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AP Photos
The September 6 photo shows damage done by Hurricane Irma in St. Martin.

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■ 37 dead
■ Barbuda, St Martin, Virgin Islands ravaged
■ Puerto Rico, Cuba and Florida take a hit

People walk out on to what is normally four feet of water in Old Tampa Bay, Florida, on Monday.

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HAVANA (AP):

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This photo shows storm damage in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma in St Martin. Irma cut a path of devastation across the northern Caribbean, leaving thousands homeless after destroying buildings and uprooting trees. Significant damage was reported on the island known as S. Martin in English which is divided between French Saint-Martin and Dutch Sint Maarten.

Damaged buildings and fallen trees litter downtown Marigot, on the island of St Martin, after the passing of Hurricane Irma, Saturday, September 9. On the Dutch side of St Martin, an island divided between French and Dutch control, an estimated 70 per cent of the homes were destroyed by Irma, according to the Dutch government. The island is divided between French Saint-Martin and Dutch Sint Maarten.

A floundered boat is shown at the Haulover Marine Centre at Haulover Park as Hurricane Irma passed by in North Miami Beach, Florida.

A home flattened by Hurricane Irma lies in a pile in Nagua, Dominican Republic.

The metal canopy at a gasoline station is shown after it was overturned by high winds in North Miami.

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DESTRUCTION AND DESPAIR

A vehicle lies embedded in the shattered Anti Imperialist Tribune building, after it was flung there by the force of Hurricane Irma, just a few metres from the United States Embassy building in Havana, Cuba.

A woman rides a bike past palm trees felled by Hurricane Irma, in Caibarien, Cuba, Saturday, September 9. There were no reports of deaths or injuries after heavy rain and winds from Irma lashed northeastern Cuba. Seawater surged three blocks inland in Caibarien.

A man drives through rain and strong winds during the passage of hurricane Irma, in Fajardo, Puerto Rico.

People recover broken parts of the dock after the passing of Hurricane Irma, in St John’s, Antigua and Barbuda. Heavy rain and 185-mph winds lashed the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico’s northeast coast as Irma, the strongest Atlantic Ocean hurricane ever measured, roared through Caribbean islands.

A woman pushes away water from her property after the passing of Hurricane Irma in St John’s, Antigua and Barbuda.

Residents float down a flooded street in Havana atop a large piece of styrofoam, after the passing of Hurricane Irma in Cuba.

Boys wade through floodwaters caused by heavy rains brought on by Hurricane Irma, in Fort-Liberte, Haiti.
Digicel Foundation raises concerns about mandatory national ID on the disabled

SYRANNO BAINES
Gleaner Writer

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IT currently stands, the proposed National Identification and Registration Act (NIRA) 2017 poses a significant threat to the rights of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), particularly as the registration phase of the National Identification System (NIDS) is predicated on the provision of biometric data.

According to Digicel Foundation Chief Executive Officer Dane Richardson, all attempts should be made to ensure that the disabled are not further disenfranchised by government policies, which can prevent them from getting equal access to benefits to which all Jamaicans are entitled.

The act defines biometric information as the photograph, signature, fingerprint, palm print, toe print, iris scan and type, height, eye colour, or any other biological attribute of the individual as well as included in the regulations.

But Richardson argues that persons with disabilities may either lack the source of the data or are simply unable to utilise it.

“Some Jamaicans experience a range of impairments, be it physical, mental, or intellectual. There may be instances where persons with disabilities may have no hands or feet as well as significant visual challenges, therefore providing no toe or fingerprint as well as iris scans for data. In other cases, persons may have provided the data but are unable to facilitate scans because they are unable to perform the required exercises,” said Richardson.

Rudolph Brown/Photographer

The Beijing Centre for Children and Young People, a g e45and up.

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Jamaicans deported from US for flogging kids

BEATING A child (corporal punishment) is considered a necessary means of discipline by some Jamaican parents, but immigration attorney JoAnn Pinnock is warning that Jamaicans migrating to the United States will have to learn how to spare the rod, as this is one of the reasons for the deportation of several immigrants annually.

“Lots and lots of Jamaicans are being deported for beating their children,” Pinnock told The Gleaner.

“Some of the torture that we go through in Jamaica as children of Jamaican parents, you come to the US and you do the same thing and your child walks into school and show a welt on the body, you know that this is just what normal parents do to get their children to behave,” Pinnock explained.

According to Pinnock, last week she represented a Jamaican who had beaten his daughter. She (daughter) went to school with the welt on her body and the guidance counselor took her into the office and they called the social worker,” said Pinnock.

“You can be charged with endangering the welfare of a minor, which is a deportable offence,” she explained.

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IGNORANCE

“Everyone noted that urinating in public and walking around with a ‘ganja spliff’ are two other offences which Jamaicans commit out of ignorance at times, since they are so commonplace in Jamaica,” she explained. “Many Jamaicans believe that President Donald Trump has signed an executive order which places those where he has been con

JOANN GILPIN
Gleaner Writer

Study finds ‘can’ males being abused from infancy

YOUNG BOYS in Jamaica are being punished from as young as 18 months old, and far more than girls, according to recently revealed data, which points to severe misunderstanding on issues of child development as well as ignorance on the part of parents as to how to care for children.

“The findings, which shows that punishment starts as early as 18 months, suggest that there is a misunderstanding of the developmental differences between boys and girls. For the most part, at 18 months, boys are a little bit more active, a little more exploratory, in the context where Jamaican parents want children to be perfectly well behaved,” Professor Maureen Samms-Vaughan told The Gleaner, highlighting results from the ongoing Ja Kids: The Jamaican Birth Cohort study, which started in 2011.

“Little boys are already more active, and they are considered probably rude because they are exploring. However, this is how children learn and develop. We should be the sort of society that can accommodate and encouraging development, but instead children are being slapped and pinched because they are exploring a little more. Our cultural expectation of our children is to sit and be quiet,” she added.

Speaking after the Empowering Men and Women to Improve Lives forum, which was hosted by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) yesterday, the professor of child health at the University of the West Indies (UWI) is appealing to parents and caregivers not to see these developments as deviant behaviours, but instead ensure that they support children’s growth.

“You see parents who get very bothered that children want to play on the ground. If you see two children walking along, the girl will probably not bother to jump up on the curb, while the boy will probably jump on and off. It doesn’t happen perfectly like that, but boys explore a little bit more, and they will take bit more chances, and so they are often considered rude,” noted Samms-Vaughan.

