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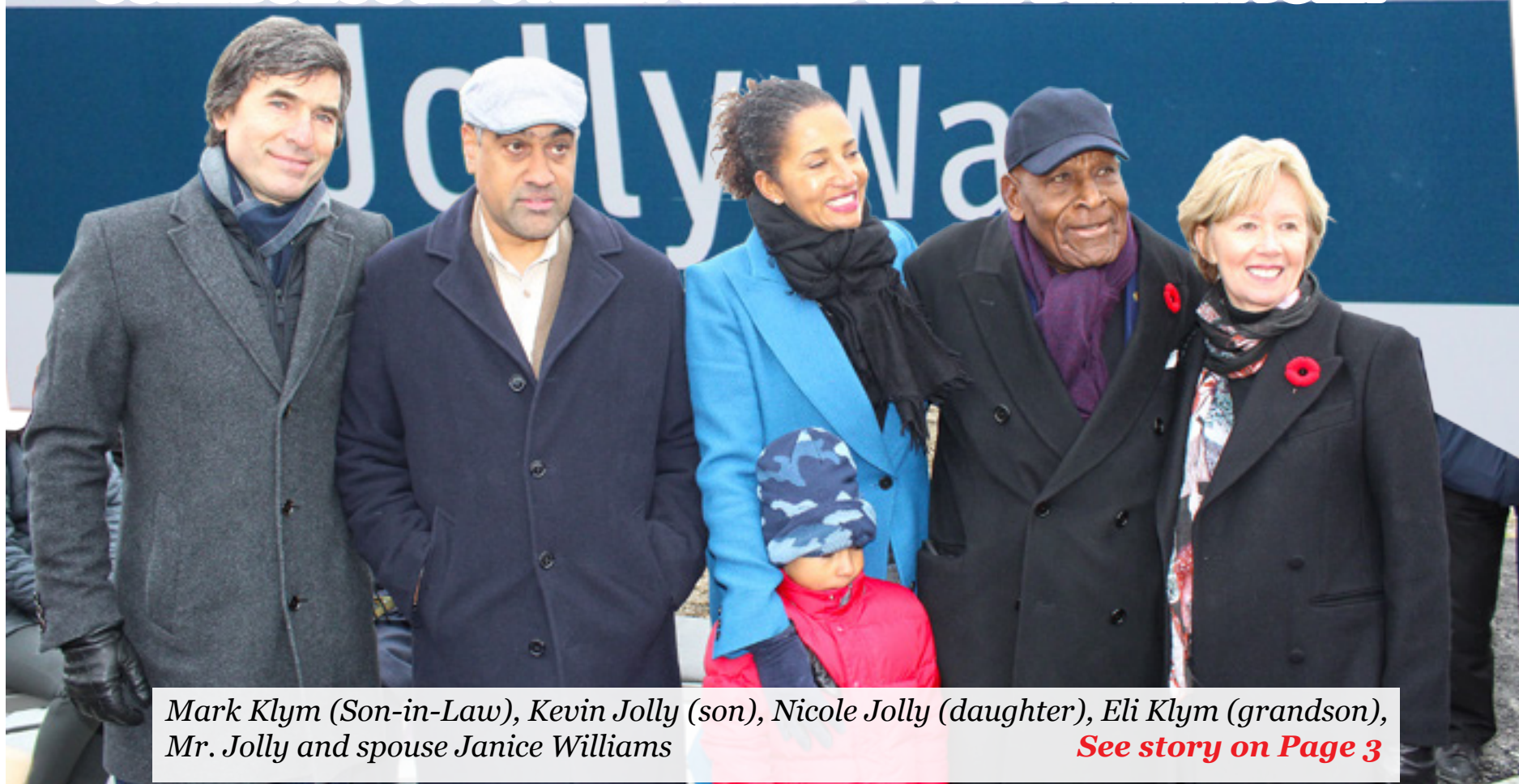
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SCARBOROUGH STREET NAMED AFTER DENHAM JOLLY



Mark Klym (Son-in-Law), Kevin Jolly (son), Nicole Jolly (daughter), Eli Klym (grandson), Mr. Jolly and spouse Janice Williams

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University of Western Ontario to tackle racism on campus

The University of Western Ontario has launched a working group to address issues of racism and oppression on campus.

The launching of the group was announced last week in a letter published on the university's newspaper website after



Andrew Wenaus
a student had called out Professor Andrew Wenaus for saying the

word "nigger" in class.

Professor Wenaus had used the term "house nigger" when discussing racial language in a lecture on October 23 last.

The professor was reported to have been discussing an episode of the television sit-com, *The Fresh Prince of*

Bel-Air. He said when the show's butler was called a "home butler," it evoked the pre-eman-cipation term for house slaves, "house niggers."

After the class, fourth-year student Chizoba Oriuwa took to social media, bringing the story to wider media attention. She has since dropped the course.

While Wenaus has since apologized, students in the class told the university's newspaper, how his use of the term made them feel devalued, and how it took some pressing for the professor to address it.

Within days of the apology being issued by the professor, Oriuwa began receiving emails



Joseph Marcell

that were littered with the use of the word "nigger."

The emails were condemned in a letter

from the university.

The university said its new working group will "focus on the experience of Western community members, particularly from racialized groups, with an aim to provide educational programs and enact systemic change against racism and oppression."

The working group will report directly to Alan Shepard, president of the university, and will include members from a number of student groups, including the university's student council.

The university said it will provide more details on the working group's mandate in the coming weeks.

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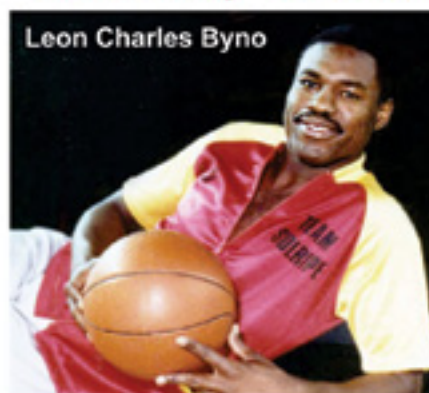
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Leon Charles Bynoe



Ian Jones

Ian Jones was an outstanding Visual Artist in the Toronto community and it was with great sadness that we said goodbye to my loving brother Ian Jones, says Toronto number #1 Female Bandleader Wendy Jones of Pan Fantasy Steelband who has taken the Pan Alive title for the past 8 years. Wendy speaks of her brother Ian's talent as God given raw talent that blossom and made him an outstanding Visual Artist.

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Scarborough street named after Denham Jolly

By Lincoln DePradine

Few Black people in Canada have had the honour of having a street named after them. However, when the moment happened on November 1 for Jamaican-born Denham Jolly, he shared it with others, recalling the important contributions made to Canada by people such as the late community activists Dudley Laws and Charles Roach; former acting Toronto Mayor William Peyton Hubbard; and paying tribute to African-Americans who fled slavery in the United States and made Canada home, many becoming entrepreneurs.

"This is a community affair; it's not just about me," Jolly said at the street dedication in his name in Scarborough.

He expressed appreciation for the official unveiling of "Jolly Way", near the intersection of Ellesmere Road and Kennedy Road, saying he was thankful for being used "as a channel to bestow this tremendous honour



From Left: Deputy Mayor Michael Thompson Denham Jolly and Mayor John Tory

not only on me but on the community, and the work the community has done, and the contributions it has made, over time".

Jolly Way leads to a new housing community developed by Mattamy Homes that was represented at the ceremony by senior vice president for land development, Andrew Sjogren.

Mattamy Homes, founded in 1978, is described as "North America's largest privately owned home builder". The company

acquires land, designs homes, plans streets, and creates "people spaces" such as parks and walking and biking trails.

Jolly, 84, emigrated to Canada more than 65 years ago to attend university. He worked as a high school teacher and, despite facing overt and covert discrimination, established a successful business career.

He was in the nursing home business, spearheaded the launch in 2001 of Flow 93.5 FM, and once owned

and published the now defunct Contrast newspaper.

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Grenada Govt minister seeks more investment from nationals in Canada

By **Lincoln DePradine**

A senior Grenada government minister has suggested that nationals in Canada and other parts of the Diaspora ought to consider investing in healthcare and in other sectors in the Caribbean nation.

"All areas of investment are open to persons in the Diaspora," said minister of foreign affairs, Peter David, as he announced plans for a visit to Toronto.

Last month, Grenada's consul

general in Toronto, Derrick James, told the Caribbean Camera of a pending visit to the city by a delegation as part of a Diaspora outreach by the Grenada government.

James said a date was yet to be set for the meeting "to sensitize people of the new Diaspora policy of the government" and for them to provide input and make recommendations. Similar meetings already have been held in London, England, and in Washington, USA.

Minister David,

speaking to reporters at a news conference Tuesday in St George's, announced that the Toronto visit is Saturday, November 16, with the meeting to be held at Tropicana Community Services, 1385 Huntingwood Drive, Scarborough.

