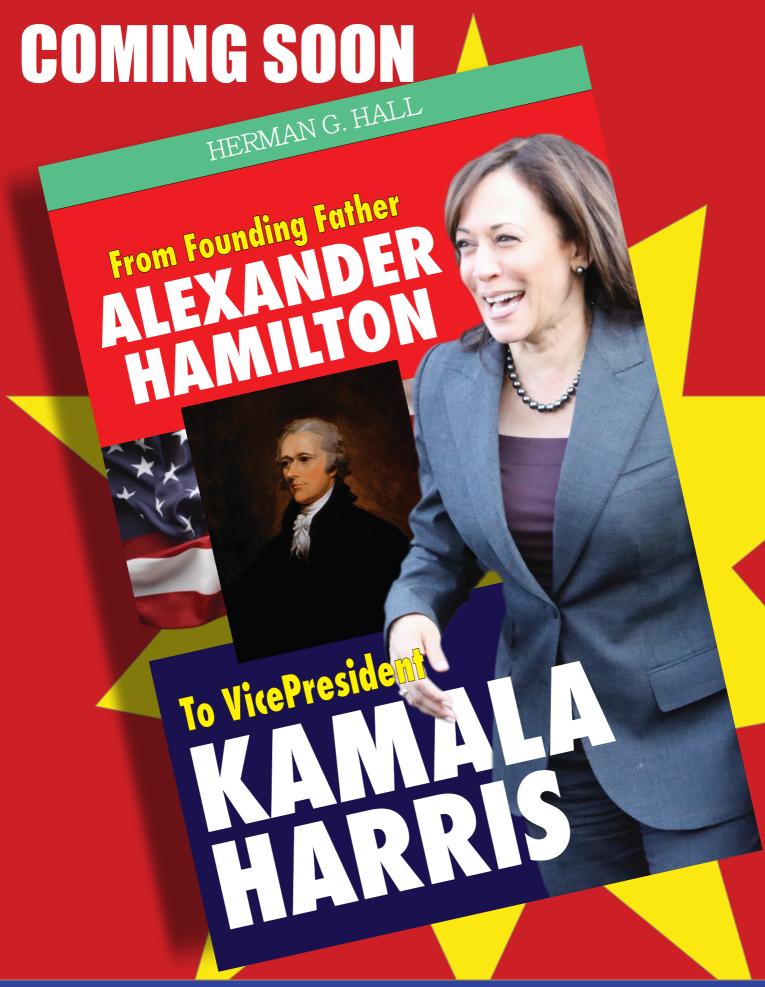
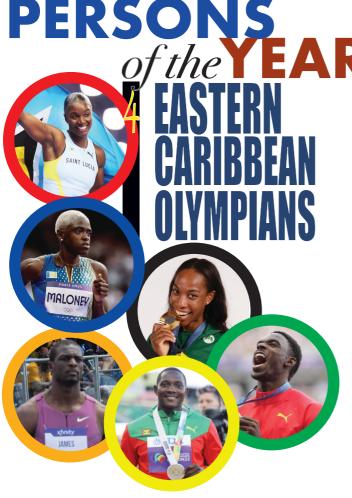
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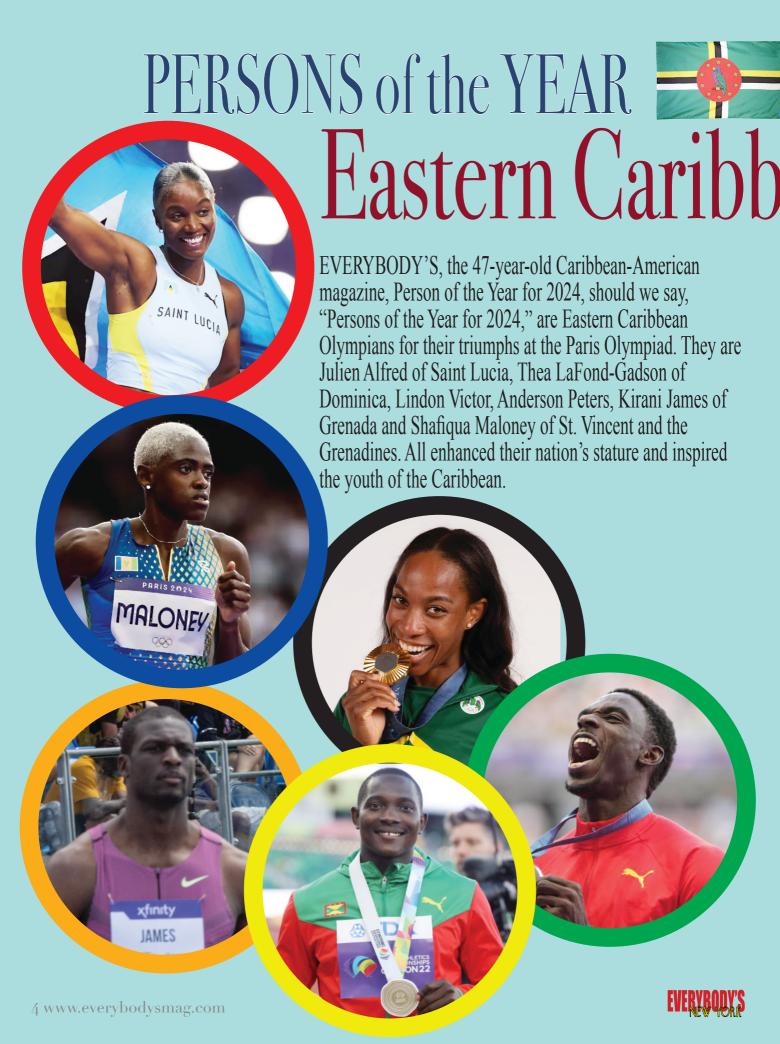
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e salute the 2024 Jamaican
Olympians. They brought six
medals, one gold, three silvers
and two bronzes. Previous
EVERYBODY'S Person of the
Year who are Jamaicans include Usain Bolt
(2008 & 2016) and Shelly-Ann Fraser Pryce
(2019.)

