CALL TO FIX US, CDN OPIOID CRISIS

BLACK CANADIANS in Toronto are dying of the opioid crisis but no one seems to know how many because that kind of data is not collected. US President Trump meanwhile called on the Department of Health and Human Services to declare the opioid crisis a public health emergency. The drug crisis claimed more than 59,000 lives in 2016.

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Gov’t resume wage talks with police, Nov. 13

STAT: MINISTER for Finance and the Public Service
Rudyard Spencer says the finance ministry has informed the Police Federation, which represents rank-and-file police personnel that the next meeting for wage talks is set for November 13. He said the ministry’s date for wage negotiations with the Jamaican Teachers’ Association was November 8 and the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions on November 14.

Jamaica fields sizeable team to global climate talks

WHILE THE effects of the recent hurricanes to devastate Caribbean islands linger, Jamaica has fielded a sizeable team to this year’s international climate talks now under way in Bonn, Germany. The team comprises more than 12 individuals, the majority of whom are self or otherwise grant funded.

Representatives - whose participation has been staggered over the next two weeks of the negotiations - include officers from the Climate Change Division, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Forestry Department, the Private Sector Organisation for Jamaica, and the Planning Institute of Jamaica, together with a number of non-governmental organisations and the GEF Small Grants Programme.

Metal detectors, scanners for violence-prone schools

THE MINISTRY of Education is to get some 1,090 handheld metal detectors and five walk-through metal scanners to further efforts to improve safety and security in violence-prone schools.

The $844 million programme is majority-funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Jamaican government.

The devices will be distributed to the worst-affected schools.

IMMIGRATION

Immigrants with criminal charges? ...

ENTERTAINMENT

Heritage Singers mark 40th with Toronto performance

Heritage Singers, the Caribbean folk group that has been entertaining fans across Canada, the United States and the Caribbean for more than three decades, celebrated their 40th anniversary on October 21.

IMF head to hold series of meetings In Jamaica

CHRISTINE LAGARDE the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund is expected to meet with a number of local groups, including women leaders when she visits Jamaica this week.

The Managing Director will be in Kingston, for the Western Hemisphere Department’s annual Caribbean Forum, which convenes leaders, finance ministers, central bank governors, and private sector executives.

This year’s forum, which is being held at the University of the West Indies, Mona, is entitled “Unleashing Growth and Strengthening Resilience in the Caribbean.”

A book with the same title will also be launched on that day.

She will also have a series of official meetings with Jamaican officials, including Prime Minister, Andrew Holness.

JAMPRO launches strategy to improve Jamaica’s doing business ranking

JAMAICA PROMOTIONS Corporation (JAMPRO) is to implement its Single Trade Electronic Window by January next year.

The agency says the new platform will have a direct link to the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) used by Jamaica Customs and this is expected to reduce the exporter registration time from five days to less than a day.


JAMPRO says the aim is to get Jamaica in the top 10 within three years.

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Almost one year after he suffered a major injury while on loan playing for Indy Eleven in the US Professional Soccer League, national striker Dino Baggio Williams is to undergo surgery shortly in the hope of fixing the problem and returning to full fitness.
Trump calls for liberation from ‘scourge’ of drug addiction

WASHINGTON (AP) — In ringing and personal terms, President Donald Trump has pledged that “we will overcome addiction in America,” declaring opioid abuse a national public health emergency and announcing new steps to combat what he described as the worst drug crisis in U.S. history.

Trump’s declaration, which will be effective for 90 days and can be renewed, will allow the government to redirect resources in various ways and to expand access to medical services in rural areas. But it won’t bring new dollars to fight a scourge that kills nearly 100 people a day.

“As Americans we cannot allow this to continue,” Trump said in a speech Thursday at the White House, where he hemied a patient. He said an epidemic he’s been told had spared no segment of society, affecting rural areas and cities, rich and poor and both the elderly and newborns.

“It is time to liberate our communities from this scourge of drug addiction,” he said. “We can be the generation that ends the opioid epidemic.”

Trump described his brother as a “great guy, best looking guy,” with a personality “much better than mine.”

“Today the scourge of drug abuse and addiction is everywhere,” Trump said. “As far as moving the money around,” he added, “that’s like robbing Peter to pay Paul.”

Trump also spoke personally about his own family’s experience with addiction. His older brother, Fred Jr., died after struggling with alcoholism. It’s the reason the president does not drink.

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Black Canadians in Toronto fighting of opioid abuse

Black data hampers monitoring, addressing of problem

NEIL ARMSTRONG
Freelance Editor

Toronto, ON

Black PEOPLE in Canada’s largest city are dying as a result of the increasingly gripping Toronto but no one seems to know how many because that kind of data is not collected.

Shaun Hopkins, manager of the Needle Exchange Program at Toronto Public Health, says the city is not capturing any type of information in any coordinated way at the recently opened safe-injection site in the Dundas Street East and Victoria Street area downtown.

“It’s not clear that we have opened it’s a temporary site we don’t have our data collection instruments set up to kind of track ethnicity and background right now: In the future we will have that information but right now not right now”, he said, noting that they’ve only been operating since August 21.

Nick Boyle, director for the Ontario HIV and Substance Use Training Program and a member of the Toronto Overdose Prevention Society (TOPS) says the authorities do not do a good job of collecting data in Canada so any analysis would be more anecdotal.

Boyle says they don’t collect ethnicity types data to better understand accessing those services.

“We don’t even have a good estimate on the number of people who use drugs that are of African, Caribbean and Black (ACB) people using drugs in Canada who are currently using its services. They are at The Works, at Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre, and at South Riverdale Community Health Centre. She said people use drugs for a variety of reasons: to cope with trauma, mental health issues, or perhaps it was an injury that they sustained and they were prescribed pain medication and that got out of control a little bit for them.”

Regrettably, Ottawa’s population is more than a quarter million people in a community where substance use is so widespread it is a primary cause of death, says Boyle.

Ryan said there is a growing problem and one that is hurting within our communities “I think LGBT is a population of more than a quarter million people in a community where substance use is so widespread it is a primary cause of death, says Boyle.

Ryan says they will be doing additional training in this area as well because although they are better prepared to respond to this issue they’ve got a lot more work to do.

He said there is historical underinvestment from government in relation to black-specific services doing this kind of work.

The executive director said Black CAP and Taibu are the only two organisations in the city of Toronto who are funded to do this type of work, specifically with black people and substance use.

Ryan is calling on the government of Ontario and the City of Toronto to increase their investment in these areas.

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A JAMAICAN lawyer, Dahlia Bateman has been inducted into the Bertha Wilson Honour Society at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. It recognises the alumni and showcases their geographic reach and contributions to law and society.

According to dean of the law school, Camille Cameron, Bateman was selected for the Bertha Wilson Honour Society for her “contributions and achievements as a student, a lawyer; a committed community member, leader and volunteer.”

She was lauded for being a “credit to the law school, university, profession and community”.

Bateman started out in private practice in general litigation. A litigator, she won a major decision in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice protecting a patient’s right to refuse medication.

More recently, she won an appellate decision that helped to define the law on declaratory relief while protecting a plaintiff’s right to a jury trial.

After 13 years since graduating from Dalhousie, she has firmly established herself in the legal arena.

While at Dalhousie, she was the university ombudsperson from 2002 to 2004, the student representative on the law school admissions committee, a member of the standing committee of the Indigenous Blacks and Mi’kmaq Initiative, and vice-president of the Black Law Students Association.

Upon graduation from law school, she received the prestigious David M. Jones Memorial Award.

Believer in giving back, Bateman has balanced her work and family life with pro bono work and volunteerism.

She serves on various boards in the Greater Toronto Area, including St. Leonard’s Place, a transitional home for formerly incarcerated men, and the Supreme Nursing Foundation which assists vulnerable senior citizens.

Anti-black racism

Bateman is also a member of Toronto District School Board’s black students advisory committee where she assists in drafting policies intended to increase graduation rates among black high school students and to address systemic anti-black racism.

She is a mentor for students, particularly those who have an interest in pursuing a career in law, and volunteers in the Ontario Bar Association’s elementary school mock trial program.

Her commitment to lending a hand beyond Canada’s borders to advance the well-being and education of youth is demonstrated in her Jamaican projects.

