POLICE RETREAT ON TIVOLI REPORT

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National Security Council awaits reports
The National Security Council is expected to receive a 10-day report on the happenings in areas designated Zones of Special Operations.

Atlanta Jamaican Association (AJA) awards 13 scholarships
The Atlanta Jamaican Association (AJA) has awarded 13 academic scholarships to students pursuing tertiary studies in Jamaica and Atlanta, Georgia, United States. The presentations were made at the AJA’s annual Independence Ball and Scholarship Awards ceremony, held at the Sheraton Hotel, downtown Atlanta.

Business
Ja to raise US$1b on international markets
Jamaica plans to raise US$1 billion ($128 billion) on the international market through two bond transactions that were expected to close last week.

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Trout Hall Chairman Gordon Sharp says his family has battled over time to safeguard the UGLI trademark, which is registered in more than 70 countries through Cabel Hall Citrus Limited. Now, he says, he would consider licensing out the name if investors made the right proposal.

Immigration
Too young for a visa?
Too young for a visa to travel?

Sports
‘Hitman’ signs 3-year contract with Real Deal
Kemahl ‘The Hitman’ Russell has signed a three-year contract with Real Deal Boxing, headed by four-time World Heavyweight champion Evander ‘The Real Deal’ Holyfield and, as part of the terms of the contract, Russell will be booked in six fights per year.

Two Western Union outlets in Spanish Town to be closed
GRACERENNEDY MONEY Services (GKMS) and Western Union will be ceasing money transfer services at two additional locations in St. Catherine. The affected locations are both in Spanish Town.

3,000 cops to be trained at UWI in three years
A MEMORANDUM of Understanding (MOU) was signed last week between the University of the West Indies (UWI) and the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) as the authorities try to bolster the number of members within the constabulary.

Education ministry announces new protection measures for students
INCREASED COOPERATION with the police and a comprehensive bus system are two of the measures to be introduced by the Ministry of Education as it moves to increase the security of students when the new school year begins.

Seeking relatives of Marion Zayne Diaz
THE MINISTRY of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade, through the Consulate of Jamaica in Portugal, is requesting the public’s assistance with locating the relatives of Jamaican, Ms Marion Zayne Diaz, who resided in Portugal, prior to her death in June of this year. She was born on December 22, 1924 in Kingston, Jamaica, and died on June 14 this year in Raia, Portugal.

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A section of the North-South Highway showing the 80km/h speed limit.
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sions of an internal review committee that attempted to impeach the findings of the Commission.

The Commission's soft retreat Saturday after a meeting with his boss, National Security minister, Robert
Montague.

The meeting was in the face of pressure from the public against the Commissioner's statement that he stood by
the internal review and its rejection by another senior
Cabinet minister, Horace Chang.

A police statement on the Montague/Quallo meeting said that the JCF, "as an arm of the State, remains in one
accord with the Government, and accepts the report of
the West Kingston Commission of Enquiry".

That report into the May 2010 operation to arrest and
serve an extradition summons on notorius crime
boss, Christopher 'Dudus' Coke, had accused security
force members of at least 20 cases of extrajudicial
killings among an estimated 70 persons who died during
the operation in Tivoli Gardens.

Most of the murders it said it believed were by mem-
ers of the police rapid response unit – The Mobile
Reserve.

The Commission chaired by Barbados jurist David
Simmons, also cited five police officers for "professional
incompetence' and 'dereliction of duty' and recommended
that they never again be put in any internal security
arrangement.

The Commission called for an administrative review to formalise its recommendations.

But in its review, the police board chaired by assistant
commissioner Ray Palmer concurred with the five
officers and rejected, on the basis of the evidence they said, the
finding of extrajudicial killings by the police.

It was in the face of a public outcry that Quallo had ini-
tially stood by the report and explained on Friday that he
had arrived at that position because he was satisfied with
the process of the review done by a panel made up of
'sperienced, technically sound and reputable citizens
who were objective in their approach,' Quallo told The Gleaner.

Quallo in his statement also claimed that the recom-
menedation of the Commission with regard to the five
police officers, 'was concerned with establishing whether they were derelict or committed any misconduct of their
duties.'

South Korean envoy: Your loved ones are safe

YOUNG GYU Lee, the South
Korean ambassador to Jamaica, has reassured Jamaican that, despite a recent escalation of ten-
sions between North Korea and South Korea, their loved ones
working or studying in the region are safe.

"I am confident that Jamaicans do not always register
in the region.

"My government and the people of my country have going about
our business as usual. We are
used to this. Jamaicans there now
are safe."

"When I got here initially, I was concerned because this was something new to me. I was not aware
of any of this tension between these countries, but when I spoke to a few Koreans and I got the
impression that this is an ongoing thing and it was more or less soft
talk," Davis said.

"We are not concerned at all. In fact, I have contacted a few Jamaicans here, and from what I
can gather, we are not concerned at all," she said.

NOT ALARMED

Davis is among the fewer than 50 Jamaicans the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade has confirmed are working or
studying in South Korea. She said that Koreans have become accus-
tomed to this daily experience and that that has helped her to understand
the dynamics involved.

"It's always business as usual here. When I saw how they (South
Koreans) were responding to the situation, that it was not something
to cause panic, I resigned myself to the idea that I was
indeed safe," said Davis.

Jamaican consular affairs min-
istry said it was unable to accer-
tain an exact number of
Jamaicans in South Korea "since
Jamaicans do not always register
with the superintending mission, which is the embassy in Tokyo
(Japan)."

The ministry said Jamaicans not registered in host country jurisdic-
tions is a challenge most
international missions face, but, by the same
token, added that Jamaicans in
South Korea are not alarmed because of the heightened tension in the region.

"Jamaicans living in South Korea
are not alarmed, they have taken
cues from South Korean associates
who, themselves, are not worried
and consider the tension to be a
part of their daily lives," the mini-
stery said, echoing the sentiments
expressed by Davis.

"Should things escalate, the
ministry and mission will take
appropriate action in terms of
contacting and advising the
Jamaican community in South
Korea."

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JCF review panel members

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Wray Palmer (Chairman)
Former Director of Public
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Kent Pantry
De Hilton McDaid
Errol Johnsen
The Rev Canon Hartley Perrin
Senior Superintendent of Police,
Andrew Lewis (Legal Counsel)
Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Wesley Watson (Legal Counsel)
Inspector Sharon Ranglin
(Secretarial)

Retired Director of Public Prosecutions
Kent Pantry.

Sergeant Romieann Brown
(Secretarial)

YOUNG GYU Lee, the South
Korean ambassador to Jamaica, Young
GYU Lee.
NEW YORK, CMC

A CARIBBEAN American legislator’s name is the latest to surface as a possible 2018 Democratic primary challenger to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo.

New York Democratic Councilman Jumaane Williams, the son of Grenadian immigrants, who is considered one of the City Council’s farthest left, told the New York Daily News that he’s been approached by various people asking him to think about a run for governor.

Williams did not rule it out, even though he said currently he is “100 percent solely focused” on running for the City Council speakership that opens in January, but added, “it’s hard in politics to use the ‘never’ word.”

“There have been serious people speaking to me about it,” he said of the governor’s race, without identifying those encouraging him.

“We’re at a time where people are afraid. People are worried and looking for people who are not afraid to stand up and speak truth to power. I’m just honoured that people would think of me in that way.”

Actress Cynthia Nixon, Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner and former Hudson Valley state Senator Terry Gipson have also been mentioned as potential Cuomo primary challengers.

Williams has been a councilman since 2010, co-created the council’s progressive caucus and has been an outspoken critic of the New York Police Department (NYPD) policies.

He said he believes it’s important that a candidate come from New York City to cut into Cuomo’s city base of black, Latino and liberal Democrats.

“I think we’re in some pretty dangerous times, and the governor isn’t helping; so it’s important that somebody at some point step up to say the emperor has no clothes and really push the guy,” said Williams, criticizing Cuomo for the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) mass transit crisis, accusing the governor of emboldening a Republican state Senate majority by not doing enough to reunify fractured Senate Democrats, and ridiculing Cuomo’s support for charter schools and big-money hedge fund donors.

