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American celebrities, like actress Nia Long, strut their stuff on the runway at the "Caribbean Fashion Week" show staged in Kingston, Jamaica recently. The pictorial is part of Caribbean Today's Jamaica Supplement inside, page 17.

## LEFT TO DIE



~ A Jamaican-born woman, circled at top right, died on an emergency room floor at a New York City hospital recently while staff and other patients walked by without attending to her. The incident sparked outrage in the Caribbean American community and prompted investigations by United States federal and state agencies, page 2.

## ON TOP OF TECHNOLOGY



~ Computer experts, from left, Imran Allie, Damion Mitchell, Conroy Smith and Ayson Baxter made Jamaicans worldwide proud by being among the winners at the Microsoft Imagine Cup. Read their story in Caribbean Today's special 47th Independence supplement, which begins on page 12.

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## Probe underway in death of Jamaican woman at N.Y. hospital

NEW YORK - United States federal and New York City investigators are considering possible criminal charges after a Jamaican patient at the sprawling Kings County Hospital Center (KCHC) in Brooklyn died last month, unattended on the floor of a psychiatric emergency ward, officials said.

The June 19 death of Esmine Green, 49, was graphically revealed in a shocking surveillance video that showed her writhing on the floor as other psychiatric patients and hospital staffers seemed to ignore her.

Robert Nardoza, a spokesman for the Brooklyn U.S. Attorney's Office, said a criminal civil rights investigation into KCHC, which had started earlier based on other complaints, will now also look at Green's death.

The spokesman for the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office said any suspected criminality referred to it by the city's Department of Investigation (DOI) would be

prosecuted. A DOI spokeswoman said the agency was "aware" of the incident.

### INJUNCTION

City officials recently turned over the video to attorneys for the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) and mental health advocates, in connection with a civil-rights lawsuit filed a year ago criticizing the way KCHC treated psychiatric patients. The suit resulted in a preliminary injunction that directed the city, which runs KCHC, to beef up staffing and procedures at the psychiatric emergency room.

After her death, Green's body was taken to the morgue, where it remained until New York City officials decided to pay the cost of the funeral and shipment of her remains back to her native Jamaica, said Donna



Clarke

Lieberman, head of the NYCLU.

A wake for Green was scheduled this month at a Brooklyn church.

### 'INDIFFERENCE'

"The reason why this woman died the way she did was that there is a culture of indifference that permeates every aspect of KCHC psychiatric care, nothing short of that," said Robert Cohen, a partner at the law firm of Kirkland and Ellis Llp, which teamed up with NYCLU to bring the lawsuit.

Yvette D. Clarke, a Caribbean American congresswoman from the 11th Congressional District in Brooklyn, joined a chorus of condemnation of the manner in which Green died.

"It is clear that there was a massive breach in the protocol for patient care at Kings County Hospital with regard to the treatment of Ms. Green," said Clarke, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, whose district compris-

es the largest number of Caribbean nationals in the United States.

Lieberman said hospital records stated Green was awake and going to the bathroom at the time the video showed she was face down on the floor.

"We are shocked and distressed by this situation," Alan Aviles, president of the city's Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), which oversees KCHC, said in a statement.

"It is clear that some of our employees failed to act, based on our compassionate standards of care," he added.

HHC officials said four staff members, including the hospital's director of psychiatry and the head of security, have been fired and two were suspended in the scandal.

Meantime, irate friends

and relatives of Green are demanding justice for her.

"To see a woman in the hospital on the ground and no one does anything to help her, they should go to jail," said Pauline Robinson, a close friend of Green.

"I'm going to put it in the hands of American law," Trecia Harrison, Green's daughter, told reporters by phone from Jamaica. "But I can tell you this: That hospital, it needs to be closed down."

New York State Health Department records show KCHC received 56 citations between Jan. 1, 2005, and June 30, 2007. Many of them were for "incident reporting" and "patients rights".

On Feb. 14, 2005, the hospital was fined \$22,000 for two incidents, including the beating of a patient by a staff member.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said New York City will pay Green's funeral expenses.



Bloomberg

## Obama promises Caribbean debt write-off if elected U.S. president

WASHINGTON - Democratic presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama is promising 100 percent debt relief for the Caribbean if he becomes the next leader of the United States.

While Obama himself did not reveal that plan for the

region, his foreign policy advisor Dan Restrepo told the government and tourism officials attending the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) conference here last month that this is one of the policies to be pursued by Obama if elected to office.

"As you all well know the poorest countries in the world, including some in the Caribbean, suffer under the weight of enormous external debt. Barack Obama wants to see a 100 percent debt cancellation for the world's heavily indebted poor countries,

including all such countries in the Caribbean," he said.

Restrepo also spoke about Obama's intention to facilitate trade between the U.S. and Cuba, saying that the Democrat would personally lead direct diplomacy with Cuban officials.

### HELP FOR HAITI

He said the presidential candidate has also been keeping a close eye on developments in Haiti where recent food riots led to the deaths of seven people and the ousting of the country's prime minister.

"Barack Obama believes we need to provide food assistance, in the short term, to prevent hunger and stave off additional political instability. But he also believes we must help improve Haiti's economic prospects over the long term," Restrepo said.

"As he has said, it is time to invest in the economic development that must underpin the security that the Haitian people lack, but it is also time to press Haiti's leaders to bridge the divides between them for the common good of the Haitian people."

Restrepo said that Obama also understood the unique security challenges of the Caribbean and that the issue of trans-national crime is of great importance to the region. He has therefore promised to restore funding for drug control programs, which were cut by the George



Obama

W. Bush administration, and to put an end to the illegal gun trade in the south.

"As we all know, the Caribbean forms our third border. For our mutual benefit we must more effectively confront the trans-national criminal networks that fuel insecurity and fear in the United States and in the Caribbean," he said.

"Barack Obama understands that dealing with the effects of trans-national crime is a priority for governments throughout the region. He stands ready to work in partnership with them to effectively disrupt illicit networks. To do so we need a new hemisphere security approach."

The Democratic nominee has contended that the U.S. and the Caribbean face a wide variety of challenges which they can both conquer through partnership.



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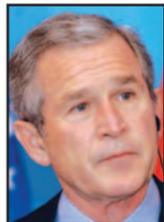
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## U.S. president honors Caribbean nationals

WASHINGTON - United States President George W. Bush last month honored the contribution Caribbean nationals have made to the development of his country.

In a proclamation in observance of the third anniversary of Caribbean American Heritage Month in the U.S., Bush



Bush

said it is "an opportunity to show our appreciation for the many ways Caribbean Americans have contributed to our country."

"Caribbean Americans have helped to shape our national fabric with their vibrant traditions and their unique history", he said in a White House statement.

"They have brightened our lives with the spirit and vitality of their culture. Through strong leadership and pride in their heritage, they have enriched America. In all walks of life, they have contributed their many talents and added to our nation's

development and prosperity".

### GRATITUDE

He said America especially shows its gratitude for the men and women of Caribbean descent who have served bravely, and continue to serve, in the U.S. armed forces.

"These heroes have answered a call greater than self and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers", he said.

"During June, we celebrate and recognize the Caribbean Americans whose determination and hard work have helped make our country a better place. Now therefore I, George W. Bush, president of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2008 as Caribbean American Heritage Month", the proclamation read.

Bush said he was encouraging "all Americans to learn more about the history and culture of Caribbean Americans and their contributions to our nation".



## CARICOM leaders claim successful talks with U.S.

NELSON A. KING

NEW YORK - The Second Annual Conference ended in New York last month with no concrete initiatives adopted, though Caribbean community (CARICOM) leaders say it has paved the way for further dialogue and the spurring of regional economic growth.

"The discussions have started, and the doors have begun to open," Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister Patrick Manning told the **Caribbean Media Corporation** after a breakfast reception at Sylvia's Restaurant in Harlem, bringing an end to the two-day event dubbed "Conference on the Caribbean: A 20-20 Vision Continued".

Manning said the region can expect trade and investment expansion in the foreseeable future as a result of talks with top investment, banking and stock exchange officials in the Wall Street Financial District in Manhattan.



Manning

"I think it went very well," said Manning, referring to the overall conference, noting that CARICOM leaders arrived in New York City just as the U.S House and Senate overrode a presidential veto extending the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI), which would have expired by the end of September.

"And to put flesh into that now, some discussions were necessary, and those discussions have now taken place," he added, describing as "most constructive" closed-door talks CARICOM leaders held with top Wall Street officials.

"There was exchange of views, so that we understood them better, and they understood us better - what they expect from them and what we expect from them," Manning continued.

### CONTACTS

During the conference, CARICOM leaders met with, among others, Goldman Sachs, a leading global invest-

ment and security firm; top officials at the New York Stock Exchange; the Empire State Development Corporation, the trade and business arm of New York State; representatives of the Governor of New York David Paterson; and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

In addition, Manning said CARICOM heads of government were able to cement their relationship with Harlem Congressman Charles Rangel, the architect of the New York Conference on the Caribbean, who is chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives' powerful Ways and Means Committee.

"We have a lot of needs, we are the Third Border of the United States," Manning said.

"We feel that we have been neglected, and we are very, very pleased to have new friends in the Congress, who can easily advance the Caribbean cause."

St. Lucia's Prime Minister Stephenson King described the conference as "most successful," but added: "We need to take it to another notch."



King

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## Caribbean terror suspects plead not guilty

NEW YORK - Three Caribbean-born men accused of plotting to blow up the John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport in New York and the surrounding environs in Queens pleaded not guilty to the charges last month in a U.S. federal court in Brooklyn.

Trinidadian Kareem Ibrahim, 62, and Guyanese nationals Abdul Kadir, 59, and Abdel Nur, 57, were ordered held without bail at their arraignment. Another court hearing was set for Aug. 7.

The three were whisked away from Trinidad and Tobago by private jet last month, in an operation that involved 15 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents and local law enforcement officers. The move came less than 48 hours after their extradition

challenge was struck out by the Court of Appeal in the twin-island republic.

Another suspect, Guyana-born Russell De Freitas, who was previously arrested in New York, is still in jail pending trial. He has also pleaded not guilty. De Freitas, a naturalized American citizen, is a former cargo handler at JFK.

The four accused were indicted in New York a year ago on charges of plotting to blow up JFK, which handles 1,000 flights and over 120,000 passengers daily. If convicted, they face a maximum sentence of life in prison.

### DENIALS

Lawyers for the four denied that their clients were terrorists. Attorney Daniel Nobel, who represents Nur, described the charges as

“enormously exaggerated.”

