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Caribbean American New York City Councilman Jumanne Williams, flanked by Haitian American Assemblywoman Rodneyse Bichotte (to his right) and other elected officials, announces his candidacy for public advocate

Williams launches campaign for public advocate in New York

By Nelson A. King

committee last month with the New York City Board of Elections in anticipation of the race, Brooklyn Democratic Council Member Jumaane

Williams on Wednesday offi- zations stand by me today, as After opening a campaign cially launched his campaign to become New York City's next public advocate.

> "It's an honor to have so many of my colleagues and progressive grassroots organi

I officially announce my run for public advocate," said Williams, the son of Grenadian immigrants, at a rally on the steps of City Hall in lower

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WINDRUSH RESIDENTS IN LIMBO

Caribbean pressing England to compensate those illegally deported to the region

By Bert Wilkinson

Dispatches concerning the status of Caribbean nationals who wrongly deported to the region after being invited to settle in the United Kingdom after World War Two continue to be depressing. British authorities reported this week that an increasing number of people they have been trying to contact to repatriate them back to the UK are either dead or remain in hiding from the shame and humiliation of their deportation and, in some cases, from the abject state of their destitution.

Most of those incorrectly yanked from their homes or jobs and put on a plane back

to the region were nationals of Jamaica and authorities there are vowing to step up efforts to ensure that the British government properly compensates them and help those they find to get back on their feet, access health care and other systems and reunite with long lost fam-

In the late 1940s, London sent cruise ships like the Empire Windrush to the region to pick up nationals interested in settling in the UK to help rebuild a nation shattered by daily German air raids that destroyed entire cities and towns. Thousands of Caribbean citizens from Guyana in the south to

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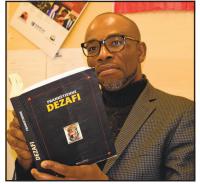
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Professor of sociology and founding director of the CUNY Haitian Studies Institute, Jean Eddy Saint Paul, reading a novel by Haitian novelist and scholar, Franketienne.

Photo by Alexandra Simon

CUNY's institute celebrates Haiti's scholars

By Alexandra Simon

The CUNY Haitian Studies Institute (HSI) is a fairly new but beneficial resource center housed at Brooklyn College. Founded in 2016 by the university's board of trustees — it is an academic division that offers information on the study of Haiti and its Diaspora, and also examines research that reflects how minor or major changes in Haiti can influence Haitian and non-Haitian communities abroad.

The institute is headed by its founding director and sociology professor, Jean Eddy Saint Paul, who is of Haitian descent. As a former librarian and the man building it from the ground up, he said he felt an immense sense of pride leading the city's only Haitian-centric educational institute — as the only other institute on Haitian studies in the states is located at The University of Kansas. He also says it is important to him that he left behind valuable compilations of Haitian scholarly work.

"For me personally, it's very important and I'm using an academic platform to promote Haiti to create a legacy, not only for the current generation, but for future generations," said Saint Paul.

He added that because of Haiti's perception around the world due to political instability, poverty, and vulnerability to natural disaster, it was pertinent that the HSI existed

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Perry honors 11 at annual gala celebration



Back row: From left, Senator Kevin Parker, Pastor Charles Galbreath, Anthony Wells, President of SSEU Local 371, Monique Waterman, DJ Madd Fyre, Assemblyman Nick Perry, Hugh Bent, Jr. Front row: From left, Melba Brown, Nakoley Renvile, Lynda Williams-Canaii, Mazeda Uddin, Tanya Bloker and Joyce Perry. Office of Assemblyman Nick Perry

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Assemblyman Nick Perry was recently joined by many colleagues, community leaders and supporters at a packed Paradise Caterers on Avenue U in Brooklyn celebrating 11 community figures at his annual gala honor ceremony.

The honorees were: Social Service Employees Union Local President, Anthony Wells; Derek Jordan; Alex Rovt, Ph. D; Monique Waterman; Mazeda A. Uddin; Tanya N. Blocker, Esq; the Rev. Charles O. Galbreath; Nakoley Renville; Hugh Bent Jr.; Lynda Williams-Canaii; and Nigel Greenidge aka DJ Madd Fyre.

Joining the Jamaican-born Perry were Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, Sen. Kevin Parker; Sen.-Elect Zellnor Myrie; Assemblywomen Rodneyse Bichotte, Diana Richardson and Latrice Walker; Councilman Jumaane Williams; and District Leaders Cory Provost and Melba P. Brown.

"I ask that you join me in lauding our honorees for their extraordinary efforts," said Perry, representative for the 58th Assembly District. "We encourage them to keep doing what they believe in and what they have done so well in improving the quality of life in our great city, state and nation, and setting stellar examples that others can emulate.

"To all friends and relatives who guided by her desire to improve have joined us in our celebration, I by working with the community commend you for standing by these helping it overcome its struggles.

heroines and heroes, who, by their unselfish deeds, touch so many of the lives in so many very positive ways," he added.

Wells received the Champion of Workers' Rights Award.

Social Service Employees Union Local 371, founded in 1961, is part of District Council 37 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO).

Jordan received the Distinguished Labor Leader Award. He has a labor studies certificate from Cornell Labor College, a certificate from Cornell Labor College Black Trade Leadership Academy, and has graduated from Cornell's Advanced Labor Union Leadership Program in Ithaca, NY.

Dr. Rovt received the Champion of Quality Healthcare Award. An ardent supporter of children's charities, Dr. Rovt is the main sponsor, trustee and president of ZDR Yeshiva Rambam, and co-sponsor, trustee and Vice President of Yeshiva of Flatbush, both located in Brooklyn.

Waterman received the Distinguished Community Service Award. She is a public servant, advocate and activist, who believes in community.

Her terms as president for the East 29th Street and East 46th Street Block Associations marked her foundational work in civic engagement, which is guided by her desire to improve lives by working with the community and helping it overcome its struggles.

Uddin received the Outstanding Humanitarian & Civil Rights Advocacy Award. She is the first South Asian (Bengali) woman who is working with the elected members for the South Asian communities for over 30 years.

Blocker received the Outstanding Legal Advocate Award. She recently join the firm Davis Wright Tremaine (DWT), where her practice concentrates on employment law.

Rev. Galbreath received the Outstanding Ecumenical Service Award. He serves as the senior pastor of Clarendon Road Church (CRC) in Brooklyn.

Renville received the Outstanding Educator Award. He is the principal of Public School 208K — The Elsa Ebeling School in Brooklyn.

Jamaican-born Bent, Jr. is chief executive office of the Brooklyn Pharaohs. The football team is renowned around the New York area.

Williams-Canaii is a member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. Her involvement with the youth began with the Boy Scouts Troop and Pack 261. She is also involved in the Children's Ministry & Spiritual Formation (Sunday school).

Trinidadian Greenidge migrated to Brooklyn in 1988, where he has resided for the last 30 years.

As a DJ for over 20 years, Greenidge, also known as "DJ Madd Fyre," has brought together his love for music and love for community on many occasions and in varying measures.

THE NEWS FROM BACK HOME

Antigua

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister, Gaston Browne said the United States should not be concerned at the growing influence of China among developing countries.

He says, rather than to criticize Beijing, Washington should seek to provide more aid to developing countries rather than spend billions on useless wars.

Browne was critical with the Donald Trump administration after US Secretary of State, Michael B. Pompeo is reported to have



warned countries against accepting gifts from Beijing.

Pompeo also warned developing countries to be wary of Chinese companies coming with projects that seem too good to be true.

But Prime Minister Browne said that Beijing had played a significant role over the years in the socio-economic development of Caribbean countries and that Washington would do well to follow suit and stop wasting resources on useless wars.

He said those who are opposed to China's influence in the hemisphere need to talk less and perhaps they need to put some diplomatic dollars or development assistance... on the table.

Barbados

The Barbados government has continued its retrenchment program to meet its expenditure reduction targets and to restructure the public service, according to the head of the civil service Dr. Louis Woodroffe.

He said that permanent secretaries and heads of departments have report-

ed they have sought to follow the policies for conducting this process as required by Prime Minister, Mia Mottley and this

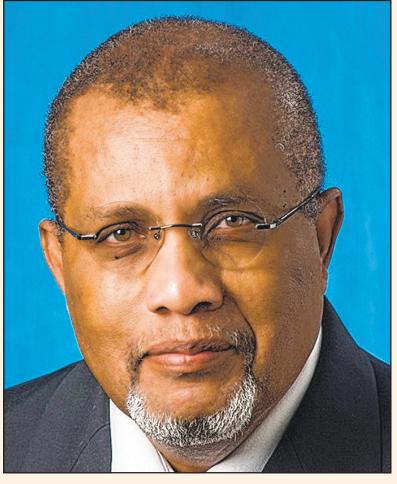


was adhered to in the vast majority of cases.

Speaking recently at a loan signing ceremony with the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Mottley expressed disappointment with the way in which the retrenchment exercise in the public service was being executed.

The prime minister said she had set very, very high standards with respect to persons being able to go home with checks that have been met in a number of departments, but regrettably it has not happened in all and to that extent therefore, "I am not happy."

The government has embarked on an economic and recovery transformation program and Mottley said that the program had received the stamp of approval of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) when it agreed to a near



Bajans face retrenchment

Head of the Barbados Civil Service, Dr. Louis Woodroffe has said the public service retrenchment program will continue to reduce expenditure.

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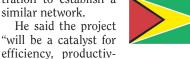
US\$300 million Extended Fund Facility aimed at turning around the ailing economy.

Guyana

Guyana recently signed a US\$37.6 million dollar agreement with China for the establishment of the National Broadband project.

Finance Minister Winston Jordan, who signed the accord with China's Ambassador to Guyana Cui Jianchun, said the multi-million concession loan agreement with China, via Exim Bank, will finally correct previous attempts by the last adminis-

tration to establish a similar network.



ity and profitability, from an economic stand point for the development of small, medium and large businesses, thus allowing them to compete globally."

Jordan said it will provide several benefits as he recalled the 2016 World Bank Report which stated, "Investment in broadband technology drives economic growth and development by contributing to job creation, sparking innovation, supporting digital entrepreneurs and stimulating improved public services."

A government statement noted that the project's implementation will see the construction of additional Longterm Evolution (LTE) towers, equipping of another data center and the training of workers in all sectors to provide services.

Grenada

Grenada is expecting its economy to grow for the sixth consecutive year, based on preliminary data for the first half of this year.

Describing this as a remarkable achievement, Prime Minister, Dr. Keith Mitchell said the sectors contributing to the increasing economic activities since

his New National Party (NNP) returned to office in 2013, are construction, tourism, transportation and retail trade sectors, in addition to the expansion of the private sector.

Speaking at a post-cabinet meeting, Dr. Mitchell said the impact of invest-

ment in the education sector, he referred to the St George's University explaining that the American offshore



education institution, which provides education contributes no less than 22 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

He said after all the numbers have been tabulated and analyzed, it is expected that the growth of the economy will be about 5.2 percent in 2018 and that in effect is a clear example of what is taking place in the country.

St. Vincent

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves has pledged US\$40,000 to Trinidad and Tobago as a mark of solidarity following the country's recent flood devastation.

He made the announcement in his recent Independence Day address.

Gonsalves said that Kingstown stands with all nations affected by climate change.

He said between 2010 and 2017,

St. Vincent and the Grenadines had suffered loss and damage amounting to EC\$700 million or in excess of



one-third of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) due to storms, excessive rainfall, landslides, raging seas and rivers.

Gonsalves offer is among others from CARICOM countries such as Barbados, Jamaica and Guyana following the recent floods, which devastated areas in east and central Trinidad last month.

Trinidad

International news website Business Insider has ranked Trinidad and Tobago as the 12th most dangerous country in the world.

"Murder, domestic, violence and sexual assaults each saw an increase in Trinidad and Tobago in 2017," the article said.

The article titled: These are the world's 20 most dangerous countries, and photos showing what life is



like in T&T, was written by Caitlin Foster and published recently.

The Business' Insider included the United States State Department's report on Trinidad and Tobago to highlight the crime problems faced in the country.