"There is no reason why persons in the Diaspora cannot invest in hotels, individually or as a group," David said. "They can get involved in health. We have excellent health practitioners in the Diaspora."

The outreach to

Toronto and other cities is part of a two-year US\$200,000 project financed by the International Development Fund and administered through the Guyana-based regional coordinating office of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), a United Nations member-agency.

The IOM's Project Officer is Trisha Mitchell-Darius, a Grenadian-Canadian who once headed the organization, Spice Youth Toronto Community Initiative.

At Tuesday's news conference, there was the official launch of a website for the Grenadian Diaspora For Development (GD4D) project.

Among the components of the initiative are the conducting of a "skills gap analysis" and the completing of a



Peter David



Trisha Mitchell-Darius

"Diaspora Mapping Project", which involves using an online survey tool to collect information about the socio-economic profile of the Grenadian Diaspora in North America and the Caribbean.

The Mapping Project is an avenue "to establish a hub to connect the Diaspora online", said Mitchell-Darius. "The survey is online at www.grenadiandiaspora.gd. Please tell your family and friends out in the Diaspora. It's open and available for all persons of Grenadian origin globally."

The GD4D project,

Mitchell-Darius said, "will facilitate a collection of data on skills, resources and the return interest and plans of those willing to support the development of Grenada, through organizations and institutions in Grenada. The information collected through the project will help to guide government policies aimed at engaging the Diaspora".

World Bank statistics shows that Grenadians abroad inject an average of \$25 million into the country's economy annually.

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Canada to celebrate Global Entrepreneurship Week 2019

More than 25 Canadian organizations have come together to sponsor Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) Canada 2019 - November 18-25 - and to "connect and celebrate" business leaders and their contributions to economic growth and job creation.

Apart from the official sponsors of GEW Canada 2019, several GEW partners and organizations will host events in cities across Canada for building the capacity of the country's entrepreneurs or for helping them to generate sales during the week.

Several organizations from the Caribbean diaspora will join business leaders and their supporters in celebrations during GEW 2019.

The Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) will lead more than 170 countries, including Can-

ada, in celebrating the event. The four official themes for this year's celebration are ecosystems, policy, education, and inclusion.

The GEW focus on ecosystems is intended to drive collaboration and partnerships in promising "mid-tier" cities. Business leaders note that many "mid-tier" cities need economic revitalization; the economies of most are based on agriculture, mining, forestry, fishing, hunting and related primary production.

For Policy, the focus is on recognizing the role of government in enabling the growth of entrepreneurs and their businesses. The second thrust is for engaging governments for their support through regulations that drive the growth in number and diversity of businesses, as well their pace of



Meegan Scott

scaling-up.

Organizers of the GEW note that education seeks to open minds to the "what is" and "hows" of entrepreneurship, plus opportunities that abound—starting with children, through the different stages of our lives, and educational journeys.

They also note that the theme "Inclusion" recognizes that entrepreneurship does not come on a level playing field, but that there are barriers

related to "race, age, gender, or where one lives", GEN will highlight startup champions around the world that are helping to remove those obstacles.

"We are committed to designing market systems development solutions for ensuring more Canadians with Caribbean roots can start and grow big businesses from which the ethnic flavor pops—in Canada as well as in all of the region's diasporic markets," said Meegan Scott of Magate Wildhorse Limited, a Toronto-based management consultancy.

"We look forward to seeing the growth of businesses that understand that even in creole or patois, the quality feature in your customer service can never be spelt quality". As IMB puts it "you can't spell quality without the 'I'. To be in business without the cus-

tomers at the core is to be out of business. No buy Caribbean or buy Black will help you once you have fired the boss—that is the customer.

"So, let us bear in mind and in our actions that customer service means reliable, reassuring, courteous, demonstrated competence, looks good, is empathetic, honest, and responsive".

"Let us remember, that we cannot grow a strong Black or Caribbean business ecosystem in isolation, we need collaboration, co-creation, and competition to meet curiosity, creativity and shared learning among entrepreneurs of all ethnicities, academia, researchers, media, and governments in host and home cities. The Community of Practice for Caribbean Immigrant Entrepreneurs and its partners are on a mission

to make that a reality for our community."

Partnering organizations such as Magate Wildhorse Ltd, The Community of Practice for Caribbean Immigrant Entrepreneurs, The Caribbean Camera and academic institutions such as George Brown College will host official GEW Canada events.

This year Magate Wildhorse Ltd and The Caribbean Camera will focus on Inclusion, and Ecosystems—with the aim of helping Canadians to understand the importance of inclusion by and among all groups of entrepreneurs and enablers of entrepreneur growth and development.

Facilitating collaboration among peoples of African descent will also be a feature of this year's celebration.

Futurpreneur is the county host for GEW Canada.

Scrunter will be back at the Soca Parang Lime on Sunday

Scrunter (Irwin Reyes Johnson), the uncrowned soca parang king, will be back at the Metropolitan Centre in Scarborough on Sunday for the 19th annual Soca Parang Lime.

Show promoter Joan Alexander said Scrunter's fans are anxiously looking forward to his return to the Metropolitan Centre where he will once again be the headliner at this year's Soca Parang Lime.

Scrunter, the Trinidad-based artiste, was the headliner at last year's show.

"Now will be back by popular demand. Many of his fans have been phoning to inquire whether in fact he will be coming up this year and to purchase tickets," Alexander told the Caribbean Camera.

"As usual, ticket sales started off slowly but picked up tremendously this week," she said.

Scrunter is expected

to sing many of his old favourites, including his popular number, *Ah piece ah pork*.

A former Trinidad calypso monarch, Scrunter has received a Trinidad and Tobago national award (the Humming Bird Gold) for calypso.

Opening Sunday's show will be The Quiet Prince (Lloyd Cupido), a Pennsylvania-based calypsonian who will do three songs, one of them a new soca parang composition.

Also appearing at Sunday's Soca Parang



Scrunter

Lime will be two local ensembles - Los Pajaros and Los Amigos - and 12-year old pan soloist Rachael Walcott.

Joan Alexander's Soca Parang Lime has been the best attended annual parang event in Canada for more than a decade.

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The cop, the children, and the black Muslim mother

Last weekend the Toronto Star featured a lengthy front page report about a young black, Muslim woman's 2016 interaction with members of the Toronto police force. Amanda Henry is a single parent of three, two of the younger ones (girls aged 11 and 9) were at the centre of the interaction which has become the subject of a lawsuit filed by Henry against the police.

The lawsuit alleges that Henry was racially profiled, was discriminated against, wrongfully arrested and assaulted. The claims are yet to be tested in court, but regardless of the outcome, the newspaper report should be required reading and rereading by those who have a professional interest in such matters as well as ordinary folk who must navigate an increasingly socially and culturally complicated City of Toronto.

The gist of the story is as follows: Ms. Henry left her two daughters in the apartment and went off to buy groceries. She received a phone message from a policeman saying that her children were ok but she should return home immediately; she was greeted by a policeman who was in the apartment with her two daughters. He was speaking on the phone with a children's aid society social worker.

Knowledge and ignorance of the law, arrogance, "attitude", and doggedness set the stage for a testy

relationship between a black Muslim woman and a white cop. The relationship quickly spiraled downward.

Ms. Henry, whose father is a former Toronto police officer, knew the law – she could leave her 11-year-old daughter unattended (the police didn't), she knew the police had no lawful right to enter her home (the police didn't). It also appeared that the social worker to whom the officer was speaking did not know the law either because according to the officer's account, the social worker said that he felt that a child under 12 should not be left unattended. Then to ensure that the downward spiral would quicken, the officer allegedly asked Henry, who was clearly dressed in Muslim clothing, if she was drinking. He then admitted that he opened the fridge and there was no food in it.

In mathematics, if one makes the wrong assumption at the outset, everything that follows will be incorrect. Such was the case with the policeman. Every step he took after believing that a child cannot be left alone if she is below a certain age, in this case 12, was illegal. He began asking their names and other questions, which he was

not entitled to do unless there was an investigation. But there was nothing to investigate because no illegal act was committed. Henry knew that and explained to the policeman that her father was an ex-cop to whom she was speaking on the phone at the time. Her father told her that given the circumstances she could leave any time. The officer left the apartment when he was asked by Henry.

The police followed her as she left her apartment with her children, and insisted that they provide their names because he didn't know who she was and that she was taking the children away. Now contact is made – she said he "grabbed" her arm and would not let go, he said he "placed" a hand on her arm. She ended up with a torn rotator cuff in her right shoulder.

Even though nothing has been proven in court, on the face of it, the police never got this one right. And in fact, the Ontario Office of the Independent Police Director (OIPRD), agreed with Henry's complaint that police had no lawful reason to enter her home, no lawful reason to detain her, and used excessive force. The OIPRD recommended that misconduct charges be

laid against the officer. The police will not comment on the result of the internal investigation.