“We look at a behavioural checklist which we have to analyse boys and girls in the study; we don’t have one checklist for children, we have one for girls and one for boys, which says to us right away both sexes are different but we don’t have the same expectations of them. Not that we are going to have our classes run wild, but we have to understand that there are developmental differences,”

Addressing the gathering at UWI’s regional headquarters in St Andrew, anthropologist Dr Herbert Gayle took the discussions further, saying that it was imperative that gender conversations are conducted in a broad, concurrent and contextual framework.
Sheikh Abdullah el-Faisal denied bail

JASON CROSS
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SHEIKH ABDULLAH el-Faisal, who is wanted in the United States on terrorism-related charges, was denied bail when he appeared before the Kingston and St. Andrew Parish Court on September 11.

Parish Court Judge Broderick Smith, in denying el-Faisal bail, said that he was associated with a group that could properly be described as radical.

He has publicly made statements which disavow radicalism, and denied any radical tendencies... He has publicly made statements which disavow radicalism,” Knight said.

Answering a question from The Gleaner, Knight stated that he has not received the official documents that indicate el-Faisal’s involvement in recruiting persons to join terrorist group ISIS.

“One step at a time! The next step is the appellate step. There are well-defined ways in which we approach the issue of extradition. The law books are replete with authorities as to how it is done. This is the first of this kind of request under the anti-terrorism legislation.”

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“By official documents I am taking it to be referring to the evidence. We haven’t been served yet. The diplomatic note is (however) an official document. That certainly has arrived. It is on that basis that the arrest was made.”

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HURRICANE IRMA AFTERMATH

Jamaica’s Foreign Affairs Ministry working with CDEMA to help nationals in the Caribbean

THE MINISTRY of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in a communiqué said that it is working with the regional agency CDEMA, as well as with bilateral and international partners to explore the options for assisting Jamaican nationals adversely affected in British Virgin Islands, Saint Maarten and Saint Martin.

“We are also keeping ourselves briefed on the ongoing relief activities in the Turks and Caicos Islands,” the communiqué said.

The Ministry is requesting that members of the Jamaican community and persons with information about nationals in the affected territories make urgent contact through:

Consular Affairs Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
Telephone: 1-876-926-4220 ext: 3351 and 3352
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/mafja/ OR
Jamaican High Commission, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
Tel: 1-868-622-4995/4996/4997 ext: 24, 25 and 30
E-mail: jamais@jhspos.org
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/JHCTtT/
Twitter: @heb_ttt

Trench Town hero showered with gifts, offered jobs

COREY ROBINSON
Gleaner Reporter

TRENCH TOWN hero Tremayne Brown has been showered with gifts from several companies hailing with appreciation for his valiant effort in saving a drowning 12-year-old.

“Thar’s so dings goin’ through my head, so right now, me nuh know. Tonight when I sit down and go through everythin’, I will know,” laughed Brown, minutes after Catherine Goodall, marketing manager, beverages at Lasco Distributors, made him a job offer during a special ceremony at the church on First Street in the community where his father is the pastor.

Brown, 24, who said he holds a diploma in health and social care, and was trained in construction in England, said he was deported to Jamaica six months ago after migrating at age six.

He was barely making ends meet as a labourer at the nearby Boys’ Town Vocational Training Centre, Friday, when he saw young Renaldo Reynolds, a student at Jones Town Primary School, being swept away in the rushing waters with onlookers desparately shouting for help from the gully banks.

Though he could not swim, Brown jumped into the rushing gully as onlookers shouted in desperation. He held the youngster for several metres, and together they were carried by the debris-filled water through a tunnel under Spanish Town Road and deep into the May Pen Cemetery.

The two were found minutes later by residents. Brown with one hand clinging to an overhanging limb and the other clutching the child who broke out in prayer as his saviour grew tired from his ordeal and the many cuts and bruises he sustained as he tried to grab on to the sides of the gully.

... JDF IMPRESSED, WANTS HERO TO BE SOLDIER IF OVERSEAS BACK-GROUND CHECKS OUT

Major Basil Jarrett, civil military cooperation and media affairs officer at the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF), said Brown’s courage was beyond question.

“As an organisation that values courage in its members, I was personally very impressed by Mr Brown’s disregard for his own life as he attempted to save that young man. It is the type of selfless heroism that impresses us here at the JDF,” said Jarrett, noting that there may be a place at the organisation for him if his criminal background overseas checks out.

While Brown said he is interested in the JDF, he is not sure if that would be his best option, although many proud residents in the community are hoping he takes the career path.

“It (JDF) would actually interest me but I would have to be super fit for that, and right now, me nuh fit,” he laughed, racism photos with a lilting British accent. Brown was also given groceries from LASCO and a Samsung Galaxy J2 cellular phone from FLOW.

“We heard this morning that he doesn’t have a job. I don’t suspect my job will be long-term, but at least it will be something in the interim,” said Goodall, who said Brown’s charismatic personality may be useful to the company.

Chief executive officer, Rainforest Seafoods, Brian Jardim, said that Brown’s selflessness is lacking in Jamaica.

“We need a lot more young men like that. That youngster (Reynolds) probably had no chance if he didn’t do that. That story really hit a spot. It showed that there are still heroes in the world among us,” said Jardim, who said he has asked his human resource officer to look for an available position for Brown.
Gov’t bears burden of crippling crime

The editorial, Sir,

We wrote of increased production. Instead, we got increased violence. Protection racketeers and extortion are the industries of choice, whose business is violence. These are the thugs branded as living on the fringes of society. The police and soldiers rely on the residents to tell them where the dons are, but it is a game both innocent law-enforcement officers and citizens are drawn into. If the Government was serious about crime, we would have had a pack of well-trained dogs sniffing out concealed ammunition.

Do the communities have control over the guns and ammunition coming into the country? Can a resident stop a bullet? Sure, the community plays a part, but the bulk of the responsibility is on the leadership to stop the guns and ammunition coming into the country. Disband the garrisons and the gangs that control and terrorise law-abiding citizens.

It struck me that in a statement from the police force, they were able to identify 12 criminal gangs operating in the Mount Salem area and are only now moving to deal with them. With all the patrols and public announcements, anyone in that area that is on the radar of the authorities has long moved out. Hopefully, the community sentiment will be some effect and all the soldiers and police move out back,” said Christopher Binns.

The construct of the political economy in Jamaica is not to increase production, but to gain economies of scale in violence. We’ve got these two economic activities hard-wired into social behaviour, production and violence, but what we’ve got as economies of scale only in violence. The lack of growth in the Jamaican economy is directly connected to the trade-off in scale economies in violence and so communities are organised not to engage in production but rather to reap the benefits of scale economies in violence.