He said Nur “is a gracious guy. “He is in no way an ideologue who conspired to do harm to other individuals,” Nobel said.

Kadir’s lawyer Kafahni Nkrumah said his client, who is a former member of Guyana’s Parliament, “had no involvement in any plot to blow up JFK.”

U.S. authorities said the terror suspects planned to “cause greater destruction than in the September 11 attacks.” They said in court papers that the men hoped to use explosives to ignite the fuel pipeline feeding JFK. “Any time you hit Kennedy, it is the most hurtful thing to the United States,” De Freitas allegedly said on a recording made by a police informant.



## U.N. supports Caribbean’s right to self-determination

UNITED NATIONS, CMC - The United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization has approved a two-part draft resolution, reaffirming self-determination as a fundamental human right for Caribbean territories.

By the terms of an “omnibus” draft, the Special Committee last month recommended that the General Assembly reaffirm “that, in the process of decolonization, and where there was no sover-

eignty dispute, there was no alternative to the principle of self-determination, which was also a fundamental human right”.

The draft is entitled “Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands” and the text also contained provisions con-

cerning each of those Non-Self-Governing Territories.

According to the draft, the Assembly would reaffirm the responsibility of the administering powers to promote the economic and social development of the territories, and to preserve their cultural identity and natural environment, “giving priority to the strengthening and diversification of their respective economies.”



## U.S. congresswoman tables legislation to assist Haiti

WASHINGTON - United States Congresswoman Barbara Lee has tabled a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives that would provide “critical assistance” to Haiti.



Lee

Lee said that the “Next Steps For Haiti Act” would create a professional exchange program, designed to improve critical sectors of the Haitian economy.

She said these range from education to health to energy to transportation to disaster preparedness.

“The bill is intended to help expand Haiti’s capacity to absorb development aid and improve the welfare of the population,” California Democratic Lee said in a statement issued here on June 27.

“The need for the legislation is significant.”

### CHALLENGES

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western

Hemisphere, and most sectors of its economy face significant challenges.

Lee said the recent 40 percent rise in global food prices and the subsequent 50 percent rise in the cost of Haiti’s staple foods since mid-2007 have placed additional stress on the economy and “have severely impacted the Haitian people.”

“Unemployment and underemployment are rampant in Haiti, with estimates suggesting that two-thirds of the country’s 3,600,000 workers are without consistent work,” Lee said.

She said Haiti faces “severe obstacles” in education due to “access, equity, quality, and institutional capacity as evidenced by the fact that less than 30 percent of the children who enter primary school will reach the 6th grade.”

Average life expectancy of Haitians is only 53 years old and less than half of the population has access to clean drinking water. Only eight percent have access to adequate sanitation.



## Obama appoints Haitian American union boss national political director

NEW YORK - United States Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama has appointed a Haitian American as his national political director.

Patrick Gaspard, vice president for politics and legislation for Local 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, regarded as the largest union in the United States, said he was delighted to be part of the historic bid to get the first African American elected to the highest office in the United States.

“This election offers a clear choice between John McCain’s agenda for continuing the failed policies of George W. Bush and Barack Obama’s vision for change,” said Gaspard in a statement issued here late last month.

Gaspard first got involved in presidential politics in 1988 when the Reverend Jesse

Jackson, another African American, sought the Democratic Party’s nomination for the U.S. presidency. Subsequently, he worked on the campaign of David Dinkins, the first African American mayor of New York City.

During the past year, Gaspard coordinated political activities for over 300,000 members of 1199 SEIU in the New York, Maryland, Massachusetts and Washington areas. He said if Obama is elected president in November, he will return to the union to push Obama’s universal healthcare plan.



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# Why should Caribbean Americans vote in the U.S.?

**DR. MARCIA MAGNUS**

Immigrants, even those who are citizens, are less likely to vote than homegrown Americans for several reasons.

American voting behavior is determined by income and age. Americans are more likely to vote if they earn more than \$50,000 per year.

When I used to live in Weston, Florida, I remember seeing Weston dads and moms at the ball field scouring their sample ballots prior to election day. As I saw them, I wondered if this was a common practice across all income levels. I researched the issue and discovered that income determines voting behavior.

In America, age also determines voting behavior. For example, only 20 percent of people who are in their 20s typically vote, 50 percent of

people in their 50s vote, and 70 percent of people who are in their 70s vote. Third, people are more likely to vote when they are informed about the differences among candidates.

To be informed about how each candidate's intentions, informed voters read newspapers, attend town hall meetings, watch political debates and research the voting record of the candidates until they find out how the candidates differ in their approaches to solving important issues like how to improve our schools and how to improve access to health care. Immigrants are less likely to be informed than homegrown Americans.

Our 2002 Caribbean-American Politically Active Citizens (CAPAC) community survey indicated that the quality of their children's educa-

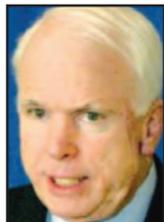
tion emerged as a top priority for Caribbean Americans.

County, state and federal officials make lasting decisions about every aspect of our lives, including education. For example, some aspiring legislators (like United States presidential hopeful John McCain) believe that offering vouchers to a small percentage of parents and their children to go to the school of their choice is the best way to improve education. Other candidates (like U.S. presidential hopeful Barack Obama) believe that to improve education, teach-

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Obama



McCain

## A vote makes a difference

Immigrants who are uninformed are often skeptical about voting and believe that one won't make a difference. But American history has given many examples of how one vote has changed the course of many local, state and national races.

- In 2000 George W. Bush won Florida's electoral votes to give him the victory in the presidential election by 537 votes out of 5,861,785 votes cast.
- In 1996 Ron Wyden won election to the U.S. Senate from Oregon by one percent of the vote.
- A tie vote in a 1978 race for the Pennsylvania Legislature resulted in neither party having a majority. A recount broke the tie and gave control of the House to the Democrats.
- In 1977 the mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan was elected by one vote.
- Woodrow Wilson was elected U.S. president in 1916 by winning California with a margin of three-tenths of one percent of the vote.

### Important decisions affected by one vote

- In 1997, just one vote in the Texas legislature passed the Texas Ten Percent Plan that created a more egalitarian admission criteria for the University of Texas system.
- Women won the right to vote in 1920 by the passage of the 19th Amendment to the constitution. Tennessee, the last state needed to pass the amendment, ratified the amendment by one vote.
- One vote in the Electoral College elected Rutherford B. Hayes to the presidency in 1876.
- One vote in the Senate saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment conviction in 1868.
- One vote in an important Congress gave statehood to Texas in 1845.

## 'Soca Warrior' bolsters Miami F.C.'s run for U.S. soccer title

**GORDON WILLIAMS**

Miami F.C.'s aim to bolster its suspect defense and make a run at this year's United Soccer Leagues (USL) title following the addition of a "Soca Warrior".

Since Trinidad and Tobago's World Cup star Avery John joined "The Blues", the club has been stingy against opposing goal scorers. And, despite a sub-par offensive season, still managed to move into the top half of the 11-team USL Division I standings by the end of last month.

Through the end of June, in 10 USL games played by Miami F.C. since John arrived early May, the club has conceded just seven goals, recording six shutouts along the way. In four games prior to that, the team allowed seven goals.

Yet John's move to Miami F.C., despite a solid showing in two games for T&T at World Cup 2006 in Germany, raised a few question marks. Now 33, and out of America's top flight Major League Soccer (MLS) after four seasons, some wondered if the defender could fit in with the new club and regain the zest for the game in the second-

tier USL. Back in mid-May, following the second of two games in three days, John's sudden burst of laughter, followed by a mild sigh, were dead giveaways.

"Ha! Really tired," he said on a balmy Sunday night in South Florida, sounding happy shortly after anchoring the Blues' first shutout of USL season, his third game with the club.



John

### EXCITED

Just weeks into his latest football adventure, John was already relishing the twitch of excitement from being plunged back into full-time competition. The defender, who lined up for T&T against Sweden and Paraguay at the World Cup, returned following a lengthy break when he failed to hook up with another franchise after a stint with the New England Revolution of the MLS ended. Except for try-outs, he had not played competitively since January before joining the Blues.

Yet the adrenaline rush

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ers need to be paid more and given the resources that they need. For example, in Broward County, Florida, a teacher who retains a child loses a \$1,500 incentive for every child who is not promoted to the next grade.

Knowing that immigrants are less likely to take the time and have the know-how to research the candidates and their positions on the issues, the CAPAC surveys the candidates, attends the town hall meetings, and endorses specific candidates for every ballot issue in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach

counties for elections. The voters' guides are typically published in **Caribbean Today** and **Caribbean Contact** newspapers and at [www.jamaicansRUS.com](http://www.jamaicansRUS.com).

*Dr. Marcia Magnus is founder and chairperson of the Caribbean-American Politically Active Citizens, a non-partisan group of citizens who are committed to increasing voter turnout by publishing Voters' Guides in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties in Florida, United States.*



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- investigating and stopping the disproportionate incarceration of Black boys
- deporting more than 2,000 Caribbean Americans to the Caribbean, some immigrants equally
- ending predatory lending (non-Whites are charged higher interest rates) among financial institutions; prosecuting the perpetrators of hate crimes
- funding literacy programs, mental health services, disability services, drug rehabilitation programs to help the 20 million illiterate Americans, veterans, substance abusers, and the homeless
- passing legislation which exposes and punishes corruption of elected city, county, state and federal officials

## 'Soca Warrior' bolsters Miami F.C.'s run for U.S. soccer title

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carries a bit more weight these days. Not that he minds. In May John acknowledged that the rigors of pro life would take a while getting used to again. What he didn't concede was that his situation is any different than anyone else's.

"I think, regardless of your age, it doesn't matter," John explained with a shrug outside the home locker room at Tropical Park Stadium on May 18. "Back-to-back games are going to be hard on anybody."

Back then, John was looking forward to the upcoming slate of USL games to regain total sharpness. He was hoping, just maybe, to force his recall to T&T's national program for another run at a World Cup finals berth in 2010. Up to that point he had not been part of T&T coach Francisco Maturana's setup. What John knew of T&T's progress was limited to media reports and conversations with former national teammates. The Warriors' shaky start to their campaign last month, when they squeaked by Bermuda after losing the first leg in T&T, may prompt Maturana to re-consider.

### IMPRESSED

But John's new colleagues at Miami F.C. are already pleased.