From what we know it seems that the Toronto police is on the hook for this, with the children's aid earning an "assist" on this one. However, we should be very careful about drawing any further conclusions especially when it comes to the issue of colour, ethnicity or religion.

When the story is properly aired in court we will find that some of our suspicions will be shown to be true. We may also find that the worst the policeman did was to act clumsily and arrogantly which led to a number of errors and abuses that were totally unnecessary and avoidable. We will also find that the Toronto also police failed in their duty to discipline the officer.

But with respect to the extent of the officer's reason for acting as he did, there's no telling what was in his heart when he was faced with two young girls (regardless of their skin colour) left on their own. He exercised bad judgment to be sure, but no one should envy the dilemma he faced when he knocked on that door.

Trudeau government's 'blackface' in Haiti

By Yves Engler

Justin Trudeau recently apologized for dressing up in blackface. He acknowledged that it was a racist act. But he has continued the much more significant racism of his government's actions towards Haiti, the country that delivered the greatest ever blow to anti-blackness.

In an example of racist double standards, the government recently put out a travel advisory warning Canadians that Haitian "police have used tear gas and live ammunition to disperse crowds." Apart from this message to (white?) Canadians, the government has yet to directly criticize the killing of Haitian demonstrators by a police force that Canada funds and trains.

Beyond its involvement with a repressive police force, the Trudeau government has provided financial and diplomatic backing

to a band of neo-Duvalierist criminals subjugating Haiti's impoverished black masses. Despite a popular revolt against President Jovenel Moïse, Canada continues to prop up a corrupt clique of politicians who've recently fired bullets at protesters outside the Senate and admitted to receiving payments for votes in parliament.

A Miami Herald headline explained: "That there is corruption in Haiti isn't a surprise. But then a senator admitted it openly." An investigation by Haiti's Superior Court of Auditors and Administrative Disputes details the scope of Canadian-backed corruption. It concluded that Moïse's companies swindled \$2 million as part of \$2 billion embezzled from a discounted oil program set up by Venezuela under Moïse's mentor Michel Martelly. A vulgar, clownish, musician, Martelly was put in place by

Washington and Ottawa not long after the deadly 2010 earthquake.

Previous Canadian governments have acted as if Haitians were incapable of running their own affairs. This has been motivated by racism, corporate interests and loyalty to the US Empire.

Early in the morning on February 29, 2004, US Marines flew the learned, polyglot and popular President Jean-Bertrand Aristide out of the country. For over two years the US, France and Canada imposed an "illegal" interim government headed by a man, Gérard Latortue, who had been living in the US for 15 years.

To get a sense of Washington's thinking, then Assistant Secretary General of the OAS Luigi Einaudi told journalist in Port au Prince on December 31, 2003: "The real problem with Haiti is that the 'International Community' is so screwed

up and divided that they are actually letting Haitians run Haiti."

Eleven months before Haiti's bicentennial Jean Chrétien's Liberal government organized the Ottawa Initiative on Haiti to discuss that country's future. No Haitian officials were invited to this assembly where high-level US, Canadian and French officials decided that Haiti's elected president "must go". Thirteen months later President Aristide and most other elected officials were pushed out and a quasi UN trusteeship had begun. The Haitian military has been partially re-created.

The bicentennial independence celebration heightened the racist contempt directed at Haiti since the country's 1791-1804 revolution dealt a crushing blow to slavery, colonialism and white supremacy. From the grips of the most barbaric form

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Can Guyana survive striking it rich?



By Mac Margolis

Early last month, Guyana's President David Granger was knees-down in a community garden brandishing a spade. Granger was there to plant a tree – it was National Tree Day – but also an idea. “Don’t let us get drunk. Let us remain sober,” he told the attentive audience.

Guyana might find that a challenge. Next year, Exxon Mobil Corp. and its prospecting partners will start pumping oil from one of the world’s biggest recent finds: some five billion barrels of crude cached in the sandstone deep below the Caribbean floor. The windfall promises to change the

energy landscape in the Western hemisphere. Guyana may never be the same.

In five years, national output is expected to reach 750,000 barrels a day, making Guyana Latin America’s fourth largest oil producer and perhaps the world’s largest per capita oil power, generating a barrel per person per day. Oil revenues are expected to climb from zero to almost \$631 million by 2024, according to the International Monetary Fund. Income per capita will more than double by next year, topping \$10,000. Overall, its economy is projected to grow by 86% next year – 14 times China’s projected growth rate.

Metabolizing so much wealth so quickly – like drinking from a fire hose, as one engineer put it – would be intoxicating for even the sturdiest constitution. For this small, poor country troubled by ethnic strife, with shaky institutions and only the sketchiest plans to put such bounty to use, the system shock could be devastating.

That’s where trees

and sobriety come in. To unleash the potential of the coming oil boom, Guyana must accept that wealth and development are cultivated, not simply extracted. Such was the logic behind the Green State Development plan, a wonk’s bet that Guyana can pull off what no other developing nation with an oil bonanza has managed: marshal a massive energy windfall without drowning in riches.

Resource curse, Dutch disease, the paradox of plenty: The name and address of the malediction vary. The outcome does not. Guyana has only to look to Venezuela to see what happens when sudden oil wealth is mishandled. To escape Venezuela’s fate and that of so many other ailing oil baronies, Guyana has to act now and decisively. The checklist is extensive.

Don’t bring the oil on shore: Sure, such abstinence offends the instincts of the aspiring petrocrat. “It must be in the textbooks they read as children. Every minister of development wants to add value to oil,” said Rice University

energy expert Francisco Monaldi. “That’s a big mistake.” Building a tangle of pipelines and refineries is exorbitant, brings marginal returns and makes the host country a magnet for corruption, Monaldi said. Will Guyana heed the experts and forgo investing in iffy refineries? Or will they cave to the temptation once the crude starts flowing?

Resist the local content temptation: Petro populists typically try to make foreign operators buy a hefty portion of supplies from native providers. That sounds fair enough. But inexperienced domestic companies rarely have the enterprise or production capacity to deliver. Instead, local content becomes an open invitation to padded contracts, subterfuge and waste. Until now, Guyana has avoided the trap of skewing the market by promoting “local champions,” Marcelo de Assis, head of Latin American upstream research for energy consultants Wood Mackenzie, said. If Guyana’s nationalist opposition has its way, however, the rules could

change.

Get the rules straight: How does a country with one-third of its population living in poverty and a ranking of 164th out of 228 nations in human development manage the haul from what’s likely to be the world’s most profitable new deep-water wells? The short answer: through policy transparency, reliable rules and regulatory acumen, all of which are in short supply. “What we see is a bottleneck, a lack of readiness for oil,” said Assis. “They are scrambling, which indicates that the public sector is not geared to act as a regulator.”

Hire globally: With a population of 780,000, chronic brain drain and no track record in oil extraction, Guyana could use some ringers. Fortunately, the world is flush with savvy oil engineers, geologists and logisticians. But Guyana’s government has been slow to capitalize on global talent, including the nearly half-million strong Guyanese diaspora. “I don’t understand what’s keeping them from

hiring abroad,” said one foreign observer, who has advised the Guyanese government for years. “It’s baffling.”

Don’t forget renewable energy: Guyana’s electricity currently depends on fossil fuels. With greenhouse gas emissions already reaching 2.6 tons per capita a year, rivaling those of its outsize neighbor Brazil, Guyana could make matters far worse under the coming oil boom. And since much of Guyana’s coastline sits at or below sea level, the deepening climate emergency poses an existential threat. Encouragingly, Guyanese seem to be starting their oil boom with few illusions about the fleeting bounty below their feet. The government wisely, if belatedly, set up a sovereign wealth fund to steward the money. Hence, the official encomiums to agriculture and forestry, and renewable energy, touted to fuel 100% of the power grid by 2040. That’s an admirable goal. Let’s hope Guyana has the temperance and the trees to stay the course.

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of plantation economy, the largely African-born slaves led maybe the greatest example of liberation in the history of humanity. Their revolt rippled through the region and compelled the post-French Revolution government in Paris to abolish slavery in its Caribbean colonies. It also contributed to Britain’s move to abolish the trans-Atlantic slave trade in 1807.

The Haitian Revolution led to freedom for all people regardless of

color, decades before this idea found traction in Europe or North America. But, within three years of independence the lighter-skinned plantation owners overthrew and murdered the country’s liberation hero Jean-Jacques Dessalines (the French having killed famous revolutionary, Toussaint Louverture, prior to independence).

In a remarkable act of imperial humiliation, two decades after independence Haiti was compelled to begin paying \$21 billion (in 2004

dollars) to compensate French slaveholders for their loss of property (land and now free Haitians). Haiti promised to repay its former exploiters under threat of military invasion and the restoration of slavery. Additionally, the light-skinned elite wanted an end to the embargo against the country so they could access international markets. Haiti’s independence debt took 122 years to pay off.