Teacher pays for young graduates

The editorial, Sir,

A teacher affects eternity! But how much resources are put in place to ensure that their great impact continues? As we commence another academic year, it is incumbent, as a teacher-trainer, to address the inadequate remuneration that Jamaican teachers are given.

I suppose that these new graduates recovered the news with great excitement when they were informed that they had been selected for the post. This is because a lot of relief for many as they are now able to bounce back, especially after sacrificing so much in obtaining a college education. But, not before long they will probably start to shed tears when they get their first pay cheque later this month.

Giving that most degrees are not made available until January each year, trained teachers will have to settle for provisional salaries until they get that paper in hand. In addition to that, they will have to wait a second year, trained teachers will have to settle for pretrained salaries until they get that paper in hand. In addition to that, they will have to wait a second year, trained teachers will have to settle for pretrained salaries until they get that paper in hand.

The second lesson was the problems of people without IDs and the tensions that will cause in their interactions with the security forces. The Government should, therefore, get its national ID project going.

A dream deferred

The editorial, Sir,

LANGSTON HUGHES wrote a poem about what happens when a dream is deferred. In 1963, it was about the impact of racism on African Americans. He wondered if dreams dried up like raisins in the sun or festered. Obama’s efforts were dashed by Mr Sessions, who has a lifelong desire to dash the hopes of people of colour in America. In keeping with the election promise, nearly a million Jamaicans younger must find new homes, some in the nations of their birth or that of those parents who are described as illegal aliens in America. In a strange twist of fate, the European, who now claim the Americas, wish to exclude all others from the continents they claimed.

We in the Caribbean, particularly here in Jamaica, face the fact that the undocumented and illegal are also our citizens. I wondered how many of the 60,000 Jamaicans currently resident in Houston and its environs are affected by DACA and the American nightmare. How many will be deported? The discussions on Mrs Jackson Miller’s (PUR’s) Beyond the Headlines) programme coincide with the Johnson polls findings – that many Jamaicans are so busy surviving that they do not have the time to dream. In my recent book That Time in Foreign, more than a dozen Jamaicans spoke about the joy, triumphs and tribulations of their time spent overseas. It is time for some honest discussion beyond the fantasies and frustrations being experienced today by a generation of Jamaicans.

AND THE BODY COUNT CONTINUES TO RISE...
Trinbago Knight Riders cheerleaders during Match 29 of the 2017 Hero Caribbean Premier League between Barbados Tridents v Trinbago Knight Riders at Kensington Oval on September 2, 2017 in Bridgetown, Barbados.

Soca artist Alison Hinds interviewed by Alain Arthur of Caribbean Vibrations TV at the opening gala of CaribbeanTales International Film Festival.

Nickolai Salcedo and Joseph Marcell, best known as Geoffrey in the TV show, “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air,” at the opening gala of CaribbeanTales International Film Festival.
The move was not entirely unexpected, but it came sooner than anticipated. On Wednesday, September 6, Sagicor Jamaica announced that 25-year veteran Donovan Perkins would retire as president and CEO of the commercial banking subsidiary and exit the financial conglomerate altogether in three weeks, on September 30.

The announcement by Sagicor Group President and Chief Executive Officer Christopher Zacca comes three months into his tenure as head of the group. Zacca is the first female to manage the commercial banking sector this week. His appointment was announced in the island’s financial markets on Tuesday. Zacca will fill in as boss of Sagicor Bank Jamaica Limited until a permanent replacement is identified. There is also a hint of a pending group role for Armstrong.

For a short period, Sagicor Bank was the third-largest commercial banking operation after its merger with RBC Royal Bank Jamaica in 2014-2015, but it was knocked down a notch in February of this year when JN Bank transitioned from a building society into a fully-fledged bank. Zacca got the bank to run based on his track record heading the bank’s investment subsidiary.

In the early phase of the Sagicor/RBC Jamaica tie-up, the bank weighed on the group, but soon Sagicor Group was reporting positive returns from the bank, which it spent J$9.5 billion to acquire. In 2016, the bank made a profit of J$1.8 billion up from J$1.3 billion in 2015.

Zacca gave Perkins kudos for the swift results. "Under his stewardship, Sagicor Bank has grown to be among the largest and most profitable commercial banks in Jamaica," he said, while noting that the strategic direction offered by Perkins to the bank and the group has been exemplary.

Perkins is expected to remain a member of the Sagicor Bank board of directors.

When Zacca took over the job as head of Sagicor Group in May, he said he had no immediate plans to change the leadership team he inherited, but noted that he would be conducting reviews.

**Strategic Role**

The company now sees Zacca sees a new strategic role for Armstrong within Sagicor Group itself as the financial conglomerate expands. Perkins joined Pan Caribbean Merchant Bank in 1993 and helmed the company through a series of transitions that eventually saw the business becoming a subsidiary operation of Pan Caribbean Financial Services, PCPS, then subsequently transition to a commercial bank known today as Sagicor Bank. PCPS itself was rebranded as Sagicor Investments Jamaica.

Perkins, as CEO of PCPS, oversaw the transition of the merchant bank

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Barbados shareholders are said to have approved an offer from Liberty at the C&W Barbados annual meeting last month.

“That is public knowledge. I was at the AGM where they were successful. They did it in a transaction where they set up another company and did the amalgamation,” said Sinclair, who is also a member of the C&W board.

“They amalgamated the new company with the existing one which had the effect of taking the company private and buying out minority shareholders in C&W Barbados,” he said.

Jamaica’s Financial Services Commission had been pushing for the restructuring of a member institution, whether by purchase and assumption, mergers and acquisitions, or open bank assistance transactions,” she told The Gleaner.

The deposit insurance fund largely comprised premiums paid by JDC member institutions and investment income, but it may also be financed by advances from the Government, borrowings by the JDC, and proceeds from the liquidation of assets of failed member institutions.

McKain said that up to June of this year, the fund’s investment portfolio largely comprised Government of Jamaica domestic and global bonds, and Bank of Jamaica securities and deposits.

The creation of the fund followed widespread failures in the financial sector in the second half of the 1990s, leading to a massive Government rescue that cost the country estimated 40 per cent of gross domestic product.

Still no answers on mandatory offer for C&WJ minority owners

GARFIELD SINCLAIR, president of the Caribbean operations for Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC), acknowledged that parent company Liberty Global will acquire minority shares in C&W Barbados, but remained silent on consequences pay premiums to the JDIC, but to date, there have been no failures and consequently no claims on the fund.