As someone who was born in Manchester, Jamaica she sponsors back-to-school programs there by paying for students’ tuition, transportation, food and school supplies for low-income families in that parish and Clarendon.

Bateman is also a volunteer advisor for the Canadian Executive Services Organization, which offers humanitarian assistance and professional advice to organisations in over 120 countries around the world.

Bateman has received awards from the Manchester High School alumni association and the Knox College alumni association (New York Chapter), representing her alma mater.

The Schulich School of Law at the university established the society in 2012, in tribute to Madam Justice Bertha Wilson, the first woman appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal and the first female judge of the Supreme Court of Canada.

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Food for the Poor, Canada celebrates its 30th Anniversary, photographed here are guests and awards

Food for the Poor, Canada celebrates a milestone

FRANCINE BUCHNER
Gleaner Writer

FOOD FOR the Poor Canada has built three Early Childhood schools in Jamaica and upgraded two Primary schools. McCain is currently embarking on building a village in Haiti. The country is still recuperating from Hurricane Matthew in 2010. Phase One will see homes built for 30 families, the implementation of solar street lights and a community well. Phase Two will add a school, a chicken farm and a mechanism for local women to access small business loans.

Volunteer Award

Tony D’Agnolo of Race Data received the Volunteer Award for his time and knowledge in creating a donor database that improves Food for the Poor Canada’s fundraising and communications capacity. “Food for the Poor Canada has been excellent. We have been able to respond quickly to emergencies. With Haiti - just phenomenal coordination. A lot of things happened really quick and we were thankful for that partnership,” said Mark Lacoste, who accepted the Health Award on behalf of Health Partners International of Canada (HPIC).

Lacoste said the HPIC looks forward to working with Food for the Poor Canada again and understanding their future project needs.

Pilot, Gilles Hudicourt accepted the Corporate Partner Award on behalf of Air Transat. After recruiting the coordinates of Mahfood from his contact at Food for the Poor in Haiti, Hudicourt, put her in contact with his boss at Air Transat, which set emergency relief flights in motion last Fall. It allowed Food for the Poor Canada to deliver water purification tablets and medicine to Haiti after Hurricane Matthew. “Air Transat sent me here today, to say: that they were very happy to get involved and it was an operation that they were very proud of. It was a seamless operation,” that saved lives.

Mark Josephs, board member on Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation (HHJF) accepted the Education Award on their behalf. HHJF partnered with Food for the Poor Canada and built 17 schools in the last eight years.

The Caribbean Chinese Association for their 40th anniversary, through their president, Clifton Li, partnered with Food for the Poor Canada and Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation and a group of 38 individuals from Canada, the U.S. and Jamaica donated funds and went down to Jamaica to built Riverside Basic School in Hanover, Lucea.

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WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?
Blind senator decries treatment by colleagues

- Says he wasn’t allowed enough time to review new National ID Act

EDMONTON COMMUNITY
Senior Staff Reporter

CONTROVERSY CONTINUES to follow the passage of the National Identification Registration Act as a marathon sitting of the Senate on Friday. November 10 was marred by a dispute over a Privilege Motion moved by opposition lawmaker Dr Floyd Morris. The motion was voted down by 11 government senators. Morris later told The Gleaner that he didn’t think the senators understand what they have done: “It is a vote against my right as a person with disability to access information in an accessible format and on a timely basis.”

VIOLATION OF RIGHTS

Before he walked out, Morris, in his earlier contribution to the debate, argued that the Senate was a review chamber and not a bill-drafting chamber. “This is a violation of my rights as a senator. It is a matter that I treat very seriously because it is happening too often.”

“I have to make sure that I am able to compare and contrast the various amendments that are being proposed, and right now it is posing a major difficulty for me, and that is a violation of my privilege as a senator,” he charged.

“I have the right to access the new legislation. This is a violation of my rights and privileges. A part of those rights as a senator in this Parliament, I have certain rights. I have certain privileges. A part of those rights is access to documentation and access in an accessible format and timely basis,” he continued.

Pass it to a Joint Select Committee – Phillips

OPPOSITION LEADER Dr Peter Phillips is urging the Government to put the legislation establishing the National Identification System (NIDS) to a Joint Select Committee of Parliament. “It is critical that the rights and privacy of all Jamaicans are protected while enabling better policies and strengthening the crime-fighting mechanisms.”

“The People’s National Party strongly supports the need for the establishment of a Joint Select Committee to fully deliberate on this critical NIDS bill and engage the public on all matters of concern so it can be resolved,” said Phillips.

Hotelier Gordon ‘Butch’ Stewart cops Pioneer Award

ADRIAN FRATER
News Editor

WESTERN BUREAU: BUSINESS MOGUL Gordon “Butch” Stewart created history on Saturday night, November 11 when he became the first recipient of the prestigious Pioneer Award at the RJR/GLEANER Communications Group Hospitality Jamaica Awards, which took place at the Montego Bay Convention Centre in St James.

Stewart, who founded Sandals Resorts in 1981, is widely acclaimed as the OGKing of All-Inclusive Resorts for his pioneering work in transforming Sandals into the largest chain of all-inclusive resorts in the Caribbean over the past three decades.

The Pioneer Award, which was being handed out for the first time in the annals of the Hospitality Jamaica Awards, adds to an impressive list of awards which Stewart, who now operates as the CEO of Sandals Resorts International (SRI), the parent company of Sandals, has garnered over the years.

The awards previously won by Stewart, there were 18 other organisations, that have collectively added high-quality value to the Jamaican hospitality landscape.

Of significant interest was the Hospitality Personality of the Year, which was shared by John Byles and Marc Melville of Chukka Caribbean Adventures.

CEO of Sandals Resorts International Gordon ‘Butch’ Stewart.
**SANJA GROUP CHALLENGES ROLE OF CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**

**CHRISTOPHER SERJU**

Gleaner Writer

**HEALTH MINISTER Dr Christopher Tufton is now investigating concerns by the Ganja Growers and Producers Association Jamaica over the involvement of Chief Medical Officer Dr Winston De La Haye in workshops geared toward providing training in the use of medical marijuana.**

According to Tufton, he was made aware of the issue through the media and would conduct a probe and pronounce on the issue in a matter of days.

The workshops are hosted by NeuroPsych Services Limited, a company in which De La Haye is a principal, and the ganja growers argue that this is a conflict of interest with his job.

We are calling for an immediate investigation into the matter by the relevant authorities to verify the information and facts and act upon them as necessary,” said the group as it questioned how the company controlled by De La Haye got the permit of guntoting politician to carry the firearm holder in, along with the firearms and all the paperwork in the case of a politician seen in an online video shooting at bottles in a “fun” way.

“It is a stick-up ... They want to come to your person, whether that person is a child or an adult. Hold your weapon at the level of his face, or his chest, and say: ‘Stop! Who do you think you are? What have you done to me? I told you not to come here and I want you to take your weapon and go away! I will not allow you to do this to me,’ ” added Tufton.

**EDMOND CAMPBELL**

Senior Gleaner Reporter

IF PRIME Minister Andrew Holness has his way, all 59 countries will join the 59 countries around the world that have banned corporal punishment.

Holness had previously indicated that he was planning to take legislation to Parliament to outlaw corporal punishment in schools and other state entities, but last week he went further.

Holness told his parliamentary colleagues that corporal punishment is inconsistent with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the United Nations Development Programme.

“While it is not a consensus across the aisle or even a consensus within the political parties about banning corporal punishment totally in our country, I wish to declare that I am totally against corporal punishment,” said Holness.

The prime minister said the time has come for Parliament to debate the controversial issue in an effort to “finally” declare an end to corporal punishment within public institutions and as a means of discipline available to parents.

He contended that the outlawing of corporal punishment would represent a positive step towards taking a stand against violence generally.

Holness said it would also send a powerful message about the State respecting the inviolability of the person, whether that person is a child or an adult.

Holness said: “With our commitment to the SDGs, I don’t see how we can maintain discipline or account for the culture and claim that we want to advance as a modern, civilised society,” said Holness.

Immediate support for the prime minister’s position came from former education minister Ronald Thwaites, who told reporters that this is a direction which the country needs to move.

“No human being has the right to physically hurt another human being,” said Samma-Vaughan.

Remember what I said: We are not going to advance our human development as long as we beat our children. The research is very clear. Where there are high levels of violence against children, the society does not advance.