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Caribbean honors overlooked WW1 soldiers

By Nelson A. King

With the celebration of Remembrance Day in the Caribbean on Sunday, Caribbean veterans who participated in World War One are lamenting the treatment meted out to

Exactly a century since the Great War ended, the stories of the Europeans who fought for freedom are well-documented, according to the British Broadcasting Corporation.

But far less is known about the 16,000 men and women from the Caribbean who voluntarily enlisted, the BBC said.

Keith Eastmond, Antigua and Barbuda's Ex-Servicemen's Association, said these nameless men and women of color have been "airbrushed" from history.

"We have no definitive number for how many people from Antigua and Barbuda joined the war efforts," he told the BBC.

"The Caribbean was keen to support the mother country, as they saw it then," he added. "But Britain was reluctant to let West Indian soldiers fight white Europeans in those days."



Members of the British West Indies Regiment observe aircraft above their camp near. https://www.nam.ac.uk

The BBC said the region's pleas to assist initially fell on deaf ears, stating that it was not until the need for extra manpower grew so great that King George himself called on the Caribbean colonies to help.

In October 1915, the British West Indies Regiment (BWIR) was formed. Two-thirds of its men were from Jamaica, the rest hailing from the Bahamas to then British Guiana, the BBC said.

But it said, despite receiving a heroes' welcome when they arrived in England, the Caribbean soldiers were not permitted to fight as equals alongside their white counterparts.

Most served for lower pay in the Labor Corps transporting ammunition, digging trenches, building roads and railway lines, the BBC said.

It said the backbreaking

work was often carried out within range of German artillery and snipers, resulting in several deaths.

"It was dangerous in other ways, too," the BBC said. "A common task was extinguishing fires in burning, sometimes already exploding, ammunition dumps."

It said Caribbean soldiers were later praised for their high morale and cheerful demeanor in the face of exhausting toil.

Among the first Caribbean casualties to return home were those aboard troop ship SS Verdala, diverted via Halifax, Canada, while en route to England to avoid German U-boats, according to the BBC.

It said the freezing conditions and inadequate uniforms saw more than 100 men suffer amputations of frostbitten fingers and limbs.

"Blacks were begrudgingly accepted into the war effort, but their support was absolutely essential," says Ex-Servicemen's Association chairman Pagget Messiah. "Without it, the outcome would have been very different.

"The history of the Carib-

bean's contribution is also the history of our social struggles for acceptance as part of the human race," Messiah added. "The war heralded a major step towards the freedoms we enjoy today, a slackening of colonial reins and our people's ascent into various administrative roles in their homeland."

The BWIR had lost around 1,200 men by the time the war ended in 1918, less than 200 in combat, the rest from disease. It also earned 81 medals for bravery, the BBC said.

Today, it said the names etched into the brass on the national war memorial in Antigua and Barbuda are just a fraction of those lost in World War One.

Most are from World War Two, to which many Antiguans and Barbudans again voluntarily enlisted, the BBC said.

Maurice Appleton, one of the country's two surviving World War Two veterans, now 92, told the BBC: "We were part of Britain then, and I felt British. I was stationed in Antigua on general army duties. We wanted to help what we thought of as our country."

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Haitian scholars

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to continually challenge that because narrow perceptions of Haiti add to further misconceptions and stigma. He faults the media for playing a huge role.

"Whenever there's an earthquake or a hurricane, western media will have their eyes on Haiti because they want to promote a bad image of Haiti," said Saint Paul. "So I think it is very important to produce counter narratives to confront that hegemonic narrative on Haiti."

Having witnessed this over the years, one of Saint Paul's goals is to stand up and challenge misinformation at every turn.

"Because of all of the bad press and a bad international image of Haiti, it's a blessing and a great opportunity that I have to serve in this position because with the institute, we are promoting Haiti and countering all bad narratives on Haiti."

he said.

The main office for the institute is located on Brooklyn College's campus, but the center is university-wide, and often hosts academic Haitian events at other CUNY colleges. The goal of HSI is to promote and uplift positive research and field work on Haiti.

Saint Paul says the mere existence of such an institute here in the states was remarkable because the history between the two nations juxtapose one another, and happened during a time when this country did not want to acknowlfreedom.

"This is very important because the United States was a country that recognized the independence of Haiti very late," he said. "When Haiti became independent, that independence challenged slavery, white supremacy, and colonialism, and at the time United States was a proslavery society. So they never wanted to recognize or accept the independence of Haiti."

The center stands to not only be a go-to place for Haitian studies, but to also challenge the stereotypes people tend to associate with the country, said Saint Paul.

"Often times when people think of Haiti, the first thing that comes to their mind is poverty, so all of the stuff that I'm doing — it's really a transformation," he said. "I'm not just talking about Haiti, but I'm showing them everything Haiti has to offer culturally and intellectually, and it's a great opportunity to have."

The center's next event edge Haiti's fight for will be a two-part series at the college on Nov. 16, honoring a national Haitian holiday commemorating the final battle of the Haitian Revolution — the Battle of Vertieres. Saint Paul said the event will also showcase the second edition of an art exhibition, and that a lecture and reception will follow.

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By John Banks

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There are some who are not aware of how far-reaching this bill is in attempting to stifle the commercial lease market. The bill would require that all commercial tenants - so the CVS, as well as the flower shop, the architect's office and the international banking institution — be offered a 10-year lease renewal that can only be changed with the tenant's approval. Rents would be set by binding arbitration if the tenant does not agree to the owner's offer. If the tenant refuses the arbitration offer and the landlord makes a deal with someone else, that same tenant gets to say yay or nay first.

You have heard and will continue to hear from homeowners, business leaders, affordable housing advocates and others who are strongly opposed to this bill. The bill would severely limit all New York City property owners from making independent decisions about their properties and would adversely impact the finances of the 100,000 New York City households located in co-op buildings. These homeowners rely on revenue generated by their buildings' retail spaces to help offset maintenance costs and make crucial energy efficien-



John Banks, president of the Real Estate Board of New York. Photo by Tequila Min-

cy upgrades to their properties. This bill says they cannot be trusted to make their own business and quality-of-life decisions.

We know that job growth in this city is fueled by new ideas. Yet, this bill will take away the rights of new entrepreneurs in two ways. First, by requiring that existing businesses have the right to remain in place regardless of business idea or financial viability or neighborhood need — it takes spaces off-line for other users. Second, the bill increases the risk in signing a new tenant. The misperception that our members hold out for the chain tenant will become a self-fulfilling prophecy. If our members know that they will be locked into a lease agreement in perpetuity, they will wait for someone whose idea is proven, and can pay, and will not be a nuisance to their residential tenants. In the interim, more storefronts will remain or become vacant.

Even if the bill was more limited in scope to target the small neighborhood businesses proponents say they want to Caribbean



The Native Leather shop was on Bleecker St. for nearly 50 years, but closed last year after the landlord would not renew its lease. Its owner told Jeremiah's Vanishing New York blog that the landlord wanted double the rent they were **Photo by Tequila Minsky**

help, the bill would not address some of the greatest challenges facing these proprietors in the city today.

A closed storefront on Bleecker St., a far too familiar site. The shocking number of empty storefronts on streets like Bleecker, Christopher and others make it crucial that the S.B.J.S.A. finally be passed, advocates say. This store closed after the landlord doubled the rent. Photo by Tequila Minsky

Since a hearing was last held on this bill, the minimum wage has gone up 31 percent and the water and sewer rate has gone up 89 percent. In the last 10 years the actual assessed value on retail stores citywide has increased 77 percent. New York has taxed commercial properties at eight times the rate it applies to homeowners, in contrast to other big cities, where the average is 1.7 times. Assessed value of retail properties has only increased over time and has increased at a higher rate than properties without retail square footage.

leaves. New York state Senator Brad Hovlman's 2017 report cites this blatant falsehood as "pervasive misinformation."

In addition, small independent store owners absorb the cost of paid sick leave and of the bureaucracy in getting approvals. For instance, storefront approvals in historic districts take, on average, six months for necessary business changes as mundane as new signage. The Health Department has increased fine revenues 40 percent, and the city's latest budget projects collecting nearly \$900 million in fines and fees this year — a \$110 million increase from the previous year.

Rising business costs and requirements regulatory impede occupancy. Older, outdated space impedes occupancv. This bill will not impact either root cause of storefront vacancies.

The New York City Bar Association recently reported that the City Council has no legal authority to pass this bill. If we put that issue aside, though, this measure still would not address some of the greatest challenges facing small businesses in New York City. Our own research shows that restrictive zoning and other regulatory requirements lead to higher retail vacancy rates. Commercial rent control ignores market conditions and the S.B.J.S.A.

would hurt the economy.

We hope any legislation put forward by the City Council will be legal — based upon data and not anecdotes.

There is no silver bullet to solving local, long-serving neighborhood businesses' woes. Flexibility is the greatest help we can give small businesses. Failure rates have been consistent for decades — the average retail business survives less than 14 years — because there is always a new challenge. This decade, the big disruptor is e-commerce, with a 50 percent increase in the online share of the retail sales market since 2013. The last decade it was big-box. Nearly 20 years ago, it was 9/11, and before that, suburban flight and urban blight.

We remember what real blight is, and what we see today while disconcerting — is

This bill will kill jobs, kill ingenuity and ensure the homogenization of retail in New York City. This bill was deeply flawed 30 years ago, and it is deeply flawed today. The only survival the bill ensures is of continued vacancies.

The City Council should focus on initiatives that allow businesses to adapt to the pressures of e-commerce and the challenges of tomorrow. We should spend more time discussing the myriad permits one needs to open a business in the city instead of talking about a 30-year-old bad piece of legislation.

The city should pursue a collection of financial and technical assistance programs and seek to ease government regulation, based on standardized data. We need to get the policy right. So let's start by taking the time to do a citywide vacancy survey.

The above is slightly excerpted testimony of John Banks, president of the Real Estate Board of New York, at the City Council Small Business Committee's Oct. 22 hearing on Intro 0737-A, the Small Business Jobs Survival Act a.k.a.

And that's why there is NO incentive to property owners to keep these spaces vacant. The assessed value is not adjusted downward every time a store

"Bleaker on Bleecker" even

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11-11-11 Armistice Centenary

Those of us who served stints in the United States military fully comprehend the distinctions when commemmorating Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

As a print and broadcast journalist assigned to the 340th Public Affairs Detachment a primary duty each year in the month of May was to provide coverage of the Fifth Avenue parade when the troops honored soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who in service paid the ultimate price with sacrifice to the country.

The Memorial Day task required a cadre of specialists who were privileged to report the day's activity for American Forces Radio & Television Net-

Armed Forces Day also acknowledges service members in the same month but the mission of the specialized unit was to provide public affairs support from the deck of the USS

However, distinct from the previously mentioned days of military notice, Veterans Day in the USA and many countries in Europe and the Caribbean



commemorate the memory of those who fought to "end the war to end all wars."

Formally ending World War I "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect" the day first known as Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day here in 1954

Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military vet-

This year marks a century since the victory.

And while some consider the day ideal to capitalize on bargains on sale, or appropriate to dismiss the importance of the anniversary, the message delivered on the first anniversary by President Woodrow Wilson to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day still resonates as to how he felt the day meant to Americans.

From the White House, on

Nov. 11, 1919 he issued this address.

"A year ago today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and juster set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half.

With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in



French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel hold hands after unveiling a plaque in the Clairiere of Rethondes during a commemoration ceremony for Armistice Day, 100 years after the end of the First World War, in Compiegne, North of Paris, France, Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018. Philippe Wojazer / Pool Photo via Associated Press

the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.

Out of this victory there

arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations

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How choices in banking can help your community

By Michael T. Pugh, President and CEO Carver Federal Savings Bank

There are currently about 5,500 commercial banks and savings institutions in the U.S., down from roughly 8,300 a decade ago. Over this same period, the banking industry has evolved significantly due to technological innovation. Today, we are able to easily pay our bills, send money to friends and family, apply for a loan, or even open a checking account. This can all be done from a smart phone, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. While these conveniences are great, we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that banking is about more than simply serving individual money management needs. At its core, banking, especially community banking, is about lending and helping to build new economic opportunities within communities.