"You see someone with his age still out there running as hard (as anyone)," said Eric Vasquez, who played against John when both were in the MLS. "You respect that."

"Since he's got here he brought experience and the right attitude and the right mentality," explained Sean Fraser, a Jamaica international in his third year at the club, "and that's what we need."

While Miami F.C. has struggled offensively all season, scoring 12 goals in 16 USL



John in action.

games through June 22, the defense has given away little since John arrived. His coach, a man who knows a bit about playing at the highest level, has also been impressed by the quick mark he has made.

"Avery has leadership and he has the World Cup experience," explained Zinho, a member of Brazil's 1994 World Cup winning team, now in his first season as Miami F.C.'s coach after playing for the team the past two years.

"So he can orient and he knows how things should be done at the back. He can move the other guys around if it needs to be done."

John understands the task ahead. It's been two years in his rear view mirror, but he can still recall the World Cup experience with awe.

"It is the best moment in your football career, ever," he said.

### TAINTED

But John admitted that the warm memories of T&T's success on the world stage were somewhat tainted by heated feelings which surfaced during a money dispute between the "Soca Warriors" and the T&T Football Federation. The players said they were owed more money; the federation held out. And although the matter was settled by a court recently, with

each T&T player involved expected to get a sizeable payoff, the bitterness for some may not have totally dissipated. According to John, the dispute cracked a sacred bond.

"If you think about it this way," he explained following a Miami F.C. training session in Sunrise, Florida. "You have about 16 or 18 guys that are fighting a court battle. That's more or less the core of the team."

With the settlement, the healing may have begun. Players from the '06 World Cup team, who had been out due to the dispute, returned to T&T's fold for recent friendly internationals against England and arch Caribbean rivals Jamaica. The "unity, organization, discipline," which according to John were the most important ingredients injected into T&T's football by former national coach Leo Beenhakker, who guided the team to Germany, may be on their way to being restored. John is gearing up to become part of that - if needed.

"You always feel you should have been there," he said, "(that) you can help the team move on."

John understands that decision to return is not his. But if the Soca Warriors made it to South Africa 2010 without him he'd still be happy.

"It's not about Avery John," he said. "It's about Trinidad and Tobago."

### ENTHUSIASM

In the meantime, his football is being played in a league rated lower than the MLS. He is part of a roster sprinkled with various nationalities, including Brazilians, Americans, Jamaicans, Haitians, Colombians and Hondurans. His head coach speaks mostly Portuguese. But none of this has seriously affected him. In May, John said the club embraced his arrival. His enthusiasm for the

game is as high as ever.

"Adjustment-wise they have been very, very good," he said.

Players invite him out to eat and hang out. The coaches, especially Zinho, take time to make sure instructions are clear, despite the language barriers. He too senses that John is willing to fit in, even as he demands excellence.

"He's showing more patience," said Zinho. "Always talking, always pushing the players."

John said he is simply carrying out what is expected of him. It is clear nothing must interfere with the team's goal.

"You can't misunderstand what (Zinho) stands for or what he likes or what he dislikes," said John. "...So that has never been a problem... You know he plays, you know what type of person he is and when he talks, even before it's translated, you already know, more or less, what he's saying."

John values Zinho's input and hopes it will help improve his game. And since other USL players, such as Randi Patterson and Osei Telesford, were plucked from the league and placed in T&T's squad, he is confident his time may come too.

"At the end of the day, wherever you are playing football, it could be the MLS, it could be the USL, it could be the English first, second, third division, it could be somewhere else in the world, once you're competing, once you are fit and once you're doing what is needed to be on the national team and competing week in, week out, you should earn a call," explained the man from Vance River, Trinidad.

"Once you're getting the job done, who cares what league you're playing in?"

If it sounds like John is singing the Blues, maybe it's because he is.

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# Dissin' the diaspora, again

BEVAN SPRINGER

*Communication is the basis for life. When communication fails, abnormality sets in.*

This principle was demonstrated recently in New York with a decision, seemingly influenced by the Caribbean diplomatic corps, to retain the services of a "mainstream" public relations firm to communicate to members of the diaspora and the black media.

The event was the Conference on the Caribbean, which attracted several Caribbean heads of state and Cabinet ministers who arrived in New York rather surprised to hear that some local media operatives were considering a boycott of the meetings engineered by the respected Harlem Congressman Charles Rangel, who chairs the powerful United States Ways and Means Committee.

The boycott suggestion, attributed to Guyanese broadcaster Bobby Vieira, general manager of **One Caribbean Radio**, and supported by some media colleagues, alarmed several of the visiting heads who must have been concerned about a potentially hostile response from the diaspora for an important diaspora-centered event that had been so poorly publicized throughout the Caribbean American community.

Thankfully, all things typically work together for good and the protests of an outraged broadcaster, published on the popular Internet-based **CaribbeanWorldNews.com**, may have brought greater attention to the conference and energized the public relations agency in question to ramp up their communications activities.

**CONTEMPT**

A diplomat expressed a measure of disgust with the **Caribbean World News** article. As a champion for reversing the inverted prejudice from numerous Caribbean government and private sector organizations against diaspora professionals, I had to distance myself from the boycott call, but nevertheless point out that decision makers consistently show contempt towards black, hispanic and Caribbean professionals in the marketplace. This is a topic about which I have extensively written and discussed on air over the years and a subject that was fully ventilated at May's Caribbean Media Exchange on Sustainable Tourism (CMEx), held in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Admittedly some progress

has been made, but too little to write about, except to say that the island of Jamaica is a shining light within CARICOM (Caribbean community) when it comes to securing the services of the diaspora, while still falling short of an acceptable standard. Speaking at a recent diaspora conference in Jamaica, Prime Minister Bruce Golding is reported to have said that often when the country needed an expert to solve a problem the tendency was to look everywhere except among "our Jamaican people." He said more needed to be done in order to open a line so that the government can know who is overseas and who is "here in Jamaica" that has an interest in helping, as well as the ability to help. He said the diaspora has a spirit of goodwill that is powerful, on which a value could not be placed and was something that Jamaica should take advantage of.

**SHAME**

My conversation with the New York-based diplomat surprisingly revealed - or maybe not so surprisingly - that our region's representatives in Manhattan were unaware of any Caribbean public relations firms who could communicate to their own people and whose services could be retained for the Caribbean conference.

What a shame, I thought, underscoring the pervasive ignorance across the region and in the marketplace about the professional skills within our expatriate communities - an ignorance that perpetuates the barrel mentality - perhaps that's what Caribbean Americans are limited to contributing in their eyes.

Sadly, those leaders and organizations who are aware of the depth of talent in the diaspora still remain attracted to the Madison Avenue mindset, which rewards companies, some of which burn more energy and resources on pitching clients and on overhead expenditure than they do on meeting client needs once the lucrative contracts have been inked.

Will we ever see a change to this affront to Caribbean identity and independence? My fervent prayer is that we will sooner than later.

It starts with communication. Maybe there is a silver lining in all of this.

The dialogue will surely continue.

*Bevan Springer is director of Counterpart International's Caribbean Media Exchange on Sustainable Tourism (CMEx).*



# Why call them 'dirty' old men?

It's always the women who are clamoring for love and romance, but what about the men, especially the old men?

When you are young and strong you are respected, loved, admired, perhaps even feared. But as you go up in age you are ridiculed, derided, laughed at, mocked, patronized and, at best, tolerated, usually if you go looking for love.

Just because one grows older, one is not expected to enjoy the passions and pleasures of love. So much so, that if an older man pursues love, he is deemed dirty.

It was while in the company of some older men that the question of old men and love came up. "Why is it that the term dirty is placed before a man's name just because he is old and happens to still look at a woman?" I asked.

**RESPECT**

Young men sow wild oats, while old men reap scorn and ridicule. Even as women chide these young men and some men grudgingly admire them, there is a certain respect that is heaped upon them, for the men would love to be in their shoes, and the women would love to get a piece of the action. As he grows a little older, he is deemed suave, debonair, dapper and daring, still a force to be reckoned with. Gray at the temples, still erect, even when he's laying down, he is a lustful, ribald, raunchy, rollicking, robust man. That is, until somewhere along the line, as the years creep up, he one day approaches a woman and horror of horrors, instead of smiling back and taking him on, she recoils in horror and her eyes say it all. "Get away from me you dirty old man."

Dirty old man...the stark realization hits home hard, that awful word, dirty, depicting degradation, dankness, dourness, doing dismal disgusting dastardly damning deeds. When did this happen? But dirty old men need love



TONY ROBINSON

too, and not because the passage of time has crept up does it mean that the thrill of the chase is gone. It just isn't fair, and here's why. There is a certain physical and physiological ironic twist to this dirty old men tale. For, as the man gets older, he not only seeks out younger women by choice only, but basically is driven to it. He has to, just to keep his engines running. He has no choice.

**'UNSEEN FORCE'**

I spoke to some older men, dirty and otherwise, and they all told me the same thing: "An older woman just doesn't do it for me anymore." In essence, they found it virtually impossible, to achieve, much less maintain an erection with a woman who was up in age.

Now this is no indictment on older women, for they too have their story, but rather an honest confession from older men who are virtually prisoners of this cruel and bitter irony, victims of their own devices. The fact is, they can now only be turned on by young nubile lasses. "I still love my wife, but after 40 years of marriage, and doing the same thing with the same

body, I can only conjure up so much fantasy to rise to the occasion. Frankly, I'm all out of fantasies. As a result, we just roll over and go to sleep every night."

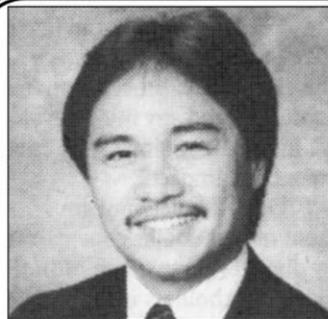
His wife of course, would deem him sexless. But put that same man with a young wench and listen to the bells and whistles as they chime, clamor and clang, as the once rusted pistons find a new gear and a new lease on life. But the price he has to pay for needing love and fulfilling his lust is to be called dirty.

Women's bodies are viewed by grandpa with the same desire at age 75 as they were at age 25. But at 25 you could pick and choose and refuse, while at 75 the pickings are slim and the old man is grateful for any young thing who winks his way. And for this he is deemed dirty.