“We use that stance, we are not going to advance to be a developed country,” added Samma-Vaughan.

**PM WANTS LAW TO STOP THE BEATING OF CHILDREN**

**DR WINSTON DE LA HAYE,** a consultant psychiatrist, told The Gleaner that prescribing medical marijuana needs special attention.

He said that while any registered physician in Jamaica can prescribe any registered pharmaceutical product requiring a prescription, medicinal cannabis is not only a new product, but one with the ability to precipitate significant mental disorders, whether transient or permanent.

De La Haye further argued that NeuroPsych Limited is a completely independent operation from his job as chief medical officer, a position to which he was seconded from the University Hospital of the West Indies and which comes to an end on January 31, 2018.

That position is shared by professor of child health and development in the Faculty of Medical Science at the University of the West Indies, Maureen Samma-Vaughn, who, last Thursday, told Gleaner editors and reporters that this is a discussion which the country needs to move.

“While any physician can prescribe medical marijuana calls for special attention, says De La Haye.

He said that as a consultant, he was allowed to have a private practice and said that the training should benefit even seasoned medical doctors.

“We were all trained in the use of previously existing analgesics and other products in medical school. To my knowledge, cannabis was not included at that time and still isn’t in most countries. I look forward to changing that when I return to UWI on February 1, 2018,” said De La Haye.

He said that the pioneering work undertaken by NeuroPsych in the workshop series is consistent with the health ministry’s mandate to keep the Jamaican population safe and healthy.

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**FIREARM LICENSING AUTHORITY WITHDRAWS PERMIT OF GUNTOTING POLITICIAN**

**THE FIREARM Licensing Authority (FLA) has moved quickly in the case of a politician who was seen in an online video shooting at bottles in a man’s outstretched hands and one on his head.**

Gleaner sources last week reported that Jamaica Labour Party candidate in the 2016 general election, Trevor Webb, has had his firearm licences withdrawn by the FLA, which launched a probe after the video went viral.

Efforts to contact Shane Dalling, CEO of the FLA, were unsuccessful, while Webb said he had no comment before quickly ending the call.

Last week, Dalling had told The Gleaner that the FLA was looking into the matter.

“We have identified the licensed firearm holder, and steps are being made to carry the firearm holder in, along with the firearms and all the ammunition, for the appropriate action to be taken,” said Dalling.

“The first rule of engagement is that a firearm is never empty. So whether the rounds are live or not, or the gun is empty, you are never to point a firearm at someone unless you intend to harm them,” added Dalling.

In the video, Webb and the other persons at the scene can be heard celebrating that all three bullets had gone “clean through the centre” of the bottles, including the one that was on the man’s head.

Webb told The Gleaner on Friday, November 3 that the bullets were not real and that he had made himself available for questioning.

“FLA has questioned me about it, and I am waiting to see what will come of it,” said Webb, who contested the St Andrew Western constituency in the last general election.

“The bullets would have had to be mad (to hold the bottles), and I would have had to be mad,” added Webb.

**JAMAICA CUSTOMS AGENCY**

**NOTICE**

TO: KRYSTLE SMITH, whose last address is: 434 Beaverglade Avenue NE, Palm Bay Florida 32907, United States of America

TAKING NOTICE that an Application was filed on July 7, 2016 for the Commissioner of Customs, in the Parish Court for Kingston and St. Andrew at Sutton Street (the Court) in the Island of Jamaica, for an Order for the Forfeiture of Cane sugar, in the parish of Kingston on April 7, 2016, pursuant to the Proceeds of Crime Act. An Order for Substituted Service of the Plaintiff and Particulars of Claim, was obtained in the said court on August 31, 2016 and subsequently varied on May 24, 2017 and October 4, 2017 and you are required to attend personally or cause Counsel to enter an appearance on your behalf at the Court, on December 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. for the further consideration of the matter.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you do not appear or cause Counsel to enter an appearance on your behalf, the Plaintiff may proceed to have judgment entered against you.
Distinguishing between discipline and abuse

THE EDITOR, Sir:

All love?

My first concern has to do with the definition of “violence” in relation to what is generally loosely referred to as corporal punishment.

It is good, and right to move expeditiously to outlaw all forms of violence and abusive treatment against all innocent persons men, women and children in all public places and even in private homes including enacting new laws and regulations, where necessary, and enforcing those that already exist.

It is important that clear distinction be made between the calm, self-controlled, loving application of non-violent, non-injurious forms of discipline, such as strategically applied ‘spankings’, etc. and the usual angry, venomous, and violent ‘abuse’ of corporal punishment, whether in schools or homes, using sticks, stones, metal rulers, studded belts, clothes irons, machetes, and various forms of torture.

It is true that parents do not own children. But neither does the State.

So let the debate continue, in and out of Parliament. But let there be clear and honest definition and understanding of terms.

Loving, self-controlled ‘spankings’ are not the same as violence against children. There is a difference between the discipline and corporal punishment.

Let’s not end up throwing out the baby with the bath water.

My second concern is this: we see and hear much justifiable concern about child abuse in Jamaica. But who is dealing with, or even talking about, ‘parent abuse’ (involving parents, and grandparents especially) that is already rampant in Jamaica, land of love?

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MINISTERS OF THE ROAD

MONDAY
A long way to go for business friendliness

THE EDITORIAL concludes that if there are things for the Jamaican authorities to learn from the latest World Bank assessment on the ease of doing business, it is how hard countries have to run just to stay in the same position and how much there is still to be done in the drive for global competitiveness.

TUESDAY
Time to legalise abortion

All THEY now stand, the laws that govern reproductive health don’t serve women well, not least for the fact they impinge on the right of women to control their own bodies, the editorial said as it argued again that a woman should have the right to end a pregnancy provided certain conditions are met.

WEDNESDAY
Opportunity Opportunity from Paradise

THE EDITORIAL looked at moral and ethical considerations in investing in offshore tax havens, cited the difficulty managers of Queen Elizabeth’s personal wealth is facing concerning news of huge sums of money being invested in an offshore tax haven although they insist she received no tax benefit.

The editorial mentioned the 2016 Paradise papers revelations about the clients of the law firm Mossack Fonseca who made similar investments and suggested that the government, as it prepares to launch a new integrity law for civil servants and public servants, could use the revelations as a backdrop.

THURSDAY
Ms Munroe and Mr Warmingm’s other enablers

DEALING WITH Member of Parliament Everald Warming, who has a history of indiscretions particularly in how he treats with the media, the editorial drew attention to the latest incident in Parliament where he accused the media of printing fake news which won the support of Ms Moveta Muirroe, a civil servant who is head of the Constituency Development Fund, and whose comments on the fund and related matters ought to be apolitical.

The editorial said.

FRIDAY
When a gov’t tackles corporal punishment

THE EDITORIAL in commenting on Prime Minister Andrew Holness’ position in Parliament this week to have corporal punishment of children outlawed, said that more important than legislation is the need for a national mobilisation, led by the Government, against societal violence – whether physical, verbal, mental, or in other forms, and if it happens at home, in schools, at the workplace, or places of recreation.

To be at the helm of such a campaign demands a government that people trust, one that isn’t perceived to be self-serving and corrupt. Mr Holness has to ensure that his administration meets this test, the editorial said.

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Road to disgrace

THE EDITOR, Sir:

I AM a millennial who voted for Andrew Holness. I ploy the difficult road from Seaforto to Morant Bay in St Thomas every day, and while long disgust at our Member of Parliament James Robertson, I wanted to give Holness a chance.

The condition of roads in St Thomas is well known and again led to demonstrations this week. I was disappointed to see photographs circulating on social media of a widening and improvement of a road in Beverly Hills while we here in St Thomas continue to suffer.

I call upon the National Works Agency to justify to the country why a perfectly good road leading into Beverly Hills is more important than the road to Seaforth, St Thomas, which hundreds of residents rely on every day just to make ends meet.

SHAHERA SAMBULS
Seafort, St Thomas

Where is the change?

THE EDITOR, Sir:

IN JAMAICA, we have the privilege of exercising our franchise by voting in an election and selecting a government. Most of the time when I do so, I vote for the JLP I am however not so pleased with Prime Minister Andrew Holness and his administration, particularly as it relates to crime.