For over half a century Haitian politics were shaped by the “politique

de doublure”. Basically, the light-skinned elite chose an ignorant/old black general as figurehead president. The “politique de doublure” largely ended with the US occupation of 1915–34 (Washington kept control of the country’s treasury until 1947). For the most part the Marines simply chose a member of the light-skinned elite to ‘lead’ Haiti.

A look at the individuals who dominate Haiti’s economy today highlight ongoing racial

exclusion. These wealthy, light-skinned Haitians generally work with North American and Dominican sweatshop, mining and other capitalists with even paler complexions.

Trudeau is likely ignorant of the history and social reality his policies in Haiti are entrenching, yet it’s unlikely he understood that blackening his face for a laugh at a party also flowed from and contributed to centuries of racial subjugation. It was just popular in the elite social circles he op-

erated in. The same can be said of his humiliation of the impoverished black masses in Haiti today.

Yves Engler has been dubbed “one of the most important voices on the Canadian Left today” (Briarpatch), “in the mould of I.F. Stone” (Globe and Mail), and “part of that rare but growing group of social critics unafraid to confront Canada’s self-satisfied myths” (Quill & Quire). He has published nine books.

Caribbean hotel room rates dropping

It was bound to happen. After six straight months of occupancy declines in the Caribbean, the region's hotel room rates were down in year-over-year comparisons for the first time in 2019.

Compared with September 2018, Caribbean hotel occupancy dropped 6.2 percent as supply jumped 3.3 percent and demand fell 3.1 percent, which was likely due to the effects of Hurricane Dorian and the lingering perception following the hurricane.

During previous

months this year, Caribbean hoteliers showed their pricing confidence by continuing to raise average daily rate (ADR) even with lower occupancy levels.

That changed, however, in September with a 3.0 percent decrease in ADR.

The declines in both occupancy and ADR caused revenue per available room (RevPAR) to drop 9.0 percent—the largest decrease in the metric this year, according to our analysis.

Year-to-date num-



bers are still positive, with ADR up 7.2 percent, offsetting a 3.2 percent decline in occupancy and resulting in a 3.7 percent increase in revenues in the Caribbean region.

In absolute values, September was the Caribbean's lowest month of the third quarter: occupancy (46.5 percent), ADR (US\$145.78) and RevPAR (US\$67.76).

STR's 2019 forecast for the region predicts a slight decrease in occupancy (-0.8 percent) but

a 1.1 percent increase in ADR and a 0.3% lift in RevPAR.

With the winter season starting this month, Caribbean hotel performance should likely end the year with overall positive performance.

On the islands where STR maintains a

sufficient reporting sample, Turks and Caicos experienced the highest rise in September occupancy, at 30.2 percent, which resulted in the largest jump in RevPAR (+38.0 percent).

The Cayman Islands posted the largest lift in average daily rate (+11.0 percent, significantly bucking the regional trend.

Puerto Rico saw a 16.5 percent decrease in RevPAR, due to declines in occupancy (-12.3 percent) and ADR (-4.8 percent).

On the development side of the industry, there continues to be a steady increase in the pipeline.

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Trout Stanley is an all-Black Canadian play, darkly funny, and not about a fish

By **Stephen Weir**

Stephen Jackman-Torkoff has had so many edgy roles in his young acting career that crazy comes easy. This month he plays a bare-foot wanderer who roams through a British Columbia forest in a tattered police uniform looking for the lake where his jewelry-thieving parents accidentally electrocuted themselves years ago.

Early in this Black comedy he meets two equally crazy gun-toting, noose-carrying sisters, and falls in love over-

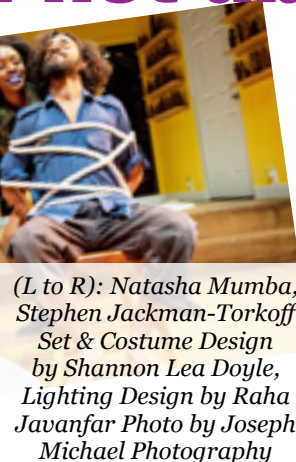


(L to R): Natasha Mumba, Shakura Dickson, Stephen Jackman-Torkoff
Set & Costume Design by Shannon Lea Doyle, Lighting Design by Raha Javanfar

night. Did I mention Jackman-Torkoff's character only answers to the name of Trout Stanley?

Jackman-Torkoff is the runaway star of Trout Stanley, a very dark

comedy currently getting rave reviews at the downtown Factory Lab Theatre. Trout Stanley is a remount of a play that first hit the boards back in 2004 in Nova Scotia,



(L to R): Natasha Mumba, Stephen Jackman-Torkoff
Set & Costume Design by Shannon Lea Doyle, Lighting Design by Raha Javanfar Photo by Joseph Michael Photography

came to Toronto in 2005 and then on to a "wow zowie" response in New York City.

The play concerns three orphans who are all marking their 30th birthday on the same day, while a murderer stalks another 30-year old. Consider that in real life Jackman-Torkoff is soon to turn 30, was raised in foster care in Richmond Hill and considers himself a wandering poet (and disco dancer) and you get a rising star that is made for the part of Trout Stanley.

Fifteen years after its first performance, the play is back as part of Factory Lab's 50th anniversary theatre celebration. Still fiercely funny. Still off-the-wall, this year's remount has a different twist. The three characters on stage and the play's director are Black – not a single white person is in this Gothic Canadian comedy thriller by Governor General Award winning playwright Claudia Dey.

"Working with a cast of all black actors has been a joyous experience in terms of exploring this world, and this language from a first generation African Canadian immigrant lens," said director Mumbi Tindyebwa Otu. "The themes of co-dependence, isolation and the fantasy of finding love in the most unexpected places struck a sweet and deep chord with me!"

She is an award winning theatre creator and director raised in Kenya and Victoria and now lives in Toronto. She has produced notable productions at Soulpepper Theatre (Ma Rainey's Black Bottom), Obsidian Theater (Oratorio: A Theatre Mixtape) and her own IFT Theatre (Dancing to a White Boy Song).

The storyline is as odd as the name of the play: Sugar (Shakura Dickson) and her twin sister Grace (Natasha Mumba) have lived together alone in the middle of nowhere for a decade. Sugar hasn't left the house (nor even changed her clothes) since the death of their parents ten years to the day. Grace keeps it all together for the pair by working in a nearby dump and posing in hot pants for a gun shop's rural road billboard.

The play opens on the twin's 30th birthday, well actually they are triplets, but sister #3, (called Duckling), didn't make it out of the birth canal. They are worried and somewhat excited because for the past nine years women exactly their age are murdered, and Grace always finds the murder victim's body. Will it happen to-night for a tenth time?

This year a local stripper, who is also a Scrabble champ, has gone missing. Is she the next victim? The stay-at-home Sugar is convinced she and her sister are cursed and decides the only way she can stop the Scrabble stripper from getting snuffed out on their birthday is to take pre-emptive strike by hanging herself.

While Sugar may be damaged goods, Trout Stanley is broke almost beyond saving. "I grew up in silence save for the sound of a fire poppin'

on the stove top, my mother's electric razor in the bathroom an' the television on full tilt," says Trout. "Sometimes I called the television Mother."

Over the course of the performance the mystery of the missing stripper is solved, Trout and Sugar fall in love and Grace, well it gets complicated.

When I first saw Trout at the Factory Lab in the innocent days of the 2005 – Trout Stanley's in-your-face humour was refreshing and shocking. Now? Well jokes about serial killers and torching cops tied to kitchen chairs don't get the belly laughs that they did back then. Really what earns the play the standing O's it is getting every night, is the quality of the acting, over almost two hours, this trio of actors do it all – slapstick, whacky dancing, to crazy body language.

The all-Black cast for a production that back in 2005 was all white, is interesting but doesn't make much of a difference in the presentation of the play. These are Black actors portraying white characters and they do it well. The set is a 2005 cottage with a big cathode ray tube TV, furniture you might have bought from Sears, and an electric stove – it reeks of backwoods old stock. The sisters like to eat white – roast beef most days. And Sugar has been listening and awkwardly dancing every day for a decade to the same LP Heart's *Dreamboat Annie* and Magic Man.

You will laugh. You will sigh. And then you will laugh some more. Sugar, Grace and Trout will be celebrating their 30th Happy Death Day at the Factory Lab Theatre until November 10th.

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30 years of dance from Dance Caribe

By **Lincoln DePradine**

Trinidad-born Martin Scott-Pascall, a veteran of the performance arts, and members of Dance Caribe Performing Company (DCPC), are somewhat busier than they usually are. Not only is DCPC celebrating 30 years as a group, but the dancers also are looking ahead to a major European performance next year.

