaining vigilance within communities.

She was addressing a church service to start activities for Trafficking in Persons Week, which ran from July 22 to 28.

Palmer said the faith-based community must step forward with the resources that it has at its disposal-financial, material and human- to provide strategic leadership to Jamaica's national campaign against human trafficking.

Trafficking in Persons Week was being observed under the theme, "From Victim to Survivor: The Hard Road to Recovery."

St. Vincent

St. Vincent and the Grenadines former Prime Minister Sir James Mitchell says if the Dr. Ralph Gonsalves-led government wants to replace the London-based Privy Council with the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), it should use a referendum to decide if the opinion of Vincentians has changed since 2009.

In that year, he said, Vincentians rejected in a referendum, proposed changes to the constitution, including replacing the Privy Council with the

CCJ as the nation's highest court.

Sir James has long been an advocate of retaining the Privy Council.

Speaking at a special sitting of the CCJ in Kingstown recently, Gonsalves said a post-referendum ruling of the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal, which says that a two-thirds majority of members of parliament rather than the electorate is needed to replace the Privy Council.

The prime minister said he is willing to bring such a law to parliament if the opposition would support it.

Sir James also rejected the suggestion by some that citizens should ascend to the Privy Council because one of its nationals is now its president.

Trinidad

Police and Customs officials are probing a possible Trinidad and Tobago link to a vessel on which Vietnamese police found an estimated US\$35 million in cocaine hidden in packages inside a Liberian-flagged vessel.

The drug, which Vietnamese police described as the largest seizure in the history of the country arrived at Tan

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Attacks on the free press are attacks on American values

The necessity of a trusted free press to the health of American democracy has been undisputed since the founding of our republic — until now.

In recent weeks, the journalists of our free press have been slandered as “Enemies of the People” — not by a foreign power or fringe group, but by the President of the United States, the nation’s highest officer sworn to protect the Constitution enshrining the First Amendment rights those journalists exercise daily for the benefit of us all.

But President Trump’s casual use of this Stalinist epithet is only the most egregious example of a years-long campaign to destroy public trust in the news media and erode the ability of the Fourth Estate to hold our government and poli-

ticians accountable. The President routinely denounces factual reporting as “fake news” while trumpeting media outlets pushing propaganda, conspiracy theories, and outright lies as legitimate reporting. In short, the role of America’s free press is under attack — and with it, our nation’s founding values.

Without a free press that is justly trusted as a source of impartial truth, politicians and special interests have unchecked rein to lie, dissemble, and manipulate reality with impunity. Without journalists who are free to question public officials and demand information on government actions, the

institutions which are supposed to protect and serve us cannot be trusted to do either. Without political leaders who respect the value of our free press to the American way of life, the world’s first constitutional democracy fails in its historic role as a beacon of freedom to all of humanity.

Trump is by no means alone, however, in the systematic attack on the role of the free press. On Aug. 12, Mayor DeBlasio had a New York Post reporter hauled away by police after he asked the mayor for comment on the paper’s recent story on the many meetings he and his top aides have had with lobbyists — meetings that DeBlasio had pledged as a candidate to disclose on a monthly basis, but only recently began revealing after four years in office, and only because of relentless pressure

from the news media.

The work our reporters do in the neighborhoods we cover is as important as reporters taking leaders to task in City Hall and Washington, D.C. — and our reporters have been subjected to similar attacks, as well.

Last November, Julianne Cuba accurately reported that Community Board 18 district manager Dottie Turano had quietly filed a budget request asking the city to look at up-zoning Marine Park, and when faced with intense public blowback following the revelation, Turano denounced Cuba’s factual reporting as “fake news,” despite being unable to cite any actual error. Disdain for the free press has leached down from the very pinnacle of our government to even its most grass-roots level.

Editors and reporters across

the country are standing together this week to denounce the attacks demonizing our profession and seeking to sabotage our ability to hold the people in power accountable for their actions.

And we ask you, the readers we work for, to stand with us.

Defending our free press from attacks by politicians and special interests should be a cause that rises above party, ideology, race, or any of the other fault lines along which some are seeking to divide our country. It goes to the heart of what America stands for, and is vital to the survival of government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

As women’s rights pioneer and investigative journalist Ida B. Wells wrote in 1892: “The people must know before they can act, and there is no educator to compare with the press.”

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Barbados company in bribe scandal named

By George Alleyne

Insurance Corporation of Barbados Limited (ICBL) has been revealed as the unnamed company in the US Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York indictment proceedings against ex-Barbados government minister, Donville Inniss, who faces money-laundering charges in New York.

When the indictment against Inniss was unveiled Monday, it alleged that between 2015 and 2016 the minister of industry, international business, commerce and small business development in the last government had collaborated with three persons in an insurance company in Barbados to renew a state agency insurance at a premium of almost \$1 million, and in turn received \$36,000 in a series of wired payments.

According to the US Attorney's Office, the insurance company officials conspired to have the Bermuda based firm that owns the Barbados insurer to forward payments to a New York dental firm, which then sent on the monies to a bank accountant in the name of Inniss.

It is alleged that the Barbados officials had indicated to the Bermuda parent company that the money was owed to the dental office for consulting services.

The Bermuda Gazette newspaper Thursday reported that BF&M is the majority owner of ICBL.

"John Wight, chief executive officer of BF&M, confirmed to The Royal Gazette yesterday that the Barbadian insurer is the Insurance Corporation of Barbados Ltd (ICBL), in which BF&M has a majority interest," the newspaper reported.

BF&M bought a majority share of ICBL from the government of Barbados for \$25.85 million in November 2005 and now owns a 51.7 per cent stake in the company through its wholly owned subsidiary, Hamilton Financial Ltd., which is based in St. Lucia.

Established in 1978 as a statutory corporation and subsequently privatized in December 2000, ICBL boasts 2,300 shareholders inclusive of institutional investors and individuals representing 48.3 per cent of the company's ownership.

Indicating that the parent company had known of the alleged corrupt activity, Wight, who is chairman of ICBL, told Bermuda Gazette, "in 2016 the board of directors of ICBL became aware of improper conduct by certain senior managers."

"ICBL has a zero-tolerance policy for this conduct and immediately dealt with the issue in the appropriate manner. I am not able to elaborate any further on this matter at this time."

In January 2017, ICBL announced that Ingrid Innes had resigned as the Barbados company's CEO and had stepped down from its board of directors.

At the time of this resignation Barbadians thought it unusual as no explanation was given for the sudden departure of such a senior person.

Inniss, 52, is now confined to New York and wears an electronic monitoring bracelet while he awaits a court trial date of August 23 to face a three-count indictment: conspiracy to launder money; and two counts of money laundering.



Former Barbadian government minister Donville Inniss. Photo by George Alleyne

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Guyanese look for cash payouts

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Professor Thomas cash transfers could be linked to attendance at school and other academic places of learning, improving the limping health sector, abolishing any form of paid work for children and other criteria put in place. This is even as he suggests that pressure be brought to bear on authorities "to satisfy the needs of the people directly."

His party, the WPA and elements in the Alliance For Change (AFC) have already thrown their support behind the call. The main opposition People's Progressive Party (PPP) has also not come out against it but maintains that proper criteria should be set up.

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an influential government official has given significant credibility to it and it now reads like an official edict from government to establish a system to directly give Guyanese cash payouts from oil.

Speaking at a coastal forum just east of the city recently, Thomas said he believed that "some proportion of the net cash flows from oil should be dedicated to giving cash transfers to every single household in this country, whether it be \$5000 per year or whether it works out at. We can do the calculation but there must be a mechanism put in place that every single household and by extension, every single person see the benefits of oil and gas in terms of check or cash received into your account."

For many Guyanese who have been following periodic announcements from US oil giant ExxonMobil about its humungos offshore finds and projected revenues for the country amounting into billions in the next decade, Professor Thomas had spoken for all of them. Many have taken to social media to offer suggestions, ranging from the abolition of taxes to mortgage relief to free educa-

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York (CUNY), where Howard was a founding member, steel pan music by Trinidadian pan soloist Oscar Williams preceded and followed the event.

Several leading Caribbean Community legislators and figures were on hand to pay their final respects.

"This man was an icon," said New York City Councilman Jumaane Williams, the Grenadian American candidate for New York State lieutenant governor. "This man brought us all together. I had never heard anyone say anything negative about Bill Howard."

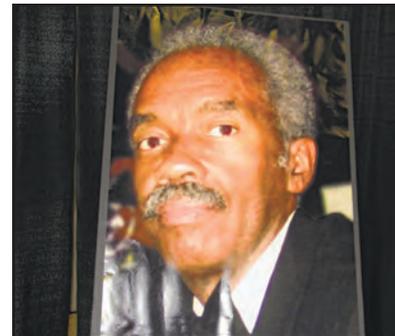
"The work he did, it had to exact a toll on his family," he added. "His impact on me was amazing."

Former New York City Councilmember, Jamaican Una S.T. Clarke, a member of the Board of Trustees of CUNY, said Howard, who served on the board from 1983 to 1995, mentored her when she was selected by New York City Mayor Bill DeBlasio to sit on the body.

"I'm really honored to be here," said Clarke, at the repast, whose daughter, United States Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, represents the 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn.

"I thank Bill for his help and his support," the elder Clarke added. "He was the longest-serving member of WIADCA."

Earlier, Clarke told Caribbean Life



The late WIADCA President William Howard. Photo by Nelson A. King

that Howard's sudden death was "a great loss to the Caribbean Community."

"He left a great legacy, starting from his work with [the late] Shirley Chisholm [the first woman and Caribbean American national to run for president of the United States]," she said. "He was very dedicated to the Caribbean Community."

Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix, the Barbadian-born associate justice in the Appellate Division in New York State Supreme Court, told mourners at the repast that Howard's work "speaks for you."

She, too, earlier, along with Caribbean legislators, told Caribbean Life that she was saddened by the passing of her friend and "community icon."

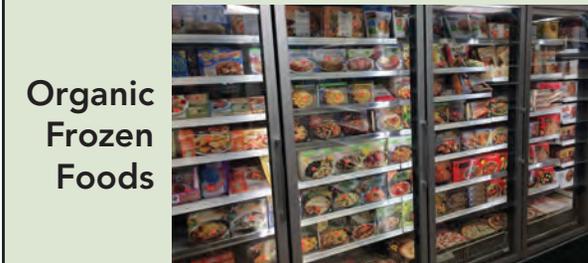
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PNCR democratic culture augurs well for Guyana's future

Dear Editor:

The People's National Congress Reform' (PNCR) 20th biannual congress commences this week. It will culminate with the election of new office holders. Intensely competitive races for party chairman, vice chairmen and central executive members have therefore emerged. As one of the governing parties of our emergent oil producing country, the eyes of the world are on this event.

So long as the candidates respect the electoral process, each other, the party they represent, and the people of Guyana, and conduct themselves with integrity and the highest standards of decency, the party will emerge stronger, more democratic and united to commence the November 12, 2018 local government elections campaign and launch forward confidently to the 2020 general elections. Make no mistake about it; the end of congress rally is undoubtedly the commencement of the 2020 elections campaign.

All national positions within the party structure are open for elections. These include party leader, chairman, vice chairman and central executive committee member. As a ruling party, the entire leadership of the party is aging and dominated with the same faces for the past two decades. This is hardly a succes-

sion plan. Consequently, the faces of the newly elected office holders will telegraph to the world the direction and vision of the party for the next decade. Will there be stagnation or progression? Will the membership give the younger generation an opportunity to take up leadership roles in the party, and ultimately parliament and government? Time will tell.

With the exception of Dr. Mark Bynoe, recent appointments to party and governmental positions, including the recently appointed service commissions, have been frustratingly uninspiring. I stand at the top of the mountain, shouting to the leadership of the PNCR, and ringing the alarm bells loudly. You have walked away from the young people of Guyana whose, determination, vitality, energy and vote propelled you into office in 2015. It is time to move back, lest they move away from you in 2020.

I know what it is like to be given an opportunity to lead at a young age. At age 17, I was a leader in the party youth arm. By age 21, I was national secretary of the YSM, technical assistant to a minister of government and special assistant to the president of Guyana. These are the same opportunities the PNCR must now provide today's youth.

I'm heartened to see Chris-
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We would be left to dance, sing and run!

By Yao Atunwa

Several years ago I commented on the transformation of the Grenadian personality, as a people seek to be more assertive and dynamic in their interpersonal relations, and I attributed much of the impetus to come from the artistry of local artistes, particularly since the launching of Wilt Cambridge aka Talpree's artistry to regional and international success at the turn of the century. The chief lesson learned from Talpree's success with his first hit single, "Ole Woman Alone," is to value your own product in its authenticity, which set in motion the major push to capitalize on what became widely known as Jab Jab music, a sub-genre of Soca, by many Grenadian artistes and others in the region for its uniqueness and infectious beats – very reminiscent of the Reggae invasion in the 1970s.

There are other dimensions to this transformation that are recognizable just the same, such as the growing competitiveness in the arena of sports, with athletes the likes of Alleyne Francique (now retired from sprints, and has taken up coaching), Kirani James and Bralon Taplin in track and field, British-born Lewis Hamilton in grand prix racing, and many more in various sporting disciplines, both individually and team events, as those household names begin to bring prominence to the tri-island state of Grenada, in ways it was not known, traditionally.

