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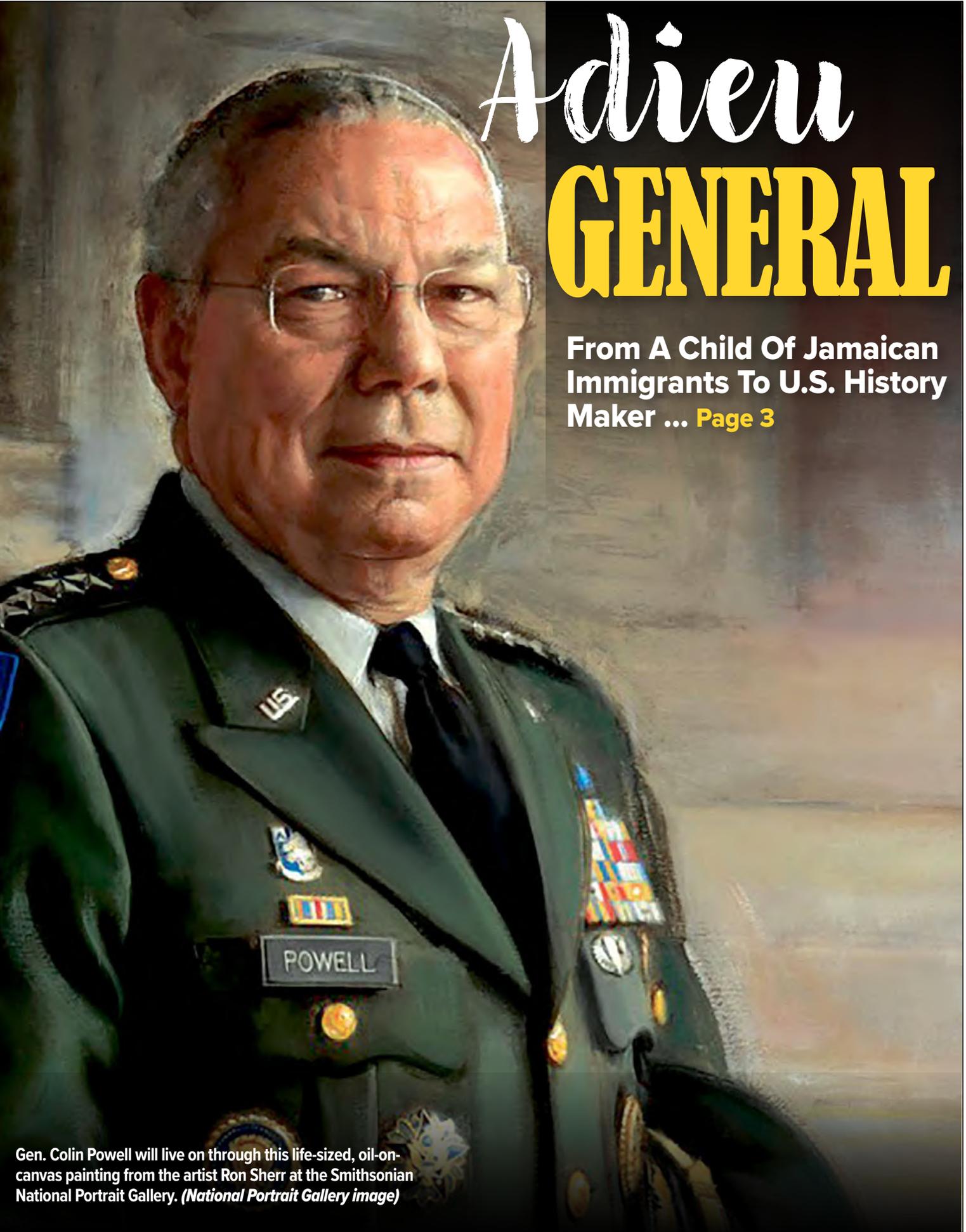
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Gen. Colin Powell will live on through this life-sized, oil-on-canvas painting from the artist Ron Sherr at the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery. *(National Portrait Gallery image)*

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Regional Caribbean News Round Up

Here are some of the top Caribbean news making headlines this month.

REGIONAL

Chairman of CARICOM and Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne, on Monday urged the developed countries to adhere to their commitments to assist Small Island Developing States, (SIDS), meet the challenges posed by climate change warning.

"If sea level rise does not get us first, we will surely drown in debt," he told the Round Table on Action and Solidarity chaired by Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson as part of the activities for the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 26).

Browne, who is also Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) said: "We are here to deliver on commitments made but we are closing out 2021 with ambition that puts us on a pathway to overshooting the 1.5 goal. Ambition is our litmus test."

Several Caribbean Community (CARICOM) leaders are attending the conference as countries work towards the global goal of limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. If this limit is exceeded, scientists have predicted that worsening climatic events will threaten people's lives, livelihoods and food systems.

Also, in attendance are:

- 2: Prime Minister of Jamaica, Andrew Holness
- 3: Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley
- 4: Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago, Dr. Keith Rowley
- 5: Prime Minister of The Bahamas, Philip Davis
- 6: Prime Minister of St. Lucia

- Phillip J Pierre
7: President of Guyana, Dr. Irfaan Ali and
7: Premier and Minister for Sustainability and Climate Resiliency of the Cayman Islands, Wayne Panton.

The formal opening plenary of the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, COP-26, also referred to as the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2021 in Glasgow, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, kicked off on Sunday, October 31st, at the Scottish Event Campus.

JAMAICA

At least 39 members of the cult-like controversial Pathways International Kingdom Restoration Ministries in Jamaica, whose pastor died in a

Since March 10th, last year, the Jamaica government has employed the Disaster Risk Management Act as the primary legislative tool to manage the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

On October 17th, 42 members of the church were arrested by police following a stand-off with law enforcement authorities who had been alerted to the premises where a three-day convention was being held. One member of the group was shot dead after reportedly attacking the police, while two others are believed to have been killed as part of a ritual. On October 25th, Kevin Smith, the pastor of the Pathways International Kingdom Restoration Ministries, died as he was being driven in an unmarked police vehicle from the Freeport Police Station



The family of Jamaican cult pastor Kevin Smith, want an independent autopsy following his death by accident on Oct. 25, 2021.

vehicular accident on October 25th, have been fined a total of J\$1.17 million (One Jamaica dollar=US\$0.008 cents) after pleading guilty to breaches of the Disaster Risk Management Act, (DRMA).

The members, who appeared in the St James Parish Court on October 27th, also face 20 days in jail if the fines are not paid.

in St James, south of here, to the police headquarters in the capital, Kingston.

A police officer, identified as Orlando Irons, 26, also died in the vehicular accident, while two others were seriously injured.

Saint Vincent & The Grenadines

St. Vincent and the Grenadines turned 42 on October 27, 2021, marking the more than four decades since it achieved political independence from Britain. Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves in a nationwide radio and television broadcast, said that the nation had experienced a "monumental beating" from the twin calamities and that "every single family in our blessed nation has suffered."

But he told the nation as they participated in the scale down activities to mark the anniversary of the independence, that it was important that there is unity in rebuilding the country.

Gonsalves said that as the country seeks to deal with the pandemic and the eruption of the La Soufriere volcano in April, the focus to develop sustainably "must never be diverted." And he added that the

government over the next three years, intends to implement a number of multi-million-dollar projects as it seeks to build a new post-colonial economy situated within a global environment.

He said that this will be anchored by the construction of the EC\$500 million (One EC dollar=US\$0.37 cents) port project, an EC\$150 million hospital, the EC\$40 million reconstruction or building of nine schools, an EC\$40 million sea defense project as well as an EC\$30 million housing program. The government will also embark upon a multi-million-dollar road program as well as an EC\$50 million court and parliament project and the further purist of the geothermal energy program.

GUYANA

Guyana's External Debt Stock stands at US\$1.3 billion even as the country is projected to have the highest per capita oil production of any country in the world, at around a barrel per person per day.

The Guyana Central Bank said that the increase in debt has resulted mainly from higher multilateral liability owed to the Inter-American Development Bank, (IADB), and the International Development Association, (IDA). Obligations to the IADB and IDA rose by 8.5 percent and 3.7 percent to US\$599 million and US\$94 million, respectively, from December 2020.

The financial institution said this outcome reflected an increase in disbursements of US\$50 million and US\$2 million from the respective institutions. The news comes as forecasts issued by the IMF put Guyana's economy at \$14.1 billion by 2025, almost three times 2019 figure. According to the latest edition of the IMF's World Economic Outlook, published on October 12th, Guyana's real gross Domestic Product (GDP), is now expected to increase by 20.4 per cent in 2021. This is an increase from the earlier projection made in April that Guyana's economy would expand by 16.4 per cent this year.

BARBADOS

It's official. Barbados has become the newest Republic in the world and replaced Queen Elizabeth, II as its head of state.

Members of the House of Assembly and the Senate on Wednesday voted for Governor General Dame Sandra Mason to be Barbados' first President.

Dame Sandra, 72, will take up the post on November 30, Barbados' Independence Day.

Prime Minister Mia Mottley and Opposition Leader Bishop

Joseph Atherley had jointly nominated Dame Sandra, and the other 27 Members of Parliament in attendance voted in agreement. Opposition Senator, Caswell Franklyn walked out of the joint sitting of Parliament after objecting to the nomination.

Ironically, it was Mason's appointment as the 8th Governor-General of Barbados by Her Majesty that also appointed led to her being named a Dame Grand Cross in the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO The Man Who Led A Coup In Trinidad & Tobago Is Dead

The man who led a coup in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in 1990 is now dead and buried.

Leader of the Jamaat-al Muslimeen, Imam Yasin Abu Bakr, passed away on the evening of October 21st, days after his 80th birthday, Trinidad media reports. He reportedly collapsed and died.

The news was delicately confirmed by his son Fuad Abu Bakr who wrote on Facebook, "To Allah we belong and to him is our eventual return. ALLAHU AKBAR."

Bakr was a longstanding leader in Trinidad and Tobago's Islamic landscape. The 1990 insurrection which he led, caused the deaths of dozens of people and injured many more.

He was born Lennox Philip in Trinidad and Tobago and grew up in a suburb of Port-of-Spain as the eighth of fifteen children. He would later attend and graduate from Queen's Royal College and would spend time on his tertiary studies in Toronto, Canada.

Philip would later convert to Islam and change his name shortly after.

In the 1970s he lived in Libya as a guest of Muamar Gaddafi. Upon his return to Trinidad and Tobago he founded Jamaat al Muslimeen. In 1990, 100 of his followers stormed the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago and took Prime Minister A.N. R. Robinson, hostage.

Abu Baker surrendered to police six days later and spent 2 years in jail. Last year, he apologized to Trinidadians for the coup.

Bakr's son, Fuad, would later embark on a political course, eventually becoming the leader of the New National Vision party, a minor political party founded in 1994 in Trinidad and Tobago. His attempt at obtaining a seat in the 2020 General Elections proved unsuccessful.

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Adieu General ~ From A Child Of Jamaican Immigrants To U.S. History Maker

BY HOWARD CAMPBELL &
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Before there was Colin Luther Powell, the man who would go on to become the US' National Security Advisor, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the first black and Jamaican American Secretary of State, there was Luther Theophilus Powell, his Jamaican immigrant father.

