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Fellow Guyanese:

Forty-four years ago, thousands gathered here to watch the Golden Arrowhead fly above an independent Guyana for the first time - after a struggle for political independence waged by a people united against the oppression and exploitation of colonial rule.

That first ceremony also marked the culmination of an even more difficult struggle waged over centuries by diverse peoples, the majority dislocated from their homelands at the other side of the world, brought to these shores against their will or under great deception, deprived of every human dignity, and forced to toil under the most inhumane conditions for the enrichment of a distant continent. There is a story of sacrifice on a scale that today's generations could scarcely imagine: sacrificing life to secure freedom from bondage; sacrificing historical, cultural, and emotional attachments to make this their home; and sacrificing self to secure escape, enlightenment, and upliftment for their young. The Guyana that was born forty-four years ago is the legacy of their efforts.

Today, as we celebrate yet another milestone in our young country's history, it is our first task to pay homage to the several generations of our ancestors who toiled to build the Guyana we inherited. Inspired by their journey, and ever faithful to their bequest, it is our abiding duty to continue the work they started and realise a Guyana beyond their dreams.

If that first flag-raising ceremony marked the end of old struggles, it also signalled the start of new ones: the struggle to build a new country;

the struggle to establish democratic institutions and entrench democratic behaviour, the struggle to build an economy that would bring prosperity and social justice to all our people; the struggle to overcome the challenges of smallness in size and numbers; and the struggle to forge happy and harmonious communities on the tapestry of our inherited multiculturalism. Forty years later, these struggles are still being fought. And they are being joined by new ones, including two of the defining struggles of our generation: the need to deal with the biggest global financial crisis in living memory, and the global battle to avert catastrophic climate change that now threatens life on earth as we know it.

Thanks to many of those who gathered here forty-four years ago, Guyanese today face these struggles as citizens of a proud, independent republic. But it is not the fact of independence that shapes the nature and the quality of our nation – these are shaped by the choices we make on what we do with our independence. So as we gather here tonight, we need to do more than just celebrate and cherish our independence. We need to ask ourselves if we are fulfilling our duty to make the most of independence and if we are making the right choices for our country's future – as individuals, as communities, as leaders and as a Government.

I feel proud that, as a country, we are getting the big choices right.

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Welcome to the Guyanese Online Newsletter

EDITORIAL: By: Cyril Bryan, Editor and Publisher

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Cyril Bryan

Independence Day in Guyana was celebrated by Guyanese on May 26th for Guyana's 44th year of Independence.

The news in the USA was, and still is, dominated by the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the impending hurricane season, which may make it worse for the environment in the that region as well as Cuba, Jamaica and the Bahamas if the oil well is not contained.

In Jamaica, the IMF has moved in with a US\$1.3Billion aid package for its ailing economy... demanded the sale of Air Jamaica and called for the "head" of "Dudas" Coke in return. They have had to comply and now the clean up of gangs in the country has become a high priority. Failure to do this properly would mean backlash revenge towards the cleanup crews and politicians, so the pressure on gangs will continue.

In Trinidad, people of all races and creeds came out in record numbers to unseat the Patrick Manning government, elected just two years ago. Mr. Manning called a snap election two and a half years before the end of his term with the hope of winning another five year term before the opposition became united and organized. His plan failed as Mrs. Kamla Persad -Bissessar quickly put together a multi-racial and multi-party team that unseated the ruling PNP with a 29-12 seat majority. The call for "change" and "accountability" and "security against crime" and action against "corruption" was answered at the ballot box. A breath of fresh air has now enveloped Trinidad and Tobago.

Suriname: There was an election there on May 25th. The Mega Combination coalition led by controversial former President Desi Bouterse won more seats than the New front Alliance led by incumbent President Ronald Venetiaan and Carl Breevaldt's Democracy, Development and Unity party. Bouterse, who is a convicted drug trafficker, is particularly popular among young voters. Bouterse and 11 others are currently being tried in a military court on charges of murder, for the killing of 15 opponents while he was head of a military junta in 1982.

Suriname and Guyana: The general feeling in Guyana is that a Bouterse government would be less accommodating than the Venetiaan to the thousands of Guyanese living there illegally, and that he may again lay claims to the disputed Guyana Red River triangle as he did in the 1980's. Bouterse seems to have galvanized the youth of Suriname, offering them a new vision and hope for a better country. They seem to have accepted his clarion call for "change" and answered with their votes. Only time will tell if his new vision for progress become reality.

Guyana goes to the polls, constitutionally, no later than November 2011. The term limits in the constitution mandate only two terms for a President so President Bharrat Jagdeo cannot run for that post. No clear succession has been selected from the PPP nor the PNC, as Mr. Corbin has announced that he will not be the PNC's Presidential candidate. The next 18 months will prove very challenging for the current government of Guyana and opposition parties as they prepare their political campaigns aimed at winning the hearts and minds of the voters..

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Steve Jobs – How to live before you die

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"You've got to find what you love", says Jobs at this Stanford University commencement speech, Steve Jobs, CEO and co-founder of Apple and Pixar, urges us to pursue our dreams and see the opportunities in life's setbacks -- including death itself.

Drawing from some of the most pivotal points in his life, Steve Jobs, chief executive officer and co-founder of Apple Computer and of Pixar Animation Studios, urged graduates to pursue their dreams and see the opportunities in life's setbacks — including death itself — at the university's 114th Commencement on June 12, 2005.

Transcript of address: "[Steve Jobs – Standford Address](#)"

The once-and-again CEO of Apple, Steve Jobs has spearheaded a few of the most iconic products in technology, entertainment and design. [Full bio and more links](#)

Sir Ken Robinson - On Education & Creativity

Creativity expert **Sir Ken Robinson** challenges the way we're educating our children. He champions a radical rethink of our school systems, to cultivate creativity and acknowledge multiple types of intelligence. Here are two talks by him.

Why you should listen to him:

Why don't we get the best out of people? Sir Ken Robinson argues that it's because we've been educated to become good workers, rather than creative thinkers. Students with restless minds and bodies -- far from being cultivated for their energy and curiosity -- are ignored or even stigmatized, with terrible consequences. **"We are educating people out of their creativity," Robinson says.** It's a message with deep resonance. Robinson's TEDTalk has been distributed widely around the Web since its release in June 2006. The most popular words framing blog posts on his talk? "Everyone should watch this."

Talk # 1 - delivered in June 2006:

Video link > [Ken Robinson says that Schools kill Creativity](#)

Talk # 2 - delivered in February 2010.