"We will be preparing for the World Folklore Dance Festival in the Ukraine in August 2020," Scott-Pascall, artistic director of DCPC, told the Caribbean Camera.

It will not be the first time Dance Caribe, which was founded by Scott-Pascall in 1989, will be embarking on an overseas tour.

When the 2018 World Folklore Dance Festival was held in Philippines, DCPC was there. They were judged the most outstanding of 14 participating countries and Scott-Pascall was voted best choreographer.

In three decades of existence, DCPC members also have performed in other places such as the United States, Mexico, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Australia.

They also have been to South America and the Caribbean, showcasing their talent to audiences in Venezuela, Dominica and in Trinidad and Tobago where, among other things, DCPC was the guest at the opening of the Prime Minister's Best Village Folklore competition in 2016.

Scott-Pascall studied dance and theatre at the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus, Trinidad. He also studied at Montreal's Concordia University, the University of Toronto and York University.

"I founded Dance Caribe Performing Company as a testament to my love for the Caribbean dance artistic aesthetic and it's the core and centrifugal force of the company," said Scott-Pascall, who



Martin Scott-Pascall

holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. He also possesses a Teacher's diploma and a Fitness & Nutrition diploma, as well as a certificate in Artist in Education.

Through DCPC, said Scott-Pascall, he's able to showcase his many talents for "choreography, directing, acting, and dancing and also costume design".

DCPC's slogan is, "preserving through dance, the cultural diversity of the Caribbean", and Scott-Pascall has directed and choreographed all of the group's major productions. These include "Ah Taste of Best Village" (1991); "Veni Zante" (1996);

"Dance Baghai" (1998); "Ambakaila" (2000); "Remorse in de Gayal" (2002); "Koombana Suite" (2005); "Danse Du Sol" (2006); "Sayamanda" (2009); "Anancy Stories" (2011); and the group's 25th anniversary production, "Retrospection...Then & Now".

Over the years, Scott-Pascall's passion for dance led to him becoming founding-director of the DC Youth Performing Arts and resident choreographer for the Club Carib Hummingbird Dancers of Oshawa. In addition, he's choreographer for the International Multicultural Fiesta Dancers of Oshawa.

Scott-Pascall also has directed and choreographed film and stage productions in Toronto and Montreal; designed costumes and participated as a masquerader at Toronto's Carnival; and worked on some of the biggest events hosted in Canada, such as the Ontario Pavilion at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic. He

also was one of the choreographers for the opening show for the 2015 Pan American/Parapan American Games in Toronto.

Many awards have been bestowed on Scott-Pascall, who is CEO and National Executive Director for the Miss Teen and Junior International Dance Pageant. He's also been an official of the Miss Canada Globe Production, and has worked as a judge and choreographer with several Canadian pageants.

His public accolades include a Harry Jerome Award from the Black Business and Professional Association; the Canadian Black Cultural Achievement Award for excellent contribution to dance; Trinidad & Tobago Republic Day Dance Arts Award presented in Toronto in 2000; and Caribbean Cultural Achievement Awards for Best Director, Best Choreographer and Best Folk Dance Group.

A series of events, commemorating

Dance Caribe's 30th anniversary, is being held under the theme, "DANCE DE L'ESPRIT".

"It means 'Dance of the Spirit'", Scott-Pascall explained. "This was chosen so we can showcase the beauty and soul of our Caribbean folklore dances."

The commemoration opened with a November 3 service at Scarborough's Church of the Nativity and continued this week with daytime school shows.

Adults shows, starting 8 pm, are on Thursday (November 7) and Friday (November 8), at Fairview Theatre Library, 35 Fairview Mall Drive.

The major event is Friday, November 15. That's when DCPC hosts a gala and an awards' ceremony, which will include a dance segment as part of the entertainment.

Scott-Pascall says the event, at Rembrandt Banquet Hall in Scarborough, will also be a celebration of his birthday, which is on November 12.

The Kingdom Choir rules

By **The Show Master**

History was made last Tuesday night when the Kingdom Choir made its inaugural visit to Toronto; the choir was performing as part of a tribute to Nelson Mandela – the *Mandela: Struggle for Freedom* exhibition will remain on display at the Meridian Arts Centre in Toronto until January 5, 2020.

The show kicked off with a rousing performance by Toronto's Juno award-winning performer Lorraine Klaasen, originally from South Africa but now calls London Ontario home. Klaasen gave a riveting performance of

some of Miriam Makeba's greatest hits, including a flawless performance of Pata Pata that brought the house to its feet.

Klaasen primed the audience for the Kingdom Choir; a group which gained instant worldwide popularity following a single, stirring performance at the Royal wedding of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry. Choir mistress Karen Gibson said that on that day their website crashed as the followers increased 700 to 35,000 followers the next day. A huge part of the new followers came from Canada, and now a little over 16 months

later they are on tour for the first time in the group's history.

The performance started with the Lord's Prayer and moved on to more secular music from the likes of John Legend, Cole Play, and topped off with a tribute to Aretha Franklin featuring "Respect" and other great hits. The Aretha segment served to highlight the tremendous vocal range of the members in the group, all of whom had a solo performance during the evening's presentation, some of which got the audience on their feet and into the aisles of the George Weston Recital Hall in the Meridian Arts Centre.



Kingdom chor in action

The big moment came when the choir sang the song that catapulted them to international fame – its rendition of Ben E. King's Stand by Me, the song they sang for Meghan and Prince Harry's wedding in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. I confess that I joined in, singing my lungs out.

Within every great performance, an inspiring story lurks – about midway through the concert the choir sang

a beautiful song called "Look Up", composed by one of its members who did not make the trip to Toronto.

The story goes that some time ago she fell ill, suffering from extreme bodily pain for which doctors could not find a cause. They said, however, that while they cannot pinpoint the cause of her suffering, they were sure that she will be unable to bear children. She was prescribed pain-killing drugs and sent home.

One day when the pain became unbearable, she fell to her knees, looked up, prayed, and later experienced a distinct reduction in the level of pain. The composition of "Look Up" was a direct result of that experience. Since then she has been virtually pain free, but could not make the trip because she and husband are at home taking care of their first child. Miracles do happen!

Usually when I think of gospel music I think about the brothers and sisters to the south in the United States of America. Now my taste for gospel music has been broadened to embrace my brothers and sisters in the UK.

Bacchanal in T&T over bikinis in church

Trinidad is fast becoming the new Sodom and Gomorrah. This was an opinion shared on social media after the now infamous bikini fashion show staged over the weekend inside the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port of Spain.

Images of models in extremely skimpy swimwear walking the aisles of the Anglican cathedral were posted online and led to a firestorm of condemnation. Sodom and Gomorrah were two cities destroyed by "sulphur and fire" because of their wickedness, according to the biblical book of Genesis (19:24). Some comments likened TT to these biblical cities and accused people of becoming more hedonistic.

In a release, the TT Council of Evangelical Churches (TTCEC) said allowing the altar of God to be used as a fashion runway was sacrilege. "Matthew 21:12-13 makes this clear. It recounts Jesus' anger at the use of his temple



for gambling and the marketing of goods. It states, 'Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there.'

The council said the church is a sacred place set aside strictly for worshipping God and for prayer. It said God is not pleased when the church is treated disrespectfully, and the church

should not be used for any other purpose. "It was a desecration of God's house of prayer and worship, and therefore, in contravention of the word of God," the council said.

Several calls and messages to the Rev Shelley-Ann Tenia, dean of the cathedral, and Anglican Bishop Claude Berkley's cellphones

went unanswered. But a report said that Tenia had said one designer flouted guidelines given to the organisers of the show.

It was reported that Style Week approached the church a month ago about staging its three-day fashion event in the cathedral. The proposal was presented to Tenia, and the vestry, the committee that oversees church business, met to discuss the event.

"The vestry agreed and we took a while to pray and think about it and consider all possibilities before we said yes," Tenia said. Tenia said they gave the Style Week organisers clear guidelines, especially for the swimsuit presentations. She said someone was positioned backstage to monitor the models and ensure guidelines were being adhered to, but on the final day, which showcased swimwear, the person stepped away and the designer, whom she did not name, flouted the guidelines.

"We said we need to be very clear how we deal with it. I said I am okay once I see no bumcees or boobs, and if anyone has any wear that makes that impossible, then they need to not show it, or use wraps and sarongs, and the models must have on leggings," she explained.

Despite one designer breaking the guidelines given by the church, Ellis Briggs, chairman of Zetick Caribbean Ltd, the organiser of Style Week, said the event was an amazing show. Briggs added that he had never heard so much buzz about a fashion show as long as he could remember.

"In this age of social media, you have to learn to roll with the punches, take the good with the bad. What we tried to do is to make an event that showcases the hot, up-and-coming designers and new faces as far as modeling talent in TT (is concerned), and I think we achieved that.