**TRUTH**

The same lust that lingers in the loins of the 20 year old lays waiting in the lair of the 70 year old. And not because he can't sprint down the track as fast or as often as he used to means that he has given up the sport. Give the old man a break, after all, even horses are put out to stud after they have retired, so what about old men? No one calls those examples of equestrian elegance dirty old horses? Neigh, they are proudly looked upon as prizes, and good money is

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## Why call them 'dirty' old men?

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paid for them too.

The basic fact is, a young man of lusty habits and wild ways should be the one who is called dirty, for the things that he wants to do with women at times stretch the imagination.

But no old man would have the strength, the power or the wherewithal to get down and dirty with any younger woman. Simply put, he can't risk it, as his heart may give out. Instead, he's just content with a canter around the park, and for that simple

pleasure, they call him dirty. Well the plain truth is, like it or not, call them what you may, dirty old men need romance too, and thank heaven for the young women who accommodate them, but thank Viagra even more. The old car may need a booster, and the

only thing dirty about it, is the fuel pump.

And how does one grow older, still maintain the passion, the lust and the sexuality while seeking love without being called dirty?

Simple, don't look your age, stay slim, exercise, stay

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# Caribbean call centers rapidly expanding ~ report

**SAN FRANCISCO** – A newly updated report on Caribbean call centers shows they are rapidly expanding.

The report, published by the Zagada Institute, the region's leading independent research analyst, and released here late last month, said the Caribbean agent positions, now about 60,000, will exceed 100,000 by 2010.

The report said over 90 percent of this growth comes from service suppliers fulfilling projects for Fortune 1000 and large United States corporations.

The report also detailed factors driving the high level of satisfaction that U.S. corporate customers and their clients are reportedly receiving from leading Caribbean vendors across regional mar-



U.S.-linked businesses are on the rise in the Caribbean.

kets.

The report evaluated the entire Caribbean market with complete assessment of the larger maturing locations, such as Jamaica. Other markets, such as Barbados, Trinidad, Guyana and the seven smaller markets making up the Organization of

Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) were also assessed.

The report also featured three case studies of companies successfully operating in Jamaica, the Dominican Republic and the Eastern Caribbean.

As a core business function, it said customer care service is an important determinant of firm profits, and that contact center operations are essentially providing service care to end-consumers in the outsourcing process, or what is called "metacare" in the Nearshore context.

**'BLUNDER'**

The report found that firms ignoring metacare in their site selection and partnering process may be making a "strategic blunder". It said agent growth and contact centre expansion in the Caribbean Nearshore market have doubled over the last 24 months, stating that both internal and external drivers have played crucial roles in driving the growth and expansion process.

"U.S. corporations have realized both cost savings and revenue generated growth

from the Caribbean Nearshore market due to the high levels of care provided to their end-

consumers", the report stated.



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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

**• N.Y. pledges big investment in Caribbean**

A New York official has pledged to expand the city's investment opportunities in the Caribbean in a few months.

City Comptroller William Thompson, whose roots are in St. Kitts, said that by September or October he will announce "substantial investments" in the region.

Thompson said these would include real estate, private equity infrastructure and a pension fund, as well as industries ranging from health care to financial services, energy and telecommunications.

"If we didn't invest in the Caribbean, we would be missing the boat," the comptroller said.

**• U.S. removes 'too rich' T&T from preference**

United States President George W. Bush will remove Trinidad and Tobago from a trade program known as the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) because it has become too rich for the initiative.

In a letter dated June 30, addressed to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and president of the U.S. Senate, Bush

said Trinidad and Tobago was being removed from the program because it had become a "high income" nation, based on the latest statistics from the World Bank.

T&T's State Minister in the Ministry of Finance Mariano Browne said that the development will affect only about two percent of this country's exports.

**• U.S. extends trade agreement with Caribbean**  
Caribbean countries have welcomed the extension of the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act, saying it would allow for further growth of the garment industry in the region.

Guyana's President Bharrat Jagdeo said that information regarding the extension of the Act until 2010 was given to Caribbean leaders when they attended the recent Caribbean Conference in the United States.

"As you are aware, the expiration of that Act would have created significant hardship for many sectors, especially the garment importing sector of the Caribbean," Jagdeo said.



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## Jamaican students shine bright on world's technology stage

MARIE GREGORY

It has been an amazing year for four students of Northern Caribbean University (NCU) in Mandeville, Jamaica.

The young men, members of the Department of Computer and Information Sciences at NCU, are Damion Mitchell, of Coleyville; Ayson Baxter from Newport; Conroy Smith of Moravia, all in the parish of Manchester; and Imran Allie of Siloah, St. Elizabeth. They came to the attention of the world before they had even graduated from NCU.

Last summer, led by their advisor Kenrie Hylton, chairperson of the department, the team reached the finals of the Microsoft Imagine Cup Competition in South Korea. More than 100 teams competed. The Jamaican team placed third in the world after Thailand and Korea, beating the three other finalists - Ireland, Austria and Serbia.

The Imagine Cup competition was started by Microsoft in 2002. The aim was to encourage students to use their creativity to find solutions to actual world problems. The theme for the 2007 competition was "Imagine a world where technology enables a better world for all". With Jamaica's new found emphasis on E-learning, it was

an appropriate challenge. The team designed a software program called CADI, Computer Aided Distance Instruction, an interactive classroom program for use at the tertiary level. This program allows long distance education from any site that has Internet access.

Mitchell explained to **Caribbean Today** recently that having produced the program and having it recognized through the Imagine Cup success, the task now is to market it. He said a pilot project is underway at NCU using the software to link the university's different campuses.

Small tests are ongoing. By September the team should be able to fully assess the suitability of its product. The goal is to have it used by universities throughout the region and the world.

The program provides translation into 12 different languages, making the sharing of material a reality.

### 'MORE SAVVY'

Asked what difference the win had made to team members, Mitchell said that for all their experience in the world of information technology, he felt they were now "much more savvy in the use of software." All four are employed



The Jamaican team of, from left, Ayson Baxter, Imran Allie, Damion Mitchell and Conroy Smith, was among the winners at the 2007 Microsoft Imagine Cup Competition in South Korea.

by NCU.

Yet what was important to them was the self-belief that the competition engendered. According to Mitchell, "you can achieve anything, by hard work."

One practical off shoot of the team's success was an invitation to visit Silicon Valley in California earlier this year where they attended a two-week Imagine Cup Accelerator Program sponsored by Microsoft and British Telecom. Joe Wilson, senior director of academic initiative for Microsoft, said at the time

that he was impressed by the work of the Jamaican team.

But success came at a price. In preparation for their entry team members worked together for approximately eight months, two of them combining this effort with full-time jobs. Their social life was non-existent. Sleep was in short supply.

NCU had entered the Imagine Cup competition previously. In 2005 the then team was the regional winner and went to the finals in Yokohama, Japan. That team did not place among the win-

ners. In 2006 the Jamaicans lost to Guatemala in the regional finals, but the 2007 result was ample compensation. The team won the competition for selection from over 200 members of NCU's Department of Computer and Information Sciences. Department Chair Kenrie Hylton said they were all four "exceptional" young men who were selected not on talent alone, but "for attitude, Christian ethics and willingness to

take the initiative and go beyond and above."

The success of the team adds lustre to the name of Jamaica and shows that music and sport are not the only areas in which multi-talented young people prepared to work hard can achieve. It should also encourage other students to strive for success and remain in Jamaica to put their talents to good use.

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## Jamaica recommits to Caribbean integration

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, CMC – Jamaica has reaffirmed its commitment to the regional integration movement, even as it recognized that the Caribbean community (CARICOM) remains a "community of sovereign nations with a shared history, seeking to forge a common destiny".

Prime Minister Bruce Golding said that despite the recognition of individual sovereign status, CARICOM was created to fulfill the dreams of the people of the Caribbean to live in a peaceful and safe environment, protect their rights, as well as providing for an improved standard of living.

But he told the ceremonial opening of the recent 29th annual meeting of CARICOM leaders here that Caribbean countries have spent "much time bemoaning our lack of progress" and were allowing themselves to be "consumed by our failures instead of summoning the will to do what must be done to

succeed.

"We curse the darkness instead of shining some light," Golding said, noting that "the debate as to what we are, as against what some feel we should be, refuses to be adjourned."

### COMMON GOOD

He said that despite being a community of sovereign nations with a shared history, the regional countries should also recognize that they can synchronize their efforts for common good and that "in this harsh, fiercely competitive global environment, the challenges we face may be too much for each of us but not too much for the community as a whole."

Using the flight of a flock of geese to illustrate how unity resulted in them conserving much of their energy and achieving greater success, Golding said there was nothing intrinsically wrong with



Golding

Caribbean people.

"If the geese can learn it and can do it, there is no reason why we can't," he said, noting that the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas that governs the existing relationship among states within CARICOM is a pact that must be honoured and to which the region must be faithful.

"It imposes on us obligations to be fulfilled and actions we must take. We may not have done so as assiduously as we should have. There have been instances when we substituted cynicism for enthusiasm, when we despaired instead of being bold enough to dare, when we retreated instead of advanced, when we asked 'why' instead of 'why not'.

"CARICOM has not failed us. If there be any failure, it is we who have failed CARICOM," Golding said, adding that the region needs to review the accomplishments and failures over the years.

"We must recognize that our engagement does not stop at how we deal with each other but must go further to

determine how, together, we can deal with the rest of the world - a world which appears at times to be done with us even before we are ready for it," he told delegates.

### SHELTER

Golding added that regional leaders were being called upon by their populations to shelter them from being "battered and bruised by forces that are neither of their making nor within our control."

But the Jamaica leader said that it was important for the leadership, in times of crisis like these, to rise to the occasion and "go where others are unwilling to go, to grasp where others are unable to reach, if we are to pilot the way through the storm.

"That is the call that is made on us as leaders. CARICOM provides the framework. The Caribbean people are awaiting our response," he added.