Video Link > [Ken Robinson says Bring on the learning revolution!](#)

In this poignant, funny follow-up to his fabled 2006 talk, Sir Ken Robinson makes the case for a radical shift from standardized schools to personalized learning -- creating conditions where kids' natural talents can flourish.

A visionary cultural leader, Sir Ken led the British government's 1998 advisory committee on creative and cultural education, a **massive inquiry into the significance of creativity in the educational system and the economy**, and was knighted in 2003 for his achievements. His latest book, [The Element: How Finding Your Passion Changes Everything](#), a deep look at human creativity and education, was published in January 2009.

Sir Kenneth Robinson : [Full bio and more links](#)

GUEST EDITORIAL

New Models of Governance

June 6, 2010 | By [KNews](#) | [Editorial](#)

Poor countries are poor not because they lack resources; surely we in Guyana should know that. They are poor because their laws and institutions of governance are incapable of addressing the specific challenges and opportunities of the world they operate in. Their problems are compounded by opaque and unaccountable governance that often works as a nursery to promote the culture of cronyism and corruption that use various pretexts for self-perpetuation.

Former Prime Minister Lee Kwan Yew of Singapore explained the culture of governance adopted by the paradigmatically successful new state of Singapore. “We faced,” he explained, “the classic question of governance: whether we put in place a system of laws and institutions that would sanctify rulers as a breed above the rest, and operate the system for promoting their special interests, or devise a system of governance that works for the country as a whole.”

In the case of the former eventuality, the rulers — whether civil or military — were to be generally exempted from the application of ordinary laws of the state. In the latter case, all politics and governance had to be conducted under the rule of law, and everybody, including Lee himself as head of government, would be subject to the same laws as everyone else. The founding fathers chose the latter course and undertook reforms in governance to make it real. As Lee later said, it helped to “create assets where none existed” and the results have been there for everyone to see.

Our founding fathers also correctly apprehended that we needed to make changes in our model of governance. But our subsequent experiments never really grappled with our fundamental divisions. The principles of governance bequeathed at independence were quickly jettisoned as rulers insisted on “moulding” the nation in their vision. They looked at our nation through imported, unadapted “isms” and fulfilled Popper’s aphorism: “Those who try to create heaven on earth invariably end up creating hell.”

Because of the dogmas of their Marxist ideology, they underestimated the persistence and the politics of identity. The quarter century of undemocratic governance after 1964, precipitated by the need to maintain a minority government, did not help. It created powerful vested interests that subverted any positive elements that may have inhered in the bequeathed model of governance so that after 1992 even if the PPP wanted to reform, there were entrenched institutional barriers to overcome.

The issue, however, is not just one of the differences of interests of various groups: these are present in every society. The problems of governance thrown up by our present model lie in the absence of the acknowledgement of the fundamental type of division in our polity. No solution is in sight.

As the last fifty years have demonstrated, the unresolved conflicts embedded in this model of governance have been a source of recurring instability in the country. These have worked as the sword of Damocles hanging over every government and leads to sustained unpredictability in governance, which has been playing havoc with the political and economic development of the nation.

Irrespective of the good intentions of any ruler, this model of governance cannot simultaneously deliver on conflicting agendas without acknowledging an agreed forum where conflicts of interest could be peacefully resolved to produce harmonious national development. If

it is further entrenched, this model of governance will most likely continue to create severe imbalances in the functioning of state and society. Without an agreed framework for their peaceful resolution, these imbalances could harden and spread out, weakening the state itself and making the search for solutions so much more difficult.

But in the all-consuming passion of power politics and partisanship on display for quite some time, there appears to be a growing realisation that this lingering dilemma in governance needs to be resolved. The serious schisms and imbalances being generated by this model could well be making business as usual a fairytale in the future, as non-peaceful means of advancing different agendas could nurture overwhelming negative forces all around.

The present proposals for greater inclusivity such as “Grand Coalitions” of the major parties at least question the status quo on governance. They must be encouraged.

Guyana Human Rights Association (GHRA) Comments on UN Human Rights Report

Stabroek News - May 13, 2010 The Guyana Human Rights Association (GHRA) says that Guyana’s report to the UN Human Rights Council did not benefit from consultations and is contemptuous of the council and civil society here.

The first Report from Guyana under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was considered on Tuesday by the UN Human Rights Council at its current session in Geneva. Yesterday, the GHRA, in a strongly worded statement said that the Guyana Report reflects contempt for both the Human Rights Council and for Guyanese civil society.

It pointed to Human Rights Council Resolution 5/1 of June 2007 which says “States are encouraged to prepare the information they submit through a broad consultation process at the national level with all relevant stake-holders”. The GHRA also pointed to Guyana’s response:

“Guyana believes that consultation is an on-going process as opposed to one-off occasional events. Guyana therefore respectfully submits that consultation has been on-going on the key and critical issues that have been reported on in this report. There is no policy, programme nor issue of national importance that has not been subjected to review by Cabinet, national stakeholders, communities, non-governmental bodies, civil society, the media and/or parliamentarians at various stages of the consultative process. The information provided herein is in keeping with the General Principles and Guidelines for the preparation of information under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).”

The GHRA said it considers Guyana’s statement to be “specious, self-serving and substantively untrue.” It explained that “not only has the process of preparation of this Report been highly secretive, the society has, never at any time, witnessed impartial consultations on extra-judicial executions, torture, discrimination, or a range of other human rights issues raised by civil society and the political opposition parties”. of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which included civil society. the GHRA was only able to obtain a copy recently, it said.

Denouncing violations has been virtually extinguished from the process as the price for dialogue, it said, adding that despite these favourable circumstances, the Guyana Report reflects contempt for both the Human Rights Council and for Guyanese civil society.“As an instrument for strengthening protection of human rights in Guyana, therefore, the document is of no value”, the GHRA contended.

[Full Text here> GHRA comments on UN Human Rights Report](#)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO ELECTIONS - May 24, 2010

Kamlamania II

Posted By [Stabroek staff](#) - May 28, 2010 - [Editorial](#) | [Comments](#)



Kamla Persad-Bissessar takes oath of office on May 27, with President Maxwell Richards officiating.

Kamla Persad-Bissessar has created history in Trinidad and Tobago by becoming the country's first female prime minister.

Patrick Manning has created history of a more dubious nature

by becoming quite possibly the first politician to call two snap elections and lose them both. In last Monday's election, in an astounding case of political misjudgement – Professor Selwyn Ryan prefers to call it “hubris” – Mr. Manning sacrificed another two-and-a-half years in office and converted a comfortable 11-seat parliamentary majority to a humbling 17-seat minority.