As the president and CEO of Carver Federal Savings Bank — the largest Black-managed and publicly traded Minority Depository Institution in the U.S. — I have seen firsthand how the power of mobile and online banking has helped to reduce costs and increase access for both individual and small business customers in New York City. These technological advances have

helped many lower-income families achieve greater financial independence, ending their reliance on more expensive check cashing services and payday lenders. By establishing a relationship with a traditional bank, even if the relationship is primarily driven through online transactions, these individuals are becoming smarter with their money, building a credit history, and are better positioned to pass economic security and wealth to the next generation.

This is particularly true in minority and new immigrant communities here in New York City, where many individuals historically have had limited to no experience with a traditional bank. In many instances people in our community simply followed in the footsteps of their parents or grandparents who were low- to moderate-income people and rarely or never opened a bank account.

This is why financial inclusion and financial education are vitally important to economic empowerment, and why our industry is continuing to work toward expanding banking access for working-class people, including Minority and Women Business Entrepreneurs ("MWBEs"). By providing much-needed loan capital to MWBEs, community

banks are making neighborhoods in or the same degree of focus on building New York City economically stronger. economic opportunities within local

Carver Federal Savings Bank has been serving our local communities since 1948, when we first opened our doors in Harlem. We recently celebrated the grand re-opening of our newly renovated Crown Heights branch in Brooklyn. Our branches provide a critical financial resource to our communities. We do far more than just serve the individuals who walk through our doors. Carver reinvests 83 cents of each deposit dollar back into our neighborhoods through competitively priced individual and small business loans. And in addition to our lending programs, we have provided financial education to more than 15,000 people and access to more than \$23 million in capital to MWBEs.

We are proud to have been consistently awarded an "Outstanding" rating for community reinvestment by the U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency during the past several years based on the geographic distribution of our loan portfolio. While other commercial banks and credit unions make loans and offer some of the same services, many do not share Carver's mission

or the same degree of focus on building economic opportunities within local neighborhoods. Unfortunately, most people do not realize that their decision on where to bank can have a material impact on your local community.

So the next time you get a flyer in the mail from a major commercial bank offering you \$200 to move your account over to them, ask yourself:

Is this bank lending in your neighborhood?

How committed are they to the success of your local community?

What is their CRA rating? Is it outstanding?

Does the staff understand the banking needs of the local store on the corner of your block?

Is providing financial education for the local community a significant part of this commercial bank's mission?

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Bed-Stuy group feeds, clothes needy ahead of Thanksgiving

By Alexandra Simon

A Brooklyn organization fed several of the borough's homeless at a food pantry on Saturday in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

The Brooklyn Bedford-Stuyvesant Lions Club and the Soup Kitchen Group held a pre-Thanksgiving event for the needy at the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church on Nov. 10. About 200 less fortunate people turned out for the soup kitchen and while food was the main course on the agenda — it was not the main hit, said one of the organizers.

"They loved the food but we were also giving out gently-used clothing and when we had asked them to line up for the clothes and food — a lot of them stepped off of the food line to go look at the clothes," said Shirley Maddox. "It was just amazing because they seemed to really enjoy that."

But the food was not far behind and patrons were also able to leave with food, added Maddox.

"They took a lot of food and we gave takeout plates, to the people that didn't want to stay and eat, and some brought their own containers." she said.

On the menu was turkey



Thumbs up: The Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club served happy patrons of the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church pre-Thanksgiving dinners on Nov. 10.

Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club

wings and other meat dishes including pork chops and baked chicken, stuffing, vegetables, and several dessert options, according to Maddox.

"A lot of people benefitted from this, other than the dinner and clothing, they enjoyed talking to other people," she said. She said the church hosts a soup kitchen once a month, and this time around the group wanted to offer its usual patrons something different from the usual offerings. And especially with the holiday season coming around, it was an opportune time to take that moment, said

Maddox.

The Brooklyn Bedford-Stuyvesant Lions Club was founded in 1970 and its members have been serving their community for almost 50 years. Maddox said a charitable event like this was very important to hold because it reminds the needy that their

well-being is a concern to many, and it allows the club to be that helping hand.

"This is what we do — Lions Clubs all over the world," said Maddox. "It's a volunteer service club organization and there are so many charitable things we get involved in."



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ment's report, Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) 2017 crime statistics show a 5.5 per cent increase in overall serious criminal activity, as compared with 2016.

Violent crime remains a major concern for local security services and the general population. Despite the seizure of almost 1,064 firearms in 2017, almost

76 percent of the murders were committed by firearms. Drug trafficking and gang-related activities continue to fuel the demand for illegal weapons.

Last year, the TTPS recorded 496 murders, 462 in 2016, 420 in 2015 and 403 in 2014 in a population approximately 1.4 million people. Already for this year there are 445 murders.

-Compiled by Azad Ali

Reflections of Armistice Day

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act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations."

This centenary occasion marked wreath laying ceremonies here and throughout Europe. That Germany's four-term chancellor Angela Merkel joined French President Emmanuel Macron and numerous heads of state in Paris to pay tribute to those who fought and died added dignity to the day. She

is the first from her nation to make the trip to the hallowed ground where the armistice agreement was signed and the first leader from the defeated nation to set foot on the grounds where victory eluded her nation.

The 100-year anniversary celebration culminated at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the exact moment of the warending armistice — 11 minutes after the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Here peace advocates marched alongside soldiers during a parade up Fifth Avenue.

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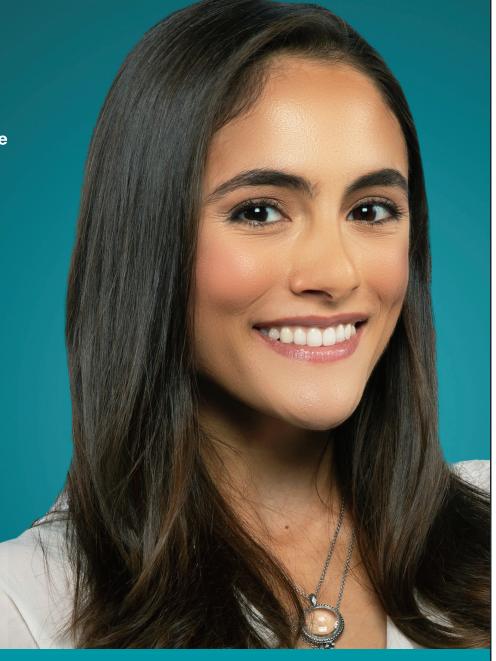
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Caribbean officials press UK for compensation

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Jamaica in the far north
boarded to ships and
arrived at various ports
like Bristol and Liverpool
to start a new life.

Many assumed that as citizens of British colonies and the Empire, that they had no need to regularize their immigration status, worked, raised families and retired happily. But once British immigration systems began to change in the 1980s, many were left in limbo and as many would find out when they ventured overseas for funerals, wedding and vacations, they were denied boarding to return home because they were living in England illegally, albeit since their youth.

The issue was raised in the British parliament recently. Officials acknowledged that serious mistakes were made by an immigration act that smacked of ultra right wing racist policies and clauses. Moves are being made to correct same.

In the past week, Jamaica's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kamina Johnson Smith, and junior Minister Pearnel Charles, Jnr., told reporters that government will fight to the bitter end to ensure compensation for victims. Both ministers bemoaned the fact that some of the deportees have died without ever receiving any help whatsoever from London.

"The government will continue to actively advocate for resolution to this Windrush immigration crisis, including the matter of just and adequate compensation to victims. This crisis has presented an opportunity for Jamaica and our Caribbean friends and partners to unite. It is also a cause for us to bolster the influence of our diaspora in the UK, while also simultaneously providing

the well-needed support to those who are vulnerable. We intend, therefore, to utilize our resources both locally and in the United Kingdom (UK) to encourage more persons who have been affected to come forward, seek assistance and to make legitimate claims," Charles told a university forum recently.

British Home Office figures for now are showing that around 170 Jamaicans were either incorrectly deported or detained by immigration officials as common criminals despite working for decades, earning pensions and qualifying for health care are other forms of state assistance. Britain now wants Jamaican officials to help look for some of them. Local media have reported that some are too ashamed to surface as many had been given the deportee treatment by people in communities where they live.

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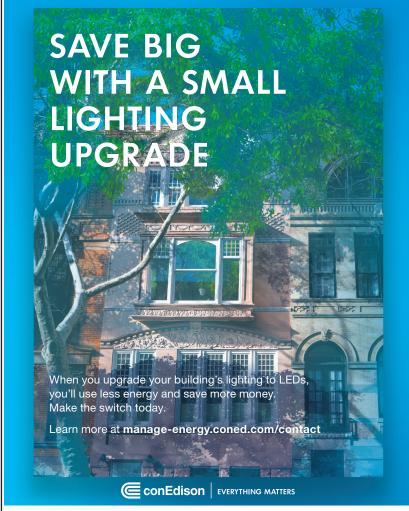
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Our Perspective

Amazon Doesn't Need or Deserve Taxpayer Money



By Stuart Appelbaum, President Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, UFCW

here are reports that Amazon has chosen to build a new HQ in New York, and that news was coupled with reports that New York State has put together a "strong incentive package" to help lure the e-commerce behemoth to Long Island

City in Queens. It's the latest in a saga that has seen Amazon demanding – and being offered – hundreds of millions of dollars in tax incentives from cities and states across America to bring Amazon to town.

Jeff Bezos wants to bring Amazon to New York City, and he would do it without handouts. We would be giving his company taxpayer dollars to do what he would have done anyway. Amazon wants to take advantage of the talent, infrastructure, cultural institutions and mass transportation options that come with being in the Big Apple. Taxpayers have already invested heavily in many of the things that are drawing Amazon to New York, and Amazon should contribute its fair share to build up these essential assets.

Amazon's addiction to public money is nothing new, despite being one of the richest companies in the world. Since 2005, Amazon

Amazon needs to contribute to our communities rather than just take if it wants to come to New York.

has benefited from over \$1 billion in tax abatements, infrastructure improvements, and other subsidies in dozens of places. And let's be clear — while Amazon may bring 25,000 tech jobs to NYC, the vast majority of its 600,000 workers are low-wage warehouse workers, packing boxes in grueling and dangerous work conditions. Amazon is a bad worldwide employer and has fought workers' attempts to unionize. Their bad corporate behavior across the globe shouldn't be rewarded by a progressive New York City and New York State.

Amazon needs to change the way it does business – by agreeing to labor peace, accepting workers' wishes to unionize, and by providing living wages, good benefits, and stable hours for workers – if it wants to be welcome in New York. The sheer mind-boggling wealth of Amazon's executives – CEO Jeff Bezos' net worth hovers around \$150 billion – shows that the company can do better.

Amazon also needs to contribute to our communities rather than just take, by dropping demands for subsidies, by targeting local hiring and diversity for its tech jobs, and by helping to fund affordable housing and transit infrastructure alongside the proposed Amazon tech campus.

Fellow internet tech giants Google and Facebook have both invested heavily in recent years in their presence in New York, yet neither has demanded nor accepted taxpayer subsidies. If they can thrive in New York without corporate welfare and taxpayer money so can Amazon, which had a revenue of almost \$178 billion last year. Amazon must take the same path if it wants to be our neighbor and the beneficiary of all of the things New York has to offer.

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Fly Jamaica overshoots runway

By Bert Wilkinson

Local civil aviation authorities were on Friday investigating an incident involving a Fly Jamaica Boeing 757-200 aircraft, which overshot the runway at Guyana's main international airport earlier in the day injuring several people officials said.

Airline spokesman Carl Bowen said that the plane with 120 passengers and eight crew members was on its way to Toronto, Canada when the crew reported problems with the hydraulic system, forcing them to return to the Cheddi Jagan International Airport where it made an emergency landing, eating up nearly 10,000 feet of runway tarmac as its broken hydraulic system affected its normal and emergency braking systems.

The plane ended up being stuck in mud and sand at the very end of the runway, its right engine hanging off the main body and its right wing clearly damaged.

Minister of Transport David Patterson said the plane had been in the air for about 43 minutes when the crew noticed the operational anomaly and decided to head back to base.

Emergency crews raced to the scene and prepared for the arrival of the aircraft as it turned back towards Guyana. Passengers were evacuated safely using mostly emergency chutes. About six were people were taken to state hospitals for emergency treatment, related mostly to back injuries "and we are making alternative arrangements to fly out the passengers. Luckily there were no serious injuries," Bowen said.