Luther Powell emigrated from Kingston, Jamaica and entered the United States at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, aboard the *Manchioneal* on April 26, 1920. He filed this Declaration of Intention to become a U.S. citizen on December 12, 1929.

Luther Powell was born in Top Hill, Saint Elizabeth, Jamaica on May 18, 1898, to Aubrey Spencer Powell and Rosina Bromfield. In the US, he became a shipping clerk and married Maud Ariel McKoy. She was born on January 4, 1901, in Westmoreland, Jamaica to Edwin Octavius McKoy and Alice Rebecca Coote.

She immigrated to Ellis Island, New York City, New York, United States in 1923 and married Luther Theophilus Powell on December 28, 1929, in Harlem, New York City. On April 5, 1937, she gave birth to a baby boy who they named Colin Luther Powell. Ten years earlier, they had given birth to their first child, Marilyn.

When the little Colin was



The late Gen. Colin Powell discussing his life and career at the unveiling of his portrait at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012, in Washington, D.C. (Paul Morigi/AP Images for National Portrait Gallery)

4, his family moved to the South Bronx so his maternal grandmother, Gram Alice McKoy to take care of the children as Luther worked and his wife continued to sew.

Colin Luther Powell attended the now closed Morris High School, from which he graduated in 1954. While at school, he also worked at a local baby furniture store, where he picked up Yiddish from the Eastern European Jewish shopkeepers and some of the customers. He also served as a Shabbos goy, helping Orthodox families with needed tasks on the Sabbath.

From high school, he went

on to City College of New York, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in geology in 1958. He joined the U.S. Army through ROTC, starting as the youngest second lieutenant commissioned in the dawn of a newly desegregated Army.

Powell served two combat tours in Vietnam; he was injured during both. Injuries sustained in a helicopter crash from which he pulled two fellow soldiers earned him medals for bravery during the second tour.

While serving in the military, Powell met Alma Vivian Johnson on a blind date. The couple married in August 1962.

After receiving his Master of Business Administration from Georgetown University, Powell began a White House Fellowship under President Richard Nixon in 1972.

Almost two decades later, in 1987, President Ronald Reagan named Powell national security advisor. The president later named him chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military position in the Department of Defense. The appointment made Powell the youngest chairman ever and the first of Afro-Caribbean American heritage. He was also the first former ROTC member to hold the position.

Upon graduation, he received a commission as an Army second lieutenant and underwent training in the state of Georgia, where he was refused service in bars and restaurants because of the color of his skin. After attending basic training at Fort Benning, Powell was assigned to the 48th Infantry, in West Germany, as a platoon leader.

Captain Powell served a tour in Vietnam as a South Vietnamese Army (ARVN) advisor from 1962 to 1963. He returned to Vietnam as a major in 1968, serving as assistant chief of staff of operations for the 23rd (Americal) Infantry Division.

When he returned to the US from Vietnam in 1971, Powell earned a Master of Business

Administration degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He later served a White House Fellowship under President Richard Nixon from 1972 to 1973. During 1975–1976 he attended the National War College, Washington, D.C.

Following the Iran–Contra scandal, Powell became, at the age of 49, Ronald Reagan's National Security Advisor, serving from 1987 to 1989 while retaining his Army commission as a lieutenant general.

In April 1989, after his tenure with the National Security Council, Powell was promoted to four-star general under President George H. W. Bush and briefly served as the Commander in Chief, Forces Command (FORSCOM), headquartered at Fort McPherson, Georgia, overseeing all Army, Army Reserve, and National Guard units in the Continental US, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. He became the third general since World War II to reach four-star rank without ever serving as a division commander, joining Dwight D. Eisenhower and Alexander Haig.

Later that year, President George H. W. Bush selected him as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Powell's last military assignment, from October 1, 1989, to September 30, 1993, was as

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LOCAL NEWS



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Miya Marcano Foundation To Host First Official Event

The family of murdered Caribbean American teen, Miya Marcano, has officially launched the Miya Marcano Foundation and announced its first sanctioned event and initiatives.

In just under 3 weeks, the Foundation has already made a monumental impact and has over 19,000 followers on its social media platforms.

On November 5, 2021, the Foundation will host its first fundraising event: "The Release: Fly High, Princess Miya," in South Florida at Flanagan High School at 6:30 p.m.

A release of 1900 butterflies will follow in the school's Memorial Garden. Several other ceremonies as well as addresses

from the Foundation's board members and Miya Marcano's parents are on the event's schedule.

Supporters from around the world are highly encouraged to support the Foundation in meeting its goal of releasing 1,900 butterflies - a representation of the age Miya was when her life was taken.

The Foundation intends to provide more information around its initiatives, programs, and upcoming events. One of the immediate initiatives that the Foundation has taken on is the introduction of Miya's Law, a bipartisan bill that it hopes to pass in the upcoming legislative session.

As it currently stands, the family has assembled a coalition of



Caribbean American teen Miya Marcano was murdered in Orlando on Sept. 24th by a maintenance man who had access to her apartment via the complex's master keys.

professionals and advocates with an array of backgrounds consisting of legal, housing, property management, human resources, and marketing to name a few.

The team has begun conducting research on the current laws in place with the goal of developing recommendations for improving these laws at all government levels. The expected improvements will be referred to as "Miya's Law."

Family spokesperson and Founding Board Member of the Miya Marcano Foundation, Jodi Lewis, indicated that "Miya's Law will positively impact over 2.8 million Florida residents and will ensure they are more safe and secure."

South Florida-based family friend and legal consultant, Marlon Hill, has started leading the charge by organizing Miya's Law Community Coalition - a statewide network of Caribbean Student Associations (CSA), beginning with the association at the University of Central Florida (UCF).

His efforts will assist in the collection of data from students and other residents across the state of Florida regarding their tenant experiences with apartment living. In just under a week, the UCF CSA has collected over 400 submissions from students. Similarly, the Miya's Law Advocacy group has collected and documented all recommendations received

nationwide. The group intends to begin its initial dissection of the recommendations in the coming weeks. Likewise, they will begin working alongside lawmakers to address these recommendations. "Florida and the global Caribbean community rallied to ensure that the search for Miya was pursued with all available resources," stated Marlon Hill. "Though it was not the outcome we wished for, our community is emboldened to ensure that her life is remembered for the vibrancy that she exhibited for life and that changes happen in our state and beyond in how we prioritize and protect the personal security of residents in Landlord-Tenant relationships. We intend to use our last breath of resources to gather testimony and ideas from the public to fully evaluate and advocate for changes in our laws."

To submit your experience with your landlord as it pertains to safety concerns, visit www.miyamarcandofdn.com/miyaslaw.



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the 12th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military position in the Department of Defense. At age 52, he became the youngest officer, and first Afro-Caribbean American, to serve in this position.

During this time, Powell oversaw responses to 28 crises, including the invasion of Panama in 1989 to remove General Manuel Noriega from power and Operation Desert Storm in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. During these events, Powell earned the nickname "the reluctant warrior," although Powell himself disputed this label, and spoke in favor of the first Bush administration's Gulf War policies.

Powell took an early resignation from his tenure as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on September 30, 1993 after 35 years of service and with the rank of general. In 1995, Powell wrote his autobiography, *My American Journey*, in which he paid tribute to his parents.

In 2001, Powell was appointed, confirmed and sworn in as the first Black and Jamaican American US secretary of state and the 65th United States secretary of state, serving under Republican President George W. Bush.

As secretary of state, Powell gave a speech before the United Nations regarding the rationale for the Iraq War, but he later admitted that the speech contained substantial inaccuracies.

He resigned in 2004, following a prostate cancer diagnosis and went on to write the second of his two books, *It Worked for Me, Lessons in Life and Leadership*, while continuing his relationship with the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at City College of New York.

He spent his later years as a senior statesman to the world,

addressing audiences across the globe before he died at age 84 on October 18, 2021 at Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. Though he was fully vaccinated, his family said he succumbed to complications of COVID-19 based on his illnesses.

In Jamaica, prime minister Andrew Holness cited Powell as a personal inspiration who died on the day Jamaica saluted its heroes. Like Powell, Holness has roots in rural St. Elizabeth parish, southern Jamaica.

And there was no shortage of praise for Powell throughout the Jamaican Diaspora. In South Florida, Hazelle Rogers, Mayor the City of Lauderdale Lakes and former member of the Florida Senate, hailed him as "an outstanding role model."

Two famous Jamaican stars also acknowledged Powell's achievements.

Grammy winner Shaggy, who enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at age 18 in 1988, served with Field Artillery Battery in the 10th Marine Regiment during the Persian Gulf War, also known as Operation Desert Storm, tweeted: "Rest well General!!! You did your thang!! You got us through a war with very little casualties, which I fought, thank you for your service!"

While singer Maxi Priest, who was born in London to parents from St. Elizabeth, used a similar format to show his respect.

"His family roots are from the same place where my parents came from, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. I always felt connected to him. I would stop to listen whenever I saw his face on TV or heard his name...always big and proud of his connection to Jamaica, a motivation to all. RIP king!," he posted.

Powell never hid his Jamaican roots, something Jonathan Power of *The Baltimore Sun* wrote

about after reading *My American Journey*, his 1995 memoirs.

"Americans will do well to give some attention to Mr. Powell's roots. Harlem-born he was, but it is abundantly clear from his autobiography that his music is calypso and reggae, not Motown and soul; his favorite drink is Appleton's rum, not beer or whiskey, and comfort food for him is not chitlins and greens, but roast goat, plantains, peas and rice."

But being a Republican who served presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, put him in the firing line of many African American leaders with die-hard ties to the Democratic party. Even some with a Jamaican background.

In 2002, Harry Belafonte described Powell as a house slave. "Colin Powell", he said, "is committed to come into the house of the master."

The following year, as Secretary of State, Powell appeared at the United Nations and gave a speech that many pundits believe sullied his hitherto unsoiled reputation.

He declared US intelligence showed that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction which was reason enough for the administration of George W. Bush to invade that country. Powell later apologized for those unsubstantiated remarks, saying he was misled.

That led to a falling-out between Powell and members of the Bush inner circle including Vice President Dick Cheney.

Colin Powell is survived by his wife Alma, daughters Linda and Annmarie, son Michael and grandchildren.

He is set to be laid to rest following a funeral early on Nov. 5th, but the public will be able to view the service via livestream on *The National Cathedral's* website.



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Official Complaint Filed Over U.S. Border Treatment Of Haitians

Forty-eight individuals who fled life-threatening conditions in Haiti and who survived alleged mistreatment under the custody of federal officials at the U.S. border have joined with a Haitian American organization to file an official complaint against the U.S. government.

Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR) filed the complaint October 18th on behalf of the 48, as well as the Haitian Americans United (HAU), and its members.

The complaint outlines alarming facts about the lived experiences of Black Haitian families under DHS custody at the border including that:

Families were detained in overcrowded conditions that threatened their health and wellbeing, particularly in light of COVID-19.

Families were denied access to medical care and treatment. Even pregnant women and children experiencing illness were deprived of medical assistance. This led to at least one miscarriage.



A US Customs Border Patrol agent on horseback corrals a Haitian immigrant as he grabs his shirt.

While confined in an outdoor “camp” — under a bridge near Del Rio, Texas — families were denied access to food, water, hygiene products, sanitation and protection from the elements. Families were deprived of blankets — or any protection from the ground — at the makeshift “camp.”