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## Jamaican diaspora confab draws youth, bigger numbers from overseas

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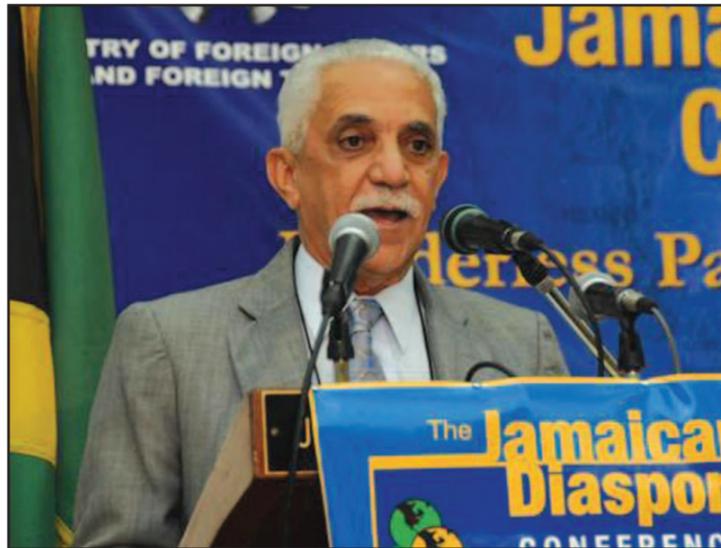
KINGSTON, Jamaica – A heavy injection of youthful voices helped expand the overseas representation and focus of the Third Biennial Jamaica Diaspora Conference held here last month.

A huge chunk of the estimated 700 participants, primarily from the United States, United Kingdom and Canada, who attended the two-day event at the Jamaica Conference Center, fit into the 18-30 age group, including more than 100 youngsters from the U.K. and Canada. They were determined to make a mark.

"It's very important for third generation Jamaicans abroad to participate," said Damian Brown, a Jamaican-born student based in Canada.

"... We realize that we have to make a contribution, give back to our country."

Jamaica was equally eager to show its recognition of the diaspora community and the country's willingness to support it, despite a recent change of government. The country also exhibited pride that the Caribbean island had displayed leadership in gathering its nationals from overseas in an attempt to embrace their contributions. The numbers of those attending offered evidence of the growing interest. The first biennial conference drew 250 delegates. In 2006,



Minister of National Security Colonel Trevor MacMillan addresses crime and violence, major issues of concern to Jamaicans at home and abroad.

some 400 showed up. Observers not directly involved with the conference, but interested in Jamaica's efforts to galvanize its diaspora community, also attended this year.

"For this side of the world Jamaica is charting the course," said Dr. Ronald Robinson, minister of state in Jamaica's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in his address to the conference.

#### NEW GOV'T, SAME COURSE

The conference, carrying a theme "Borderless Partnership for Development", was the first staged under the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) administration, which defeated the

People's National Party (PNP) in general elections last year. However, the current government has pledged to continue to attract participation from Jamaicans overseas in nation building. The previous administration has been encouraged by progress in this area.

"There has been a change in government and to be truthful none of what we started has been removed," said Delano Franklyn, the former minister of state in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, who was instrumental in the promoting the Jamaican diaspora movement.

"Based on what I've seen and experienced so far they (the JLP government) have

been building on what has been achieved."

Many representatives of the diaspora also appeared satisfied with the "bridge" being built between the island and its nationals overseas.

"I think the movement has come a long way, providing a platform for communication and collaboration," said U.S.-based attorney Marlon Hill, a delegate at the conference.

"People now have a lane where they can communicate with the government in Jamaica. We now have to decide, as a community, to find a way to use this lane to find value to them and their organization."

#### WORKSHOPS

One avenue provided at the conference was workshops, which addressed various issues, including: crime and justice, education and culture, the church, economic growth and investment development, and youth and future leadership. Some topics, such as crime and justice, appeared to generate more intensity than others. Overseas-based Jamaicans have expressed concern over the crime in the country, especially the rapidly escalating murder rate, which they claim is a deterrent to visiting the island. The government appeared to acknowledge the claim is legitimate.

"We know that crime and violence in Jamaica has

caused our nationals abroad to have second thoughts about coming home," admitted Minister of Justice Dorothy Lightbourne.

However, newly appointed Minister of National Security Trevor MacMillan promised the diaspora that maximum effort would be made to address the issue. MacMillan, who blamed the majority of violent crimes on gang-related activities, outlined strategies to deal with the crime rate, which has caused more than 700 murders since the start of the year. Those measures included stiffer penalties for gun crimes, more social intervention programs, and improving the morale of the police force and intelligence-gathering operations.

"We will not surrender to (the criminal elements)," MacMillan said.

MacMillan also called on the diaspora to lobby its government overseas to help stop the flow of guns into Jamaica.

#### DUAL CITIZENSHIP

Dual citizenship was another topic that earned focus at the conference. Recent election results in Jamaica brought the issue to a head as several seats in the House of Parliament were being challenged on the basis that the elected member held citizenship of another country.

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## Jamaican-born U.S. soldier dies in trying to aid family

NEW YORK – Caribbean American Councilman Leroy Comrie has offered condolences to the family of fallen Jamaica-born soldier Andrew Seabrooks who was killed in Afghanistan last month while serving in the United States Army.

The United States' Department of Defense said that Seabrooks, 36, and three other soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb and small arms fire in Kandahar.

"I am sure that his passing must be terribly painful for his family, but it is my hope that they will find some comfort in the fact that his death was a noble one, in defense of the ideals that we hold sacred in this nation," said Comrie, the son of Jamaican immigrants.

"I want to urge my fellow New Yorkers to remember the Seabrooks family in their prayers, with the added hope that we shall soon see the safe

return of our remaining young men and women currently serving abroad," added Comrie,

representative for the 27th District in Queens, New York.

Family members said Sgt. Seabrooks, 36, who had lived in South Ozone Park in Queens and was a mechanic with the New York National Guard, had volunteered to serve in Iraq four years ago to earn extra money when the family's home on 133rd Street in South Ozone Park faced foreclosure.

#### SERVED

Seabrooks was, however,

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Seabrooks

## BLOOMING ROYALTY



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, right, is greeted by Jamaica's Prime Minister Bruce Golding and his wife, Lorna, second right, at the Jamaica display of the Chelsea Flower Show held recently on the Royal Horticultural Show Grounds in London, England. Jamaica gained Independence from Britain in 1962. Golding led a delegation to the United Kingdom where he met representatives of the Jamaica diaspora and Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown. He was also a special guest at the first in a series of community meetings at the Kensington Town Hall in London.

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In one instance, a Jamaican court ruled Daryl Vaz, who was elected on the JLP ticket, could not keep his seat because he was an

American citizen. He subsequently denounced his U.S. citizenship.

In his address to the conference, Prime Minister Bruce Golding said the issue of dual citizenship was preventing

plans by his government to appoint diaspora members to the Senate.

"All of that of course has now been challenged by the dual citizenship issue where the Supreme Court has ruled

that in order to be eligible to be a parliamentarian or senator you must not be someone who has sworn allegiance to

to be chaired by Professor Rex Nettleford, will administer projects and programs on behalf of the diaspora.

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in Afghanistan about six months and was about to come home for a week in July, family members said.

"Like many young men and women before him, Sgt. Seabrooks volunteered to serve his nation and his community," Comrie said.

"I was particularly moved to read that his primary goal in putting himself in harm's way was to help stop his family's home from going into foreclosure.

"Such sacrifice is not indicative of Sgt. Seabrooks's

selfless devotion to his family, but also underscores the depth of the foreclosure crisis that this country has yet to come to grips with and address on a national level," Comrie continued.

He said the southeast Queens community is the epicenter of the foreclosure crisis in New York City, "where you can find three to four homes on one block alone undergoing foreclosure.

"Such scenarios have a devastating effect on the entire community and created a climate where families are under enormous stress."

Gloria Hedges, 22, who lives at Seabrooks's home, said he had called home last month, just hours before he died.

"He told me he was coming home," she said. "That was the last time I talked to him."

In civilian life, Seabrooks worked as a mechanic at his home and drove an independent cab, family members said. Seabrooks joined the Army 17 years ago and served as head of the household after his mother died in 2005, family members said.



A large overseas contingent attended the Third Biennial Jamaican Diaspora Conference in Kingston last month.

foreign state," Golding said.

Meanwhile, the government announced the establishment of the Jamaican Diaspora Foundation. The foundation,

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## New advisory board

Delegates from the Jamaican diaspora last month elected a seven-member advisory board to the country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

The board, whose members represent the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, includes: Sharon Ffolkes-Abrahams and Claudette Cameron-Stewart (Canada); Celia Grandison-Markey and Derrick Douglas (U.K.); and Patrick Beckford, Wayland Richards and Marlon Hill (U.S.).

The board was elected at the third biennial conference of the Jamaican diaspora held in Kingston. Ffolkes-Abrahams is serving her third year two-year term and Hill his second. Cameron-Stewart, Grandison-Markey, Douglas, Beckford and Richards are first time members.

The board is expected to meet twice per year with the minister of state in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to execute next steps for the action plans generated from the workshops at the conference. The next biennial conference is scheduled for June 2010.

For more information on the Jamaican diaspora, visit <http://www.jamaican-diaspora.gov.jm>



# Jamaican Students Learn To Manage Money

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**T**he best way to learn something is to teach it. That is one of the main elements behind a new programme to improve the financial literacy of Jamaican students.

More than 500 high school students completed the Financial Literacy project in Kingston in June. "We were looking at behaviour change and wealth creation," project coordinator Roderick Sanatan stated. The Senior Lecturer at the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication (CARIMAC) at the University of the West Indies, said the project evolved from work being done by graduate students in the Communication for Social and Behaviour Change course at the Institute.

"There is a tremendous strength if we can tap into the learning patterns the young people have," he observed. At the closing ceremony, outstanding groups performed skits illustrating aspects of the course work.

"These performance elements seem to be very strong in the school," Mr. Sanatan noted. "And multiple intelligences may be harnessed to enhance the learning experience."

Targeted Cohort of Students Groups of students aged 14-17 were chosen from 12 schools across the island representing a cross-section of the society.

To help develop the programme, CARIMAC partnered with the Commonwealth Secretariat and Jamaica National Building Society (JNBS). The Secretariat is the central institution of the Commonwealth of Nations



**Students Certified to Manage their Money:** Cheryl Bruce (left), Economic Advisor with the Commonwealth Secretariat and Earl Jarrett, General Manager JNBS engage students Kathy-Ann Phillips and Shannae Thompson of Vauxhall High School, St. Andrew in a jovial discussion about savings.

while JN is one of the largest financial institutions in Jamaica.

"Citizens are often not functionally literate, although they are educated," said Earl Jarrett, General Manager of Jamaica National.

"There is decreasing focus on important issues such as budgeting and planning, accounting for expenses and saving."

Toward National Transformation Jamaicans have become more spending oriented than savings oriented, Mr. Jarrett said. The national savings rate of 20 per

cent needs to be doubled for the country to achieve a national transformation.

Shifting the national orientation should start in the schools, the general manager suggested.