JDC CEO Antoinette McKain says approximately 96 per cent of deposit accounts within the banking system are covered by JDIC, just above the benchmark 95-95 per cent coverage recommended by the Inter-national Association of Deposit Insurers.

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The JDIC conducts an annual survey of insurance deposits, its holding company or subsidiary which becomes insolvent.

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Caribbean Tales film festival opens with documentary about Machel Montano

NEIL ARMSTRONG
Freelance Editor

The 12th annual Caribbean Tales International Film Festival opened in Toronto with a stellar lineup of special guests, including renowned Trinidadian soca singer, actor, record producer and songwriter, Machel Montano. He is the subject of the documentary, “Machel Montano: Journey of a Soca King,” directed by Bart Phillips which had its Canadian premiere on Sept. 6 at the Royal Theatre. Also attending the event were: Barbadian Alison Hinds dubbed the “Queen of Soca,” Joseph Marcell of St. Lucia and the UK best known for his role as Geoffrey in “The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air,” and Trinidadian Nicolai Salcedo — all actors in the short film, “Battledream Chronicle — The Serens,” which had its world premiere that night.

Machel Montano: Journey of Soca King chronicles the soca artist’s growth from a child star to his reign as the world’s soca monarch, collaborating with Grammy Award-winning songwriters and producers like Angela Hunte and Diplo. Cherrone Mokund, acting consul general for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in Toronto, presented a plaque to Montano in recognition of his contribution to the culture of his country and the Caribbean. Montano underscored the significance of Caribbean culture and the importance of “telling our stories.”

Battledream Chronicles is an animation pilot voiced by Caribbean stars. It tells the story of Jannia, a young girl in a futuristic world where plantations are video games. She and her team of rebels must back the system to gain their freedom.

“We have a legacy. We’re building something that was sustainable. And when Canada is celebrating 150 years of the story, we in the Caribbean are celebrating hundreds of years of our stories. Like the story of Toussaint Louverture who built an army and took on the trained troops of Napoleon’s army and won and created the first independent black republic in the world - one story,” said Frances-Anne Solomon, CEO of Caribbean Tales International Film Festival.

Jamaican delegation off to Toronto Film Festival

SHEREITA GRIZZLE
Gleaner Writer

FOLLOWING ITS International Film Business workshop series, The Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO) will be starting a month of activities to promote Jamaica’s film industry by leading a Jamaican delegation to the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). The team left the island on Friday, September 9.

According to JAMPRO, in addition to actively promoting and enabling business for Jamaican filmmakers, the team at the TIFF will focus on building global business relationships, helping to gain exposure in the international market.

JAMPRO’s film commissioner, Rende Robinson, noted that following a successful trip to the TIFF last year, the agency was pleased to lead another Jamaican delegation to the 2017 edition of the festival. “We’re thrilled to be leading the national delegation again this year to the Toronto International Film Festival, which is known among the top-five film festivals in the world. It is crucial that our content creators get exposure to the international business behind the film industry and become more experienced in the global marketplace,” she said, pointing out the importance of marketing and understanding the international film industry.

“TIFF is an annual meeting ground for more than 5,000 industry delegates – buyers, sales agents, distributors, financiers, and producing partners. Attendance at TIFF is about more than just screening the latest film. It is an opportunity to build fluidity with international best practices and foster stronger future partnerships.”

In a show of regional collaboration, Robinson revealed that the film commissioner from Trinidad and Tobago, Nueka Luke, would be joining the Jamaican delegation. Robinson is hoping that the collaboration will be the beginning of many regional partnerships.

JAMPRO President Diane Edwards explained that the mission to TIFF was part of the agency’s execution of the National Export Strategy, which identifies the creative industries as a key area for development for export.

“Over the years, we have identified film, animation and other content markets to promote Jamaican content and creative industries practitioners. Our participation in TIFF and the PAPILIA mission to Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival in France next year with JAPTA, will give filmmakers the platform necessary to promote themselves and their work for distribution. During the next few months, we will also be hosting more sessions helping local filmmakers to be more prepared for the business of film. It is important to JAMPRO that this sector receives as much support as possible, as we create more business opportunities for the Jamaican film industry,” said Edwards.

The trip to the TIFF will also include attendance to the Caribbean Tales Film Festival and Caribbean Tales Incubator program. The Incubator is expected to culminate in a live pitch to win US$30,000 grant to develop a new TV series with telecommunicationc network, Flow.

Machel Montano with two mas players at the opening gala of the Caribbean Tales International Film Festival.

Contribution
Jamaica remembers, celebrates the iconic MISS LOU

Louise Bennett-Coverley, better known as Miss Lou.

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Bennett-Coverley had, from a very early age, become fascinated with the speech patterns of the common man, while showing an interest in writing dialogic verses. She would, often in her free-verse quoting in an ever-present notebook, that she would go around with, and when she got home, would translate them into rhymed verse. Bennett-Coverley continued this trend while attending St. Simon's College and going to New York High School in the 1930s.

A noted impresario and talent scout named Eric Coverley happened to be in the audience at Louise Bennett-Coverley’s high school concert at her alma mater in 1939. So impressed was Coverley that he invited her and her circle to a performance of his in Toronto of Jamaican parentage, which will be held on September 22, during Hispanic Heritage Month at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. For the ceremony, which will be held on September 22, during Hispanic Heritage Month at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., the book, written by Nadia Hohn and illustrated by Irene Lounsbury, will be introduced to Malaika, a young girl who moves from Jamaica’s island home alive, the reader is introduced to the costumes and characters of Carnival. There are also numerous significant visual details to catch a young reader’s eye, such as drawings of a majestic, rule, and spirit. (Grades K-3).”

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Heaping praise on the book, the author of Malaika, with her Grandma’s support, transform an old dusty costume into a bright and beautiful peacock costume. In the process, we witness her emerge as a “shiny and proud and strong” version of herself in the Carnival parade. Hohn demonstrates a deft, expert touch in hand-drawn illustrations which speak sincerely to young readers while presenting a tale of vibrant strength, beauty and spirit. (Grades K-3).”

Hohn, who was born in Toronto of Jamaican parentage, wrote the book in 2010, and in 2014 it was inspired to do a sequel, “Malaika’s Winter Carnival.” She asked the question: “What if this happens?”