Even after being transferred by DHS from the “camp”

to detention facilities, many families — including those with infant children — were deprived of adequate food and water. They were given only apples or a slice of bread to share for days. Over the course of multiple days in detention facilities, families had no access to showers, hygiene products, blankets, or beds. Many slept without any covers on concrete floors.

Families were also denied access to Haitian Creole translators or interpreters.

“The federal government confined Black families fleeing from Haiti in inhumane and life-threatening conditions for an unnecessarily and excessively long period of time. These families came to the U.S. to seek safety, but instead were met with further despair,” said Arielle Sharma, Staff Attorney at Lawyers for Civil Rights.

“Visceral anti-Black and anti-Haitian sentiments explain the gross miscarriage of justice experienced by Black Haitian families at the border at the hands of federal officials. As our country experiences a racial justice reckoning, we must recognize that Black immigrants matter too,” said Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, the Executive Director of Lawyers for Civil Rights.

“We cannot turn a blind eye to the plight of Haitians at the border. People are fleeing Haiti seeking our protection. They do not deserve our

punishment,” said Reverend Dieufort Fleurissaint of Haitian-Americans United.

“In Boston, non-profit organizations have been overwhelmed helping Haitian families recently released from the border. They are traumatized. They need food, shelter, medical assistance, and humanitarian parole. We need the federal government to support them and treat them humanely,” added Dr. Geralde Gabeau, the Executive Director of the Immigrant Family Services Institute.

“The federal government utterly failed, injured and harmed the Black families fleeing from Haiti who arrived at the U.S. border in search of safety and human dignity,” said Sara Wilson, Civil Rights Fellow at Lawyers for Civil Rights. “This is unacceptable. The federal government must act expeditiously to end these harrowing conditions at the border.”

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FIU, Sandals And UWI Join Arms



SRI's executive chairman, Adam Stewart (center) flanked by UWI Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles (right) and FIU president, Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg, signing MOU.

Florida International University's (FIU) Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management has signed a Memorandum of Understanding, (MOU), with the Jamaica-based Sandals Resorts International (SRI) and The University of the West Indies (The UWI) and Florida International University's (FIU) Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management to establish the Gordon 'Butch' Stewart International School of Hospitality & Tourism.

"My dad spent much of his life pioneering and building the

regional tourism industry. There truly is no better way to celebrate his legacy than by working with The UWI and FIU to ensure the sustainable development of the region's tourism through training and investment in our young talent," said SRI's executive chairman, Adam Stewart.

The new school will be built at the Western Jamaica Campus of The University of the West Indies, Mona in the tourism capital of Montego Bay.

Through innovative technology and by leveraging the universities' powerful network and reach across the Caribbean

and internationally, regional and international students will benefit from high-quality academic tutelage and practical experience in a range of hospitality and tourism programs.

The Gordon 'Butch' Stewart International School of Hospitality & Tourism will provide students with an immersive, holistic world-class learning and training experience by marrying the academic excellence synonymous with The UWI and FIU with the ground breaking innovation and world-leading hospitality standards that have come to trademark the Sandals brand.

"Tourism is our number one business in the Caribbean and The UWI is its number one university. FIU has been a respected partner to Caribbean people and institutions for decades and in particular, counts many distinguished Jamaicans among its graduates and professors," said Professor Beckles, UWI Vice-Chancellor.

FIU President, Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg said the institution is proud to partner with Sandals Resorts International and the University of West Indies, two highly respected institutions in the Caribbean and both leaders in the hospitality industry.

"At FIU, we already welcome international students from the Caribbean from 20 different countries. Offering even more students, the opportunity to study, learn and live in two hospitality destinations learning

and working from iconic leading institutions and brands like Sandals, UWI and FIU, is historic," he said.



Haitian Woman Killed In Domestic Related Shooting

A Haitian migrant woman was recently shot at a bus stop in what police are saying was a domestic-related incident in Florida City.

According to Miami-Dade Police Detective Argemis Colome, Florida City police officers responded to the 200 block of Southwest 344th Street around 4:20 a.m. on Oct. 18th, after receiving reports of a woman being shot.

Colome said officers arrived at the scene to find a Black woman in her 40s suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The victim was identified to Local 10 News by relatives as Loretha Bruno, who they said was in her late 40s.

"She came from Haiti,"

Bruno's cousin, Guddeurse Gaspard, told Local 10. "She's a hard worker, she loves her kids so much. She worked for those kids and it's devastating."

Bruno was sitting at the bus stop when someone came up and shot her. Her family says she was headed to work in the Keys.

According to family members, Bruno's son, Andrew Ellosaint, was taken into custody for the shooting.

Colome said the shooting was domestic-related but did not confirm who the suspect is or whether that person has been arrested. The Miami-Dade Police Department's Homicide Bureau has taken over the investigation.

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LCR is demanding an immediate investigation "into the heinous actions perpetrated by federal officials at the border" on behalf of its clients.

The complaint was filed with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and the agency's Inspector General. The complaint also asks the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and the agency's Inspector General to issue a report detailing all the factual findings from the requested investigation concerning the mistreatment of Black Haitian families at the border and asks DHS to make the report available to Congress and the American public.

Haitian families were confined by DHS for up to 10 days under the bridge near Del Rio, Texas. Once transferred to detention facilities, Haitian families were confined for up to 49 days before being released.

In light of DHS's systemic abuse, the LCR complaint for HAU demands: An immediate DHS and Inspector General investigation into how racial animus and national origin discrimination produced the unlawful detention conditions at the border. It also calls for the investigation

to include a racial audit and an assessment of how long white immigrants are detained by DHS before they are released, compared with Black immigrants.

Policy changes to ensure that Black immigrants from Haiti are treated in a lawful manner. This includes a specific timeline for improved access to food, shelter, medical care, and hygiene along with the immediate reduction of overcrowded conditions that place families at imminent risk of life-threatening COVID-19 infection, illness, and death.

They also want the DHS to ensure that Haitian Creole translators and interpreters are available to effectively communicate with people arriving at the border.

Mandatory anti-bias training for border agents to address the anti-Black and anti-Haitian sentiments that are exacerbating the Haitian refugee crisis at the border.

Immediate testing for COVID-19 and vaccine access for immigrants.

An end to prolonged detention, including a commitment to release immigrants from DHS custody within 72 hours.

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Haiti Kidnappings Make It Worst Affected Country Globally

BY MARIA CASPANI AND
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Ohio-based Christian Aid Ministries pulled its American staff out of the country for nine months because of political unrest before returning them last year, according to the group's 2020 annual report.

The kidnapping of 17 missionaries last month has underlined a different, growing concern.

Control Risks, a London-based risk consultancy firm with clients in Haiti, said in an email to Reuters Monday that "previously, our main concern was political stability amid high levels of anti-government demonstrations."

"Now, we are focused on providing a better understanding of the increased power of criminal groups and the extremely volatile political environment,"

said the firm, which works with international nonprofits and businesses.

Kidnappings have become more commonplace in recent months amid growing political and economic crisis, with at least 628 incidents in the first nine months of 2021 alone, according to a report by the Haitian nonprofit Center for Analysis and Research in Human Rights.

Control Risks, without providing numbers, said kidnappings in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, surpassed far larger metropolitan areas in the Americas such as Sao Paulo and Mexico City in raw numbers this year. In Haiti, 9 out of 10 such kidnappings take place in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area, Control Risks told Reuters.

In per capita terms, Haiti is the worst affected country in the world, Control Risks said.



Haitians protest for the release of kidnapped missionaries near the missionaries' headquarters in Titanyen, north of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021. (AP Photo/Joseph Odelyn)

Victims generally come from members of the Haitian middle class. Haitians on Monday mounted a nationwide general strike to protest the kidnappings.

PRECARIOUS SITUATION

Hope for Haiti, a nonprofit which operates in Haiti's south to improve infrastructure, access to education, and healthcare on the impoverished island, suspended all staff travel to the capital over a year ago, CEO Skyler Badenoch, said in a phone interview. Hope for Haiti, which has its U.S. headquarters in Florida, currently has more than 100 personnel in Haiti.

"I was pretty surprised when I heard that there was a bus ... of 17 people driving around Port-au-

Prince," Badenoch said, referring to the missionaries from Christian Aid Ministries (CAM).

CAM did not respond to requests for comment from Reuters. The group said in a statement on Monday that civil authorities in Haiti and the U.S. were offering assistance in the wake of the kidnapping.

"While we desire the safe release of our workers, we also desire that the kidnapers be transformed by the love of Jesus," CAM added.

One Canadian and 16 Americans from CAM had been visiting an orphanage when their bus was hijacked on Saturday outside the capital Port-au-Prince, according to accounts by other missionaries.

According to its annual report, much of CAM's work in Haiti is in La Source, far west of the capital, and in Titanyen, on the northern outskirts of Port-au-Prince. Its work in Haiti includes operating clinics, supporting orphans and providing jobs on community projects for Haitians.

In 2019, it emerged that an employee for the Christian group had molested children while working for the organization in Haiti, and that CAM managers had known for years.

CAM said in a May 2020 statement that it had settled out of court a civil case brought against the group in Haiti.

Haiti saw its already precarious security situation deteriorate following the July assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. In August, the U.S. State Department issued a "do not travel" advisory for Haiti.

A large number of migrants from the long-troubled country arrived at the U.S.-Mexico border last month, only to be met with a wave of deportations.

(Reporting by Maria Caspani in New York and Brad Brooks in Lubbock, Texas; Editing by Donna Bryson and Aurora Ellis)

- Reuters



Mark your Calendar For The Virtual Book & Author Brunch

Mark your calendar for the Virtual Book & Author Brunch, Greater Miami's 15th annual event.

Greater Miami (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated will host the event under the theme: Celebrating 66 Years of Friendship & Service and Linkages & Legacies, Volume III, on Sunday, November 14th at 11 a.m. at <https://greatermiamilinksinc.org>.

Special musical guests for the brunch include Gospel recording artists Bryan Courtney Wilson and Grammy Award R&B artists Anthony Hamilton.

"We are elated to host our upcoming Virtual Book & Author Brunch honoring 66 Miami Black pioneers and profiling 20 Black churches over 100 years old from the book, Linkages & Legacies, Volume III," said Gail Ash Dotson, President of Greater Miami (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. "The Virtual Book & Author Brunch will further our organization's mission of investing in and showcasing authentic Black stories and culture in our community. We would like to thank the support of AARP for making this event possible."

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946. The membership consists of more than 16,000 professional women of color in 292 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and the United Kingdom. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women who are committed to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

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The focus of the clinic will be Memoir Writing, with one hour dedicated to Performance Poetry. The Writers Clinic will be taught by two outstanding Florida based Caribbean writers Christine Craig, poet and short story writer, and Malachi Smith performance poet. The curriculum will include – developing your own voice, finding the key themes, using dialogue to illumine character, setting, conflict and point of view. Participants completing the workshop will be awarded certificates.

This event is free with lunch provided. Due to the library's COVID-19 protocol, only 25 applicants will be accepted. Applicants must be 18 years old and over and masks are required.