He made a very bold statement a few years ago when he did not yet have the reins of power. He said: “If you want to live safely in your yard, if you want to wake up in the morning and see another day, if you want to be able to fall asleep with your door open and wake up alive ...” we the voters should vote for the JLP.

Despite the fact that the Bible says that we must not put confidence in man, and even though a promise is a comfort to a fool, that statement by Mr Holness was a powerful one that many of us believed. We believed that he would do what was necessary to bring positive results to the crime fight. But this has not happened. Crime has got worse. It is out of control and people are being killed in Jamaica with impunity.

The powers that be are powerless to this crime problem. People are living in great fear. Many churchgoers whom I know are afraid to go out to services at nights. Where is the change that was promised?

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Summary - November 6-10

TUESDAY
Time to Legalise Abortion

All they now stand, the laws that govern reproductive health don’t serve women well, not least for the fact they impinge on the right of women to control their own bodies, the editorial said as it argued again that a woman should have the right to end a pregnancy provided certain conditions are met.

WEDNESDAY
Opportunity from Paradise

The editorial concluded that if there are things for the Jamaican authorities to learn from the latest World Bank assessment on the ease of doing business, it’s how hard countries have to run just to stay in the same position and how much there is still to be done in the drive for global competitiveness.

MONDAY
A long way to go for business friendliness

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FRIDAY
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The editorial looked at moral and ethical considerations in investing in offshore tax havens, cited the difficulty managers of Queen Elizabeth’s personal wealth is facing concerning news of huge sums of money being invested in an offshore tax haven although they insist she received no tax benefit.

The editorial mentioned the 2016 Paradise papers revelations about the clients of the law firm Mossack Fonseca who made similar investments and suggested that the government, as it prepares to launch a new integrity law for civil servants and public servants, could use the revelations as a backdrop.

The editorial said:

The opinions on this page, except for the above, do not necessarily reflect the views of the Gleaner.
Prime Minister Andrew Holness congratulates Sybil Iona Leslie, founder of Atlanta-based cultural group The Sugarcane, after receiving The Badge of Honour for her dedicated service in the promotion of Jamaican culture in Atlanta at the National Honours and Awards Ceremony at King’s House on October 16, 2017. At centre is Constance Madge Witter, who also received the Badge of Honour for dedicated service to the Jamaican community in Atlanta.
New licensing regime sets big fines for breaches

Designed to protect especially coffee growers on int’l market

AVIA COLLINDER
Business Reporter

U NDER THIS new law that consolidated agricultural commodities under a new body known as JACRA, growers who farm crops in “commercial quantities” will now have to be licensed, and those without permits may face up to five years in prison and fines ranging up to $5 million.

It’s a new element of the law, according to Dr Garnet Brown, consultant for organisational transformation at the Ministry of Investment, Commerce, Agriculture & Fisheries, who says it covers farmers of coffee, cocoa, coconuts, ginger and other regulated spieces.

Dr Garnet Brown

But one of those farmers believes the penalties are a massive overreach and could end up chilling business.

“In the first 25 pages, there are 10 sections where it wants to fine the farmers $3 million and/or imprison them for up to 12 months for breaches of this act,” said Roger Turner, managing director of Tulloch Estates Limited.

“Farmers will be fined a greater amount and imprisoned for a longer time than a thief, who steals amount and imprisoned for a year,” said Turner.

The same applies to companies, as well as the export division of the agriculture ministry. Those boards previously had commercial functions, which are being divested, and JACRA will operate exclusively as a regulator and inspectorate.

The agency will launch by year end, assuming the regulations to guide its operations have been gazetted by then.

Aside from licensing, it will be JACRA’s job to set and police minimum standards for ‘quality’ regarding cultivation, trade, export, import and distribution of agricultural commodities, storage, warehousing, hygiene, quality assurance, and more.

“The penalties are new and relate to the regulatory and licensing requirements. What we are really and truly trying to do is to protect the grower, especially coffee,” said Brown.

“You have some people who are trying to pass off ordinary coffee as Blue Mountain coffee, you have some unscrupulous people who have tried to pass off ordinary coffee on the international market as Blue Mountain coffee – we are now protecting it,” the consultant said.

DEFINING QUANTITIES

Citing an example, he said the former law governing the cocoa trade was silent on quantities regarded as commercial or non-commercial, while the law that created the Jamaica Agricultural Commodities Regulatory Authority, JACRA, defines commercial quantities as anything over 100 kilograms or 50 trees under cultivation.

For other crops covered by the JACRA Act, the quantities are defined as: 50 coffee trees, 25 kilograms of cherry coffee; 80 coconut trees, 8,000 coconuts, 1 hectare of ginger, 400 kilograms; 30 nutmeg trees, 300 kilograms, 50 pimento trees, 25 kilograms, and 1 hectare of turmeric; 800 kilograms.

JACRA also aims to regulate a category called ‘oil producing items’, including almond, avocado, castor bean, cocoa, groundnut, linseed, maize germ, nutmeg, oil palm, olives, palm kernel, rapeseed, safflower, sesame, shea nut, soybeans and sunflower seed.

DEFINING QUANTITIES

Brown says the new licensing regime is meant to act as a check on agricultural theft, otherwise called praedial larceny, and will be used as an avenue to police product standards now that the State is exiting the commercial side of agriculture and leaving it private operators.

“You will need a licence if you are producing in commercial quantities,” said the consultant, adding, “Yes, it is new.”

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TERROR VIABILITY of Jamaica’s legal ganja and hemp indus-
try has been called into question, with Government lawmakers
Marisa Dalrymple Philibert sug-
gest that Jamaicans might be clinging to false hope as there are
financial barriers that could exclude small farmers from partici-
ating in the sector.

Members of Parliament’s Public Administra-
tion and Appropriations Committee (PAAC) yesterday indi-
cated that there was need for clari-
ty as to how investors in the cannabis sector would either source 
funding from the banks or deposit proceeds from the sector into
financial institutions when there were concerns relating to
the corresponding bank relationships.

Dalrymple Philibert said that small farmers seeking to form a 
company and participate in the cannabis sector should be given
the assurance that they could do business with the banks without
facing major roadblocks.

“Such is the thing as false hope. You live and you think it will
happen, and it does not materialise because we cannot put money
under our mattress to do business now,” she asserted.

“I am concerned that this is an area that is not just grey. It is
very dark,” she added.

At the end of October, this year, the Cannabis Licensing Authority
(CLA) approved three licences to buyers in the industry, with one
licensed producer and two cultivators.

The number of conditional approvals as at October 31, 2017 is 61.

CHALLENGE

Corporate secretary at the CLA Ellory Taylor told confiscation
members that the authority’s mandate is to regulate the industry and
to ensure that stakeholders operate
within the framework of the entity’s regulations.

“The challenge is that even though we have been establishing
relationships with various stakeholders
within the industry, we do not have the protocols to
facilitate the policies and decisions of the
CLA,” she said.

Taylor shared with the commit-
tees that banks have expressed con-
cerns in relation to their corre-
spending bank relationships.

The CLA intends to address the concerns
of certain banks operating in different
jurisdictions. The services may include
wire transfers, business transactions, and deposits.

A number of international finan-
cial institutions have ended or
restricted their relationships with the banks in the region owing to con-
cerns such as money laundering and fraud.

Taylor indicated that the author-
ity has given some measure of assurance to the banks that it has
carried out proper due diligence in terms of persons fit and proper to
be awarded licences to operate in the industry.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and
Agriculture Donovan Stannery also acknowledged that the banks were

tentative for fear of backlash as it relates to corresponding bank relationships.

He suggested that an effective com-
munication strategy be pursued to
engage stakeholders in the industry and to encourage them to
‘be candid about what the situation is so that expectations can be
adjusted and managed.’

Committee chairman Wykeham
McNeill said that the ministry and the
CLA should take the lead in
‘dealing with this issue’ as players
would not be able to move money
through the banks.

“You cannot have big businesses built on each transactions. You
cannot expect a man to be walking with any bag of money to (con-
duct business),” he said.

McNeill asked the ministry and the CLA to provide details of how
it intends to address the concerns discussed at the meeting.
Harmony Movement honours community leaders

FRANCINE BUCHNER
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Toronto, ON

The co-founders of the Harmony movement, Gordon Cressey, Joseph Wong and Mary-Anne Chambers began their journey with Harmony Education Foundation and 23 years later, “so much for the hopeful, philosophical thinking that led to the creation of Harmony movement more than two decades ago,” said Chambers.