Indeed, in taking a high-stakes gamble that Mrs Persad-Bissessar and the United National Congress (UNC) – she was only elected party leader on January 24, with the vanquished founder-leader, Basdeo Panday, hovering in the background like Banquo's ghost – would be too weak to stand up to the vaunted political machinery of the People's National Movement (PNM), Mr Manning merely succeeded in galvanising the opposition into a broad-based and formidable coalition under Mrs. Persad-Bissessar's charismatic leadership.

To his credit, the defeated leader of the PNM has assumed “full responsibility” for the election debacle and his political future is now in serious doubt. Mr. Manning, a born-again Christian, had said before the election that after politics, he would take up preaching. Well, the coalition and the electorate have facilitated that ambition and if Mr Manning were to be true to the inherited Westminster tradition, he should have already fallen on his sword.

Trinidadians and Tobagonians too created history with a record 70% voter turnout, and the results confirmed the overwhelming sense that the people wanted change after eight years of prime ministerial arrogance, poor governance, economic mismanagement, squandermania, corruption, a frightening escalation in violent crime and inadequate public services.

In an election which the experts said was too close to call, Mrs. Persad-Bissessar's People's Partnership – the coalition led by the UNC and comprising the mainly middle class, multi-racial Congress of the People (COP), the Tobago Organisation of the People (TOP), the National Joint Action Committee (NJAC) with its roots in the 1970 Black Power movement, and the labour-inspired Movement for Social Justice (MSJ) – confounded conservative estimates and won a landslide victory over the incumbents, polling 432,026 votes to the PNM's 285,354. The count in terms of seats was 29 to 12, with the UNC winning 21 (including one won by MSJ leader and veteran trade unionist, Errol McLeod, and another won by businessman and civil society activist, Stephen Cadiz), the COP six and the TOP taking the two Tobago constituencies.

In the UK, the coalition between the Liberal Democrats and the Conservatives has promised “a new politics.” In Suriname, the result of the May 25 elections is still to be transformed into a workable solution. But that country's tradition of coalitions has generally served to avoid the ethnic fracturing more familiar to Guyana and Trinidad where monolithic parties have tended to prevail. In Trinidad and Tobago, all eyes will now be on the People's Partnership to judge how this coalition performs in government, how it lives up to its campaign promises and, in the eyes of the cynics, how long it survives. Indeed, many in the region will be watching to determine whether it is a functional model worthy of emulation, in which the collective good is dominant, individual egos are subsumed, party patronage and dependency become things of the past, and meritocracy, transparency, accountability and participation become the order of the day.

In her victory speech on Monday night, Mrs Persad-Bissessar was typically gracious, inviting all Trinbagonians to hold her hand in a new participatory approach to governance in which “no one will be left out.” In her swearing-in address on Wednesday, she echoed these sentiments and stated further that she would “work towards reversing the order of ‘top-down government’ to one for all the people.”

Fine words, but she and her new government will have to translate them into action. Too often in our region, the rhetoric of inclusiveness, so pronounced on the campaign trail and so high-sounding in inaugural addresses, has given way to the banalities of politics and the emptiness of promises unfulfilled.

Mrs. Persad-Bissessar is expected to have her cabinet in place by today. At the time of writing, only the new Attorney General had been named, but observers will be trying to determine the level of horse-trading that will have taken place within the coalition and the ministerial appointments should give an early indication as to how serious the new prime minister is about honouring her pledges.

In Trinidad and Tobago, a lot of hope and goodwill would appear to have been generated by Mrs. Persad-Bissessar's victory. Perhaps it is because of her gender, perhaps it is due to her warmth, charisma and intelligence, attributes we noted in our editorial of January 29 (‘Kamlamania’) just after her election as UNC leader. In this regard, the last two sentences of that piece are worth repeating: “The next days, weeks and months promise to be fascinating for politics in Trinidad and Tobago and there will inevitably be lessons for the rest of the Caribbean. Perhaps the hype and excitement are justified after all.” At this stage, we can only wait and see.

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BBC team among eco-tour groups expected in June

Stabroek News - May 14, 2010

The Guyana Tourism Authority (GTA) says a British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) team will be visiting Guyana to film another documentary as the country continues to attract international interest as an eco-tourist destination.

At a recent press briefing GTA Director Indranauth Haralsingh said so far three tour operators are expected in June and several other reputable tour companies have expressed an interest in Guyana. According to a Government Information Agency (GINA) press release the BBC team is expected to film Kaieteur Falls.

A team from National Geographic magazine has also requested permission to film some of Guyana's prime attractions and tour operators and agents from Suriname and the Reel Adventure team are due in Guyana in June to promote and highlight the country's potential.

Potential investors in Marriott project, says Govt

Stabroek News - May 13, 2010 - The government says that Zublin Grenada Limited is only one of a number of prospective investors who have shown interest in investing in the Marriott Hotel project here. No decision has been made as yet.

Responding to reports carried in Stabroek News and the Kaieteur News about the proposal made to Zublin, the government said it considers a number of these statements "pre-mature and inaccurate".

The statement noted that in May 2009, government advertised for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for a joint-venture for a hotel development project to be located in Kingston. A number of EOI's were received.

"Since that time, government has been working with a number of prospective investors to advance the project. The 150 plus hotel project will be operated by the Marriott and another company the casino. A special purpose company has been created to undertake the whole project", the statement said.

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GINA said in the latter part of last year a US television crew for Birding and Reel Adventures filmed a documentary on birding and sport fishing. On completion of the tour Reel Adventures host Robert Arrington also expressed an interest in Guyana's resources and indicated that he hoped to invest in the new and emerging sport fishing industry.

Haralsingh noted that international awareness of Guyana and its potential through niche markets such as birding, trade shows, cruise ships visits and filmmaking has increased. He said too the GTA and Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce have attended the world's largest consumer trade shows in Holland and are aware of the connections and opportunities that are available.

Direct Guyana - Venezuela Flights later this year

Thursday June 3, 2010 (GINA) – Guyana's Tourism Minister Manniram Prashad has revealed that direct flights from Georgetown to Venezuela will begin later this year once work at the Ogle International Airport is completed.

Venezuelan Ambassador to Guyana, Dario Morandy, had already revealed that: "Works are moving ahead as expected. There are currently no constraints and as such direct flights from Guyana to Venezuela will commence by year-end. This will further boost relations between the two countries which are currently in the best moments. We are happy with Guyana," the Ambassador said.

The Tourism Minister said that this will do well for Guyana's tourism and other development.

