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Hawthorne’s death leaves Diaspora in shock

LESTER HINDS
Gleaner Writer

CONCERNS ABOUT his company’s income tax status is the main issue in the case of the late Vincent Hawthorne, a Jamaican-American businessman, who shot himself at the family-owned Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery in the Bronx, New York.

Golden Krust, police officials say, was under investigation by the state’s tax department for outstanding taxes and the agency’s website shows several warrants against the company, going back more than two years.

Police reports state that Hawthorne killed himself because he feared being investigated by the federal government over the nonpayment of millions of dollars in taxes. He was also being sued for the nonpayment of overtime salary to over 100 employees of the company.

It is reported that several tax warrants were issued against Golden Krust for the nonpayment of taxes for more than two years. This nonpayment has resulted in Golden Krust not being allowed to do business as a corporation.

These outstanding warrants also affect the company’s ability to access financing from the financial market.

According to the New York Post, the police reported that family members said that on Saturday, Hawthorne was “acting funny” and “talking to himself” before driving to his Park Avenue office in the south Bronx where he later killed himself. It is also reported that he left a note saying that he was going to kill himself, which prompted alarm among members of his family.

Police sources said that surveillance video inside his office showed that Hawthorne died from a self-inflicted bullet to his head. He was discovered slumped over his desk with his licensed firearm close by.

DISBELIEF

As news of his death spread throughout the community, the prevailing sentiment was one of shock, disbelief and a sense of loss.

The question asked as “why?” In 1989, Hawthorne and his family pooled their resources to open the first Golden Krust store on East Gun Hill Road in the Bronx, across from the Number 5 subway train stop. The company today worth more than a hundred million US dollars.

Customers at several Golden Krust stores in the Bronx and Brooklyn were reported to have expressed their shock to workers about Hawthorne’s passing. His death was the topic of discussion wherever Jamaicans gathered over the weekend.

Close circuit surveillance video showed Hawthorne talking with two workers inside his office. The workers left with one going back to find him dead inside his office.

As news spread inside the company’s sprawling manufacturing complex, several employees converged on the office complex to find out what had happened to the man many called “boss” for some years.

He started an education fund in his parents’ name to provide scholarships to students both in Jamaica and the United States. His company also participated in a New York state run employment program to provide jobs for people in the underserved community of the south Bronx.

He was served on several boards, participated in many business fora where he shared his expertise and would be counted on to assist community organizations with funding and other contributions.

He was appointed chairman of the American Foundation of the University of the West Indies and was honored by the Jamaican government for his outstanding philanthropic outreach.

The family is now planning funeral arrangements, and a family spokesperson indicated that it may be a private funeral.

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Suspected suicide of Golden Krust’s Lowell Hawthorne sends shockwaves

LOWELL HAWTHORNE, 57, CEO and founder of Jamaican restaurant chain Golden Krust died on Saturday, December 2.

According to preliminary reports, Hawthorne allegedly shot himself inside the Morrisania, The Bronx Factory of his Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery & Grill on Saturday night, the New York Daily News reported.

Former employees of his told the Daily News that he was ‘humble and good’ and were ‘shocked’ at hearing he had likely committed suicide.

“My condolences to the friends and family of Mr. Hawthorne. May his soul rest in peace.”

Avery sad day.

#RIP Mr Lowell Hawthorne

Lowell Hawthorne was a good friend, and was always ready to help my office whenever we needed him. He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and employees during this difficult time.”

Dr. Robert Clarke, president of NAJASO, wrote on Twitter – “It was such an honor to receive the Golden Krust scholarship in 2007 awarded by CEO Lowell Hawthorne. My condolences and RIP.”

Hawthorne opened the first Golden Krust store on E. Gun Hill Rd. in 1999 and built the Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery & Grill into the largest franchise of Caribbean baked products in the U.S.

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LOWELL HAWTHORNE
(1960 - 2017)

Former Ambassador to the US, Gordon Shirley cuts ribbon to officially open Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery and Grill in The Peachtree Center Mall, in downtown Atlanta on August 25, 2006. Sharing in the ceremony, at left, is Golden Krust President/CEO, Lowell Hawthorne, other members of the Golden Krust family and guests.

Lowell Hawthorne (left), presents a scholarship cheque for $2,000 to Oladoyin Oladapo, graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School, and recipient of the 2010 Mavis & Ephraim Hawthorne Golden Krust Foundation Scholarship Award.

Erwin Burton, Chief Operating Officer of the Food Trading Division at Grace Kennedy congratulates the honouree, Mr. Lowell Hawthorne O.D. (left), at the Golden Krust Bakery and Grill sponsored reception for Hawthorne.

Maxine Henry Wilson (left), congratulates Lowell Hawthorne, for being awarded the Order of Distinction.

Carlyse Hudson of Mother’s Enterprises (left) with Lowell Hawthorne, Hawthorne was honoured by his staff at a reception at the Hilton Kingston Hotel, for receiving a National Award on Heroes Day, October 17, 2005.

Lowell Hawthorne and Breast cancer survivor, Dawn Bennett.

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J$100m support for climate resilience in the Caribbean

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions indicated in court that it wanted the venue change for Clarke’s trial because the Moravian Church has very strong influence in central Jamaica, particularly in the parish of St Elizabeth.

Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Adley Duncan noted that the 64-year-old Clarke served as a minister in Manchester and St Elizabeth for several years and suggested that he had the capacity to influence the trial.

Duncan also indicated that there were more than 150 cases down for trial in the St Elizabeth Circuit Court, which sits for just four weeks during the year. As a result, he said it was likely that Clarke would have been placed on trial more expeditiously if the case was transferred to the Home Circuit Court in downtown Kingston.