As Julien Alfred remarked, "When one Caribbean athlete wins, the whole Caribbean celebrates" and Caribbean people at home and in the diaspora indeed celebrated, especially with nationals of Dominica and Saint Lucia when their island, for the first time, became recipients of Olympic medals, two gold and one silver.

Julien brought to the nation of Nobel Laureates, Sir Arthur Lewis (this magazine's 1979 PoY) and poet and playwright Derek Walcott, gold for winning the women's 100m and silver in the women's 200m. Saint Lucians gave her a hero's welcome.

Thea LaFord-Gadson carved her name in Dominica's history by giving her nation its first Olympic medal, which was pure gold when she won the women's triple jump. What a welcome Dominica gave its national hero. As Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit said, "her gold medal win has inspired national pride and unity, resilience and determination."

Since 2012, Grenada has been the recipient of Olympic medals, such as when Kirani James gave the Isle of Spice gold (2012), silver (2016) and Bronze (2020/21) in the men's 400m. Grenada gave its 2024 Olympians an unprecedented two-day welcome when Lindon Victor brought home a bronze medal for his success in the decathlon, Anderson Peters a bronze in the men's javelin throw, and Kirani James, finalist in the 400m. (James was this magazine PoY for 2012 and 2023). In October, the University of the West Indies Global Campus honored James for his

excellence with an honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) degree.

Grenada, St. Vincent, Saint Lucia and Dominica, once known as the British Windward Islands, shared a single British governor and a radio station, Windward Islands Broadcasting Service (WIBS). There is a strong bond between the four islands. Hopefully, St. Vincent and the Grenadines will become an Olympic medalist nation at the 2028 Olympiad. But Shafiqua Maloney almost won a medal in the women's 800m final by finishing 4th.