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Children’s author to receive honourable mention at awards

NEIL ARMSTRONG

TORONTO, Author, musician and educator, Nadia L. Hohn, is excited that her first picture book, Malaika’s Costume, will receive an honourable mention at the 2016 American Association for Children’s and Young Adult Literature organised by the Centre for Latin American Studies.

She will be flying to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. for the ceremony which will be held on September 22 during Hispanic Heritage Month at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

In Nadia Hohn’s touching and timely picture book, we are introduced to Malaika, a young girl who moves from Jamaica’s island home alive, the reader is introduced to the costumes and characters of Carnival. There are also numerous significant visual details to catch a young reader’s eye, such as drawings of a majestic, rule, and spirit. (Grades K-3).”

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Nadia Hohn readers will see a child, like themselves, and identify her resilience and resourcefulness in themselves, see the value of family, and that “Despite the dis- tances, families can still remain intact and loving”

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“Malaika is a very funny character in the sense that she just calls it as she sees it and she’s funny. She’s got that little edge to her, but she’s also resourceful, smart and creative.”

Hohn is also the author of “Music” and “Media Studies,” part of the Sankofa series, which won the Moonbeam Children’s Book Award for Multicultural Non-Fiction.

Hohn is working on a biogra- phy of Louise Bennett Coverley and was hoping to have been in Jamaica during the summer for research.

Her plans changed when her brother died, however, she hopes to go in early 2018.

I think I’m much closer with the picture book manuscript. I’ve written many, many, versions of it but I feel like it’s heading down the right path. So that’s the first one. I was doing all my research. I said there’s a second book here so that one will be more of a non-fiction biography. I don’t know if it’s going to be a novel, I don’t know what form it will take but it will be for an older audience.”

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Eligibility for state housing

ORAN HALL
Contributor

Q: I’ve read in one of your articles that if an individual wants a home located in one of the National Housing Trust schemes that a deposit is not required. Is this really the case? Or is it that it is required but not at a times. In addition, you said something about closing costs. Do you mind explaining what the closing cost is and how this is calculated?

A: The National Housing Trust, NHT, allocates units in its schemes using a selection process. Qualified applicants who are selected for its units are not required to make a deposit but must be able to afford the mortgage.

Applicants who qualify for less than the price of the house is required to fund the difference. If, for instance, the price of the house is $86.5 million and the applicant qualifies for a loan of $65.5 million, the applicant would be required to fund the gap of $21 million. The maximum sum a qualified application may access is $85.5 million, but two persons may apply jointly and thus qualify for $11 million. However, an applicant qualifies for depends on age and income. Age is a very important factor in determining the term of the loan, that is, how long the applicant is given to repay the loan. The younger the applicant, the longer the repayment term.

Applicants have up to age 70 to repay the loan, but the maximum term allowed is 40 years. In your case, you would have up to age 63 to do so for a benefit received this year.

The term also determines the size of the monthly payment; the longer the term, the lower the monthly payment, but income is also important as it determines how much the applicant can afford to borrow.

To qualify for an NHT benefit, you should be currently contributing to the NHT, have made at least 52 weekly contributions 13 in the last 26 weeks just before the date of application, earn an income that allows you to repay the loan, and have paid with interest any outstanding contributions due in the past three years.

Although you have contributed for a combined 14 months, the break in employment means that you currently fall short of the 26-week requirement, having resumed employment three months ago.

The NHT says that it takes 90 days to complete the processing of the loan, which begins after the completion of the loan interview. It only offers completed units to its contributors.

You should note, though, that it could be some time before you access a housing unit in one of the NHT’s schemes considering that where you live or work in relation to the location of the scheme does matter in the selection process.

How long it takes you to derive a benefit from the NHT is a function of your ability to meet its requirements. It is conceivable, for instance, that it could be some time before you are able to earn sufficient income to pass its affordability test.

Closing costs refer to the range of expenses incurred in settling the transaction, which culminates in the property being registered in the name of the buyer. Some of these expenses are shared by the buyer and the seller; and they are generally calculated as a percentage of the market value/selling price of the property.

Closing costs for real estate transactions include the registration fee (0%), stamp duty (4%), transfer tax paid only by the seller (5%), attorney’s fee (2% to 4%), and additional attorney’s fee for preparing the sales agreement and other documents. With respect to the NHT scheme units, though, successful applicants pay just $3,500.

You will soon be able to meet the requirements for the number of NHT contributions, but to succeed in owning an NHT scheme unit, there would have to be a scheme near to you, you would have to be selected, and you would have to be able to establish that you can afford it.

This April 2010 file photo shows NHT houses under development in St Catherine.

New entrants push SEZ Investments to US$120m

AVIA COLLINDER
Business Reporter

THE JAMAICA Special Economic Zone Authority (JSEZA), is reporting that as new companies come on board, total investments through the nascent SEZ market has risen to US$120 million, with substantially more projects in the wings.

Kelil-Dawn Hamilton, JSEZA’s director of investor relations and communications, says prospective investors have filed projects totaling US$1 billion and talks are ongoing with Jampro to help launch those ventures.

The prospects include firms engaged in business process outsourcing, logistics, warehousing, manufacturing and assembly.

Counted among the US$120 million are CEAC Outsourcing Company, which aims to launch a call centre operation at Perry in St Catherine through subsidiary company International Business Spaces, and Happy Sandy Bay, which plans to open a BPO facility in Hanover.

Hamilton said she was not at liberty to name the others.

“There are also companies in the dry docking and manufacturing sectors as well,” she said.

Jampro vice president for investment, Claireaut First, and Hamilton explained that the SEZ regulations are still being finalised.

“The Special Economic Zone Act passed in 2016 to replace the free zones that were established to conform with international free trade rules against export subsidies,” Under the new system, developers in the zones will receive a raft of tax incentives, but must have minimum paid up capital of US$1.5 million, and the occupant of a designated SEZ must have US$25 million of paid up capital.

SEZ occupants are also required to invest a minimum US$500,000 in equipment, building infrastructure, during one year, while small and medium-scale owners looking at the potential for high growth will be considered on a case-by-case basis by JSEZA.

Hamilton said local investors should consider investing in real estate for use by SEZ operators. “One of the major challenges being faced locally is the availability of space within which companies can conduct their SEZ business. This clearly creates an opportunity for local developers to fill this gap in the SEZ space. One of the major benefits to developers within the SEZ is that their rental income will be tax free,” she said.

To how the SEZ operators will directly benefit the economy, the communications director said they are required to pay a registration fee for new applicants and annual fees thereafter, and that elements of the programme incentivises them to do business with Jamaicans.