"One of the pieces in

the show might have left the changing room before...not fully wrapped and so on, and that is creating a whole lot of buzz. And the funniest thing is, that is not what started the controversy. The controversy started (with) a picture on Facebook where someone asked about having bikinis in a church... 'What are your thoughts?'"

Briggs said it was only on the final day that clothing was shown in which models were not fully covered. He said the organising committee apologised to the church. "As far as our relationship is concerned, there were simple, set guidelines which we agreed to adhere to, and we tried our best for the entire three-night event to do that. Last minute, close to the end of the final show, one piece – more than one, actually – was not completely covered." Nevertheless, he described the event as a very successful one. "I think we managed to change a lot of lives."

Scarborough street named after Denham Jolly

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Jolly's Canadian experience, including his community and social justice activism, is documented in his 2017 award-winning book, "In the Black: My Life".

"What a special day this is to be here today," Toronto Mayor John Tory said at the Jolly Way street dedication ceremony that was attended by more than 100 people, including Jolly's family members.

Other guests included representatives of the Jamaica Canadian Association (JCA) and retired politicians Jean Augustine, Mary Anne Chambers and Beverley Salmon.

Jolly was a philanthropist, a leader

"in every respect" and "stuck to his commitment to social justice", Tory said.

"His philanthropy was done very quietly," said Tory, who presented Jolly with a scroll.

"He was informed, he was constructive, he was intelligent, he was persistent most of all," the mayor said, recalling his many interactions with Jolly. "This is precisely the kind of person that deserves to be honoured by the entire City of Toronto. The work he has done has helped us to be what we are today. There's much work to be done. But what we're seeing today is more inclusive than we were."

Deputy Mayor

Michael Thompson joined the compliments to Jolly, calling him an "icon" and "a legend in our city".

Jolly's achievements in business alone are "noteworthy", said Thompson. "But, they are dwarfed by his contributions to diversity, culture and social justice in our city."

According to Thompson, Jolly's "rich story and history should to be continue to be told".

Jolly, a former director of the Jamaican Canadian Association, presented a cheque of \$312,000 to the JCA in August to pay off the balance of the mortgage on the association's centre and headquarters

on Arrow Road.

"This is so fitting, Mr Jolly, that there is a street named after you," JCA president Adaoma Patterson said at the unveiling of Jolly Way.

"Denham has been a big contributor, financially and in other ways, and always stepped up and supported the JCA during good times and bad," said Patterson.

Roy Williams, first ever president of the JCA, said it's a significant gesture to name a street after Jolly.

"Mr Jolly has contributed so much to Toronto and in support of the Black community in pursuing issues of equality, racial justice and all of those things. It is time that

he be recognized and honoured," Williams told The Caribbean Camera.

Jamaican-born Joe Halstead, a former senior employee with the Ontario government and the City of Toronto, called the street-naming "a monumental occasion", saying he's both proud and happy for Jolly.

"It's very deserved. He's a man who has contributed so much to our city," Halstead said. "This is a wonderful occasion for the community. Love it."

Jean Augustine, the former Liberal MP, has known Jolly ever since she arrived here from Grenada. The naming of Jolly Way is a "historical day", she said.

"This is an interesting way and

this is a historical way to mark the progress of African-Canadians, those of us who have come here and have made lives for ourselves and have made contributions to Canadian society," Augustine said.

Jolly said that in his "home city" of Toronto, he has "actively participated in all aspects of its life as a citizen and for social justice, with all my being".

As well, said Jolly, "I have made an exceptional living and enjoyed life and, daresay, contributed positively and paid my dues. Thank you, Toronto. I love you."

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Farm worker approved for permanent residence from within Canada



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Humanitarian and Compassionate factors are assessed by Immigration Officers to determine whether to grant an exemption from certain legislative requirements. This is required under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act to allow applications to be processed within Canada for permanent residence status.

So it is important that when authorized persons represent non status persons, they should put their best foot forward when submitting a humanitarian application.

The applicant's circumstances must be fully explored both in his native country and in Canada. Some factors to examine should include if there are children and what is in their best

interest; if applicants will encounter hardship if they have to return to their country, work history and community ties. How well they are establishment in Canada may also be considered among other relevant factors.

Let us visit some of the facts that were submitted in a Humanitarian and Compassionate application that was recently approved by a representative of the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. The writer represented the applicant who I will refer to as "Leslie" from Jamaica (not his real name).

Leslie had been travelling under a work permit under the Farm Workers Program on a yearly basis since 2001 to 2014. From 2001 to 2004, he worked as apple picker in Collingwood. From July 2005 to 2014 he worked in Nova Scotia as a labourer and driver. After he completed his work project, he met Pamela (not her real name) in Toronto, who became his common law partner.

Leslie did not return to Jamaica after his work permit expired. He maintained a very close and loving relationship with Pamela. In late 2016 she submitted an inland Family Class Sponsorship Application on his behalf under the condition that they had met the criteria under common law relationships. His application was acknowledged and he was issued medical instructions. Unfortunately, Pamela withdrew her sponsorship in mid 2017 and Leslie was so notified.

As a result of the withdrawal of his spousal sponsorship application he was required to leave Canada; he immediately contacted our office for advice. We suggested that he may apply for permanent residence on humanitarian and compassionate grounds. We submitted that application on his behalf in November 2017.

In a personal statement he indicated that he had worked on a farm in Canada from 2001 to 2014. He described his common law relationship, and the

subsequent breakdown of that relationship which resulted in the withdrawal of sponsorship.

While working in Nova Scotia he was in a brief relationship with a Canadian citizen which resulted in the birth of a child who is now nine years of age. In Jamaica, he has two children - a son born in 2004 and a girl born in 2012. All of his children were included in his application; and those residing in Jamaica were listed as his overseas dependent.

In our submissions we indicated that Leslie will not meet the requirements outlined in the Immigration Act to apply in the normal manner as he will be unable to acquire the competitive points under the Express Entry System, specific to the Federal Skilled Worker Program nor as a Nova Scotia Provincial Nominee. He is also unable to qualify under any other program that is available for applicants to apply for permanent residence from overseas.

We submitted that he had been travelling

to Canada as a Seasonal Agricultural Worker from 2001 to 2014, and remained in Canada until the present time. He contributed to the Canadian economy and his community while still supporting all his children. Seasonal Agricultural Workers have been a major contributor to the Canadian economy, particularly in the agricultural sector.

We mentioned in our submissions that with his earnings in Canada, Leslie has been able to support his children financially, both in Canada and Jamaica.

We argued that after residing in Canada for almost 17 years, our client has settled into his community and has grown accustomed to life in Canada. It would cause severe hardship to require him to uproot and return to Jamaica as he would be separated from those who have become dependent on him.

We also pointed out various factors with respect to the best interest of all his three children. Leslie mentioned that since coming to Canada he was able to

provide a better life for his children in Jamaica - they were able to obtain a better education, eat healthier, and have experienced better living conditions with functioning electricity and plumbing facilities. If he was to return to Jamaica, he would not be able to provide for his children.

Last week our office received a letter from Citizenship and Immigration informing us that Leslie's application for permanent residence from within Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds was assessed. A representative of the Minister of Immigration approved his request and his application will be processed from within Canada. He can now apply for a work or student permit.

Good luck Leslie.

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Canada issues travel advisory for Haiti

OTTAWA — The Government of Canada has warned nationals to avoid travelling to Haiti as violent protests and widespread civil unrest have been taking place across the nation for several weeks.

According to security officials, the situation in the French-speaking Caribbean country could deteriorate quickly and large demonstrations are scheduled to take place from November 4 to 6.

"In addition to this volatile situation, the



country is also experiencing water food and fuel shortages. Many businesses and banks are closed, making it difficult to access cash

and commodities of all kinds."

The Canadian Government said roadblocks have been disrupting transportation across

the country.

"There have been reports of armed protest orders who throw rocks or shoot at vehicles that get close or kidnap people for ransom money."

On Friday, Radio Canada said there has been widespread hostility towards citizens from the United States and Canada.

"Last week protesters reportedly threw rocks at the Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince...the walls in Port-au-Prince are covered with graffiti

against the UN and also against what everyone here knows as the 'Core Group', a group of donor countries, including Canada, the United States, European Union and the Organization of American States..."

The political and economic crisis in Haiti was triggered by the publication in January 2019 of a report on the Venezuela-funded PetroCaribe Oil initiative, under which Caracas provided oil and other petroleum products to Haiti under a preferen-

tial agreement.

Opposition parties have been staging street demonstrations over the past weeks demanding the resignation of President Jovenel Moise, whom they have accused of engaging in corruption linked to the Venezuelan funded oil initiative, PetroCaribe.

But Moise, who came to power in 2017, has said he has no intention of stepping down and instead has proposed a national dialogue so as to move the country forward.