The occasion was the 2017 Harmony Awards Gala on November 1st at Bluma Appel Salon, Toronto Reference Library. Chambers said Harmony movement has been engaging youth in appreciating each other and enabling them to reach their potential. “I also realise that progress does not sustain without vigilance,” she said.

Chambers thanked those who “carried the torch over the years” – the board of directors, advisory board members, staff partners, “almost every school board in the province of Ontario, and especially, the young people who have led and participated in the various programs.”

The 2017 Harmony Community Education Award recipient was Hash Sadu, co-owner of A Different Booklist. This Award was given to an individual outside of the school setting, someone who has demonstrated a significant commitment to equity, diversity, social justice, educational and community engagement activities.

“To all of you who are seated out there, who are drum majors for justice, who every single day of your lives, you are engaging in social justice in the face of adversity... I want to encourage all of you to keep on keeping on... and as Malcolm Gladwell said, you will become a tipping point... and because of my intersection with you, I stand proudly here to receive this Harmony Award. A Different Booklist is one of the few independent bookstores left in Toronto that reflects the diversity of Toronto.”

Derik Chica of the Toronto District School Board was the 2017 Harmony Educator Award recipient said he wanted his speech to parallel his work by basing it on the experiences of students who often do not have the privilege of speaking in spaces like these.

He said police officers must be removed from inside their schools and replaced with the proper resources. “Our individual and collective work is to provide those students spaces so they can empower themselves to succeed in this colonial education system,” said Chica. He said it is the education system’s responsibility to integrate what they learn from marginalised communities into their decision-making. He said, it is time to get rid of the “illusion of choices” within the education system. “We advocate for one public education system. It means moving away from volumetourism as a social justice practice,” said Chica.

El-Farouk Khaki and Troy Jackson, co-founders of El Tawhid Juma Circle: Toronto Unity Mosque were 2017 Harmony Award recipients.

“We created ETJC because we wanted a mosque space which affirmed the dignity of all peoples; where diversity is celebrated not merely tolerated, where women exercise equal divine agency and where LGBTQ people are affirmed,” said Jackson.

Khaki said, “Islam first came to Turtle Island with African descent Muslims. And there are records that indicate that Indigenous people of Turtle Island also came to Islam with this initial contact hundreds and hundreds of years ago.”

Jewan Chanicka, Toronto District School Board was the 2017 Mary A. Samuel Harmony Leadership in Education Award. Chanicka said “we must not let the efforts of our ancestors who shattered shackles so we could be free, be in vain.”

The 2017 Harmony Social Changemakers Award went to the students of Waterloo Collegiate Institute who formed the initiative Crossing Borders. Crossing Borders comprises of newcomers to Canada, Canada-born youth and alumni and raises awareness.

Huda from Iraq in a student at Waterloo and shared her experience of meeting a young American boy at her school. He said, “He’s American. And at that point I was really shocked and I didn’t know what to say. And he said I would like to apologise for what my country did to you. And that was really shocking for me. And I just looked at him,”

He said, “You come from America. I come from Iraq. We both had nothing to do with the war, but we both suffered because of it.”

Cardinal Legar Secondary School of Brampton, Ontario received the 2017 Harmony School of the Year Award.

June Callwood Harmony Scholarship recipients were Tshahl Carter, Kitty Chiuwing, Rilly Chiu, Deborah Dada, Brunu Hassan, Nicole Slm Min Ho, GurendeKabulo, Patrick Lynn, Lorenzo Penate Lara and Ewa Wan Yu Hon.

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(From left) Gordon Cressey, Mary-Anne Chambers and Joseph Wong, founding co-chairs of the Harmony Movement/Harmony Education Foundation at their Awards Gala on November 2 at Bluma Appel Salon, Toronto Reference Library.

El-Farouk Khaki (at podium), co-founder of the El Tawhid Juma Circle: Toronto Unity Mosque (ETJC) speaks at the 2017 Harmony Awards Gala.
HERITAGE SINGERS, the Caribbean folk group that has been entertaining fans across Canada, the United States and the Caribbean for more than three decades, celebrated their 40th anniversary on October 21. The group hosted two performances to packed houses. The celebration consisted of high-energy performances that included music, dance and the telling of stories made popular by the late Louise Bennett-Coverley (Miss Lou), Jamaica’s noted folklorist.

The event was held at Toronto Centre for the Arts, at 5040 Yonge Street in North York. The show also featured dance moves dating back to the late 1950s and early 1960s that were once popular in Jamaica. They include mento, quadrille, ska and several others, which originated in Jamaica and soon became popular worldwide.

The programme started with a tribute to Miss Lou, who once told a gathering at one of the events hosted in her honour that it has been her pleasure to be associated with The Heritage Singers for many years. And, she had congratulated the group for their efforts in keeping the Caribbean and African folk culture alive in Canada.

Other performances included a dance routine — (Zuzuwah) Channa goes to Canada, Hallelujah Pepperpot, and a series of festival songs.

Special guest performer Joan Andrea Hutchinson, a storyteller, continued to highlight the Jamaican culture through her poems, stories and dramatic monologues.

Other special guests included storyteller and writer Sandra Whiting, who was joined in a skit by Kaden Stephen.

Jamaica-born Grace Carter Henry-Lyons, founder of the Heritage Singers, said it began in 1976 with a group of friends who kept meeting just to have fun. Soon they were asked to perform at the Harbourfront Centre, which launched the group’s career.

Henry-Lyons paid special tribute to members who have been with the group for several years, and thanked present members who continue to give their support.

She made particular mention of Valerie Taylor, one of the founding members of the group.

Heritage Singers in performance in Toronto
Real estate players urged to capitalise on market upsing

THE THIRD Real Estate Expo, mounted by members of the Real Estate Association of Jamaica at The Jamaica Pegasus hotel on October 17, highlighted the demand for housing, under the theme ‘Real Estate – Your Best Investment’.

Edwin Wint, president of the association, said the organisation was proud to be a key player in moving the country forward to meet its sustainable development goals.

“The real estate industry is one of the driving forces for economic growth in our country,” he declared.

“We are proud to be one of the key players, as together, we strive to achieve this objective, as well as to contribute to meeting our nation’s sustainable development goals.”

Darryl Vaz, minister without portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, guest speaker, urged players to explore options that would address the market demand for housing.

At the same time, Vaz dismissed arguments that increasing density would negatively affect water supply and the sewage infrastructure as any such demand would be adequately met, based on plans to upgrade sewer mains and water supply systems, as well as other infrastructure elements.

He maintained that the review in density would include current urban-renewal trends and development to facilitate an increase in housing stock, enhancement of public safety, providing wider options for housing solutions, as well as increased efficiency in the use of urban lands, reduce commuting costs, and protect environmentally sensitive areas.

The minister also drew attention to the fact that the sector has been growing rapidly and has made significant contributions to the country’s gross domestic product (GDP), referencing data from the Statistical Institute of Jamaica, which indicate that the sector contributed J$14.2 million to GDP in 2012, with this figure climbing to J$161.9 million in 2016, and the projection of a further increase to J$186.6 million by the end of 2017.

Peter James, acting head of mortgage sales at JN Bank, a main sponsor of last month’s third Real Estate Expo, has urged players in the real estate market to be proactive in going after current business opportunities.

“This is not the time to rest on our laurels, but, instead, to be bullish,” she said, noting that the market was on an upswing.

“JN Bank is prepared to partner with members of the Realtors Association of Jamaica, to tap into these opportunities, she added.

‘As a trusted financial institution, we not only focus on the bottom line. We also seek to satisfy our members’ needs by offering attractive mortgage interest rates.’

Participants in the expo displayed their products and services, and also benefited from timely presentations about contract law, and others titled ‘Know your Rights’ – ‘Tenants & Landlords’, ‘Land Valuation’ and ‘Mapping the Path to Homeownership’.

Jamaica has often meant very modest structures on a small plot of land in a development located many kilometres outside of the city and far from business centres.”

GOVT SUPPORTS INCREASE

He said that the administration was in support of an increase in density, which should assist in addressing this challenge.

“I can say very clearly that in discussion with my prime minister, recently, he is for an increase in density at this time,” Vaz disclosed.

