The CARIBBEAN Cement Company has confirmed reports of a shortage of cement across the island. Since last week, hardware merchants and dealers have been telling our newsroom that they have been unable to meet demand because of a lack of supply from Carib Cement.

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UK MP urges stakeholders to push brand Jamaica

Dawn Butler

WITH THE expected April 2019 departure of the United Kingdom (UK) from the European Union, British Member of Parliament (MP) Dawn Butler has said that the relationship among the UK, Jamaica, and the wider Commonwealth now has added importance, which should result in mutual energy benefits.

The leader of a three-member delegation on a visit to the island to explore renewable energy opportunities, Butler told The Gleaner during an interview at The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Montego Bay on Wednesday, April 5, that she was optimistic about connecting with small countries to maximise all available renewable sources.

"At the end of the day, what would satisfy me the most is if the delegation has found ways in which we can collaborate and build sustainable relations with Jamaica that we can carry beyond the 2030 vision, and also if a solution can be discovered to reduce our carbon emissions," she added. "The drawback to renewable (energy) is finding investors for the initial outfit and technology. What follows is the concern of regaining the money, but in the wider scheme of things, there's no disadvantage. Non-renewable energy is an international problem, and as global warming gets worse, the effect on islands such as (those in) the Caribbean is devastating."

Born to Jamaican parents and MP for Brent Central, the British constituency with the largest number of Jamaicans, Butler further disclosed that Jamaica had not been capitalising on its branding power had outside of solar energy.

"Jamaica has a world-wide brand that other people get rich from and Jamaica hardly benefits. There is other infrastructure that needs to be put in place to ensure consistency of produce and other things. Jamaica, but Jamaica has the environment and the human resource to catapult itself to higher heights."

Butler and the delegation are expected to hold talks on renewable energy with Prime Minister Andrew Holness and Minister of Science, Energy and Technology Andrew Wheatley.

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Panel to focus on election readiness of black candidates

NEIL ARMSTRONG
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Toronto, OCTOBER 7, 2016 - THE POLITICAL advocacy committee of the Jamaican Canadian Association has embarked to train new candidates from the Black community to prepare them for the provincial and municipal elections in 2017.

An expert panel of City of Hamilton councillor, Matthew Green, former Toronto city councillor, Rob Davis and political strategist, Tiffany Gooch will address key topics such as how to build a winning campaign, the mechanics of the political campaign, from activism to action, and more at the Jamaican Canadian Association on April 15 at “Do You Think You Can Run”.

The moderator is Idil Burale who ran as a candidate in the last Toronto municipal election.

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“When we know that is the people who are really serious about this are planning way in advance,” she says, something that ideally this should have been in January but now is the second best time.

They will probably do another one with the candidates who are identified next year to help them along in the process.

Ontario’s general election is scheduled for June 7, 2018, and the municipal election for October 22.

Davis, founder of Campaign Solutions Inc, believes that politics is one of those things where “by donating your time in giving you actually get back a tremendous amount.”

THREE ELEMENTS

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Davis describes the latter as being patiently foolish and a formula for failure.

“Politics is not taboo. If you’re not at the forefront of organizing, that’s fine, but you don’t want to bother people by asking them for money.” The second most common response from candidates from the Black community is “I know the spending limit is $40,000 but I’m just going to spend $20,000.’”

ACTION REWARDED

Gooch’s core message is that “action is always better than inaction.”

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Gooch, a political strategist at Enterprise & Diaspora, says she usually the person in the backroom helping to prepare candidates for what to expect on campaign trail.

“A lot more information that helps them understand what to expect in terms of their friends and family in the folks that they’re probably talking to help them and kind of tempering their expectations,” says Gooch about her presentation on the mechanics of a campaign.

She will draw from examples of the best and worst campaigns she has seen and suggest what the candidate can derive from the folks around them.

Meanwhile, Green, who was elected Hamilton City Council in 2014, says he’ll be talking primarily about how to turn activism into campaign organizing.

“Often in our community we’re coming out from the grassroots. We’re often not supported by partisan party machines that bring with them a campaign experience and donors and list. We’re often left to do all of that stuff,” says Green.

He plans to share his own experience and what he learned over the course of his campaign to save some people the time on some of the critical issues of building lists, creating what he calls Politics 3.0 – the nexus between social media and old school door-to-door Saul Alinsky grassroots organizing.

The former councillor will tell his story of coming from the neighbourhood running against fourteen other candidates in a crowded field, against political parties, having the odds stacked against him, and the importance of coalition building.

“We’re greatly and vastly underserved and underrepresented, with no political parties, with a ballot that doesn’t look like us, running across the country. We have such a long and deep history in this country it’s incumbent upon us to organise in our own communities and to organise in ways that we’re seeing other newer generations of immigrants and new Canadians have been very successful at doing.

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Among her many plans this year, is to engage Jamaicans in the diaspora who are not associated with any organisation, as well as to re-engage those who no longer participate, in an effort to build partnerships for projects that are sustainable for Jamaica.

She invited the Jamaicans to take advantage of “Jamaica 55 Diaspora Conference” which will be held at the Jamaica Conference Centre in downtown Kingston, from the 23 to 26 of July.

There, they will have an opportunity to interface with government and other stakeholders and get an opportunity to hear what the government is doing as well as to make suggestions.

The Consul General announced that plans were place for the celebration of Jamaica’s 55th year of independence by the Consulate; Minister of Culture Olivia Grange would launch the activities on April 28, in Philadelphia.

Jamaica Consul General Deans was recognised by Rockland County, New York, on April 6, declaring April 6 as Trudy Deans Day in Rockland.

She was also recognized by the Rockland County Council for being the tenth woman and the youngest person to be appointed in that position.
Trump says he is looking forward to working with Ja

DERRICK SCOTT
Gleaner Writer

WASHINGTON DC

UNITED STATES President Donald Trump has said that he is looking forward to working with Jamaica's Andrew Holness administration on bilateral and regional issues.

Trump's comments came during a courtesy call paid on him by Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States Audrey Marks at the oval office in the White House.

Trump noted the contribution of Jamaica in many spheres of American life.

In his remarks, Marks said she looked forward to working with the US President in the interest of both countries.

Marks noted the President's agenda of providing more trading opportunities for US companies, called attention to the significant trade surplus the USA enjoys with the region.

She pointed to the fact that the Caribbean Basin Area is the United States' seventh largest trading partner, importing non-oil goods and services of over US$50B and placing the region ahead of US exports to States' seventh largest trading partner, importing non-oil goods and services of over US$50B and placing the region ahead of US exports to

The UWI Toronto Benefit Gala

The University of the West Indies (UWI) organised its 8th annual Toronto Benefit Gala on Saturday, April 1, at the Ritz-Carlton Toronto, with over 450 guests in attendance.

The event was hosted by CBC-TV news anchor Dwight Drummond, Elizabeth Dowdesdale, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, vice-chancellor of UWI and senior vice-president & Head, Caribbean South and East, Anya Schnoor, spoke at the occasion.

The UWI Toronto Benefit Gala honoured GraceKennedy with the Chancellor's award and five Canadian and Caribbean leaders with Vice Chancellor's Awards.

The five were received by Dr. Renn Holness, consultant neurosurgeon, Dr Vivian Rambihar, cardiologist and community activist; The Honourable Mr Justice Michael Tulloch, Judge, Ontario Court of Appeal; Mr Wayne Purtooo, entrepreneur and philanthropist and Kay McConney, businesswoman and retired diplomat.

The G. Raymond Chang Award was given to Canadian Senator Murray Sinclair. This award is presented to individuals who exemplify the leadership and ideals of G. Raymond Chang (1948-2014).