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Grenada hires Miami-based firm to develop national health insurance programme

The Government of Grenada has signed a nine-month contract with Miami-based firm, Joint Independent Provider Association (JIPA), to complete the process of development for implementation of the National Health Insurance Programme.

Grenada's Prime Minister, Keith Mitchell has hailed this historic agreement with JIPA, which took effect on 29 October 2019, as a "game-changer for the healthcare system, given the many challenges faced by that system, throughout our history."

According to the Prime Minister, "healthcare is a right, and every Grenadian citizen needs to know that their right can be satisfied right here at home."

With the new contract with JIPA, Grenada is poised to become one of only a few developing nations around the world and in the Caribbean, to introduce a sustainable brand of National Health Insurance (NHI) to its citizens.

The JIPA Network, headed by Grenadian-born and USA-trained neurologist, Dr Kester Nedd, promises that their NHI plan will overhaul the system and address issues of cost and delivery of healthcare in Grenada.

To do so, JIPA promises to utilise its extensive experience in managing high cost, catastrophic healthcare conditions around the region, to introduce a system of "managed and value-based healthcare" to Grenada, which will be available to all its citizens, regardless of their ability to pay.

According to Dr Nedd, to achieve this, JIPA will "utilise a tested and proven model, which consolidates funding and organises healthcare providers and consumers into large groups, in which risks such as payment and care are shared across those groups. By doing so, better healthcare will be made much more affordable and accessible across all sectors of the Grenadian society."

The "son of the soil" physician referred to JI-



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PA's plan as one which will "revolutionise the health system for all stakeholders: from consumers to practitioners and administrators."

Dr Nedd believes that JIPA's plan for the NHI will promote better upward mobility for healthcare practitioners, which will, in turn, enable the government to retain its much-needed, highly trained doctors, nurses and other medical personnel.

Nickolas Steele, Grenada's Minister for Health, believes that the government's contract with JIPA, which builds on work already started by the University of the West Indies and other stakeholders, to eventually launch an NHI in Grenada, is a necessary step to overcoming many of the challenges that the healthcare system now faces.

According to the minister, "if Grenadians can agree to JIPA's team-based model, NHI will become a reality in the not too distant

future, and as such, the challenges faced by a colonial system of care will finally be addressed, for present and future generations."

Noting that better healthcare continues to be a national priority of the New National Party administration, the minister expressed government's willingness and readiness to lend all the necessary support to JIPA in order to make NHI, which he referred to as the "great equaliser," a reality, and deliver improved health services for all Grenadians, especially the many who cannot always afford to go abroad to have their healthcare needs met.

Over the next 9 months, JIPA has pledged to continue extensive consultations, and work with all sectors and stakeholders in Grenada to develop and finalise the necessary benefits plans, funding models and administrative processes for the implementation of the NHI.

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Antigua secures LIAT loan at meeting in Venezuela

Antigua PM Gaston Browne left Antigua and Barbuda last Tuesday on a quick visit to Venezuela that saw Antigua and Barbuda being formally inducted into ALBA Bank as a new member, as well as the signing of the Financing Agreement relating to the loan of US\$15.8 million for injection into LIAT.

On his arrival Browne was met on the tarmac with an honour guard by Vice Minister Yuri Pimentel of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and he was then whisked away to his meetings in downtown Caracas.

The 22nd meeting of the Ministerial Council and the 72nd meeting of the Executive Board of ALBA Bank were held in Caracas Venezuela during the morning at the headquarters of the Central Bank of Venezuela.

The Governor of the

Central Bank Mr Calixto Ortega welcomed Browne and stated how pleased he was that Antigua and Barbuda was becoming the seventh member of ALBA Bank, joining Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua, Dominica, St Vincent and the Grenadines and Bolivia.

During the meeting, Browne formally deposited the instrument that allowed Antigua and Barbuda to join the Bank, and he expressed his satisfaction at the good financial position of the Bank which would, in his view, engender trust and confidence.

Both St Vincent and the Grenadines and Dominica, in offering their congratulations, indicated that they fully supported the 'bold move' by Antigua and Barbuda to join the Bank.

ALBA Bank was established in 2005 as the brainchild of former Pres-



Gaston Browne signs agreement with Chair of the Executive Board ALBA Bank Raul Li Causi.

ident of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez Frias, and the former President of Cuba, Fidel Castro, and was envisioned as a regional development bank that would provide resources to fill the development

needs of the countries of the region.

In signing the Financing Agreement, Browne indicated that although the Government of Antigua and Barbuda was assuming the finan-

cial liability, in fact the loan injection into LIAT would benefit the entire region that LIAT served.

'LIAT is our infrastructure that links our scattered islands into a single economic space,' Mr Browne said, 'and it breathes oxygen into our tourism industry.'

After the meetings at the Central Bank, the Prime Minister had a bilateral meeting with the President of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros in the Miraflores Palace.

Both leaders reviewed the situation in Latin America and the Caribbean and agreed to work more closely together to achieve the goals of sustainable development in the region. Accompanying President Maduro in the meeting was Vice President Delcy Rodriguez; minister of foreign affairs Jorge Arreaza; and Vice Minister in the ministry of foreign affairs and chairman of the Executive Board of ALBA Bank Raul Li Causi.

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Avocados may help manage obesity, prevent diabetes

For the first time, researchers led by Prof. Paul Spagnuolo of the University of Guelph have shown how a compound found only in avocados can inhibit cellular processes that normally lead to diabetes. In safety testing in humans, the team also found that the substance was absorbed into the blood with no adverse effects in the kidney, liver or muscle.

The study was recently published in the journal *Molecular Nutrition and Food Research*.

About one in four Canadians is obese, a chronic condition that is a leading cause of Type two diabetes. Insulin

resistance in diabetic patients means their bodies are unable to properly remove glucose from the blood.

Those complications can arise when mitochondria, or the energy powerhouses in the body's cells, are unable to burn fatty acids completely.

Normally, fatty acid oxidation allows the body to burn fats. Obesity or diabetes hinders that process, leading to incomplete oxidation.

The University of Guelph researchers discovered that avocatin B (AvoB), a fat molecule found only in avocados, counters incomplete oxidation in skeletal muscle and the pan-

creas to reduce insulin resistance.

In their study, the team fed mice high-fat diets for eight weeks to induce obesity and insulin resistance. For the next five weeks, they added AvoB to the high-fat diets of half of the mice.

The treated mice

weighed significantly less than those in the control group, showing slower weight gain.

More important, said Spagnuolo, the treated mice showed greater insulin sensitivity, meaning that their bodies were able to absorb and burn blood glucose and improve their response to insulin.

In a human clinical study, AvoB given as a dietary supplement to participants eating a typical western diet was absorbed safely into their blood without affecting the kidney, liver or skeletal muscle. The team also saw

reductions in weight in human subjects, although Spagnuolo said the result was not statistically significant.

Having demonstrated its safety in humans, they plan to conduct clinical trials to test AvoB's efficacy in treating metabolic ailments in people.

Spagnuolo said the safety trial helped the team to determine just how much AvoB to include in the supplement formulation.

Having received Health Canada approval for the compound as a human supplement, he will begin selling it in

powder and pill forms as soon as 2020 through SP Nutraceuticals Inc., a Burlington, Ont.-based natural health products company.

He said eating avocados alone would likely be ineffective, as the amount of natural avocatin B varies widely in the fruit and we still do not fully understand exactly how it is digested and absorbed when we consume a whole avocado.

Although avocados have been touted as a weight-loss food, Spagnuolo said more study is needed. He said a healthy diet and exercise are recommended to prevent metabolic disorders leading to obesity or diabetes.

Ph.D. student Nawaz Ahmed, lead author of the paper, said, "We advocate healthy eating and exercise as solutions to the problem, but that's difficult for some people. We've known this for decades, and obesity and diabetes are still a significant health problem."

In earlier work funded by the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, Spagnuolo has studied the potential use of avocatin B for treating acute myeloid leukemia.

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First oil for Guyana now expected in December

The timetable for production of first oil in Guyana has been moved up to December this year, earlier than was previously announced, according to ExxonMobil's partner in the Stabroek Block, Hess.

"In terms of development, the Liza Phase 1 discovery is now targeted to start up in December and will produce up to 120,000 gross barrels of oil per day using the Liza Destiny FPSO [Floating Production Storage and Offloading Vessel], which arrived in Guyana on August 29th," Hess' Chief Executive Officer, John Hess, said at the company's 2019 third quarter earnings call.

Hess' position was confirmed by ExxonMo-

bil, the operator of the Stabroek Block, with the latter company emphasising that while the schedule has been moved forward, it is barring bad weather and other unforeseen conditions.

"Liza Phase 1 is continuing to progress very well with key activities running ahead of plan and there's a possibility that first oil could be this year. However, there are several factors such as weather that can affect this timeline. Our top priority remains the safety of our project workforce and protection of the environment," ExxonMobil's Public and Government Affairs Advisor Janelle Persaud told Stabroek News, when contacted.