A feature in the Oct/Nov issue of EVERYBODY'S Magazine raised the prospect of the region hosting an Olympic Games or FIFA World Cup. The easy copout is that the islands are too small to host a global sports event. Are the islands too small to give the world first-class athletes?

This magazine has advocated this idea before and for the establishment of a Global Caribbean Hurricane Fund. Until media giants such as The New York Times, BBC, CNN, The Financial Times of London, and The Washington Post or a foreign leader make the suggestion, Caricom leaders will not create a committee to study the feasibility.

The future of the Caribbean is dependent on our athletes, artists and young people. They are talented and visionary, creating Caribbean oneness as never seen before. Unfortunately, the Anglophone Caribbean of today is led by many heads of government who are selling their country's birthright under the guise of Citizenship by Investment (CBI).

We thank our readers who nominated their Person of the Year. Suggestions for Person of the Year for 2025 will be accepted from Sep. 1, 2025-Dec. 1, 2025:

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FLASHBACK 2024

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Hurricane Beryl devastation of Union Island, St. Vincent & the Grenadines.

Photo - Ron Pierre.

BERYL AND HELENE

alypsonian Atilla the Hun (Raymond Quevedo1892-1962), was unquestionably correct when he stated, in his April 1941 recording, Woman Is Not The Weaker Sex. The two most deadly hurricanes in 2024 were women, Beryl and Helene. The naming of hurricanes is a tradition that began in the West Indies, and it's worth noting that these names were not chosen randomly. Beryl, a name of Greek origin, means 'shining' or 'sparkling,' while Helene, derived from Greek mythology, was the name of a woman who was the cause of the Trojan War. Beryl surprised everyone when she came first and so early, July 1. She climaxed mercilessly on top of the Grenadines especially, Carriacou, Petite Martinique, Union Island and Mayreau. The petite islands are part of the nations of Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Beryl stopped panting on July 10th over Texas and Arkansas. Hurricane Helene may have been the granddaughter of Hurricane Janet, who in 1955 destroyed Grenada and Barbados. Helene developed in September, like Janet. September 22 was significant in both. They had the same features: Maximum wind, torrential rain, landslides, massive floods, long flashes of lightning and roaring thunder. Helene deposited most of her water

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over North Carolina. Hundreds of North Carolinians spent Thanksgiving (Nov. 28) in tents. Heat, electricity and food still needed to be found.

VYBZ KARTEL RELEASED

n July 31, 2024, Jamaican and the world's most popular dancehall artist, Adidja Azim Palmer, known internationally as Vybz Kartel, and his three co-defendants were released from prison after serving more than 13 years of a lifetime sentence for the murder of Clive "Lizard" Williams in 2011. This release was not just a personal victory for Kartel, but also a significant event in the history of Jamaican justice. In March 2024, the British Privy Council overturned their conviction based on a juror's misconduct and returned the case to the Jamaican Court of Appeal. After reviewing the case, the Court of Appeal, four months later, wrote, "We conclude that the interest of justice does not require a new trial to be ordered." The Court considered the amount of time elapsed since Kartel allegedly committed the offense, the unavailability of witnesses, the poor health of Kartel, and the financial burden on taxpayers. At the peak of his stardom, Vybz collaborated with performers such as Jay-Z, Eminem and Rihanna and made Spice into an international dancehall celebrity.

CRICKET T20 IN USA

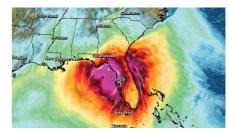
India won the 2024 International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's T20 World Cup, a biennial cricket tournament. The competition was historic for one reason: Considering cricket is not a major sport in the U.S., three games were played in the U.S. states of FL, TX and NY. The other host was the Anglophone Caribbean, where cricket reigns. Financially, it was savvy to hold matches in the U.S. due to millions of immigrants who are fans. By all accounts, the tournament was a colossal success. In Colonial America, cricket was the premier sport, and baseball emerged from cricket. While American football, basketball, hockey, tennis and other games dominated the American landscape, West Indian immigrants have burned the flame of cricket. The Staten Island Cricket Club, established in NY in 1872, is the oldest continuous cricket club in the U.S. Caribbean-American radio personalities who for decades have been giving the latest cricket news were not afforded media credentials to cover the T20 matches in NY, FL and TX. They were not considered working media that cover cricket daily.