Chang was recognised as an outstanding business leader and philanthropist.

AFFECTION LIVES

Senator Sinclair served as the Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), documenting the history and legacy of Canada's residential school system that affected the lives of more than 6000 indigenous women and men of First Nations, Inuit and Métis background.

He was the first Aboriginal Judge appointed in Manitoba and Canada's second Senator. Senator Sinclair also has Honorary Doctorates from 8 Canadian universities.

A special guest of the evening was Rev. Mpho Canon Tutu-van Purth, who represented her father, Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa, while collecting the Lumia Award on his behalf.

"I'm very excited to collect this award on his behalf and I'm honoured that he is being honoured by the University of the West Indies. He has had a long association with

the institution," she told The Gleaner.

Archbishop Tutu is a passionate activist against social injustices, most noticeably Apartheid since the early 1970s, as the first Black Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and as Chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of that country.

Among his accolades are the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984, the Gandhi Peace Prize and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

REPRESENTED

She mentioned that his message to the audience is one of gratitude and that he is deeply honoured to be receiving the award.

This was the second time UWI is recognising the Archbishop for his accomplishment as he received an honorary degree from the university in 1986.

She stated that he father was unable to make it because he is almost 86 years old and travelling can be a challenge.

The Anglican Rev Tutu-van Purth is the youngest of her parent's four children and lives in Amsterdam with her family.

Hilary Beckles, vice-chancellor of the University of the West Indies, said he shared his experiences of adversity and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to excel because of the organisation's support.

"My G. Raymond Chang Scholarship engenders a renewal in the higher purpose of my life. Since then, I am more cognisant that I take hold of my successes it will not only be mine but the many that stand along the sidelines looking for something to believe in.

Also for the youths from the hardened streets from which I emerged, to stand and defy the status of the ordinary "inner city" life, to move beyond the restrictive norms of society and go further than our feet will take us," he said from the podium of the downtown Toronto locale.

Martin had flown in from Jamaica for the occasion.

"As the French Canadians say, 'Je me souviens,' we remember the past and its fortunes. I remember and I will forever that the UWI Toronto has helped a poor little boy from one of the most dangerous communities in Jamaica," he said.

Martin is set to join the law firm, Myers, Fletchers & Gordon.

A special presentation was made to his George Alleyne, chancellor of UWI, who is retiring later this year.

Guests bid on numerous sought-after items in the silent and live auctions, including a trip to South Africa. Also, not to be out done was the numerous silent auction, while being entertained by the Caribbean Jazz Collective, Sean Jones, Toni Anderson, Eddie Buhin and Reina Raine.

Benefitting the UWI scholarship fund, the gala was made possible by the late G. Raymond Chang, Doreen Chinn-Loy Chang, Brigitte Chang-Addorasio and Andrew Chang.
Gov’t apologises to Rastas for Coral Gardens incident

JASON CROSS
Gleaner Reporter

The long-awaited apology from the Government to the residents of Coral Gardens, particularly the Rastafari community for the atrocities meted out to them more than half a century ago, has finally come, accompanied with a bit of compensation.

Prime Minister Andrew Holness officially apologised to the Rastafari community in Parliament yesterday and declared that the Government would be ensuring a similar occurrence does not happen.

“I am happy to have finally reached the point where we can discuss concrete and tangible actions, which ease some of the heavy burdens that survivors and the community had faced. Today, without equivocation, we apologise for what occurred in Coral Gardens. We express regret and sorrow for this chapter in our national life that was characterised by brutality, injustice and repression. (It) was wrong and should never be repeated,” the prime minister said.

Holness outlined a number of tasks that the Government will follow through on to compensate the Rastafari community for the incursions.

“We have taken a symbolic yet courageous and pivotal move, which means that we can face the future with renewed hope. While we know this (apology) cannot erase the brutality, oppression and injustice, I am comforted by the willingness of the Rastafari Coral Gardens Benevolent Society to keep the dialogue going,” he said.

Holness listed a number of benefits that those who were affected will receive.

■ The public defender will be asked to continue the work her office started in finding survivors and gathering important information on them and their families.
■ She will be collaborating with the Rastafari Coral Gardens Benevolent Society and the member of parliament for the area to make that possible.
■ A trust fund of no less than J$10 million is to be made available to them and their families.
■ Six lots at Pinnacle will become designated protected heritage sites, which will also include a Rastafari Village.

Shortly before Holness’ apology, members of the Rastafari community attempted to march in protest on Jamaica House. The police said that they would not be allowed within 200m of the premises, but that did not halt the determined group.

They were adamant, however, that the march would have been the last, as they would resort to international law for help.

“We are here today to agitate for compensation for what the Government gwaan with in 1963. We have been meeting with them for several months now, and this Government formed an ad hoc committee of Parliament to meet with 1 and 1 and they met with 1 and 1 one time,” member of the Rastafari Coral Gardens Benevolent Society, Ras Chaliwa, told The Gleaner before the apology.

“The proposal is to have compensation for the actual victims and also the community because they attacked the entire community in 1963. The public defender did a report in 2015 and stated that the Government breached several of the constitutional rights of Rastafari,” he said.

An April 1963 encounter with the police in Coral Gardens left eight Rastafarians dead. Several were beaten, jailed and had their locks cut off.

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US trains Marine Police and JDF Coast Guard

PREVENTING ILLICIT traffickers from traversing Jamaica’s territorial waters at will should become easier for the security forces to tackle since some members of the Jamaica Defence Force’s (JDF) Coast Guard and the Jamaica Constabulary Force’s Marine Police have been exposed to specialised small-boat operations training, conducted by United States (US) Navy personnel.

Lt Col Pablo Raggio, senior defence official, defence attaché at the US Embassy in Kingston, told The Gleaner that the purpose of the training is to equip the security forces with the relevant knowledge to counter any type of illicit activity at sea.

“They are training them to improve techniques, tactics and procedures on how to conduct counternarcotics, counterterrorism and everything counter-illicit,” he said.

The training was geared towards treating the spaces that criminals tend to use as the only route that they can take in and out of the space.

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Clamping down on illegal fishing was a major focus of the training, which, Curtis said, is mostly handled by the JDF Coast Guard.

“We (the police) assist the soldiers as much as possible. They cover a lot more space than we do. The integral inner waters, we take care of that, but they are better equipped to deal with that part of it. They were the ones who held on to the Dominicans the other day. There were 32 of them fishing illegally in our waters.”

Cpl Carlos Curtis, subofficer in charge of operations for the Marine Division of the JCF, highlighted some of the challenges faced by the personnel charged with the task of policing Jamaica’s waters, which creates the necessity for the training.

“We are doing our best to tighten up on the (territorial waters). This course is as a result of us trying to get more persons trained in how to handle the vessels so that we can go into the nitty gritty of the spaces that criminals tend to favour.

“From Morant Point to Negril Point, we have a lot of unmonitored spaces, especially in the mangrove areas where culprit do business. The space is very wide. Unlike a road, where you can say that this is the only route that they can take into a particular area, in the water, there are several routes, several avenues you can take. You can go south or north and end up at the
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Relieve Ms Grange of Jamaica 55

O LIVIA GRANGE’S attempt to bolster Dame Hanna’s allegations of a culture of extravagance at the Ministry of Culture was half-hearted, but she will take refuge in House Speaker Noel Charles’ insistence that she go no further with her response to Parliament on Wednesday. Minister Grange puffed a lot of hot air on peripheral issues such as the jumble over whether the spend on the 2016 Grand Gala was $62.5 million and not the $65 million as claimed by the opposition spokesman on Culture. If only that were the core concern and source of outrage. But it is not. If we were spellbound by Ms Grange’s linguistic legersdemain, we would believe that Ms Hanna’s exposé was merely the latest episode in the long-running spat between the two women who have presided over the Ministry of Culture for the last decade. Ms Hanna, on Tuesday, painted Culture as a victim of whim, the most damning claim being that theatre director and impresario Trevor Nairne and the ministry may be in a tenuous web.