A company statement noted that "we can confirm that Fly Jamaica flight OJ256 bound for Toronto has returned to Georgetown with a technical problem and has suffered an accident on landing. At this time, we believe that all 118 passengers



The Fly Jamaica plane crashes through the barrier at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport in Guyana on Nov. 9, 2018.

Adrian Narine

and eight crew members are safe. We are providing local assistance and will release further information as soon as it is available."

In July 2011, a Boeing 737-800 aircraft belonging to Trinidad-based Caribbean Airlines crashed at the same airport after the crew hand landed too far down the runway and ran out of braking space, injuring several people. The runway back then was 7,400 but is currently being extended to 10,000.

Fly Jamaica is majority owned by the Reece family from Guyana with Captain Ronald Reece as its chairman. It has been in operation for five years and is one of the few black-owned airlines licensed to fly to the United States. It operates to Guyana, Jamaica, Canada and the United States using a B-767 and a B-757 aircraft, completely owned by the company. It also operates a domestic service in Guyana's interior through parent company, Wings Aviation as has been the case for more than 30 years.

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Persaud honors local veterans

By Nelson A. King

Brooklyn Senator Roxanne J. Persaud on Veteran's Day celebrated veterans in her 19th Senatorial District at a nearby senior citizen.

The senator personally thanked the senior veterans of the Millennium Development at a ceremony at the Abe Stark Neighborhood Center in Canarsie, Brooklyn, honoring the senators with certificates.

The Millennium Development Encompasses the Vandalia Neighborhood Center, Philip Howard NORC, Penn Wortman Neighborhood Center, Mill Basin Neighborhood Center, Midwood Neighborhood Center, Independence Neighborhood Center, Bergen Beach Senior Program, Marine Park Active Adults and Abe Stark Neighborhood Center.

"To all the men and women here who served in our nation's Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force, thank you," the Guyanese-born Persaud said.

"Without your sacrifices, we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today," she added.

The veterans honored were: Peter Lopez, James Sutton, Hesley Keenan, Ronald Williams, Robert Carr, Duncan Bernard, Ron Hart, Edward McCumiskey, Leon Fajnsod, Irwin Kamen, Marvin Epstine, Stanley P. Sherman, Otis Williams, Lenox Hutson, Rudolph Elliot and Carl D'Angelo.



Sen. Roxanne Persaud at the Kings County Democratic Headquarters in Canarsie on Election Night during the midterm elections.

Photo by Nelson A. King

The others were: Robert Scaturo, Edward Troise, Steven Cavagnaro, James Davis, Tony Hinds, Seymour Byron, Monica King, Bianca Bailey, Courtney Walters, Leslie Orna, John Neulinger, Kenneth Philips, Emanuel Jagmohan, Cedric Coleman and Luther Richardson.

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Michael T. Pugh, Carver Federal Savings Bank, President and CEO

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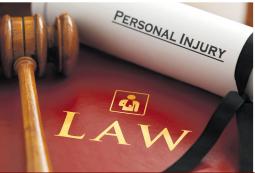
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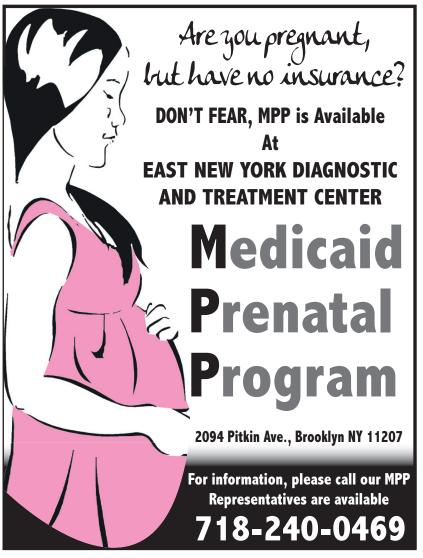


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Williams launches public advocate run

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Manhattan.

"Our city needs a public advocate who can effectively be an activist elected official, fighting for working families across the five boroughs," added the representative for the predominantly Caribbean 45th Council District in Brooklyn. "So many of the challenges our city faces are uphill battles, but I'm used to running up hills, and will continue to do that as our city's next public advocate."

Williams said last month that he would formally run for public advocate if the position, held by African-American Letitia James, becomes vacant.

Democrat James made history in 2014 by becoming the first woman of color to hold citywide office in New York City.

During the midterm elections, on Nov. 6, James again created history by becoming the first African-American woman to be elected New York state attorney general.

The public advocate, the second highest ranking elected office in the city, after the mayor, serves as a direct link between New Yorkers and their government, and acts as a watchdog over city agencies.

The public advocate also investigates complaints about city services and makes proposals to address any shortcomings or failures of those services.

Williams, a progressive Democrat, will contest a special election to be set shortly by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio.

The activist politician surprisingly came relatively close to beating the incumbent Kathy Hochul for lieutenant governor of New York state in the Democratic Primary elections in early September. The lieutenant governor is the second highest position in New York State.

Williams had received nearly 650,000 votes to become lieutenant governor of New York, with more than 400,000 votes from individuals throughout the five boroughs in New York City.

On Wednesday, several New York city and state elected officials, political organizations and community leaders joined Williams during the rally on the steps of City Hall.

During the rally, Williams announced that he has been endorsed by many political groups and labor unions, including the New York Working Families Party (WPP), the New York Progressive Action Network, Mason Tenders' District Council Local 79, New York State Laborers Organizing Fund, 100 Black Construction Workers and the Brooklynbased Shirley Chisholm Democratic Club.

He was also endorsed by over a dozen elected officials, including Kings (Brooklyn) County Democratic Chairman Frank Seddio, Guyanese-born New York State Democratic Senator Roxanne Persaud and Haitian-American New York State Democratic Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte.



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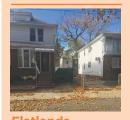
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Mayreau could be split in two thanks to erosion

By Kenton X. Chance

KINGSTOWN, Nov 6, 2018 (IPS) — As a child growing up in Mayreau four decades ago, Filius "Philman" Ollivierre remembers a 70-foot-wide span of land. with the sea on either side that made the rest of the 1.5-square mile island one with Mount Carbuit.

But now, after years of erosion by the waves, he, and the other 300 or so persons living on Mayreau, are confronted with the real possibility that the sea will split their island in two, and destroy its world famous Salt Whistle Bay.

At its widest part, the sliver of land that separates the placid waters of the Caribbean Sea at Salt Whistle Bay from the choppy Atlantic Ocean, on Windward Carenage Bay, is now just about 20 feet.

"There is a rise in the sea level with climate change. You can see that happening, and not just in that area alone," Ollivierre told IPS of the situation in Mayreau, an island in the southern Grenadines.

The sliver of land near Salt Whistle Bay once had a grove of lush sea grape trees.

"As the sea eroded the land, it washed out the roots and as it washed out the roots, the plant could no longer survive, so they dried up," Ollivierre said.

Beneath the waves, the destruction

"On the ocean bed in that area, it doesn't have any coral. It is just a mossy bottom. It doesn't have anything there,' Ollivierre told IPS.

If the land separating both bays were



On the other side of Windward Carenage Bay is Salt Whistle Bay on the Caribbean Sea coast. The world famous beach attracts visitors to the Mayreau, where tourism is a main stay of the economy.

Inter Press Service / Kenton X. Chance

to be totally eroded, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, an archipelagic nation, would see its number of islands, islets and cays increase from 32 to 33.

But this could be potentially devastating for Salt Whistle Bay, which Flight Network, Canada's largest travel agency, ranked 16 out of 1,800 beaches worldwide last November.

A major part of the economy on Mayreau is the sale of t-shirts and beachwear to the tourists that Salt

Whistle Bay attracts. If the beach is compromised, the islands might not be as attractive to visitors and its economy

"My fear is that if the windward side breaks through onto the other side, it can actually erode that whole area... All of that area is sand and it not so much sand separating both sides so we really have to be careful and take the necessary measures to prevent that from happening," Ollivierre said.

Ollivierre's fear is shared by tour operator Captain Wayne Halbich, who has been conducting sea tours among the islands of St. Vincent and the Grenadines for almost three decades.

Halbich has witnessed the impact of rising sea level on Mayreau and he often tells his guests, light-heartedly, that Mayreau has the shortest distance between the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.

"That was actually a lot wider, and it was covered almost entirely by the sea island grape trees. It is going slowly," he told IPS.

"This is a serious problem. This is what I always say to people. We are seeing really concrete signs in relation to global warming. It is also from the fact that the reef is dying. The reef cannot produce sand and any sand you lose is not coming back. That is the other story," he says.

And, unless something is done quickly, one cyclone — which is now more frequent and intense in the Caribbean could cause the worst to happen in

"If we have a storm this year, it would break away," Halbick told IPS, as he reiterated his fears that Mayreau could lose its famous Salt Whistle Bay.

The situation in Mayreau has captured the attention of the national assembly in the nation's capital, with Terrance Ollivierre, Member of Parliament, for the Southern Grenadines asking Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves what can be done quickly to remedy the situation.

Immigration shift: Where is advocacy for Caribbean immigrants?

By Alexandra Simon

Uniting is the key to fighting.

The Caribbean community must unify their struggles to challenge the onslaught of immigration policies and fears that may jeopardize their livelihood, says a longtime immigration advocate.

The managing director of the Rosedale-based, Caribbean Immigrant Services, Incorporated Irwine Clare, said that in the 80s and 90's there was a more unified front among the city's Caribbean community. Today, that camaraderie is not the same and now more than ever it is particularly needed given a political climate that threatens that very core.

"We were taking on a lot of issues." We had the Caribbean action lobby, a Caribbean council, and we organized ourselves, but we don't have anymore — there are not as many Caribbean advocacy groups anymore," said Clare.

He said as an advocate for well over 30 years, he has seen the slow diminishing of overall advocacy.

"We were pushing and championing here and there with a lot of progressive groups back in the day. Where is a standstill when it should be an the activism today?" he asked.

His organization, which used to operate two other locations in Brooklyn and the Bronx, also had to cutback over the years. But his current Queens office has been serving the Caribbean community for 25 years with a multitude of services, including consultation, informational advice regarding green card renewals, applying for citizenship, and referring clients to lawyers and other organizations.

Many Caribbean advocacy groups arose during that time of need but when many issues resulted in successes and some battles were won, some of these groups dissipated and the demand for them decreased. The many that do remain are somewhat sparse and may focus on advocating for particular ethnic groups, but Clare said it needed to go beyond that and the fight has not stopped.

The struggles and fights the preceding fought during some of the first waves of Caribbean immigrants challenged to ensure that future generations can live the way the are today, but continuing that fight is at

"Now we have a system that is less bitter than how we knew it, but we are not truly leveraging our power. We are still marginalized," he said.

He believes there is also a generational gap skewing the decrease in support groups and activism. He said while social media platforms allow messages to spread farther and more frequent, it does not require much energy outside of hashtags for example, and added with the use of that along with that so did the face of activism and not a lot of grassroots efforts are forming out of that.

The younger generation is not that exposed to much of the challenges on history on what got us here, but they are more attuned to things now with the power of social media," said Clare. "But we have to go out there and invest dollars into our activism because it's a vital tool."

He said dire immigration issues such as Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for Haitians being threatened is one situation of how separation among respective ethnic groups shrink numbers to fight a larger problem that affects all immigrants.

'Without a doubt, we have this love and dislike within ethnicities, especially with different with languages as seen with our Haitian brothers and sisters, and we need more alliances."

Caribbean unity often shows in the form of entertainment or assistance, said Clare. But that has to change because the lack of unity reduces the numbers needed to bring in bigger voices and a larger presence.

"We have to coalesce and not just around disasters - mankind or natural," he said. "We have to come together on issues that also uplift and empower our communities.'

And the places that members of the Caribbean community go to observe their religious beliefs should also play an active role in activating people to make immigration issues their top concern. People need to look at the bigger picture, said Clare.