“Backward and forward linkages in the local economy are key to ensuring that even those companies who are not SEZ can benefit from the programme as well. Purchases made in the local economy are tax free and therefore provide an incentive for companies to include local companies in their supply chain,” Hamilton said.

Under the Jamaica Free Zone Act companies were required to export 65 per cent of their goods and services, there is no such requirement in the SEZ regime. Companies can determine their own market breakdown, export and/or local markets,” she said.

SEZ companies will pay corporate income tax at a rate of 12.5 per cent. There are no taxes on dividends and none on rental of property within the zone. They can also get a tax credit against funds spent on research and development, capped at 10 per cent of taxable income, among other incentives.

Existing free zone operators, who currently pay no corporate taxes, will be subject to the applicable 12.5 per cent rate, if they chose to migrate to the SEZ. Those operators will be grandfathered or phased in over a period.

The timeline is dependent on passage of the regulations, Duncan said.
Irma weakened from a Category 5 to a still-fearsome Category 4 on Friday morning with winds of 155 mph (250 kph).

The hurricane smashed homes, schools, stores, roads and boats on Wednesday and Thursday as it rolled over islands long known as turquoise-water playgrounds of the rich, including St. Martin, St. Barts, St. Thomas, Barbuda and Anguilla.

It knocked out power, water and telephone service, trapped thousandsof tourists and a本地 population in the lush green trees of leaves, leaving behind a once-vibrant landscape. Authorities reported looting and gunfire in St. Martin, and a curfew was imposed in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In heavily damaged Barbuda, Stevel Jeremiah's 2-year-old son was swept to his death after the hurricane ripped the roof off her home. "They never seen anything like this in my life, in all the years I experienced hurricanes. And I don't ever, ever want to see something like this again,"

She added: "I have nothing. Not even an ID to say my name. Nothing. House gone. The only thing you see is the foundation." Irminal at one point the most powerful recorded storm in the open Atlantic. It could be one of the most devastating storms ever to hit Florida, a state that has faced some of the most catastrophic storms ever to hit the United States.

"There was so much water, beating past us. We had to crawl to get to safety, Crawl," she said. "I have never seen anything like it in my life, in all the years I experienced hurricanes. And I don't ever, ever want to see something like this again,"

The activities got underway in the morning with a floral tribute at National Heroes Park which was followed by an exhibition and banana fashion show at the Kingston Town Hall followed by a bananabunch-hour cruise to the Arriva, Kingston, followed by an exhibition and banana fashion show at the Kingston Town Hall followed by a banana bunch-hour cruise to the Arriva, Kingston, followed by an exhibition and banana fashion show at the Kingston Town Hall. The activities ended with a banana bunch-hour cruise to the Arriva, Kingston, followed by an exhibition and banana fashion show at the Kingston Town Hall.
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**Why can't we get visas?**

**Dear Mrs Walker-Huntington,**

My husband's father is a green-card holder and husband for my husband in 2007. My husband went back to Jamaica more than once occasion but didn't get through. In 2011 the filing was cancelled. After several attempts, he decided to go to the embassy on his own application. He was denied a visa based on the filing. The date he went to the embassy was February 2016.

He was not told what on the filing is blocking his application for a visitor visa. His father is old and retired now and my husband is 38. We got married in 2018. Recently, I tried to apply for a visitor’s visa for myself and my son, who is not my husband’s child, and were denied because of our ties with my husband. I do not know why this is so, and I would really want to get answers or a way out of this especially for my son as his future depends on this outcome. Will any of you be able to help us get a visitor visa soon? What will we have to do to resolve the issue?

Concerned Wife

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**Deidre S. Powell**

**CANADA**

**My husband is 65 years old and lives in Jamaica. I am a Canadian citizen and would like her to come to Canada to live with me. How do I get my mother to live with me here as a citizen?**

**S.B.**

If you are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, you can apply to Immigration Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to sponsor parents and grandparents of Canadian permanent residents to live in Canada or apply for them to get a super visa.

The key is to ensure that both you and your relative are able to satisfy the requirements. This means that you will need to prove that you have the income and ability to take care of your parent financially. If you are living alone, you will need to show a minimum income of approximately CDN$49,000, if you have a family of three, incomes are above CDN$48,000. These figures change on an annual basis, so you should always check the IRCC website for the latest information.

You, as the sponsor, will be required to sign an agreement that you will support your family member for a period of three to 20 years, depending on their age. It is important to note that she will not become a burden on the government resources.

IRCC restricted this parent and grandparents programme in 2016 and so individuals who are interested in sponsoring their family members are required to submit an ‘interest to sponsor’ application online. Once you are in that pool, then IRCC will randomly select sponsors who have foreign parents from that list and invite them to apply for permanent residence for their family member.

The first round of invitations was conducted in April 2017 and a new round is expected on September 6, 2017. Anyone who is selected will have 90 days to submit all the documents required to finalize the application. When the application is finalized, your mother will be granted permanent residence status and will be able to live, work, study and apply for citizenship, when qualified to do so.

It is anticipated that IRCC may begin accepting new applications under this category next January so you should take this time to meet with an immigration lawyer so that you can be prepared.

If you are not able to show the required income under the POF, you may apply for a multiple-entry temporary resident visa known as the ‘super visa’. This is usually granted for five to 10 years. This visa will grant your mother the authority to stay in Canada up to two years without the need to apply for an extension of time or returning to her home country. This is more than the usual maximum of six months that is usually granted when you have a regular visitor or temporary resident visa.

One of the requirements for a super visa is that your mother will need to purchase a Canadian medical insurance that has a minimum coverage of CDN$100,000. It should cover health care, hospitalisation and expenses associated with her emergency return to her country, if necessary.

Additionally, you should provide proof that you are able to accommodate your mother for an extended period of time and include a special invitation letter with your notice of approval, medical certificate, job letter and deed of lease for your home.

There are other requirements, such as being able to pass the medical and security checks. You may submit your application to the nearest visa application centre.

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Generations gather for EP, Solid Gold

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Duppy Gunman has got a deep love for music. He is one of the deejays on Ernie Smith’s most recent multiple song project, an EP of collaborations on previously released songs, as well as new tracks.

In addition to the Duppy Gunman remake, there is also a refreshing take of Thank You Mr Music with Wayne Armond, the new Lucky Shh Mi Wa Ke. Jackie, I Can’t Take It (described as the “birthday song” as it is the first one Smith recorded) and a bonus track featuring Wayne Marshall. It was done at producer Mikey Bennett’s Grafton Studios.