DWDNING TRUST
Prime Minister Andrew Holness’ 14-month-old Government has already been mired in controversy with the $400 million bush-clearing and drain-cleaning programme that was arguably used as a vote-catching ploy ahead of the November 28 local government elections last year. Despite pressure on Prime Minister Holness to close the deficit of trust in his administration by making public the details of those contracts, he has refused to do so. We give him a second chance. Mr Holness can restore the dwindling trust in his Government by not only insisting that Olivia Grange hand over all documentation on contracts related to the Jamaica 55 Independence celebrations, but by disclosing that information to the public. Among the questions the prime minister should answer are: ■ On what basis was Mr Nairne contracted to organise activities related to the Independence celebrations? ■ Were Mr Nairne’s services obtained under public tender, and if not, why? ■ Even if Mr Nairne’s compensation failed to command the scrutiny of contract watchdogs or did not breach procurement protocol, if there was personal gain, through subcontracting, to business interests of the said consultant, would that be in breach of the spirit of the law? ■ If Mr Nairne is indeed a business partner of a senior adviser in the Ministry of Culture who has oversight of the Jamaica 55 celebrations, who is that adviser, and does the prime minister consider that relationship vulnerable to the perception, if not the reality, of nepotism? For if Ms Hanna’s allegation that Mr Nairne had proposed a $2.5 billion expenditure on the Independence commemoration (Jamaica 50) in 2012 is true, it would not be unreason- able to infer that a business partner might be more responsive to an elastic budget. To be clear, we do not seek to impugn the character of playwright Trevor Nairne or any ministry official, or impute corrupt motive, unless proof unfurls giving credence to such conclusions. On the contrary, our focus is on process, probity, and transparency. We only assert that there should be no question or doubt about contracts, the Office of the Prime Minister. For if Ms Grange won’t own the mess, who better to fix it than the Prime Minister?

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The Easter Lily, a symbol of renewal

The traditional Easter flower is the Lilium longiflorum, more commonly known as the Easter Lily. This beautiful white flower is associated with the holiday’s spiritual values of rebirth and renewal. Biblical scholars have found meanings in its trumpet shape, seeing it as a reminder of the heralding of Jesus on his triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

According to historians, the Easter Lily was found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane where Judas betrayed Jesus. The white lilies, legend says, miraculously sprang up from the ground where drops of Jesus’ sweat and tears fell during his final hours.

The flower has also been linked to his mother, the Virgin Mary. Early religious paintings show the Archangel Gabriel extending a branch of white lilies to the Virgin Mother as a symbol of her purity.

Easter Lilies which are native to Japan are the fourth largest selling potted plants in the U.S. after poinsettias, mums and azaleas, the popular flowers of Christmas.

Easter Lilies adorn homes and churches during Easter, and are often called the “white-robed apostles of hope.” They were imported to the US from Japan until 1941 when World War II forced Americans to start growing their own bulbs. Today 95 percent of the world’s Easter Lilies are produced by just ten growers along the California Oregon border of the US. Known as the Easter Lily Capital of the World, this area sees more than 15 million lily bulbs planted each year to meet the Easter demand.

The heavy rains brought life to the Easter lilies in my grandmother’s garden in Greater Portmore on May 26, 2015.
Once upon a time

UP TO 60 years or so ago, Sundays, Ash Wednesdays, Good Fridays, and Easter Sundays were holy days, even though they were designated public holidays.

It might have not been the same in Kingston, but in my part of the country, God was given due respect and special manners on these days. There was a human bush at dawn. The main sounds came before the sun crawled the eastern gray of the sky from the roosters in the 50 or so backyards in our village calling to each other. And if we knew their language, they might well have been praying to Him. Birds then waved their wings as they flew overhead the tree tops, their rhythm a series of amens.

In our homes there was a peaceful majesty of movement. Children went outside to play the hide and seek game played by kens with their eggs. Breakfast was one penny per pound saltfish, ackees and roasted breadfruit picked from our own trees from yesterday – for even picking fruit was not to be done on a holy day – and coffee or chocolate tea or bush tea.

Children were then sponged clean in the bath pan. Adults then washed themselves, and with the sound of the bells ringing their anthem of worship for departed relatives.

There were no public address systems in the churches then. Parson had strong voices which reached every corner of the building, but not loud enough to be heard blaring outside.

After service, the men gathered under a tree in the churchyard talking about the happenings of the week. In the 1930s, the topic was of the immortalising of George Headley at Lords, and in the next decade it was about the progress of the war against Germany. Hitler was the Satan, while Churchill was given the status of saviour (common 's') and not Saviour (capital 's').

The women, too, were in their groups talking of family achievements or walking through the church cemetery and offering silent prayers for departed relatives.

QUICK AFTERNOONS

One by one families walked home. The afternoons were spent in meditation together, or quietly alone. Mothers and fathers sat in their rocking chairs, side by side, and rarely spoke, yet hearing each other’s thoughts. Children knew they were to be seen and not heard.

Good Fridays were the most holy of the days of worship. Ash Wednesday the beginning of 40 days of fasting from the favourite things adults knew were bad for them, like smoking and drinking rum.

For those who were not Seventh Day Adventists, Saturdays were for cricket and football and horse racing. Easter Mondays, New Year’s days were for excursions to the country or the city (Kingston) to enjoy the Dunn’s River Falls or the beach of Al Terry, cricket matches at Glencroy Oval, or picnics and jerk pork at Boston Beach.

Today, these holy days are just another day. Cricket, not even Senior Cup matches, which were forbidden by the various boards of control in former times, are now played on Sundays. Here in Jamaica, our carnival is now a Sunday pleasure. Dominoes are slapped on shop piazzas. Stores and bars are open for shopping on Sundays. Clubs blast their music through loudspeakers placed outside their walls. Except for the few hours of sponsored religious programmes, we can dance to oldies and dancehall music on our holy days.

We even have days of fasting and reconciliation, enacted into law as public holidays to remember tragic events like the Port Royal earthquake and the destruction caused by hurricanes. All those have become mere notations in our history.

We may boast that we have more churches per square mile in our island, and tents are erected every day but we need to replace God in our homes and communities once more and not just leave Him inside the church buildings. From “once upon a time” let us make it “now is the time”.

— Former Gleaner Writer, the late Hartley Neita

Sisters of the Holy Trinity Cathedral march along East Street as part of the Palm Sunday celebration.
THE HIGHLY anticipated Easter season is finally upon us. And while Americans look forward to telling tales of the Easter Bunny or painting Easter eggs and going on scavenger hunts, we here on the land of wood and water surround the season's festivities with the sweet indulgence of mouthwatering spiced bun and cheese.

This religious holiday carries some long-standing traditions specific to our uniquely diverse and rich culture. With most of them no longer being practised or observed, Outlook decided to take a stroll down memory lane, comparing the Easter of old to that of today.

Mercelena Moodie recalls the Easter days of eating nothing but bun and cheese on the morning of Good Friday, “Growing up, we were told that no fire is to be lit before 12 noon, since the belief was that it adds to the heat that Jesus felt on the cross. Instead, the Easter fare of bun and cheese was heavily consumed.” She explained that her parents owned and operated a shop and bar in her community in Portland, and they did not open until after 12 noon. That was their way of paying respect to the tradition.