"We are working to establish this direct flight and we are working closely with the Venezuelan Government and tour operators also to see how we can get on board soon, since this will make flights more frequent," Prashad said.

This direct flight from Guyana to Venezuela will add to the daily flight already established between Guyana and Suriname from the Ogle international Airport in Georgetown.

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Full details on this link:> [Guyana Jamboree](#)

Amaila Falls Hydro Project

There appears to be uncertainty as to what the actual cost of constructing the Amaila Falls Hydroelectric Plant (AFHEP) will be with the project's developers Sithe Global LLC and the government citing different prices.

Read more> [Govt. developer cite different costs for Amaila Hydro plant](#)

There is also some controversial issues relating to the award of the road project that has been awarded. We have include an analysis of this award here>[The Amaila Falls Road Project](#)

RUSAL Hydro Project Talks

Interest remains in developing a 3000 megawatt hydroelectricity plant in the Middle Mazaroni with talks about two consortiums involving Russian bauxite company, RUSAL, the government of Guyana and Brazilian electricity company, Electrobras.

In a recent letter sent to Gianfranco Miceli – the Director of Business Development of Brazilian company, Andrade Gutierrez Construction, by RUSAL General Manager Alexey Gordymov, it was stated that the Russian company is ready to further develop the project at Kurupung if certain terms are accepted. This hydro-power project had been floated many times in the past. Read full story here> [RUSAL Kurupung Hydro project](#)

Gold and Diamond Mining

In the last Budget speech in February 2010 Finance Minister Dr. Ashni Singh said that:

Gold generated export receipts totalling US\$281.7 million, of the US\$768.2 Million which represents more than the combined receipts earned for rice and sugar during 2009.

According to Singh, “the export earnings from gold benefitted from an 11.2 percent increase in average export prices, which induced higher production levels, drove export volumes up by 24.4 percent to 311,884 ounces, and generated a 38.3 percent increase in export receipts”.

The income for protecting the forests is still not in place to counter falling gold production..

However, due to uncertainty regarding the licensing of miners, and the leasing of claims, there was a 40% drop in gold declarations in January 2010, and most likely drops in the last four months as well. This would adversely affect the economy this year.

[Gold Exports earned more than sugar& rice combined.](#)

[Gov't moving to cap mining leases Gold and Diamond Mining in peril](#)

Governance

Many issues elated to Governance have been in the news especially as they relate to human rights and the rule of Law.

The judicial system has serious issues as they relate to remand of prisoners and lengthy waits to be tried. Read Justice Roxane George on this topic > [Broken Justice system denies rights...](#)

The Deeds Registry also needs attention especially as it affects companies registration. More controls, computerization and the speedup of processing seems to be required. Read an attorney's comments here > [Attorney urges reform of Deeds Registry](#)

The United Kingdom and the United States have called for independent inquiries related to extrajudicial deaths by “Phantom Squads”. You can read about their requests Here:> [UK calls for independent probe of phantom squad US concerned at reports of extrajudicial deaths](#)

Agriculture

In the Feb2010 Budget Finance Minister reported the following regarding sugar and rice:

Singh noted that for last year, while the volume of sugar exported increased by 3.4 percent to 212,131 tonnes, the country recorded a 10.2 percent decline in export receipts to US\$119.8 million.

The average export price declined by 13.1percent, Singh said. He noted that this was attributable to the third and final step of the European Union price cuts taking effect on 1st October, 2009 – in total a 36% cut.

For 2009, Singh had projected earnings of US\$153.2 million, while for this year the Finance Minister has predicted export earnings of US\$123.6 million.

Rice exports, on the other hand, also increased by 32.9 percent to 260, 815 tonnes but the average price declined by 27.3 percent. “Consequently, rice exports receipts declined by 3.3 percent from the previous year to US\$114.1 million.” The country had recorded US\$118 million in rice export receipts in 2008. Rice exports are expected to earn US\$99.5 million for the year, Singh estimates.

The new Skeldon factory is now being tested ,however issues regarding its operations and enough cane to supply.

The falling price for sugar and the El Nino droughts have affected cane production and this will reduce income from sugar in 2010.

See links below:

[Sugar output to fall far below first crop target MPs inspect Skeldon factory](#)

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Golden Grove Community Center opens

Built by New York Based Guyanese group

May 17, 2010 | By Kaieteur News |

If Guyana is to develop at an acceptable pace, the example of co-operation shown by the New York Chapter and their local counterparts of the Haslington/Golden Grove/Nabaclis Association is one to follow.

With financial contributions from the New York-based group, residents of the East Coast Demerara communities can now benefit from a spanking new multi-million dollar community development centre.

The facility was officially opened yesterday by Minister of Culture Youth and Sport, Dr. Frank Anthony and attracted a number of leading figures in Guyana, including, sons of the village, Justices Frank Holder and Donald Trotman, and People's National Congress Reform members, Winston Murray, Dr. Richard Van West Charles and Aubrey Norton to name a few.

The Centre will allow for the development of the social and technological aspirations of residents in the community and comes at a time when there appears to be a dwindling of youth initiatives for the enhancement of the lives of the young residents of the East Coast villages.

The project was conceptualised when the previous facility in the community was deemed inadequate.

The local steering committee then solicited the assistance of Keith Booker, a resident of the community who was at the time the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport under Minister Gail Tiexiera to acquire the property that once housed a Guyana Stores Limited outlet. After securing a 15 year lease, their next move was to seek funding for the project and this led to the involvement of New York based villagers.

President of the New York chapter, Whitney Smith, disclosed that the group was formed in 2003 on the suggestion of one of its founding members that they get together and do something in the form of giving back to the village of their birth.

He said that they began reaching out to prominent residents of the village to see what form of assistance they could render.

The group received only one response and this was a request for the building of a community centre. The New York group then embarked on a series of fund raising activities to finance the project and according to Smith, the response of the Guyanese Diaspora of New York was overwhelming.



The spanking new multi- purpose community centre at Golden Grove, East Coast Demerara.

The actual project commenced in 2008 and several members of the New York group even made the trip home to be part of the official opening of the facility.

Prominent Golden Grove resident, Justice Donald Trotman described the venture as an example of the type of co-operative effort that is needed for the sure development of Guyana

. "It is this combination of effort that we need in this country today. Today this is a microcosm of this proposal that we in this small community of Golden Grove /Nabaclis/ Haslington can show to the rest of the people of Guyana what co-operation and collaboration can achieve, regardless of what political party we belong, regardless of what church we're going to. It is this coming together for doing good that is the result of what we see here today," Justice Trotman said, to resounding applause from the audience.