We fill the churches on Saturdays and Sundays, and we dance at parades, but when it's time to show up for meaningful things to secure better futures, we are not there," he ATTORNEY SE HABLA ESPAÑOL

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Prayers for Guyanese prez

By Tangerine Clarke

Guyanese organizations in the diaspora have told Caribbean Life that they will continue to pray for a speedy recovery of President of Guyana, Brigadier David Granger, who began receiving chemotherapy treatment on Nov. 14, in Cuba after being diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Claire A. Goring, cultural director of the Guyana Cultural Association, organizers of the Annual Folk Festival in Brooklyn, said President Granger's inner strength will bring him though his illness and take him back home recharged and energized to continue to lead Guyana.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we wish you healing and a complete recovery. We pray that your inner strength will bring you through, and you will return home recharged and energized to continue to lead our country," said Goring of the head-of-state, who went to Cuba on Oct. 30, upon his return from Trinidad where he had gone for his annual checkup.

This is the firt time President Granger Inc. has spent so much time out of the Republic since taking up office in 2015, all due to several health investigations he had to undergo, due to weight loss and lack of appetite.

President of the Guyana Tri-State Alliance, Patricia Langford Jordon asked God to heal the 73-year-old president by say-



President of Guyana, David A. Granger with students at a recent Emancipation event in Guyana. Photo by Tangerine Clarke

ing "Dear President David Granger: The Guyana Tri-State Alliance, Inc., executives and members and all Guyanese are praying for your healing. Lord Your Word speaks promises of healing and restoration and I glorify you for the miracles that you continue to perform."

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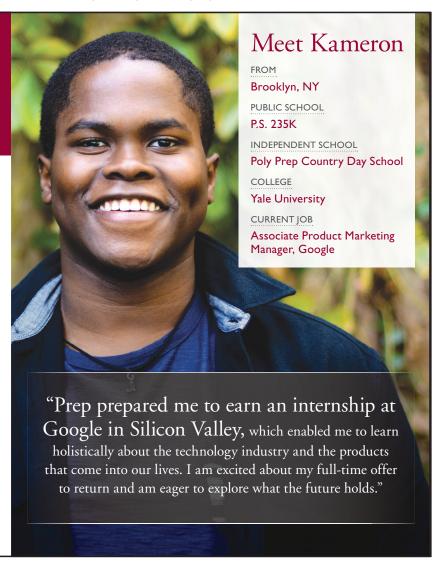
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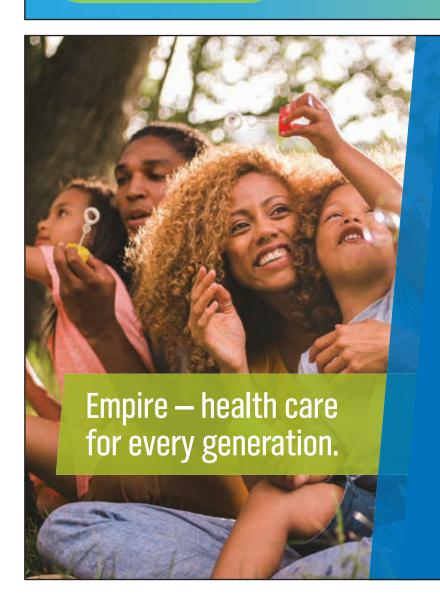


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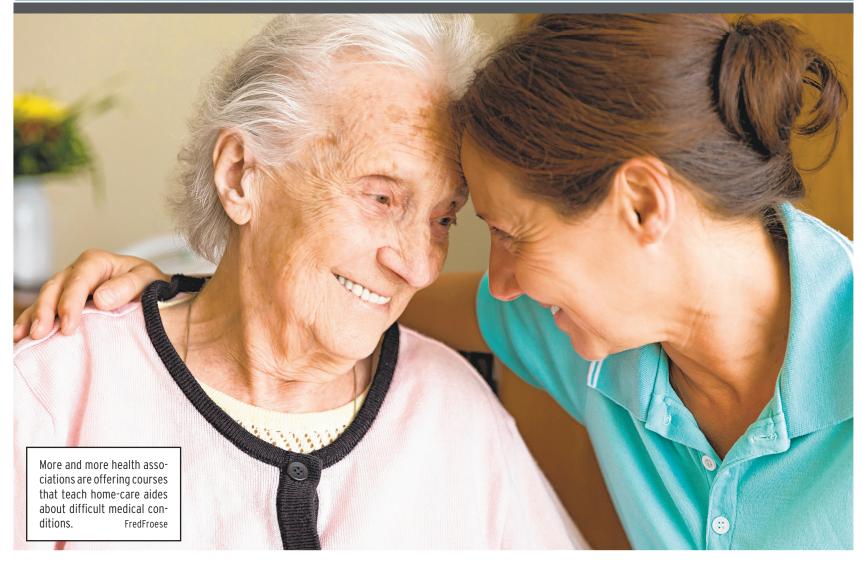








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Home-care agencies now offer specialized services

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

ome care agencies are enhancing their services. Up until recently, these agencies provided basic care service to families with an elderly loved one who needed assistance with activities of daily living. This is beginning to change. Recently, agencies began to specialize. Many are now offering care for complex conditions such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease and for hospice care.

Traditionally, home-care agencies offered similar care services. They assigned home-care aides to assist frail individuals with personal activities such as dressing, toileting, mobility, bathing, and eating. The agency might enhance its services by including a geriatric care manager to the staff or by offering financial assistance, but the training and function of the home-care aides remained the same.

Before an aide is hired by an agency, she must complete a four-week certified training course that teaches her basic caring skills such as nutrition, hygiene, and safely. To differentiate themselves from other agencies, a company might promoted its services as having "the most compassionate aides," "the

highest quality service," or offering "the most supportive environment." Even with these claims, the aides all get the same training required by state and federal regulations and offer the same duties.

This type of assistance is changing. Agencies are learning that not all frail seniors need the same kind of care. Organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association, CaringKind in New York City, and the Alzheimer's Foundation are now offering certification-training courses on the special needs and treatments of dementia patients.

Aides working with Alzheimer's patients are taught about the progression of this unwieldy cognitive condition. Juanita, a home-care aide caring for Monica, a patient in the mid stages of Alzheimer's disease, learned how to anticipate her client's moods. Every day in the late afternoon Monica starts pacing, becomes agitated, and confused. Sometimes she insists she must go home to cook dinner for her longdead husband or her grown children. This behavior, called sun downing, is a common symptom of Alzheimer's disease. Juanita has learned to anticipate Monica's behavior and finds distractions, such as playing soothing music, to calm her during these periods.

Lena, a home-care aide, was assigned to care for a patient with Parkinson's disease, a progressive nerve system disorder that affects movement. Before taking the case, Lena's homecare agency enrolled her in a Parkinson's Foundation certificate program. The program gave her an understanding of the importance of developing an exercise regime to keep her client's muscles from freezing. She learned the importance of providing medications on a strict schedule to avoid adverse re-

Hospice organizations now offer aides training as well. Hospice is a Medicare program that provides comfort care to patients who are not expected to live more than six months. Many home health aides admit having difficulty working with dying clients. Many do not understand the intent of hospice care and their role in making their client's final days more comfortable. The National Association of Home Care and Hospice offers a 75hour certificate program that explains the dying process, teaches aides ways to reduce the severity of their client's symptoms, and improve their quality of life without interfering with the advancement of the disease.

More and more health associations are offering courses that teach homecare aides about difficult medical conditions. These specialized programs assist home health aides with better understanding their clients' conditions and make them more desirable caregivers. Home-care aides are still confined to offering custodial care to their frail clients, but they can now anticipate changes in their client's behavior due to specific diseases and adapt their responses to them. Home-care agencies that can differentiate themselves by promoting these specializations make their services unique and add value to potential customers.

Joanna R. Leefer is a senior-care advisor, advocate, and founder of ElderCareGiving, a service that helps families make difficult care decision for aging loved ones. She understands the regulations covering long-term care, helps with life transitions, and monitors care through regular visits. She teaches advocacy skills to caregivers and professionals. For more information, visit www.joannaleefer.com.

How seniors can simplify their everyday tasks

The ability to perform everyday tasks is something many people take for granted. But as men and women approach or exceed retirement age, many may start to struggle with chores and tasks they have performed for decades.

Physical limitations are a common side effect of aging. But such limitations do not have to prove too big a hurdle for seniors to clear. In fact, there are many ways for seniors to simplify everyday tasks while maintaining their independence:

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Grab bars can be installed on shower walls so seniors can safely get in and out of their showers and bathtubs. Such bars are both effective and inexpensive, and some do not even require any drilling to install. Specialty grab bars, tub grips, and tub transfer benches are just a few additional products that can make bathing easier for seniors who have lost or are starting to lose some of their physical strength.

Get 'smart' on the road

Seniors who are experiencing mild difficulty driving can make getting about town that much easier by plugging their smartphones into their vehicles or making use of the various apps that have become standard in modern vehicles.

For example, the maps app on a years.

smartphone can be connected to a car and direct seniors to their destinations, saving them the trouble of remembering all the ins and outs of how to get a particular destination. Seniors also can employ apps to help them find their vehicles should they forget exactly where they parked in crowded parking lots. Such apps can increase seniors' comfort levels on the road while helping them maintain their independence.

Downsize

Whether downsizing to a smaller home or simply downsizing a life-style, seniors may find that living smaller is akin to living simpler. Empty nesters may find they no longer need several bedrooms in their homes, and moving into smaller homes can reduce their daily workloads while also clearing out clutter that can make performing everyday chores more difficult.

Men and women accustomed to hustle and bustle may also find that cutting back on professional and/or personal commitments gives them more energy for everyday activities while enriching the commitments they continue to maintain.

Aging men and women can employ various strategies to simplify their lives and maintain their independence well into their golden years.

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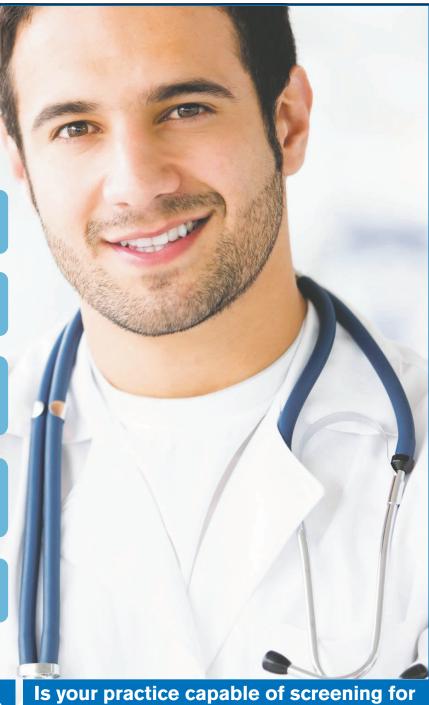
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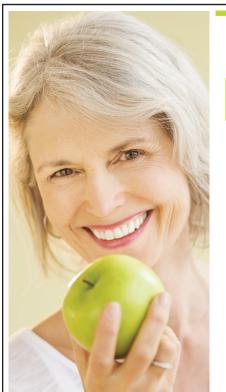
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Many seniors are moving in with their adult children to help care for grandkids and provide some relief from a sagging economy.

Things to consider when building an in-law suite

economy and an unpredictable stock market that has resulted in many retirement nest eggs being decimated, more and more adult children are welcoming their aging parents into their homes. Such living situations have led to a growth in in-law

In-law suites are often created by converting a room in the house, such as the basement or even a garage, into a livable suite. Such suites can benefit elderly relatives who might have been dealt an unforeseen financial blow. But in-law suites can also benefit younger homeowners who want to see their parents more. In addition, when older men and women move in with their adult children, they can provide some necessary relief from the escalating cost of daycare.

But before building an in-law suite in their home, homeowners might want to heed the following tips:

Be certain it is legal. Making changes to your home may require a permit, particularly if your in-law suite will be an entirely new addition to your property and not just a strict room remodel. Contact your local zoning board to ensure the project is within your rights as a homeowner.

Consider the health of your inlaws when making plans. Many in-law suites are occupied by aging relatives who might not be able to get up and down stairs as easily as they used to. That makes accessibility of the suite a top priority. Typically, it's best to locate in-law suites on the first floor, so relatives won't find it difficult to get in and out of the suite.