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Haiti's Systemic Crisis And Haitian Migrants At The US-Mexico Border

BY DAWN A. DAVIS

It's difficult to forget the scenes of black Haitian refugees at the US-Mexico border in Del Rio, Texas being attacked by United States border agents on horseback as they scrambled to get food to their ailing and hungry families just feet away; or images of cold and dying Haitian men as they collapsed under the Del Rio International Bridge at this contentious border.

These 'us against them' scenes are the new normal for Haitians seeking refuge from a country that can no longer support them, a country marred by economic failure, gang violence, political corruption, environmental degradation.

Invited by the Department of Homeland Security Secretary, Marleine Bastien, Executive Director of the Miami-based Family Action Network Movement (FANM), was on the ground in Del Rio speaking to the refugees while seeking equity and social justice for this marginalized group.

"They've encountered and been subjected to all kinds of abuses in their efforts to reach the border in Mexico, including physical violence, sexual abuse," explained Bastien at a virtual conference coordinated by the University of Miami focused on Haiti's Systemic Crisis and Haitian Migrants at the US-Mexico Border held last month. "A lot of them have been robbed while trying to get there. In some places, they were encountered by armed groups who robbed them of their money."

Uncompromising, Bastien painted broader images of indignities.

"Under the bridge, they were without food for over nine days, they didn't have access to any assistance," she said. "When they tried to leave the bridge to access food, a lot of us saw how they were treated, they were

chased and beaten. Some of the refugees we interviewed told us they spent days without the ability to shower."

The bottom line, said Bastien, is that the Haitian refugees did not receive the same support or guidance that other refugees often do.

More Than Economic Based on the island's history, Haitians have made decisions to flee their country for much more than economic reasons, said Dr. Toni Cela from the University of Miami, and the Interuniversity Institute for Research and Development. Dr. Cela outlined some of the historic crises that have contributed to the new outward migration.

This included the 2010 earthquake that killed over 200,000 Haitians, followed quickly by a cholera outbreak on the island that was suspected to have come from United Nations peacekeepers. Living conditions became unbearable for many Haitians, post 2010 explained Cela.

Looking for hospitable countries, Haitians were "lured towards Brazil," through the Brazil-led United Nations Stabilization Mission from 2004 to 2017.

"There were many intermediaries and many interlocutors representing Brazilian companies that were looking for low skilled manual labor, as there was a labor shortage in Brazil at that time," Cela explained. "Brazil was also preparing for the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympic games, and so there were a lot of infrastructure projects that required manual labour."

By 2015-2016, an economic downturn and rising unemployment in Brazil meant Haitians began to lose their jobs and had to look elsewhere, Dr. Cela added, noting that one of the places they looked to was Chile, while still heading

northwards to the United States.

Importantly, said Cela, most of the recent migrants at the US-Mexico border were not coming directly from Haiti, they were migrants from South America, particularly Brazil and Chile. And even more significant, a large majority of the migrant Haitian population in South America are high school and university graduates, who have made rational decisions about their futures. In other words, educated people ready to contribute meaningfully to any society, Dr. Cela said.

VALUABLE ASSETS

Haitian American Jhonson Napoleon, CEO of Azure College in Miami, strongly believes that educated Haitian migrants can become valuable assets if given a chance.

"Based on my perspective," noted Napoleon, "I think those people are better than even my generation who came to United States in the 1990s. They speak, or probably will be speaking five different languages. And my hope is that within the next 5 to 10 years these people will be new assets to the Haitian community, while guys like me who came in the 1990s are going into retirement."

"So, I think there is a need for educational institutions, for service programmes to embrace this group of people," he added. "Most of them are under 30-35, meaning they will give the system 30 years' worth of work. And their children will become American citizens who will contribute to the community."

Far from recognizing this, the United States government has been citing the rarely used Title 42 policy, a clause in the 1944-created edict to protect the public from communicable



"Under the bridge, they were without food for over nine days, they didn't have access to any assistance," says Haitian American activist Marleine Bastien of the Haitians corralled by US Border Patrol at the Mexican border.

diseases. Unearthed by the Trump era government, the current Joe Biden administration is upholding the validity of this law to deport Haitian asylum seekers.

Caroline Bettinger-López, Professor of Law and Director of the Human Rights Clinic at the University of Miami School of Law, and former White House advisor on Violence Against Women in the Obama administration, however, said that Title 42 breaches civil rights.

Quoting from a document formulated by a colleague at Yale Law School, Bettinger-López stated: "The law violates our obligations not to return people to a dangerous place, and the United States has specifically categorized Haiti as a dangerous place through our designation of temporary protected status to Haitians, just a few months ago."

Ignorance is also a factor in how Haitian refugees are perceived and categorized in the eyes of the law, Dr. Robert E. Maguire of George Washington University explained.

"The proximity of Haiti does not bring understanding or knowledge, and there's a great deal of ignorance and misperceptions on the part of

Americans," said Dr. Maguire. "We've seen this just within the past few days with a retired white guy who lives in Mar-a-Lago spinning out continually the stuff about Haitians having AIDS and so on. So, these misperceptions and ignorance fuels racism, discrimination, and fear. I think Americans basically fear the unknown. and I think this casts a large shadow over policy in Haiti."

So, what's the answer? Where do we go from here?

Carine Jocelyn, founder of the New York-based Haitian Women's Collective, put it this way.

"We can't talk about Haiti without talking about whether or not Black Lives Matter in Haiti," said Jocelyn. "We talk about Black Lives Matter in the US, and in the past year there has been, I would say, a social revolution around Black Lives Matter, around anti-racism, around white supremacy. I think it's a time for us to get uncomfortable in order for us to get comfortable."



Jamaican Sculptor To Design UK's National Windrush Monument

Renowned Jamaican artist and sculptor, Basil Watson, to design the National Windrush Monument, which will stand at London Waterloo station in Britain.

The monument, which is backed by £1 million of government funding, will pay tribute to the dreams, ambition, courage and resilience of the Windrush migrants who arrived in Britain after the Second World War.

The design will stand as a testament to those who stepped ashore to lay a foundation for their families and their future, influencing and contributing to every aspect of our society. It will feature three figures – man, woman and child – dressed in their "Sunday best,"



Jamaican sculptor Basil Watson will design the National Windrush Monument in the UK. (BasilWatson.com image)

climbing a mountain of suitcases hand-in-hand to demonstrate the inseparable bond of the Windrush pioneers and their descendants and the aspirations of their generation.

"I'm truly honored to be

chosen to design this monument from an outstanding field of applicants," commented Watson. "I feel privileged that I now have this opportunity to express the aspirations, vision and courage of my parents, who took the long sea voyage to England in 1952 as part of that Windrush generation in search of a brighter future. "I look forward to bringing my design to life, because I know how much this means to the Windrush community."

Watson has designed public

sculptures and monuments across the world including statues of Martin Luther King, Usain Bolt and Merlene Ottey. This will be his first public artwork in the United Kingdom, where he lived for part of his childhood with his family, who are part of the Windrush generation.

Watson, who was awarded the Order of Distinction (Commander Class) in 2016 by the Jamaican government in recognition of his artistic accomplishment, will now begin work to convert his maquette into the 12-foot-high bronze monument that will be unveiled to the public on Windrush Day – Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

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Most Immigrants Caught Trying To Enter The U.S. Illegally Are Not Haitians

From the tale being told by mainstream White media, one would think the entire population of Haiti was trying to enter the U.S. illegally.

While the focus has been on the thousands of Haitians trying to enter the U.S., by trekking thousands of miles through the dangerous Darien Gap from their temporary homes in Central and South America, U.S. Customs and Border numbers released on October 22nd, tell a far different tale. While border patrol made nearly 1.7 million arrests of immigrants illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border in fiscal year 2021 - the highest number on record, the majority are not Haitians but Mexicans.



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The CBP data shows 608,037 of the migrants apprehended were born in Mexico while 367,275 includes "others," largely identified as Haitians, Venezuelans, Cubans and Brazilians.

Another 308,931 are from Honduras while 279,033 are from Guatemala, and 95,930 are from El Salvador. There is no individual breakdown of Haitians.

Still, overall, the new apprehension is a huge jump from Fiscal Year 2020, when the number was just 400,651. In August 2021 alone, there were 209,840 immigrants arrested, the highest for a single month in the past five years at least. This was preceded by 213,593 in July, another month that shattered records for the past five years.

The majority of those arrested, according to the CBP data, were nabbed in Del Rio, the Rio Grande Valley, El Paso and Tucson. Almost 1.1 million are single migrants - an almost 235 percent jump from 2020. Some 113,030 were reported in September alone, a 9 percent increase compared to August. Almost 452,000 were families, an almost 764 percent jump from Fiscal Year 2020. Encounters of family unit individuals in August alone was 86,631.

Unaccompanied minors accounted for approximately 145,000 or a 374 percent increase from last fiscal year, with 18,806 reported in August alone. That is an average of 1,435 per day in August.

However, the CBP data shows the Joe Biden administration is relying heavily on Donald Trump's Title 42 rule to expulse large numbers of the arrivals.

There were 84,911

expulsions of single adults under Title 42, the CBP data shows while 17,599 migrants with families were expelled under the same rule.

The news comes as a 26-page report from Human Rights Watch, titled, "They Treat You Like You Are Worthless": Internal DHS Reports of Abuses by US Border Officials," details internal reports made by asylum officers within US Citizenship and Immigration Services, (USCIS) about the conduct of personnel in the immigration enforcement arms of their same parent agency, the Department of Homeland Security, (DHS).

Though heavily redacted, the reports, which HRW obtained after litigation under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), include allegations of physical, sexual, and verbal abuse, due process violations, harsh detention conditions, denial of medical care, and discriminatory treatment at or near the border.

In one example, the records show that a supervisor in the San Francisco Asylum Office communicated the following internally at DHS: "AO [asylum officer] [redacted] brought a serious matter to our attention just now: one of the applicants she interviewed today has a young child who was sexually molested by someone we believe to be a CBP or Border Patrol Officer. They were apprehended by Border Patrol, sent to the Ice Box [a border holding cell], then this occurred: the young girl was forced to undress and touched inappropriately by a guard in the Ice Box wearing green, with the nametag [redacted]."

The documents, which were produced in response to a request for records held by USCIS, do not record how DHS responded to these allegations.

One can only imagine how many other cases there are, including of countless brown and black immigrants too scared to speak out. We all saw the viciousness on full display in Del Rio against Black and Haitian migrants.

Little wonder that 20 percent of all deportees from the US are Black, according to The Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services, even though they are hardly the majority of undocumented migrants.

For those holding out hope for change, don't hold your breath. The holder of the office may change, but the system remains the same - stacked against poor black and brown immigrants.

- The writer is publisher of *NewsAmericasNow*



Women Abuse Too

It is said that the female of the species is deadlier than the male. It's highlighted when men abuse women, but just like the story of man bites dog, when a woman abuses a man, it often gets a mixed reaction.

Some may doubt the authenticity, while others may simply dismiss it, laugh at it, treat it as an aberration and even scoff at the victim for daring to report it. But in the same way that female victims feel powerless, male victims often also feel as if they have no path of escape to take, no reprieve from the constant clobbering.

There are women who abuse men in the most horrible ways, and statistics outlined that of all the reported cases of domestic abuse, forty percent are from abused men.

"Staggering statistics of these abuses, truly undeniable, but it's instructive how shame and pride blanket the emotional and psychological pain that men go through at the hands of abusive women across the World. Men mercilessly beaten, slapped, pinched, bitten, kicked by his wife."