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Fire News Updates

Fire, just after 7 am on May 10, 2010, ravaged parts of the historic St Joseph Mercy Hospital.

With limited resources, the firefighters were able to save many of the restored through the hard work of personnel and volunteers..

However the rebuilding process would take time and money. Here are the links to this story.

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Gold and diamond mining in peril—GGDMA

Small and medium sized miners at risk...

The Guyana Gold & Diamond Mining Association (GGDMA) wishes to update all miners on all of the latest extremely critical developments. Government continues its drive to miniaturize the small and medium scale gold and diamond mining industry.

There is a new drive to take away claims, prospecting / mining permits, etc, from Guyanese miners to make the areas available to foreign investors, especially those from a new found friendly country, who has so graciously undertaken to identify our mineral reserves, including uranium.

The GGDMA is saying that there is no need to restrict how many claims, prospecting or mining permits etc, a Guyanese miner could own, as is being presently dictated, since millions of acres of rich mineral lands, are available for allocation, including within GGMC's many "closed" areas. Today only larger scale miners, have been known to build roads into new areas in the interior, as government agencies are absent in this area of development.

To the government, we say have some shame and stop taking away many billions of dollars (\$1.8 billion lately) of Guyana Geology & Mines Commission (GGMC) money, and allow the GGMC to further develop especially the small and medium scale mining industry and to make

"excavator pools" available, exclusively to help the smaller miners to mine, in an acceptable manner.

GGDMA calls on the GGMC to employ scores of exploration crews, instead of scores of "policemen" to do widespread exploration, especially in some of their closed accessible areas, and to make those results and areas available to the smaller miners.

Is the once Imperialistic Kingdom of Great Britain in the 1500s to the 1800s, being replaced by a new Imperialistic Kingdom of Norway in the 21st Century??

We call on the Kingdom of Norway to cease assisting in the financial destruction of the small and medium scale miners and the many thousands of poor people especially, the interior residents who occupy villages like Bartica, Mahdia, Port Kaituma, Issano, Kurupung, Imbaimadai, Kamarang and scores of other areas, who rely almost totally on mining for their better economic survival. Miniaturize mining and you will hurt these poor people.

President Jagdeo told hundreds of miners during the meeting on the 11th of February 2009, at the International Convention Centre, (ICC) after a question from a Bartica resident, that no money from the Norway Deal or from the LCDS programme, will be made available to assist in mining, as all the money has to be used in other areas. So no money will go to cushion any disruption caused by any miniaturizing of the mining industry, and the loss of thousands of jobs.

Patrick Pereira & other members of the GGDMA

Published - Letters—Stabroek News - May 4, 2010

Indonesia, Georgetown Chamber discuss trade

Stabroek News - May 13, 2010

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) recently met with representatives from Indonesia to discuss that country's interest in engaging local businesses in trading in areas including sugar, machinery, footwear, building material and consumer products.

In a press release GCCI said it held discussions with an Indonesian delegation including Second Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Suriname Endah Yuliarti Farry on the issue. Farry along with Indonesia's Honorary Consul in Guyana Sheik Niamatali highlighted several economic benefits of trade and investment ties between the two countries.

Farry said Indonesia is an emerging market economy and ranks among the largest economies in Southeast Asia.

The country has numerous exporters and several trade and investment possibilities.

Niamatali noted that Guyana imports soaps, paper, glass and building material from Indonesia and a significant volume of Guyana's timber is currently sold into South East Asia and facilitates two-way shipping opportunities regularly.

Chairman of GCCI's Trade and Investment Committee Clinton Urling noted that Indonesia is one of the few countries to show growth despite the global economic downturn.

The release said GCCI President Komal Ramnauth and GCCI members Shanti Persaud, Raj Singh and Rabindranauth Seenarine also attended the meeting.

Welcome to The Guyana Office for Investment

GO-Invest is the primary contact for investors and exporters. It liaises, on their behalf, with government ministries and other agencies in an efficient and effective manner and facilitates and expedites the processing of applications for concessions and other government support.

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By [Paul Abdool](#) (click to read article)

The **Last Lap Lime** (LLL) is an annual event held jointly by five non-profit Guyanese Alumni Associations resident in Toronto, Ontario. It is the largest congregation of Guyanese outside Guyana.

This social event ensures that Guyanese culture remains vibrant in the Diaspora by celebrating what it means to be Guyanese through entertainment, food, drink and 'liming'. The event provides a taste of Guyanese culture to the children, grandchildren and friends of Guyanese living in the Diaspora

Contact list for the [five Alumni Associations](#) <click here>, associated with Last Lap Lime: Bishops High School; Queen's College; St. Joseph's High; St. Rose's High; St. Stanislaus College.

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Guyanese Association of Georgia - Family Fun Day



Line-up at the Gates...

Guyanese of all ages braved the rains to attend the **Guyana Family Fun Day** in Atlanta held at the James Hallford Stadium in Atlanta on Sunday May 30, 2010

The **Annual Independence Gala Ball** was held that evening

Guyanese and other Caribbean Nationals turned out in the thousands as the Guyana Association of Georgia hosted another successful Guyanese Family Fun Day at the James Hallford Stadium in Atlanta.

From as early as 10:00am adults, teenagers and even babies in strollers began converging on the massive field to enjoy a day that was filled with everything Guyanese.

While the rains (which seems to be an annual feature) came down heavy at times, patrons and attendees mingled and moved around as if it was nobody's business. From a filled car park to booths stretching around the complete perimeter of the field, the atmosphere lent to what can be considered a well organized event.

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Showcasing Guyana's Culture & Cuisine

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There were special booths which featured clothing, art, craft and even music videos and compact discs. And like any Guyanese affair, food was in abundance. Black pudding, Souse, Mauby, Metagee and every type of Guyanese dish was available. After a few hours of rekindling relations with friends not seen for months or even years, the patrons were treated to a spectacular cultural show, which highlighted Guyana's rich cultural heritage.

Soon it became dark and a day of fun in the rain and sometimes sun in Atlanta came to an end. The Guyana Cultural Association of Georgia climaxed the day with their **Annual Gala Ball**.

Highlights were musical entertainment by the Supertones Strings. Terry Gagraj, Adrian Dutchin, Jomo, Shelly G and FoJo all added to a well attended and enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to the Guyana Association of Georgia for a job well done.

Guyanese Association of Barbados

The **Guyanese Association of Barbados (GABI)**, lost one of its Honorary members - Mr. Norman Faria, Guyanese Honorary Consul to Barbados, who passed on May 25, 2010 after a short illness.