THE TRUMP VICTORY

eading up to the U.S. presidential election, you would have thought that Caribbean nations were part of the U.S. and their nationals were eligible to vote. They kept abreast of campaign stops and glued themselves to their TV to watch the Republican and Democratic Party conventions and the debate between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump. Most prayed for a Harris victory and they urged friends and family in the U.S. to vote for her. American citizens living in the Caribbean, many of whom are Caribbean born proudly requested their absentee ballot from the American Embassy and Consulate. EVERYBODY'S survey conducted in early September revealed that more than 90% of Caribbean-Americans planned to vote for Harris. But about 10% of Caribbean-Americans, from Brooklyn to Miami and from Texas to Kansas, did vote for Donald Trump. This diversity of political views within the Caribbean community is a testament to their resilience and empowerment. With all the boasting by the president-elect, President Barack Obama's administration deported more people than President Trump first administration.

GRENADA'S 50™ BIRTHDAY BASH

n February 7, Grenada – Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique – observed its 50th anniversary of independence. The occasion was marked by a joyous celebration, with thousands of Grenadians visiting the land of their birth to partake in the festivities, many bringing their offspring. The late trade unionist Eric Gairy led the island into independence on February 7, 1974. The British Monarch Charles III remains King of Grenada. Since EVERYBODY'S Magazine published special editions for Antigua/Barbuda's 25th, Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago's 50th, it did a commemorative issue in



Hurricane Helene over Florida on her way to North Carolina and beyond. Photo - NOOA/NWS.



A freed Vybz Kartel.

Photo - Courtesy Jamaica Weekly.



T20 between Pakistan and USA played in Texas when USA shocked the cricket world by defeating Pakistan.

Photo - Courtesy Dallas Morning News



President-elect Donald Trump and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at Mar-a-Lago. Other diners are Trump cabinet picks and their spouses.

Photo by Senator-elect Dave McCormick of Pennsylvania





Marryshow House: Grenadian Jennifer Hosten, Miss World of 1970, and New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and his wife India. Williams was born in Brooklyn of Grenadian parentage.

Photo Leonard McKenzie.



Marryshow House: Dr. Sharon Ogiste McBain and daughter Dr. Shonnell McBain Lambert proudly pose with 90-year-old Mrs. Nadia Benjamin who was a parliamentarian before, on and after, February 7, 1974.

Photo Leonard McKenzie



Heads of state: President Sandra Prunella Mason of the Republic of Barbados and Grenada's Governor General Cecile Ellen Fleurette La Grenade.

Photo Leonard McKenzie



50th Independence Day Feb. 7, 2024: Governor General Dame Cecile Ellen Fleurette La Grenade and Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell at the National Cricket Stadium where the formal golden jubilee independence parade was held.

Photo Leonard McKenzie

recognition of Grenada's 50th year of nationhood. The edition was officially unveiled on February 10 at Marryshow House/University of the West Indies Open Campus, home of the late Caribbean statesman T.A. Marryshow.

LOSSES/2024

alypsonian **Brown Boy**, veteran of calypso tents in Trinidad & Tobago and New York and renowned calypso/soca bandleader Roy Cape performed in EVERYBODY'S Caribe Fete shows. Peter "Peetah" Morgan, 46-year-old, was the lead singer of the reggae group he founded, Morgan Heritage. Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness said his "heart is heavy and Morgan's death is a colossal loss for Jamaica and reggae music."