"People are underestimating how powerful these young people are," said Commonwealth Secretariat advisor Mrs. Cheryl Bruce. "Some children have access to a lot of money."

**Successful Regional Project** Mrs. Bruce said her organisation had helped implement a similar programme in Trinidad and Tobago last year. This year Dominica and Jamaica had been added, with Jamaica having the largest programme.

"There is a pattern across the Caribbean that children are getting money," she pointed out.

"When you ask them how they are spending it, cell phones are coming up to the top."

The students need to understand how to spend their money better, she said. The Commonwealth Secretariat will be extending the programme beyond the Caribbean next year to give more students exposure to the concepts.

"I would like to thank those involved in this project as it made me eager to save," said Vauxhall High School graduating student Ashani Thomas. "I hope they take it to more schools and especially more inner-city schools."

## 45 High Schools to be Built

Some 45 additional high schools are to be built in Jamaica, with the support of the National Education Trust (NET).

Minister of Education, Andrew Holness, made this announcement while addressing delegates at the Third Biennial Jamaican Diaspora Conference last month.

He outlined the main task of the Trust "development and investment" in infrastructure to significantly benefit the education sector. Mr. Holness stated that the buildings were capital investments, which

will reduce the teacher-pupil ratio from where it currently stands at one to 40.

The project, which is the first by the NET, he said, supports the thrust to end the shift system in high schools.

The Minister further elaborated that shift system was implemented in drive toward universal access, but noted that it was efficient with regard to the use of space. However, he said it was an inefficient system in terms of the output. The new schools will act to fill this systematic gap.

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### VERANDAH CHAT

Stephanie Lugg (left), JNBS Marketing Rep. welcomes and registers young Jamaicans from the Diaspora to a Friday evening Verandah Chat' hosted by the Society. The young people attended the Diaspora Conference held in Kingston in June.



## Jamaica Gov't to Review Youth Policy

Minister of Information, Culture, Youth, and Sports, Olivia Grange has said that the government is reviewing the 2004 National Youth Policy with a view to strengthening the position of Jamaica's young people in the society.

The policy identifies focal areas for youth participation and empowerment, and the review, according to Ms. Grange, is intended to integrate the changes that have taken place since it was drafted.

Speaking at a workshop on 'Youth and Future Leadership: Sustaining Affinity to Jamaica for this Generation and Beyond', at the Third Biennial Jamaican Diaspora Conference held at the Jamaica Conference Centre last month, Ms. Grange said government is committed to empowering young people through the provision of knowledge, skills, and competencies, to enable them to "have a positive impact on the world" as leaders.

She noted that a number of the nation's youth, between ages 15 to 24 years, figured prominently in Jamaica's crime statistics, either as victims or perpetrators, adding that many of them were unattached and deemed at-risk.

"When we speak of unattached, we refer to young persons who leave school without the requisite qualifications to continue into higher education or employment. Many are not actively engaged in positive activities, not linked to any form of uplifting social groups and are, perhaps, involved in illegal and destructive activities," the Minister pointed out.

She noted, however, that these leadership, and although not the majority, could potentially determine the picture painted of Jamaica's future.

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# Jamaican sues Barclays Bank for alleged role in slavery

NEW YORK – A Jamaican youth activist in New York has filed a slavery genocide lawsuit in state court in Brooklyn, demanding compensation for Barclays Bank's alleged role in enslaving his Jamaican ancestors and the "resulting destruction" of his African ethnic and national identity.

Clive Campbell, leader of the Brooklyn youth group Da Black Defense League, told the **Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC)** late last month that Barclays Bank "engaged in acts of genocide with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part," his "national and ethnic group." He claimed that the money used to start the bank, which Barclays Bank merged into in the 1960s, was earned from the slave trade.

"My ancestors were forced out of Africa into



Jamaica," he said.

"It was foreseeable and intended that my African ancestors, enslaved by Barclays Bank, would have descendants," he added.

"These descendants were intended to live under the same conditions as the originally enslaved – forever removed from their ethnic and national group," Campbell continued.

The Jamaican is demand-

ing "genocide compensation and punitive damages" to the tune of \$5 billion for himself and the black community.

The lawsuit presents details of Barclays Bank's alleged role in enslaving Africans, as reported by the Restitution Study Group (RSG) in Brooklyn in 2007, in a document it issued, recognizing the 200th anniversary of the end of the British slave trade. The document noted the role of two prominent slave-trading bankers, Benjamin and Arthur Heywood, brothers from Liverpool, England, who

founded Arthur Heywood, Sons & Co. (Heywoods Bank) in 117.

In 1883, the bank merged into Martins Bank, which, in turn, merged into Barclays Bank in 1968.

According to the RSG document, the Heywood brothers founded their bank with money earned from the slave trade. Campbell said the Heywoods "used the bank to help other merchants engage in the slave-trading business as well."

He charged that the Heywoods "engaged in at least 125 slave-trading voy-

ages" and that they enslaved 38,620 Africans, 6,045 of whom died during the Middle Passage before reaching the Americas.

"Those enslaved were stolen from eight different regions in Africa," he said.

"Most were enslaved in Jamaica, and some in the Carolinas (North and South) and Virginia," Campbell added.

He said the Brooklyn court will hear his case in August.



## Ex-election boss is new commissioner of customs

KINGSTON, Jamaica, CMC – Former election boss Danville Walker was named last month named Jamaica's new commissioner of customs.

Walker replaces Hector Jones, who retired after 39 years of service at the customs department.

The restructuring of customs is seen as part of government's plans to increase revenue collection.

Finance Minister Audley Shaw, in his contribution to the 2008-2009 Budget Debate, said that the government

planned to amend tax and customs laws to impose stiffer penalties on customs officials convicted of aiding and abetting tax evasion or fraud.

Walker resigned as director of elections recently following revelations that he holds United States citizenship, in violation of Jamaica's Constitution. The constitution bars anyone who swears allegiance to a foreign power from being a director of elections, senator or member of Parliament.



Walker

## Government collects billions of dollars under tax amnesty

KINGSTON, Jamaica, CMC – The Jamaican government has reported major success so far in its tax amnesty initiative, raking in billions of dollars from taxpayers eager to avoid penalties and interest on outstanding payments.

June 30 was the final day for taxpayers to benefit from a 100 percent relief from penal-

ties and charges. According to authorities, since the announcement of the amnesty in April, they have collected J\$2.8 billion (\$39.3 million) in outstanding taxes.

Persons who make payments by July 31 will get a relief of 80 percent. This will decrease to 50 percent if payment is made by Aug. 31, 40 percent by Sept. 30, and 20 percent by the end of October.

The move, announced by Finance Minister Audley Shaw in his budget presentation in April, is designed to bring more Jamaicans into the tax net.

On June 30, hundreds of taxpayers lined up at tax offices across the country, hoping to benefit from the initiative. At the Constant Spring office in St Andrew, people who stood in long winding lines complained about the wait.

"I knew that it would be crowded, but I never thought

it would be like this," an elderly man who was close to the front of the line reportedly



Shaw

told a local newspaper after 4 p.m.

Commissioner of Taxes Viralee Lattibeaudiere said the number of cashiers at the Constant Spring office was increased to 20 to facilitate the expected rush by taxpayers.



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## FASHION STATEMENT



American actress Nia Long was among the celebrities who strut their stuff at CFW. Here she wears a Claudia Pegus design.

*“Caribbean Fashion Week” (CFW) landed on the runway in Jamaica last month. Nearly 50 designers showed off their stuff at the National Indoor Sports Center in Kingston and Michael Sloley, a freelance photographer for Caribbean Today, was there to capture the highlights.*



Vanessa Williams is radiant in red, courtesy of Claudia Pegus.



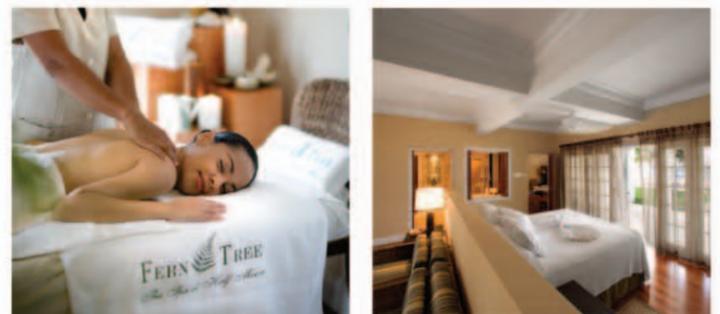
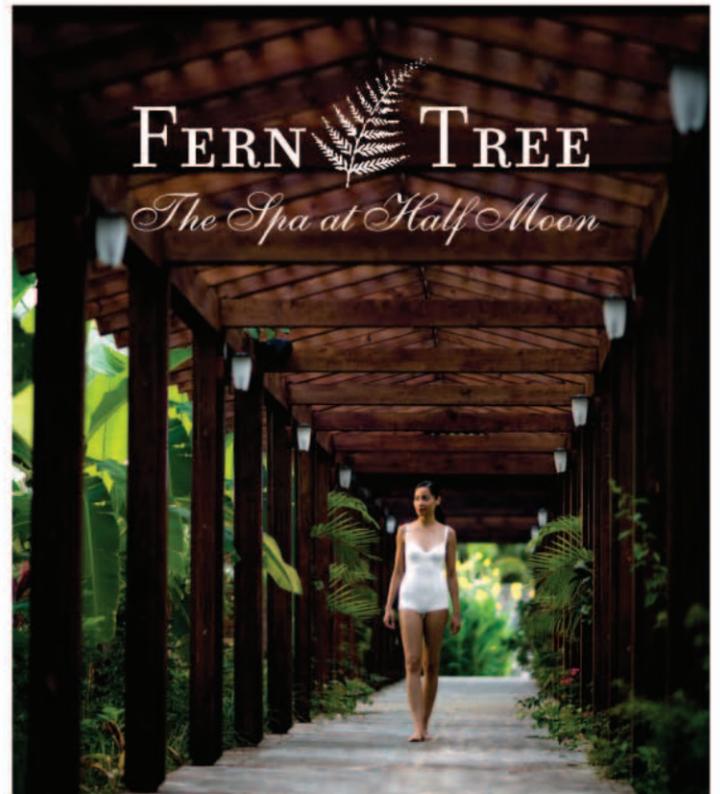
Jamaican model Nadine Willis, baby in tow, wows the audience with a Claudia Pegus outfit.



British designer Gavin Douglas accompanies American actress Vanessa Williams, wearing one of his creations, down the runway.