Ernie Smith says, “It’s his birthday that is being celebrated as a half century of music from him.”

Looking back at how his life has developed since he came to Kingston looking for a job in media and ended up recording a song, Smith said, “Thanks to RJR for rejecting my application to become a radio announcer ... . And thanks to Federal Records for asking me to sing my original composition instead of finding someone to sing it as I had requested.”

SOLID GOLD LINE-UP

The connections among generations are not only on the EP, but also on the line-up of the Solid Gold celebratory concert, which takes place on Friday, September 29, at The Jamaica Pegasus hotel, New Kingston. While there are many of Smith’s contemporaries among them – Boris Gardiner, Ken Boothe, and Pluto Shervington – also on the line-up are Capleton, Everton Pessoa, Sahara Smith, Carlene Davis, Suzanne Couch, Jon Williams, Lymie Murray and more.

Although they won the parish finals and were second overall, Janet said she was told initially it was questioned if the song was a Jamaican composition and proof had to be provided that it is. “Many artists still believe that Ernie covered the song. They think Johnny Nash wrote it. The truth is, Ernie recorded his song in 1967, which he called I Can’t Take It, and Johnny did a cover in 1975, which he called Tears on My Pillow,” she said.

CAPLETON CONNECTION

The connection with Capleton goes back further. Ernie and Janet Smith first heard about Capleton when a project the late Stafford Ashani was working on for them was being delayed because he was also doing a job for Capleton. Earlier this year, Ernie performed on Capleton’s charity concert, St Mary Mi Come From, fitting the event’s theme as his father is from Highgate and his mother from Caron Hall.

The St Mary Mi Come From performance, was among a number of events leading up to Solid Gold. Among them a visit to Governor General Sir Patrick Allen. Janet Smith said, “The visit to the governor general was special. When we decided to present a commemorative concert, we sent a request to his excellence asking for the use of the grounds of King’s House. He unhesitatingly said yes. The message he sent me for the Thanksgiving Mass (held in St Ann to celebrate Ernie’s milestone) was heartwarming.”

However, the request had to be withdrawn, as the cost of creating the required setting was just too high. So meeting with Sir Patrick at King’s House still honoured the connection, and from there they went to CARIFESTA in Barbados, then the half century celebration climaxes with Solid Gold at the end of this month.

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EVENTS

CANADA

United Achievers’ Club presents its 33rd annual Scholarship & Recognition Awards on Saturday, Sept. 16, 6pm at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, 90 Biscayne Crescent, Brampton. Keynote speaker: Dr. Everton Gooden, Chief of Staff, North York General Hospital. Call 905-796-1916/905-459-1942

JCA 15th annual Scholarship Awards will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, 7pm at the Jamaican Canadian Centre, 995 Arrow Rd., Toronto. Keynote speaker: Gervan Fearon, president & vice-chancellor, Brock University. Call 416-746-5772

Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention’s annual general meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 21, 6pm at 20 Victoria St., 4th Floor, Toronto. Call 416-977-9955/info@black-cap.com

The Word On The Street, Canada’s largest outdoor book and magazine festival, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24, 11am-6pm at the Harbourfront Centre, Toronto. A free event.

NEW YORK

St Jago Past Students Association NY Chapter Annual Reunion on September 16, 2017. For Information Contact: Opal 845-430-8058 or Cedric 516-644-9306

CHSPSA New York Link Up 2017 Funday Sunday September 24, 2017 at 10 AM, Brookville Park, Queens, NY; $15 pp (pre-sale/website), $20 park/event day; includes food and drinks; Contact: http://www.charlemonthhighschoolfoundation.org/, or email: chspsafoundation@gmail.com, or call: 347-770-6761

AFUWI Golf and Tennis Tournament Open, Hampshire Country Club, 1025 Cove Road, Mamaroneck, NY 10543 on September 28, 2017; Register by Sep 18, 2017; Contact: 212-759-9345, admin@afuwi.org; www.afuwi.org

UJAA Annual General Meeting and Elections, Jamaica Consulate, 6:30 PM - 9 PM on September 20, 2017.

Westwood OGA Great Gatsby: Flourish Edition” Bayridge Manor, Brooklyn, NY; 8 PM - 1 AM on October 7, 2017. For further information visit www.thewoga.org/gatsby;

Glenmuir Alumni Assn. 8th Annual Red & White Affair Dinner and Dance, 8 PM- 1 AM on October 14, 2017, at Plattdeutsche Park Restaurant, 1132 Hempstead Turnpike, FranklinSquare, NY 11010; Contact: Andre 917-593-9918, Ann-Marie 646-496-6868.

STATHS NE 12th Annual Fundraising Ball, Eastwood Manor, Bronx, NY on October 14, 2017, 8P - 3A; $100 pp - incl. dinner, open bar; Contact: Peter - 917-449-0357; Archie 516-469-5113.


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SHANECA CAMPBELL is a woman of faith and passion, who is determined to succeed despite life’s many challenges. Viewed as a survivor by her peers and the epitome of a strong leader, it was no surprise when she landed the title of Manager of the Year 2016 at Sandals Montego Bay’s staff awards.

“When I heard my name I was stunned!” Campbell reminisced. “It was so unexpected. I immediately went into a panic attack; I needed that award, it was the highlight of my year,” she ended.

Manager of the Loyalty and Travel Department at Sandals Montego Bay, Campbell had faced many challenges over the years, including two burglaries at her home, suffering severe hip and neck injuries in a vehicular accident, and subsequently being told that she may never walk again. However, determined to not be defined by her circumstances, Campbell never allowed her physical inability to cripple her ambitions.

Through physical therapy, exercise and the support of her family and colleagues, she found the strength to utilise a walker and was back at work within four weeks, though she was advised otherwise by her doctor and loved ones. Six months later, after continued medical follow-ups and a few operations, Campbell was walking around the resort with little to no help and greeting her guests with a cheerful smile. It is this grit and vigour that allows her to meet her sales target each month and maintain a productive work environment while sustaining a happy family life with her husband and two children.

NO EASY ROAD

“It was never an easy road for me. I grew up with my mother and five younger siblings, so you can imagine that she had to be strong to provide for her family on her own. I think it is because of her that I have grown into the woman I am today,” Campbell explained.

Though she enjoyed school and maintained a high average throughout, after graduating from the Ocho Rios High School, her prospects of continuing her education were dim. At 17 years old she became the second breadwinner in her household, assisting her mother in raising and providing for her brothers and sisters.