EATING FISH
Charmaine Johnson shared in Moodie’s tradition, but her family added a different element to the mix. “Because of Lent, we would fry fish Holy Thursday night so that we would not cook the following day, Good Friday. We had to attend church on Good Friday, which was scheduled to last for three hours so we took fish and bread (hard-dough) along with bun and cheese to the service and ate during designated breaks.”

Valcia Dunkley delved even deeper into Easter traditions, highlighting a time of not only religion but superstition. She explained, “In my day, people would get the country fowl egg whites for purity purposes and place them in a glass with water, using sticks to make an X over the glass. This was normally done the night before Good Friday or early Good Friday morning before the sun came up. They would leave it out and when the sun rose, they would check the shape of the egg to predict their future. If they saw a plane or ship, it would mean they would be travelling in the near future. A dress would mean a wedding was just around the corner and a coffin meant death was knocking on your door.”

She noted that some persons may have seen a fig tree, which symbolised the tree used in the death of Jesus Christ. During that time, she disclosed, it was said that if the fig tree was chopped at 12 noon on Good Friday, it would have run red instead of white, to represent Christ’s blood.

We have come a far way from the early Easter traditions. But there are a few that are still practised, such as attending church. Janeal Bryan, though not familiar with the old traditions, knows this one very well. “Well for me, my family always tries to make it to Good Friday service every year for as long as I can remember,” said Bryan. This is the only tradition that her family really took part in. Her family was not one that ate the infamous Jamaican Easter bun and cheese.

Like Bryan, Shanique Grant remembers going to church with her family, but this was not her only tradition. “We have bun and cheese and we also watch only ‘Jesus’ movies and documentaries at this time,” said Grant.

While most youths have made the Easter holidays into a celebration, the main course remains bun and cheese. Though some traditions are depleting, there are still some that remain, as the meaning of Easter remains true in many hearts and there is something new as each generation changes.

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These youngsters were flying kites in Port Royal on Good Friday.
Traditional Jamaican Easter Bun

INGREDIENTS
You’ll need approximately 4 oz. or 125 grams each of raisins, mixed peel, cherries and currants. Soak in hot water to soften before use if desired.

1 pack dry yeast (20 g)
1 cup warm milk (250 ml)
6 cups flour (900 g)
1 cup brown sugar (180 g)
1 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. nutmeg
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
4 - 5 tbs. molasses
1 large egg (beaten)

METHOD
Dilute yeast in a little warm water or milk.
Sift together the dry ingredients.
Melt butter in milk.
Mix all ingredients in a large bowl.
Add fruit.
The dough should not be sticky.
Knead and leave to rise.
Knead again.
Shape into loaves (you can make large or small loaves).
Leave to rise for about 1 hour or double in bulk.
Bake in medium oven 300 - 325 degrees F.

Spicy Coconut Shrimp

INGREDIENTS
2 tablespoons Vegetable Oil
1 tablespoon garlic, chopped
1 1/2 tablespoons curry powder
1 cup Grace Coconut Milk
1 teaspoon cornstarch
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup red sweet pepper, julienne
1/2 cup green sweet pepper, julienne
2 teaspoons Hot Pepper Sauce

METHOD
1 pack medium Shrimp (peeled)
2 tsp Rainforest Seafoods Seafood Spice
2 cloves garlic (minced)
1 tbsp butter
1 1/2 cups coconut milk
1 sprig thyme
6 grains pimento
1 stalk scallion (sliced)
1 small onion (diced)
1 hot pepper (minced)
1 small sweet pepper (diced)
1 small plum tomato (diced)
4 oz cooked yellow yam (diced)

METHOD
Season Shrimp with Seafood Spice.
Let sit for at least 15 minutes.
Place butter in sauté pan on medium flame. Add all ingredients except shrimp and coconut milk.
Leave to rise for about 1 hour or double in bulk.
Bake in medium oven 300 - 325 degrees F.

Just before they’re done, paint with a glaze made from molasses, or sugar and water.
Bake for another 10 - 15 minutes.

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METHOD
Season Shrimp with Seafood Spice.
Let sit for at least 15 minutes.
Place butter in sauté pan on medium flame. Add all ingredients except shrimp and coconut milk.
Saute for 2 minutes.
Add coconut milk and allow to reduce until it thickens.
Fold in the red and green sweet pepper, and the Hot Pepper Sauce, and cook for one minute.

Preparation time 15 minutes, cooking time 10 minutes.

Shrimp and yam rundown

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4 oz cooked yellow yam (diced)

METHOD
Season Shrimp with Seafood Spice.
Let sit for at least 15 minutes.
Place butter in sauté pan on medium flame. Add all ingredients except shrimp and coconut milk.
Saute for 2 minutes.
Add coconut milk and allow to reduce until it starts forming a custard.
Fold in the red and green sweet pepper, and the Hot Pepper Sauce, and cook for one minute.

Preparation time 15 minutes, cooking time 10 minutes.

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2 tablespoons Vegetable Oil
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METHOD
Dilute yeast in a little warm water or milk.
Sift together the dry ingredients.
Melt butter in milk.
Mix all ingredients in a large bowl.
Add fruit.
The dough should not be sticky.
Knead and leave to rise.
Knead again.
Shape into loaves (you can make large or small loaves).
Leave to rise for about 1 hour or double in bulk.
Bake in medium oven 300 - 325 degrees F.

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Bake for another 10 - 15 minutes.
**Tuna sweet potato stuffed peppers**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cups tuna (oil or water drained)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup onions, diced
- 1 1/2 cups sweet potato, diced
- 1 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- Scotch bonnet pepper, diced to taste (optional)
- Salt
- Italian seasoning
- 2 bell peppers cut in half
- Feta and fresh parsley, chopped

**METHOD**
Preheat oven to 350°F.
In a skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat.
Add tuna and garlic. Stir occasionally and cook for about 2 minutes.
Add onions and cook until golden brown.
Add the sweet potato, cover the skillet and cook until they are tender.
Add tomato sauce, Scotch bonnet pepper, a dash of Italian seasoning and salt. If necessary, add more olive oil or a little bit of water to cook the sweet potato.
Arrange the peppers in a greased baking dish. The cavity side facing up.
Fill each bell pepper half way with the tuna-sweet potato mix.
Bake uncovered for about 5 minutes (or longer if you don't want the peppers crunchy).
Remove from the oven and garnish with feta and parsley.

**Quinoa chocolate cake with brown sugar streusel**

**INGREDIENTS**
- ½ cup butter (can substitute apple-sauce)
- ½ cup coconut oil
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups quinoa flour
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ¹/₂ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 1/2 cups blended zucchini
- Topping
  - ¹/₂ cup sliced pecans
  - 1 cup chocolate chips
  - ¹/₂ cup packed light brown sugar

**METHOD**
Preheat the oven to 325ºF.
Lightly grease a 9x13-inch pan with cold coconut oil and set aside.
In a large bowl, with an electric mixer (handheld or stand mixer), cream together the butter, oil and sugar. Add the eggs and vanilla and mix well.
In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Add ¾ of the dry ingredients to the batter and mix. Stir in the blended zucchini.
Spread the batter in the prepared pan. Sprinkle with the pecans and chocolate chips.
Sprinkle the brown sugar on top of everything.
Bake for 35-40 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out with moist crumbs (don't overbake!).
Let cool completely before serving. This cake tastes best at room temperature.
Any Jamaican knows that Easter is not Easter in Jamaica without bun and cheese. In the past, on Good Friday, there would be no cooked meals. Persons would eat only bun and cheese all day, which was heaven for the children.