SPEAK FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Charles Galbreath, senior Pastor of Clarendon Road Church in East Flatbush, Brooklyn said the minority community is looking for someone who can step up and speak for our community.

“I think he’s someone who has the ear of the people and a lot of people who are dissatisfied with what’s taking place in Albany [the state’s capital] currently,” Galbreath told the Daily News.

But Cuomo’s campaign chairman, Bill Mulrow, defended the governor’s progressive credentials, citing the passage of a US$15 hourly minimum wage, creation of a statewide paid family leave program, raising of the age of criminal responsibility, enactment of free college tuition for people making up to US$120,000 and environmental protection actions.

“Governor Cuomo has the strongest progressive record of any elected official in this country - period – and we look forward to building on that record in the third term.”
Jamaican students in historic robotics feat

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For WAB long ago in a silver screen near us when R2-D2, C-3PO, or any more recently BB8, awed and mesmerised us with their ability to assist humans and other living species in galaxy light years away. These alphanumeric science fictionalan droids and technologies from the future are become as real as humanity’s quest to find life on Mars.

In Jamaica, a group of students are translating their interest in the sciences into creating functional pieces of automated machinery robotics. A group of them made their mark at the world’s first International Robot Olympics for High School Students held in Washington DC earlier this month.

“This was a historical feat,” said Lesleyann Samuel, president of Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations (USA) Inc (UJAA). “To our knowledge, this is the first time that Jamaica has been represented in an international robotics competition.”

Jamaica was represented by a team of students from five schools - Jamaica College, Calabar High School, Immaculate Conception High School, Kingston College and St George’s College.

Beyond putting their techie caps on, the team members had to work seamlessly and in sync in a co-ed scenario and with students from other countries.

“The programme is intended to create a platform to get youngsters from different parts of the world and different cultures to come together and solve global problems,” said Samuel.

UJAA was responsible for organising, coordination, project management, and interfacing with First Global, the organisers of the Robotics Olympics.

“Did not hear about the competition till January, and between them and July we made it happen,” Samuel said, commending Karlene Largie, director at UJAA and robotics project team leader, for ensuring that everything went smoothly and seamlessly.

An engineer herself, she is excited about the prospects of girls making inroads into technology.

“We (girls and boys) do things differently,” Samuel said. “But the key is diversity, which is a strong thing, and we can complement each other in whatever we do.”

She started a robotics club with assistance from volunteers from Jamaica College robotics team at her alma mater Immaculate Conception High in 2010.

This, she said, was demonstrated at the Robot Olympics, where all teams were given the same piece parts and asked to build a robot that could perform a specific set of functions.

“FIRST has chosen to work with the National Academy of Engineering to define a theme each year,” Samuel said. “This year, the theme was ‘Providing Access to Clean Water.’ The tasks of the robot were intended to replicate tasks needed to assist with addressing this global objective.”

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a non-profit organisation started in 1989, to encourage youth in America to pursue STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) the Robot Olympics is one of their initiatives to popularise the sciences.

The robot built by Team Jamaica performed well in the games the team won four out of six matches, and was placed 46th out of 165 teams. Armed with the success of their maiden voyage UJAA, Samuel informed, is hoping to bring a FIRST Technology Challenge for high schools in Jamaica in 2019.

“By having a competition in Jamaica, we allow all secondary schools to participate in a local competition without the expense of each of them travelling to the USA to compete,” she said.

Samuel is upbeat on the prospects, and what such participation can do to the psyche of the students helping them to get a fresh perspective on life, broadening their thinking and horizons.

“This global competition is conducted in a unique way,” she said. “In the initial rounds, teams of three (arbitrary) countries compete against another team of three countries.”

Aside from not knowing each other, they had language and cultural challenges, and in order to win, the students found ways to collaborate and cooperate for the greater good.

“This experience can be life-changing, as we expose our children not only to the technical aspects of the challenge,” she said, “but also to the realities of what it takes to solve our global challenges.”

“We cannot teach this in a classroom. It is the age of technology and we are slowly learning to cohabit on the third planet of this solar system of the Milky Way Galaxy with Augmented Reality and Artificial Intelligence.

Science fiction is not so fictional after all ...”
Overcrowding could cost UHWI its accreditation

ERICA VIRTUE
Staff Reporter

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DMINISTRATORS AT the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI), are fearful that it may lose the designation because of the chronic overcrowding at the facility.

The 579-bed facility is bursting at its seams, and up to Wednesday, August 16 when officials of the hospital spoke with our news team, the demand for beds was greater than the number available.

According to chairman of the board of directors of the UHWI, James Moss-Solomon, the available beds are divided among the specialties at the hospital to maintain accreditation requirements.

“We are accredited by an overseas body which grants us permission to give you a degree in nursing or medicine. So the requirements are that if you are teaching these specialty areas, then you must have the facilities to have the practice, as all of these things are not classroom based.

“We have what we need to teach, but not the facilities to do it,” he added.

Moss-Solomon also underscored that overcrowding is a major issue, with patients being offered an accommodation that is anything but perfect.

“We are doing our best to accommodate them. They are in A&E in a recovery project with works being undertaken involving, among other things, repairs to the central air-conditioning system to address noxious fumes being emitted. We have a lease of theatre services at CRH. Corporate Area facilities such as the UHWI and the Kingston Public Hospital are housing persons who would normally be admitted to the Montego Bay St. James-based facility,” said Moss-Solomon.

PROMINENT MEDICAL doctor Shane Alexis will be on the People’s National Party’s (PNP) ticket in the race to replace Dr Winston Green as member of parliament for South East St Mary, setting up another clash of doctors when a by-election is called for the seat.

On Monday, August 21, the PNP said that former president of the Medical Association of Jamaica, Dr Shane Alexis, will be contesting the by-election for the party, confirming earlier reports reaching The Gleaner last weekend.

“The executive just voted unanimously for Dr Shane Alexis as SE St. Mary candidate! Young ppl offering up themselves for public service! Leadersh,” the PNP said on Twitter.

“The development comes as Damian Crawford and Raymond Pryce, former members of parliament who were being considered by some party supporters in the constituency, have both turned down invitations to represent the party in the marginal seat.

... the stage is am in in establishing my business and having responsibility to my investors and clients. I would not have had the time required,” Pryce told The Gleaner.

The Kingston-based family doctor, who has had no prior associations with the PNP, publicly, is a member of the board of the Gregory Mair-chaired National Health Fund.

He was appointed by Dr Christopher Tufton after the Jamaica Labour Party won the 2016 general election.

The general secretary of the PNP, Julian Robinson, when contacted Monday on the matter, would not be drawn to disclose details surrounding the party’s selection process, but said the party was preparing itself for the calling of a by-election.

“We have begun the process, but we have not concluded it as yet,” Robinson told The Gleaner before the party’s confirmation.

PNP’s Bobby Pickersgill announces retirement

PEOPLE’S NATIONAL Party (PNP) Chairman Robert Pickersgill is leaving the post after 25 years.

He reportedly told the party’s executive on Monday, August 21, that he would not be seeking re-election in October.

The PNP said it was grateful to Pickersgill for 25 years of service, commitment and leadership.

PNP general secretary, Julian Robinson, says he expects at least two candidates to offer themselves for the position.

In July, Member of Parliament Fitz James confirmed at a National Executive Meeting that he would be running for the post of chairman.

Former industry minister, Anthony Hylton, has also expressed an intention to run for the post.

“We have to block certain numbers of beds for the various specialties and subspecialties as per requirement for accreditation, so patients have been admitted to hospital without being put on a ward.

“Patients are in A&E in wheelchair for 44 to 48 hours because the bed space is not available. But while care is offered, there is obviously discomfort for the patients and not the best situation to provide the care needed,” said Allen.

“Overcrowding is chronic at A&E, and I would say it is always chronic there, and it’s the first floor of the hospital. Patients are from a wheelchair in the corridor is not desirable and not what should be done, as per requirement, to maintain accreditation. But we can’t, and have not, refused anyone,” added Allen.

He noted that wards such as those for dermatology and ophthalmology, which have capacities of 25 beds, might not be fully occupied.