The question that arises is how this noted transformation in the people's collective personality would seek

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to ensure that a certain level of maturity is also being fashioned in the process. It is quite obvious that much of that energy fueled by the transformation is being used up in the promotion of greater recreational activities, namely more and bigger partying events throughout the year, as well as sporting events. For instance, Jab-themed parties and other Soca events are held now outside the carnival season, some of which are organized by artistes and their promotion companies, denoting a level of entrepreneurial endeavor not engaged by previous generations in the entertainment industry, as is the organizing of the premier track and field event held in April annually showcasing international athletes, Grenada Invitational, directly inspired by the roaring success of Grenadian athletes on the world stage, including decathlon champs, brothers Kurt Felix and Lindon Victor.

From here we can begin to gauge closer the appeal of the intensification with activities on the entertain-

ment front, as it confirms the growing market in the entertainment sector for a nation that is constituted predominantly by young people, over 65 percent. Apart from such mode of social organization, which such businesses represent ultimately, how else are the people being organized outside the area of competition, which is what sports captures, or even the hype that the partying events sustain for party goers?

If it must be stated in the most direct manner: The framework in which our collective personality is taking shape is worth exploring, to discern the implications being rendered in the process of such transformation. I am cognizant that the market environment is playing the biggest role as far as providing a framework to orient these activities as opposed to more cooperative-led efforts and institutions. When such happens, particularly without being highlighted for what it is, it means the people are becoming less self-conscious in their dispositions, however, their consciousness is not necessarily growing in a manner that will inform their decision making in terms of organizing the society to make it more democratic and thus equal for its citizens. Quite frankly, the Grenadian society is not undergoing any significant transformation that would indicate that the society is becoming more equal; that the masses selling their labor stand to fare better in the near future.

If anything, the social infrastructure that is critical for ensuring such, namely workers unions and govern-
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Jamaica En Vogue on Beyonce, Jay-Z's tour

Jamaica was never named by Jay-Z and Beyonce when they stopped into MetLife Stadium last week for two nights of their On The Run Tour 2.

The power couple did not mention “the Rock,” “Yard” or “the land of wood and water” when they elevated onto a stage wearing coordinated white outfits signifying renewal of their wedding vows. However, throughout their 36-song set — that will run until Oct. 4 — they spotlighted reggae’s birth land, the first independent English-speaking Caribbean island and the fact the destination is one of their preferred locations.

“When I heard a radio promo using Dawn Penn’s signature song ‘No, No, No’ I knew it was going to be wicked,” Lister Hewan Lowe, a WBAI-FM producer said.

“I was doing something, heard it and had to stop to check out the message,” the former Island Records promotion manager added.

He was not alone, many Jamaicans responded to the teaser and hurried to the New Jersey stadium to catch one or



Inside Life

By Vinette K. Pryce

two nights booked there.

Using film footage for interludes, throughout the two-hour concert the pop queen and king of hip-hop seemed larger than life presenting Jamaica as their playground for love and happiness.

Earlier this year, the couple was spotted on the island.

While there, a video snippet went viral of them on motorbikes.

On the island to film visuals for the tour, little else was disclosed at that time about the very, brief visit.

However, since the beginning of the OTRII Tour in June in Europe, patrons are bearing witness to scenes of Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Carter running blissfully into the green foliage of a sugar cane farm, riding with nationals through a town, in a baptismal scene and in a touching depiction blindfolded for a renewal of their wedding

vows.

Together they are revealed in loving embrace with their three children — Blue Ivy, Sir and Rumi.

Two huge digital video projectors punctuated and amplified aerial visuals of Kingston, Trench Town and other scenic spots. The fact the Queen Bee quenched her thirst drinking Red Stripe Beer and a cold water coconut was not lost on patrons who related to the identifiers of the black, gold and green landmark.

Scenes with a contortionist, Rastafarians — the family in church, lots of frolicking through the countryside and even showcase of a roomful of Jamaican currency featured the island.

Clearly identifiable throughout the travelogue is the \$1,000 bill decorated by Prime Minister Michael Manley, leader of the People’s National Party.



Beyonce and Jay-Z perform on the ‘On The Run II’ tour at MetLife Stadium on Aug. 2, 2018 in East Rutherford, New Jersey.
Raven Varona / Parkwood / PictureGroup

Equal opportunity presenters, the politically correct citizens also displayed the smiling face of the leader of the opposing party’s Sir Alexander Bustamante who became the nation’s first head of government of the independent country in 1962.

Together, the Carters provided a virtual photographic view of the place some revere as paradise.

However, it was Jay-Z’s fashion foray that shouted out big-up salutations to the populace. *Catch You On The Inside!*



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Guyana's political renaissance

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topher Jones, Thandi McAllister and others run for vice chairman and other leadership positions in the party. It is refreshing and uplifting. The success of their candidature will inspire young professionals to join the party and help it grow and develop, and broaden the current governing coalition.

Politics is incongruous with stagnation. Its essence is winning, governing and implementing contemporary visions for the development of modern societies and advancement of our people. If the party as a governing political entity cannot enact genuine reforms to effect social transformation as well as economic and infrastructural development that engender prosperity for all, then its politics lack progression. Has the PNCR done so? How will the people judge its performance?

The time for new faces, fresh ideas and a bold new vision has come for the PNCR. The party cannot achieve a progressive politics to improve human conditions and take a giant leap into developed nation status with the same exhausted faces from the last two or three decades. It must now marshal new, experienced leaders and the brightest of our young professionals, and prepare them to lead the party and

country into the new decade.

It is time for change. New faces, new ideas and a new vision will help realize the change the PNCR must have and that Guyana needs. New experienced leaders, coupled with bright, young minds will provide greater intellectual depth to design a new vision for the Party and country. This must be the charge to this 20th biennial congress.

The competitive races for office in the PNCR are healthy for democracy. The unprecedented, organized campaigning for office; with candidates meeting delegates to lay out their vision for the office they seek, is necessary and impressive. We must congratulate the PNCR for fostering this genuine, democratic culture. The fruits of this democratic culture augur well for the party's future.

The party must therefore manage its elections professionally and with integrity. Give youth a chance. Harness new, experienced faces and articulate a bold new, vision to take Guyana and its people to developed nation status. This political renaissance will inspire confidence in the party, and fire up the electorate to entrust it with a continuous mandate to lead the country for decades to come.

Rickford Burke

Need for more conscious leadership

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ment-led enterprises, is currently experiencing not the best times (to put it mildly) in the degree of importance placed by government as far as policies: all part of the structural adjustment programme sanctioned by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Markets are emphasized not for the economic security of the populace, but the profit margins of investors, i.e. the corporations, particularly the large firms and their multinational counterparts. Therefore despite the relative growth in the personality of the Grenadian people, I am afraid that until the intent is operationalized to organize and mobilize the people for greater self-determination on a societal level, we are going to find ourselves not being able to reap much from producing the music and athletes for the regional

and international markets, the same way Jamaica is currently faring as a nation. Only mere individuals would thrive in such environment. That is so because it is not geared for the upliftment of a people as such. In the end, we will not be the owners of our labor and products. That is the domain of those who structure the rules of those markets and even our economies, superlatively. We would be left to dance, sing and run! And we will be still dependent on the tourists to visit our shores. Need I say most of which is provided by foreign investments; thus, most of the profits would leave the country just the same, probably faster than the tourists arrive, and the rest to service the two billion owed in national debt. How do we intend to grow as a people? I stress the need for more vigilant and conscious leadership.

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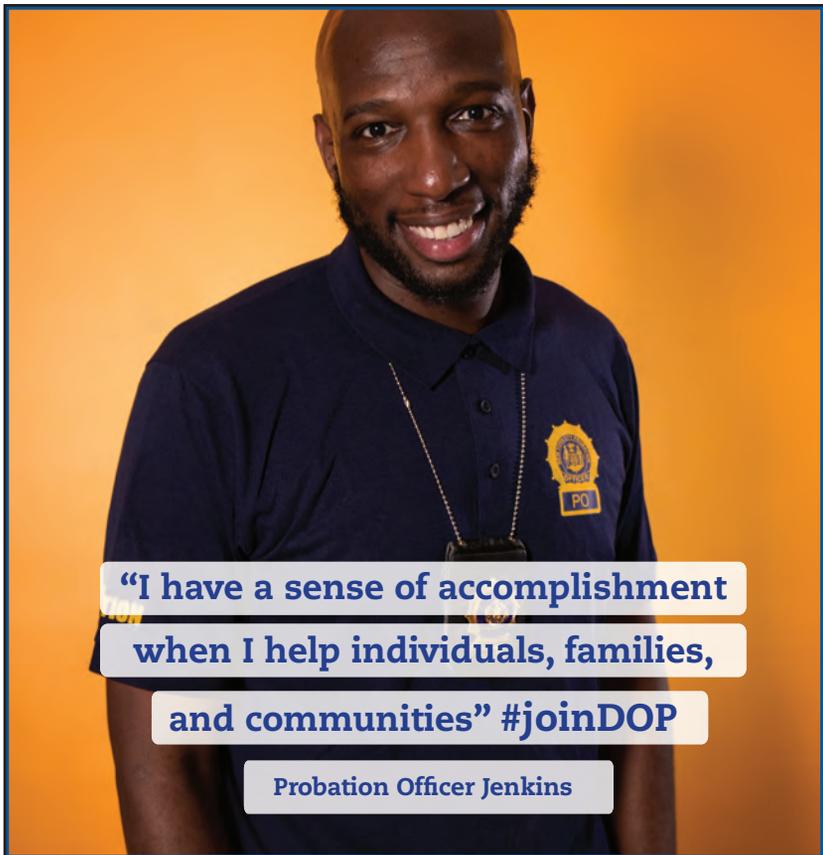


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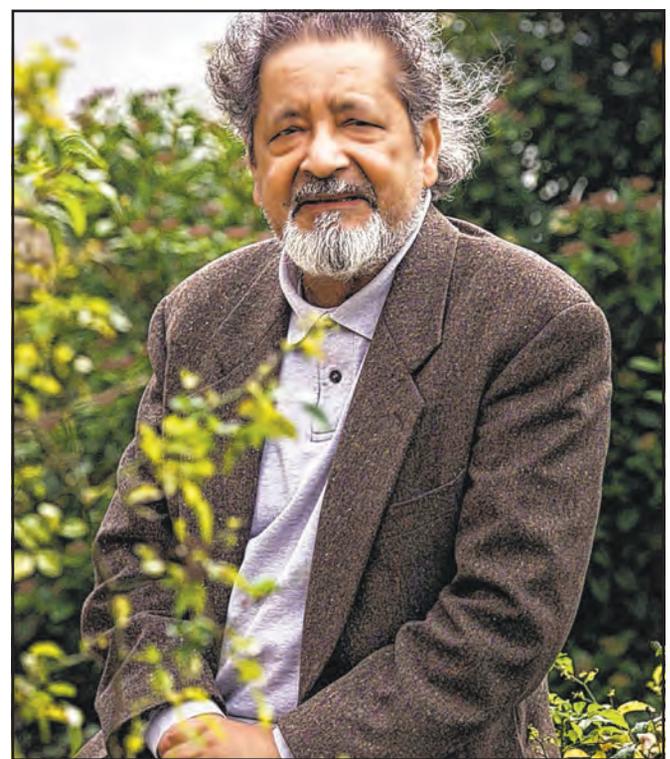
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Nobel Peace Prize laureate V.S. Naipaul dead at 85



This 2001 file photo shows British author V.S. Naipaul in Salisbury, England. The Trinidad-born Nobel laureate whose celebrated writing and brittle, provocative personality drew admiration and revulsion in equal measures, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, at his London home, his family said. He was 85.

Chris Ison / PA via Associated Press

By Nelson A. King

V.S. Naipaul, the Trinidadian-born literary giant and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, died at his home in London on Saturday. He was 85.

Naipaul, of Indian descent, whose full name was Vidiadhar Surajprasad Naipaul, was renowned for his “pessimistic novels set in developing countries,” according to Encyclopedia Britannica.

It said that, for these revelations of what the Swedish Academy called “suppressed histories,” Naipaul won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2001.

Born on Aug. 17, 1932, in Chaguanas, Trinidad and Tobago, the Britannica said Naipaul “descended from Hindu Indians who had immigrated to Trinidad and Tobago as indentured servants.”

He left Trinidad and Tobago in 1950 to attend the University of Oxford and subsequently settled in England, although he traveled extensively afterwards, the Britannica said.

It said Naipaul’s earliest books — “The Mystic Masseur,” 1957; “The Suffrage of Elvira,” 1958; and “Miguel Street,” 1959 — are “ironic and satirical accounts of life in the Caribbean.”

Encyclopedia Britannica said Naipaul’s fourth novel, “A House for Mr. Biswas” (1961), also set in Trinidad and Tobago, “was a much more important work and won him major recognition.”

“It centers on the main character’s attempt to assert his personal identity and establish his independence as symbolized by owning his own house,” it said.