The Easter bun is a fruit bun, which is believed to have its origin in the hot cross buns from England. Try your hand at making your own delicious buns this Easter.

TRADITIONAL JAMAICAN EASTER BUN

Recipe
You’ll need approximately 4oz or 125g each of raisins, mixed peel, cherries and currants. Soak in hot water to soften before use if desired.

Ingredients
- 1 pack dry yeast (20g)
- 1 cup warm milk (250ml)
- 1 cup butter (250g)
- 6 cups flour (900g)
- 1 cup brown sugar (180g)
- 1 tsp ginger
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp salt
- 4 tbsp molasses
- 1 large egg (beaten)

Method
1. Dilute yeast in a little warm water or milk.
2. Sift together the dry ingredients.
4. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl.
5. Add fruit.
6. The dough should not be sticky.
7. Knead and leave to rise.
8. Knead again.

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Shape into loaves (you can make large or small loaves). Leave to rise for about 1 hour or double in bulk. Bake in medium oven 300-325°F. Just before they're done, paint with a glaze made from molasses, or sugar and water. Bake for another 10-15 minutes.

**SWEET POTATO EASTER BUN**
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tbsps molasses
- 2 tsps mixed spice
- 1 bottle stout
- 1 medium egg
- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cups sweet potato boiled (crushed)
- 2 tbsps baking powder
- 1 cup (crystallised) otaheite apples/guavas/sweet potato (mixed peel)

**Method**
- Melt margarine and beat egg
- Dissolve sugar, molasses and spice in stout. Add margarine and beaten egg.
- In a bowl, combine flour and baking powder
- Gradually add liquid mixture to dry ingredients, beating well.
- Add mixed peel and mix well.
- Bake in a greased loaf pan at 320°F for about 45-60 minutes, or until a skewer inserted comes out clean.
- Glaze with honey and melted margarine.

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**BANANA BUNS**
- 1/2oz dried yeast
- 1/2lb flour
- 1/2tsp salt
- 2 ripe bananas
- 1oz raisins
- 1oz granulated sugar
- 1/2 pint milk
- 1 egg
- 3 tbsps brown sugar
- 2 tsp cinnamon

**Method**
- Put the dried yeast in a bowl with a teaspoon of sugar.
- Heat the milk until lukewarm.
- Pour half the milk over the yeast, then mix with fork. Leave for 10 minutes.
- Sift the flour with salt; add the sugar and make a well in the centre. Mix well.
- Pour in the rest of the ingredients. Mix well.
- Knead and roll out into an oblong shape. Spread with melted butter and crushed ripe banana. Sprinkle with brown sugar, nutmeg and raisins.
- Roll up lengthwise and cut in slices 1 1/2 inches wide.
- Place cut side down in greased baking tin and put in a warm place to rise to double the size.
- Bake in the oven for 20 minutes at 400°F.
- Glaze with sugar and water syrup.

Serves 8

Bun and cheese is a popular Jamaican Easter treat.
Community church hosts 6th annual Prayer Breakfast

SOPHIA FINDLAY
Gleaner Writer

TORONTO:
HOLINESS KINGDOM Ambassadors International Ministries (HKAIM) held its 6th Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 8 at the church’s location in the heart of the Rexdale community, North Etobicoke, in Toronto.

From an early 8:30 AM start, about 200 guests experienced a sumptuous Jamaican-styled breakfast and a dynamic “food for the soul” prayer and praise-themed message, “Prophesy to the Wind,” where invited church leaders from different places of worship offered prayers for the “7 Mountains or Systems” that build society, according to the church’s mandate that morning awe Religion, Family, Education, Government, Media, Arts & Entertainment, and Business.

The Prayer Breakfast was birthed out of fervent prayer and a Bible Study group of 14 people that spurred Holiness Kingdom to go further in their ministering, which led by founder and Senior Pastor, Dr Rev Marcia Keane-Dawes, who even took her portfolio up many anniversaries, church happenings, issues and problems facing you. Have a story or photo to share?

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The message, a prelude to the following week’s Easter message called “The Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ: He is risen, He’s Alive,” also signifies a spiritual enrichment process. According to the

Rev Dr Marcia Keane-Dawes, it is like preparing a way. “Just like how John prepared a way for Jesus to come, and what better way than through prayer and fasting. We have seen cancer healed just by believing and standing in the Word of God by faith. We have seen homes and marriages restored,” she told TThhee GGlleeaanneerr.

Overall, the message is clear: “You are walking into a new season, a season of power, freedom, and most of all, a season of God’s manifested promises in your life.”

The senior pastor’s Easter message is about Man’s redemption. “We know it didn’t happen in one event. It happened in a series of events and just like the Bible says, from the foundation of time God is an all knowing God, because he knew Adam would sin. He sent his only begotten son to bridge the relationship gap between man and God.

Easter is about God demonstrating His undying, unchanging, everlasting love for the apex of his creation, mankind. He did this by sending His only begotten son, Jesus Christ, into the world to become a substitute, to pay the sin debt man owed when they disobeyed the commands of God,” she preempted.

Holiness Kingdom Ambassador Ministries believes that Jesus is Lord and the Resurrected Christ, and that God has a mandate for everyone to fulfill their purpose, according to His will.

The church has attended annual Prayer Breakfasts, Free Community BBQ & Back to School Give-away, Christmas Dinner, and Special Worship programs. The prayerful event, which is a prelude to the following week’s Easter message called “The Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ: He is risen, He’s Alive,” also signifies a spiritual enrichment process. According to the
The significance of Lent

The Lenten Season or Lent is the 40-day period leading up to Easter. Lent officially begins on Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter, and ends on Holy Thursday. It is a period of fasting, repentance and reflection and goes back to the time when Jesus wandered in the wilderness facing temptations from Satan which he overcame through fasting and prayer.

While there are actually 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, Sundays are not counted since they are considered “mini-Easters” as Jesus was resurrected on that day. Sunday, the traditional day of worship for most Christian congregants has always had a celebratory note.

In keeping with the repentance theme of the season many baptisms take place during Lent. Christians speak of ‘giving up something’ during Lent. It may be some treasured activity or vice, for example, smoking, drinking or intercourse. But it is almost certainly some guilty pleasure.

Sign of Penitence

Some will give up an activity in lieu of fasting while others do this as a sign of penitence. The idea of being a sinner is particularly acute around this time as Easter is a reminder of Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice, dying for mankind’s sins. There is increased focus on giving, tithing, kindness, devotion and prayer during the Lenten season.

The days of Lent are calculated in relationship to Easter, which falls on the first Sunday after the full moon of the spring equinox. This occurs sometime between March 22 and April 25. The forty days of Lent (not including Sundays) are counted backward from Easter Sunday.

It is important to point out that the number 40 has tremendous significance in the Judeo-Christian tradition. According to the Biblical story, the Jews spent 40 years wandering the desert before entering the Promised Land. During this time, Moses spent 40 days on the mountain where he received the Ten Commandments. In another well known Old Testament story, Noah and the animals survived the Great Flood which lasted for forty days and forty nights.

On Ash Wednesday it is common to see the faithful with their foreheads marked with ashes, symbolic of the fact that men were created from and will return to dust.

Some cultures observe the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday as a special transitional point. New Orleans celebrates Mardi Gras on that day while in France their festivity is called Fat Tuesday. Brazil as well as Trinidad and Tobago, also wrap up their Carnivals on the Tuesday. In fact, Carnivals mean “farewell to meat” in Latin, and abstinence from meat is a much practiced tenet of the Christian Lenten tradition.

Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem marks the beginning of Holy Week, that is, the final week of Lent. Holy Thursday, the day before crucifixion Friday, commemorates Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples.

Good Friday, also called Holy Friday or Black Friday is a day of mourning and prayer as Christians commemorate the passion of Christ. Without His sacrificial death, the resurrection, the central experience of Christian liturgy, could not have taken place, and this is why Easter is the most important celebration in Christianity.

After special services on Good Friday, most churches hold vigils beginning on Holy Saturday or the morning of Easter Sunday. Easter services, marking the culmination of Lent, are triumphant and uplifting, as parishioners celebrate the resurrection of the Messiah.
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Dear Mrs. Walker-Huntington,

I have been told that a large number of Jamaicans have been deported despite their papers being in order and them not being involved in crimes. Is it true?

- D.S.

Dear D.S.,

There have been these rumours about US immigration since the beginning of 2017. The rumours serve to paralyse non-US citizens inside America and those persons outside the States who have relatives in America or who wish to travel to America.

With the advent of social media with its instant access to millions of people all over the world, rumours spread rapidly. These days, people with malicious intent purposely share misinformation on social media and others repeat the many subjects, and immigration law is one area many believe they have knowledge. Persons believe that because they may have successfully prepared their own immigration filing, it gives them authority to tell others how to prepare filings.

RUMORS ARE NOT TRUE

There have been rumours this year that only 100 US visas will be issued at the US embassy in Kingston. NOT TRUE. This rumour has caused persons in Jamaica to refrain from applying for non-immigrant visas. What is true is that there will be stricter scrutiny of applicants and, as always, any applicant for a visa must be truthful on their applications. Far too many people have fallen prey to persons who complete visa applications and answer the questions in a manner they think is most favorable to the applicant, even when not true.

Another and completely opposite rumour circulating on the Internet in the form of a news story is that Jamaican no longer need a visa to travel to the United States. NOT TRUE.

The executive orders issued by President Donald Trump regarding immigration have been misinterpreted by many persons, and this is usually by showing that you have significant ties to Jamaica and your community. You should mention community involvement, family and financial ties to Jamaica.

The key issue is to remember that you must satisfy an immigration officer that you will return to Jamaica at the end of your trip. This is usually by showing that you have significant ties to the US and to your community. You should mention community involvement, family and financial ties to Jamaica.

The person inviting you will need to provide an invitation letter and a copy of the wedding invitation. The letter should state specifically the services you will provide, details of the performance and whether this wedding will be your only performance. It will need to show that you will be performing and if you have a signed contract, you should provide the contract. As an entertainer, you are required to submit proof that you are established in the profession. Submit a police report with your application. If you or family members have any convictions, you will need to provide an explanation of the circumstances leading to the convictions. In fact, if you have been detained, charged or have any criminal record, I strongly recommend that you meet with an immigration lawyer to discuss your application.

Look to entertain in Canada

Deidre S. Powell

Dear Ms. Powell,

I am an entertainer and a friend wants me to perform at their wedding. I want to apply for a Canadian visitor visa to Canada. Can you tell me what I need to do? I need to apply for a visa? I hear that all applications must be submitted online. I am worried I may make a mistake. What are the documents that I need to send in with my application?

- N.B.

Dear N.B.,

You may apply for temporary resident/visitor visa to Canada either online or by submitting a paper application to the Visa Application Centre (VAC), either in Kingston or Montego Bay. You will need to download the application forms online and complete them, since you do not want to apply online.

The required forms are found at www.cic.gc.ca. You must complete the application carefully and answer all questions. Each country has a different list of required documents, so you will need to download the latest forms that are specific to your country.

You should note that the application form for temporary resident visa was recently updated, so be sure to use the forms that were updated this year. Other forms that you should download and complete are temporary resident visa checklist, family information, application for temporary resident visa, and statutory declaration of common-law union, or marriage certificate, if applicable.

You will need to have a valid passport, job letter or proof of employment, photographs, birth certificate. You will also need to submit your fingerprints to the VAC.

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If you are self-employed, proof of business registration or incorporation or contracts; newspaper clippings; recordings of past performances; letter from recording label or manager; proof of assets such as title to home, land or car.

You will also be required to provide a bank statement and proof that you have enough money to cover expenses for the duration of your stay. The amount of money you will need depends on the circumstances of your visit, how long you plan to stay, and whether you will stay in a hotel or with friends or relatives. Your visit will be financed by a third party, friend or relative, that person will need to send an invitation letter along with proof that they are in Canada legally and can afford to sponsor your trip.

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Notice to Doris Buckley

Re: Estate Retha Madge Dunbar

Clinton Hart & Co., Attorneys-at-Law, of 58 Duke Street, Kingston, would like to establish contact with the following individual:

Doris Buckley of last known address Hart Hill, Buff Bay P.O., in the parish of Portland, one of the named executors of the Last Will and Testament of Retha Madge Dunbar Kildare, Buff Bay P.O. in the parish of Portland.

Will Doris Buckley or anyone knowing of her whereabouts please contact Clinton Hart & Co., Attorneys-at-Law [Attention: Janeen Porter] at 876-922-5674-7 or info@clintonhart.com within 14 days of the date of publication of this Notice.
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IN THE COURTS OF JUDICATURE OF JAMAICA CLAIM NO. M 2681 OF 2016 BETWEEN BLONDIE DENZIL CHANCE, PETITIONER AND: ANNETTE JAYCE CHANCE C/26 Edgar Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11208 United States of America

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage by BLENDEL DENZIL CHANCE of Falls, Forge P.O. and in the parish of Manchester, Jamaica had been filed in which you are the Respondent. This Honourable Court is advised with Notice to the Respondent to you to file an Acknowledgement of Service either in person or by your Attorney-at-Law at the Registry of the Supreme Court, King Street, Kingston between twenty eight (28) days of the date of the second notice which appeared in the paper.

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American Friends of Jamaica celebrate in style

Gala honours community stalwarts

( MIAMI, FL)

OVER 250 guests attended the signature charity gala of the American Friends of Jamaica (AFJ) staged at the Four Seasons Miami on Saturday, April 1. AFJ president Wendy Hart said “evenings like these are wonderful for our major donors, but above all it’s giving directly to their families or to their high schools. We also want to encourage professionals in the diaspora who have the means, to give to wider causes on the island as well.”

In attendance at the event were a who’s who of officials, dignitaries and corporate executives including the US Ambassador to Jamaica Luis Moreno, Jamaican Ambassador to the US Audrey Marks, Minister of Tourism Ed Bartlett, Kingston Mayor Delroy Williams, and entertainer Orville ‘Shaggy’ Burrell.

First to be recognised with the Lignum Vitae Vanguard Award for his service to the community was Information Officer at the Jamaican Consulate Cheryl Wynter, who joked that she was more used to sitting in the back row than in the spotlight. “Receiving this award was a surprise, and it’s an honour to feel appreciated.”

Next to receive the Lignum Vitae Vanguard Award for accomplishments in his field and for community service, was distinguished cardiologist Dr Kevin Coy. Beyond developing technologies to monitor and improve health through mobile apps and artificial intelligence, the third generation medical professional of Jamaican descent has traveled the Caribbean opening cardiology clinics in multiple islands including Jamaica.

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Prime Minister Andrew Holness said ground will be broken shortly for a 1,200-unit housing development in Negril, Westmoreland, which will target tourism workers.

“We expect this project to be completed by 2020 and that the people of Westmoreland will benefit significantly,” he said.

He noted that Negril is “expanding beyond everyone’s wildest expectations” and the Government has to put measures in place to meet the huge demand for housing.