Don't overlook privacy. Just because your parents or in-laws will be moving in doesn't mean they don't still value their privacy. Chances are your relatives will initially feel as

erhaps thanks to a struggling though they are invading your space and your privacy, so be sure the suite affords adequate privacy to all members of the household. It might be best to build the suite so it has its own separate entrance from the rest of the home. The suite should also have its own full bathroom and, if possible, its own kitchen area so your in-laws can cook for themselves and entertain their own guests without feeling like a burden. A second kitchen is also something to discuss with a zoning board, as some locales prohibit having two complete kitchens in a single residence.

Tailor certain amenities to the elderly. If your in-laws are older, install certain amenities, such as grab bars in the shower and bathroom, during the initial construction so you won't have to make changes down the road. Install easy-open drawers and make sure the suite has ample light-

Remember to install safety features. Safety features like fire, smoke, and carbon monoxide detectors are a necessity. Make sure the alarms on each of these detectors are loud enough so elderly men and women who have hearing loss can hear them without issue. Make sure all walkways leading to the in-law suite have motion-detecting lamps at night to reduce risk of falling. Also, if the suite will be a separate building from your house, such as a converted pool house or detached garage, install an intercom system that connects with the main house so your relatives can easily reach you in case of emergency.

In-law suites are becoming more popular as a greater number of older adults are moving in with their adult children. Such suites can bring families closer together and prove beneficial for all parties involved.

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Gloomy Barbados diabetes picture

By George Alleyne

As Barbadians observed World Diabetes Day this week they had to come to grips with the fact that their rate of affliction by this disease is double the world average.

The island's alarming statistics show that one in every five persons has diabetes, and what is worse is that the rate at which people contract diabetes in Barbados has been on an upward trend over the years with no end in sight.

"Our prevalence rate of diabetes is increasing as our rates of obesity," said Clinical Director of the Barbados Diabetes Foundation, Dr. Diane Brathwaite, as she pointed to a 2015 study showing that 19 percent of persons on the island aged 25 and older have diabetes.

The ratio gets worse when those over 65 years old are examined separately because the affliction percentage in that age grouping is 46 percent, meaning almost half of the nation's elderly population has diabetes.

But stemming from a Barbados Health of the Nation study in 2015 the figures on



Dr. Tania Whitby-Best. Photo by George Alleyne

the island's extreme diabetes rate could be considered somewhat dated bearing in mind the upward trend of the affliction

Dr. Brathwaite noted the three-year-old study found that persons with pre-diabetes, or pre-cursor to diabetes is at 14.6 percent of the population.

Persons determined to be at the pre-diabetes stage are those whose lifestyles, ranging from diet to level of physical activity, plus age, have placed them on a collision course with diabetes.

On World Diabetes Day 2018, three years on, there is a strong likelihood that a large percentage of those at the pre-diabetic stage have gone over to becoming full blown diabetic.

Dr. Brathwaite said, "I don't like that the term warning sign of diabetes, or pre-diabetes... because we know that we are seeing complications in people with pre-diabetes."

She explained that one of those complications observed in the so-called pre-diabetes stage is neuropathy, which makes the term 'pre-diabetes' a misnomer because such persons are already suffering from the effects of diabetes.

That meant nerve damage and other things in persons with pre-diabetes... It I not a benign thing," she said of the signs of neuropathy complications

Complications from diabetes cover a wide swath of issues that include direct medical care, frequent illness of those affected and their inability to work, along with the time spent by loved ones caring for such

"[When] we think about dia-



Dr. Diane Brathwaite.

Photo by George Alleyne

betes we think about the individual but we also must think about the bigger picture as well,' Brathwaite commented.

Another medical doctor, Dr. Tania Whitby-Best, pointed out, "complications of diabetes cost a nation.'

Supporting her statement, the medical officer and head of the Student Health Clinic.

and part-time lecturer at Faculty of Medical Sciences, UWI, Cave Hill, cited a 2015 study of Latin America and the Caribbean showing a total cost of complications from diabetes to be in the range of US\$16 to 26

Barbados' share of that annual expense is somewhere between US\$73 and \$92 million.



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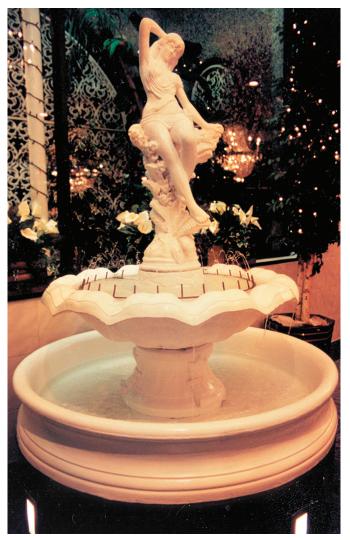


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Filmmaker Christine Shaw.

Pan on film documentary

By Alexandra Simon

The story of the steel pan!

Brooklyn's rich steel pan culture comes to life in a new documentary about the instrument and the people who keep it going. Filmmaker Christine Shaw highlights the borough's steel pan community and their journeys to the anticipated competition that bands practice year-round for - Panorama. At a recent screening for the film titled "Panorama: Jamming to the Top," the stories of pan players come to the forefront — showing viewers the beauty and struggle

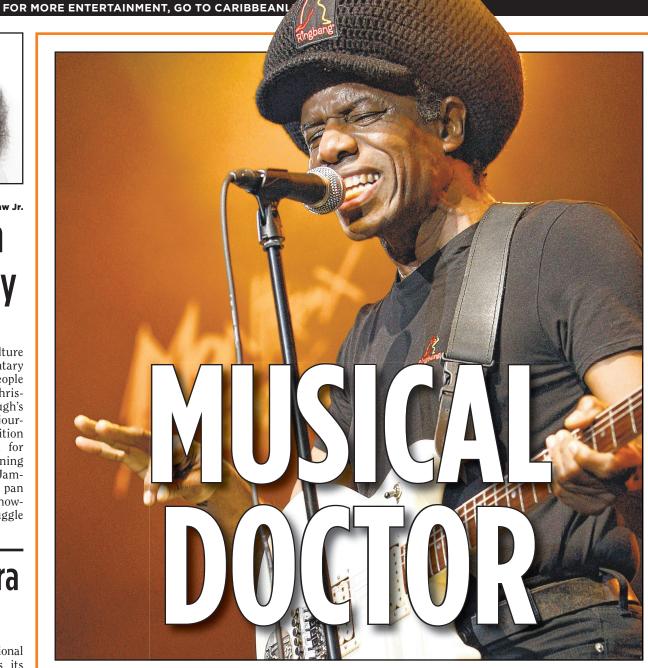
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African Diaspora Film Festival

The African Diaspora International Film Festival (ADIFF) celebrates its 26th anniversary with a total of 61 films from 40 countries including 27 World, US and NY Premieres. Screenings will be held in five venues in Manhattan: Teachers College, Columbia University, Cinema Village, Riverside Church, The Dwyer Cultural Center and MIST Harlem.

Some titles come directly from important national and international film festivals such as Sundance, the Tribeca Film Festival, the Pan African Film Festival, FESPACO, Cannes, Slamdance and Berlinale. Some of the films celebrate the contribution of men and women who have resisted and succeeded in affecting major changes in society. Films featuring Miriam Makeba, Sandra Bland, C.L.R. James, Errol Barrow, and Nobel Prize winners Dr.

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Guyanese reggae musician, Eddy Grant recently received an honorary doctorate from the University of Guyana. Here he is seen performing at the 42nd Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland.

Associated Press / KEYSTONE / Jean-Christophe Bott

UG bestows honorary doctorate on Eddie Grant

By Tangerine Clarke

Eddie Grant, a Guyana-born, world-renowned, phenomenal artist, was last Saturday conferred Doctor of Letters for excellency in music by Professor Eon Harris at the University of Guyana's first such historic distinction, during the institution's 52nd convocation ceremony at the National Cultural Center in Georgetown.

The legendary award-winning vocalist, songwriter, producer and guitarist, in a Facebook post, was congratulated by British Band, The Equals, of which he was a founding member.

The post read, "please join The Equals in congratulating our original member, songwriter & producer and dearest friend and band brother, Eddy Grant who was bestowed with an Honorary Doctorate by Chancellor of the University of Guyana, Prof. Nigel Harris for his 'Excellence in Music and Civic Engagement' by the University of Guyana.

"Eddy's rare musical genius, a

master of his craft, an inspiration and talented beyond words. Without him The Equals would not exist. Thank vou dear friend for your love and your continued support, you so deserve this accolade and much more. Adding, "A deserving achievement, so very proud, Luvya... Pat, Ronnie, Dzal, Decosta and Mark. Go Team Grant!" concluded the message.

Grant, who, was born in the small village of Plaisance on the East Coast of Demerara, stands among an élite

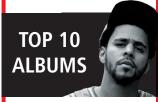
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group of artists as one who has not just merely moved successfully across the musical spectrum, but has actually been at the forefront of genres and even created one of his own. From pop star to reggae radical, musical entrepreneur to the inventor of "ring bang," the artist has cut a swath through the world of music and made it his own, according to his biography.

Edmond Montague "Eddie" Grant, 70, after migrating to the United Kingdom with his family in 1960, taking up residents in the Stoke Newington area of London, fell in love with R&B, blues, and rock and expanded his musical talent to form the multiracial band The Equals, that revolutionized a mix of reggae, R&B, and rock.

With greatest hits, Electric Avenue, Gimme Hope Jo'anna, I don't Wanna Dance,

Do You Feel My Love, "I can't Get Enough of You, and more than twenty albums recorded, Grant, who has sung to sold-out crowds across the world, has topped charts in Germany, and throughout Europe, and is known as one of the most iconic music-makers of all time.

His recent 14-track album titled "Plaisance" for his hometown, was released last year with songs including "Mind the Gap," "Now We're All Together," "I'm The One."

In a recent interview with "Visit Guyana" Magazine, the musician expressed his love of his country, stating: "Guyana is really everything, I can put Guyana against any country in the world — Guyana means a lot to me because it has given me a lot. It's given me my mother, my father, my family, and a lot of my values. And where Guyana has gone wrong, I also have the right to say that.



Dr. Eddie Grant after being bestowed, Honorary Doctor of Letters for excellency in music by Chancellor of UG, Professor Dr. Eon Harris, and Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith at a historic first such distinction at the University of Guyana. The ceremony was held at the National Cultural Center in Georgetown.

Just like if I go wrong somebody has the right to say, Eddy you're wrong,"

The musical genius who owns Ring Bang Island in the

Essequibo River of Guyana, built Ice Records studio in Barbados and has spent time performing and recording in the Caribbean.



Jammin' it: Steel pan band, Steel Xplosion, and their journey to Panorama is documented in the film, "Panorama: Jamming to the Top."

Christine Shaw

Steel pan

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that come with keeping the tradition alive. Shaw said she focused on two aspects for the film — the competition itself and one group in particular.

"One aspect of the film follows steel pan culture in Brooklyn documenting the struggles that the band's face to bring their band's to panorama, and it also follows one band — Steel Xplosion — and their rocky journey to Panorama," said Shaw.

She says one viewer at the screening had some critiques on the film, but overall the 73-minute film was well-received from the audience, and she feels its because it examined more than just the steel

"Everyone really loved it," said Shaw. "Most steel pan documentaries focus on the arranger or talk about the history of the instrument, but nothing that really focuses on the actual players and what they go through."

A pan player herself, after completing her masters in film, Shaw decided to take summer off from playing to follow bands about working on their journey to Panorama. She visited different panyards, interviewing band members and arrangers about their preparation for the competition.

Panorama is an annual steel pan competition organized by the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIAD-CA). The group organizes the event every Labor Day weekend, bringing bands from all over the city and the country to compete for cash prizes.

The African Film Festival

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Denis Mukwege, Kofi Annan and Toni Morrison are part of the ADIFF 2018 line-up.

Opening Night film "Timeless: A Virgin Island Love Story" travels in time from 19th Century Ghana to the modern day Caribbean. It is the story of Ajuwa, a Ghanaian warrior, who loses her soulmate to the slave trade; their souls reunite in contemporary US Virgin Islands.

Closing Night film "Muslimah's Guide to Marriage" is a comedy of manners about Muslimah Muhammad, a twenty-something African-American orthodox Muslim woman who lives in Inglewood, CA and has seven days and 14 hours left in her Iddah (Muslim separation) before she will officially be divorced from her cheating husband.