His death announcement and subsequent articles on his life and work was reported on the Guyanese Online Blog at the following links, which you can access from this Newsletter:

Barbados Nation News: [Barbados – Faria passes at OEH](#)

Stabroek News report : [Norman Faria passes away](#)

Funeral Report- Nation News-> [Faria lauded as sincere man](#)

TASTE of GUYANA by GABI

Showcasing Guyanese Culture and cuisine

Because of the passing of Mr. Faria the GABI "Taste Of Guyana" event scheduled for Sunday June 6th was postponed and will now be held on Sunday June 27, 2010.

See Flyer (at left), for details of this event

Guyanese Association of Manitoba

The Annual Family Fun Day & Annual General Meeting was held at Elwick Community Centre - 30 Maberly Street, (between Maple Glen and Jefferson Ave) on Monday May 24, 2010. - 12pm - 6pm

The Annual General Meeting started at 4pm after the Activities which included: Soft ball cricket, Rounders, Guyana Documentary Film, Games & Arts & Crafts for the kids, Face painting, Basket ball, Pools games, Domino and cards.

Contact Information: GAM Executive

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Fireworks in Queens, New York

Queen's College of Guyana North American Alumni Chapters

Formal Ball - Sunday, July 4, 2010

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Looking forward to seeing everyone

Attached Flyer here > ["Fireworks in Queens" Flyer](#)

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Download flyer > [Guyana Festival Duck Curry Competition!!](#)

Buxton 170th Anniversary Souvenir Magazine

Commemoration Committee

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Souvenir Magazine Available

April 2010 marked the 170th Anniversary of the purchase of the Village of Buxton, Guyana.

Among the many events to commemorate this milestone is the publication of a souvenir magazine, which will depict the historical journey of the Village. The publication will be done in vivid color on 8.5. x 11.0" paper of high quality.

Support us by buying a copy of the magazine

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'FIGURES TRAPPED AT THE FOREST'S EDGE'

Kenwyn Crichlow's analysis of Alfred Codallo's watercolour painting, FOLKLORE (1958).

This article focuses on a critical essay by Crichlow on a little known but significant work of visual art held in a Trinidad repository. [Click to read](#)

TONY PHILLIPS—World renowned Guyanese born artist now living in Australia.



Tony Philips at work in his studio with one of his colourful floral creations

There are famous Guyanese all around the world.

In this issue we will give you the Website link to one of Guyana's greatest artists— Tony Phillips, who now resides in Australia.

His website says the following:

“Tony Phillips was taught drawing in his early childhood. His introduction to oil painting suited his style and creativity, culminating in a series of highly successful joint and one man exhibitions within the region.

His versatility and craftsmanship is astounding with the use of strong, bold colour and robust brush marks the hallmark of his work.

Tony has received international acclaim and has had a variety of commissions including the Barclays Bank Dome mural. His works are held in many private collections around the world.”

Visit his Website at :<http://www.aeroart2000.com/index.html>

Olga Lopes Seale Fun Run—2010



Barbados –Twelve- year-old Amber Delgado was the designer of the winning T-shirt entry in the 2010 Ship Inn Fun Run in support of Auntie Olga's Needy Children's Fund.

Here Amber poses with Auntie Olga, and the main sponsors of the fun run - Chefette Restaurants and The Ship Inn.

Guyanese-born Dame Olga Lopes-Seale (now 91), was a popular Radio Announcer in the early days of radio in British Guiana. She moved to Barbados in 1964 and continued the Charity work she started in Guyana.

Auntie Olga's Fun Run is a yearly event that raises funds for her Needy Child's Charity in Barbados. The 2010 Fun Run attracted over 4,500 “runners” and raised over \$60,000 Barbados dollars (\$US \$30,000)

Books by Eusi Kwayana Available

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A number of persons have indicated that they are interested in obtaining a copy of Buxton and Friendship in Print and Memory so it has now been reprinted and made available in the USA

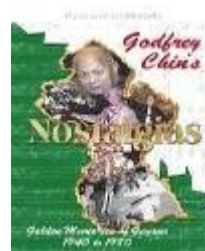
The Forties in British Guiana – Our Age of Innocence

Nostalgia 430 – by Godfrey Chin....godchin1@aol.com....

Dedicated to my 'Geritol Posse' incl Dr Vibert Cambridge – Pluto Martindale, Cecil Glasgow, and Peter Halder – and of course 'the Overseas GuyAspora'. Please feel free to share – Ya think it easy!

The Decade of the Forties – like milk – can truly be called ‘half and half. During the first half, the World on the Road to Ruin – the second half was on the Road to Recovery.

(Read whole article here:> [Nostalgia 430—Godfrey Chin](#))



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Click picture at left and go to Godfrey Chin's website and order online

“REDS” PERREIRA’S LAUNCHES BOOK ON HIS LIFE

Joseph “Reds” Perreira is often short changed by being referred to merely as a cricket commentator. His autobiography **LIVING MY DREAMS**, just published, challenges that appellation.

There are no records of any outstanding feats on the part of this Guyanese on a field of sports or even of him making any national team of his country, but there possibly is no one in the West Indies now or in the recent past who has contributed to so many disciplines of sport as Perreira has, and most of them at the very same time.

Perreira is an icon in the history of sports in these parts. He is a member of a triumvirate of really outstanding international cricket commentators produced by the West Indies, (alongside Tony Cozier and Roy Lawrence of Jamaica).

For nearly four decades, Perreira was a sports broadcaster and journalist, a sports administrator and organizer as well. It is doubtful if there will be another like him, for his sheer dedication to sports development ...all sports. He has filled many roles, including two big ones right here in St. Lucia as OECS Sports Coordinator and Sports Tourism Officer with the St. Lucia Tourist Board. His work has taken him throughout the Caribbean, including living and working in Barbados as well.

The title **LIVING MY DREAMS** is well-chosen since the book tells the rise of a young boy from the virtual backwoods of Guyana to the international limelight, fighting off a string the odds along the way including a long standing stammering problem that could easily have sidelined his ambitions to become a broadcaster and commentator permanently, had he simply acknowledged the problem and given up.

The fact of the matter is that Perreira never allowed this speech impediment to hamstring his forward march to stardom and in fact, unless one knew of it, one would never have suspected that he had it. Such was nature of Perreira’s drive for excellence and to overcoming adversity.



Joseph “Reds” Perreira autographing his new book

Neither did he allow a 1995 stroke suffered while with the West Indies tour of Australia to finally curb his zest for cricket and other sports.