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ST JAMES
Mayor sees Old Shoe Market as flood risk
MONTGOMERY BAY Mayor Homer Davis says he will be asking the St James Health Department to do a complete assessment of the city’s Old Shoe Market, which he believes poses a significant flooding risk due to blocked drains inside the facility.
Davis made the announcement on Monday, November 6 following a tour of the facility in downtown Montego Bay’s Penn Street. The tour was accompanied by several heads of department from the St James Municipal Corporation.

ST CATHERINE
Lauriston and Thompson Pen 4-H hold stew festival
THE LAURIBTON and Thompson Pen (La&T) Community 4-H Club held its 10th annual annual Stew festival last week.
The street-festival, featured 42 agency participants, attracted scores of residents from parish communities, who came out to benefit from information provided and to partake of stewed food offerings including: rabbit, duck, chicken, pork, eggs, and fruits such as guava, pineapple, June plum and cherry.
“‘The money that we make from Stew Festival goes back into training and developing our young people their minds attitude and leadership qualities for the La&T Club,” said founder and Club Leader, Shian Christie.

ST ANDREW
Farmers to get Blue Mountain coffee seedlings
OVER 50,000 blue mountain coffee seedlings (tipica) are to be distributed to farmers in East Rural St. Andrew, under a joint project with the Embassy of Japan called the Establishment of Production of Blue Mountain Coffee.
Member of Parliament for East Rural St. Andrew and wife of the Prime Minister, Juliet Holness, told Parliament in her contribution to the 2017/18 Constituency Debate in the House of Representatives on November 6.
She also said the constituency will be launching an inaugural coffee industry symposium, which is aimed at engaging all stakeholders, including adjoining coffee-producing constituencies.

Technology Park coming for lands around Hope Gardens
THE GOVERNMENT is to convert lands around Hope Gardens in St. Andrew into a technology park which is expected to provide additional spaces for the development of Business Process Outsourcing entities as well as office spaces.
Minister Without Portfolio in the Economic Growth, and Job Creation Ministry, Dr. Horace Chang told a business Outsourcing Career Fair last week that by the end of 2018, the first 500,000 square foot of space will be established and employ up to 6,000 individuals.

PORTLAND
Portland fêtes oldest centenarian
PORTLAND’S OLDEST centenarian 104 year-old Louise Williams was the guest of honour at her home in Polly at a function recently organised by friends and well wishers.
Portland has some 15 persons who have attained 100 years or more.

Health ministry intensifying public education about NCDs
THE MINISTRY of Health will be heightening its public education programme on the effects of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) as it intensifies efforts to reduce the high incidence of NCDs impacting the populace.
Portfolio Minister, Dr. Christopher Tufton, says the campaign aims to promote healthier lifestyles while identifying the ill effects of unhealthy living.
Speaking on Friday, November 3 at a National Food Industry Task Force stakeholder consultation, Tufton said focus on the ills of tobacco and sugar campaign would also be part of the drive.

Health fairs hosted at juvenile institutions for children, staff
THE FIRST of a series of health fairs for inmates and staff at juvenile institutions islandwide began on Wednesday November 8 at the Metcalfe Street Secure Remand Centre in Kingston.
Some 530 participants will benefit from the fairs’ contribution of dental care, blood pressure checks, electrocardiogram (ECG), cholesterol tests, eye screening, first aid presentation, life skills and healthy lifestyle training.

Jamaica observes Antibiotic Awareness Week
JAMAICA AND other countries are observing World Antibiotic Awareness Week from November 13 to 19, under the theme: Antibiotic, the end of an Era.
According to Senior Veterinary Biochemical Analyst at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries, Georgette Thompson, the focus is to raise awareness of the need to preserve the power of antibiotics through appropriate use and highlight the impact of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) to food, animal and the health sector.
She explained that AMR is the ability of a microorganism, such as bacteria, virus and some parasites, to stop an antimicrobial (such as antibiotics, antivirals and antimalarial) from working against it, she told the JIS.

CITATION
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TO: Jorge (George) Brathwaite
Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the estate of Eva Williams, deceased who at the time of her death was a resident of 186-03 Henderson Avenue Hollis 11423 in the county of Queens, state of New York, upon the petition of Eva Saunders Administrator CTA residing at 217 Wintberg Condos 312 St Thomas Virgin Islands, Mailing address PO Box 305422, Veteran Drive, St Thomas VI 00803.

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To Jorge (George) Brathwaite if living and if dead, to his/her/heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of-, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained. You and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate’s Court of the County of Queens, to be held at Queens General Court House, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 21st day of December 2017 at 9:30 A.M why the account of proceedings of SALE OF THE ESTATE, as PETITION TO SELL PROPERTY 186-03 Henderson Avenue Hollis New York 11432 of said deceased, should not be granted and (set forth fully all relief prayed for in wherefore clause)

This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless, you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.

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PATRICIA EDWARDS gave the audience goose pimples with her rendition of I Rise, Karen Smith took them down memory lane, and Gem Myers stole their hearts and displaced the late Whitney Houston with I Am Not Living Without You.

At the end of the evening, the 500 patrons who flocked the 23rd Cornwall College Alumni Association, South Florida Chapter Dinner Dance seemed to agree they would not attend next year’s event without ‘Pakage’.

The trio, whose musical talent spans years on both the international and local scene, blew the roof off, taking the house down at the new Pembroke Pines Centre in Florida recently.

They came to deliver, and this they did with poise and tenacity. Dressed as queens ready to protect their thrones, Edwards, Smith and Myers gave the best performance many said they had witnessed in the 23 years of the event.

“We don’t know how we will be able to match what Pakage did this year,” said committee co-chairman Lance Gibbs.

The event, staged annually to raise funds for students at the Montego Bay-based Cornwall College, received tremendous support from several sponsors, including Royalton White Sands, Jewel Resorts, Half Moon and Sea Gardens.

“As a chapter, they have been moving away the mountain of our needs, one stone and often one rock at a time,” was – How acting principal at the institution, Lecia Allen, described the help the school has been getting over the years.

LATARA BOODIE
Gleaner Writer

IT WAS a night to remember and a sight to behold at the United States Marine Corps 242nd Birthday Ball on November 3 at The Jamaica Pegasus hotel.

This opulent affair is the signature annual event for the Marine Corps (MC) worldwide. Personnel from the various departments within the US Embassy in Kingston, distinguished guests and members of supporting US Embassy agencies, came in their numbers in support of the MC.

Official remarks were delivered by chargé d’affaires at the US Embassy, Eric Khant, who gave high praise for the work, dedication and patriotism of the members within the MC. The more than 1,000 men and women which constitute the Marine Security Guard programme are heavily relied on by the United States embassies and consulates around the world. They operate around the clock, offering protection for official US Government personnel and properties. The MC ensures that the United States has the ability to conduct diplomacy safely around the globe.

The pre-recorded message from Secretary of State Rex Tillerson was warmly received by those in attendance. The message expressed gratitude for the outstanding service from the MC and the pride the United States has in the men and women which serve within it.

The United States Marine Corps embodies commitment, loyalty, integrity and courage, which are the four core values upheld by ‘the land of the free and the home of the brave’.

But they also knew how to party. After the meeting and greeting, it was time for the Marines to have some fun dancing the night away.

From left: Gem Myers, Patricia Edwards and Karen Smith performing as Pakage at the Cornwall College Alumni Association Dinner Dance in South Florida.

From left: Malgorzata Wasilewska, head of EU delegation, Shuma-kay Richards and Laurie Peters.

Chargé d’affaires at the US Embassy, Eric Khant (left), and British High Commissioner Asif Ahmad.

Lorraine Mitchell (left) and Lorna Blasse dancing up a storm at the Cornwall College Alumni Association Dinner Dance in South Florida.
Immigrants with criminal charges

ONE THING that was made clear by the candidacy of Donald J. Trump for president of the United States (US) was that immigration reform was at the forefront of his platform. With his inauguration on January 20, 2017, Trump proceeded the following week to issue several executive orders (EOs) designed to change the US immigration landscape. The most famous of these EOs and the one that received the most media coverage was the so-called ‘Muslim ban’.

The orders served to plunge the immigrant community in the US and their supporters, into chaos, confusion and uncertainty. There are lawful permanent residents of the US who have committed minor crimes during their time in America, and some in the undocumented community who have also broken state and federal laws. Additionally, those persons who are present in the US without legal status feared being taken into custody and removed from the States.