OTHER HIGHTLIGHTS INCLUDE THE PREMIERE SCREENINGS:

*"Harlem Legacy" by Shushana Dubreil and Genesis Tuyuc (World Premiere, USA, 2018, 26mins).

A film that follows two middle schoolers from P.S 161 Pedro Albizu Campos Middle School, who defy both academic barriers and racial stereotypes through the "rigorous

academic sport of debate".

*"Freedom for the Wolf" by Rupert Russell (NY Premiere, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Kuwait, Tunisia, Usa, 2017, 89mins). Democracy is in crisis. A new generation of elected leaders are dismantling freedom and democracy as we know it. Filmed over three years in five countries, Freedom for the Wolf is an epic investigation into this new regime of illiberal democracy.

*"Kinshasa Makambo" by Dieudo Hamadi (Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Germany, Norway, Qatar, Switzerland, 2018, 75 mins). Follows young activists who fight for change in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

*"Kofi Annan's Suspended Dream" by Vasselin Pascal (France, Ghana, USA, 2018, 52mins). Two times UN Secretary-General, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kofi Annan talks about himself in an exclusive interview.

For more information about the 26th Annual African Diaspora International Film Festival, to receive the complete line up, screeners and high resolution images please contact Diarah N'Daw-Spech at (212) 864-1760/ fax (212) 316-6020 or e-mail pr@nyadiff.org. Festival web site: www.nyadiff.org.

Foy shows her versatility as feminist superhero

"The Girl in the Spider's Web"

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By Kam Williams

The late Stieg Larsson (1954-2004) is best remembered as the author of the Millennium trilogy of posthumously-published best sellers, all of which were eventually made into feature films (The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, The Girl Who Played with Fire and The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest). His Swedishlanguage psychological thrillers revolved around a crime-fighting duo composed of veteran journalist Mikael Blomkvist and compu-



Claire Foy as Lisbeth Salander stars in "The Girl in the Spider's Web."

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ter hacker Lisbeth Salander.

In 2015, David Lagercrantz wrote the fourth installment in the series, "That Which Does Not Kill Us," which was lauded as a faithful extension of the famed franchise. That book has now been adapted to the big screen as "The Girl in the Spider's Web."

Directed by Fede Alvarez (Don't Breathe), the film co-stars

Claire Foy as Lisbeth and Sverrir Gudnason as Mikael. Foy, who won an Emmy, Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild Award for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth on The Crown. And she's recently been getting a lot of Oscar buzz for her critically-acclaimed portrayal of astronaut Neil Armstrong's stoic wife, Janet, in First Man.

Here, the versatile thespian exhibits an impressive acting range in a demanding role where she plays a traumatized, incest survivor-turned-righteous vigilante. This incarnation of Lisbeth is not only a brainy, IT expert but a seemingly invincible heroine with an extraordinary set of fighting, driving and survival skills.

As the film unfolds, we find Lisbeth and her sister Camilla (Sylvia Hoeks) being molested by their father as youngsters. The former makes a daring escape from their snow-capped, mountaintop home, saving herself, but leaving her little sis behind to be violated by the monster for years.

Fast-forward to present-day Stockholm where vengeful Lisbeth is in the midst of unleashing a string of sadistic vigilante attacks against some of the city's worst misogynists. However, the plot makes a sharp turn into world politics when she and sidekick Mikael are recruited to disable a dangerous computer program developed by America's National Security Agency capable of sabotaging other countries' nuclear defense systems.

What ensues is a grisly game of cat-and-mouse played by spies equipped with state-of-the-art gadgetry. As the body count escalates, the relentless bloodletting is presented in such a stylized fashion that it's never really upsetting until the humdinger of a reveal during the dramatic denouement.

Independent & Foreign Films

At Eternity's Gate (PG-13 for mature themes) Willem Dafoe portrays Vincent Van Gogh in this biopic based on the legendary Dutch painter's letters and on

anecdotes about his life. With Oscar Isaac, Mads Mikkelsen and Rupert Friend. (In French and English with subtitles)

Girl (Unrated) Transgender drama about a 15-year-old Belgian girl (Victor Polster), born in a boy's body, who pursues her dream of becoming a ballerina. Cast includes Arieh Worthalter, Oliver Bodart and Magali Elali. (In French, Flemish and English with subtitles)

Green Book (PG-13 for violence, mature themes, profanity, racial slurs, smoking and suggestive material) Unlikely-buddies dramedy, set in the Sixties, about the friendship forged between a black classical pianist (Mahershala Ali) and his white chauffeur (Viggo Mortensen) driving around the Deep South during Jim Crow segregation. With Linda Cardellini, Don Stark and P.J. Byrne.

The Last Race (Unrated) Poignant portrait of octogenarian Barbara and Jim Cromarty's struggle to keep the Riverhead Raceway afloat, the only surviving, stock car racetrack of 40 that once flourished on Long Island.

Oscar Rupert Talal Derki who lived with radical Islamists upon returning to his hometown of

Kam's Kapsules

By Kam Williams

Homs. (In Arabic with subtitles)

Team Khan (Unrated) Boxing documentary following former world champ Amir Khan on the comeback trail for two years as he trains with hopes of securing a title fight with undefeated Floyd Mayweather, Jr. Featuring footage of Lennox Lewis, Bernard Hopkins, Oscar De La Hoya and Manny Pacquiao. (In English and Urdu with subtitles)

The World Before Your Feet (Unrated) New York City documentary chronicling peripatetic Matt Green's 8,000-mile walk around every block in the Big Apple.

WIDE RELEASES

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald (PG-13 for action) Second installment in the Harry Potter prequel series revolves around an infamous evil wizard's (Johnny Depp) attempt to breed a race of pure-blood witches and wizards to rule over all ordinary people. Cast includes Eddie Redmayne, Carmen Ejogo, Jude Law and Zoe Kravitz.



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LONG-RUNNING

JOHN DUNKLEY EXHIBIT: American Folk Art Museum, 2 Lincoln Sq. at Columbus Avenue, Manhattan; (212) 595–9533; folkartmuseum.org. In the first exhibit of his work outside of Jamaica, the American Folk Art Museum brings the paintings and sculptures of the late artist in "John Dunkley: Neither Day nor Night."

LITTLE CARIBBEAN FOOD POP-UP:

Caribbeing, Parkside and Ocean Avenues. Brooklyn; hello@caribbeing.com; Fridays, 4-8 pm, Saturdays, noon-8 pm, Sundays, 1-5 pm, until Fri, Dec. 21.

The annual holiday pop-up shop hosted by Caribbeing — the Caribbean cultural center housed in a shipping container, offering guests a chance to try out and purchase imported and locally-made food products from all over the Caribbean.

THE AFRICAN DIASPORA INTER-NATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL: Teachers College, 525 West 120th St. between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan; (212) 864-1760; pr@nyadiff.org; \$13 (\$11 seniors and students).

The 26th annual African Diaspora International Film Festival (ADIFF) featuring 61 films, playing at Milbank Chapel, Teachers College, Cinema Village, Riverside Church, Dwyer Center, and Mist Harlem. Opening day featuring the film "Gurumbe: Afro-Andalusian Memories" at Teachers College.

FRI., NOV. 16

CELEBRATING THE BATTLE OF VERTIERES: Brooklyn College Student Center, 2705 Campus Rd. at Amersfort Place, Brooklyn; (718) 951-5528; hsi@ cuny.brooklyn.edu; 4-9 pm; Free.

An event organized by the CUNY Haitian Studies Institute honoring the Nov. 18 national holiday in Haiti, which celebrates the final battle of the Haitian Revolution. Organizers will present a gallery exhibit at Brooklyn College library from 4:30-6 pm, followed by a reception in the Student Center's Gold Room from 6:30-8:30 pm.

FOURTH ANNUAL CANCER AWARE-NESS BASKETBALL GAME: Urban Dove Team Charter School, 600 Lafayette Ave. at Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn;

https://inspireorretire.us; 6-8 pm.

Non-profit group D.R.E.A.M., Inc., is partnering with the Urban Dove Charter School, Inspire or Retire, and DJ HR for a turkey giveaway at their fourth Annual Cancer Awareness Basketball Game.

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YEE: BKLYN Commons, 495 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Lincoln Road, Brooklyn; (212) 759-9345; admin@afuwi.org; 6-10 pm; \$20.

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sonality Angela Yee is the special guest of a wine tasting event organized by The American Foundation for The University of the West Indies. There will be food, entertainmentment, and raffles.

POET QUINCY TROUPE'S BOOK

SIGNING: African Voices Communications, Inc. 270 West 96th St. between Broadway and West End Avenue, Brooklyn; 6:30 pm; Suggested donation.

African Voices and Linyak Project host a book signing event for the awardwinning poet's latest poetry collections, "Ghost Voices and Seduction."

SAT., NOV. 17

HAITIAN BOOKS: Meli Melo Restaurant, 153 Dubois Ave. at Gibson Boulevard, Long Island; kiskeyapublishingsco.com/haiti-en-livres-2018; noon; Free.Haitian American author Cindy Similien-Johnson is going to read her children's books "Haiti Is," at the Haiti En Livres festival.

FULL CIRCLE BARBADOS INDE-PENDENCE CELEBRATION: Flovd Bennett American Legion, 5601 Ave. N at E. 56th Street, Brooklyn; (917) 678-8485; 11 pm; \$50.

Celebrating the island nation's forthcoming independence day, a show featuring Hypa Sounds, David Beckles Jr., Tony 'Poser' Grazette, and DJ Sean.

MON., NOV. 19

DONATE WITH DANCE: Cumbe Center for African and Diaspora Dance, 1368 Fulton St. between Brooklyn and New York avenues, Brooklyn; (718) 935-9700; info@cumbedance.org; www.cumbedance.com; 6:30-8 pm; \$5-\$30 (suggested).

THE CUMBE: Center For African and Diaspora Dance is hosting a six week dance workshop from now until December, and students can donate up to \$5-\$30, or more for classes to help make dance more accessible.

TUES., NOV. 20

DONATE WITH DANCE: 6–7:30 pm. Cumbe Center for African and Diaspora Dance. See Monday, Nov. 19.

BROOKLYN'S GUYANA: Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street, Brooklyn; (718) 222-4111; www.brooklynhistory.org; 6:30 pm; \$5.

The Brooklyn Historical Society presents a panel featuring Guyanese female writers, analyzing immigration trends of the city's fifth largest immigrant group in Brooklyn.

WED., NOV. 21

DONATE WITH DANCE: 6:30–8 pm. Cumbe Center for African and Diaspora Dance. See Monday, Nov. 19.

A tale of greed and American consumerism

"Friday Black: Stories" by Nana Kwame was acquitted of killing five black kids Adiei-Brenvah c.2018, Mariner Books \$14.99 / higher in Canada 194 pages

By Terri Schlichenmever

You are the strongest person you know.

You can lift and carry a lot of weight and many burdens, because strength comes from within as well as from muscles. So what are you capable of doing when times get strange? Place yourself in the short stories inside "Friday Black" by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah,

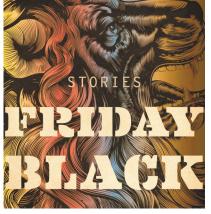
Emmanuel had grown up with a strength his parents nurtured.

They taught him everything they knew about keeping a young Black man alive; because of that, Emmanuel rarely presented his "Blackness" at the top of a one-to-ten scale. At most, he kept it somewhere near the middle. But in "The Finkelstein 5," when a white man with a chainsaw, Emmanuel doubted if he was strong enough to keep his Blackness at anything less than a "10."

Anything less than the blunt truth is a bad thing in "The Era," and Ben knows it. He was not "optimized" at birth, however, so no matter how truthful he is, he'll never be as cool as some of the boys in his "HowItWas class." He'll never make anyone happy, and that's fine. He'll get by because the New Federation makes sure everyone has access to a daily syringe full of Good. Ben gets his at school every day. He wishes he could get more. He's in danger of becoming a "shoelooker" and it will take strength to avoid that.

The gates in front of the store were holding — for now.