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## Immaculate celebrates 150 years of excellence in education

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Phenomenal women of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Such is the slogan produced by the girls of Immaculate Conception High School, Kingston as their school celebrates 150 years of existence.

The achievements of the school are worth celebrating. Results from external exams are impressive each year and success in sports, especially swimming and tennis, keeps the name in the public eye.

Yasmin Chong, chairperson of the 150th Planning Committee, says that the school likes to be known as a center of excellence. Her committee has been working towards a special anniversary year since Dec. 2006. Chong describes 2008 as "the fun year," but the hard work started early.

The anniversary committee plans to raise J\$50 million for various projects worked out in collaboration with the school's administration. Some of the aims are to provide three new classrooms for the high school population of 1,860 students, plus 240 in the prep school. The swimming pool will be refurbished, along with the Summer House, one of the oldest buildings on the campus. The cafeteria will be expanded and turned into a health-based center. The music program will be revitalized with the provision of new instruments, while the Sports Department will be given a temporary gym until the Summer House is converted.



Kingston's Mayor Desmond McKenzie, right, presents the keys to the city to representatives of Immaculate Conception High School.

The school library will become a fully equipped resource center with new books and computers.

### SUPPORT

This ambitious program is supported by the school's alumnae association, which has four branches in the United States (Florida, New York and Washington D.C.) and Canada (Toronto). There are plans to incorporate branches in the U.S. states of Georgia and California. Europe has a virtual chapter.

The Florida chapter has made a tremendous contribution to the new library. It has

shipped over 100 boxes of new books with 54 more to come. Sister Angela, the school's headmistress, believed many of the existing books were either old or no longer relevant. The Florida book drive solved that problem and Chong commended that chapter for its efforts. The target for the library was achieved with the year only halfway through. The barbecue held recently completed the funds needed.

The aim of building three new classrooms is two-thirds of the way to success. April 18 was designated Immaculate Conception Island Grill Day.

All profits from sales on that day were devoted to the school. Thalia Lyn, head of Island Grill, handed over a check for J\$550,000. The new room will be known as Island Grill classroom. National Commercial Bank gave the money for a second to be known as the NCB Dean of Discipline's Office and classroom.

### YEAR-LONG

One event per month was planned by the committee throughout 2008. January began with a mass at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, followed by a brunch at St. George's

College Auditorium. Former teachers and administrators attended. A blue mahoe tree was planted near the site of the new classroom block.

February saw the inauguration of the Distinguished Lecturer Series with Immaculate's own Professor Yolande Chin returning to discuss the topic "Equipping tomorrow's leaders through value-based technology-enabled education".

In March, St. Patrick's Day celebrated with a supper and, in what was perhaps the highlight of the year, the presentation of the keys of the city of Kingston to the heads of Immaculate Conception high and prep schools, Sister Angela and Theresa Mendes, by the city's Mayor Desmond McKenzie. This was the first school ever to receive such an award.

An awards ceremony was scheduled for last month, along with a golf tournament to benefit the Sports Department. In October, on the Feast of St. Francis, Patron Saint of Ecology, there will be a walkathon.

At the end of the year there will be an outreach project at the Ozanam Home for the Aged and a mass and concert of the performing arts.

The Homecoming Week is scheduled for this month. Former students are expected to converge at the school and major events, such as a lunch at the Terra Nova Hotel and dinner at the Jamaica Pegasus hotel. The week culminates

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## No snap polls to decide dual citizenship issue ~ political scientist

KINGSTON, Jamaica, CMC – Noted political scientist Neville Duncan is against the idea of snap general elections to solve the dual citizenship situation now confronting the eight-month old Bruce Golding government.

At the same time, Duncan said the ruling Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) stands a good chance of returning to power should elections be called now.

Golding has already hinted that he would be prepared to go back to the polls if persons, who were not elected to office, were successful in becoming parliamentary representatives by way of court rulings as a result of the citizenship controversy.

Duncan, a lecturer at the University of the West Indies, told the **Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC)** that the

problem was confined to certain constituencies and the people would like the matter resolved there.

"The voters in those constituencies made their choice whether or not the person had had citizenship exclusively of Jamaica or dual, and I think they want the choice to restate that position," said Duncan.

### POLL

An opinion poll published here last month noted that the majority of Jamaicans were not in favor of snap general elections and would prefer that the matter be settled through by-elections in affected constituencies.

Some defeated candidates of the main Opposition People's National Party (PNP) are seeking to get the courts

to declare them winners of disputed constituencies where successful JLP candidates are said to have sworn allegiance to a foreign power, in contravention of the constitution.

Recently the Supreme Court ruled that the JLP's Member of Parliament for West Portland Daryl Vaz had sworn allegiance to the United States and therefore he was ineligible to sit in Parliament. The court ordered a by-election for the seat, but the PNP's candidate Abe Dabdoub has appealed the matter on the basis that the seat should have been turned over to him automatically.



Duncan

"A general election would be unnecessary in the sense that people have already determined who their representatives are, and it is only those constituencies that are disputed that one should have an election," Duncan said, warning that snap elections could bring increased violence here.

"There might be violence, because we have had severe increase in murders, and basically people are just uneasy about anything that will bring crowds out onto the streets in party colors," he explained.

### NO ERRORS

He said the feeling among both JLP and PNP supporters was that in the event of elections the government could be swept from power given the upsurge in crime and the rise

in the cost of living. He, however, argued that a JLP loss at the polls in the event of snap elections is unlikely.

"The government has very little to do with it (but) the feeling among both JLP and PNP supporters is that it would work against the government in power," Duncan said.

"But I don't think so, because in a sense, the government has not made any major errors except in one or two areas. But basically they have kept things going, they have not been disastrous in any way; they are likely to be returned."

In the last general elections, the JLP won 32 of the 60 seats in the Parliament while the PNP picked up the other 28.



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# Oxtail and broad beans, Jamaican feast to the bone

Outside the island, dishes like jerk chicken and pork get a lot of praise for being "most Jamaican". However, many others are just as delicious and

a fried dumpling or two, some macaroni and cheese, plus your favorite drink to wash it down, and you're set for a sumptuous feast.

Here's the way the main course is done, courtesy of a



Oxtail and beans

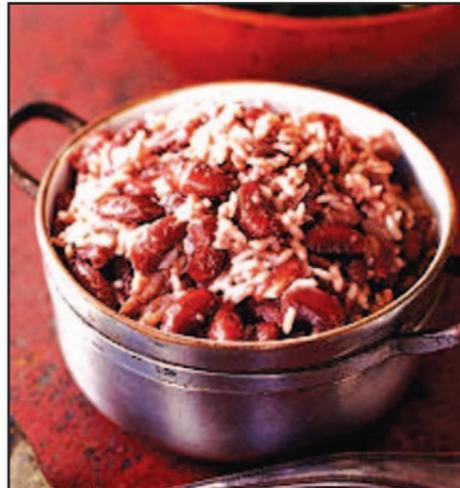
are equally favored by Jamaicans.

So **Caribbean Today** offers oxtail and broad beans. This dish can be served with rice and peas or white rice. Add some fried ripe plantains,

submission to "All Recipes":

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound beef oxtail, cut into pieces
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced



Rice and peas

- 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger root
- 1 scotch bonnet pepper, chopped
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 sprig fresh thyme, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup broad beans
- 1 teaspoon pimento berries or peppercorns (optional)
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons water

### METHOD

Toss the oxtail with the

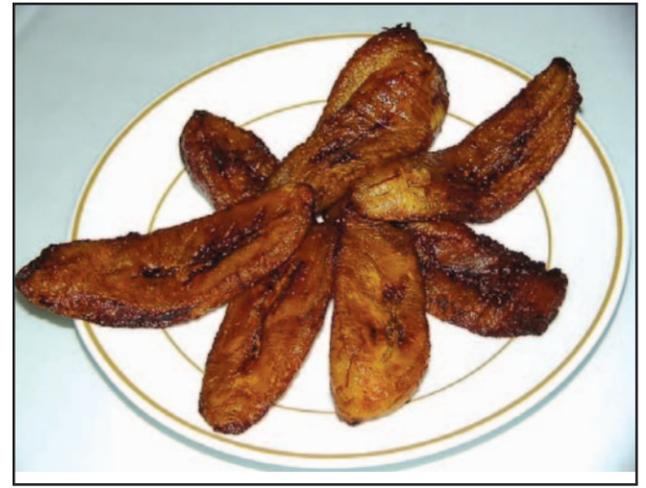
onion, green onion, garlic, ginger, scotch bonnet pepper, soy sauce, thyme, salt and black pepper. Heat the vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Brown the oxtail in the skillet until browned all over, about 10 minutes. Place into a pressure cooker, and pour in 1 1/2 cups water. Cook at pressure for 25 minutes, then remove from heat, and remove the lid according to manufacturer's directions.

Add the broad beans and pimento berries, and bring to a simmer over medium-high

heat. Dissolve the cornstarch in two tablespoons water and stir into the simmering oxtail. Cook and stir a few minutes until the sauce has thickened, and the broad beans are tender.

**Cook's note:** A slow cooker may be used instead of a pressure cooker in step one. Simply place the browned oxtail and water into the slow cooker, and cook on low for 10 hours, or high for six hours. Proceed with step two as stated.



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## Jamaican Independence essay contest open to Florida students

The Jamaica Information Service in Miami is accepting entries for the annual Independence Essay Competition.

The competition forms part Jamaica's Independence celebrations throughout Florida communities in the United States.

The contest, now in its eighth year, is open to all Jamaican children - first and second generation - residing in the state of Florida. The deadline for submitting entries is July 24.

The winner in each category will be awarded a plaque from the Jamaica Consulate General.

The aim of the competi-



tion is to advance community awareness while exposing youth to their Jamaican culture and heritage.

Students can choose from a selection of topics related to Jamaica's cultural heritage, including community leadership, entertainment, educa-

tion, history and culture, geography and national development.

Applicants must be between ages five and 18 and reside in Florida. There are three age categories: five to eight; nine to 12; and 13 to 18.

For more information on the contest, contact the local JIS office at the

Jamaica Consulate General in Miami, 25 S.E. Second Ave., Suite 609, call 305-374-8431 ext. 232, e-mail [jismiami@bellsouth.net](mailto:jismiami@bellsouth.net) or visit the consulate's website at [www.jamaicacgmiami.org](http://www.jamaicacgmiami.org)



### Essay topics

- Write about your two favorite places in Jamaica. These could include historic landmarks, places of recreation, cities, or even your family home. Name them and describe why they are your favorite.