Professor Edward L. Cox. (1943-2024) - Edward Cox, professor emeritus of history at Rice University, Houston, Texas. Educated at the Grenada Boys' Secondary School, Dr. Cox earned his bachelor's degree from the University of the West Indies and his doctorate from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Dr. Edward L. Cox. Maryland. The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education



Photo courtesy Rice University

states, "As an academic, Dr. Cox's research interests included Caribbean history, Blacks in the Americas, post-emancipation societies, and the United States civil rights movement. He was the author of numerous scholarly publications including his book, Free Coloreds in the Slave Societies of St. Kitts and Grenada, 1763-1833 (University of Tennessee Press, 1984). For many years, Dr. Cox was a contributing editor of this magazine. His pieces in EVERYBODY'S Grenada 50th Anniversary of Independence are classics. He penned essays on William Galwey Donovan (1865-1929), T. A. Marryshow, and Sir Paul Scoon. They all contributed towards the independence of Grenada. He also encouraged Herman Hall to write his two books about the 18th century revolutionary leader Julien Fédon. A few days before his untimely demise, he sent a message to this magazine's publisher via his close friend Dr. Kenrick Lewis, reminding Hall to send him the manuscript of his upcoming book, "From Founding Father Alexander Hamilton to Vice President Kamala Harris." Dr. Cox's passing is a profound loss to this magazine family especially, Herman Hall.



Independence Calypso Concert, Feb. 11, National Cricket Stadium: L to R: **Multicultural Commission** Chair, Prince George's County, Maryland, Lisda Sawney, Herman G. Hall author of "From Founding Father Alexander Hamilton to Vice President Kamala Harris" and Janice Mitchell, mother of Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell.

Photo Leonard McKenzie



2025 Happenings

Aisha Braveboy, State's Attorney for Prince George's County is a candidate in a special election for

County Executive. Photo: Maryland State Archives





L to R: Senator-Elect Angela Alsobrooks -Dem-MD, and Lisda Sawney, Multicultural Commission Chair, Prince George's County, Maryland.



Rev Melvin Schaper (1920-2015) established the St. John's Christian Secondary School in Grenada. Rev. Schaper pastored churches in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Grenada.

Photo - Courtesy the Schaper family

CARIBBEAN: National elections are due in Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, and Guyana. In Jamaica, the Opposition People's National Party led by Mark Golding is projected to win whereas in Guyana the governing People's Progressive Party is expected to be re-elected. Trinidad and Tobago is a toss-up between the ruling People's National Movement of Prime Minister, Keith Rowley and the Opposition United National Congress led by Kamla Persad-Bissessar. Although a national election is due in Grenada in 2027, it is anticipated that Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell may call it in late 2025.

MARYLAND: Angela Alsobrooks will take her seat in the U.S. Senate in January. She is the first Black from Maryland elected to the U.S. Senate. She is highly regarded across Maryland's Caribbean community. Now that she will no longer be County Executive of Prince George's County, a special election for county executive will be held by April. The campaign has started, and one of the candidates, Grenadian-American Aisha Braveboy, Prince George's State Attorney, is seeking that office.

NEW YORK CITY: Anticipate a contentious Democratic mayoral primary between several Democrats who want to replace the troubled Mayor Eric Adams, who the federal government has indicted for corruption. Adams is seeking reelection. Rank Choice Voting rules will be enforced only for the primary. Early Voting primary days are June 14-22; election day, June 24. Whoever wins the Democratic Primary in June probably will win the general election on



Mayor Eric Adams

November 4, 2025. A few Republicans are thinking of running so there may be a Republican primary but the Republican with name recognition is Curtis Sliwa who Adams defeated four years ago. Public Advocate Jumaane Williams will defeat his rivals in the Democrats primary and cruise to victory on November 4.