Under these programmes, you can apply for permanent residence, and your family, and later citizenship. Your ability to renew your work permit depends on the type of permit that you received or the programme under which the law were minor in nature.

Also, the undocumented who did not have a criminal history were not deemed a priority and, in particular, those with US family were identified and monitored by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The two EOs that are of wider concern to the wider immigrant community in the US are:

1. Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements

   The famous or infamous wall along the Mexican border with the US was also a hallmark of Trump’s victory – and the cornerstone of this EO. This EO included instructions to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to expand expeditious removal (ER) – previously, DHS policy had limited ER to within 60 miles of the US border and within 14 days of a person’s arrival. This EO expanded ER to anywhere within the US and within two years of a person’s arrival.

   The EO also instructed DHS to keep non-citizens in custody pending the outcome of their immigration matter, and included direction to treat all persons entering the States illegally as a threat to the US.

2. Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States

   This second EO had the most far-reaching effect because it made everyone who is in the US without lawful status vulnerable to removal, whether or not they had family in the US or any criminal charges – no matter how minor. It sought to enforce illegal entry into the US as a crime and to punish cities that refused to detain the undocumented after they served their sentences or even after they posted bond – so-called sanctuary cities.

   In the wake of the changes, it is important that immigrants with criminal history – both legal and undocumented – consult with an immigration attorney as to their exposure to removal. The law is complex, but the key relief from deportation. Those who entered illegally, especially those who re-entered the country illegally after a previous deportation, are especially vulnerable. Illegal re-entry can result in incarceration in US federal prisons and deportation with a permanent bar to legally returning to the US.

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

I want to extend my time in Canada

Dear Ms Powell,

I’m a farm worker and I want to apply to extend my stay in Canada. I also want to bring up my wife and son from Jamaica. My wife is a teacher. What can we do to become citizens of Canada?

- NC

Deidre S. Powell

CANADA

Dear NC,

A recent study by Statistics Canada revealed that one out of every five foreign workers become permanent residents. Immigrants now represent 20.6 per cent of the population in Canada and the numbers are growing. So there is a strong possibility that you, your son and wife can become permanent residents of Canada with the correct application and with time.

Your ability to renew your work permit depends on the type of permit that you received or the programme under which you came to Canada. The rules differ for each category of temporary foreign worker. Since I do not know the details concerning your work permit, I would advise you with possible options.

If you came to Canada under the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Programme (SAWP) and your employer wants you to continue to work longer than the typical eight months, which is usually the maximum time granted, you will need to return home for the SAWP season.

If you have the skills and training as a tradesman, you could have other options under the Federal Skilled Trade Programme. There is also the Canadian Experience Class and opportunities under the Provincial Nominee Programmes. Under these programmes, you can apply for permanent residence via the express entry system.

NOTE: It is requested that attention may be drawn to this Notice knowing the whereabouts of the Respondent, MARYSA SHANDHYA HYATT (NEE PORTER).

Deidre S. Powell is a lawyer, mediator and notary public who is a member of the Jamaican and Ontario, Canada bars. Her offices are in Ottawa, Ontario. Submit your questions and comments via Email: info@deidrepowell.com. Subject line: Immigration.
Birthday tributes for Hewitt Loague

EDDIE J. GRANT
Gleaner Writer

HEWITT LOAGUE, president of the Black Action Committee — BADC — and a founding member of the Jamaica Day Celebration, recently celebrated his 70th birthday.

The event, held at the Toronto Plaza Hotel, attracted a large crowd. That was expected, due to Hewitt’s popularity, and his long history of community involvement, especially since assuming the presidency of the Black Action Defense Committee (BADC) after the passing of the organisation’s founder Dudley Laws.

Laws founded the organisation, which has spoken out against, and confronted the police department about the shooting of several black men in the community, without any just cause, by police officers. Those actions by the police led to several large-scale street demonstrations in which Hewitt Loague was actively involved.

He was a member of Commonwealth Cricket Club, executive member of Toronto’s Lorne Club, a foundation member of Jamaica Day Celebration — an organisation that has now entered its 37th year of operation, and the owner of Logue’s International Disco.

Recently a wide cross-section of the community turned out to pay tribute to Loague and be a part of his 70th birthday celebration.

Among those paying tribute was Lloyd Wilks, Jamaica’s Consul General to Toronto.

“I met Logie 25 years ago while I was the consul here. But I had been hearing a lot about him before we met, and I find him to be reliable, trustworthy and an honest individual who has the community at heart.”

Wilks said.

Several of Hewitt’s relatives from across the United States of America, including some from New York, Atlanta, and Georgia were present to join in the birthday celebration. They included a niece, Pauline Loague, who said: “We made the trip to show uncle just how much we love him.”

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New York: The Organisation for International Development (OID) Inc. will host its 27th annual fundraising Christmas gala on Saturday, December 2 at the Greentree Country Club in New Rochelle, New York at 8:00 p.m. The OID sponsors vocational programs, helps rebuild homes in disrepair; funds academically talented students and helps with the building of libraries and health centres in various areas of the Caribbean. The group was formed in 1990, when Dr. Roy Streete, a dentist, and a group of individuals who wanted to improve the quality of life of the underprivileged in areas around the world got together and founded the Organisation for International development Inc.

Their motto is ‘Helping Others To Help Themselves’

OID is now a multidisciplinary, multifaceted, non-political, not for profit organisation registered with the IRS 501(c)3.

This group of volunteers continues to travel to Jamaica and other areas of the Caribbean. The most recent missions have been to the Dominican Republic and Nigeria. Volunteers with the organisation have been to Ghana, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, and have worked on projects including but not limited to health fairs within the US giving much needed service in the areas of paediatrics, gynaecology, orthopaedics, social services, dental, ophthalmology, physical therapy, and computer science.

Ticket Info: Dr. Roy Streete: 718-652-3976
Carol Biersay: 718-325-5606
All proceeds will benefit the 2018 Medical missions.
Event:
Summer Mentorship Program gives high school students of Indigenous or African ancestry a chance to explore health sciences at the University of Toronto over four weeks in July. Applications open now. Uoft.me/smp

Durham District School Board presents “Igniting Opportunities For Future Leaders” on Nov. 23, 5:30-9pm at Ajax High School, 105 Baily Street East, Ajax. Keynote speaker: Karl Subban. Call 905-666-6383

Colour of Poverty-Colour of Change presents “Equity, Inclusion & Racial Justice Change-Making - an Action Oriented Conversation” on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 5:30-8:00pm at Toronto Central YMCA, 20 Grosvenor St., Toronto.

2017 JCA Toy Drive and Children’s Party. Deadline to bring toys to the JCA: Nov. 30. JCA Children’s Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Registration for toddlers to 12 years old. Call 416-746-5772 Ext. 249

New York
CCOBANY Annual Fundraiser and Awards Banquet on November 18, 2017; The Douglaston Manor, 6320 Commonwealth Blvd, Little Neck, NY 11362; $100 pp; 9 PM - 2 AM; Contact: Barry - 917-741-0793

Friends of Porus invites you to their Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at The Adria Hotel, 220-33 Northern Blvd., Bayside, NY 11361. Music by Echo Vibes Disco with Guest DJ Gate Prize! Sumptuous Buffet & Exotic Drinks! SPECIAL GUEST: THE NEW PRINCIPAL!! For more Info, call: Phyllis Barnes- (646) 977-0702; Novlet - (718) 810-2553; Erica Follett- (347) 268-6048; Ossi Brown- (347) 386-3698; Khris: (718) 450-6545.

MOSA Annual Dinner Dance, Macedonian Community Center, Mt. Vernon, NY; 9 PM - 2 AM; Dec. 3, 2017 Contact: Esther 718-614-9349, Ruth 914-275-6659

ORANA Annual Fundraising Dinner and Dance, Strandford Marriott Hotel & Spa, Tresent Blvd., Stamford, CT 9 PM - 2 AM; on December 9, 2017. Contact: Jennifer - 914-310-4370, Sharon 917-406-0602

New York
Jamaica’s renowned actor Leonie Forbes receives a surprise serenade from Palm Beach, FL based violinist Son Mystro after her command performance in play Across the Bridge at Palm Beach Central High School auditorium on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Ms. Forbes was recognized for over 50 years in Jamaican theatre. Also paying tribute is Mr. Kareem Ali and members of the cast.
LIMITED TALENT AND BIG HEART

Colin Bullock

Erica Virtue
Senior Gleaner Reporter

In life, Colin Fitz-Herbert Bullock was a public servant, civil servant, policymaker, teacher, daddy, second dad, favourite uncle and beloved Cornwall College old boy.