Holness was speaking recently at the groundbreaking ceremony for the development of 61 service lots by the National Housing Trust (NHT) in Shrewsbury in the parish, at a cost of $119 million.

The prime minister travelled to Yeast Plant in Frome as well, where the NHT also broke ground for 51 service lots at a cost of $127 million.

“The Government understands the need for housing and will be working very hard to ensure that everyone gets a fair share. We are not being partisan, selective or partial. We are just here to build houses,” Holness pointed out.

“The sacrifices you make today will be for your family’s future tomorrow. You would be surprised to know how much can be saved and put towards a mortgage if only some of the frivolous things can be discarded.”

**H10 to upsize hotel development to over 1,250 rooms**

**STEVEN JACKSON**
Gleaner Writer

PÉLICITAS LIMITED and the H10 Hotel Group will upsize their planned hotel development by 45 per cent to just over 1,250 rooms in Trelawny. They want to start the development by midyear after recently submitting an Environmental Impact Assessment, or EIA, to the planning authorities.

The cost of development will be “over US$200 million” for the hotel set to open as Coral Spring H10 Hotel.

When the project was initially announced in November 2015, the plans included a 485-room family resort with an additional 375 rooms for adults. Now there are three phases.

“The proposed project is a hotel resort development which will be executed in three phases. The estimated number of habitable rooms will be 470, 222 and 560 for phases 1, 2 and 3, respectively,” stated an addendum to the report. The EIA was prepared for Pelicitas by EnviroPlanners Limited, however, the addendum was prepared by consultants CL Environment.

The Spanish-owned H10 Hotels Group develops hotels in Spain, Italy, England, Germany, Portugal, Mexico, Dominican Republic and Cuba. Through a joint venture with the H10, Pelicitas Limited proposes to develop the hotel resort on approximately 25.33 hectares of land, stated the EIA, published on the website of the National Environment & Planning Agency (NEPA).

The developer aims to start the project in June 2017 and complete construction in a year. The timetable is, however, subject to receipt of planning permits. Holness unclear whether the timeline will hold as Pelicitas did not follow through on a call that The Gleaner was told to expect.

The company is locally registered but Spanish-owned, according to official documents, but its shareholders are not named.
Meadowbrook
salutes community
service honorees

“The MEADOWBROOK High School Alumni NY Chapter celebrated this 22-year milestone with a “classy” phenomenal and sophis-
ticated affair” to quote a couple patrons who attended the event held March 25, at the Crest Hollow Country Club.

The event saluted four stalwart diaspora recipients with Community Service Awards. They are Janice Julian, Caribbean Food Delight (voice of The Door Restaurant); Irwine Clare Sr. OD, Team Jamaica Bickle; Andrew Morris, Sams Caribbean Marketplace; and Omar Hawthorne, Golden Krust Bakery. However, due to an emergency, Hawthorne was unable to attend.

The event saw over 250 attendees, who mingled and partied till the early morning hours. The awesomely toast-holding hour of 2 a.m. to music of 18-year-old saxophonist Luke Waldron (Baldwin High School), all while master of cere-
monies Orlando Dillon (KidzHub) kept the programme flowing. The awards presentation was officiated by President Kerry Ann Franklin, as Honorary Counsel General Tracy Dennis presented the Awards to our deserving recipients who also received an autographed copy of Vincent HoSang’s recently released memoir, Change of Fortune.

The evening’s festivities included food and refreshments, all while with high expectan-
cy as to Gala 2018 – the 60th Anniversary held March 25, at the Crest Hollow Country Club.

Fly Jamaica donated the gate prize of a round-trip ticket to Jamaica, which was won by Marsha Currie. The Meadowbrook High School Alumni NY Chapter would like to thank its sponsors for their support, without which they would be unable to continue making a difference to their beloved alma mater.

Congratulations to the 2017 Community Service Honorees as they continue to ‘Let Their Light So Shine’.

From left: MHS NY Chapter President Kerry-Ann Franklin, Irwine Clare Sr. OD (Team Jamaica Bickle), Janice Julian (Caribbean Food Delight, Voice of The Door Restaurant), Andrew Morris (Sams Caribbean Marketplace) and Consul General Ms. Irwine Clare.

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“22 Years Salute, we are no more little yute” – Eric Donaldson.
Hampton School Board shake-up

...Chairman, Principal’s friend sent packing

There has been a shake-up of the board of The Hampton School in St Elizabeth arising from a series of controversies over the decision of principal Heather Murray to appear at the bail hearing of Moravian pastor Rupert Clarke.

Board chairman Trevor Blake has been asked to step aside. The Education Minister Ruel Reid says he has since approved the resignation of the principal.

Meanwhile, Yvonne Clarke, the wife of the Moravian pastor charged with sexual offences, has also asked to tender her resignation as a board member at Hampton.

It’s not yet clear who will replace her.

Clarke is a close friend and former batch mate of the Hampton principal.

The board chairman Trevor Blake had renewed controversy earlier this year after he contravened the education minister about an agreement at a meeting for the Hampton Principals to go on leave amid public pressure over her decision to appear at Reverend Clarke’s bail hearing.

The issue arose because while Murray was at the hearing, she attempted to block the media from taking images of Clarke.

The principal had explained that she went to court to support Clarke, since she was too devastated to attend.

Meanwhile, the hunt is on for a new principal at the Bethlehem Moravian College.

Clarke, who had also been the principal at the Malvern-based tertiary institution, is going on retirement.

However, in a newspaper advertisement on Sunday, April 9, the board of the college said the position of principal is now vacant and it is seeking applicants.

Jah Jenny, Inc. invites you to the 5th Anniversary Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance on Friday, April 21, 2017 at elegant Country Kitchen Restaurant from 6:00PM-12:00AM. For further information call (212) 470-5655.

Team Jamaica Bickle will be hosting its 4th Annual fundraising Breakfast, Saturday, April 29th - 2 P.M., St. Luke’s Episcopal Church - 222nd Street and Barnes. For further information contact Karen Robinson: 647-921-6327; dorothy.danielle@gmail.com

Jamaica And Canada in talks over local couple accused of fraud in Toronto

LOCAL LAW enforcement authorities are working with their Canadian counterparts to determine whether a Jamaican couple accused of fraud could be extradited from Kingston to answer to the crime in Toronto. An arrest warrant has been issued in Canada for Jamaicans Kurt and Collett Comrie in relation to a scheme in which investors were allegedly fleeced in excess of $1 million.

The Comries are the operators of Island Forks Restaurant which has the concession agreement for the canteen at the National Housing Trust as well as Clan Carthy High School in Kingston.

Wrongdoing denied

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However, the police said they were continuing to work with Canadian authorities and the warrant remained in force in Canada.

This means the couple will be arrested should they travel to Toronto where they ran several businesses. Meanwhile, the NHT is yet to indicate the process of due diligence it engaged before contracting the Comries to operate the Jamaican couple wanted in Canada. Two weeks ago, The Gleaner submitted to the NHT, questions related to the engagement of Island Forks.

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Black males needed for interviews. What happens when Black boys are expelled or excluded from mainstream school? The Effect of School Exclusion on Canadian Black Males’ Identity and Trajectory.

Young men, ages 18-28, who have attended a stream school? “The Effect of School Expulsion Program in the GTA. To find out more, email camisha@gmail.com or call 647-694-9212/647-833-4221. Feedback will be used in a York University School of Social Work PhD research project.

UAAA Perm Rails Bus Ride Fundraiser - Saturday, April 29th - 2 buses: “BUS A” - Bklyn/Queens/LI Border; Green Acres Shopping Ctr.; BUS “B” - Bronx/Bay Plaza/Co-op City. Event ticket optional. For further information contact Dr. Roy Streeter (718-652-3978) or Carol Biersay (718-325-5606).

