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Here is today's As Bajan as Flying Fish. As usual, please let me know if you're seeing those codes I can't, like the ones that let investment bankers and gay men instinctively know they're in like company (apologies to gay men).

My name is André Young and I am a barber.

Boy days was real-real sweet growing up in Carleton Village. It was a very, very lively neighbourhood. It had in very much activity but, as people grow older, and more experience, I guess everything is come to a stop at some point in time; but things might pick back up.

My Mum and Dad are Christians. I strongly believe there is an Almighty but not necessarily Christian. There are very much different religions but I know there is only one god.

I like to follow a good storyline. These new millennium *Days of Our Lives* ain't saying nothing to the old-time *Days of Our Lives*.
The new people don't act as good as the other ones; the older folks were more better. The new ones have it like a low-budget thing.

My favourite actor is Chow Yun-Fat. He was in *Hard Boiled*.

I have two children in England. My little girl is from Catford and my little boy is from Birmingham. I met my first child-mom in England. My second one I met in Barbados. One is half-Bajan English and the next one is half-Jamaican English.

I wear six earrings. I pierced both my own ears when I was aged 11. My mother gave me

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some good licks.

When my ears was swollen after I jook the needle through them – piece of ice first, to numb them off, then drive the needle through – my mother tell me, “I hope you ent pierce you ears, you know!” When I went close and she look and realise the holes was in it, she get a leather belt and give me a good washing. But I still pierced my ears four more times in the next three years because I liked it.

I always liked style, from young. I always like to match and to dress, like, contrast.

My hobby is barbering. I love to cut hair.

My next hobby is, well, I like the ladies. I like to admire the ladies and observe what’s going on in my surroundings but that’s as far as it goes.

There’s only one lady I ever got tied down from and that is my lady, Andrea. I am André and she is Andrea. I’m very much settled down with her.

My father is Bernard Young. He’s a postmaster-general and he’s one of the baddest footballers they ever had. I didn’t get his talent, though; my little brother Jude Young, got the talent. If I get ‘pon a football field, I’s only run for about half-an-hour and I burnt.

I love reggae music. My favourite musician was Culture, Burning Spear.

I’m a young boy but I love old school.

I’m a barber with long hair. I don’t like to cut my hair because it’s very sensitive.

My brother and I named our barbershop, “Twin Palms”. We started it at a building further down and we have two big, tall palm trees in the yard. We don’t have any palm trees where we

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are now. So now I'll have to relocate the trees.

I never really fancied cricket. But I loved to go to cricket. To watch the ladies. Otherwise, I don't really follow up 'pon cricket.

If I could eat only one thing for the rest of my life, it would be breadfruit and buljol. Love buljol and breadfruit, boy. Cook it first, then fry it or roast it. Mix up some saltfish, some pepper, some vinegar. That's the best food for you, too!

My Mom had eight children, six boys and two girls. She was cutting our hair, all of us, with scissors and comb. My brother Paul, the eldest in the family, which is in England, he start to cut hair. I take after him.

I start cutting hair using scissors when I was in secondary school. I used to cut my headmaster's hair! Everybody just loved me. I have a natural talent and I naturally love cutting hair.

I make my living doing something I love. I'm a lucky man. If you love your trade, you get through very much love so in life and, secondly, you'll never forget where you come from; that's the first thing.

My mother and father taught me about discipline. Once you have everything in respectful order, you will also be respected.

if a customer comes in with one set of hair to cut, it's no problem. Because the machine is do its work. No matter how much hair you have, we always have the scissors, the machine and the razor for the job.

Customers should come for haircuts with clean hair. Because things could be transferred. If you have dandruff in you head and is very thick, although I clean my machine, it could be

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transferred to somebody else head.

I can tell if someone uses a disposable razor. They have bumps coming up in their skin like a heat rash.

Most of my customers is African. But I can cut any type of hair.

I can cut Indian hair but I don't like to do it. Is very much patience. Is more money but the Indians don't like to pay the money you want.

The best part about this job is when you finish cut the person hair, finish shave, and you spray the alcohol and watch the person skin up they face. You never get tired of that.

Man, there is no down side to no job at all! If you appreciate you job and know that you enjoying it, no problems should come into play.

Everywhere else in the world, if people hear two gun shots, people run away from the commotion. A Bajan is run to them! Bajans like nuff action.

Barbados is the sweetest country I ever lived in. And it has the sexiest women in the world. No other Caribbean island ladies could touch Bajan women.