GRENADA: On January 5, the St. John's Christian Secondary School (SJCSS) will commemorate its 60th year having welcomed its first students on January 5, 1965. The school was established by Rev. Melvin Schaper and Mrs. Joy Schaper. Two other American missionaries of the Bible Holiness Church, Miss Brown and Miss Gill, were the school's other original teachers. Shortly thereafter, Rev. Schaper hired SJCSS first local teacher, Herman Hall, followed by Mr. Algee Antoine. Mr. Antoine's son, Timothy N. J. Antoine, is the Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Development Bank. Five of the first six teachers have gone to their maker except one, Herman Hall.





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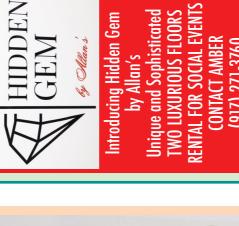
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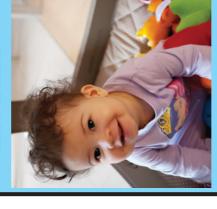
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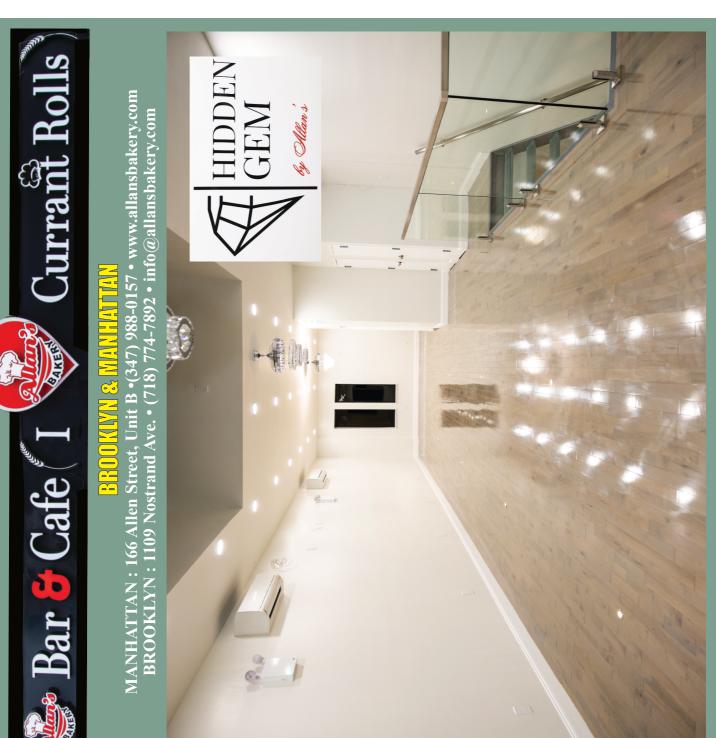


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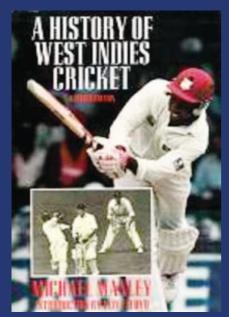
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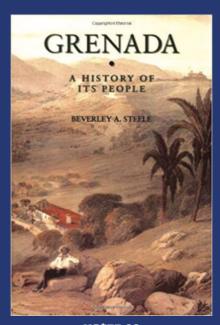
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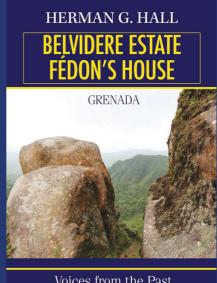
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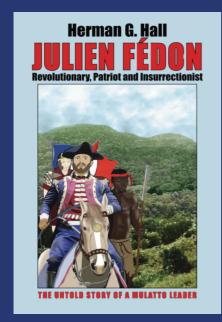


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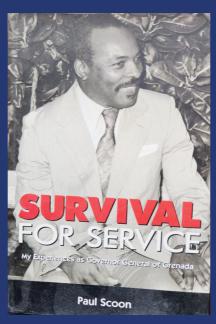


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