“Naipaul’s subsequent novels used other national settings but continued to explore the personal and collective alienation experienced in new nations that were struggling to integrate their native and Western-colonial heritages,” it added.

Encyclopedia Britannica said the three stories in “In a Free State” (1971), which on Britain’s Booker Prize, are set in various

countries.

“Guerrillas (1975) is a despairing look at an abortive uprising on a Caribbean island; and A Bend in the River (1979) pessimistically examines the uncertain future of a newly independent state in Central Africa,” it said. “A Way in the World (1994) is an essay-like novel examining how history forms individuals’ characters.”

Naipaul’s other novels include “The Mimic Men” (1967) and “The Enigma of Arrival” (1987), Encyclopedia Britannica said.

It added that among Naipaul’s nonfiction works are three studies of India: An Area of Darkness (1965); India: A Wounded Civilization (1977); and India: A Million Mutinies Now (1990).

The other non-fiction works are: The Five Societies — British, French and Dutch — in the West Indies (1963); and Among the Believers: An Islamic Journey (1981).

Nine years after Naipaul was knighted in 1989, he published “Beyond Belief: Islamic Excur-

sions Among the Converted Peoples,” a portrayal of the Islamic faith in the lives of ordinary people in Iran, Pakistan, Indonesia and Malaysia, Encyclopedia Bri-

tannica said.

In 2001, it said Naipaul published “Half a Life,” a novel about an Indian immigrant to England and then Africa.

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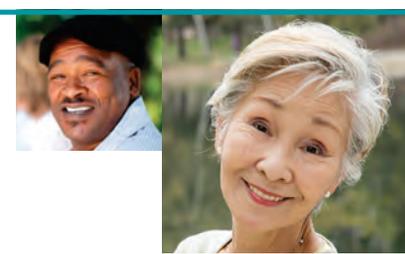
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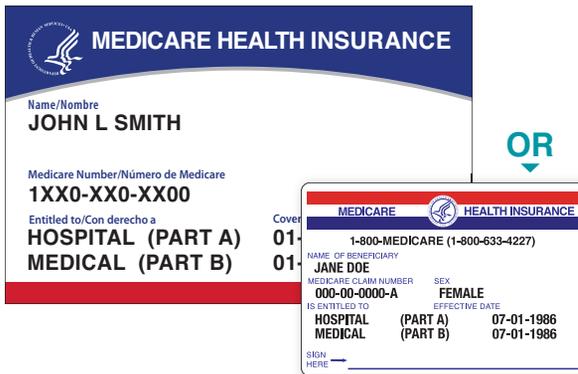
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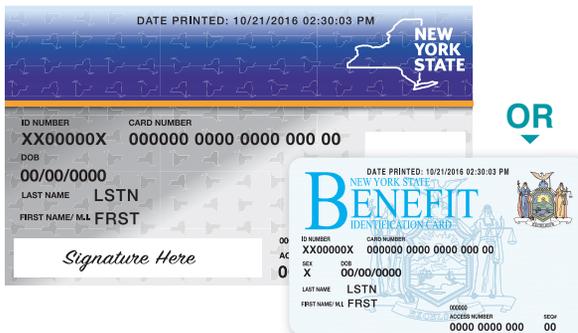
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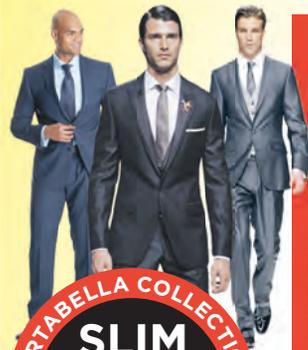
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Cang Meop-Thi Vai Port in the south-east province of Ba Ria-Vung Tau in a shipment of scrap metal purchased from a Singapore scrap metal company.

The ship had docked in Trinidad two months ago before leaving for Panama, China and eventually Vietnam.

Reports indicated the documents provided by the shipment's owner did not match those of the seal on the container, which "aroused suspicion" among customs officials.

When they searched the ship they

found the illegal drugs packaged and hidden among the shipment of scrap metal.

The company Pomina Steel Joint Stock has since distanced itself from the cocaine find.

Officers of the Organized Crime and Intelligence Unit (OCIU) in Trinidad said the unit along with the Transnational Organized Crime Unit (TOCU), are making investigations into the drug bust aboard the ship which began its journey in T&T.

Trinidad and Tobago is known to be a major transshipment point for cocaine into Canada, USA and Europe.

— compiled by Azad Ali



CCJ says Belize judge should be investigated

By Azad Ali

The Trinidad, Port-of Spain-based Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) has ruled that a Belizean Court of Appeal judge should be considered for investigation.

The ruling was delivered recently in the case of Dean Boyce, British Caribbean Bank Ltd. and Lord Michael Aschroft KCMG v the Belize Judicial and Legal Services Commission (JLSC), according to a release from the CCJ.

The CCJ said in the 2012 complaint against Justice Samuel Lungole Awich, now a judge in the Court of Appeal, should be properly considered by the JLSC, paving the way to allow the commission to refer the complaint to the Belize Advisory Council, which would then investigate whether the judge should be removed from office as Justice of Appeal.

He was appointed as a judge in the Court of Appeal on April 24, 2012 and was sworn in in May of that year.

In a joint letter dated July 17, 2012, Boyce and Lord Aschcroft made a request to the JLSC that Justice Awich should be investigated by the Belize Advisory Council.

The request detailed allegations of

lack of judicial "acumen," delays in judgment writing and lack of timeliness in the delivery of judgements while Justice Awich was a judge in the Supreme Court of Belize. In the letter, they suggested that it should be considered whether the judge should be removed from office for inability and / or misbehavior.

Objections to his appointment had previously been raised by the Bar Association of Belize and the Leader of the Opposition.

The JLSC had refused the appellant's request on the basis that the complaint was misdirected to matters relating to the performance of the judge in his previous position of Justice of the Supreme Court and therefore had no relation to his present office of Justice of Appeal.

The decision of the commission was successfully appealed at the Supreme Court of Belize but the Court of Appeal subsequently set aside the decision of the trial judge.

The court held that the complaints made against Justice Awich as a Supreme Court judge were not relevant to any consideration of his removal from office as a Justice of Appeal. The matter then moved to the CCJ.

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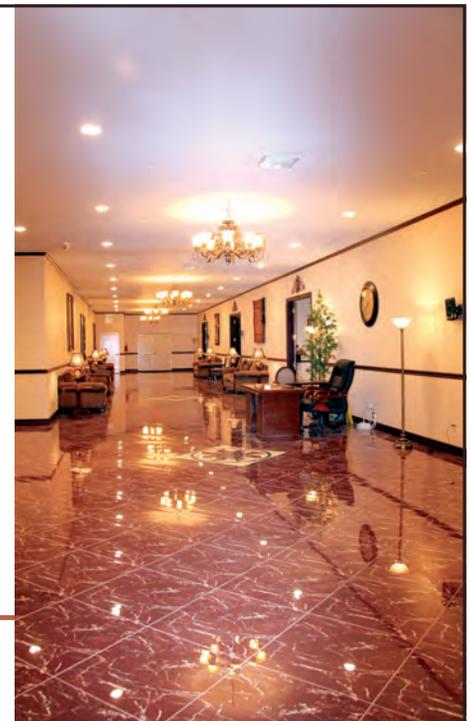
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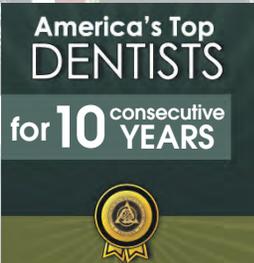
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Queens group offers free coding program

By Alexandra Simon

A Queens-based organization is preparing New Yorkers to enter the city's growing technology industry with its free coding program — Access Code. Long Island City's Coalition for Queens, better known as C4Q — is an organization providing training in computer coding and software creation. As a philanthropic group mostly catering to low-income residents and communities of color, their goal is to increase the number minority groups in the tech field and create more opportunities of accessibility. One of the ways they go about it is working with established technology companies, and performing community outreach, said the community engagement manager.

"We engage with stakeholders and form relationships with them by making sure they're aware of our programs, and understand if they need something from us or if we need something from them," said Depak Borhara. "We also ask them to reach out to their networks to have people apply, and we communicate with commu-



Entry to apply for coding classes will extend to Aug. 19, 2018. Coalition for Queens

nity organizations in making sure that people are aware that our program is in the community."

Founded in 2011 by Jukay Hsu — a Taiwanese-American who wants to help the disadvantaged access the tech world — C4Q is forming a clear direction in closing the existing gaps. The organization offers all types of coding classes, preparing students on even helping some of its students see 370 percent

increase in annual income, according to Borhara.

Currently, they strongly advocate their program for people with no prior coding experience or background each web development for iOS and Android

"Most of our students have zero coding experience, but no matter where they are currently, we can teach them coding," he added.

Access Code includes everything for beginners to those who are familiar with coding teaching them web development and Android even though coding may sound like an arduous area of study to learn, Borhara says the courses are designed to welcome those who are new, and even those with just a little knowledge yh

"We're very intensive and what we expect is 80 hours a week, depending on the class," he said.

The a weekday classes from 10 am to 6 pm, and weekend classes from 7-10 pm. For 10 months students are given a full-on training from instructors and teaching assistants, where they learn the ins and outs of coding, and are even



The Long Island City based non-profit Coalition for Queens offers coding classes. Coalition for Queens

provided with laptops to perform one of the most vital aspects of the course — doing assignments without the assistance of an instructor.

"It is pretty intense and homework is also large portion of the program," said Borhara. "We expect our students do practice outside the class because where they often get a eureka or aha moment is in doing the homework."

And when they are not in class, they are encouraged to attend events where they can potentially build relationships with the companies many will seek employment with upon graduating.

"We expect our students to also go to industry events and opportunities to network and learn about the tech companies to get a feel of the different cultures out there," he said.

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How to outsmart prostate cancer!

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in America, ranking only behind skin cancer — and it will affect one out of every nine American men during their lifetime. In fact, research has shown that more than half of all men in the United States over the age of 70 are now living with some form of prostate cancer.

Types and typical victims of prostate cancer

Most forms of the disease progress slowly and are highly treatable. However, prostate cancer is deadly, and it kills quickly. Once a patient's cancer reaches its fourth and final stage, the five-year survival rate is a dismal 29 percent.

Two groups of men are particularly susceptible to prostate cancer: those over the age of 70, and African-American men. The latter are 1.6 times more likely to develop the disease than white men, and 2.6 times more likely to experience prostate cancer than Asian-American men.

Prostate cancer: Symptoms and diagnosis

Most alarming is that many patients with the disease don't experience any symptoms. Experts like Dr. Joshua Halpern of the Accord Physicians Group recommends that all men, especially African Americans, be screened regularly for prostate cancer by a doctor once they reach age 40.

Dr. Halpern is a certified radiation

oncologist who received his oncology training at Roswell Park Cancer Institute and MD Anderson Cancer Center, the nation's leading cancer treatment center. He has treated all forms of cancer for more than 40 years, and has had hands-on experience with thousands of prostate cancer patients. He explains the processes that urologists use to diagnose and confirm the disease.

The first step in the rigorous process of diagnosing prostate cancer is to draw blood and conduct a Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) test. PSA is a protein naturally produced in men's prostate glands, and abnormally-high PSA levels may indicate the presence of prostate cancer, although they could also be signs of other prostate issues such as inflammation or enlargement.

Normal levels of the protein are usually in the 0.0–4.0 range. But once the PSA levels are greater than 4.0, Dr. Halpern says, the normal procedure is to recommend a biopsy during which a small section of prostate tissue is removed and examined for signs of cancer.

Dr. Halpern explains that if

the biopsy results are positive for prostate cancer, the next step is to consult a radiation oncologist. At Accord Physicians Group, he and his fellow physicians work in close collaboration to decide on a course of action.

Prostate cancer treatment

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Accord Physicians Group and prostate cancer

Dr. Halpern states, "Over the last 10 years we treated hundreds of prostate cancer patients at Accord Physicians." He elaborates, that "Our cure and remission rates are between 93 and 95 percent over this 10-year period, and our side effect profile is well below the national average."

Dr. Halpern urges all men — particularly African-American men over the age of 40 — to be screened regularly for prostate cancer.

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Former US naval officer serves up American food

By Tangerine Clarke

After ending his 25-year career, as an United States naval officer piloting ships in the military warfare service department, Christopher Millington decided to seek greener pastures in his native land of Guyana, where he now serves up a delicious menu of American comfort food.

The American Eatery, located off the East Bank public road that leads from the Cheddi Jagan International Airport, opened its doors at 267 Flamboyant Ave. BB Eccles, last November, to rave reviews, and satisfied customers, who are enjoying hot dogs, the famous Juicy Lucy Burger, cheese steaks, gyro, and morning offering of waffles, pancakes and grilled cheese sandwiches. He also offers local fish and plantain chips, coconut water and cherry drink.

The re-migrant prides himself on preparing the best half-pound of juicy beef, or chicken burger with fresh vegetables, all sourced from local farmers, and sold at prices to suit the pocket of any hungry customer.