That's from a recent research paper. Many of these cases are not reported to the police, as the shame and ridicule that goes with it is often more difficult to bear than the actual abuse. "Are you saying that your wife beat you on a regular basis? Sarge, you hearing this? Hahaha."

But it's no laughing matter. Recently there were videos in Jamaica making the rounds on social media with one showing a burly woman draping up a man in his pants waist and slapping him repeatedly with the broad side of a machete. Clearly, she was skilled in the use of the implement, for he didn't get cut, but his emotional wounds were deep. Not once did the man retaliate.

Her motive, it's alleged, was that he was spreading spurious gossip about her. The other video showed a woman slapping and punching a man in full view of countless observers. He too did not retaliate, and to add fuel to the fire, people actually chided and berated him as she rained blows down.

While she continued her barrage, she could be heard saying: "Hit me if you bad, punch me if you think say you bad." The man did not. Those two instances were captured on phone cameras, but there are



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countless others that never see the light of day. Yet they are the shame of many helpless men who suffer in silence.

Surprisingly, many of the men are not small in stature, but they refuse to retaliate. Maybe it's how they were brought up, never to hit a woman. Research says that a woman's upbringing can make her into an abuser. Chances are her parents or previous partners were abusive to her.

This refusal to retaliate gives the woman encouragement to abuse the man even more, for she feels her strength, and her power grows as his decreases. She knows that he won't strike back, so like all bullies do, she increases the tempo.

Can you imagine what would happen if after that first blow, that man delivered a liberating left hook or an

uplifting uppercut? Not only would she never dare hit him again, but he'd be reported to the police for abuse and possibly arrested.

And it's not only physical abuse, but emotional, mental, spiritual and sexual. Women abuse men sexually by denying them of pleasure. Others abuse verbally, sometimes in private, oftentimes in public. It's not physical - there are no scars - but the intangibility of it does not make it any less painful. The bottom line is - women who abuse men have absolutely no respect for them whatsoever.

It's a secret shame that many people do not speak about!

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Building Caribbean Food Security Via Technology

BY DEODAT MAHARAJ

As COVID-19 continues to lay bare our vulnerabilities, our food insecurity has become more prominent than ever. Additionally, our position as one of the most food insecure regions on the planet is now being further accentuated by the ongoing disruptions in the global supply chains. This has in turn driven up shipping costs and with it an accompanying increase in the prices for everything we consume including the food on our table. It goes without saying that everyone will be affected, especially our most vulnerable citizens as our economies continue to reel from the onslaught of the coronavirus pandemic.

According to the CARICOM Secretariat, the food import bill for the Caribbean Community stood at US\$4.98 billion in 2018 which was more than double our US\$2.08 billion food import tab of 2000. The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has indicated that if current trends continue, similar exponential increases in our food import bill will take place in the coming years. The figures paint a worrisome picture of our

current situation. As a Caribbean Community, by and large we import more than 60% of the food we consume, with some countries importing more than 80% of the food they consume. According to the FAO, only Belize, Guyana, and Haiti produce more than 50% of their food consumption.

Given the already high levels of debt, increasing unemployment and more of our people falling into poverty because of the coronavirus pandemic, continued heavy reliance on imported food is simply unsustainable. This external dependence also heightens our vulnerability from a national security standpoint. COVID-19 by now has shown us that globally, countries put their citizens first as we have seen in the case of vaccines. Consequently, laying the foundation for food security must be of the highest priority for us as a Caribbean region.

In this regard, it is good to see that Caribbean governments have set a target to reduce regional food imports in 2025 by 25%



Caribbean food security must be an all hands on deck approach.

– 25 in 5 – and many countries have committed to undertake policy measures and incentives that support food production in our Region. The obvious question is how this can be achieved when the conventional wisdom has been, that save for countries like Belize, Guyana and Suriname, we simply do not have land space to produce on the scale required to make us food secure. However, other countries like Israel have turned conventional wisdom on its head by effectively embracing technology to build food security. We must do the same.

For us in the Caribbean, the introduction of new technologies presents a major opportunity to accelerate food production, create jobs and attract

investment. Embracing and accelerating the use of technology in agriculture or AgTech makes sense since it allows us to produce more with less, making food production more efficient. In agriculture, innovations using technology, such as hydroponics and aquaponics have circumvented the need for extensive cultivable land, which is a major constraint in many of our small territories. The introduction of artificial intelligence, analytics, connected sensors, and other emerging technologies could further increase yields, improve the efficiency of water and other inputs, and build sustainability and resilience across crop cultivation, animal husbandry and agro-processing.

However, with few exceptions, we have been slow to embrace the widescale use of new technology in our food production systems. This is not a challenge solely faced by the Caribbean, as the World Economic Forum has noted that for its member territories, only \$14 billion in investments in 1,000 food systems-focused start-ups was generated since 2010, while healthcare attracted \$145 billion in investment in 18,000 start-ups during the same time period. However, notwithstanding the challenges, in addition to Israel, countries such as the United Arab Emirates have been paving the way in leveraging technology in agriculture and getting the requisite investments to make it a success.

For us at the Caribbean Export Development Agency, there is a path forward. We have worked with the Caribbean Association of Investment Agencies (CAIPA) to identify

AgTech as a priority sector to attract foreign direct investment as well as to stimulate regional capital flows.

Caribbean Export is fully committed to the goal of ‘25 in 5’ and we have begun our work in concert with our partners to define a mechanism to position the region’s AgTech opportunities to regional and international investors.

It is important to emphasise that to build food security, the private sector has an essential role and farming must be seen as a business that is attractive for our youth. This is precisely why we will continue supporting producers who are looking to the export market, taking advantage of opportunities such as those provided by the Economic Partnership Agreement with the European Union. This is with specific reference to building the capacities of regional producers to access high value markets such in Europe. Additionally, we remain committed to using our grants programme financed by the European Union to help support our businesses across the Region access these markets.

This means that national, regional and international partners must work in unison to help drive an agenda for Caribbean food security. We are committed to such a partnership which we believe will also deliver not only food security but also precious jobs and opportunity for our people.

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Colin Powell ~ Gone But Not Forgotten

BY S. H. DIXON

I had the good fortune of meeting Colin Powell in 1998 at a social function. Both he and I attended the same college but during different eras, and I briefly spoke to him about our beloved and mutual alma mater, CCNY. I am extremely grateful to have met this heroic American icon.

Even though General Powell has passed on, he will certainly not be forgotten. He stood out as a giant in American life and was well respected by all. He will be remembered for his wisdom, for his decency, for his trailblazing

achievements, and for his dedicated and distinguished public service.



Late US Secretary of State Colin Powell, r., and S. H. Dixon in 1998. (Contributed image: S.H. Dixon)

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Two Top Soca Artists Among Those Bidding Adieu To Miya Marcano

Two of the Caribbean's top soca artists were among those who gathered in a Cooper City Church on October 14th to bid adieu to murdered Caribbean American teen Miya Marcano and sing her favorite songs.

Gamal Doyle, known more popularly as Skinny Fabulous, performed a song he wrote for Marcano. He was reportedly one of her favourite artists.

"We will live and love and do it for Miya," Skinny Fabulous sang. "And until we meet again, we will celebrate your name."

"Heaven just gained an angel," Skinny Fabulous also sang.

Trinidadian singer and songwriter Lyrikal, another of Marcano's favorite singers, performed one of her favorite songs in her honor – Cloud 9. "That's why she living for tonight, on Cloud Nine," Lyrikal sang.

"Rest in eternal peace baby girl! #RipMiya #WeLoveYou," he posted on Instagram.

Marcano missed a Sept. 24th flight from Orlando to visit her family in South Florida and her family asked the Sheriff's Office to check on her at the Arden Villas apartments near UCF, where she lived and worked.

During that welfare check, the deputy found Marcano's bedroom door was blocked from opening by a dresser, which



Soca star Lyrikal performing at the funeral of Miya Marcano on Oct. 14, 2021.

meant a roommate had to enter Marcano's room from a back window, the statement said, adding that a responding deputy "noticed the window had been tampered with."

Her body was bound with black duct tape across her mouth and tape also tying her hands and feet together on October 2nd. She was found wearing jeans and a bra, as well as a robe and her purse was found nearby containing the shirt she was last seen wearing. Her cause of death has not yet been determined.

Orlando Police have said 27-year-old Armando Caballero, a maintenance employee at the Arden Villas complex where Marcano worked and lived, was waiting for her inside her apartment Sept. 24, before he killed her and dumped her body at another Orlando area apartment complex.

Born April 26, 2002, in Pembroke Pines to parents Yma

Scarbriel and father Marlon Marcano, Miya grew up in both South Florida and the British Virgin Islands. Marlon Marcano, known professionally as DJ Eternal Vibes, is a Trinidad-born DJ in South Florida. She graduated from Flanagan Senior High in 2020 and headed to the University of Central Florida, according to her cousin Cailie Sue.

After a few semesters, she transferred to Valencia college, where she was studying sports medicine. "From early on Miya became a Jane of all trades," Sue said. "After taking an interest in modeling, pageantry, cheerleading, dancing, horseback riding and so much more. Miya excelled in everything she set her mind to do."

The family has announced the launch of the 'Miya Marcano Memorial Foundation.'

"Miya is everything to her father and I, as well as so many people around the world. The creation of the Miya Marcano Memorial Foundation brings my heart so much joy during such a difficult time," Miya's mother Yma Scarbriel, said.

The foundation's mission is to support, educate and provide resources to families of missing persons, while advocating for the protection of students and others in the vulnerable population.

"The ability to help other families and the opportunity to do my part to evoke change with the very systems that didn't protect

my daughter Miya gives us some comfort. Miya always said she would change the world, and we want to ensure her legacy lives on and helps as many people as possible," Scarbriel said.

The family requests donation to the memorial foundation at <http://www.miyamarcanofdn.com>

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Tribute To Shabba Goes Double Platinum



L-R: ASAP Rocky, A\$AP Ferg and Shabba Ranks. (Dancehallmag image)

A\$AP Ferg's 2013 smash hit, Shabba, which featured A\$AP Rocky, is now certified double platinum in the United States.

Shabba, which peaked at No. 34 on the Billboard Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart, was a tribute to Jamaican dancehall legend Shabba Ranks, who had a cameo appearance in the official music video, which now stands at 100 million views on YouTube.

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) issued the certification on Thursday, October 21st, for the song after it crossed the milestone of 2 million units sold in the US. Shabba had

previously reached platinum status on November 8, 2019.

The video was shot in a Yonkers, New York mansion, on the premise that Ferg and his Harlem crew are having a house party in what is supposed to be Shabba's home, without his knowledge, so when Ranks returns, he is plenty surprised. In the song's chorus, Ferg and Rocky vibe to the lyrics honoring Shabba Ranks, "Eight gold rings like I'm Sha-Shabba Ranks/ Four gold chains like I'm Sha-Shabba Ranks/ One gold tooth like I'm Sha-Shabba Ranks."

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HEALTH



The COVID-19 Death Rates In South Florida

Here's where death rates and tolls stand in South Florida and Manatee, according to the CDC.