“When we encounter a run on the hospital, like we are seeing now with medicine patients, we would convert some of these unused beds to patients so we can continue a high standard of service to our patients.
New Parliament building to be designed, built by J’cans – UDC

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THE URBAN Development Corporation (UDC) says that the new Parliament building will be definitely designed and built by Jamaicans, a position, it argues, that was always held, but which was lost in the “noise” of public controversy over whether there would be foreign help.

“The UDC, in its responsibility as project manager, continues to execute the mandate and the terms of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) to ensure that the Parliament and the museum is built by Jamaicans,” said Dr Damian Graham, the agency’s general manager, on Tuesday, August 16.

Local interest groups, including architects and engineers, had accused the Government of outsourcing work on a national symbol when the administration signed the non-binding MOU with China Construction America (South America division), which is a subsidiary of China State Construction Engineering Corporation Limited. The MOU was signed for the Government Circle Project at Heroes Circle in Kingston. The new Parliament building is to be located there.

Speaking in an interview with The Gleaner on Monday, Graham said at the MOU’s signing on March 9 that it was “expressly” stated that work would be done by the UDC, which “comprises 100 percent Jamaicans.” At subsequent meetings with concerned interest groups, “We went on record to categorically state that the master-planning work that’s being done is being carried out with augmented capacity that is not having to do with the design and building aspect of the project. [But] we maintained that building, and the designing of the project, Parliament and the museum that is related, would have been done by Jamaicans. I suppose it was not heard amid all of the noise that was being carried on.”

Agency to advertise for bids within the next month

The Jamaica Institute of Architects (JIA) and the Jamaica Institute of Engineers have been among the more vocal groups questioning the move by the Government to accept the unso-
licted offer by the Chinese company and then sign the MOU. That agreement, according to the JIA’s Clifton Yap, guarantees maximum payment of US$1 million and exclusivity for the period it is in force.

As outrage mounted, the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) released a statement on March 17 quoting the prime minister saying, “Purposeful efforts will be made to induce Jamaicans in the design and execution of the project,” which was “always the intention of the Government.”

“We’re at the extreme early stage of any project in and focus are for Jamaicans to build a complex that we all can be proud of,” it added.

Robert Morgan, director of communications in the OPM, who participated in Tuesday’s interview, said, “What has happened now is that the noise has died down a bit and people are able to listen clearly.”

The Urban Development Corporation is now in Phase One of the process, it said, includes the Chinese company using 12 months to provide a concept development.

Regarding the Parliament building, which is only one aspect of the Government Circle project, Dr Daniel Mckay, secretary to the agency was likely to advertise for bids “within the next month.”

The current Parliament building on Duke Street in Kingston has been criticized for lack of space, not being accessible to the disabled community, and possessing safety and security risks.

Prime Minister Andrew Holness (third left) along with Niu Guinbao (left), Chinese ambassador to Jamaica; Ransford Braham (second left), chairman of the Urban Development Corporation, and Xiaesun Zheng, vice-president of China State Construction Engineering Corporation, just after the signing of a memorandum of understanding for the building of a new Parliament building.

We have never mined illegally – Russell

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KEITH RUSSELL, the owner of the Duncans Bay Development Company in Trelawny, has flatly rejected claims by residents of the Duncans Bay community that his company is involved in illegal sand-mining in violation of several conditions recently laid down by the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA).

In an interview with The Gleaner on Wednesday, August 16, Russell, who is a former Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) member of parliament for North Trelawny, denied any involvement in the alleged illicit sand-mining, which is reportedly taking place late at night, to the detriment of the town’s coastline.

“If there is any sand-mining going on in the late hours (at night), somebody is stealing it. We have not been involved in any sand-mining for years. We have nothing to do with it. We have never mined illegally,” said Russell.

“We own about four kilometres of undeveloped beach, which is zoned and approved for tourist and hospitality facilities, which is our core business, and none of it exists in the Duncans Bay community,” Russell added.

Russell’s assertion contradicts claims by Delroy Boswell, the president of the Duncans Bay Citizens’ Association, who says that sand is being mined and stockpiled in a protected environmental space under the cover of darkness.

“I think that the truck would come in about 11:00 in the night, and every morning, it would leave about 5:30, and we were reliably informed that they were mining sand from the beach over at Stewart Castle and coming through the back road and stockpiling it here on Lot 226,” said Boswell.

“How could NEPA give them permission?”

“They were supposedly given permission by NEPA to store the sand on Lot 226, but how could NEPA give them permission to stockpile the sand on one of our green areas?” Boswell asked.

Last month, Prime Minister Andrew Holness granted a sand-mining licence to the Duncans Bay Development Company, overturning NEPA’s previous rejection of an application by the company to mine sand in Duncans Bay.

The licence was granted with several conditions, including that no mining should take place before 8:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. between Mondays and Fridays and that there should be no mining during the local sea turtles’ nesting season from June to November.

Representatives of NEPA were slated to tour the area last week and were expected to give an assessment of the environmental danger to the community following the tour.

Natl Security Council must get report on Zones of Special Operations

THE NATIONAL Security Council is expected to receive a 10-day report on the happenings in areas designated Zones of Special Operations.

National Security Adviser Major General Antony Anderson explained that the report is a requirement under the Law Reform (Zones of Special Operations) (Special Security and Community Development Measures) Act.

“It is not something you fire and forget. The way the legislation is written, they (zones) require close attention. The prime minister has really stepped out on this one,” Anderson said.

For residents living in areas that are designated Zones of Special Operations, the major general is urging full cooperation with the joint forces, which are acting to rid the communities of criminals.

Social-intervention committees, which will be comprised of some community members, will be formed to work with residents to determine opportunities for training.

Included in the social component of the Zones of Special Operations will be the Housing, Opportunity Production and Employment (HOPE) Programme, and the HHART Trust/NTA, which “will intervene, if necessary, to provide training.”

Various other state agencies, such as the Jamaica Social Investment Fund and the Social Development Commission, will also intervene where necessary.

“This intervention will be lined up in a way to create sustainable change, which is really what we want. At the end, the committee will have leadership structures and determine their own future,” said the national security adviser.

The legislation gives the security forces certain essential powers required to address serious crimes, while upholding the rule of law and protecting citizens’ fundamental rights and freedoms.

Approved by the House of Representatives and Senate, the law will also facilitate the implementation of key social interventions in communities adversely affected by crime and violence.

The prime minister can only declare an area a Zone of Special Operations after the chief of defence staff and the commissioner of police, as members of the National Security Council, have advised him so to do in writing.
Suspiscions about Chinese investors well-founded

Crack down on athletics prima donnas

The editorial argued that the Prime Minister Holness, security minister and the Police Service Commission chaired by Mr. Gordon Shirley must speak to the implications of police report and announced a review panel may well reflect the (un)soundness of Quallo's judgement and whether there is confidence in him to do the job. The editorial also noted that entrepreneur Dudus Coke had denounced the police report and indicated that it was not a good report which would not be accepted by the government while suggesting it would be withdrawn. The editorial said it was not within the prime minister, Mr. Chang or the Cabinet to withdraw the report as this was the remit of Quallo.
Have a great week!

Worshippers join hands in a symbolic gesture of “One Love” unity during the Jamaican Independence Service of Thanksgiving in New York, on August 6, 2017 on the occasion of Jamaica’s 55th year of independence.

Photo by Roland Hyde

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Trudy Deans, consul general of Jamaica to New York, with the Marie Samuels (left) (daughter of former Miss Jamaica US, Marsha Samuels) and her grandmother, Sibyl Samuels, at the Independence Service in New York.

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Prime Minister Andrew Holness with Victoria Rowell, actress and executive producer of The Rich and The Ruthless at opening Ceremony of the Jamaica 55 Diaspora 2017 Conference.

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Letna Allen-Rowe, second left, presents a cheque of CDN$2,000 from her 5th annual Ms. Letna Healing Hope Fundraising Brunch to Michael Leslie, chief accountant of Jamaica Cancer Society. Looking on are Shullian Brown, left, administrator of Jamaica Cancer Society, and Letna’s husband, Arnold Rowe.