The American Eatery offers a (Uber) style delivery service, where a taxi driver, purchase the food and delivers it to any address.

The all-day menu of comfort food is served from 6 am to 10 pm.

Millington who returned to his homeland after migrating as a teenager, and lived in Hempstead Village, Nassau County, says he wanted to de-stress, and



Christopher Millington in front of The American Eatery in BB Eccles, East Bank, Guyana.

Photo by Tangerine Clarke

a lifestyle change, after piloting ships in the Navy. To this end, his first choice was his homeland.

Following in the footsteps of his grandparents, business owners, Edward and Doreen Millington (deceased) who operated Millie's Hideout Night Club, in the 1970s that attracted executives of the Bauxite Mining company in Linden, Millington could be considered a blazer himself.

Like his grandparents, who created entertainment back when the Linden Highway was just built, Chris has created

his own pathway. It feels like a rebirth for him.

He was also inspired by his other grandmother, Ismay John, to whom he gave credit for his entrepreneurial spirit.

He said after the first few years trying to find his way, spending many evenings sitting on the waterfront seawall, he observed vendors selling hot dogs, but not to his liking.

This inspired him to change the way the sausage and roll are prepared, as such, he brought out a hot dog cart, in the Seawall Bandstand area. The busi-

ness became quit lucrative and made way for his now thriving business.

Millington is looking forward to the 'Guyana Dream.' He hopes to increase sales, not only from locals but also from the thousands of re-migrants who are filling up new surrounding housing schemes.

"When I moved into this area, I found it difficult to find American food of which I had become accustomed, said the burley six-foot military man, adding, he had to travel to Georgetown for a good meal.

This motivated him to bring the eatery to Eccles, where a chicken yellow awning in from of the eatery, beckons hungry passers-by.

Millington is excited about offering a different option to customers. "Local food is good, but for those who like the taste of American, we are happy to serve the best," said the entrepreneur, who advises, "if you don't see it on the menu, ask for it."

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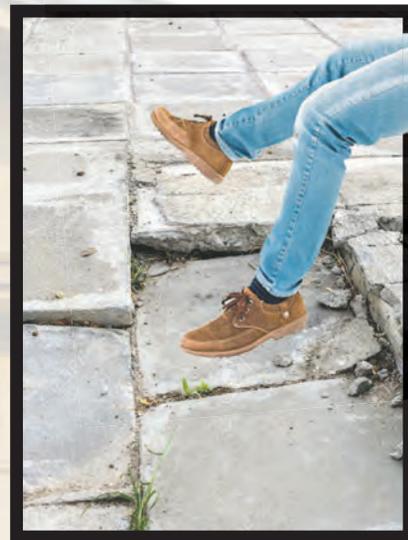
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Clarke condemns Trump's ongoing onslaught on immigrants

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke Friday night launched a scathing attack on United States President Donald J. Trump's immigration policies, describing them as ongoing assaults on immigrants.

"In the White House, we have a man who is not of sound mind, morals or values who has made decisions and implemented policies that have been a full frontal assault, an attack on our humanity and our livelihoods — decisions that benefit only those at the top, the one percent like himself," said Clarke, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, in delivering the keynote address at an Awards Ceremony of the Jamaican-owned Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope Spiritual Baptist Church in Brooklyn.

"Brooklyn continues to be in the bulls-eye of his administration's most cruel and inhumane attacks," added the representative for the 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn. "The immigrant community is no exception. I have constituents who

are green card holders from the very countries listed on Donald Trump's immoral and unjust Muslim ban."

She said family separation at the US-Mexican border is "a direct result of the Trump Administration's racist 'zero tolerance' policy of criminally prosecuting migrants at the southern border."

Clarke said this particular policy "calls to mind the worst of our history, including the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, our refusal to grant safety to Jewish refugees during the Holocaust, and the treatment of slaves during the Middle Passage from Africa, and centuries of Chattel slavery and forced and imposed state sanctioned segregation."

The congresswoman lamented that children are now being shipped all over the country, including to New York City, "where there were at least 239 children being detained just a few miles from my district and thousands of miles away from their caregivers."

Clarke also said the Trump administration is "trying to undermine" the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program, "which puts 800,000 'Dreamers' at risk of deportation."

She said there are currently over 42,000 "Dreamers" in the state of New York, most of which are enrolled in school or employed.

The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act) legislation was introduced in the US Senate, in 2001, as a bipartisan bill. Its aim was to provide a means for undocumented Caribbean and other immigrants who arrived in the US as children to gain a pathway to permanent legal status. Individuals who would have qualified under the DREAM Act are often referred to as "Dreamers."

But Clarke said Trump "hasn't stopped there," referring to the US president's "full frontal" attacks on immigrants.

"If you recall, he even went as far as to spew disgraceful



Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke delivers keynote address Saturday night at Isaiah Temple 2018 Awards Ceremony.

Photo by Nelson A. King

and disdainful rhetoric regarding the fate of undocumented immigrants of African descent, using vulgar descriptions of their nation of origin," she said. "You know the S-hole countries. His racist rhetoric is reflective of his true intentions and proves that he is not serious about developing policy to mend our broken immigration system.

"But be not dismayed," Clarke

said. "We, the people, have great power. We can defeat this racist, xenophobic, sexist, and frankly un-American agenda.

"As a community, we must utilize our resources to strengthen our families and stay in the communities we have chosen, labored in, and call home, regardless of what policies are coming out of the White House," she added.



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Barbados downgraded amid huge challenges

By George Alleyne

Following government's unilateral suspension of external debt payments, Barbados was this week unsurprisingly hit by an international credit rating downgrade.

One week after winning the May 24 elections the Prime Minister Mia Mottley government declared it found that the island was wilting in under more than \$7.5 billion owed to creditors, with public debt as a proportion of national income at 171 per cent of GDP.

As a result of those dismal figures she announced, on June 1 "from today, we are suspending payments due on debts owed to external commercial creditors. ... The truth is our debt has been in unsustainable territory for some time."

Among the many foreign debt obligations Barbados did not honour consistent with that June 1 decision were two major repayments scheduled for early this month.

Mottley also addressed the local debt on June 1, "we will endeavour to make scheduled domestic interest payments. However, domestic creditors

will be asked to roll over principal maturities until we reach a restructuring agreement."

These triggered the Standard and Poor's downgrade last week.

The rating agency said that the downgrade was owed to Barbados' Aug. 2, "rollover on its principal payments on short-term local currency issues, which we consider as paramount to default; and also learned that Barbados performed a similar operation on July 11."

As regards the external debt obligations, S&P stated, "on Aug. 4 and Aug. 6, Barbados failed to make coupon payments on its global bonds due 2022 and 2019, respectively, and we do not expect it to make these payments. In line with our criteria for timeliness of payments, we are lowering the issue-level rating on these global bonds to 'D' from 'CC'."

These two payments relate to a \$200 million loan taken out by the past government in 2010 through Deutsche Bank at a seven per cent interest rate, with a redemption date of 2022; and a \$40 million loan uplifted

in 2009 at 7.80 per cent from Scotiabank, Trinidad, due for a full repayment in 2019.

Unlike the state of affairs during the past 10 years that witnessed more than 20 instances of downgrades suffered from multiple rating agencies, government appears to have a plan to address Barbados' massive debt burden. And, and suspension of immediate international debt payments is the first step.

Around the same time that Prime Minister Mottley's administration announced a cessation of the foreign debt payments, it began courting the International Monetary Fund seeking extended funding.

Though government is still in talks with the IMF, that fund has already committed to lending Barbados money at a concessionary rate of one per cent interest.

Once the deal is clinched, as is expected within the next few months or early next year, besides the influx of badly needed cheap money, it will represent IMF approval of the country's restructuring plan to take it out of the current recession.

That IMF approval will open



Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley.

Photo by George Alleyne

doors to many other international lending agencies dispensing favourable loans.

As explained by Mottley, government's plan is to use part of the concessionary and other favourable loans to restart repayment of outstanding debt

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'Cocktail Party' for Anonymous Mas

By Nelson A. King

The newly-formed Anonymous Mas is having a "Cocktail Party" on Labor Day. All are welcomed.

Tobagonian co-band leader Latoya Legall told Caribbean Life Thursday evening — at the band's mas camp, 335 East 52nd St., between Church Avenue and Linden Boulevard in Brooklyn — that the production comes from "the many different flavors of cocktails, which reminds us of colors of the different carnival costumes."

"There are so many colors that can represent your feelings and expressions of life," said Legall, who founded the band last year with Grenadian Kison Ventour.

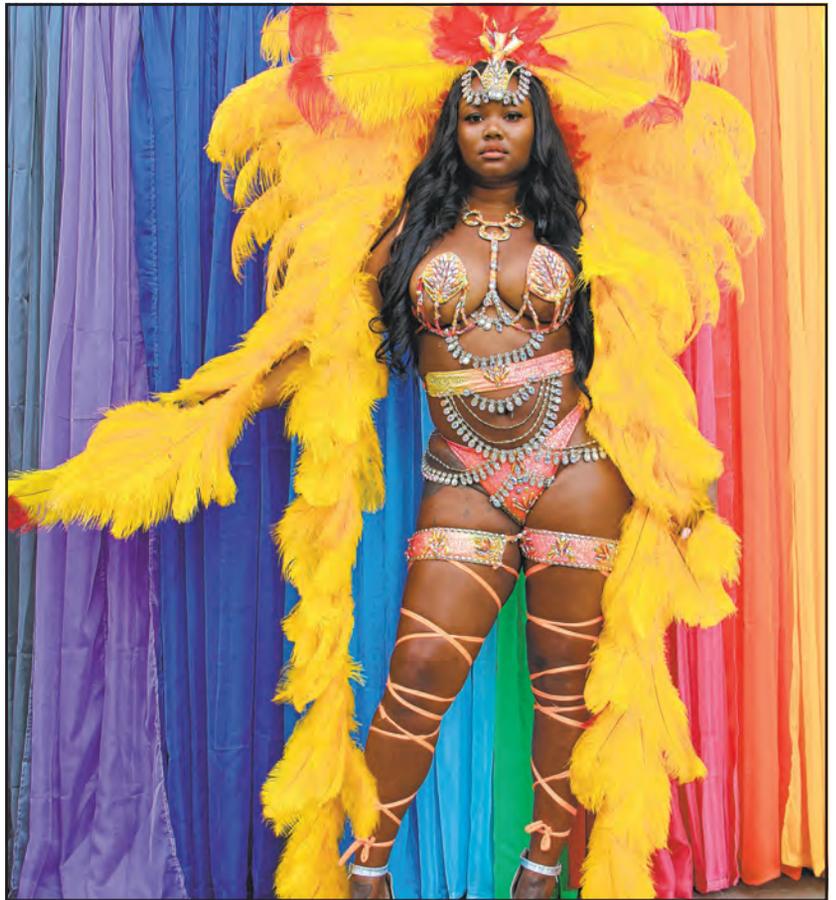
Legall — who has been creating mas since 2008, while Ventour started his "creativity" in 2015 — said there are five sections in Anonymous Mas: Vodka Watermelon, Sweet Passion, Long Island Ice Tea, Tequila Sunrise and Berry Sangria.

She said females will play in all sections, while males will compete in all but Berry Sangria.

"Due to the fact that we are a small band, we will have approximately 150 masqueraders," Legall said. "We are proud to say that we have been blessed to have masqueraders from many different countries and islands within diverse races.

"We plan to allow our masqueraders to portray their costumes to their full potential, where they will put Anonymous Mas on the radar," she added. "As a section leader, over the years in our previous band, we were able to reach the highest potential within rating and points."

Legall said masqueraders can expect "high quality costumes, safe atmos-



Nia Johnson portrays "Tequila Sunrise."

Photo by Nelson A. King

phere, professional section leaders and a phenomenal time on the parkway."

She said preparations are "coming along great," adding: "We have great help from many friends, family and volunteers.

"As our slogan says, 'We don't watch face, only waist,'" Legall said, stating that masqueraders will move to the

beats of "some of the best DJs from Brooklyn, of Caribbean descents," such as Black Dynasty, Chiney Golden Touch Sounds, DJ Cafu, Skymax, MC and Mafia Don.

Anonymous Mas can be reached at Anonymouspromotion2@gmail.com, or call Legall at (347)793-2273 or (347) 615-9430.



Modupefoluwa Pollydore portrays "Vodka Watermelon."

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Tinnesia White-Flores portrays "Verry Berry Sangria."

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Joshua Johnson portrays "Brush Your Teeth." Photo by Nelson A. King

Carican Costumes show 'How to Stay Healthy'

By Nelson A. King

Trinidadian Pat Nurse says her mas band, Carican Costumes, will demonstrate to masqueraders and spectators alike "How to Stay Healthy" during this year's West Indian American Day Carnival Parade.

Nurse, who has been participating in the parade for the past 15 years, told Caribbean Life that the mixed "How to Stay Healthy" production will comprise four children sections: Brush Your Teeth Every Day; Sports; Eat Healthy and Sleep Tight.

She said 20 masqueraders, of "every nationality," will perform in each section, with King, Queen and characters included.