- Miami-Dade County's death toll sits at 8,876, an increase of 108 deaths from the CDC's last report. That's a rate of 327 cumulative deaths per 100,000 people since the beginning of the pandemic.
- Broward County's death toll sits at 4,782, an increase of 84 deaths from the CDC's last report. That's a rate of 245 cumulative deaths per 100,000 people since the beginning of the pandemic.
- Palm Beach County's death toll sits at 4,142, an increase of 82 deaths from the CDC's last report. That's a rate of 277 cumulative deaths per 100,000 people since the beginning of the pandemic.
- Monroe County's death toll sits at 93, an increase of two deaths from the CDC's last report. The county would be at a death rate of 125 deaths per 100,000 people if its population were that large.
- Manatee County's death toll sits at 965, an increase of 35 deaths from the CDC's last report. That's a rate of 239 cumulative deaths per 100,000 people since the beginning of the pandemic.



Johnson's single-dose vaccine, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

VACCINATIONS IN SOUTH FLORIDA AND MANATEE COUNTY

Here's how many people have been fully vaccinated in South Florida and Manatee County, according to the CDC.

- In Miami-Dade County, about 2,045,375 people, or 75.3% of the county's total population, are fully vaccinated.
- In Broward County, about 1,235,437 people are fully vaccinated, or 63.3% of the county's population.
- In Palm Beach County, about 896,442 people are fully vaccinated, or 59.9% of the county's population.
- In Monroe County, about 51,833 people are fully vaccinated, or 69.8% of the county's population.
- In Manatee County, about 223,324 people are fully vaccinated, or 55.4% of the county's population.

FLORIDA COVID VACCINE RATES

About 12,764,431 eligible Floridians — 59.4% of the state's population — have completed the two-dose series of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines or have completed Johnson &

Jamaican Restaurant Takes The 'We Did It' Pledge

A top South Florida Jamaican restaurant has proudly taken the 'We Did It' vaccination pledge.

Dukunoo Jamaican Kitchen in Wynwood, has not only encouraged employees to get vaccinated, but has opened up an outdoor seating area for patrons, publicizes its COVID protocols and more.

"Dukunoo Jamaican Kitchen is proud to take the 'We Did It' pledge because we are committed to the health and wellbeing of our customers and staff," said co-owner Roderick Leighton.

Dukunoo opened months before the pandemic hit in 2020, and has been able to keep its doors open and continue serving delicious Jamaican food.

The Health Foundation of South Florida, Miami-Dade County and 20+ Chamber of Commerce recently launched its "We Did It" campaign, a voluntary pledge program calling on small businesses to encourage employees to get vaccinated against COVID-19, at Dukunoo.

The voluntary program's aim is to help protect the local workforce as a means of bolstering the local economy and promoting South Florida as a safe place to travel and do business.

The "We Did It" pledge calls on businesses to commit to doing their part in three simple ways:

1. Encourage employees to be vaccinated to help ensure safe, healthy workplaces;
2. Protect South Florida's workers, customers and communities and;
3. Reignite South Florida's economy by helping to build consumer confidence.

The initiative—with the



Roderick Leighton, Co-Owner Dukunoo Jamaican Kitchen, has taken the 'We Did It' pledge. (Photo Credit: Isabella Bru)

just on more residents getting vaccinated—it depends on our small businesses being stabilized and reignited," said Loreen Chant, President and CEO of the Health Foundation of South Florida. "We are thrilled to see some of the private sector's most important voices stand up to support this program, which is aligned with the Foundation's strategic focus on improving the social and economic community conditions that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being."

"Our efforts to stop the spread and protect our community from COVID are working as we see the positivity rate and hospitalizations decline. We need to continue moving forward on all fronts — not only to beat the virus but to build a stronger economy and community after this pandemic," says Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava. "Through this campaign we're working hand in hand with small businesses to ensure we leave no communities behind in our vaccination efforts and to ensure a strong and long-lasting economic recovery."

"It is impossible to overstate the importance of the stability and health of Miami-Dade's small business sector because it is the engine of our local economy," said Alfred Sanchez, President and CEO of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. "Ensuring we have a healthy workforce not only helps businesses be more productive and less disrupted, it also fosters a sense of safety and confidence for customers."

For more information, visit www.hfsf.org.

backing of more than 20 local chambers of commerce and other private sector associations, representing companies from Aventura to Homestead—launches on the heels of the recently announced federal mandate for all enterprises with 100 or more employees to require vaccines or weekly testing. However, in Miami-Dade, a whopping 97 percent of businesses have fewer than 100, employees, and the vast majority have under five, but employ more than 70 percent of the Miami Dade workforce and are critical to ensure the success of any countywide COVID safety initiatives.

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Caribbean Born Chef To Head New, New Orleans Restaurant

Get ready for a Caribbean twist on the menu at the new Compère Lapin restaurant in New Orleans.

James Beard Award-winning Owner and Chef Nina Compton will offer her signature blend of Gulf coast ingredients and Caribbean-inspired flavors for an unparalleled dining experience as Manhattan fine dining restaurant, INTERSECT BY LEXUS NYC, debuts its seventh Restaurant-in-Residence.

The new Compère Lapin is set to open on Oct. 20th and will be located at Old No. 77 Hotel in New Orleans' Warehouse District and will feature items like Pork Belly with tamarind set atop green chutney and garnished with pickled mango and herbs, Striped Bass Escovitch set on top of jerk carrots and carrot beurre blanc and Doberge Cake served with lemon curd and



Chef Nina Compton

alongside a lemon buttermilk sorbet. in Hyde Park and began her professional journey at Daniel in New York City, working and continuing her culinary education alongside world renowned chef/restaurateur Daniel Boulud and his team.

In June 2015, Compton opened her own restaurant in New Orleans, Louisiana, Compère Lapin in the New Orleans Central Business District.

In March 2018, Compton opened Bywater American Bistro in New Orleans with Husband/ Partner Larry Miller and Chef/Partner Levi Rains. Chef Compton achieved celebrity status after a stint on Top Chef. She was the Top Chef, Season 11 runner up and was voted fan favorite by viewers.

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alongside a lemon buttermilk sorbet.

Chef Compton was born in St. Lucia and is the daughter of Sir John George Melvin Compton, who served as Prime Minister of Saint Lucia on three occasions.

She graduated from the Culinary Institute of America

CARIBBEAN RECIPES

Here are two healthy and simple Caribbean inspired recipes to try before your next work out.

Chicken With Mangoes



Besides munching on eggs, you can try another source of protein like chicken.

If you're thinking about going out for a run late afternoon, grill some chicken and couple it with a cup of rice for an added boost of energy. The rice will provide you with the energy you need to sustain your jog.

As a final step, chop mango and add some slices next to the chicken. Mangoes will give you

the hydration and sugar you require to start your exercise with a bang!

You can also add some onions and cilantro for a more flavorful taste.

Huevos Habaneros

This traditional Cuban dish gets its name from the city of



Havana, Cuba. It's primarily made from eggs, which are a great source of protein required by your muscles. Eggs also contain the vitamin known as biotin, which might help maintain your hair and prevent brittle nails.

Other ingredients include onions, bell peppers, garlic, tomatoes, white wine, habanero

peppers, cumin, paprika powder, and butter.

For a lighter breakfast, you can do without paprika or habanero peppers. That is if your stomach is on the sensitive side. Otherwise, these spices will get your metabolism working to its full potential!

First, you need to sauté all the vegetables in butter, pour the white wine into the skillet, and boil the mixture until around half of the liquid evaporates.

Second, you place the mixture into separate ramekins, topped with eggs, then bake them in the oven till the eggs get fully cooked.

Of course, you can opt-out of adding wine, but remember that you will boil the mixture in a skillet, so a lot of the alcohol will evaporate anyways.

Also, make sure not to add too much butter (around two teaspoons will be enough) to avoid extra calories.

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Guyanese Inspired Restaurant Opens In Texas

The Guyanese-inspired restaurant, Canje, is now a reality in Austin, Texas.

Guyanese immigrant Chef Tavel Bristol-Joseph, and his partners in the Emmer & Rye Hospitality Group, opened the Caribbean-inspired restaurant on October 5th at 1914 E. Sixth St. in East Austin, Texas.

Named after the national bird of his homeland, the canje pheasant, the new restaurant will allow Bristol-Joseph the first opportunity of his culinary career to bring the flavors of his homeland and region to the palettes of diners in the lone star state.

Dishes include plantain chips served with a mango hot sauce and pork-fat mayonnaise-ketchup mixture, sweet fried plantains, wild boar pepper pot, Guyanese-style roti, jerk chicken with charred tomatoes, and mango and pineapple achar.

Desserts include ambrosia with spiked rum and fruits, black cake with cream cheese frosting, and flan served with passion fruit.

The Caribbean influences extend into the cocktail menu

developed by beverage director Kate Houser. The Curry Wata is made with a curry-infused gin, rum, and a mango-apple chutney.

Bristol-Joseph, born and raised in Guyana, had a difficult childhood. His father, a drug dealer, died when he was 7, and his mother was stuck in the United States due to visa restrictions. He moved to the United States shortly after graduating high school with dreams of playing professional basketball, but he quickly realized he had more game in the kitchen than on the court and enrolled in pastry school in New York City instead. Today, Bristol-Joseph has become an undeniable force in the kitchen and is a co-owner alongside 2016 F&W Best New Chef Kevin Fink and executive pastry chef at five different restaurants throughout Austin including Emmer & Rye, Hestia, Kalimotxo, Henbit, and TLV. Canje is the latest addition to the Emmer & Rye Hospitality Group.

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Jamaican Company To Process And Package Spices, Seasoning

Jamaican company, AMJ, has signed a five-year agreement with the National Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (NAREI) in Guyana, for processing and packaging spices and seasonings at Hope Estate, East Coast Demerara.

The agreement was signed by NAREI's chief executive officer Jagarine Singh and AMJ chairman, Anand James, in the presence of Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture Madanlall Ramraj and NAREI chairman, retired Major General Joseph Singh.

The agreement allows for AMJ to use NAREI's agro-processing facility at Hope Estate and Ramraj lauded the efforts of the two entities in taking agro-processing and value-added to a next level in an effort to improve the viability of the local agro-processing industry.

"In excess of GUY\$800



million (One Guyana dollar=US\$0.004 cents) have been earmarked for the establishment of six agro-processing facilities across the country, as the development of the industry remains a top priority of the Government of Guyana and by extension the Ministry of Agriculture," Ramraj said.

He said that it is imperative that the condiments produced remain at a high standard and to the satisfaction of the household. Earlier this year, Agriculture Minister Zulfikar Mustapha announced the development of a robust market strategy which will cater for farmers and agro-processors to be linked to lucrative markets both locally and internationally.

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Jamaica Wins Big At World Travel Awards

Jamaica emerged as a multiple winner, picking up trophies for ‘Caribbean’s Leading Destination’, ‘Caribbean’s Leading Cruise Destination’ and ‘Caribbean’s Leading Tourist Board’ at the 2021 World Travel Awards.

The relentless quest to innovate helped Sandals lift the title for ‘Caribbean’s Leading Hotel Brand,’ with the winners among its portfolio including Sandals Royal Barbados (‘Caribbean’s Leading Resort’), Sandals Grande Antigua (‘Caribbean’s Most Romantic Resort’) and Sandals Grenada (‘Caribbean’s Leading Luxury All-Inclusive Resort’). Beaches Turks & Caicos was named ‘Caribbean’s Leading All-Inclusive Family Resort.’