In death, he was sent off with the dignified befitting someone who had spent much of his life dedicated to the improvement of Jamaica, the land he loved, during a funeral at the St Peter and Paul Catholic Church on Saturday, November 4.

His family, former associates, technocrats and policymakers and friends filled the church to celebrate the life of the “gentle giant” who they declared had “limitless talent and a big heart.”

LARGER THAN LIFE

John Robinson, whose tribute represented several institutions where Bullock worked, said the former civil servant was never afraid of standing alone and proud of being called the majority of one.

“He was indeed a larger than life figure, with limitless talent and a big heart who served, and had extraordinary accomplishments,” said Robinson to the packed church of mourners, which was described as a “service of the highest order.”

Mrs Robinson said the former civil servant’s “greatest gift” was his “ability to bring people together.”

“He was a good daddy and he always believed that Jamaica was second to none,” said Robinson.

“His son Shonari remembered his father as a man who was always funny and loved the outdoors. He loved his country and his family, and was a man of integrity,” said Robinson.

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Bullock was also a recipient of the Colin Bullock award for the best student in Public Finance and Public Policy.

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His extensive experience in the area of fiscal policy management and macroeconomic stability was highlighted.

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Striker Dino Williams awaits surgery

A LMOST ONE year after he suffered a major injury while on loan playing for Indy Eleven in the US Professional Soccer League, national striker Dino ‘Baggo’ Williams is to undergo surgery shortly in the hope of fixing the problem and returning to full fitness.

“I went to the doctor last week and got all the test done and I am now ready for the surgery… I am just waiting for the time,” said Williams, who recently returned from injury to play for Montego Bay United (MBU) FC, in the Red Stripe Premier League.

The wily Williams is expected to be out of action for a minimum of two months after the surgery. However, he is not worried and is already plotting his return to the game.

“I am feeling pretty confident that everything will go well,” said Williams, who first represented Jamaica at the senior level in 2012. “I just want to get it over with so that I can go back to enjoying what I love to do, which is to play football.”

At the time of his injury, Williams was in top form and the management of MBU were cautiously optimistic that he was on the verge of landing a decent contract, having previously battled his skills in 2013, on loan to Charleston Battery. Since coming to the fore representing Green Pond High School in the daCosta Cup schoolboy football competition, Williams’ dream has always been to make it big in football. That journey has taken him to Village United, MBU, Indy Eleven and Charleston Battery. After his surgery, he hopes to hit the road once again in his quest to continue the journey.

While cognisant of the fact that many players have struggled to get back to their best after surgery, Williams says he is not the least bit worried.

“I’m not too concerned about that right now,” said Williams, in regard to making a full recovery. “I am just hoping to go in, do the surgery, go through the recovery, and work hard to get back to where I used to be.”

Leon Bailey is Fanatic Player of October

BAYER LEVERKUSEN’S Jamaican attacker, Leon Bailey, continues to enhance his reputation in the German Football League after he was named Bundesliga Fanatic October Player of the Month.

His agent and adoptive father, Craig Butler, said none of Bailey’s achievements are surprising, adding that they had been planned and prophesied.

“I am not surprised. I have already said that Leon is going to be, if he is not already, the best player Jamaica has ever produced. Everything occurring now was planned and prophesied before. The prophecy is being fulfilled, one by one,” Butler told STAR Sports.

The 20-year-old attacker has been massively influential for his club since his nightmare debut, substituted at halftime against Bundesliga champions Bayern Munich on match day one.

However, Bailey’s form of late has been so impressive that he has kept highly rated German international winger Karim Bellarabi out of the starting line-up and has been one of the main driving forces behind the Werksself’s rise to ninth in the table, just three points off the top-four Champions League places.

“Leon is a weapon! He has unbelievable speed, a strong finish and is incredibly difficult to defend. We are very satisfied with him,” said Bayer coach Heiko Herrlich following the Rheinderby.

ARGBUALLY THE BEST PLAYER

The left-footed attacker has been deployed increasingly on the right of an attacking trio by coach Herrlich and was arguably the best player in a 2-2 home draw with Wolfsburg, involved in many of the chances Leverkusen created and was always a danger from set pieces.

In the 8-1 comeback game against Borussia Mönchengladbach, Bailey scored the goal that put Leverkusen 2-1 up and was outstanding throughout the match.

The fast-rising star closed off the month with another Man of the Match performance against Köln, scoring the equaliser in a 2-1 win in the Rheinderby after rounding keeper Timo Horn.

Bundesligafanatic.com also stated that October has shown the young Jamaican to be a master of the three Ts – technique, tempo and temperament.
Flow Super Cup reaches semi-final stage

ST ELIZABETH Technical High School (STETHS) will be the only rural school in the semi-finals of the Flow Super Cup to be played at Sabina Park in Kingston.

STETHS booked their passage after beating urban-based St Andrew Technical 4-3 on penalty kicks on Friday night November 10, at the Montego Bay Sports Complex after the game ended 1-1 with STETHS fighting back, having conceded an early goal to Jevoney Johnson in the first half. They equalised shortly after through Clifton Woodbine.

In the other weekend Flow Cup games at the sports complex, Calabar High defeated another rural school favourite and newly crowned Ben Francis Cup Champions, Clarendon College 4-3 in the first game.

In the two remaining games on Saturday November 11, Manning Cup Champions Jamaica College beat Dinthill Technical High School 3-2 to set up a third meeting with defending Walker Cup Champions Kingston College. Both teams share a victory apiece this season including an encounter last week when JC defeated KC 2-1 to land the Walker Cup.

JC advanced to the semi-finals after beating Dinthill Technical 3-1 through goals from their leading scorer Tyreek Magee who scored a double, with Gavin Thorpe scoring the third.

Dinthill trough a goal from Andre Fletcher had equalised in the first half to nullify Magee’s strike.

HATTRICK

In the final game, KC led by a hatrick from Rashawn Mackinson and a goal from Shamarr Bloomfield beat Rusea’s High 4-1 to set up the much anticipated clash with JC.

Down 0-1 and with half time approaching, Leonardo Popartly gave Rusea’s the equaliser after Mackinson had given JC the lead.

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Jamaica College’s Tyreek Magee (left) dribbles past Dinthill Technical’s Ky-Mani Campbell in the quarter-finals of the ISSA/FLOW Super Cup at the Montego Bay Sports Complex.

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McNally win Inter-Schools Sporting Clays Challenge

HILLEL ACADEMY’S pair of Roman Tavares-Finson and Kimberly McNally were crowned overall champion boy and girl, respectively, at the ATL Automotive Group Inter-Schools’ Sporting Clays Challenge, which was held at the Jamaica Skeet Club in Portmore, St Catherine on Sunday November 12.

Tavares-Finson shot an impressive 66 from 68 to win the event ahead of his team-mate Zachary Chen, who registered a score of 65 from 68.

Both shooters starred in the super six round as they outshot Peter Mahfood of the American International School of Kingston (AISK), who, earlier, shot a perfect score of 50 in the preliminary round. Mahfood finished third with a score of 62 from 68.

Tavares-Finson said that he was elated with his performance. “It feels great to win this tournament because I wasn’t overconfident, but I was confident that I could win,” said Tavares-Finson.

“I was a nice course and it was well put together, but it was hard because I know that everybody had a good shoot, but I knew that I could win by a margin of one or two,” he said.

McNally won the girls title, defeating Annabelle Chang in a shoot-off. This was after both competitors had 37 from 50 in the preliminary round of the competition.

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Roman Tavares-Finson (right) being congratulated by Peter Mahfood (left) shortly after he won the Flow Cup Atlantic Shooting. Looking on is Kaelen Azan (centre) National Coach.

Tavares-Finson and McNally put in some great things in Colombia once

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JAMAICA’S HOCKEY TEAMS QUALIFY FOR CAC GAMES

Both Jamaican men and women hockey teams qualified for the Central America and Caribbean (CAC) Games in Colombia next year.

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