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Miss Jamaica Florida reigning ambassadors 2017 with Juliet Holness, (right) From left are: Shanna Francis, Teen Miss Jamaica Florida 2017; Shanique Brown, Miss Jamaica Florida 2017; and Dannillea Spence, Little Miss Jamaica Florida 2017.
Ja to raise US$1b on international markets

**Licence considerations for UGLI brand**

**Steve Jackson**
Senior Business Reporter

JAMAICA PLANNED to raise US$1 billion ($1.28 billion) on the international market through two bond transactions that were expected to close last Friday.

The placements are being led by Citigroup Global Markets Inc, Merrill Lynch, and Pierce, Penner & Smith.

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) is offering US$650 million of its 6.25 per cent notes due 2028 and US$384 million of its 7.875 per cent notes due 2045 for subscription.

The net proceeds to the Government are expected to come from the sale of the 2028 and 2045 notes will be approximately US$1 billion before accrued interest and after the deduction of the underwriting discount and expenses in connection with the sale, the prospectus says.

The bonds will be separately listed on at least one realtor's website advertising 450 acres of the Trout Hall estate in Clarendon and properties in other parishes has been put up for sale.

There is a listing on at least one realtor’s website advertising 450 acres of the Trout Hall estate in Clarendon and properties in other parishes has been put up for sale. The Trout Hall orange juice brand has never had a hybrid formed from the Seville orange, the grapefruit and the tangerine families. It was discovered growing wild in Jamaica in 1924 and later developed by the Sharp family into the commercial variety now in production.

The Trout Hall chairman Gordon Sharp says his family has battled over time to safeguard the UGLI fruit has improved on that look over time. The original tree is believed to have been a hybrid grown in The Trout Hall and exported to the United Kingdom.

The GOJ will raise the total principal to US$1.85 billion for 2028 notes. The US$384 million of the 2045 notes will be consolidated with existing US$650 million of 2045 notes, bringing the principal to US$1 billion.

The GOJ issued a dual-tranche bond in the amount of US$525 million, described as the largest bond and lowest coupon. The funds were used to pay down PetroCaribe debt.

**Another Transaction**

In a separate transaction last week, Jamaica spent US$175.3 million to repurchase GOJ 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2025 notes. The lead arranger was Merrill Lynch.

The Government of Jamaica, which produces for export, Cabel Hall, the owner of the UGLI brand, and F.G. Limited, which distributes it in Europe.

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It is now grown and exclusively exported by Trout Hall to markets all over the world. Demand is almost equally divided between main markets, United States and the European Union.

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Ja to raise US$1b on international markets

**Steve Jackson**
Senior Business Reporter

JAMAICA PLANNED to raise US$1 billion ($1.28 billion) on the international market through two bond transactions that were expected to close last Friday.

The placements are being led by Citigroup Global Markets Inc, Merrill Lynch, and Pierce, Penner & Smith.

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) is offering US$650 million of its 6.25 per cent notes due 2028 and US$384 million of its 7.875 per cent notes due 2045 for subscription.

The net proceeds to the Government are expected to come from the sale of the 2028 and 2045 notes will be approximately US$1 billion before accrued interest and after the deduction of the underwriting discount and expenses in connection with the sale, the prospectus says.

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**Digicel founder behind new telecom**

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**Digicel Group** founder and chairman Denis O’Brien holds the largest stake in Deep Blue Cable, the new entity that aims to string the region with underwater fibre-optic cables. Deep Blue is not connected to Digicel, which has operations in the Caribbean, Central America and Pacific Islands.

“Deep Blue Cable and Digicel Group have a common shareholder, but Deep Blue Cable has its own management team and is separate and distinct from Digicel Group,” said Deep Blue CEO Stephen Scott in response to the **Gleaner**’s queries.

That confirmation comes after it formally announced plans to lay cables across the Caribbean earlier this month. Digicel confirmed that O’Brien was the company’s main shareholder and also the main owner.

Deep Blue aims to fill a gap in the high-stakes fibre cable market. The company foresees that roughly half of existing cable entities will be out of business or reduced given the rate of spending on new fibre-optic cables.

“The Deep Blue Cable will be ready for service in the first quarter of 2022,” Scott said. “Don’t forget that it takes around four to five years to deliver a subsea cable system.”

The company plans to link a series of Caribbean islands, as well as Brazil and Miami, but has not disclosed the size of the initial investment it will make. However, given the rate of spending by Digicel on a past fibre-optic project, some are predicting spending well over US$100 million in the first phase of its project alone.

**EYES ON OPERATING LIFE**

Digicel explained that currently, there are 26 cable systems operating in the region, and of those, 11 are consortium systems. In 2020, there will be only 10 cable systems in service with greater than six years of useful life remaining, and two of them are consortium systems.

The company stated that submarine cables are finite assets with limited capacity and reach, looking long into the future, and for economic reasons often agree to 10 or 15-year indissoluble rights of use or IRU purchase terms. Deep Blue added that once a submarine cable system is more than 10 years old, it can no longer be licensed for a 10-year IRU, and similarly, when it is more than 15 years old it cannot no longer sell a 10-year IRU.

“Without a new cable system by 2025, assuming the market grows at only 50 per cent of the anticipated rate, then there remains 10 cable systems with only three having 10 or more years of useful life,” the company said, adding that the 10 only land in seven of the 30 Caribbean countries.

**EXPECTED GROWTH IN DEMAND**

Digicel estimates the growth in regional telecom demand over the next 20 years at between 27 per cent and 46 per cent over the period, based on an independent study.

The entity said it will offer lower unit costs to clients as the implementation and installation costs are reduced. “The operating costs are reduced given the opportunity to consolidate and outsource critical functions, for example, network operations, centre services,” Scott said.

Deep Blue Cable, formed in St Lucia, plans to develop and operate a fibre-optic cable network which will initially land in 12 countries, including Jamaica. The second phase of Deep Blue’s development will grow the number of countries within its loop to 28 across the Caribbean and the Americas. Additionally, it plans to land the cable in select countries more than once, taking the number of landings to 40. For instance, it plans to land in Jamaica in five areas two in proximity to Kingston, two in proximity to Ocho Rios, and one landing in Montego Bay.

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Large telecom provider CWC owns a subsea network that spans more than 48,000km with an additional 38,000km of terrestrial fibre, according to its website. Digicel Group holds over 3,000km of submarine cable in the region, which it either acquires or built, according to its website and reports.

**BRIEFLY**

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Value Change Change %

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Int’l film buyer advises local players to find niche markets

KIMBERLEY SMALL
Gleaner Writer

TAKING A film from script paper to celluloid (or DCT formatting), from pre-production to post-production, the journey is often described as a life-changing, enlightening and harrowing ordeal. After it leaves the hands of film editors, sound engineers and music supervisors, ideally, it makes it to the big screen. But before a film can be seen by an audience, there comes matters of marketing, distribution and sales.

In an ongoing campaign to educate local film-makers about the intricacies of the international film industry, JAMPRO recently coordinated a workshop titled ‘International Film Business: Marketing Sales and Distribution’, where they invited international film business professional and former film buyer Sydney Levine, who offered insight, from her perspective, on navigating what she calls “the festival circuit”. With these events taking place all year round in various countries, Levine told The Gleaner that some are for distribution, others are for marketing, but mostly, festivals are for networking.

Those who keep their eyes on Hollywood will be familiar with Cannes, Sundance and even Berlin film festivals, as the premier events for film-makers.

“Some festivals are easy and some are hard. Cannes is a tough one and Sundance is much easier,” Levine said. “A lot of people want to go to Cannes, and not because they’re film-makers. They just wanna go to Cannes. So it’s hard to get anyone’s attention because they’re running here and there and still act the part of ‘just folks’ – doing their fast talking and their slang talking, but you get it.”

The parties and schmoozing are all part of the film festival experience, which gives way for networking.

SUNDANCE

“It’s very hard in Cannes, particularly to get tickets. But you have Sundance. People love to go to Sundance because there are parties on the streets, parties in the bars. You can go to the box office and actually get a ticket. You meet people randomly and it’s a young crowd.”