Nurse said preparations to date for this year's parade have been "great."

"We always have volunteers, parents and some of the children helping," she said.

Nurse said the children masqueraders will be given refreshments, balloons, whistles and toys along the parade route, as they jig to the sounds of DJ Tolo.

From 2008-2017, Nurse said Carican Costumes, which she founded in 1997, has "always won a prize every year," adding that this year will not be an exception.

The mas camp is located at 547 Lincoln Pl., #2A, Brooklyn, between Franklin and Classon Aves.

Nurse can be reached at (718) 399-0076; email: Rnurse@ccny.cuny.edu, or PatNurse13@gmail.com.



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Kiddies band goes on a fantastic journey

By Giselle Fritz

Giselle Fritz and Associates has competed in the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA) Parade for the past 11 years. The band has had numerous successes, never failing to be among the first three places in the small band category. Its individuals have left their mark in both the Individual category and the King and Queen presentations.

Band Leader Giselle Fritz said the band has been involved in charitable work.

Last year, the band took a hiatus as members directed their attention to the ordination of a Trinidadian priest to be the bishop of Grenada.

This year Giselle Fritz and Associates will use their phenomenal experience from a fantastic journey to create a presentation of fantasy. "What a journey we had from a safari to the excellent and joyous celebration in an African village," said the band leader.

"What a Journey" is the name chosen for our 2018 presentation. Giselle Fritz and Associates fantasizes the



(left) These masqueraders portray the "Safari" section of the kiddies mas band and (right) some of the costumes that will be on display in "Blue Waters." Giselle Fritz and Associates

journey with these sections — Safari, Hunters, Royalty, Blue Waters, and Celebration. The sections will display brilliant costumes made of lame, African fabrics and lace, embellished with braid, glitter, sequins and rhinestones.

The band will cater for children ages one to 18 and is all inclusive. Parents are assured of their children's safety.

This year Patti Anne Williams joins Giselle Fritz and Associates. She brings years

of knowledge in the carnival industry. Michael Fuentes came on board this year to assist in constructing costumes.

"What a Journey" was created and designed by Giselle Fritz who has been designing and organizing junior bands in Trinidad and Brooklyn for more than 12 years.

"The aim of this presentation is to ensure that children enjoy themselves and come away with a sense that there is beauty in Africa. We feel



These masqueraders display "Royalty."

Giselle Fritz and Associates

great joy and excitement with this presentation," said the band leader.

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(Left) Marcel Sager and Karen Goldberg Sager are the husband-and-wife duo at Goldberg, Sager, and Associates, with (above) an office on Kings Highway in Midwood. Photos by Steve Solomonson

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Karen Goldberg Sager and Marcel Sager are the married law partners of Goldberg, Sager, and Associates.

The two personable attorneys understand that circumstances that require visiting a lawyer are often challenging ones, so they and the staff do their best to put everyone at ease. That includes having a 24-hour answering service.

"We give 100 percent to our clients," Karen Goldberg Sager says.

Ms. Sager is licensed to practice law in New York, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, local federal courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Her areas of concentration include car accidents, personal injuries, divorce and matrimonial, pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements, separation agreements, custody and visitation, child support, and relocating with children.

She has represented individuals who have been injured in automobile, bus, taxi, train, subway, and aviation accidents. She has worked on no-fault automobile cases and assisted pedestrians who have been struck by motor

vehicles. She has recovered millions of dollars for those who have suffered personal injuries, representing those who have been injured in slip and falls on sidewalks and on streets; at construction sites; building and work accidents; premises defects; elevator, escalator, and stair accidents. She has come to the assistance of those injured by animal bites, nursing home abuse, assault, defective and dangerous products, lead poisoning, birth injuries, wrongful death, and medical malpractice matters.

If the person who has suffered an injury is hospitalized or confined to home, she will come to them. Personal injury matters are accepted on a contingency fee basis, and if there is no recovery, there is no fee except for expenses. Those are payable at the conclusion of the matter.

When it comes to complex divorce and family court matters, Ms. Sager is the attorney you want on your side as she handles complex divorce and family matters, including those involving the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act and the Uniform Interstate Family

Support Act, which deal with interstate matters. She serves on various family court and family law committees of the Brooklyn Bar Association, and is a well-respected practitioner in the fields of family and marital law.

Marcel Sager is licensed to practice law in New York, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, Illinois, local federal courts, the U.S. Tax Court, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and an LL.M. in Taxation from the New York University School of Law.

His areas of expertise include the probate and administration of estates; Surrogate's Court proceedings and litigation, including will contests and judicial accountings; elder law; estate planning; drafting of wills; living wills; health care proxies; trusts and powers of attorney; guardianship proceedings for incapacitated and developmentally disabled individuals; real estate transactions in New York and New Jersey, including contracts and closings of houses, condominiums, cooperative apartments and commercial properties; and deed transfers.

He represents motorists and commercial truckers for

traffic tickets, violations, and citations, covering all five boroughs plus Nassau and Suffolk counties, Westchester and Rockland counties, upstate New York, and the surrounding areas of New Jersey.

"Our firm is keenly aware of the needs of the small business owner," Mr. Sager says. "We can represent you in the purchase and sale of franchise and non-franchise businesses including sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations."

The firm reviews and prepares leases, incorporates businesses, prepares business certificates, obtains tax identification numbers, prepares partnership and shareholder agreements, and answers business law-related questions.

The two attorneys both graduated law school in 1986, and have been married for 29 years. They met at a singles' weekend in the Catskills. Ms. Sager had been there the weekend prior with her parents, when she learned about the upcoming event. She had no plans to return so quickly, but two waiters — Danny and Irving — encouraged her to attend. As fate would have it, it snowed that weekend,

nearly preventing her from returning, as driving was a concern. Instead, she and her friends decided to take the Port Authority Bus.

Back then, the internet wasn't prominent. Instead, there was a big wooden board where single participants would write their likes and dislikes. Ms. Sager noticed a lawyer, the same age as she, who liked the Mets and Broadway shows. Using legal terminology, she wrote: "I make a motion that I meet you." But he never showed. However, before she left, he contacted her, and said, "Sanctions! You made a motion, but didn't meet me." Somehow, the meeting place was misconstrued — but there have been no motions to dismiss, as they've been together since then.

Ms. Sager says she has never forgotten the names of the two waiters who encouraged her to attend because her father-in-law's name was Irving, and her sister-in-law's father is named Danny.

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Reverence to the Haitian Revolution

By Tequila Minsky

Not a picnicker in sight! The usually bustling grassy corner of Prospect Park near Empire Blvd. was empty on Saturday, Aug. 11. Intermittent rain kept everyone away, except... except, that you can't change an anniversary date of enormous significance!

Artist James Deenps Bazile, known as Grand Bwa, founded and has been overseeing a ceremony that celebrates the anniversary, Aug. 14, 1791 — 227 years ago — of a rite that launched the Haitian revolution.

In spite of the rain, dedicated Haitian community members trickled to the edge of Prospect Park Lake to celebrate Bwa Kayiman, as they have at this spot for the past 26 years.

The story goes that in northern Haiti the night ceremony of Bwa Kay Iman occurred when enslaved habitants on the then French colony of Saint-Domingue met and swore to die fighting for freedom rather than live and have their descendants live in bondage. Vodou priest Boukman Dutty, brought from Jamaica and priestess Cecile Fatiman led the ceremony.

Seven days after the ceremo-

ny, the habitants rose up, torched plantations, killed enslavers and took control of the northern part of Saint-Domingue. In an uprising that lasted 13 years, more than 100,000 European troops died as well as the white enslavers that didn't flee. Haiti was proclaimed a free country on Jan. 1, 1804, taking her name from the indigenous Tainos who called the land Ayiti, land of mountains.

At Prospect Park, anticipating rain, early volunteers created shelter by stringing tarps to cover the ceremonial area and the observer section, scattered with folding chairs. A pole adorned with scarves of many colors stood center, functioning as the "potomitan"— the sacramental pillar in the middle of the space. And with that, what resembled a peristyle, a vodou temple emerged.

From another pole, draped in red, a framed picture of Jean-Jacques Dessalines hung. "Dessalines is regarded by Haitians as one of the outstanding heroes in the struggle against slavery and colonialism," Makini Armand informs. "He was a fierce warrior; his motto was 'koupe tet, boule kay,' cut off the head and

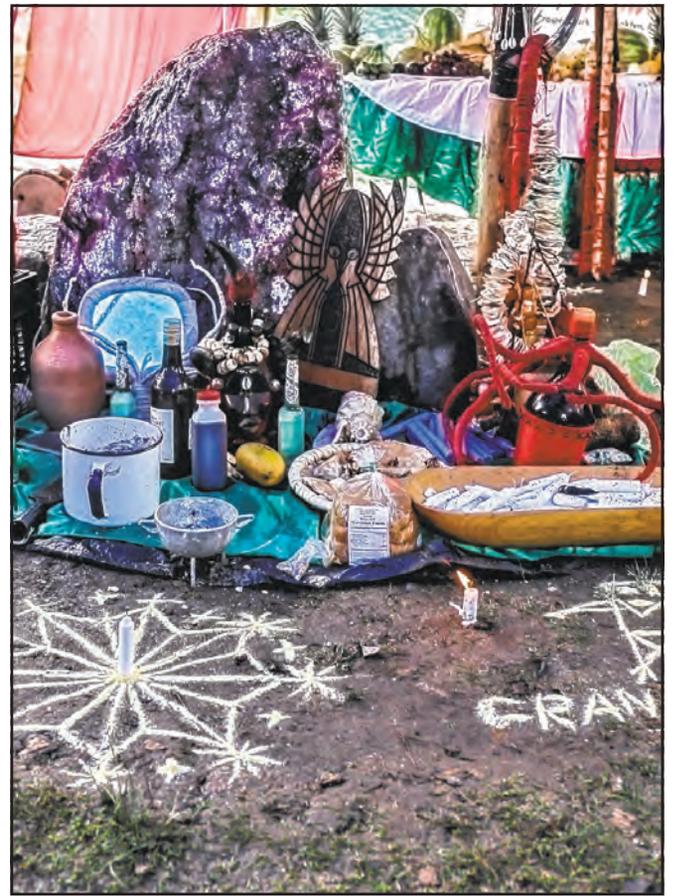
burn down the house."

Beginning with the formalities of the Haitian national anthem and Boukman's prayer, the ceremony continued for a good five hours with incantations, prayers, dancing and drumming celebrating the Haitian spirits.

Candles continued to be lit from the start and into the night. Armand explains that candles connect the physical world with the spiritual realm, and that the white candle is universal to all the spirits. She adds that candles are also lit for the ancestors because "our ancestors are the foundation of who we are. The flame represents the light of each person."

Years back, there had been a few tensions between organizers/celebrants and NY Parks and police. But, as Bwa Kayiman is clearly recognized as an important cultural event for the community, detente has been attained, along with a permit for the afternoon/evening ceremony.

On leaving the park that night, no others were to be seen. This once, the Haitian community had the corner all to themselves to pay homage on such a monumental occasion.



Veves are drawn in front of the altar before the ceremony begins. Photo by Tequila Minsky

National orders served in Jamaica

By Vinette K. Pryce

Distinguished Jamaican citizens were named by Gov. General Patrick Linton Allen for national honors on the 56th anniversary of independence and will be publicly presented with instruments of appreciation at King's House on Oct. 15, National Heroes Day.

Approximately 130 honorable citizens were included on the annual list of outstanding nationals however, topping the list of recipients is actor, activist, singer Harry Belafonte who will receive the Order of Merit, Jamaica's third highest award for his outstanding contribution in the field of music.

Belafonte, 91 was born Harold George Bellanfanti Jr. in Harlem to parents from Martinique and Jamaica.

It was his Jamaican mother Melvine Love who reared him and enabled him to spend eight of his early years on the island.

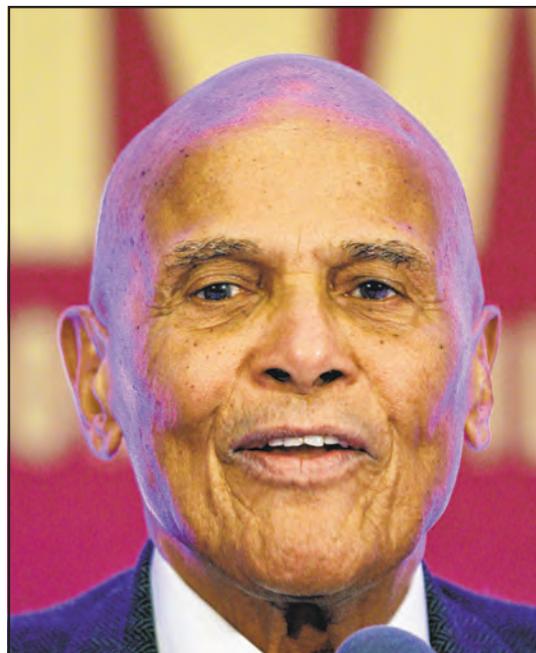
First introduced as a singer, he always acknowledged his Jamaica roots and Harlem bloom which he attributed to his success.