“My first job was working at a local furniture store for about four years, and then I eventually transitioned to selling clothing, jewellery and pretty much anything I could at the pier at the Taj Mahal Plaza,” she recalled. Campbell noted that it was through these experiences that she discovered her passion for sales and tourism.

HUNGRY FOR AN OPPORTUNITY

It was during a casual conversation with her peers at work that she learnt about the Hospitality Training Programme – an unpaid six-week mentorship programme at what was once Sandals Dunn’s River. Hungry for an opportunity to join the luxury resort but hesitant to abandon her full-time job, the young Campbell agonised over what could be the right move for her professional career.

After giving it much thought, Campbell finally decided to register for the programme. She was successful, and was placed in the ‘Soon Come Back’ department (now called Loyalty and Travel) where she worked assiduously to make an impression on her manager. Before even completing the programme, she was offered the post of agent, tasked with securing future bookings from guests before their departure, assisting her team in meeting and exceeding their sales marks.

Still recognising the importance of an education, through the Sandals Corporate University, Campbell became certified in leadership (Harvard Management Certification), sales, customer service and also pursued studies with the Guild of Professional English Butlers. All these experiences allowed her to not only be one of the most rounded individuals in her department, but also the top sales agent and acting supervisor after only five years.

The star performer was eventually transferred to Sandals Montego Bay, which meant moving her entire family from St Ann.

“It wasn’t the easiest transition, because all I knew was St Ann. I tend to be quiet and introverted, so I just decided to let my work speak for itself,” Campbell admitted.

She threw herself into her job, implementing new sales techniques and later winning the General Manager’s Award for October 2012. Three months later, she landed the position of department manager, a post she held and excelled in for the past five years.

“I have watched Shaneca blossom in her role. She was soft-spoken when she just joined Sandals Montego Bay, but she was loud in her intentions to groom the team members and improving herself as a manager and as a person. She is an awesome individual and a valued member of our team here at Sandals. I look forward to seeing her continued growth within the company; because I know she will do well,” shared Dawn Smith, hotel manager at Sandals Montego Bay.

“Sandals has allowed me to evolve and to find my voice. Mentorship through my superiors such as Ms Smith and my general manager, Carl Beviere, has helped me to find a balance between being a stern leader and an empathetic one on whom my team can rely. It is because of them, that I wish to pursue hotel management as my ultimate career goal.”

Campbell stated passionately. Campbell is currently pursuing her studies in operations management through the Sandals Corporate University with hopes that one day she will become a hotel manager who will motivate and inspire her team members to follow their dreams and to not be deterred by life’s hurdles.

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**Islandwide schoolboy football championships begins**

THE ANNUAL schoolboy football competition season kicked off on Saturday, September 9, despite four of the threat of rainfall dreading it.

Teams in rural Jamaica play for the daCosta Cup while those in the Corporate Area and its envoys play for the Manning Cup.

Defending Manning champions Jamaica College began the defence of their title with a 1-1 draw with St Andrew Technical High School (STATHS) in the opening game of the season at the Montego Bay Sports Complex.

JC started shakily missing a penalty in the 53rd minute as the STATHS keeper saved with his foot after diving the wrong way.

J had scored in the 28th minute through Saqlain Qureshi. A penalty for STATHS was saved but JC failed to profit.

The season normally ends with the champion teams from each competition playing for the Olivier Shield.

**Livermore’s anti-doping hearing starts**

THE ANTI-doping hearing for Jamaican sprinter Ashton Livermore charged with having a prohibited substance in his sample began on Monday, September 11, at the Jamaica Conference Centre in Kingston.

Livermore, the 2014 Commonwealth Games 4x100m gold medallist and 200m bronze medallist, will present his defence to a three-member independent panel led by chairman Kent Gammon and supported by Dr Marjorie Vassell and Heron Dale.

Although injured at the time, the 29-year-old sprinter’s drug violation was disclosed by Dr Marjorie Vassell and Heron Dale.

The RSPL was set to start the start of this season’s RSPL.

**Premier League Clubs Association seeks to resolve Premier League issues**

THE PREMIER League Clubs Association (PLCA) is moving to resolve the problems which have forced the postponement of the start of the 2017-18 Red Stripe Premier League (RSPL) season.

The RSPL was set to start on September 3, but Jamaica Football Federation (JFF) stepped in and delayed the kick-off, pointing to administrative failings on the part of the PLCA which needed urgent remedy.

Among the items listed was the failure of the PLCA to deliver grants to Montego Bay United (MBU) equal to those received by other teams which participated in the 2016-17 season. The JFF also pointed to the more than J$6 million owed to referees and other match officials for work done last season.

Reacting the PLCA in a statement described it as “a fair and workable proposal” to resolve the grant to be paid to MBU. However, it declined to go into details about what was proposed.

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That it has written to the JFF making what it believes to be a ‘fair and workable proposal’ to resolve the grant to be paid to MBU. However, it declined to go into details about what was proposed.

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Brown about the fight, Russell had said that he had three strategies that he was working to use throughout the match. He would not give details about them at the time, but he told The Gleaner that he was able to use those tactics as effectively as he had planned to.

“Going into the fight, I programmed my mind and body a certain way to fight where you’re gonna throw the punches, which speed you’re gonna throw the punches with, moving the head and moving the foot. It’s a premeditated thing,” Russell said.

“One of the strategies was going to the body, which worked very very well, and the other was using the jab. Then the other was coming over the top with the right hand because I knew that his left hand would always be down, even when I’m close. When he put up his left hand, then I went to the body.”

Russell, who also won the Wray and Nephew Contender Series two years ago, describes the feeling of being a continually recognised champion as extraordinary, especially because he won in front of boxing great Evander ‘The Real Deal’ Holyfield, whom he watched and respected growing up.

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The England cricket team celebrate after winning the test series against the West Indies at Lord's cricket ground in London, Saturday, September 9, 2017.

England hammer Windies, take series

(LONDON (CMC))

WEST INDIES’ dream of ending their near-three-decade drought without a series win in England ended here when they collapsed to a nine-wicket defeat in the decisive third Test at Lord’s.

Starting the third day in need of another special effort to stay alive in the series, the Caribbean team failed to repeat their heroics from Headingley and were dismissed for an inadequate 171 in their second innings.

Set a mere 107 for victory, England cruised to their target to complete a 2-1 series win, following their innings and 209-run victory in the day/night first Test at Edgbaston.

Andy Roberts, which seamed away, was the heart of the demolition job.

Roberts, in a brilliant 18-over spell, went unscathed on his final appearance in Test cricket, taking seven wickets for 78 runs.

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