SISTER CAME FORWARD

The former pastor of the Nazareth Moravian Church in Manchester was formally charged in January after he was found on December 28 last year in a compromising position with one of the victims in a car that was parked along the roadway in Santa Cruz, St Elizabeth.

Her sister came forward after detectives from the Centre for the Investigation of Sexual Offences and Child Abuse (CIBOCA) began probing the incident.

Nearly three weeks after Clarke’s arrest, then president of the Moravian Church in Jamaica Dr Paul Gardener and his former deputy, Jermaine Gibson, were arraigned by investigators from CIBOCA for carnal abuse and indecent assault.

According to the police, the incidents date back to 2002 when Gibson allegedly had a sexual relationship with the complainant, who was 12 years old at the time.

Investigators also alleged that two years later, Gardener developed a sexual relationship with the then teen.

The Gleaner visited the company at 1 Skibo Avenue in Kingston on Thursday, November 30, to give Clement Ebanks, managing director of O’Brien’s, the opportunity to respond to concerns that emerged during a meeting of Parliament’s Public Administration and Appropriations Committee (PAAC) on Wednesday, November 29.

An employee of the company told our news team that Ebanks was in office. After introducing The Gleaner team and requesting an interview with Ebanks, the employee again sought a response and told our news team that “he would not be available for today”.

However, according to government sources, not from the finance ministry, as well as legal advice, the security ministry said that it had resolved to wait before pursuing the matter of payment of duties.

In a press release later, the national security ministry also indicated that it had the option of redeeming bonds on demand to recover any financial losses should O’Brien’s fail to deliver the vehicles according to the contract.

According to the ministry, it currently holds a performance security bond in the sum of J$45.5 million and an advanced payment security totalling J$213.5 million.

O’Brien’s had received a 50 per cent deposit on the contract, which converts to J$213.5 million. At the same time, Contractor General Darrel McIntosh told The Gleaner that his office had been conducting an investigation into the award of a contract to O’Brien’s International Car Sales and Rentals Limited to deliver 100 vehicles on the local market “in the shortest possible time” in the wake of an avalanche of criticism by sector groups over a failure by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to make it clear that all necessary tax credits and other incentives specific to specific sectors of business must be avoided.

EDMOND CAMPBELL
Senior Staff Reporter

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Theology and practice, as well as church governance, are closely intertwined. In the Moravian Church, for instance, the church’s stance on social issues, such as sexual abuse, is not only a matter of personal faith but also a reflection of the church’s commitment to social justice and moral integrity. The Moravian Church, being a church with a strong emphasis on social justice, invests a significant amount of its resources and efforts towards addressing social issues such as sexual abuse. This is not only because they believe in the moral integrity associated with responsible sexual practices, but also because they believe that Investing in the personal well-being of their members is a crucial aspect of their mission.

In conclusion, the Moravian Church’s position on sexual abuse is not just a matter of personal faith, but also a reflection of the church’s commitment to social justice and moral integrity. The church’s stance on social issues, such as sexual abuse, is not only a matter of personal faith but also a reflection of the church’s commitment to social justice and moral integrity. The church’s position on social issues, such as sexual abuse, is not only a matter of personal faith but also a reflection of the church’s commitment to social justice and moral integrity.
High schoolers’ cocktails
Teens abusing drug mixes made from cough syrup, popular candies – NCD

NADINE WILSON-HARRIS
Staff Reporter

It is often referred to as the liquid version of heroin because of the euphoria experienced after consumption. This laid-back feeling is attributed to codeine in the cough syrup. Codeine is considered one of the world’s most utilized opioids. It looks like Kool-Aid, but it is not. There is a serious problem in the US now when it becomes one of the rappers who does it a lot is Lil Wayne, and he started having seizures from it, noted Brown. Most of our students now are trying it and doing it. That leads to a different type of addiction, which is opioid addiction. The United States is currently struggling to counter an opioid addiction epidemic, which is reported to have claimed at least 50,000 lives in 2016. US President Donald Trump was forced to declare the opioid crisis a public-health emergency in October as a scourge of drug addiction and abuse hit the country.

“About two months ago, we started to get referrals from schools, and then we have students who are talking about it,” Brown told The Gleaner. The opiate-based cocktail, which is called ‘lean’, ‘purple drank’ and ‘sizzurp’, was made popular by hip hop trailblazer Lil Wayne, although it originated in Houston, Texas, in the 1990s.

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Daniel Brown, substance abuse officer at the National Council on Drug Abuse, said some of the products originated in Houston, Texas, in the 1990s.

“It is somewhat good in a certain sense, but on the other hand, it is also negative. Lean can be an anti-depressant, but it can also help to cause depression,” he said. “After you drink it, you will eventually go back to the same old feeling and you are going to be somewhat angry that it doesn’t last forever, so that will make you want to go back and do it,” he explained.

STRESS RELIEF

Describing himself as a huge fan of music, he said he and his friends tried it after hearing about it in hip hop songs. Coupled with that was the fact that he wanted a reliable stress reliever.

“I am somewhat always stressed out because of school and the pressure of passing subjects and not getting into trouble all the time,” he said.

He and his friends further researched the drug and decided to experiment.

“At first you are somewhat dizzy. You are not going to be aware of the effects at the same time, but over time, it can cause you to lose self-control. Based on the name, it literally dampsen your walk, so you start walking a certain way a funny way,” he said.

“I asked him and I didn’t really stay around. I kind of left from that surrounding because it kind of knocked me out for a while. So I fell asleep for a while,” he said.

Brown noted that e-cigarettes, for example, were being abused by students and are being purchased for between $350 and $1,800 to students.

“We need to screen the vendors that are at the school gates, because most of the time, because of the package that it is in, you wouldn’t even know,” he said.

Brown said some of the products are also being sold by other students to their peers.

“We have traditional drugs such as ganja, alcohol and tobacco, but if we are not careful, we are going to have more designer drugs coming to this nation,” he said.