Throughout the years, Belafonte has managed to maintain relevance by providing entertainment and a political profile that heightened when he solicited celebrities to join him and Dr. Martin Luther King II to protest racial discrimination in the South.

His rise to international status, buoyed by recording the "Banana Boat Song (Day-O)" offered an infectious longing for the island and immediately became the signature track from a compilation album titled "Calypso."

That was 1956 when few recording sold numbers close to one million.

The son of the Jamaican immigrant sold more than that and in the process spawned other hits "Jump In The Line," and "Jamaica



U.S. singer Harry Belafonte speaks at a press conference at Viennale, the Vienna international film festival, in Vienna, Austria, Saturday

Associated Press / Ronald Zak, File

Farewell."

The hits also signaled the need for monitoring record sales and honoring the talents that contribute

to the music industry.

His trailblazing feat enabled the Grammy Awards.

His handsome looks did not hurt either.

Hollywood immediately seized on his good looks and tapped him for a starring role with Dorothy Dandridge in the film "Carmen Jones."

Belafonte portrayed a soldier in the classic showcase perhaps due to the character he lived while serving in the military and afterwards returning to Harlem before embarking on a musical career.

Four individuals will receive the Order of Jamaica, the second highest award which many equate to a British knighthood.

Actress, model, singer Grace Jones is among the select few to be acknowledged on the fall date for excellence in entertainment.

Godfrey Dyer who is acclaimed for his contribution to tourism will also receive an OJ.

A long list of recipients for the Order of Distinction includes Cong. Yvette Clarke who was also not born in Jamaica

but whose parents are reportedly Jamaican-born.

A provision for honorary membership permits foreign nationals to receive the precedence in the commander class.

Florida-based broadcaster Winston Barnes was also named for an OD in this class.

Social activist, filmmaker and writer Barbara Blake-Hannah, deejay Winston 'Yellowman' Foster, broadcaster Dermot Hussey, poet Joan Andrea Hutchinson, swimmer Alia Atkinson, former Reggae Sumfest promoter Johnny Gourzong and a long list of nationals will receive the OD in the rank of officer.

Other awards to be bestowed include recognition for meritorious service, badge of honor for long and meritorious service, badge of honor for long and faithful service and badge of honor for gallantry.

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Vincentian Lester C. Jack ages to perfection

By Nelson A. King

Nearly 200 family and church members, friends and supporters Saturday night celebrated the 90th Birthday of Vincentian Lester C. Jack at a gala ceremony, dubbed "Aged to Perfection," at Glen Terrace on Avenue N in Brooklyn.

Patrons — including many of Jack's church family members at Fenimore Street United Methodist Church (FSUMC) in Brooklyn — basked in the extraordinary celebration while toasting the "Birthday Boy."

Among the celebrants were five members of the clergy, who bestowed glowing tributes on Jack, a former FSUMC lay speaker: The Rev. Dr. Maxine Nixon, FSUMC pastor; Revs. Andrea Moore Smith, Heidi Thomas and Camella Fairweather Porter — pastors at United Methodist churches, among others; as well as Pastor Alwyn Craigg, the Vincentian-born founder of Abundant Life Christian Center on Church Avenue in Brooklyn. Trinidadian DJ Alfa provided

music; Grenadian Kenny John gave a "Trumpeter's call"; Earl Brooks, Jr., played the steel pan; and Trinidadian Patricia Senhouse, a member of FSUMC Chancel Choir, delighted with a solo rendition.

But it was 15-year-old Shana Belfast, Jack's great niece and aspiring Broadway star, who, unmistakably, brought the house down with a heart-throbbing rendition of "Gimme, Gimme," evoking a standing ovation and sustained applause.

Patrons described Jack, among other superlatives, as generous, kind, loving, caring, giving and warm.

Before offering the opening prayer, Dr. Nixon described Jack as "General Jack," adding — along with Pastors Moore Smith, Thomas, Fairweather Porter and Craigg — that she was honored to participate in the gala celebration.

Moore Smith said Jack was "always a strength and inspiration"; Thomas lauded him for

his constant encouragement; Fairweather Porter said he is "a pillar of what it means to be a good man"; and Craigg, who hails from the same village, Evesham, in the Marriqua Valley in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as Jack, said that he has always held him in "high esteem."

Jack's nieces — sisters Alyssa and Deidre Alexander, and Lou-Ann Daisley — said their uncle has always been "generous and kind."

"His unwavering support, consistent confidence in our abilities and resolute ways will always be with me," said Deidre, a lawyer. "I will always be thankful for his presence in my life — for the 30 something years I've been blessed to know him and for his 90 wonderful years on this earth."

Younger sister Alyssa, who is pursuing a master's degree in psychology at Long Island University, said: "For as long as I have known Uncle Les [short for Lester], he has always been



Lester Jack blows out candles on his special 90th birthday cake. Photo by Nelson A. King

generous and kind.

"He was more of a father figure than an uncle," she said. "Even until this day, at the age

of 26, Uncle Les always looks out for me and doesn't hesitate to lend any support that he can," she added.

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"Parents and guardians should help kids pre-



pare for a great school year by making sure they are healthy, up to date on their immunizations, well rested, and ready to learn," said Warren Seigel, MD, chairman of Pediatrics at NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island. "We know that healthy students are better learners, and a healthy school envi-

ronment gives all students the best chance to learn and grow."

NYC Health + Hospitals also offers parents and guardians 7 health tips to help children get ready for the school year, including advice on vaccination requirements, flu shots, nutrition, sleep, setting routines, and limiting screen

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Theater actor David Heron.

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Jamaican actor moving up

By Alexandra Simon

Last month Jamaican theatre actor David Heron finished the closing of a production of “Romeo and Juliet” at the Shakespeare Festival in St. Louis, Missouri. It was the actor’s sixth appearance in a Shakespeare play, and the show was record-breaking attendance for the festival’s show ever, and it was awing moment for him.

“The run was amazing. I’ve done Shakespeare in front of thousands of people before, but never in a park with

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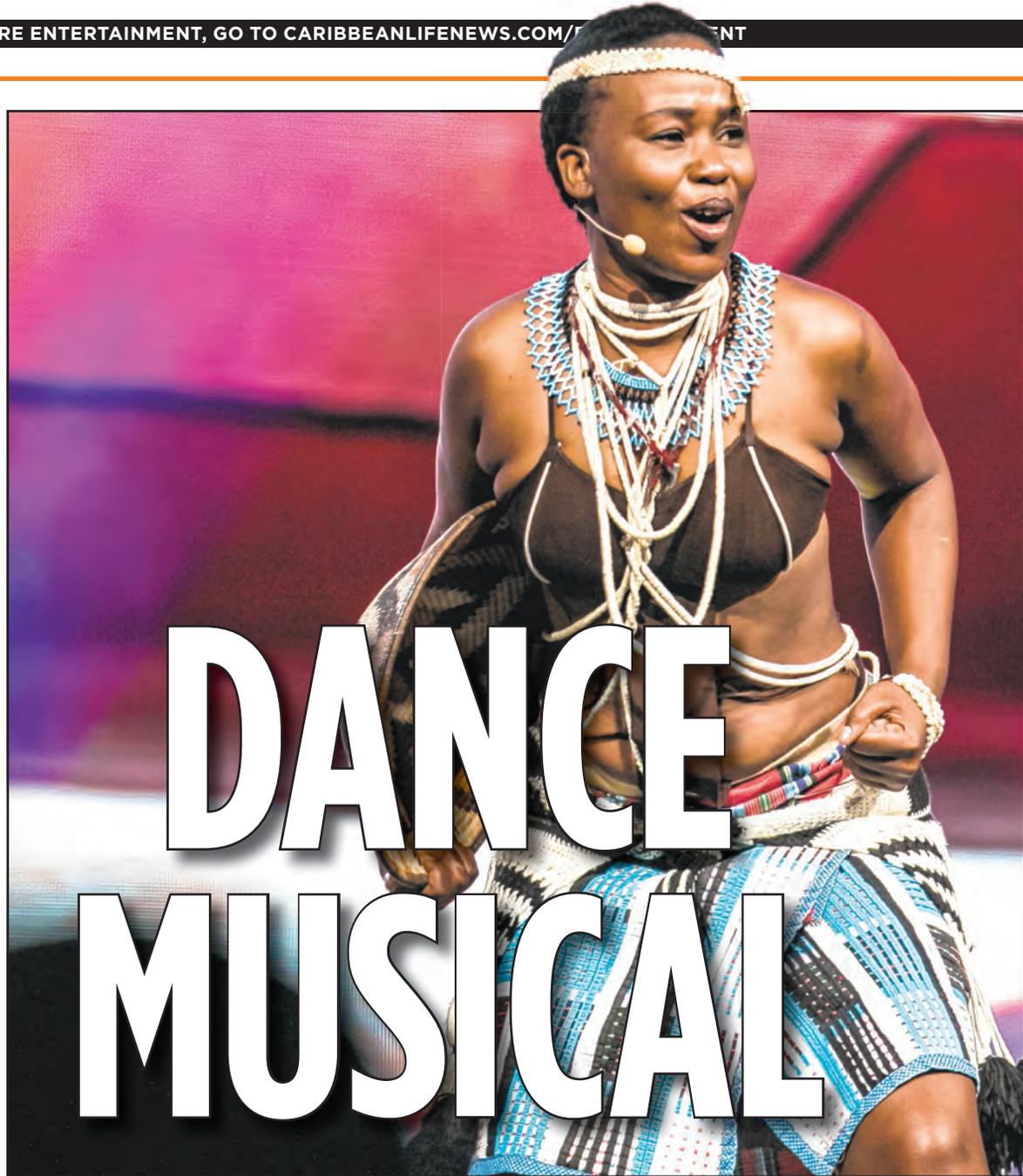
Arts council’s mas camps tour

By Tequila Minsky

“It’s our first endeavor of its kind,” explains Brooklyn Arts Council folk arts director Chris Mulé, elaborating on the Council’s first guided Brooklyn Pan Yard Tour to mas camps in Brooklyn. Leaving from the Brooklyn Museum on Aug. 23, from 7 pm — 11 pm, participants will visit six locations starting in Crown Heights.

Collaborating with J’Ouvert City International and City Lore, this is an opportunity to see the complexity of masquerade and steel bands as they prepare for J’Ouvert (6 am procession on day of the parade) and Carnival, in industrial yards and abandoned spaces in Crown Heights and East New York. Mulé emphasizes that “expressions for J’Ouvert revelers are steeped in tradi-

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The I love Botswana Ensemble will be performing on Broadway on Aug. 22 and 23.

Thalefang Charles

PULA! Botswana on Broadway

Battery Dance presents a dance theatre musical, PULA! Botswana on Broadway, sponsored by the Botswana Tourism Organisation, on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018 at 3 pm and 8 pm and Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018 at 8 pm at The PlayStation Theater, 1515 Broadway, NYC. Tickets start at \$40 and are available at www.botswanaonbroadway.com.

Pula, or rain, is highly cherished in Botswana, a semi-arid country in Africa. This fictional play — anchored on the practical and mysti-

cal relationship that Batswana have with rain — traces how rain brings humans, plants and animals under one Botswana sky.

Because of this close relationship with rain, Batswana have always had endless names for rain depending on whether the rain is creating or destroying, whether it is before or after the planting of crops. And so, when drought hits one tiny village in Botswana, the chief assembles his villagers to find a solution. One young woman, Mmapula, is identi-

fied as the Rainmaker who must set forth in adventurous search of a specific type of life-giving rain for her people.

This spell-binding musical from Botswana chronicles a rainmaker’s quest to regain her powers. Her physical and spiritual rite of passage takes her to the inland delta and savannas of their homeland whereupon she consults tribespeople, and animal and plant communities for wisdom. In this community, where

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life is lived in communion with all living beings, the Rainmaker — through traditional song and dance — unites all creation toward the goal of bringing rain to her desert land. The result is an exhilarating celebration of all life, with a powerful heart-warming twist.

I love Botswana Ensemble was co-created and produced by Botswana Tourism Organisation as well as Mophato Dance Theatre under the direction of Andrew Letso Kola for the International Tourism Bourse (ITB) Berlin 2017 conference in Germany. Botswana was the first sub-Saharan country to partner with ITB, the largest travel show in the world.

The ensemble is a collaborative assortment of seven modern and traditional performing arts groups which have come together to tell cultural stories of



The cast of I love Botswana Ensemble will be performing PULA! Botswana on Broadway on Aug. 22 and 23.

humanity and the earth through the ever enigmatic of Botswana lens. I love Botswana represented

and raised the Botswana flag in Germany, USA, and Denmark in March and August 2017 respec-

tively. The ensemble promotes cultural tourism through music, dance and acting.

Moving up

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3,000 to 4,000 people every night," he said.

Every year in the city's Forest Park, is a major festival celebrating the English writer's work. In the play, Heron played Lord Montague. As a Shakespeare enthusiast, Heron is no stranger to the his plays. He has played in various Shakespeare productions playing the a variety of characters — from Octavius in "Julius Caesar," Roderigo in "Othello," Laertes in "Hamlet," and several more.