Aside from his stroke, the book delves into a lot of Perreira’s personal life, his relationships, setbacks etc. It is at lot about cricket, the excitement and thrills of matches and tours he covered including the two West Indies World Cup triumphs in 1975 and 1979 and the manner in which he was able to convey what he was experiencing to thousands of fans all over the world. But the bigger story is about a man living his many dreams. *(Excerpts from article by Guy Ellis - Caribarena – Antigua & Barbuda, dated May 20, 2010).*

Also read Sir. Ronald Sanders:> [Overcoming the Odds](#)

Also Tribute from Hubert Williams:> [“REDS”, Truly A Man Of Many Sports](#)

Come Walk With Me ” by Francis Yvonne Jackson

New book follows author’s adventures from Guyana to Chicago



Author Francis Yvonne Jackson opens up her life and shares an insightful journey through a unique memoir of verses. “Come Walk with Me”, she invites readers to take a glimpse of her most treasured moments growing up in a tropical hut in Guyana to her exciting adventures as she moves to Chicago.

Through verses richly layered with rhythmic words, Francis relives her memories of her childhood, blissful moments with family and friends, and rewarding daily events in her humble hometown. She documents her views, feelings and recollections of people, places, and things under Guyana’s sun.

As the compelling verses progress, readers will be immersed with the journey as she relocates to the city of Chicago, where she gets smitten by all its tall buildings and neon lights. In vivid narration she recalls various events like the Kennedy assassination, the civil rights movement and the September 11, 2001 attacks..

Francis Yvonne Jackson had her formal education at Tutorial High School, Carnegie School of Economics (1959). She migrated to Chicago in 1963 and went to various colleges, and received a diploma in secretarial Science from Cortez Peters Business College. In 1975 she graduated with honors from Mundelin College in Human Services Administration.

Francis has developed a keen interest in community service whereby she has utilized her academic training for advocacy and local community service, as well as aid for projects in Guyana. *(Xlibris Publishers)*

Order your copy of the book from Francis Yvonne Jackson. She can be contacted at:

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Video: West Indies Calling

Featuring World War II West Indians in the UK in 1943

[West Indies Calling](#) - video—click to play

This is a video from a film made in 1943 during World War II, depicting the work and contribution of West Indians in to the war effort.

The speakers listed are Una Marson, Learie Constantine, Flying Officer Ulric Cross and Carlton Fairweather.

Hope you enjoy a bit of war history and the early contribution of West Indians in Britain.

Glimpses of Kingston - by Joy W. Small

By Joy W Small - *Kyk-Over-Al* is one of this country's oldest and most respected literary journals, published in *Kyk-Over-Al*, Vol. 2, No. 6, June 1948.

The Beginnings of Kingston

One of the earliest records we have of Kingston, which is now Ward No.1 in Georgetown, appears in Dr. Pinkard's "Letters" where he describes "An English village contiguous to fort and camp with neat, good houses, painted white, on brick foundations and covered with wallaba shingles." This letter was dated April, 1796. It is generally agreed that the village was named after the capital of Jamaica.



^[1] The East Indian Immigration Depot on Battery Road Kingston

Kingston was the military centre of the Colony so, probably, the first people to build houses there were officers from the garrison. Here, also, lived the Garrison Chaplain, for many years the only English clergyman in the Colony. But men who had their business houses in the other township of Stabroek soon found it a good idea to make their homes in this pretty little village where they could enjoy the refreshing sea breezes, new houses, and interesting neighbours. Dr. Pinkard states that the rents paid for a house in Kingston at that time varied from £5 to £20 per month.

A visitor to the Colony during the late 18th century, driving up what is now High Street which in his day Dr. Pinkard describes as a good carriage road, would probably ask about a rambling building with broad galleries, built almost in the beach, on the site of the present Round House. This was Camp House, at one time the residence of the Governor.

North of Eve Leary, we read of two plantations, Kierfield and Sandy Point but, by 1804, these had been entirely washed away. The foreshore was covered with courida swamp with the exception of the strip extending from Fort William Frederick to Camp Street. This sandy stretch was the scene of many a duel fought by the gentlemen of the time and later of band concerts by the band of the West India Regiment. Horse racing could also be seen on the beach prior to the use of D'Urban Race Course in 1829.



^[2] The Georgetown railway station on Lamaha Street, Kingston

An interesting little building stood half a mile east of Fort William Frederick. This was the Block House which, besides serving as a signal station for vessels arriving, was a base for sending semaphore messages by relays along the East Coast to Berbice.

One hundred years ago

By 1848, the little village of Kingston had grown considerably. In 1830, the temporary wooden structure which had served as lighthouse from 1817 was replaced by the present lighthouse. Richard Schomburg, writing of his travels between 1840 and 1844, says:

"After climbing the 140 steps leading to the gallery, a wonderful panorama unexpectedly came into view. Dumb with surprise and delight, the eye swept over the heaving and billowy seas as far as the distant horizon where Earth and Heaven met; light fishing-boats pitched and tossed upon the ruffled waves, to disappear a moment later, while a ponderous coaster would skim its way through them. Below, there glared at me the thick forest of masts and flying flags. Spreading itself before my delighted gaze was the city with its nice, wooden, gaudily-painted houses, its overtopping churches and public buildings, its thousands upon thousands of slender palms, its broad busy streets, and its many canals that ran through it like so many veins."

The same writer continues: "Near the Fort rises the Lighthouse tower, east of which the beautiful but unoccupied Camp House, the residence of former Governors, who in those days were also the Troop-commanders, peeps clandestinely through the thick foliage of giant trees, the lovely, large and roomy Eve Leary Barracks are attached to it, and the two military hospitals border the immense parade ground... A shady alley-way of thickly-leaved trees and slender palms leads to the blessed God's acre for the officers, the soldiers' cemetery being on the farther side of the Barracks."

^[3] Lighthouse built in 1830 (left)



Lighthouse, built in 1830

The barracks described here were erected in 1837. Rodway, in his "Story of Georgetown," says that these fine, spacious barracks for troops had replaced the poor confined ones formerly in use, where soldiers

were crowded to an unmerciful degree in hammocks.

The first and still the only church in Kingston is the Methodist Church which opened in 1831. The first chapel was a much smaller building than the present church but on the same site. The soldiers at the barracks often held church parade there and sailors and fishermen also helped to make up the congregation.

The first Bishop of Guiana, appointed in 1842, lived in "Kingston House" on the same site as the present "Austin House" but built nearer the road. "Austin House" itself was not erected until 1894.