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3rd day of November, 2017

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Surrogate, Queens County
James Lin Beckey
Clerk of the Surrogate’s Court

Attorney for Petitioner: Prose EVA SAUNDERS

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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LETTERS

Young, gifted and black

THE EDITOR, Sir:

This letter congratulates Miss Jamaica Universe, Davina Bennett for her runner-up victory in the Miss Universe beauty pageant recently held in Las Vegas.

I must equally applaud her for her deep sense of pride and reser-

voir of self-confidence exuded in her representation. I am sure that all Jamaicans share the victory, but as a Black Jamaican, I, too, share the special and extraordinary delight, the cheerfulness and contentment experienced by the community of Mitchell Town as they saluted the ‘crowning’ of their Black Princess.

It is a pleasure to note that some things that certain elements in the Jamaican society frowned against have suddenly turned into an important cultural assets: her audacious assertion of that stamp of identity; her boldness, and above all, confidence, unmatched by any other. Davina showed us what it is to be victorious ‘swimming upstream’ unlike embracing the stream to follow the flow.

This is indeed the character of a trailblazer and transformative leader. She stood up for what she believed and let the chips fall where they may. The moment has gone, but I hope the lessons will be observed.

As I watched the event, I thought about Nina Simone and Young gift and black. And that Ursula Haverbeck, one of the closeted thinkers and activists of our times is looking down, from wherever she is, smiling and probably up in chokey and laughing, “Bay it loud, you are black and proud”. Not just to Davina, but to the majority of Jamaicans.

Louis E.A. Moyston, PhD.

Imprisonment for denying all holocausts

THE EDITOR, Sir:

Ursula Haverbeck, an 89-year-old woman, lost her appeal in a German court this week against her 14-month prison sentence. She was found guilty of denying the Jewish Holocaust that happened in Germany and several other European nations do not tolerate the making of any public statement that the Holocaust did not occur or was justified. They make it a crime punishable by imprisonment even if you are 90 years old.

The Jewish Holocaust lasted six years. The people of Jamaica experienced the most devastating experiences in recorded history for three centuries.

In the past three years, we have had leaders of the nation which legitimized, encouraged and benefited from the slave trade visiting our island. The justifications for their visit were that we should “move on”, from the memory of that horrific experience and we should not “peer into the past” amounts to a denial of the worst Holocaust in recorded history.

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MONDAY

Hanna’s case is the symptom not the disease

AGAINST THE backdrop of Prime Minister Holness’ announcement of another J$6000 million-plus infrastructural project, the editorial while welcoming the input of certain institutions in the process including the oversight responsibility of the Contractor General, opined that it was not too late for the PM to engage in a larger discourse towards ending the politics of patronage, which could, per force, include scrapping of the annual allo-

cations to MPs under that vulgar ‘jorck baron’ called the Constituency Development Fund.

It cited MP Hanna’s case where the Contractor General has asked the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to look into the cir-

cumstances to determine if the MP misconducted herself in the alloc-

ation of contracts by recommending 12 persons connected to her party - the PNP. The case, in this context, is not the problem, just a symptom of the work arrangements which the editorial would like the PM to fix.

TUESDAY

Towards an inclusive tourism

AGAINST THE backdrop of United Nations World Tourism Conference in Montego Bay and in concert with the United Nations’ Development Goals, the editorial said tourism’s economic growth has to be inclu-

sive. People who work in the sector have to see in the jobs they do eco-

nomically value for themselves and their communities.

The good thing is that these things are being talked about in a serious and programmatic way. Now, it is for them to be acted on.

WEDNESDAY

The PM and cockeyed farce

THE EDITORIAL said the Gleaner is concerned about the Prime Minister’s strategy this week that appeared to question the logic of a singular application of justice, as well as his seeming suggestion that the Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM), the body that investigates misbehaviour by the police, should be less than rigorous in its job.

The other element from Mr. Holness was his latest proposal to deny bail to persons accused of gun-related crime, a reflection, as the government sees it, of the fact that more than 80 per cent of Jamaica’s homicides are committed with guns.

The editorial said as with previous attempts at similar laws, the deny-

ing bail proposal was likely to raise concerns over people’s right to liberty, especially in the face of a justice system that is log-jammed and criminal cases often taking several years to be resolved.

THURSDAY

Good idea to advertise judicial jobs

The THE EDITORIAL agreed with a sug-

gestion from the Bar Association of Jamaica that the Government adver-

tises the post of Chief Justice, noting that by doing so it would not preclude the Prime Minister from making the call as the constitution requires.

The present Chief Justice Zaila McCalla, turns 70 in January and consistent with the constitution, is due to retire.

FRIDAY

Procurement comedy or sinister farce?

THE EDITORIAL assesses the situa-

tion where a company, O’Brien’s International Car Sales has failed to honour its contractual obligation to the Ministry of National Security to deliver the bulk of the ordered 200 used cars for the police force despite being granted a 90-day extension which has expired.

Questions arose around the issue, initially started by the opposition spokesman on security, Peter Bunting who had queried the suit-

ability of the importer who had sub-

sequently asked the Security min-

istry to pay the general consump-

tion and special taxes involved in the importation. The ministry and the finance ministry turned down the request.

Asking the question if the episode was a comedy or sinister farce, the editorial suggested that it was not a laughing matter and is something that the Prime Minister should want to get to the bottom of.

THE OPINIONS ON THIS PAGE, EXCEPT FOR THE ABOVE, DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE GLEANER.
A very hearty laugh among TTHHEE NNAA WWWEEEEKK GGLEEAANN... Mike Fennell, Russell Thompson, and Bishop Kennedy.