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Have a good week!

Jamaica’s Consul General to New York, Trudy Deans (centre) with executive members of the Jamaica Civic and Cultural Association of Rockland County, New York at the Spring Valley Civic Centre.

Reidy (left) and Ramsay, veterans of Canadian dancehall promotion recognised by The Turntable Restaurant and Lounge, whose proprietor is Carl “Grandmaster Rosa” Rosegreen, on April 8 at the restaurant’s location in Mississauga, west of Toronto.

Senator Murray Sinclair, recipient of the G. Raymond Chang award; Donette Chin Loy Chang, co-patron of the UWI Toronto Benefit Gala 2017; and Mpho Tutu, daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who accepted the Luminary award on behalf of her father at the UWI Gala in Toronto.

Neil Armstrong, freelance editor of Gleaner Media (Canada) and Leon Mitchell, Jamaica National Group, chief marketing and sales officer, at the Gleaner Media (Canada) booth during the JN Group Expo, held on March 25, at the Pearson Convention Centre, in Brampton.
New Sunshine Girls coach aims for dominance

ROBERT BAILEY
Gleaner Writer

HEAD COACH of the Sunshine Girls, Englishwoman Jermaine Allison-McCracken, said that she will do whatever it takes to help move the number-four ranked team to the top of the world rankings. Allison-McCracken was introduced to the media by Netball Jamaica (NJ) at a press conference held at the Social Development Foundation on Thursday. April 6 a month after she was appointed to the hot seat.

One of her first tasks, she said, is to improve the players physically and mentally. “There is nothing better than sitting in this seat right now. I am so pleased to be on board with these girls. I saw them last night (Wednesday) and they are working hard and I know that they are going to work a lot harder. I know that I am going to see physical improvements. I am going to see mental improvements and mental toughness because that is my specialist area.”

“What I have done over the past 30-40 years is to coach netball for fun, but now I can take it seriously and bring all my expertise in terms of my professional training, as well as my passion for netball and put them all together in my dream job in a paradise island,” added Allison-McCracken.

TOUGH JOB

She admitted that it will be tough to get Jamaica up to the pinnacle of world netball. “It is going to be tough job, but any international coach will have a tough job,” she said. “There are some tough decisions to make ahead but I am not going to make any of these by myself. I am the coach." She added: “I have watched these Sunshine Girls over the past 20 years because anytime they are on TV, I am always tuned in.”

Allison-McCracken, who is of Jamaican parentage, brings to the position substantial training in the areas of sports psychology and netball coaching. She also holds a United Kingdom Level 2 coaching certificate.

Simpson targets 2018 comeback

SHAYNE FAIRMAN
Gleaner Writer

APTIFR A year in which she had a hamstring injury and welcomed her first child, former world champion and Olympic relay team in Athens 2004 medallist Sherone Simpson has set herself a 2018 target of getting close to her best form. “Based on my progress, my coach and I will decide where I will open, however, my intention is to compete in the 2018 season," Simpson told The Gleaner.

Simpson delivered her baby in October last year. Earlier in the year, she was forced to pull out of the National Championships because of a nagging hamstring injury. “I am back in training with the aim of getting back to close to my best or better. I have been in training for a little over a month, so I can’t make a proper assessment as yet. However, training is going well,” she told The Gleaner.

Simpson won gold as part of the Olympic relay team in Athens 2004 and won silver in London 2012. She won and individual 100m silver in Beijing 2008. With a personal best of 10.92 seconds, Simpson is the sixth-fastest Jamaican woman behind national record holders Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce and Elaine Thompson (10.70), Merlene Ottey (10.74), Kerron Stewart (10.75), and Campbell-Brown (10.76).
Rhode reelected to Olympic sport board

MOLLY RHONE, has been re-elected as a member of the board of ARISF, the association of 37 International Sports Federations recognized by the International Olympic Committee. "It is a great honour for me to be re-elected and I am thrilled that ARISF is leading the way in gender equality," said Rhone. "I believe that women are still chronically underrepresented in the top levels of sports administration and I am proud to be serving an organization which recognizes the skills and talent that women can bring to driving sport forward."

President of the UIM (the world-wide Federation of Powerboating), was re-elected president, unopposed, for another four-year term.

Mullings adjusting to new weight class

RACHID PARCHMENT
Gleaner Writer

MULLINGS, WHO won the competition in 2014 as a welterweight, won the opening bout of the contest last Wednesday against Canadian Winston Matthews in a unanimous judges’ decision after five rounds, but seemed to have suffered fatigue after the third. He said that the reason for this was that he was not only adjusting to his new weight, but also facing heavier-bitting boxers. "I wouldn’t call myself faded, but it’s a learning process and it’s an adjustment process," he said. "It’s a new weight class for me. I’m fighting bigger, stronger guys, so I’ll go back, listen to my team, look at the tapes and we’ll work on the improvement of certain things and move forward from here. There’s always room for improvement in boxing."

President Chilli said: “I am proud of the fact that the ARISF is the first, not the only one, international sport organisation to have elected a board of absolute gender equality, playing a key role in the concrete implementation of gender equality, which is one of the cornerstones of the reforms by the IOC President Thomas Bach.”

The IAAF said it would be exploring other possibilities to replace the under 18 champions. As part of a review of all their senior track and field championships which is scheduled to replace the under 18 championships which is scheduled to be held this year, the world governing body has identified safety concerns for the Games on the security of all types of crime, from theft to violent crime and terrorism.

"Due to increased security costs and the fact that all athletes would be aged 18 and younger, USATF has decided not to hold a selection event nor to travel to the championship," said the letter.

"As part of a review of all USATF security issues, USATF’s security team has conducted a risk assessment for our delegation. In 2017 World Youth Championships, also known as the IAAF U18 Championships, USATF offered reassurances of its continued support. "We will continue to work with our IAAF colleagues to ensure appropriate and productive competitive opportunities for the youth in future."

Reactive to the US decision, which came after other countries had withdrawn, Athletics Kenya chairman, and in charge of youth and development Barnaba Korir said withdrawal was “a big blow” and called for the “government to address the issue urgently”.

He said Kenya has moved swiftly to assure the world about the security situation as soon as teams began from the competition just before Christmas.

At the last under 18 IAAF youth meet the USA won 19 medals - 11 gold, five silver and five bronze to claim the overall title during the 2015 World Under-Championships in Cali, Colombia. Kenya settled second with 16 medals; four gold, five silver and seven bronze.

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“We are planning to send a team,” president of the Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association, Dr Warren Blake told The Weekly Gleaner on Monday, April 10. He was responding to a question on whether Jamaica would, as defending champions the United States of America (USA), New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and Switzerland, decline to send a team to Kenya which has a history of terrorists attacks.

Britain indicated it would be sending a team to the Commonwealth Youth Games. Championships also in July. Nassau Bahamas, New Zealand would do likewise, citing their foreign ministry’s recommendation, which put Kenya at high risk instanting hijacking, terrorism and violent crime. Australia identified security concerns for withdrawing and opted for the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas.

It is a great honour for me to be re-elected and I am proud to serve an organisation which recognises the skills and talent that women can bring and I am proud to be serving an organisation which represented in the top levels of sports administration equality,” said Rhone.
JA TO COMPETE AT IAAF YOUTH CHAMPS
Defending champions USA, five others boycott Kenyan games

Despite what some countries have cited as ‘security concerns’ which have forced them to withdraw from the IAAF’s last Under-18 World Youth Games in Nairobi Kenya, Jamaica has confirmed its participation.

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