Levine advised local film-makers to enter key film festivals in order to be in the presence of known agents and distributors. Often, film-makers can submit their works to festivals that cater to niche markets. One such niche festival is the CaribbeanTales Film Festival, spearheaded by Britain-born Trinidadian Frances-Anne Solomon.

“It’s really important. (Solomon) is really a one woman show. She’s really made something of it. I don’t know why she does it exactly the same time as Toronto (Film Festival), because I never can get there.” Still, Levine attests to the event’s annual growth, which meets its 11th year this September.

With regards to presentation of indigenous languages to international audiences, the former film buyer advises to keep it in English – at least on the script side.

LANGUAGE IN FILM

“If you’re showing it to people outside of Jamaica, it needs to be written in English – with the understanding that the actors are gonna speak their version of the language,” Levine told The Gleaner.

“Even French scripts, German scripts – when they’re submitted to competitions, they have to be in English, not always, but often, even though they’re gonna be filmed in the language of the country. Ken Loach is a Scottish filmmaker. He makes festival films, important films – you don’t want to make a word he’s saying. It’s Scottish-English substituted,” she revealed. “You don’t want to make people speak a language that’s not their own language. It really bad, it doesn’t come off.”

On the other hand, Levine recalled her screening of HBO’s ‘The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks (2017). “These are ‘folk’ she’s talking about and to. They’re just ‘folk’. You can’t understand them, except you can – because these actors are so good that they know how to enunciate enough and still act the part of ‘just folks’ – doing their fast talking and their slang talking, but you get it.”

In 1988, Levine cofounded FilmFinders with Peter Belcisto, which is described as the 125 film industry’s first database. The database was eventually acquired by Internet Movie Database (IMDb).

Levine also worked in international distribution for Twentieth Century Fox in Amsterdam, where she was the first woman hired in international distribution, and in marketing for ABC Video Enterprises.

British-American actress Rachel Weisz.
Jamaica 55 Independence Gala delights at JCA

FRANCINE BUCHNER
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TORONTO, ON: J ustice Donald McLeod quoted Marcus Garvey as he delivered the keynote speech at Jamaica's 55th Independence Gala inside the Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA). “We are going to emancipate ourselves from mental slavery because whilst others might free the body; none but ourselves can free the mind.”

That was said 80 years ago and just 25 years before Jamaica became independent from British rule in 1962. Yet, across the Atlantic Ocean’s Caribbean Sea the Diaspora’s children are struggling to overcome the effects of the enslavement that their ancestors endured. “They are being swallowed by a culture foreign and McLeod warned embracing a new “brand” of culture. “As we celebrate the 55th anniversary of Independence in the Diaspora that strengthens our communities, it helps to bring and keep the Jamaican community cohesive and strong,” McLeod said. “So I want to say thank you to the JCA, thank you to its founders.”

McLeod said, second generation Black kids are doing worse than their first generation immigrant parents. “So what are we doing to ensure our legacy remains strong?” He added that the mental slavery barrier that Garvey talks about has to do with the Black communities misplaced, mistrust of one another. “Somewhere down the line we started believing the narrative that was taught to us by other people.” He said that when Black people stopped trusting one another, “that was the moment that we could no longer survive as a people.”

McLeod said the shoulders he stands on include his mother, “I think it is important for you to know that I stand on the shoulders of someone who never gave an interview, who never took the mic as a keynote speaker, a person who never came forward to say, by the way, I have a headline that’s going to be in the paper next month,” said McLeod. It was his mother who upon learning that the schoolteacher in Canada intended to hold her young, Jamaican-born son back a grade that she, “put on her coat,” said McLeod and with grace and control spoke to the teacher, “under no circumstances will this young man be held back.” Justice McLeod said, “My Jamaica is my mom.”

UNSTOPPABLE FORCE

“This year, we celebrate our Independence under the theme, Jamaica 55 – Celebrating Jamaicans at Home and Abroad,” said Janice Miller, High Commissioner for Jamaica to Canada. “I hold the view, that if we continue to work together with unity and purpose on behalf of our country, then much can be achieved and Jamaicans in Canada will continue to be an unstoppable force of which to contend.”

“As we celebrate the 55th anniversary of Jamaica’s Independence, it’s really an opportunity for us to think about the future,” McLeod said. “We are going to do it by amplifying the Pink Stage, Afro Punk said. As the organisers make final preparations for the New York installment set for August 26 and 27, a line up of acts have been confirmed, headlined by Solange Knowles, Raphaël Saadiq, Lampert, Anderson Paak & The Free Nationals.

The festival will take place in Brooklyn’s Commodore Barry Park. Afro Punk has also announced its After Dark list of events that include their annual Fancy Dress Ball, Afro Comedy, FAR OUT BLACK: An Evening of Afro-Futurist Short Films, The Rebel Soul Cypher and much more. While at the festival, be sure to check out the Ting Tiki Bar and stop into the Spin thrift Market that showcases and celebrates the best of the Afro Punk maker community. With 100+ DIY-minded craft vendors who sell an array of one-of-a-kind and bespoke jewelry, natural beauty products, apparel, housewares, books, prints, and more. Some of the vendors this year will include SH Wildflower, Afrodesiac Worldwide and Dope City. You can also find the Hair Village, a celebration of the culture and history that our hair represents through interactive activations and events. Festivalgoers can also try out a new style at the Macy Gray Braids Bar,” Matthew Morgan, founder of Afro Punk said.

This year, Dr. Marten’s will rock out by amplifying the Pink Stage, Zumiez will host the first ever Brooklyn Ravi Race a drift cart drag race and Jamaica’s own Ting will host a Tiki Bar. According to Carla Hollingsworth, export marketing manager for Ting “Afro Punk is a hotbed of creativity and this year, the organisations have raised the bar, adding a whole other level of creativity with lots more to come. This is phenomenal and Ting International is indeed happy to be part of the festivities.”

The community of Jamaicans is cohesive and strong, so I want to say thank you to the JCA, thank you to its founders.”
Food For The Poor builds 100 schools

FOOD FOR The Poor is making history in the country where it started out 35 years ago. The organisation has built 100 schools throughout Jamaica, thanks to the generous support of its donors in the United States, Canada and Jamaica.

The school building project started in 2012, when the organisation embarked on an ambitious goal, to build 50 schools in 50 months in honour of Jamaica’s 50th year of independence, as its gift to the nation’s future generations.

Five years later, Food For The Poor has doubled the goal of its Jamaica 50 Campaign with the completion of its 100th school, Mount Zion Infant School in St Ann, Jamaica.

“This is a monumental accomplishment by our donors. We are deeply moved by the outpouring of support we’ve received over the past five years to make this incredible vision a reality. None of this would be possible without the Lord, and we are tremendously grateful for His blessings on this organisation’s sincere desire to serve the poor,” said Rohin Mahfood, president/CEO of Food For The Poor.

“The Food For The Poor – Jamaica office is our investment in building a home for my family.” With the persistent heavy rain-fall now affecting the eastern parish, the family, which also comprises the couple’s four children are living in fear. This was quite evident when The Gleaner visited the area yesterday and observed the husband and wife looking down at the roadway, while pondering their next move.

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The best gift of all is the gift of knowledge. It’s touching to know that many who have left Jamaica to pursue their dreams in Canada or the United States have remembered their homeland, the homeland of their parents and of their grandparents to support this school-building campaign,” Mahfood said.

“The donors through Food For The Poor Canada have done a tremendous job in supporting this campaign and we can’t thank them enough for their loving support, and to reach this milestone as Jamaica celebrates 55 years of independence is really special,” he added.

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A school built by Food For The Poor.

Contributed photos

House nearing collapse; gov’t agency blamed

Gareth Davis Sr
Gleaner Writer

BRYANS BAY, Portland: A PORTLAND family whose house is nearing collapse is blaming the National Works Agency (NWA) for its part in refusing to construct a retaining wall, which could halt the continuous landslide.

For more than a decade, husband and wife Delroy Humes and Sonia Karr-Humes have endured sleepless nights, especially when it rains, as their five-bedroom concrete house, which lies on a hill at Bryans Bay, is precariously perched on an edge overlooking the Portland leg of the North Coast Highway.