With Caribbean tourism resurgent in 2021, Montego Bay’s latest arrival, Eclipse at Half Moon, picked up ‘Caribbean’s Leading New Hotel’ and The Ritz-Carlton, Turks & Caicos won ‘Caribbean’s Leading New Resort’.

Other hospitality winners



Jamaica's Dunn's River Falls

included Dominican Republic’s JW Marriott Hotel Santo Domingo (‘Caribbean’s Leading Hotel’); Jamaica’s Round Hill Hotel & Villas (‘Caribbean’s Leading Villa Resort’); Beaches Turks & Caicos (‘Caribbean’s Leading All-Inclusive Family Resort’); and GoldenEye (‘Caribbean’s Leading Boutique Resort’).

Bahamasair was named ‘Caribbean’s Leading Airline,’ and Sangster International

Airport, Jamaica as ‘Caribbean’s Leading Airport.’

The results follow a year-long search for the world’s top travel, tourism and hospitality brands. Votes were cast by travel industry professionals and the public, with the nominee gaining the most votes in a category named as the winner.

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Countdown Begins To US' Vaccinated Travelers Only Rule

As of Nov. 8th, only vaccinated international travelers will be allowed into the U.S.

U.S. State Department Spokesperson, Ned Price, reiterated the new rule recently, that the White House and CDC has announced. All foreign national air travelers to the United States will be required to be fully vaccinated and to provide proof of vaccination status prior to boarding an airplane to the US.

“This policy prioritizes public health, protecting U.S. citizens and residents as well as those who come to visit us,” Price said. “Because it puts

public health first, exceptions to this policy will be extremely limited: including children under 18 and certain individuals in countries where vaccines are not yet readily accessible.”

The updated travel guidelines also include new protocols around testing. For those who are vaccinated, the testing requirement remains three days before their flight.

See more details at COVID-19 Traveler Information at state.gov and at cdc.gov.

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Sandals Resorts Unveils Reimagined Sandals Royal Bahamian



The all-new Sandals Royal Bahamian in Nassau in the Bahamas opens on January 27, 2022.

Get ready for the all-new Sandals Royal Bahamian in Nassau in the Bahamas.

Following a multi-million-dollar transformation, Sandals Resorts International (SRI) has unveiled plans for its completely reimagined all-inclusive resort in Nassau, Bahamas.

Designed to celebrate the easy-going spirit of The Bahamas with locally inspired experiences and a thoughtful, modern approach to luxury, the leaders in love and romance at Sandals will reopen their award-winning hotel, spa and private island for the winter season beginning January 27, 2022.

According to SRI Executive Chairman Adam Stewart, plans for the reimagined Sandals Royal Bahamian have been in the works for nearly three years and are part of a much larger strategy across the organization to authentically reflect the unique Caribbean destinations where Sandals Resorts operates

in design, product offerings and style of luxury service.

The reimagined Sandals Royal Bahamian will feature all-New Suites & Island Village; Coconut Grove, an expansive lounge area extending Bahamian beach vibes to the center of the resort both day and night as well as a private island hideaway.

Sandals Royal Bahamian will also introduce five new restaurants when it opens this winter including La Plume for exquisite French cuisine; traditional British Pub The Queen’s Pearl; Kanoo for cuisine that celebrates the Caribbean region, Butch’s Island Chop House for hand-cut steaks, fish fillets and seafood prepared to order and fresh sushi spot Soy.

To learn more and book a stay at the new Sandals Royal Bahamian, visit sandals.com/royal-bahamian/renovations/.



Now You Can Fly Direct To Guadeloupe



American will soon be flying from Miami to Guadeloupe

You will soon be able to fly directly from Miami to the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe.

American Airlines is set to relaunch its Miami to Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe flights on Nov. 6th.

The nonstop flights will be operating twice weekly, with service on Tuesdays and Saturdays, the Guadeloupe Islands Tourist Board confirmed.

The news comes as American Airlines is also set to resume its popular service from Miami to Martinique a few days prior. The new flight complements existing service from to Guadeloupe on Air France, which launched over the summer.

Air France currently operates flights to Pointe a Pitre from both Miami and New York’s John F Kennedy International Airport.

The country’s entry protocols mirror those of the rest of the French Caribbean, with a required negative test within 72 hours before arrival and proof of vaccination.

Another carrier, JetBlue, is relaunching its service to Guadeloupe later this year. On Dec. 18th, the New York City-based airline will return to Guadeloupe with three weekly flights, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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The Miramar Sister Cities Board shall include seven directors as follows:

- Five directors are appointed, each by a member of the City Commission. At least three (3) directors shall be residents of the City.
- One local business representative, whose place of business is within the City.
- One local educational institution representative, whose institution is within the City.

All board members will be subject to the provisions of the State of Florida's Sunshine Law. Applications and additional information may be obtained online at www.miramamarfl.gov, or by telephone at (954) 602-3011. Board appointments will be made on November 15, 2021, during the Commission Meeting. All applications must be submitted online at <https://miramarfl.gov/FormCenter/Advisory-Boards-9/Advisory-Board-Application-49> by November 8, 2021. Thank you for your interest.

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West Indies Keep World Cup Hope Alive With Thriller



Players of West Indies celebrate following the ICC Men's T20 World Cup match between West Indies and Bangladesh at Sharjah Cricket Stadium on October 29, 2021, in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. (Photo by Matthew Lewis-ICC/ICC via Getty Images)

Facing a must win situation in the T20 World Cup 2021, defending champions West Indies silenced the critics and beat Bangladesh on Friday, Oct. 29th, to keep their World Cup hope alive in a thriller in Sharjah.

It all came down to Andre Russell's bowling in the final over to help West Indies pip Bangladesh in a low-scoring thriller by three runs for a first Super 12 win that kept their Twenty20 World Cup title defense alive.

The Windies had earlier scored 142 for 7 off their 20 overs thanks to Nicholas Pooran's 40. Moved up to the opening slot, Chris Gayle managed only 4 runs from 10

balls before he was bowled.

Chasing 143 to win, Bangladesh needed 13 from the final over and worked that down to four from the final ball. Luckily Russel's bowling helped the Windies put an end to the Bangladesh innings at 139/5.

The full squad for the Windies were: Chris Gayle, Evin Lewis, Nicholas Pooran (wk), Shimron Hetmyer, Kieron Pollard (captain), Andre Russell, Jason Holder, Dwayne Bravo, Roston Chase, Akeal Hosein, Ravi Rampaul.

The Windies next face Sri Lanka on Nov. 4th.

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From Sports To Dental Labs ~ Usain Bolt Expands Investment

The world's fastest man, Jamaica's most famous Olympian Usain St. Leo Bolt, is building his empire – moving from sports to music and now to dental labs.

Bolt and the Bolt Foundation will work with the SprintRay Foundation to set up Bolt Labs Powered by SprintRay in Jamaica.

The initiative according to a company statement, is designed to make digital dental care accessible and affordable to patients across the world, starting with Bolt's homeland.

The company will establish dental clinics, equipped with 3D dental labs and a mobile to address the exigent dental needs of the Island's citizens, especially those located in the more remote areas of Jamaica. Bolt and SprintRay also plan to collaborate with the Jamaican Dental Association.

"This initiative is intended to accelerate a very critical and unmet need for improvements in dental care access across the world, starting with Jamaica, where there is less than one dentist for every 100,000 residents," Bolt was quoted as saying. "I look forward to



Usain Bolt is now a partner of SprintRay (SprintRay image)

working with SprintRay to give confidence and the best possible smile to every citizen of this planet."

Bolt has also become SprintRay's Global Brand Ambassador – for the next five years.

The global dental 3D printing market is estimated to reach \$930 million by the end of 2025, so it is evident why companies like SprintRay, who have identified their niche in the market, are looking to expand their global footprint in the industry.

"SprintRay's biggest value proposition is the benefits of time compression afforded to every

stakeholder, and there is no one else on this planet like Usain Bolt to inspire us to amplify the impact of speed and time," said Erich Kreidler, SprintRay's President in a statement to the press.

The company will be hosting their 3D Next Summit in Miami with Bolt as the keynote speaker.

The news comes after it was revealed Bolt has also invested in sports booking platform Let's Do This, from Alex Rose and Sam Browne.

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Here's Where Jamaica Sits On The CONCACAF Table



Jamaica's Reggae Boyz

Jamaica is now the only Caribbean country that remains in the final stage of the CONCACAF World Cup qualifiers, so all the hopes of Caribbean soccer fans are pinned on them.

Jamaica's Reggae Boyz have no claimed 5 points to land at 6th place on the table after beating Honduras last month, 2-0.

The Reggae Boyz now are tied with El Salvador for points even though they are ahead of the Salvadoreans on the

standings table.

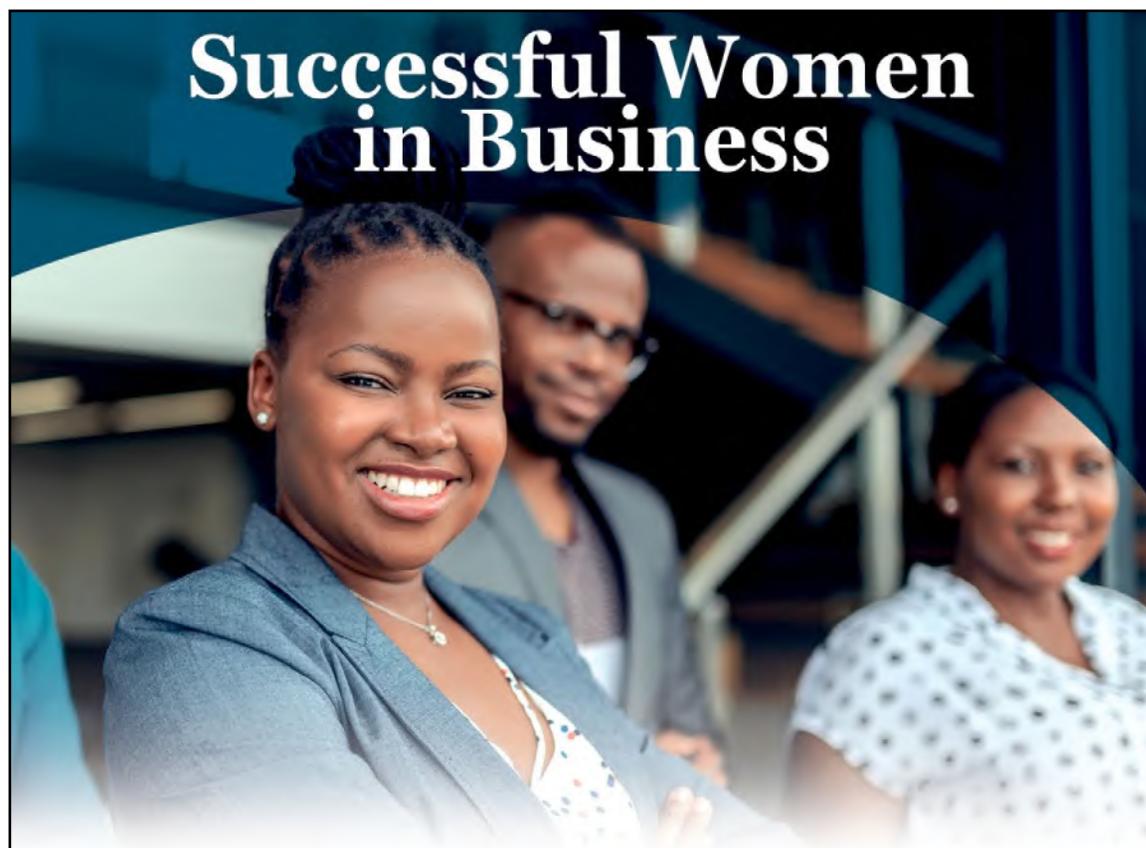
Mexico is now at the top of the table with 14 points followed by the US with 11 and Canada with 10. Panama is at fourth with eight points and Costa Rica at fifth with six points.