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From left: Tabitha Riley, secretary-general of UNWTO; Arnold Donald, CEO of Caribbean Prime Minister of Jamaica Andrew Holness; and Jamaica's Minister of Tourism Edmund Bartlett.
National petroleum company reviews Tullow, United Partnership on oil licence

PETROLEUM CORPORATION of Jamaica (PCJ) says it is currently reviewing the proposal for United Oil & Gas Plc to take a 20 per cent equity in the exploration licence issued to Tullow Jamaica Limited under a production sharing agreement in 2014. United Oil announced this week that it formed a partnership on the Jamaica project with Tullow Oil. Both companies are based in the United Kingdom.

“The agreement between the two companies is subject to review by the PCJ as the entity which manages the contract with Tullow on behalf of the Government of Jamaica. The PCJ will issue its decision once its assessments have been completed,” the agency said in response to queries.

“While the agreement with Tullow exploration rights on more than 32,000 square kilometres of Jamaica’s offshore blocks. Under the project, Tullow has already carried out extensive 2D seismic surveys and will move to more detailed 3D surveys in 2018. The proposed partnership with United Oil would see the companies sharing the risk for the next phase of the exploration.

“Subject to the approval of the PCJ, the exploration agreement will still be carried out by the existing operator, Tullow, with United bearing a portion of the costs,” PCJ said.

In this March 23, 2017 photo, Minister of Science, Energy and Technology Dr Andrew Wheatley (left) and Group General Manager Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica (centre) are shown a map of Jamaica’s offshore blocks where Tullow Oil will be carrying out 2D seismic surveys by Business Unit Manager of Tullow Oil, Eric Bauers.

Malta-registered ship to be auctioned off in Kingston

MCPherson Thompson
Assistant Editor – Business

THE MALTA-registered bulk carrier Trading Fabrizia, which was detained in Jamaican waters just over a year ago and is still sitting in the Kingston Harbour, is to go on the auction block on January 8, 2018 in Kingston.

The ship was ‘arrested’ on behalf of Italian outfit Jomed BRI, as mortgagee of the vessel, for a debt of US$899,046.88 allegedly due from Capitalase, the owner of the ship.

In June this year, the Court Justice Carol Edwards granted an application for the Admiralty Bailiff to appraise and sell the Trading Fabrizia within 30 days if Capitalase failed to provide alternative security of just over US$1.1 million to satisfy the judgment and three other parties to the claim, namely XO Shipping, which claimed an interest in respect of fuel supplied to the ship.

On the morning of September 9, next year.

The London-based shipbrokers CW Kellock and Company which is handling the sale, advised the Gleaner in emailed responses that bidders can submit their offers in advance and need not attend the auction.

“However, a bidder, having submitted a sealed bid may also attend the auction and make new or improved bids,” the company said.

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Remembering Austin Clarke

NEIL ARMSTRONG
Freelance Editor

THE LATE Canadian author, Austin Clarke, was the subject of a recent conference organised by the Department of Humanities at York University and the Women and Gender Studies Institute at the University of Toronto to honour him. The Canada 150@Work event ‘Austin Clarke’s Legacy: A Celebration and Conference’ took place on November 17 and 18.

“The purpose of this conference is both celebration and exploration – a celebration of Clarke’s life (he passed away on June 26, 2016) and a reflection on the present and future of Black letters in Canada, and the place and influence of his work within it,” said the organisers.

On November 17, the “Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Austin Clarke” took place at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto and included an authors’ roundtable with David Chariandy, Cecil Foster, Ronnet L’Abbe, and Rod Michalko.

The following day, “Remembering Austin Clarke,” at York University had a range of panels, roundtable and reminiscences.

The keynote speaker was Michael Bucknor, department head, Literatures in English at the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.

Bucknor’s most recent work on Clarke has been a book project “Transnational Circuits of Cultural Production: Austin Clarke, Caribbean-Canadian Writing and the African Diaspora.”

Between last year and this year, he gave two talks in Canada from that project so Bucknor, who is also the UWI public orator, opted to present from his work on masculinities and popular culture.

He decided to show Clarke’s legacy for thinking through some issues related to Jamaican popular culture.

In his presentation, “Clarke’s ‘Saga Boys’: Black Aesthetics as Epistemology,” Bucknor noted that: “Jamaican visual artist, Ebony Patterson, in her Gangstas for Life series, especially, Di Real Big Man (2010), both inspire an investigation of the way in which the black dandy is an index of black aesthetics as epistemology.”

He said that in Clarke’s introduction to Nine Men, the author “articulates the concept of a black aesthetics as a ‘re-appraisal’ of ‘the definitions that others have used to portray so-called immigrants, black people in white metropolitan centres.’”

He noted that “several of the stories feature male characters who refashion themselves in the guise of the ‘black dandy’ what Trinidadians call a ‘saga boy,’ as a way of renovating the ‘threadbare masculinities’ assigned to black men, often produced from a matrix of race, class, gender and sexual stereotypes.”

Bucknor said Patterson’s Gangstas series has also been read as a contemporary revival of Belisario’s “Sketches of Character,” especially “The Actor Boy” series in which the male figures were “cross-dressing in flamboyant, sequinned and feathered male-female costumes” and the “male sartorial style of iconic ‘rude boy’ of the film The Harder They Come that trouble race, class, sexual and gender norms.

DANCEHALL DANDIES

“Via a dialogue between Clarke’s black male dandies of the post 1960s Toronto in his short stories and Patterson’s visualisations of contemporary dancehall dandies in Kingston, I argue that Afro-Caribbean invocations of the black dandy is more than fashion statement, it is epistemological stance. I am deliberately tracing a connection between dancehall dandies and Clarke’s saga boys in order to first show the legacy of Clarke’s work in respect to black epistemological thought as well as to indicate the trans-historical reach of the unfinished rehumanisation project for black subjectivities,” he said.