“We are returning residents, who have worked tirelessly to construct our own home,” commented Karr-Humes.

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We started construction in 2001 and when contractors assigned to undertake the road construction started digging and clearing away dirt, we spoke to them about building a retaining wall, as we were fearful that when the rains started, it might result in some earth movement. We were ignored, and today, the house is being undermined and the property is eroding at a rapid pace. This is our investment in building a home for my family.”

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Following heavy rains earlier this year, a team from the NWA visited, however, there is no positive response from the agency as to when the retaining wall will be constructed,” said the husband.

Meanwhile, a senior source at the NWA office in Port Antonio, who spoke on condition of anonymity said that the agency is aware of the situation facing the family and that an estimate has been done. It relates to the construction of a retaining wall.

However, the source was unable to provide our news team with a timeline as to when the actual work would begin.
In order to reduce energy costs, Science, Energy, Technology, Science, Education, and Technology Minister, Dr Andrew Wheatley, has announced plans for the utilisation of solar energy, with more than 250 community access points (CAP) providing public Internet and technology services islandwide.

Addressing Thursday’s August 10 official opening of the J$85.5-million facility, on computer resource centre in St Mary, he said the Ministry took the decision to provide solar-energy solutions, following a 2016 audit of the CAP, which revealed that over 70 percent were operating inefficiently, mainly due to high energy cost.

There are some 256 access points islandwide.

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Clarendon water supply project now in service

The Palmetto Pen/Breadroot Bottom/Rosewell Water Supply Project was officially commissioned into service during a ceremony held at the Rosewell Primary School in Clarendon on Friday August 11.

A joint venture between the National Water Commission (NWC) and the Rural Water Supply Limited, the community service will be receiving water in their homes for the first time in 30 years.

The pipeline construction work for the project was completed at a cost to the NWC of J$838 million.

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**Students participate in Eco camp**

A mixture of education and fun was the experience of some 10 students drawn from across the island, sponsored by the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, who participated in the 2017 Eco Camp at the Planetarium Camp at the University of the West Indies and the Marine Lab in Discovery Bay, St Ann.

The camp provided participants with the opportunity to learn more about the marine environment, through talks, video presentations, hands-on activities, games and field trips. They were also given the opportunity to swim and snorkel at the dockside.

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**Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Donovan Samuels, seven to nine, Maths training workshop**

In continuing efforts to raise the quality of maths teachers, some 120 mathematics coaches and specialists assigned to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information were scheduled to participate in a training workshop from August 21 to 24, hosted by Book Merchant Limited at Shorted Teachers’ College, in Kingston.

They will join 800 primary and early-childhood maths teachers who will be exposed to Best Practices in Mathematics at the workshop, dubbed ‘Amazing Math Powers – Primed for Success’.

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**Training centre re-equipped**

A Partner Appreciation ceremony to recognise those organisations integral to the re-equipping and retrofitting of the Crooked Hill/Brown’s Ferry Small Training Centre in Clarendon was held on Friday August 11.

The organisations include: the European Union (EU), the Embassy of Japan and the Republican Transformation Unit in the Ministry of Education.

Speaking at the function, Donovan Staney said the skills offered by the training centre such as bartending, agriculture (beeskeeping) and general beauty therapy, all at HKAF Trust/NSTA level 2 certification, were important.

He underscored the key role of agriculture as the main economic activity in rural development.

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**Book on wind energy launched**

Understanding Wind Energy: Youth Repowering the Future: a book produced by Wigton Windfarm Limited to enhance information about the process of using wind power was launched on Wednesday August 16 at the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica (PCJ) Traligule Road, in Kingston.

The book, written by Windfarm’s Senior Engineer, Oswald O King, has been approved by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information and will be used as teaching material to educate secondary-school students in grades 12 to 14.

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**Barbados**

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He urged the gathering to rededicate themselves to dreams of their forefathers to the dreams of united Caribbean politically, economically and socially.

VISION

Lashley noted that though CARIFESTA has had its challenges over the years but the vision never died. “The tenacity of spirits for social change, for regional governance and the CARICOM secretariat together permitted CARIFESTA to survive a hiatus of 11 years and return stronger than ever in 1992.”

He told the gathering that included Prime Minister, Barbadosoph Freundel Stuart, government ministers from the region, that a new strategic direction for CARIFESTA is being sought which is intended to position the festival as world renowned festival of Caribbean cultural and artistic excellence that brings economic benefits, unites the region and excites all people.

“This new strategy demands that we leverage the comparative advantages of the region, that is our natural, cultural and human assets for economic development. Indeed, when we reflect on this it is these assets that have placed us on the world stage.”

In his address, Lashley thanked the various delegations for their patience during the disruption for tropical storm Harvey. He also urged the gathering to enjoy the CARIFESTA celebrations.

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**HAITI**

Four Haitians killed in Dominican Republic prison

**PORT AU PRINCE (CMC):** At least four Haitian nationals were killed during an incident at an overcrowded prison in the Dominican Republic last week, Haitian officials have confirmed.

They said that Brunner Perdomin, Dieumance Jean, Luis Pae, and Yefri Seis, who were in jail on charges ranging from theft to rape were killed in the overcrowded penitentiary of Victoria, known as the most dangerous prison in Santo Domingo and housing more than 8,000 inmates.

A statement from the Office of the Prosecutor General notes that about 15 detainees had assaulted and killed the four Haitians in the prison during a clash.

The statement said that based on preliminary information, it appears that the attackers were from the CAPI party in the case where he had conceded several hundred thousand pesos that he is alleged to have stolen from a Chinese-owned company in Santo Domingo.

Police said they had recovered an estimated $700,000 pesos (US$70,000) (15.8 million pesos) stolen.

The statement noted that during the incident, several attackers were also injured slightly and that the alleged perpetrators or the incident have all been identified.

Haiti said it will urge the authorities in the Dominican Republic to impose the full brunt of the law on those held.
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Deidre S. Powell

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— K.E.

Dear K.E.,

There are many opportunities for trained teachers to become permanent residents of Canada. Once you have been granted permanent residence, you will be authorized to live and work anywhere in Canada. Although there is no strict occupation list under the express entry system, you should note that many provinces and territories, such as Saskatchewan, have Provincial Nominee Programs (PNPs) that offer permanent residence to individuals who are able to bolster the province’s workforce.

Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Programme (SINP) announced recently that it has an expanded list of 43 “in-demand occupations” and they are encouraging qualified individuals worldwide, who would like to live in the province, to apply to be considered for permanent residence.

The list includes many occupations such as teachers, engineers, web developers, doctors, medical sonographers, land surveyors, biologists, financial and investment analysts, and professional occupations in advertising, marketing and public relations, to name a few.

There are significant differences between the express entry system and the SINP. The processing fee for SINP is CDN$300, which is non-refundable. Details about the application process can be found on the provincial website.

To submit an application under the express entry system, you do not need to pay to be admitted into the pool. However, if you are in the pool and you have the required scores based on your language, education and work experience, you can be invited to apply for a permanent resident visa.

Dahlia A. Walker-Huntington is a Jamaican-American attorney who practises immigration and international law in the United States; and family, criminal, and personal injury law in Florida. She is a mediator, arbitrator and special magistrate in Broward County, Florida.

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The Atlanta Jamaican Association (AJA) has awarded 13 academic scholarships to students pursuing tertiary studies in Jamaica and Atlanta, Georgia, United States. The presentations were made at the AJA’s annual Independence Ball and Scholarship Awards ceremony, held on Saturday at the Sheraton Hotel, downtown Atlanta.

Of the recipients, five are Jamaican students. They are Cadell Green and Joy-Ann Mason, who attend the University of Technology; University of the West Indies students Tiffany Mason and Dominique Spence; and Janiqua Thelwell, who is studying early-childhood education at The Mico University College.

The other eight scholarship awardees are: Ghiselle Brown, Georgia State University; Stone Crews, University of Georgia; Jazz Duncan and Keiyanne Ennis, Emory University; Peter Gai Groves, Florida State University; Brianna Ramsey, Mercy University; Natasha Robinson, Kennesaw University; and Sierra Hart, Washington University.