Jamaica will now have to face El Salvador on Nov. 12th and the US on Nov. 16th in its quest to qualify for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

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This Bahamian Roots Church Is 100

BY DAWN A. DAVIS

A Miami church with roots in the Bahamas is 100 years old, proving yet again the unmistakable presence of Caribbean immigrants in the U.S.

Celebrating 100 years, St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church marks its milestone of faith and service to Miami's historically black communities of Overtown and Liberty City.

Founded by Bahamian immigrant Rev. Nathaniel Francis Clarke on September 21, 1921, the church - then called St. Matthews Baptist Church - was established in what was then Colored Town, in a renovated wooden structure that would serve the burgeoning Bahamian, and African-American, population for more than 45 years.

"Words cannot express how proud we are of the great heritage and legacy left behind by our founders and first ministry supporters who built a solid foundation for our generation to stand on," Rev. Vincent Brown, the Church's current Pastor told Caribbean Today. "From 1921 to 2021, we

are keeping the faith and setting our eyes toward higher heights of achievement and excellence while never forgetting from which we have come."

Deep Roots

"In fact, there were Bahamian settlers in South Florida from before the 1800s. Bahamians had been interacting in Key West and in Miami from the American Revolution," explained Mrs. Evelyn Brown.

As wife of the current pastor, besides supporting him in his ministering, working with several church groups and organizing important meetings and functions, Mrs. Brown's wealth of knowledge about Miami and its beginnings makes her an important historian.

She explained that contrary to the misconceptions about South Florida, Hispanics were not the foundation group in this area. It was Caribbean people who were flooding into Miami during the early days. Hispanics started coming in the 60s, Mrs. Brown clarified.

"Back in 1896 we had a black Bahamian millionaire here who was purchasing and developing real estate for the



The original St. St. Matthews Church. (Contributed image)

immigrants from the islands who were coming to South Florida," Mrs. Brown said. "Caucasians would not do business with them because of racism, so he filled that gap."

Underscoring the deep Bahamian roots, Rev. Brown noted that in 1896 when the city of Miami was founded, there were at least three black Bahamians on the charter for incorporating that city. As well, during this time, a group of Bahamian pastors established

five churches in Overtown, some of which still exist today.

"They were serving the immigrant communities, they were helping them with housing, food, helping them assimilate into the culture. Some of the churches ran schools so the children could be educated. All of that was part of the missionary work," said Rev. Brown.

Fast forward to 1921, the majority of Miami's black population lived in Colored Town, now

took them to Liberty City at 1600 NW 24th Avenue, where the renamed St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church remains today.

In its 100 years, St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church has had only three Senior Pastors. Rev. Nathaniel Francis Clarke served until his retirement in 1969 followed by Rev. Dr. Philip Clarke, Jr who continued to grow the church presence and congregation until he died in 2011. Today, Reverend Vincent Brown continues the vision of his predecessors, but with a 21st century mindset.

"He came in with



The current St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church. (Contributed image)

called Overtown, was home to the Historic Lyric Theatre and a vibrant artistic and cultural community akin to the Harlem Renaissance.

It was there that famous African American stars like Sammy Davis Jr., Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Count Basie would stay after performances in Miami Beach. Segregation laws banned black performers from staying overnight in these white enclaves.

"Many of the racist groups were very active at that time," Rev. Brown remarked. "And in Miami when St. Matthews was founded and all of this great prosperity was taking place in Overtown, the KKK had one of their largest rallies right here in Miami."

Emboldened

It was this environment that emboldened black Caribbean settlers, particularly Bahamians, to build their churches and create a community rich in culture, faith, and prayer. These churches would play a major role during the Civil Rights period, hosting leaders such as Martin Luther King who spoke at some of these historic churches.

Under Rev. Nathaniel Francis Clarke, the church grew and flourished, until 1968 when they sought a more modern and bigger building. The search

technology, a community outreach focus, really looking at what's going on in our community," said Mrs. Brown.

Part of that focus means engaging in how political figures affect people's lives, the role of law enforcement, and community resources that make a difference in the quality of life in the neighborhoods. The pastor and other church leaders are also working to enhance membership amongst its millennial constituents.

Included in its ministries are groups that focus on women's health and wellbeing, men's concerns, parenting, relationships. Since the advent of the pandemic, the church created online workshops that centre on caregiving, managing grief, fitness, as well as provides COVID testing and information. This is the time said Brown, when we need to search our souls.

"Now more than ever, I think that religion, Christianity, having a spiritual connection is important because what I'm seeing is that people, after going through COVID and everything else, they are really looking for peace of mind, looking for meaning," added Rev. Brown. "And they can't acquire that in the things of the world, it can only be found by having a relationship with your Creator."



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Nine Caribbean Americans Making Their Mark On The Global Tech Space

Caribbean immigrants are everywhere, and nowhere more than in the US Diaspora, where they are making their mark on every sector, despite being largely dismissed and ignored as a “Caribbean” bloc. Regional tech ecosystem, Tech Beach Retreat, recently released a list of nine Caribbean Americans making their mark in spaces ranging from finance to social media. Here are the 9 as previously featured on Loop Caribbean.

1: KOMÉ EMUH



Kome Emuh, whose roots extend to Trinidad and Tobago through her parents, is the COO of Global Markets Operations Engineering at Goldman Sachs.

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Emuh was born in the UK but is now based in the US where she manages a US\$120M investment portfolio at Goldman. For Caribbean nationals setting their sights on the technology industry, Emuh advises: “Ensure you are well versed in changing policy and regulation on new and emerging technology. Pre-empting regulatory headwinds will demonstrate that you are thinking long term about how policy can impact the business [and its] revenue — this is the value add.”

2: MARLON NICHOLS



Marlon Nichols is the co-founder and managing general partner at MaC Venture Capital. Born in Jamaica before migrating to the US, Nichols accelerates and promotes early-stage entrepreneurs and companies on the verge of

their breakthrough moment. He advises those interested in pursuing a similar path to: “Just do it. Work on challenges that truly resonate with you and build relationships along the way. The worst thing we can do is look back and think ‘what if’, so bet on yourself and pursue your dreams.”

3: CAVEL KHAN



Cavel Khan is the chief revenue officer at Tumblr. The Jamaican national and advertising-industry-wave-maker, joined the microblogging and social networking website over a year ago. He leads the team responsible for the sales, operations and marketing efforts focused on increasing revenue opportunities.

Recently inducted into the 2020 American Advertising Federation Hall of Achievement, Khan says he takes particular pride in being able to serve as an example for younger Jamaicans with aspirations of joining the global tech workforce.

“My goal is to lay an easier path for folks who are not yet in this industry, to be able to enter the industry and thrive,” Khan was quoted as saying. “My advice is simple, do the work to find the opportunities that exist in the marketplace... Find companies who are leading the charge on distributed work and connect with them.”

4: NICHOLAS CM FULLER



Nicholas CM Fuller is a director of Hybrid Cloud and AI research at IBM. The Trinidad and Tobago-born immigrant leads IBM’s Artificial Intelligence (AI) research agenda, focusing on using AI to improve the developer

experience, enhance application security risk posture and increase application availability.

His favorite part of the job? Developing ideas all the way from concept to solutions that “solve specific business problems” and impact the market.

Fuller encourages Caribbean nationals who are passionate about tech to pursue their dreams: “If science and technology ignites a passion in your inner being, listen to it, follow it, and don’t let various obstacles, perceived or real, hinder your interests and pursuits.”

5: STEPHANIE ALEXIS SMELLIE



Stephanie Alexis Smellie is the head of creator partnerships at Spotify. The Bermuda-born immigrant of Jamaican parentage works with platforms and brands to enrich the audio streaming service’s offerings to its artistes.

Smellie says she was driven by her fascination with how “innovation and digital media has shifted culture, changed the way we interact and unlocked new opportunities for monetization.”

She reminds those working toward careers in the tech industry that: “there is room for so many other roles, from sales to marketing and HR, that may fit your skillset.”

“You don’t have to shoot for the biggest tech companies in the industry. It may mean working for a start-up or a lesser-known platform. However, getting the experience [of] working in a fast-moving innovative environment will set you up for success,” she added.

6. SUBIRA WILLOCK



Subira Willock is the business success and thought leadership marketing manager at Facebook.

The Trinidad and Tobago-born immigrant helps brands master the power of Facebook as the social network’s Business Success and Thought Leadership Marketing Manager. Willock and her team produce content that helps businesses of all sizes better understand how to leverage the platform to connect with their customers and grow their business.

Willock was pushed to join the tech industry by a desire to positively impact her favorite apps and services, like Instagram and Whatsapp. Now, she gets to work directly with these apps. She advises Caribbean nationals aspiring toward a career in technology, to “be intentional about what you choose to study and the jobs you take to build your career, because those choices contribute to the story you tell to unlock the doors of big tech.”

7. CASSANDRA E. CAMPBELL



Cassandra E. Campbell is a program manager at Facebook. Born in the US to Jamaican parents, Campbell serves as a part of the Ads and Business Products Organisation team, developing programmes that show small and medium-sized businesses how the platform’s products work so they can best leverage each feature.

Campbell believes the potential exists for any qualified and committed Caribbean national to succeed in the global tech industry, providing they believe in themselves, take the time to become an expert in their respective niches, and never give up. “You may not get it the first time around but if you pursue the goal consistently, you’re bound to win!” she stated.

8. LISA GODWIN

Lisa Goodwin is a creative technologist at the New York Times. Born in the US with roots in the Dominican Republic, Godwin says she was always interested in technology,



setting her path at an early age by programming video games.

Encouraged by her Dominican parents to follow that path and pursue a career in computer science, she has emerged as a major contributor to the industry, working as a creative technologist at The New York Times, where she develops digital properties for monetizable growth.

Godwin, who is also the Founder/CEO of You Are Tech, assures those aspiring towards a career in the tech industry: “There is room for everyone within the tech ecosystem,” she was quoted as saying. “Coding is not necessary, there are endless possibilities within tech to explore. Discover your passion and leverage that within the industry.”

9. MICHAEL MONTANO



Michael Montano is head of engineering at Twitter. Born in Canada, with his father hailing from Trinidad and Tobago, Montano now works with his team “across the technology stack to build, maintain, scale and improve Twitter’s service.” Montano advises Caribbean nationals pursuing a career in technology: “The tech ecosystem is changing rapidly, accelerated by the global pandemic. Global tech companies are recognizing that talent is distributed around the world, as are customers, and are looking to hire and grow from all over the world. Those who bring a combination of technical skill and unique perspective from the region will be huge assets to companies looking to serve more customers.”



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