Bucknor was invited to the first Austin Clarke conference in 2000 by Leslie Sanders Coleman whose work on Austin in the form of a chapter of his Ph.D. thesis was the first critical engagement that seduced me to read and do work on Clarke, he said.

Consequently, in his 1998 thesis, one chapter was dedicated to Austin Clarke’s work: the other three main chapters were on Dionne Brand, Lillian Allen and Cyril Dionne Brand, Lillian Allen and Cyril Dabydeen.

That Clarke chapter was subsequently published as “Voices under the Window of Representation: Austin Clarke’s Poetics of (Body) memory in The Meeting Point” now republished in Camille Isaac’s ‘handsome and handy collection of essays, he said.

Clarke, who was born in St James, Barbados on July 26, 1934, migrated to Canada in 1955 and died in Toronto at the age of 81 on June 26, 2016.
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Minimising risk in property deals

CHRISTINA BROWN
Contributor

If you are thinking about buying property in Jamaica, then you are about to embark upon a major investment. A potential investment in property requires careful consideration because of the risks involved. You want to ensure that you are fully satisfied with the property you are purchasing so that you do not become the victim of a bad bargain. Here are a few tips a prospective purchaser should consider before sealing the deal.

When purchasing property, it is prudent to retain the services of an attorney to ensure that your interests are properly protected during the entire sale transaction. Many purchasers attempt to handle the transaction on their own only to later discover that the process is a lot more involved than initially thought. Before the sale agreement is signed, the vendor has no obligation to disclose certain information about his title or even his property to the purchaser. At this pre-contractual stage, the purchaser has a duty to make enquiries on matters which do not affect the vendor’s title for the simple reason that it may be too late to raise them, after the contract is signed. Extra care should be taken when purchasing condominiums or strata properties, especially in new developments.

A check with the local planning authority can disclose zoning and planning restrictions on the use of the land under the local planning laws. Land developers, especially, should check to see if certain kinds of developments are permitted in certain areas.

CHECK FOR RESTRICTIONS

If there is a registered title for the property, a title search can be very useful in the pre-contractual stage, although typically, it is conducted after the contract has been signed.

Title searches not only confirm the vendor’s ownership of the property, but they can also put a purchaser on notice of any encumbrances or adverse third-party rights or restrictions affecting the title, for example, caveats, mortgages, or charges.

Depending on the stage of the transaction, the results of a title search can help to decide if you will avoid entering into a contract altogether or proceed with an existing contract on the basis that the vendor has undertaken to remove the defects in his title.

A recent valuation report will disclose the current market value of the property and can help you to decide whether to accept the vendor’s price or make your own offer.

Banks and other financial institutions usually require a valuation report when a purchaser is obtaining a mortgage loan. Purchasers should have the property surveyed by a commissioned land surveyor so that it can be properly identified. A surveyor’s identification report can disclose breaches of restrictive covenants endorsed on the title or boundary discrepancies that could give rise to future problems with selling the property or conflict with neighbours.

If you are getting a mortgage to finance the purchase, the mortgagee will require that there are no breaches of covenants, etc. If purchasing with cash only, you still need a surveyor’s identification report to confirm that there are no breaches with the property. Most sale agreements contain a special condition giving the purchaser a timeline to bring any objections or requisitions to the attention of the vendor. Purchasers should pay close attention to this clause as it is a good opportunity to point out any breaches that the vendor may need to cure.

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INSPECT WHAT YOU ARE BUYING

When buying property, the purchaser should be satisfied with its physical state. Purchasers should examine the physical features of the property once the vendor has granted permission.

The vendor is not obligated to inform a purchaser of obvious physical defects in the property, and the onus is on the purchaser to discover these flaws for themselves. This is important, especially when property is being sold “as is”.

If purchasing a building, you should have it professionally examined for structural or drainage defects, dry rot, faulty electrical wiring, etc.

If you are buying vacant land, don’t just examine the land you plan on purchasing, but also take notice of its surroundings.

Depending on how developed the area is, you might discover problems with accessing the land itself or utilities such as water and electricity. In the pre-contractual stages, certain observations can help you to determine if it is worth making an offer at all and the amount you are willing to offer.

An inspection can also reveal whether the property is occupied, and you may wish to put questions to the vendor as to the nature of the occupancies. For example, tenants, squatters, or licensees. If you are not willing to take the property with occupants, you should insist that the contract provide for ‘vacant possession’ on completion of the sale.

In general, your inspection of the property, or its location or surrounding features, may call for special questions, which should be asked after the contract has been signed.

- Christina Brown is an attorney with law firm DunnCox.

Wihcon rolling out residential projects worth $77b

PRESIDENT AND CEO of the ICD Group Peter Melhado says construction subsidiary West Indies Home Contractors (Wihcon) will be rolling out several projects in two years, for which the cost of development falls in the ballpark of $77 billion.

There are 1,748 residential units in the pipeline for construction over the period.

Recently, Wihcon sold off some heavy equipment, including cranes, but Melhado said these were surplus assets acquired with the purchase of Kier’s holdings.

“When we bought Kier’s assets in Jamaica, there were a number of pieces of equipment that were surplus to requirements, which we are offering for sale in the normal course of business,” Melhado told Gleaner Business. Kier International pulled out of Jamaica two years ago. Wihcon recently moved its headquarters to the old Kier complex at Harbour Head in East Kingston. Melhado himself was once a project engineer with Kier, early in his career.

Wihcon, meanwhile, has ended its relationship with ALF Investment Limited, a property management and real estate development company-a partnership out of which two large developments came.

The investment company’s shareholders are Margaret Mahfood, Sandra Mahfood, Nadzia Wright and Ann Brown — each holding one share.

In 2011, Wihcon entered into an alliance with ALF, which brought large tracts of land to the partnership. The association resulted in the development of Meadows of Irwin in Montego Bay and a high-end town house complex, Somerset Homes, constructed near Graham Heights in Kingston.