It's Black Friday and as customers press forward, there's a stampede and a little girl falls. Lance is working cleanup, and he tries to get her body out of the way but the child's mother grabs the dazed girl first, and heads for any



"Book cover of Friday Black: Stories" by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah.

bargain she can find. Whatever. The narrator of "Friday Black" doesn't care. Bodies will pile up even higher before the day's over and shoppers are gone home. In the meantime, he'll sell more coats than anybody else; he'll see more drooling, half-crazed buyers than anyone; and he'll win the annual contest.

The strongest always does...

Picking up "Friday Black" won't be difficult. Opening it is a piece of cake. It doesn't weigh much at all, but the stories inside are heavy, so beware.

In a dozen short tales and just under 200 pages, author Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah takes readers on quite the ride. It starts with a tale that, if you squint, isn't so very implausible at all, and moves toward the dystopian before slyly commenting on greed and American consumerism. If that sounds like a two-ton book, well, you're almost right: most of these tales are hefty, but they're also infinitely entertaining and irresistible. Reading them is like nibbling at futuristic fiction, but the future is tomorrow.

For a fan of stick-with-vou stories, this book is a winner. It's perfect for readers who don't want the same old thing, or want something quick to read. If you're looking for an early gift to give, "Friday Black" is a pretty strong bet.



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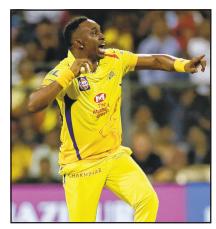


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Chennai Super Kings player Dwayne Bravo celebrates after taking Sunrisers' Yusuf Pathan's wicket during their VIVO IPL cricket T20 match in Mumbai, India, Tuesday, May 22, 2018. Associated Press / Rajanish Kakade, File

Dwayne Bravo to play T20s

By Azad Ali

Former West Indies all-rounder Dwayne Bravo intends to continue his cricket career and will focus on Twenty20 for at least another three years.

Bravo, 33, announced recently his retirement from international cricket.

He has dismissed speculation that his retirement was not as a result of his non-selection for either of the West

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Dubai T10

By Azad Ali

Two-time World Cup, winning captain, Darren Sammy says the plethora of West Indies players picked in the Twenty10 draft for the Nov. 23 to Dec. 2 tournament set for the Sharjah Cricket Stadium, Dubai, is an indication of the Caribbean's strength in the game's shorter versions.

Among the West Indies players, include Twenty20 Captain Carlos Braithwaite and superstar Chris Gayle, who are scattered among the eight teams for the tournament.

He said it is good to know that so many West Indians are being picked up in the draft, especially from the recent concluded Caribbean Premier League (CPL)-Khary Pierre, Sherfane Rutherford (Bengal Tigers), Fabien Allen (Kerla



West Indies' Oshane Thomas, left, celebrates the dismissal of India's Lokesh Rahul, right, during the third and last Twenty20 International cricket match between India and West Indies in Chennai, India, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018.

India crushes Windies in Twenty20 series

By Azad Ali

West Indies ended their miserable tour of India - a whitewash in the two Tests — (3-1) in the five One-Day Internationals (one match tied) and another whitewash (3-0) in the Twen-

However, they produced their best

performance in the final of the Twenty20 International series against India on Sunday, Nove. 11, 2018, but still went down by six wickets, losing off the last ball on the innings in a nail-biting finish in the third and final match at the MA Chidambaram Stadium.

With, India requiring one run off

the last ball of the match, bowler Fabian Allen misfield a drive from Manish Pandey, allowing the batsman to scamper for a single for the unlikeliest of finishes.

India had looked to be easing to victory in pursuit of the Windies' total of

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West Indies' Shimron Hetmyer, right, plays a shot during the third and last Twenty20 international cricket match between India and West Indies in Chennai, India, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018.

INDIA OUTPLAYS WEST INDIES

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181-5, with Shikar Dhawan and Rishab Pant's 130-run partnership for the third wicket carrying them within sight of a comfortable victory.

The pair took the side to 175 for two, leaving India to get seven runs from 11 balls, before they both inexplicably gave their wickets away.

After scoring his first-ever T20 half -century, Pant needlessly tried a reverse sweep off medium fast bowler Keemo Paul and lost his middle stump. Then off the penultimate ball of the match and with only one run needed. Dhawan hit Allen straight into the hands of Kieron Pollard at long on to give West Indies a chance to tie the match, where a super over would be required to decide a win-

But Allen, arguably the Windies' best fielder, was unable to gather the return with Pandey well short of his ground.

Earlier, the West Indies would have been satisfied with their eventual total, as they produced their best batting display of the series.

New opener Shai Hope and Hetmyer gave them an opening stand of 51 runs

Trinidadians Darren Bravo and Nicholas Pooran did not disappoint as he launched a savage attack on the Indian bowlers during a quick, unbeaten half century. West Indies closed off their 20 overs for 181.

Meanwhile West Indies Women crushed Bangladesh in their opening match of the ICC Twenty20 World Cup at the Guyana National Stadium.

Veteran all-rounder Deandra Dottin single-handedly destroyed the Asia team with the third-best figures in women's T20 with a rousing 60-run victory.

Defending a paltry 107, West Indies routed Bangladesh for 46- record low in the tournament's history — with Dottin producing a magical career-best figures of five for five from 22 balls to claim the Player-of-the-Match title.

The performance- the best by a West Indies bowler in T20 Internationalrocked the Bangladeshis and ruined an ideal opportunity to upset the reigning World Champions.

Bangladesh had the Windies Women backs against the wall when they reduced them to six for 87, ending at 106 for eight off their 20 Overs. At one stage they were tottering at 30 for five.

New Barbados volleyball champs

By George Alleyne

Bubbling with desire to be at the top of the pile after languishing below for three years, Deacons have brushed aside Cawmere in straight sets to take the Barbados 2018 men's knockout volleyball title.

The score line read 25-17, 25-16 and 25-21 in favour of Deacons at the end of play last week, but perhaps because they already hold the women's league crown, Warrens girls did not initially show the same boiling passion for this KO title as the men and had to recover the Chargers 16-25, 25-12, 25-12 and leaving them wrong-footed on many 25-21 for this title.

The teams battled in the men's and women's finals at Wildey Gymnasium for the Goddard Enterprises Limited Barbados Volleyball Association Senior Knockout trophies.

As the results showed, Cawmere at no time posed a challenge to Deacons' vouthful attack that was complemented and guided by some veterans.

Deacons senior national player, Ahkeem Mayers, was a thorn in the side of the Cawmere men with severfrom a stumble in the first set to beat al crosscourt smashes, surprising and

Following the matches Deacons captain Pernell Blunte spoke of his team's eagerness created by the long wait for the KO crown.

"The title has eluded us for the last three or four years, we came out this year with a mindset, focused and ready to play," he said.

Following their fine play to win the first set, Chargers appeared to fall apart in the face of the well-oiled Warrens players who seemed to have been awakened from the second set onwards.

Twenty20s

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Indies limited-overs teams for the current tour of India.

An article on the Cricinfo website on Sept. 1, 2018 reported that Bravo, his brother Darren, Kieron Pollard and Lendl Simmons made themselves available for the Trinidad and Tobago Red Force in the recentlyconcluded Cricket West Indies (CWI) Regional Super50 Cup, with the hope for a possible selection for the 2019 Cricket World Cup in England.

But Bravo ended his international career two days before the Red Force's humiliating seven-wicket loss to first time champions CCC Marooners in the Super50 semi- final at the Kensington Oval, Barbados.

He admitted that he came back to play with the Red Force team because it was the last opportunity for him to play with the team, which he grew up playing with in the firstclass arena.

The former One-Day International captain said not being selected for the West Indies to go to India had nothing to do with his decision because he had not played for the West Indies in One-Day Internationals since 2014 and Twenty20s since 2016.

Bravo, who has been the captain of the Trinidad and Tobago franchise teams - both the Trinidad and Tobago Red Steel and back-to-back champions Trinbago Knight Riders (TKR)- since the inception of the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) in 2013, plans to keep on representing the TKR as long as possible.

West Indies players in **Dubai T10**

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Kings) and young Obed McCov getting a look in the format, following last Monday's draft.

Sammy said: "I think the shorter format over the last two decades we've always done better. In the last three Twenty20s World Cups we've been in at least the semi-finals, and won it twice (2012) and (2016).'

The former West Indies captain believes, however, that the shorter formats can produce the type of development required for West Indies to flourish again in the longer format of the game.

The Twenty10 League, similar to the popular Twenty20 format, is a fast-paced version of the game which came on stream last year.

Windies T201 captain bemoans absence of regular openers

By Nelson A. King
Following the West Indies loss to India in both Twenty20 Internationals in India, West Indies Captain Carlos Brathwaite has lamented his team's top order failure.

At the post-match presentation after the 2nd match in Lucknow, Brathwaite rued not having any designated opener in the side, saying that the with an out-and-out opener, so makeshift approach taken by the management - with regards to their opening pair - has forced West Indies to always have a rocky start with the bat in the series, according to ESPNcricinfo.

It said that, in the first game in Kolkata, West Indies' opening pair of Denesh Ramdin and Shai Hope — neither bats-men are regular T20I openers — lasted all of 15 deliveries, scoring only 16 runs between them.

In Lucknow, a new opening pair of Hope and Shimron Hetmyer "fared only marginally better with a combined tally of

21 runs in 22 deliveries," ESP-Ncricinfo said.

With Chris Gayle and Evin Lewis opting out of the series due to personal reasons, Brathwaite said that the team was simply trying to make do with the resources that are available to them, according to ESPNcricinfo.

"We didn't come to the tour we are still trying to find our best opening combination," Brathwaite said. "There were a few theories in the first game and also this game on how we wanted our batting order, for different reasons.

"Ultimately, neither worked, because we failed to get a good start," he added. "But we're working with the players we have on tour; and it's difficult to choose the best batting pair, but we're trying. Up until a theory works out, it will look bad and give the pundits something to say."

Stuart Law, the West Indies coach, shared Brathwaite's views at the post-match conference.

"We have got some fantastic T20 players," he said. "But now, it's just about playing for pride. "It's time for them to dig deep and play for pride, and give it everything in the last game.

"If we play anywhere near to our potential, we can beat any team on the day," he added. "We need to improve a lot to get to that stage."

Law also defended Kieron Pollard's inclusion in the side, despite two ordinary performances so far, according to ESP-Ncricinfo.

It said Pollard made 20 in two innings so far, and his solitary over in the Kolkata T20I that went for 12 - arguably shifted the momentum of the game back into India's hands at a time when they were reeling at 57 for four.

But Law said that Pollard brings much more to the table, and not just on the cricket field, ESPNcricinfo said.



West Indies cricketer, Denesh Ramdin.

Associated Press / Arnulfo Franco

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TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, letting go is a hard lesson to learn this week. You may have to retire a plan that just can't come to fruition. But don't worry, new ideas are in the works.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, try not to hold onto negative emotions. Focus on all of the happy memories you have made with others and your mood will instantly brighten.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22

Honesty is the best policy, Cancer. So have that frank conversation with someone even if full disclosure can be a bit uncomfortable. Afterward, you'll be glad you did.



LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23

Don't underestimate your abilities, Leo. You are imaginative and creative when the mood suits you, as it will this week. Look for your muse and get started.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, stay open to external influences and you may be able to infer some things about the future that can guide you in the days ahead. It's good to stay ahead

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, this is a good week to take stock of the people who mean the most to you. Express your feelings to these people and spend some time with them.

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SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22 A little dose of being naughty might do you some good this week, Scorpio. Call in sick from work and

enjoy a day shopping or simply indulging in a little SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21

You have basic needs that have to be met, and a strong network of friends and coworkers can get vou through any rough patch, Sagittarius.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20 Capricorn, although you can't narrow it down just yet, something doesn't feel right in your world. Keep investigating and trust your instincts.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18 Aquarius, you have reached a crossroads where everything you have dreamed and worked for has finally converged. This is the time to enjoy the fruits of all your

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, rather than looking at the differences between you and someone else, look at the similarities. This is a great way to begin a friendship.

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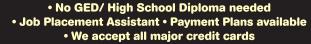
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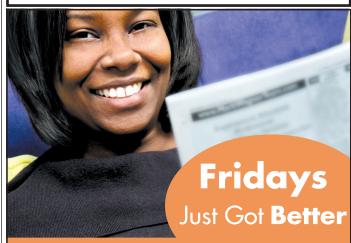
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