He feels very connected to the late playwright's work not only as an actor, but as a writer.

"I'm a big fan of Shakespeare," said Heron. "I love how he structure his plays and I admire the sharp and clear characters that he creates. But the thing I admire the most about Shakespeare's work is the beautiful language and the poetry — it's wonderful."

And being able to act in various productions from his training days to now as a season actor,

"I also love the timelessness of his plays," he said. "We're talking about plays



Actors David Heron and Patrice Foster as Lord and Lady Montague in "Romeo And Juliet" at Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis.

David Levy

he wrote 400 years ago, and whether one chooses to stage in traditional way, or modernize it — the subjects is still very contemporary whether you do and the characters are still so relevant."

As one of the few visible Caribbean actors classically trained and performing Shakespeare, he says sometimes the realization is surreal.

"It's very interesting when people say that got me," said Heron. "There are very few Caribbean actors doing theater at a certain level, and it always take me a minute or two to digest that and what it means."

Mas camps tour

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tional music (steelpan, Haitian rara), dance and costuming (masquerade)."

Mulé and cultural guide J'Ouvert City International's Yvette Rennie will lead the tour to three mas camps and three steel pan yards including Despers USA and Phagwah Mas.

Visitors might experience practicing of steel band orchestras, tuning and toning by steel pan drum makers and technicians, steel band arrangement techniques by composers and arrangers, and wire bending and design techniques by mas camps.

"For neighbors of J'Ouvert and the Caribbean Day Parade

as well as the general public, our goal is to raise awareness of the process and preparations of what it takes for the celebration," said Mulé. "It's for people interested in traditional arts."

He added that as gentrification affects the neighborhoods of Crown Heights and Flatbush, and the garage rents rise where the workshops take place, mas camps move farther from the center of the parade. Mulé gives the example of D'Radoes that has moved its mas camp to East New York.

City Lore's Poet Mobile has limited bus transportation seating for the tour (\$40, register at BrooklynArtsCouncil.org). A guided-tour timeline will be available for those taking public transportation.

BAC folk arts director Chris Mulé explains his division, "We present, safeguard, preserve, and promote traditional art forms of primarily ethnic groups in Brooklyn," citing Irish, Italian, Jewish, Pakistani, Arabic as well as Caribbean groups he works with. "We're interested in music, dance and material culture. This tour definitely fits into our mission." BAC is starting small for its first tour.



Boroughite Yvette Rennie puts her best foot forward for Haiti's earthquake victims. Photo by Paul Martinka, File

Heir takes fiancée' home to meet picky mom

"Crazy Rich Asians"
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and suggestive content
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with subtitles
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Michelle Yeoh (Eleanor), Henry Golding (Nick) and Constance Wu (Rachel) star in "Crazy Rich Asians." www.rottentomatoes.com

By Kam Williams

Even though Nick (Henry Golding) and Rachel (Constance Wu) have been dating for a few years, they don't know much about each other's background. That's because they live in New York City where he's never bothered to reveal that he's from one the wealthiest families in Singapore, and she's never talked about her humble roots, having been raised

by a single-mom immigrant (Kheng Hua Tan) to the U.S. from China.

The difference in social status never affected their relationship, since Nick's so unassuming, and ambitious Rachel beat the odds by getting a great education en route to becoming

an economics professor at NYU. In fact, they've gotten along so well that he's seriously considering proposing. He's even picked out a diamond ring.

However, he'd first like to take her home to meet the folks, especially his domineering mother, Eleanor (Michelle

Yeoh). An opportunity arises when Nick is invited to Singapore for the impending wedding of his best friend, Colin (Chris Pang).

Rachel agrees to go and upon arriving finally learns that her beau is one of the island's most eligible bachelors. However, not

only does she soon find herself unfairly accused of being a gold digger, but she's warned "You will never be enough!" by his disapproving mom.

Will class differences doom this fairy tale romance? Or will Rachel win over Nick's relatives and friends during her brief stay? That is the burning question fueling the fires of "Crazy Rich Asians," a delightful dramedy directed by Jon M. Chu (Now You See Me 2).

Based on Kevin Kwan's semi-autobiographical novel of the same name, the film features a colorful cast of characters played by a talented ensemble of Asian actors. Besides the love story at the heart of the tale, the picture features enough comic relief and intriguing subplots to hold you in its thrall from beginning to end.

It's hard to fathom why it has taken Hollywood a quarter-century to mount another Asian-centric, big budget production like this, given the success of *The Joy Luck Club* in 1993. And don't let the title fool you. This engaging, cross-cultural saga is a surefire hit with universal appeal!

Independent & Foreign

Alt-Right: Age of Rage (Unrated) Political documentary revisiting last summer's neo-Nazi march in Charlottesville, Virginia leading to the murder of counter-demonstrator Heather Heyer. Featuring commentary by Antifa activist Daryle Lamont Jenkins and white supremacist Richard Spencer.

Billionaire Boys Club (R for sexuality, violence, drug use and pervasive profanity) Remake of the 1987 of the fact-based crime thriller, set in L.A. in the Eighties, about a gang of preppies who murder an investor (Kevin Spacey) in their get-rich-quick Ponzi scheme. Co-starring Ansel Elgort, Taron Egerton, Bokeem Woodbine and Emma Roberts.

Do You Trust This Computer? (Unrated) Cautionary documentary warning of the perils of the impending Artificial Intelligence era in which self-learning computers are apt to control virtually every aspect of our lives.

Juliet, Naked (R for profanity) Adaptation of the Nick Hornby novel of the same name about a diehard rock fan (Chris O'Dowd) whose jaded girlfriend (Rose Byrne) falls in love with the obscure musician (Ethan Hawke) he's become obsessed with. Supporting cast includes Jimmy O. Yang, Megan Dodds and Lily Newmark.



Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Minding the Gap (Unrated) Rust Belt documentary, set in Rockford, Illinois, chronicling a dozen years in the lives of three skateboarding BFFs from adolescence to facing adult responsibilities.

A Whale of a Tale (Unrated) Eco-expose' revisiting Taiji, the Japanese fishing village denounced for dolphin hunting in the 2010 Oscar-winning documentary, *The Cove*. (In Japanese with subtitles)

The Wife (R for profanity and some sexuality) Glenn Close plays the title character in this adaptation of Meg Wolitzer's best seller of the same name about an aging woman who comes to question the 40 years of self-sacrificing which enabled her husband (Jonathan Pryce) to win the Nobel Prize for literature. With Christian Slater, Max Irons and Elizabeth McGovern

WIDE RELEASES

Alpha (PG-13 for intense peril) Ice Age tale of survival chronicling the unlikely friendship forged between a lone wolf abandoned by its pack and an injured young man (Kodi Smit McPhee) separated from his tribe. With Leonor Varela, Jens Hulten and Natassia Malthe.

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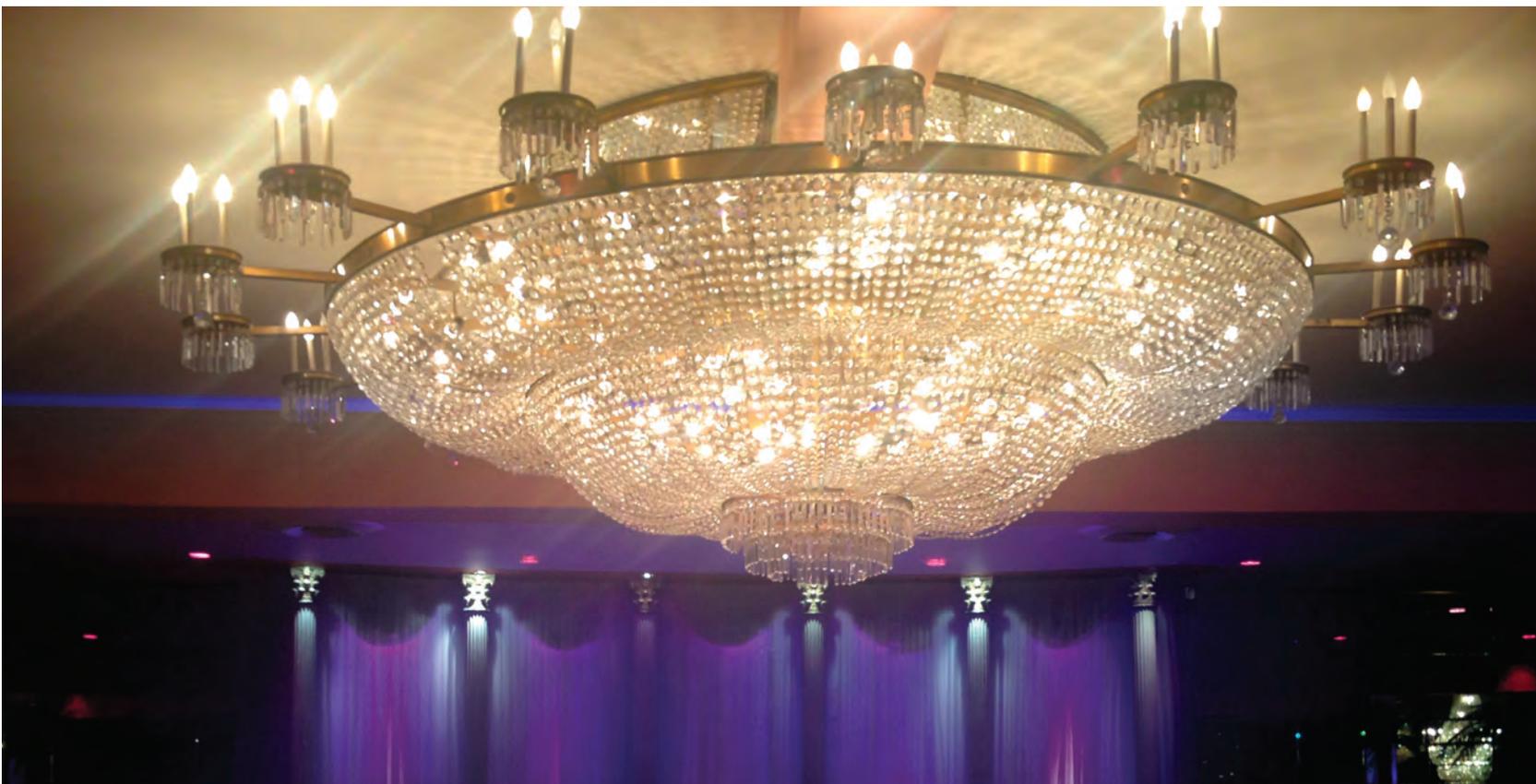
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West Indies' Andre Russell who also captains Jamaica Tallawahs, hits a six during a Twenty20 international cricket match against Bangladesh, Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018, in Lauderhill, Fla. Associated Press / Lynne Sladky

Andre Russell stuns TKR

By Azad Ali

Incredible! Unbelievable! Shocking! These were the words to describe the destructive innings by Jamaica Tallawahs new captain Andre Russel that led to an improbable victory against the Trinidad and Tobago Knight Riders (TKR) on the second day of the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) at the Queen's Park Oval last Friday night.

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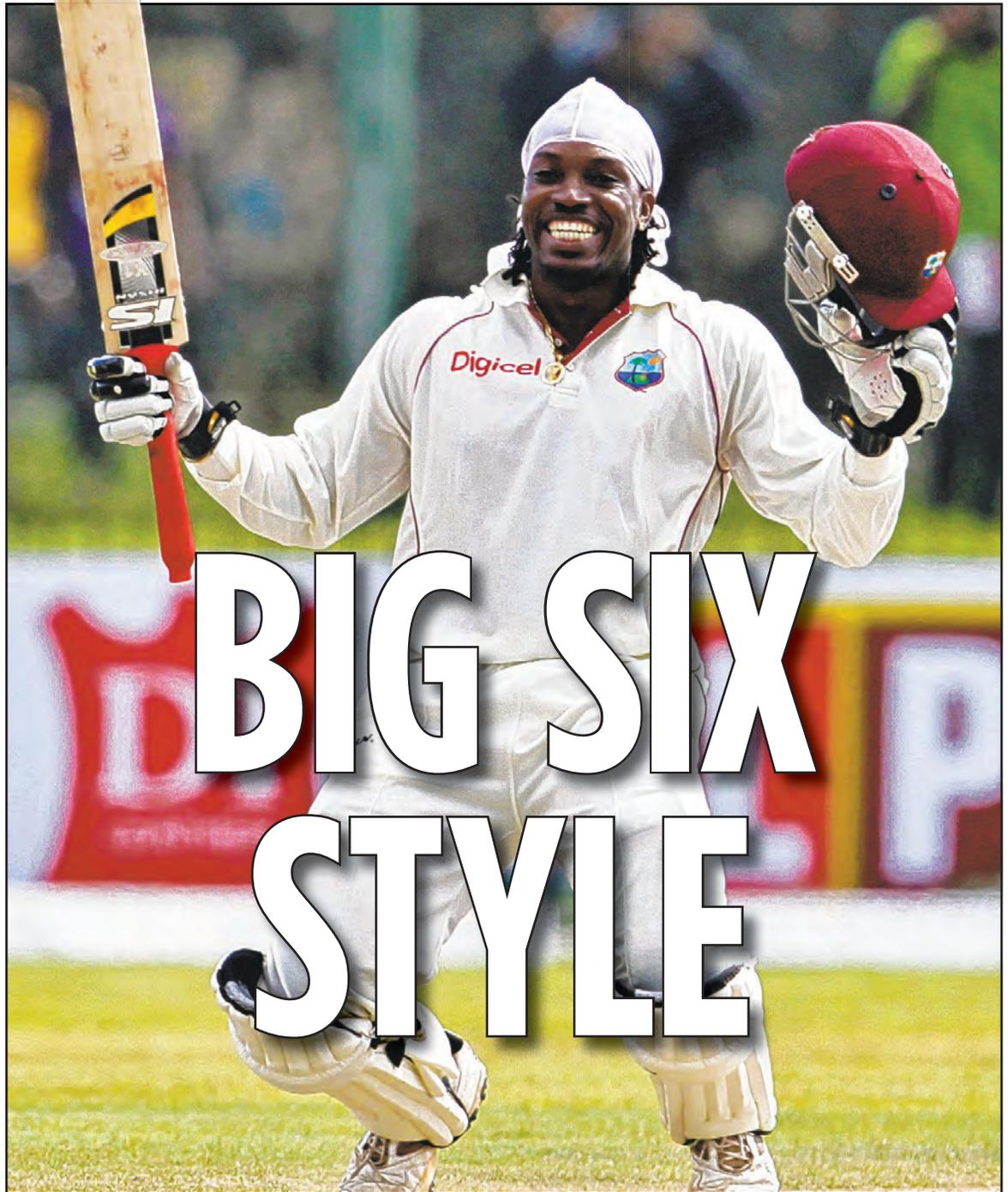
T&T grabs 30 medals at CAC Games