The latest development was Jacaranda Homes located at Innswood in St Catherine.

Wihcon noted on its website that its partnership with ALF Investments ended in 2011.

The new Wihcon projects to be rolled out to the market by December 2019 include The Lofts, located near the National Stadium in Kingston, comprising 128 units; a development in Harbour View, St Catherine, which will field 120 units; and the continuation of phase one of the Friendship development in Irwin, Montego Bay, which is a joint venture with National Housing Trust to construct 1,500 units, Melhado said.
ISLANDWIDE

Infirmaries to be renamed as Adult Residential Care Facility

THE GOVERNMENT will be changing the name of the island’s infirmaries, with the process to begin in eastern parishes. Local Government Minister Desmond McKenzie announced recently at a town hall meeting in Portland.

“So when you go to the Portland Infirmary in a couple weeks’ time, you won’t see the sign saying anymore – ‘Portland Infirmary’. You will see a new sign saying ‘Portland Adult Residential Care Facility’.

Class sizes to be reduced to help improve student achievement

THE MINISTRY of Education, Youth and Information, Senator Ruel Reid is to reduce the size of classes in the nation’s schools as part of measures to improve student achievement.

“I am working on a budget to do so,” he told the launch of a special curriculum for children with learning disabilities held on Tuesday (November 28) at the Randolph Lopes School of Hope in St. Andrew.

He said that there is agreement with stakeholders for the establishment of a student-teacher ratio of 1:25 for regular schools and even lower for institutions where there is a concentration of students with special needs.

Craft vendors and attractions sign MoU with TPDCo

LOCAL CRAFT vendors and operators of attractions are to benefit from a memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed on Wednesday November 29 between the Tourism Product Development Company (TPDCo) Limited and The Travel Foundation, based in the United Kingdom.

The agreement establishes a framework of co-operation and collaboration, which will see both organisations working more closely to build the capacity of the targeted groups.

The objective is to increase local economic benefits from tourism by supporting craft markets and attractions to improve their practices, so as to attract more visitors.

Over 2,000 houses to be built for middle to low income persons

THE HOUSING Agency of Jamaica Limited (HAJ) will be building over 2,000 housing solutions for middle- to low-income persons over a three-year period.

Managing Director of the HAJ, Gary Howell, told a JIS Think Tank recently that the need for affordable options for aspiring homeowners is growing steadily and the agency is determined to play its part in responding to the existing needs.

STANDREW

Abilities Foundation launches unit for training

THE ABILITIES Foundation, a voluntary organisation, has launched its new Beauty Services Unit, as part of its mandate to provide more training opportunities for persons with disabilities.

The unit, which was launched on November 28 at the Abilities Foundation’s Constant Spring Road address in St. Andrew, is a renovated classroom outfitted with five stations for nail and make-up artistry as well as a hair dressing area to facilitate cosmetology training of the students.

It was established at a cost of J$1 million, with proceeds from the 2016 Digicel 5K Run for Special Needs initiative and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

ST. ANDREW

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Minister of Health Dr Christopher Tufton (second right) and State Minister Floyd Green (second left) peer over the shoulders of students (from left) Jerome Reynolds of St Andrew Technical High School, Jonathan Atkins of Meadowbrook High School and Shamar Mundell of St Jago, as they utilise computers in the newly launched Teen Hub situated inside the Half Way Tree Transport Centre.

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Adolescents using transportation centre receive educational facility

ADOLESCENTS who use the Half Way Tree Transport Centre in St. Andrew now have a Teen Hub, a space where they can do their homework and avail of other services.

It is equipped with computers and other technology tools, and counselling staff will be present to provide guidance and healthcare information.

According to Minister of Health, Dr. Christopher Tufton, projects like Teen Hub will play a vital role in helping to address issues facing young people, including crime, teen pregnancies, substance use and other issues.

ST. CATHERINE

Trade Winds Citrus adopts Linstead Health Centre

UNDER THE Ministry of Health’s Adopt A Clinic programme, Trade Winds Citrus Ltd, a juice manufacturing enterprise, has adopted the Linstead Health Centre.

Managing Director of Trade Winds Citrus Peter McConnell launched the Adopt A Clinic programme saying it is an opportunity for continued community partnership with the private sector.

ST. CATHERINE

Old Harbour hosts sexual crimes forum

SEXUAL CRIMES and deviancy were put under the microscope in the Hebron Church Hall, Old Harbour on Thursday November 23.

With the aim being to stop sexual offences committed in the Old Harbour environs, the police, Social Development Commission, United States Agency for International Development Comet II, and the Old Harbour Development Committee organised the forum.

ST. THOMAS

Residents unhappy with road project

DESPITE PUBLIC presentations made by the National Works Agency, residents of St. Thomas say that they are still uncomfortable and unsatisfied with the report which outlines plans to widen the main road as a part of the proposed Southern Coastal Highway Improvement Project SCHIP.

The meetings were held over the fortnight in Albion in Western St Thomas and Bull Bay of East Rural St Andrew, where the report for Section 1A of the SCHIP which will run from Harbour View to the Yallahs bridge was presented respectively.

However, concerns include issues of relocation, uncertainty over the project timeline, as well as impact of the project on the communities involved.

ST. ANN

Irish Children Charity group assists Mustard Seed facility

A MISSION with a different purpose, the Children for Children Charity, six Irish youngsters aged 14, accompanied by five adults, journeyed to Jamaica recently and built a complete pathway for disabled wheelchair occupants at the Mustard Seed facility, Jacob’s Ladder near Monague in St Ann.

The improved pathway now serves to facilitate easier connectivity for wheelchair users between facilities within the compound.

Group leader Derville Gannon said after several years of doing voluntary work in Ireland, the group was formalised and incorporated as an official body last year.

