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Exporting Excellence

June is Caribbean American Heritage Month, a month to recognize the many invaluable contributions Caribbean immigrants have made to America. For many, the most famous Caribbean immigrant to come to America was Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, who was born on the small island of Nevis and eventually moved to St. Croix before venturing to King's College in New York City to embark on a storied political career. Perhaps just as impressive is newly elected Vice President Kamala Harris, who is both the first female vice president and the daughter of a Jamaican father. Similarly, former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's parents were both from Jamaica. Jamaica's influence extends well beyond the political—the tiny island nation has exported influential artists, scientists, businesspeople, and activists.

Perhaps no name is more synonymous with Jamaica than Bob Marley. During the 1970s, Marley single-handedly popularized reggae music around the world. Through his music, Marley also delivered messages about Jamaica's struggles with poverty and inequality, struggles that he himself contended with during his life. His hardships began at birth when his white British father Capt. Norval Marley, a colonial superintendent of the island, abandoned his young Jamaican wife, leaving her to raise Bob on her own. Marley turned his difficult life story into a universal story of hope and strength for all Jamaicans, transforming hardship into beauty and song.

Often, world-famous Jamaicans like Bob Marley overshadow others making significant contributions to science and society. For example, Dr. Neil Hanchard is a leading expert in the field of childhood genetic disease. Hanchard's research will improve life for children all around the world. Then there's chess grandmaster Maurice Ashley, Surgeon General of California Nadine Harris, author Malcolm Gladwell, basketball star Patrick Ewing, and so many other Jamaicans. It seems that every part of American society and the farthest reaches of the globe have been touched by Jamaica's influence.

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Driven to Succeed

On June 6, 1933, Richard Hollingshead Jr. put a grand plan in motion. He opened the world's first drive-in movie theater, in Camden, New Jersey. For 25 cents per car and 25 cents per person, with a maximum charge of one dollar, viewers could watch the British comedy movie *Wives Beware* from the comfort of their own car seats. Hollingshead called his establishment Park-In Theatres, and it was an instant sensation.



Hollingshead came up with the idea after his own mother complained about how uncomfortable it was to sit in traditional theater seats. He first tested his idea in his own driveway. For a screen, he used two bedsheets hung between two trees. A 1928 Kodak movie projector shot the movie from the hood of his car. In order to prevent cars from obstructing each other's views, he innovated a ramp for each parking space that elevated the front of the car and improved viewing angles.

Moving the theater from Hollingshead's driveway to a larger location proved a challenge. The RCA Victor record company provided Hollingshead with three massive six-foot by six-foot speakers to go with a 40-foot by 50-foot screen. Unfortunately, cars parked at the rear of the lot still had trouble hearing. Hollingshead and RCA worked together to invent a small speaker that could be mounted on a car and receive a radio signal. Eventually, movie sound would be broadcast directly through a car's FM radio. Hollingshead patented his idea in 1933, but in 1949 the patent was overturned, and drive-in theaters were opened all across the country. During the 1950s and '60s, nearly 5,000 drive-in theaters were in operation across America. Hollingshead's innovation had become the epicenter of American pop culture.

Today, around 300 drive-in theaters remain in the U.S. (in every state except North Dakota and Louisiana) and about 40 in Canada. On June 6, or any other sultry summer night, why not revive an old pastime and enjoy a drive-in movie?

Pixies Past and Present

On the Saturday nearest Midsummer's Day, the villagers of Ottery St. Mary in England take part in an annual rite known as Pixie Day. Legend has it that before humans inhabited the town, the land was the domain of pixies. A local bishop decreed that a church be built and bells for the church be cast at a bell works in Wales. This sent the pixies into a panic, for they knew that the bells would sound their ultimate demise. So, on Midsummer's Day in the year 1454, the pixies bewitched the monks and imprisoned them in a cave by the river, which has come to be known as *Pixie Parlour*. One monk, though, stubbed his toe on the way to the cave and exclaimed, "God bless my soul!" His words broke the spell, the monks were saved, the church bell was rung, and the pixies were vanquished. Each year, to commemorate this fantastical victory, local children dress as pixies and reenact the imprisonment of the monks. The monks are then freed, and the church bell rings out. The lively celebration continues in the town square with food and dancing.

For the Fathers

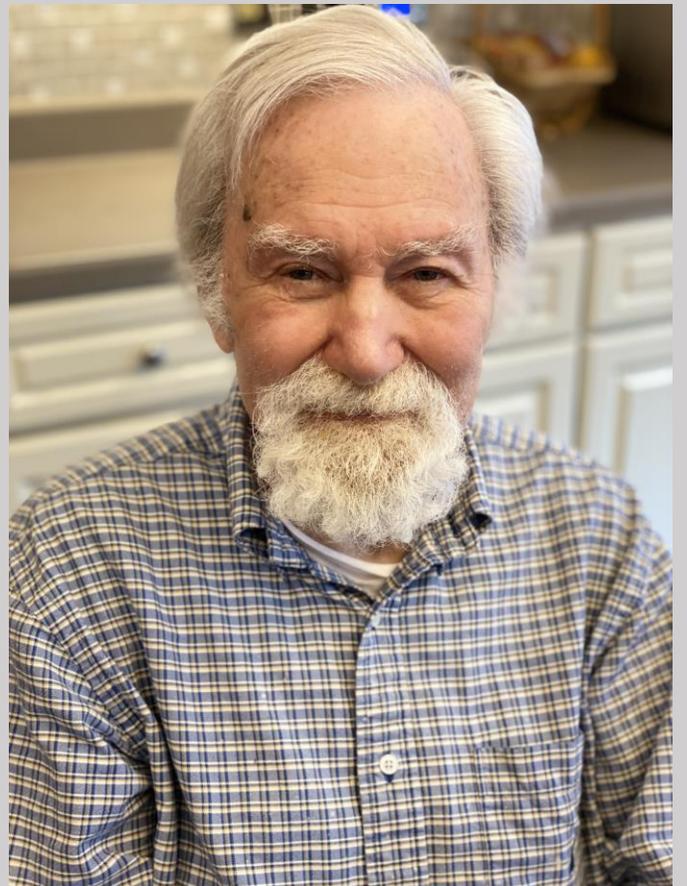


Father's Day arrives on the third Sunday of June, and with it comes the traditional giving of cards, ties, and loving thanks. In 1909, Sonora Scott Dodd was attending a Mother's Day church service when it occurred to her that there did not exist an equivalent holiday to honor fathers. Her own mother had died when she just 16, leaving her and her 13 brothers and sisters to be raised by their father, Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart. By Dodd's account, her father was a model parent, acting as both father and mother to Dodd and her siblings. She convinced her church to celebrate the first Father's Day on her father's birthday, June 5, but the clergy needed more time to organize such an event. They decided to hold a Father's Day service on the third Sunday of June instead.



HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY

**To the world,
you are a dad.
To our family,
you are the world**





A Father is
⚓
NEITHER AN
ANCHOR
TO HOLD US BACK
NOR A SAIL
TO TAKE US THERE
BUT A GUIDING LIGHT
whose love
SHOWS US THE WAY