In her address, Jamaica’s ambassador to the United States, Audrey Marks, lauded the AJA for providing scholarships to deserving students in Jamaica and Atlanta over the past 22 years.

“IT is very commendable that after starting out with just two scholarships in the early days of the association, tonight 13 students will be the beneficiaries of scholarships from your organisation,” she said.

The ambassador noted that the awards have assisted tremendously to advance the educational development of the recipients, some of whom will undoubtedly be among the next generation of leaders.

President of the AJA, Alan Stewart, said the association is pleased to assist in furthering the education of these worthy students.

“Our way of giving back to our country is to provide these scholarships to college-bound students, both here in Atlanta and in Jamaica,” he said.

Stewart informed that the scholarship programme was established in 1995 to assist graduating high-school seniors of Jamaican heritage in Atlanta, as well as students in Jamaica, to continue their education.

To date, the organisation has provided more than US$100,000 to students in Jamaica and in the Metro Atlanta area, as well as individual awards of US$25,000 to students facing financial hardship.
Garvey hailed for his passion for Black Pride

Nation celebrates 130th birthday

IT IS now 130 years since the birth of Marcus Garvey, and to this day, the national hero is still being hailed and remembered as one of the bravest men of his time. “A revolutionary,” is how Minster of Entertainment, Sport, Culture and Gender Affairs Olivia ‘Babsy’ Grange described Garvey during her address at a floral tribute at the National Heroes Park on Thursday, August 17, as she spoke of his well-documented contribution to the development of Black consciousness.

“He was education and his mantra was Black pride. He taught us that the way to achieve Black power and Black prosperity was through education, not bullet,” Grange said of the pan-Africanist.

Said to be one of the most influential pan-Africanists, Garvey was born in Jamaica in 1887 and rose to prominence through his insistence that the people from Africa had rights that were to be observed and respected. Incidentally, Garvey had never set foot on African soil.

He founded and developed the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) into a major international organization that had, at least, five million members in more than 50 countries in the 1920s.

Head of the UNIA Stephen Golding yesterday called for Garvey’s life and legacy to be celebrated, but urged that his sacrifice be not taken for granted. “We should not only celebrate, we should be conscious of the sacrifice that Garvey made in order to educate and enlighten us with respect to our plight as descendants of Africans living in the West,” Golding urged.

A Jamaica S5 panel discussion organized by Professor Carl James, Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community & Diaspora, will be held on Oct. 6, 5:30-9:00 p.m., at York University, 4700 Keele St., Toronto. Panelists: Juliet Holness, MP for St. Andrew East Rural, Jamaica; Avis Glaze, education consultant; and Professor Daniel Coleman, English and Cultural Studies atMcMaster University, Moderator: Professor Andrea Davis, Chair of Humanities, York University.

NEW YORK

Shortwood Past Students Association presents its Annual Picnic at Glen Island Park, New Rochelle, NY, on August 19, 2017.

Josi Marti Alumni Association NY Inc. Inaugural Alumni Banquet Dinner & Dance at Adria Hotel & Conference Center, Bayside, NY, 8 PM - 2 AM on August 26, 2017. Music by DJ Sniper and DJ Shabba; Contact: Don - jmaaanyw@gmail.com; Courtney - 929-255-5626, JMAA NY - 516-945-9267 for further information. You are invited to The Jamaica Independence Gala, Saturday, August 26th at 6:30 pm, Hilton Midtown Hotel. Special Guest, Hon. Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica. Honourees - Hon. Edward Seaga and Patrick Ewing. Entertainment by Likkle Big Band, Romon Virgo and the Unit Band and DJ Road International. For further information call 212-935-9000 X8120.

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. presents “Back to School Literacy & Health Fair”, on Saturday August 26, 2017 between 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The event will be held at the Pablo Casals Middle school at 181 Co-op City Education Campus, 80 Baychester Avenue, Bronx, NY, 10475

Lime Hall Primary AA and Bethany PSA 1st Annual Boatride aboard the Harbor Light, FDR Drive and 23rd St, NYC on on September 2, 2017. Boarding at 7 PM and sailing at 8 PM. Music by Ricky Genius; Contact: LHPAA: 485-671-8291; BPSA: 315-800-9011 for further information.

Maxine Graves annual Pure White Outdoor On The Bay “A Touch of Africa”, September 10, 2017 from 3:00PM to 10:30PM, at Breezy Point Yacht Club, 294 South Ketcham Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701. For more information contact 914-512-6486

ATLANTA

Northern Caribbean University, Atlanta Alumni Association Chapter Day, Saturday, August 26th, 2017. Atlanta Belvedere SDA Church, 3567 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30032. Starting 10AM, Divine Service, AYS, Social and Fish Fry. www.facebook.com/NCUAAC

FLORIDA

Chic Entertainment presents Gospel Explosion 2017, Saturday, August 26, at the Orlando Metro West Church of the Nazarene, 3705 N. Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando, showtime - 7:30 pm. Guests: Carlene Davis, Tommy Cowan, Hero Brown, Stacy Wilson, Sister GG, Sister Arlene. Info: 407.522.9990.

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SIGNIFIED IN THE FACE OF DEATH

Corey Robinson
Gleaner Writer

Six policemen from the Kingston Eastern Police Division could be forever haunted by the cries of a dying 54-year-old woman whose life they desperately tried to save during an almost two-hour toll down a treacherous hillside recently.

Bonita Graham, described as a God-fearing Christian, her three sons and another female were attacked at their house located high in the hills of Melbrook Heights, near Harbour View, St. Andrew, in a predawn attack.

Reports are that a group of gunmen threw gasolene on the windows of the house, firing wildly as they forced their way inside.

All three of Graham’s sons and the other female managed to escape while the gunmen attacked. One son was shot while making his escape. He was hospitalized in critical condition.

However, Graham, who weighed about 300 pounds, could not move after she was shot in the abdomen. Police personnel who responded to the gunfire found her bleeding after they trekked through bushes to reach her. Graham died later that morning while undergoing surgery.

Police personnel who responded to the gunfire said she bawled for pain. She wasn’t bawling for pain. She was testimony to the grim ordeal.

“I hate to hate the hill. I know she gone to Heaven. Just by how she pray as we come down the hill,” said Sergeant David White after hearing the tragic story.

“Officer, I don’t want unnuh hurt unnuh self. If unnuh can’t manage me at least me know you to hurt unnuh self. If unnuh don’t bruck up your life, me know unnuh work the hinges and put her on it,” said White.

“She dead? Oh God! It really sad,” exclaimed Graham’s cousin, Dianne Brown-Turgott.

“She said: ‘Officer, I don’t want unnuh hurt unnuh self. I prayed to her creator, had died. I was told that when they found her, she was never dead and that she was talking. It couldn’t be easy for them to lift her, so if she had lived, it would have been them who saved her life,” muttered Brown-Turgott.

He told our news team that the policemen who they thought he was one of his team were on high alert when they heard the cry of a woman who was in critical condition.

“Two hours later, they were at the bottom of the rocky hill, loading the thankful woman in the police vehicle,” said Sergeant David White.

Last Wednesday, the bloody door was testimony to the grim ordeal.

“Bonita Graham’s son cleans up the house in Melbrook Heights, where his family was attacked.”

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Ja-born professor looks to inspire youth

ARUN GANDHI, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, has urged Jamaicans to use anger productively.

“Mahatma Gandhi, who shared a number of lifelong lessons learnt from his grandfather, has urged young people to use anger constructively in order to bring about change, emphasising that anger is a powerful emotion that can bring about positive change if harnessed properly,” said Gandhi at a recent Youth Peace Summit hosted by the Hanover Charities in partnership with the Universal Foundation of Truth for Better Living in Montego Bay, St James, recently.

In a discussion centred on peace, participants were given the opportunity to pose questions to Gandhi, who shared a number of lifelong lessons learnt from his grandfather.

He argued that “we are the masters of our lives” and “we all have goodness” within us, however, we have to make the choice to live as such.

The Hanover Charities said it recognises the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi and that the visit of Arun Gandhi to Montego Bay can be considered quite historic and monumental.