Irish youngsters lending a helping hand at the Mustard Seed community, Jacob’s Ladder. They are assisted by some Jamaicans.
Quality led to Grammy selections

Gramps Morgan

KIMBERLEY SMALL
Gleaner Writer

Gramps Morgan of the two-time Grammy-nominated reggae band, Morgan Heritage, believes the recognition paid to Jamaican reggae musicians in this Grammy cycle is a testament to the quality of production. Morgan Heritage has been nominated in the 60th annual Grammy Awards for their album, ‘Avrakedabra’ in the category Best Reggae Album. Other nominated Jamaicans are Chronixx (Chronology) and Damien Jr Gong Marley (Stony Hill).

For the band, the second nomination affirms the strength of the family sound and the fortitude of their record label, Cool To Be Conscious Records. “We were nominated as a label, producers and songwriters. Coming out like that with a first nomination and win, now another nomination... It’s hard in this industry.”

Morgan Heritage were winners in 2015 with Strictly Roots, sharing the title with Ziggy Marley’s Fly Rasta. The Morgan clan are with Strictly Roots, sharing the title with Ziggy Marley’s Fly Rasta. The Morgan clan have since expanded its musical reach. Lukes Morgan, Gramps’ brother, has taken on the administrative management of fellow Grammy-nominated band, Raging Fyah. Gramps believes that Morgan Heritage can continue to go even higher in the industry. “Some good albums are in the category this year. Some good albums in the category this year. Chronixx put out a really nice album, which I listen to as a fan. I like that album a whole hoop,” he told The Gleaner.

“Morgan Heritage, who are close family friends of mine, they have a good album out too, likewise J Boog. I am not so familiar with Common Kings, but everybody else I kinda know them music and we are all friends,” he added.

Marley who said that he drew on his parents’ story of moving from humble beginnings and working to ensure that their upcoming generation can have a better future. “Morgan Heritage, who are close family friends of mine, they have a good album out too, likewise J Boog. I am not so familiar with Common Kings, but everybody else I kinda know them music and we are all friends,” he added.

Collaborative Works

And speaking about his recent win at the MOBO Awards, Marley says “You work hard making music, so when it is acknowledged, you feel good, even though you don’t make the music with that in mind, but it always feel good to win an award.”

And, although it has been more than 10 years since his last solo album, he said the reason for the long gap was that he was involved in a number of collaborative works. “I dropped other albums in between because I did an album with Nas. I did another one with Mack, Jagger, but it has been 12 years since the last solo album which was (Welcome to) Jamrock,” he explained.

However, he said it won’t take that long before he releases another solo album. And in addition to touring the US, Marley celebrated the fact that Stony Hill allowed him to tour Africa. “We went to Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa and Mauritius island and it was cool and that is what we were proud of with that trip,” he told The Gleaner.
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If you have the required skills and training as a tradesman, you could have other options under the Federal Skilled Trade Programme. There is also the Canadian Experience Class (CEC) and opportunities under the Provincial Nominee Programmes. Under these programmes, you can apply for permanent residence via the express entry system.

There are many options available to you and family depending on your age, skills, training and work experience. Since you say your previous time in the United States, you could apply as the principal applicant under the Federal Skilled Worker Programme via the express entry system. Your combined effort could yield positive result for your family. Based on the recent changes to the Canadian Immigration laws, your son could be added to your application, provided that he is under 22 years old and is substantially dependent on you for support.

I strongly recommend that you and your written with an immigration lawyer to ensure that you chose the best option for you, based on your education, training and work experience. Since you need to prove your language ability, I recommend that both you and your spouse sit the IELTS or CELPIP English examination which are the two approved examinations. IRCC will require proof of your language ability in at least one of the two main languages in order for your application to be accepted under the express entry system.

You will be required to have a minimum of Canadian Level Benchmark 6.0 for reading and listening, and a minimum of 7.0 for reading and writing. I recommend that you sit the CELPIP exam while in Canada, as that exam is not offered in Jamaica. The IELTS general training exam is offered at the University of the West Indies, Mona and Montego Bay campuses.

Under the programmes mentioned above, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) have granted permanent residence in six months or less to qualified individuals. Then your next step would be to apply for citizenship.

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After you have lived in Canada as a permanent resident for a minimum of three out of five years, prior to submitting a citizenship application, you could be granted citizenship of Canada. You may be required to provide proof of income tax filing and a citizenship test about your knowledge of Canada’s history, values and symbols. You will also need to pass the language proficiency test at least one of Canada’s official languages.

There could be many options available to your family; therefore, you should meet with an immigration lawyer to help you to consider the most suitable immigration plan for your family. I recommend that you speak to your current work permit expires. If you are under the seasonal work permit, you may be required to extend your Canada by December 15, time is of the essence so act now.

I want to be a Canadian citizen.
Two out of three prizes were announced for the 2017 Lignum Vitae Writing Awards at the National Gallery of Jamaica, Kingston, last week. There are three categories in the awards: the Una Marson Prize, awarded for adult fiction or adult creative non-fiction, worth J$500,000; the Vic Reid Prize, awarded for young adult fiction, worth J$250,000; and the Jean D’Costa Prize, awarded for children’s fiction, worth J$500,000.

Helen Williams was awarded the Jean D’Costa Award for Children’s Literature for her work Lost in the Cockpit Country. The Una Marson Prize went to Garfield Ellis for his work, Land We Love. The Vic Reid Award for Young Adult Literature went without a winner. Dionne Brown receiving special commendation for her collection of stories Seventeen Lashes.