ExxonMobil found oil in the Stabroek Block in May, 2015 and a less than five-year development period of the Liza well is seen as fast by industry standards.

Minister of State Dawn Hastings-Williams told media that government was told of the possible early production date and has always been hopeful that the weather holds up and there are no unforeseen issues

that can affect the new production schedule.

"We are excited and happy. We have been keeping in communication with the companies and they said the first quarter of next year...and if possible [production] can begin this year. So they would have done their work and told us... It means that we move earlier to production of first oil and to seeing the benefits of this industry

impact Guyanese much faster," she said.

Some observers had posited that first oil could be pumped as early as the first week of February, a month before this country goes to general elections.

In May last year, Minister of Natural Resources, Raphael Trotman had told the National Assembly's Sectoral Committee on Natural Resources that his government had two preeminent objectives when it signed the Production Sharing Agreement (PSA) with ExxonMobil and partners and that was to ensure production in the fastest possible time and that it "needed to protect the resource to say this

is ours." He made the comments against the backdrop of Venezuelan aggression towards Guyana. Trotman had also said that President David Granger and his Cabinet sanctioned the 2016 renegotiation of the PSA.

The announcement signals that Guyana will receive revenues earlier than expected. However, the money will go into the Consolidated Fund and has to go through a rigid process before it can be taken out for spending. With the current political impasse, it would mean that all revenues raked in from the sector would have to wait until after the March 2, 2020 general elections before it can be spent.

Grenada Govt minister seeks more investment from nationals in Canada

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The figure does not take into account other contributions to the economy like investment in real estate, banking and foreign currency exchange.

"Our Diaspora is critical for our development," said David. "The Diaspora is

not just a group of people out there who sometimes we rely on just to send this and send that for us. They should be engaged as a part of our development process."

Grenada has 15 political constituencies, all of which now are represented in the Lower House of Parliament

by MPs of the New National Party headed by Prime Minister Dr Keith Mitchell.

David described the Diaspora as the country's "16th constituency", saying it must be treated as such.

Overseas nationals, he argued, "must be integrated into national

development". David said the response to the Diaspora consultations held so far has been excellent.

"I'm sure, going forward, they will become even more exciting," he said. "I've heard ideas like we should have a senator in Grenada responsible

for Diaspora affairs, because the Diaspora is so important."

David, who previously has resided in Canada, England and the United States, said "the further away Grenadians go from Grenada, it's the more patriotic they become and they want the engagement. I think

what we have done is not find the avenues and pathways to the engagement. That is why we are trying to formalize it now. Other countries have done this; countries like India and Israel and Jamaica have done an excellent job of engaging their Diaspora".





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Hamilton Forges through Calgary to claim the CPL's North Star Shield

By Darnel Harris

Several thousand fans packed Spruce Meadows in Alberta on Saturday afternoon as Hamilton's Forge FC and Calgary's Calvary FC battled in the second leg of the Canadian Premier League's first Final. Despite high expectations, Hamilton's suffocating defense and goalkeeping for one hundred and eighty minutes snuffed out Calgary and secured Forge's championship. Calvary's offensive touch abandoned them when it mattered most - in front of their home fans.

Before the match, much of the focus was on either the predicted freezing weather and if Forge's star striker

Tristan Borges would be allowed to play. As it turned out, the weather and the suspension cleared in advance of the final match of the year. Both teams and the fans enjoyed 'tropical' weather in Calgary as the temperature climbed to nearly eight degrees at game time. Forge FC was also successful in their appeal to the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Committee, freeing Borges to return to his attacking role in Calgary.

As the match started, it quickly became clear that offense would be the least of Forge's concerns. Calvary kept up consistent pressure, and Forge's defenders were tasked with breaking up their waves of attacks.



Hamilton Forge rejoices after earning the North Star Shield at ATCO Field in Calgary, Alberta.

Forge responded by making passing difficult but not impossible for their hosts, who took fourteen shots but only planted two on target. While Calvary kept trying until time expired, their efforts lacked clinical finish, with shots flying over the bar or headers missing completely from just a few feet out from

an empty net.

Calvary captain Nik Ledgerwood lamented his team's play afterward, saying, "It's a hard one to swallow, especially here in front of our home fans." Forge goalkeeper Tristan Henry credited his team's confident mentality and the importance of their experiences in the knockout

CONCACAF League this summer. "Going to Antigua (in Guatemala) and knowing that we had to get a clean sheet...it's just that same mentality, we knew that we could get a clean sheet, and that we could do it here, and that helped us win the championship," Henry explained.

With their travelling faithful fans hollering in the stands, Forge was presented with the Canadian Premier League's trophy, the North Star Shield. Thrusting the Shield into the sky, players and coaches celebrated, fully aware that they would forever be hailed as the CPL's first champions. Forge's victory also means they have earned the right to more Central American adventures in 2020 as the CONCACAF League's Canadian representative.

Forge FC will be holding their Championship Celebration on Thursday, November 7th at Tim Hortons Field, starting at 6:30 PM and ending at 8:00 PM.

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Windies women win last ball thriller against India

NORTH SOUND, Antigua – West Indies Women survived a massive umpiring blunder in a tense final over to pull off a dramatic one-run victory off the last ball, in the opening One-Day International (ODI) against India Women under lights here late Friday.

With India requiring nine runs from the final over with one wicket intact at the Vivian Richards Cricket Ground, veteran off-spinner Anisa Mohammed snatched wickets off the first and last delivery to finish with her sixth five-wicket haul in ODIs, as the hosts took a vital 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Mohammed removed Ekta Bisht without scoring, caught at short backward point off the first delivery but tail-ender Jhulan Goswami eased the tension when she lofted the next ball to the cover boundary.

Goswami was kept scoreless off the third delivery before controversy unfolded off the next ball when she swung to deep mid-wicket and hurried back for the second. Kyshona Knight's excellent throw to Mohammed found Poonam Yadav short of her ground at the non-striker's end, only for umpire Patrick Gustard to astonishingly rule not out.

Captain Stafanie Taylor remonstrated openly with Gustard over the decision and tensions were further heightened when television replays showed Poonam had been indeed run out by some distance.

With three runs needed off the last two balls, Windies Women regained their composure to restrict Goswami to one run off the penultimate delivery and with two runs needed from the last ball, Poonam holed out to Stacy-Ann King at

point.

Mohammed finished with five for 46 while fellow off-spinner Stafanie Taylor (2-30) and teenaged pace bowler Shabika Gajnabi (2-25) grabbed two wickets apiece.

They combined to lead a West Indies comeback after opener Priya Punia top-scored with 75 to put India Women in command of the run chase at 170 for two in the 40th over.

Punia faced 107 deliveries and struck six fours, posting 78 for the first wicket with Jemimah Rodrigues (41), 46 for the second wicket with Punam Raut (22) and a further 46 for the third wicket with Captain Mitjhali Raj (20).

Once Mohammed removed Punia in the 40th to a catch at mid-off by replacement player Gajnabi and then drew Raj from her crease and had her stumped in her next over, India Women lost their last eight wickets for 54 runs.

Taylor had earlier produced a player-of-the-match 94 as the

78 for the fourth wicket with Chedean Nation who struck 43 from 51 balls with five fours, to pull the innings around after three wickets tumbled for 26 runs to leave the Win-

dies on 77 for three in the 26th over.

Natasha McLean had given West Indies a strong start, belting six fours and a six in an 82-ball 51, adding 51 for the first wicket with King (12).

hosts rattled up 225 for seven off their 50 overs, after winning the toss.

The right-hander blossomed after a slow start to stroke eight fours and two sixes in a 91-ball innings, before holing out at long off to a magnificent leaping one-handed catch by Harmanpreet Kaur on the ropes, to fall agonisingly short of three figures.

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Anisa Mohammed

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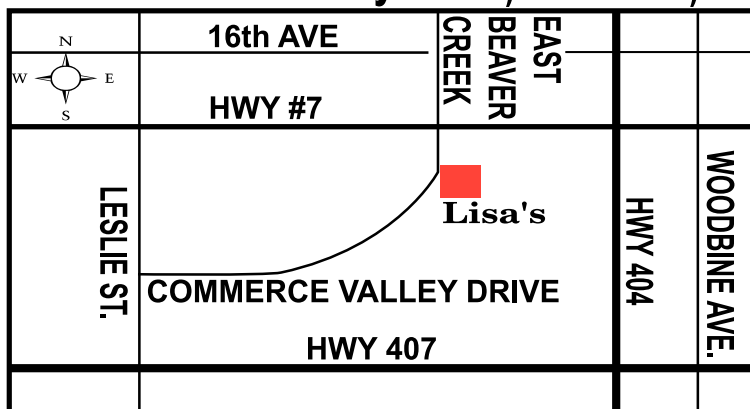
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