By Azad Ali

Trinidad and Tobago athletes grabbed 30 medals — nine gold, which equaled its best tally ever of eight silver and 13 bronze at the recent Central American and Caribbean Games (CAC) in Barranquilla, Colombia which ended last week,

Included in the record gold medal hauls are three gold medals for USA-based swimmer Dylan Carter, three for cyclist Nicholas Pail, two of which were individual, a first ever in women's cycling for Teneil Campbell, a third straight for shot-putter Cleoptra Borel and a second gold and bronze for jave-

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BIG SIX STYLE

West Indies batsman Chris Gayle celebrates after scoring a triple century during Test cricket match between Sri Lanka and West Indies in Galle, Sri Lanka. Associated Press / Eranga Jayawardena, File

Gayle promises explosive batting at 2019 World Cup

By Azad Ali

Veteran West Indies opener, Chris Gayle is promising hitting big sixes at the World Cup next year and insists his explosive style has changed the one-day game.

Gayle is well known for that one-day feat appearing in Twenty20 games around the world and has

scored more than 3,000 runs in the Indian Premier League (IPL)-including hundreds of boundaries.

He hit 142 runs in a recent one-day international series against Bangladesh that the West Indies lost 2-1

Gayle told reporters that leading up to the 2019 World Cup and play

in England that is the objective he wants to meet.

The hard-hitting Jamaican has equaled former Pakistan Shahid Afridi's record of 476 sixes in all formats of the game during his 73-run knock in the third match against Bangladesh recently.

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Trinidad places 9th at CAC games



Trinidad and Tobago's Dylan Carter at the 2016 Summer Olympics, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Associated Press / Lee Jin-man, File

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lin thrower, Keshon Walcott.

Four years ago at the 22nd CAC Games in Veracruz, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago ended in tenth spot with 11 medals, two gold, one silver and eight bronze from 197 athletes.

The medal tally was the smallest return for Trinidad and Tobago since 1990 in Mexico. Trinidad and Tobago managed 13 medals, five silver and eight bronze.

In 2010 in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago captured its biggest ever medal, 34 (nine gold, 12 silver and 13 bronze) for the eight spot on the medal table, while in Colombia (2006) Trinidad and Tobago won 21 medals (four gold, nine silver and 11 bronze).

T&T has won a total of 230 medals in the history of the CAC games, 50 gold, 83 silver and 106 bronze to be the second-ranked English-speaking Caribbean country behind Jamaica's 367 medal haul — 113 gold, 212 silver and 133 bronze.

Smashing Gayle

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Gayle holds the Twenty20 record of 18 sixes in an innings during the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL)

game last year and says his smash-the-ball style has changed the limited-overs game.

He is tipping names like Evin Lewis, his opening partner, Shimron Hetmyer and Shai Hope to make an impact at the World Cup in England next year.

TKR sets record-breaking total

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TKR had set a record-breaking total of 223 for six in their first turn at the crease, only to see the destructive Russell, who was on the rampage hitting 13 monstrous sixes on his way to the fastest ever CPL century off just 40 balls to successfully chase the highest ever CPL score of 223 for six.

He beat the previous record of 11 sixes held by Chris Gayle and Evin Lewis.

Russell captured a rare hat-trick to literally steal the show and the game away from the TKR.

The sell-out 18,000 crowd at the Oval, who was dancing when the Tallawahs were reeling at 41 for five, became quiet as they saw their team heading for defeat.

The cheering fans were stunned after Russell took the attack to the TKR bowlers and scored an amazing unbeaten 121 off 49 balls.

Russell was dropped off the first ball by Ali Khan — a difficult running catch — The TKR found Russell impossible to bowl too and the bowlers had to watch as the balls flew over the boundary.

In the meantime his batting partner Kennar Lewis looked on as Russell stole the show to power his team to victory with three balls to spare. Lewis had scored 52 runs and was out when his team had needed 22 runs of the

last two overs to win the game.

The game was still in the balance with 53 runs required from the last 24 balls when Russell took 20 from the 17th over bowled by Bravo and 17 from the next over from Fawad Ahmed.

TKR captain Dwayne Bravo came under assault as Russell struck him for 22 runs and he blasted Jason Searles for 18 runs in one over.

By then the Tallawahs had needed 16 from the last two overs which Russell put to put to bed in the final over when he cleared the ropes at long-on off Sunil Narine.

Russell was coming into the game with fastest ever century at the CPL against the same opposition in 2016, but went two balls better with his century.

He was involved in a world record six-wicket stand with Lewis. Their stand bettered the previous best sixth wicket of 126 by Calum MacLeod and John Hastings for Durham against Northern in the Natwest Blast of 2014.

Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan had traveled all the way from India to see his very own players put tears in his eyes, as Twenty20 star Russell who plays for his other team the Kolkata Riders in the Indian Premier League (IPL) score a dramatic win over TKR. Khan is the franchise holder for the TKR.





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Barbadian tennis player abused

By George Alleyne

Racism pops up its ugly head anywhere, and sports stars usually get their fair share of it, so there was no surprise when leading Barbadian tennis player, Darian King, came in for servings of this horrid abuse recently.

Angry sports betters pounced on the leading Barbados tennis player, ranked number 173 in the world, after he suffered an upset loss to 283 ranked Laurynas Grigelis, in an ATP World Tour fixture in Binghamton, New York, bombarding his Instagram account with racial slurs along with other insults.

Among the invectives hurled by these persons who apparently lost bets on what should seemed a sure-win game for King was, "Go back to jungle, brainless monkey"; "I genuinely hope someone breaks your legs or that you crash your car, you match fixing disgrace..."; "wish you cancer match-fixer. Wish your mother cancer too".

The vulgarity in some of the other messages posted after the July 27 match make them unpublishable.

"It comes with the sport, unfortunately, and I have gotten used to it," the Nation newspaper reported King saying.

Adding that in Tennis as in many other sports anyone could lose on a bad day regardless of ranking, he said "we don't ever play to lose, and people must understand this is a job for us and I'm just here trying to work through this process".

"You just have to blank that out and forget that stuff, but we're told to report these types of things because you really don't want to be seeing these racist comments and threats to your family.

"I'm not sure if there is anything the authorities can do about it, but it would be great if we didn't have to deal with it because this is a job like anything else and one that comes with

absolutely no guarantees," he said.

What appears to be guaranteed however is that professional athletes will continue to suffer abuses, which are made even worse when spiced with racial slurs.



Barbadian tennis player Darian King.

Photo by George Alleyne





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Taurus, asking for assistance is not a sign of weakness. In fact, it is a true test of strength because it means getting help before situations turn worse. Accept help graciously.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21
Express your creativity every chance you get, Gemini. Sooner or later one of your ideas will appeal to another person, and this could just be the catalyst you need.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, sometimes the first step to starting something big is just believing you can do it. Then all you have to do is put all of the other factors in play.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23
Stay focused on the journey and you will certainly get to the destination in record time, Leo. You have a passionate desire to see things finished through the end.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, this week presents a perfect opportunity to focus on a project you have been meaning to revisit. It's good to relax, but free time this week may be better spent working.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you're inclined to focus on others, but it may be time to carve out some time to care for yourself. If you burn out, everyone will pay the price.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22
It's hard to run away from love and romance this week, Scorpio. Prioritize an existing relationship or devote more time to a budding one.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21
It is time to decompress between adventures, Sagittarius. Try sticking closer to home this week and take a breather. There will be plenty of exploration down the road.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, accept constructive criticism, which is a part of many successful endeavors. Take away important lessons and apply them now and in the future.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18
Sometimes the best way to improve your bank account isn't by racking up long hours, but by moving into a career you love, Aquarius. Now is a great time to explore your options.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20
You often put other people's needs before your own, Pisces. Others appreciate this and may attempt to express their gratitude in the coming days.

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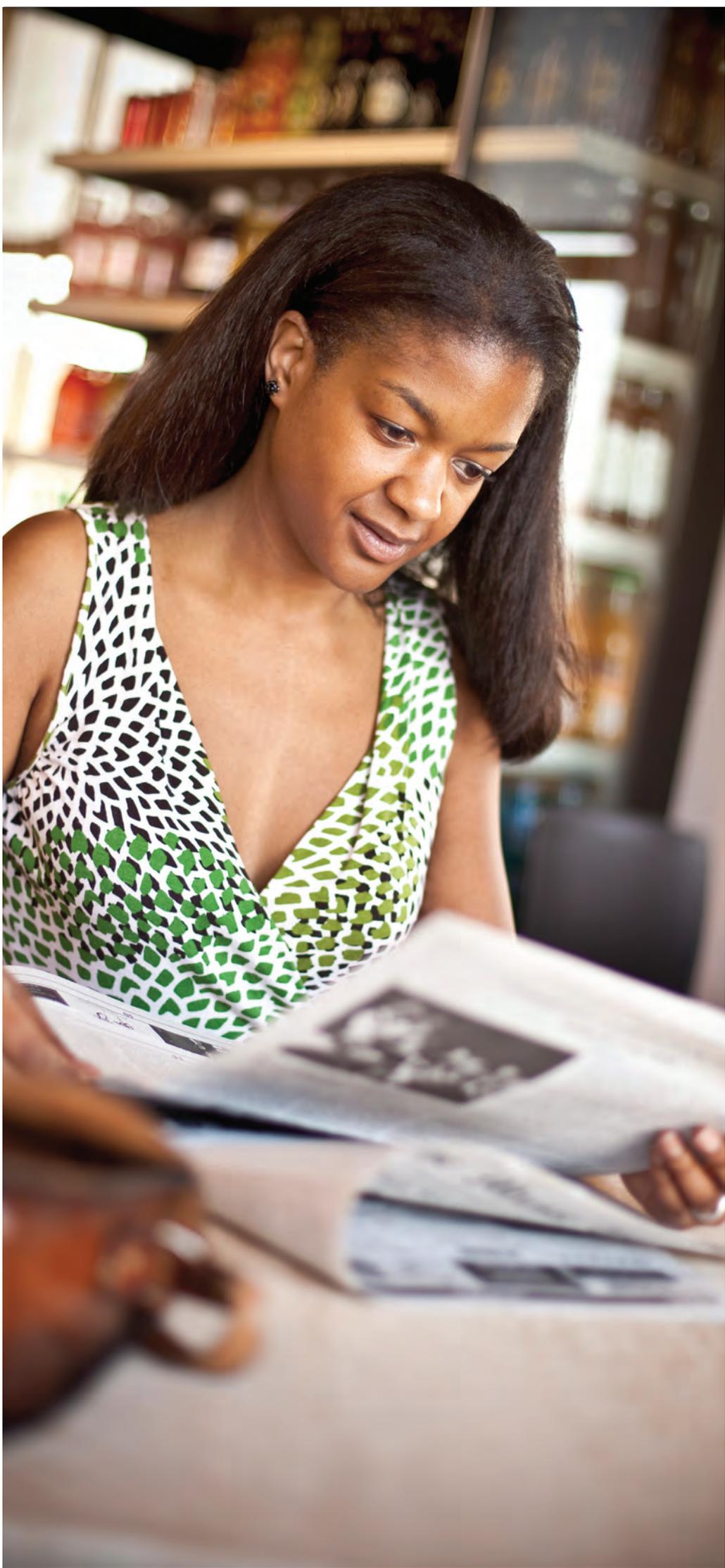
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