Presented annually, the Lignum Vitae Writing Awards are intended to encourage original, high-quality, creative work, and writers at all stages in their career are eligible for entry. Tanya Batson-Savage, chairperson of the Lignum Vitae Writing Awards, suggested that the implementation and maintenance of programmes such as the Lignum Vitae Writing Awards proves effective and significant on two levels: “One, it’s very important for us to unearth and encourage great Jamaican writing at home,” she said. “There are several awards around the world, and it isn’t a case where Jamaicans can’t win, but to honour great writing at home, on the ground. It’s important we acknowledge that writing is valuable and not just value in tangible ways. We need to honour creativity intangibly, and yes, it’s wonderful and important, but then we don’t put our money where our mouths are.”

This brings Batson-Savage to the cash prizes. “Most writers don’t write fulltime, and that eats away at possibilities. To not have to worry about bills for a few months so you can concentrate on writing will encourage people to keep writing,” she said. “We are extremely lucky in having JAMCOPY (the Jamaican Copyright Licensing Agency) on board. It’s a partnership? JAMCOPY provides financial support and the Jamaican Writers Society (JAWS) provides logistics. That is the reason JAMCOPY exists. They had already established a cultural fund,” Batson-Savage said. “They are very committed to supporting writing and writers, so it was a serendipitous arrangement. Can there be more support? Yes. In fact, there can be more support for creative arts in general. Jamaica does phenomenally well in creativity despite a lack of support,” she said.

Young Adults

“It’s interesting that adult writing had the largest number of submissions. That remains consistent. The Vic Reid Award had the second-highest number. It had eight submissions, which is nothing to shout about. It’s a clear signal of a challenge in writing for young adults in Jamaica,” Batson-Savage observed.

“In and around the 1980s, there was a downturn in publishing. There was lots less writing for young people. Writing for young people is very particular. We need to get more writers in touch with how to write for young people. There was lots less writing, but enough isn’t there. We have to look into that and encourage more,” she said.

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Mourners pay their last respects at the graveside of Icelyn Mayne.

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CARING, DEDICATED, hard-working and kind were some of the adjectives used to describe Icelyn Mayne at a thanksgiving service held for her at the Sangunneti New Testament Church of God in Clarendon last Saturday.

Mayne, who passed away peacefully on November 13 after a long illness, was sent home with glowing tributees from those who knew her well.

Minister Glenond McDonald, who moderated the thanksgiving service, told the gathering that his late church sister was a most lively worshipper at the church, where she was a member for decades. "She had great times attending church, she always sent her children here. She was dedicated to rallies, loving, kind, and at times quiet, and she was a woman who supported our annual church functions with all her heart," said McDonald.

Pearl Haynes, sister of the deceased, said she always had good times with her. She shared that they had great times attending Sunday school as children, and said Mayne always had a desire for God and His work. "She had a rich experience with the Lord. He was her personal Lord and Saviour. Because of our closeness as sisters, I will now have to get used to not receiving my regular calls from her," said Haynes, who also used the opportunity to tell mourners about God and why they all need to keep close to Him.

Haynes said Mayne told her that she was well prepared to be with the Lord. Haynes also expressed joy at Icelyn’s release from the pains she experienced during her long illness.

Mayne’s cousin, Dalbert Powell, delivered the eulogy, describing her as a kind and caring individual who touched many lives in various ways. But he also lauded her culinary skills.

“She was very skilled in the kitchen. She was great at baking or preparing anything. She was a most supportive woman to many, especially at the Percy Junior Hospital in Spaldings, where she worked for a while, putting her culinary skills to great use,” said Powell. He also shared that Mayne surrendered her life to the Lord in the early 1970s, and she had a passion for the shut-ins.

Mayne, whose body was interred at the Spring Ground Cemetery near Spaldings, was the second of four children born to parents William and Mary Mayne at Coblia in Manchester, on February 22, 1937. Her early education was acquired at the Sangunneti Elementary School (now primary) in Clarendon, before she entered the working world.

She leaves behind son Winston and Roihan, daughter Sharon, three grandchildren, two sisters and one brother, and a host of other relatives and church friends.
Five men who have paved the way for advancements in tourism - on land, air and sea - were recognised for their distinctive brands in generating employment, increasing income and the creation of linkages, on Tuesday night, November 28 at the Montego Bay Convention Centre. The five - Jamaica’s Gordon ‘Butch’ Stewart, chairman and founder of Sandals Resorts International; David Scowsill, former president of the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC); Taleb Rifai, outgoing secretary general of the UN World Tourism Organisation; Carnival Corporation’s Micky Arison; and president and CEO of the Punta Cana Group, Frank Rainieri Marranzini – received awards at a gala during the UNWTO, the Government of Jamaica and its partners’ just concluded global conference on jobs and inclusive growth.

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Jamaica's reigning national champion, Simon Tomlinson, preparing for up coming engagements including the Commonwealth Games next year, has convinced one international table tennis coach that he could thrive overseas.

Visiting German coach Matthias Landfried says that the Jamaican number one has the ability and could benefit from a stint in Germany, which has dominated the men’s game on the continent during the last decade. Though he only has about 10 days on holiday, Landfried is sharing his expertise with players from local clubs. He started by instructing almost 40 youngsters from the Angels Academy in Spanish Town covering basic technique, service and service returns, and match strategy.

Speaking on November 25, Landfried, turning to Tomlinson, said, “I saw, for example, Simon Tomlinson in Sweden in Stockholm at the five-day Open, and he has, of course, the level to play in Germany and to practise there but also for younger players if they come.”

Landfried, who has been coaching at the national level in Germany and elsewhere in Europe for the last 15 years, described his time in Jamaica with his wife as a good mix between sport and vacationing.

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Denbigh captured the junior title after defeating Manchester High 34-25, while it was a 43-35 win for Holmwood over defending champions Denbigh among the seniors.

BOLT’S STATUE UNVEILED

JAMAICA SPRINT icon Usain Bolt was at a loss for words in describing how he felt after his statue was unveiled at a grand ceremony at Independence Park on Sunday, December 3.

Please see STATUE, 23