In 1848, great excitement was caused by the opening of the railway Line from Georgetown to Plaisance. A few years later there was excitement of another kind when the population of Kingston began to be much concerned over the encroachment of the sea, and an earth dam was commenced along the shore. This, however, proved no barrier to the waters which, in 1855, flooded the whole of Kingston in places to a depth of four feet. The higher land at the railway line marked the boundary of the flood. Rodway states: "Camp House was abandoned, its stables and cowsheds swept away, the Lighthouse liable to be undermined." A local rhymer of the time produced the following-

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Glimpses of Kingston - by Joy W. Small

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“Be sober, my muse, and with gravity tell
what sad havoc and ruin all Kingston befell,
How the sea swept away all-the dam and its smouses,
Made canals of the streets, Noah’s arks of the houses;
How some bridges blew up, how some houses came down,
And together went wandering over the town”.

That year, the building of the sea wall commented in earnest, as can be seen from the tablet west of the Round House on the Sea Wall, on which is the following inscription:-

This Sea Wall was commenced at the Battery, A.D. 1855, and was completed to this point, A.D. 1860. The work continued for many years and, in 1882, was completed as far as Kitty. A second tablet east of the Round House records this.

In 1860, the Town Council erected two large tanks next [to] the Church to provide water for schools and poor people in times of drought.

The Governor’s Pond near the Sea Wall is probably a result of the practice of digging clay for sea defense dams. A suggestion that it should be filled in was altered and, in 1940, the sides were concreted instead. This pond has proved a great attraction for boys with model sailing boats and is a beauty spot on a moonlight night when the stately palm trees on the east side are reflected in the rippling water.

Kingston in 1948

During the last twenty-five years, much of the old Kingston has disappeared, and many changes have been caused by the Second World War. In 1924, what was left of Fort William Frederick was dismantled in order that the Petroleum Bond could be erected on the same site. Up to 1940, an imposing line of twenty-two cannons still provided an excuse for the name of “Fort” and, at the same time, were used as playthings by children, but the war came along, and twenty-one of them were sold to a Canadian munitions’ firm. One gun remains pointing out to the river. This is the “8 o’clock gun” which Schomburg mentions in his writing of more than one hundred years ago:

“Just as the firing of cannon had signaled the onset of night, a similar one notified the breaking of day; the Reveille sounded through the yet silent city streets and recalled to life fresh energies and renewed activities.”

This firing of a gun at 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. – a reminder of slave days – was discontinued in 1939 through the shortage of gunpowder. (The firing of the gun at 5 a.m. had stopped before that time.)

Formerly the offices of the Howard Humphreys Corporation, the bath hut east of the Bond was taken over by the Town Council for this purpose in the nineteen twenties or thirties. The former Immigration Depot near the sea wall was built in 1881 and the passer-by could always see in the compound crowds of East Indians who were staying there prior to their return to India. During the war, the building was taken over for military purposes. The bottom flat is at present used as the office of the District Commissioner, Georgetown.

Other points of interest on the sea wall are the bandstand, erected by public subscription in 1903 as a memorial of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and the Koh-i-noor Shelter nearby, which is the outcome of a memorial paper of the Diamond Jubilee edited by Miss Weber. An imposing memorial of the last war is a concrete pillar near the Round House on which used to be a small look-out shelter, complete with anti-aircraft gun. After the war, the pillar was left standing and the following inscriptions put on it.

“The Royal Regiment Artillery, B.G. Coast Battery, World War 1939-1945.”

Fifty years ago, it was not possible to get into Cowan Street from Fort Street. The road was blocked by an Old Dutch well, which has since been filled in, and the road built over. Perhaps it was this well which gave the name of Spring Alley to our Fort Street.

A building which has changed hands many times is the present Education Department which formerly housed the Public Works Department Head Office. The building has been used as military barracks and as a dwelling house. The north-east corner of this same site, now a promising kitchen garden, was formerly the site of Kingston Anglican School – dismantled many years ago.

During the war, the vacant piece of land near the Lighthouse was cleared of its large trees for the erection of the United States Organisation Headquarters, which caused an unusual amount of traffic in the district, especially on party nights. The building has since been taken over by the Government for use as the Public Works Department Head Office.

A landmark in Kingston is the huge molasses tank in Water Street which was erected by the Pure Cane Molasses Company in 1931. Next door is the Electric Company Power House, erected in 1937. Another interesting building is St. Joseph’s Mercy Hospital, formerly the private nursing home known as “Colonna House” and, before that, a dwelling house famous for its 99 windows

Kingston, the “pretty little village” of 1796, is now a compact, built-in residential ward of the city of Georgetown. It has shared the improvements enjoyed by the rest of the city – better roads, tramcars while they lasted, first gas and now electricity. But a view of the city from the lighthouse to-day would not be very different from that described by Schomburg in 1840; and the houses in Kingston are still “neat good houses, painted white” as described by Dr. Pinkard.

British Guiana Colonists

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This site contains an index to an on-going database of 18th and 19th century residents of the colonies of Berbice, Demerara, and Essequibo (with some connected relatives).

Others who have an interest in their ancestry, may claim earlier European roots in these colonies. In some cases these claims could date back to around 1580 with the earliest Portuguese and Dutch settlers at Fort Kyk-over-al.

There are also those with ancestors associated with the Dutch West India Company or connected to the 1739 invitation to all nations that led many settlers, from Barbados, Antigua and other West Indian islands, to establish themselves in these colonies, then under Dutch control.

This wave of colonisation led to improved communication and therefore more data became available following the capture of the three colonies, Berbice Essequibo, and Demerara by the British in 1781.

The 'British Guiana Colonists' site depends on exchange of information. Names in this database have been entered over a period of years and corrections are inevitable. If you detect an error or you'd like further information on any of the names please contact me ([Tikwis Begbie](mailto:Tikwis.Begbie)) by E-mail.

This data was last updated on 5 September 2009, and contains details of 12336 individuals.

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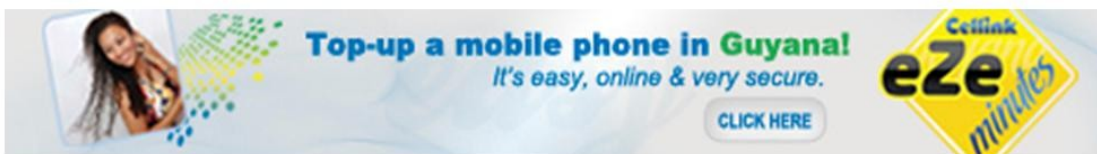
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