According to the chair of the group, Katrina Casserly, this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity allowed scholars to gain first-hand knowledge of how Mahatma Gandhi rallied against the injustice of racial segregation to inspire movements for civil rights and freedom across the world.

“This was a very special event and we are extremely honoured to partner with the Universal Foundation of Truth for Better Living in Montego Bay,” she said.

Living to give our scholars this wonderful experience to meet the grandson of a man who has inspired Dr Martin Luther King Jr and Nelson Mandela,” said Casserly. In a show of appreciation, the Hanover Charities donated $258,000 to Gandhi’s foundation (Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute).

The Hanover Charities has been serving the needy for 60 years and handed out $854 million at its annual grant ceremony, held at the Round Hill Hotel & Villas in June.

When I left G.C. Foster, I didn’t have maths and English, even though I sat the exams on numerous occasions, so I couldn’t even enrol for a diploma programme,” he said.

He then joined the police force where he still competed in athletics.

OFFERED A SCHOLARSHIP

And it was while representing the Jamaica Constabulary Force in Miami that he was offered a scholarship to attend a university in the US.

I almost didn’t get the scholarship because the coach said I was too old (he was 24). I said to him, “If you want to know what someone does with an opportunity, give it to me.” Cross said.

After receiving the scholarship to Lincoln University in Missouri in 2006, Cross said it was after getting straight A’s in his first two semesters and making the Dean’s List that discovered the potential he had.

Now, he is a professor at Clark Atlanta University, an empowerment speaker, coach, mentor, and author of the book, Going Beyond Limitations, through which he hopes to inspire youth, especially young boys from poor backgrounds.

“Someone had helped me. Now it’s my time to let our youth realise that where they’ve started doesn’t mean that’s where they have to finish. Our youth need us, and I want to be a part of making a positive impact for positive change,” he said.

Chair of Hanover Charities Katin Casserly presents a cheque to Shane Reid, president of the Hopewell Jaycees, during a ceremony where the charity donated $258,000 to organisations and schools in Hanover.
‘Hitman’ signs 3-year contract with Real Deal

Rachid Parchment
Gleaner Writer

KEMAH. ‘The Hitman’ Russell has officially put pen to paper on a three-year contract with Real Deal Boxing, with the aim of getting more matches booked in the near future.

Real Deal Boxing is headed by four-time World Heavyweight champion Evander ‘The Real Deal’ Holyfield and, as part of the terms of the contract, Russell will be booked in six fights per year.

“That would be very good for any boxer, because of activity,” he said.

‘Axeman’ pulls out of fight

Leroy Brown
Gleaner Writer

NICHOLAS ‘The Axeman’ Walters has suffered another setback. His fight against Mexican Arturo Santos Reyes was scheduled for Saturday, August 19 in Lincoln, Nebraska, has been cancelled because Walters reported sick over the weekend. Walters, who is the former World Boxing Association featherweight Super Champion, has fought since the shocking loss to Vasyl Lomachenko last November 26.

In that fight, which was for Lomachenko’s World Boxing Organisation super featherweight title, Walters was completely outclassed, and retired in round seven. He received a lot of negative press for the way in which he performed that night, but vowed to return and fight the way he used to, when he became a world champion. He has a great 26-1 record, but the way he lost that November night, caused him to lose a lot of his fans.

He is now on the comeback trail and the fight that was scheduled for tomorrow, was his first step up the redemption ladder. He has slipped once more, however, and the climb back is now that much more difficult. When he spoke with The Gleaner last week, he said that he was very disappointed that the fight had to be cancelled, and that this was because he caught a bad cold last week and had a fever.

REALY CONCERNED

All plans were in place for me to leave Panama on Tuesday for Nebraska with my trainer Celso Chavez, but unfortunately, I picked up something from my son O’Brian, who became ill last week,” he told The Gleaner.

‘He had a bad cold, a fever and was coughing a lot, so we had to take him to the doctor. I then picked up something. I, too, had a bad cold, was doing a lot of coughing too, and had to stop training. I was really concerned, as I was in the final stages of my training. I was unable to run for a few days, my gym work was curtailed, and I was therefore not in condition for such an important fight, so I called Top Rank and told them what was happening.

After discussions, it was agreed that the fight would be cancelled.”

It would without any doubt, be one of the most important fights of his career, he said, so the decision had to be taken to cancel for now, because he would not be 100 per cent fit. The hope is that he will be able to fight again in November or December, but this will depend on his promoter Top Rank’s schedule.

The fight card on which he should have appeared, is a television event, with a world title fight between WBO champion, Terence Crawford and Julius Indongo as the feature. What it will also mean for Walters, is that it will be at least a year between fights for him, but this is never a good thing for a boxer.

Damion Lowe heads to Norway

Norway (CMG) JAMAICA MIDFIELDER Damion Lowe was expected to arrive in this Norwegian city yesterday, following his transfer move to first division club, FK Start.

The 24-year-old Lowe was transferred from Bay Roberts Rowsides in the United Soccer League on Wednesday following 18 appearances in all competitions in his American club.

“This is a player who has impressed us – especially with his speed and duel power,” IK Start coach Kristian Karlsen.

He has an offfield game style and is very fit. I have seen him several times and also have contacts in the United States that have kept him under surveillance.”

Lowe was a member of Jamaica’s national team and played several times for Reggae Boyz’s run to the final of the 2017 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Lowe spent the previous three years in the Seattle Sounders organisation, primarily playing for Seattle Sounders FC 2 and then a successful loan spell with Minnesota United FC in 2016 before moving to Tampa Bay.

IK Start are currently second in the OBOH-liga.

Sunshine Girls draw Australia, Barbados for Commonwealth Games

WORLD’S FOURTH-RANKED Jamaica has been drawn in Pool A for the 2018 Commonwealth Games Netball Competition. The Jamaicans will face world number one ranked Australia, number two South Africa, and lower ranked teams Barbados, Fiji, and Northern Ireland in their group for the tournament set for April 4-15 in Gold Coast, Australia.

Pool B features world number two New Zealand, number three England, Malawi, Wales, Scotland, and Uganda. The Jamaicans drew a three-Team series against Barbados earlier this year. A series, Netball Jamaica president, Paula Daley-Morris said was to help Barbados to qualify for the Commonwealth Games next year.

The Jamaicans will open their campaign on April 5, 2018 against Fiji, they will play South Africa on April 6, Northern Ireland on April 8, Barbados on April 9, and Australia on April 11.

The top two teams from each pool will advance to the semi-finals with the bottom two teams from each pool playing in the classification round to determine fifth to 12th place.

The winners of the respective semi-finals will play the gold medal match on April 15.
Windey skipper pushing positive thinking

Windey Captian Jason Holder is pressing home to his players the importance of self-belief and staying positive as they prepare for the second test against England starting on Friday August 25, having been routed in the first test on Saturday August 19, within three days at Edgbaston.

He added: “I obviously believe (we can win). I have to believe. There is no point in me dropping my head. I think any team is beat-able on any particular day. We just have to come out and play the cricket that would suggest that.”

“Obviously the guys are disappoint- ed. We got beat within three days and we just weren’t up to scratch, But it is important for us to regroup. We can’t drop our heads. Its only one test that’s gone down, and the series is not lost. It is important for us to come back stronger.”

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JAMAICA HOSTS CARIBBEAN TT CHAMPS

Jamaica for the second consecutive year, will be hosting the Caribbean Region Table Tennis Federation (CRTTF) Mini-Cadet and Pre-Cadet Championships for Under-11 and Under-13 boys and girls at the National Arena from August 20-27, 2017. The other participating countries are: Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Barbados, St Lucia and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

‘I NEEDED TO REST’

Elaine requested pullout of London 4x100m final

DOUBLE OLYMPIC Champion Elaine Thompson says she felt she could not have given the team her best and so asked that she be pulled from the final line-up for the 4x100m relay final at the recently concluded IAAF games in London.

“I had to get some rest because I could not go in there at 200 per cent. I did not think I could help the team to actually get a medal so I told them to take me off and put someone else so that I can get some rest.”

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