- How do you think Jamaican youth in the diaspora can best contribute to the nation's development in the global arena.

- Do you know of a Jamaican group or Jamaican individual who has made an outstanding contribution to their community? If so, write about their contribution and its impact on that community in which he or she resides.

- What is the origin of reggae music? Explain the role that this genre of music has played in Jamaica's social, cultural and economic development.

- Who was Jamaica's first prime minister? Describe briefly how his

life and work impacted our nation during his tenure.

- Briefly describe the significance of Jamaica's five national symbols.

- There are several prominent Jamaican landmarks (e.g. Port Royal, Devon House, Rose Hall Great House, Spanish Town, etc.). Choose any Jamaican landmark that you know and explain briefly its context to Jamaica's rich cultural heritage.

Each entrant must choose only one topic. The response must not exceed two pages and should be double-spaced.

Essays can be emailed to [jismiami@bellsouth.net](mailto:jismiami@bellsouth.net) or mailed to the Jamaica Information Service, 25 S.E. Second Ave. - Suite 609, Miami, Florida 33131.

Each entry must be accompanied by the contestant's name, address, telephone number and age.



## IMF lists reasons for Jamaica's economic slowdown

WASHINGTON – The International Monetary Fund (IMF) says Jamaica's economic challenges have been compounded by natural disasters, the global economic slowdown and increases in oil and food prices, which have contributed to slower economic growth, rising inflation and a widening current account deficit.

The Washington-based international financial institution said on June 30 that strains in international financial markets have put "further pressure on an economy reliant on external financing.

"Directors agreed that the key imperatives are to address the economy's vulnerabilities, improve Jamaica's lackluster growth performance, and

strengthen its medium-term public debt dynamics," it said in a statement after completing Article IV Consultation with the Bruce Golding administration.

Against this background, the IMF directors welcomed the authorities' efforts at setting out an ambitious medium-term macroeconomic strategy that places high priority on the maintenance of macroeconomic stability, fiscal consolidation, and structural reforms. They encouraged the government to work expeditiously toward the implementation of their strategy and to build a broad domestic consensus in support of their reform initiatives.



The directors welcomed the authorities' medium-term program of fiscal adjustment aimed at balancing the budget by fiscal year 2010/2011 and at establishing a virtuous cycle of lower debt and higher growth.

They noted that the adjustment effort would need to be underpinned by "broad-

ranging reforms" of the tax system, public services and public enterprises, underscoring the fund's readiness to provide technical assistance in its areas of competence.

In particular, the directors said they saw merit in the early preparation of a fiscal Report on the Observance of Standards and Codes (ROSC) to help strengthen fiscal management and improve transparency.

### TARGETS

In discussing the desirable pace of fiscal adjustment, the directors recognized the need to set realistic targets and to provide adequate fiscal space for growth-enhancing investment spending.

At the same time, most directors considered that a stronger fiscal adjustment in the current budget year would "make a good start to the substantial effort needed over the coming three years to implement the authorities' program. Against this background, they encouraged the authorities to examine carefully the scope to reduce non-productive expenditures, noting that this would help reverse the weakening primary surplus projected for fiscal year 2008/2009.

"Early fiscal adjustment would also support monetary and exchange rate policies, against the backdrop of the widened current account

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## Immaculate celebrates 150 years of excellence in education

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with a family picnic on the school grounds.

Money is also being raised through appeals to alumnae and supporters of the school.

### TRADITION

The year is also a celebration of what has been achieved by Immaculate in its 150 years. The school began in what was the former Constant Spring Hotel. The church bought the property and started a prep and high school in one building. At that stage boys were able to attend. The name of the establishment then was Immaculate Conception Academy with junior and high school departments.

The Franciscan Sisters

operated the school then.

Now there is one, the headmistress Sister Angela, although other sisters help during the week of recollection held each year. What was the original school building is now a convent for nuns of the order.

Yet Franciscan values prevail. Sister Angela is aware of the need to be mindful of the students and to create the best wholesome environment in which they can achieve their potential. This is what being a center of excellence is all about.

Marie Gregory is a freelance writer for Caribbean Today.



Members of Immaculate's 150th Planning Committee enjoy getting the work done for a year of celebration.

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# The long road to success – Khemlanis' march from Bombay to Jamaica

MARIE GREGORY

Khemlani Mart is one of Jamaica's success stories. With stores in Kingston - Tropical Plaza, King Street and the flagship property Manor Centre, Constant Spring – manned by a staff of some 200, the company is certainly well established.

Few shoppers realize the somewhat accidental arrival of the founder of it all, Madhu Khemlani. In 1962 Khemlani was a prosperous businessman in Bombay, India. One of the largest manufacturers and retailers of jewellery, he was also president of the Jewellers Board. The then minister of finance in India started gold control, whereby no jewellery over 14 carat gold could be made. This was partly because gold was being used as a hedge against inflation and the minister believed that too much money was going into gold instead of other areas of the economy.

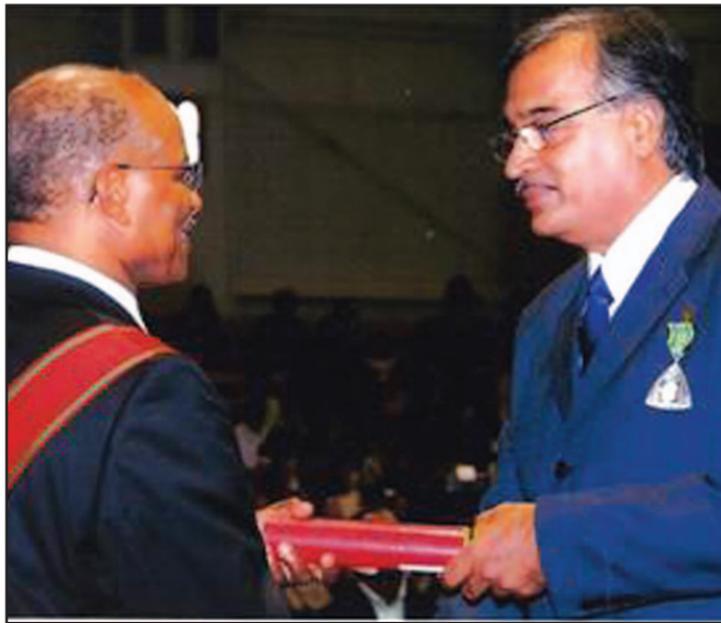
Jewellers were alarmed

and asked Khemlani to issue a statement expressing their concerns. He was not entirely complimentary to the minister some of whose habits he could not approve. Within hours his business was locked down and 80 of his jewellers arrested. Police and soldiers surrounded his home and placed him under virtual house arrest.

His son, Suresh, recalls going home from school to find members of the household being questioned, documents being checked. Khemlani's father had 14 children - seven boys, seven girls. Madhu was the third son, but his father's favorite. Realizing that Madhu was being targeted by the authorities, his father advised him to leave the country. He did, with barely more than the shirt on his back.

### TURNING POINT

From Hong Kong, Khemlani travelled to the United States and eventually reached Miami. A friend he



Suresh Khemlani, right, receives the Order of Distinction, a Jamaican national honor, from Governor General Sir Kenneth Hall at Kings House.

had met in India invited him to visit in Jamaica. This was the turning point. Soon he was calling his wife in Bombay saying that he had found the perfect place to raise his children and that they were to come and join him.

It took a return visit to Bombay to convince him that his company there would not be allowed to operate and was all but bankrupt even though the gold controls had been lifted. His wife said he had to settle down first and find schools for their five children then she would come. There was a further delay when Suresh contracted jaundice and was not allowed to travel for several months.

Eventually they were able to send a telegram giving their departure date from India. But the telegram was never delivered. Mother and children arrived at the airport early in 1970 eager for the reunion with Khemlani. They waited, but no one came. After an hour an immigration officer asked if there was a problem. He asked where they were going and suggested a taxi. Unfortunately Suresh did not have the complete address. He only recalled the name of the street and that it was in Kingston 8. The taxi driver tried in vain to find it, then suggested they go to Constant Spring Post Office to ask directions. A postman on a bicycle said that he was going there to deliver a telegram and they could follow him. This was the very telegram notifying the father of his family's arrival!

More excitement was to follow. They reached the house at exactly the same moment as an ambulance, which had come to take Khemlani to hospital with a

kidney stone problem.

### IMPROVEMENT

From then on, things improved. The house rented by Khemlani was a duplex. He and the family lived in one part, manufactured jewellery in the other. With two master craftsmen from India and local trainees, they produced mainly bangles and rings to supply tourist shops in Kingston and Montego Bay.

The early Jamaican trainees were talented people who now work in New York City, running factories or operating their own businesses in Jamaica and overseas.

Yet the early years were not easy for the Khemlani family. They pulled together and made many sacrifices. They grew their own vegetables and cut costs wherever possible. Their savings allowed them to open three jewellery stores although the economic climate of the 1970s caused two to be closed, leaving the profitable Jewelerama in Mall Plaza to survive alone.

When a men's clothing store closed down, Suresh, now known as Steve locally, decided to open a similar store in its place. He called it "Lord and Baron". Mitzi Seaga, then wife of Prime Minister Edward Seaga, encouraged him to cater to

women as well as men. Thus the name changed to "Lord and Lady" and the clothing business became a new challenge for Suresh.

Later he was to cast his eye upon a piece of land in Constant Spring. It was not being used and he was anxious to find the owner. When he discovered the owner, a lady, he was invited to drink tea with her. Discussions followed but little progress. Yet the tea drinking continued. Her price kept increasing until eventually she agreed to sell. Suresh signed on a paper table napkin, gave her the deposit on the one check leaf he always carried whenever he met her then rushed to his bank the next day to see if the manager would approve the deal.

In 1986 the building began. Manor Centre was about to take shape. The supermarket came first before the furniture store, clothing outlet, pharmacy, bank and the shops and business places which are rented out.

Then came Hurricane Gilbert and the lack of electricity. Suresh, through the help of Prime Minister Seaga, was able to get a transformer and become the first supermarket owner to reopen. The development of the stores in Montego Bay which sells furniture, Portmore, clothing and furniture, Tropical Plaza and King Street came later. The company said it has had offers from other Caribbean islands to develop business.

### NO STEREOTYPE

Successful businessman though he is, Suresh Khemlani does not fulfil the stereotype. The trappings of success he ignores. First and foremost a family man, he prefers to spend time with his wife and four children rather than frequent the cocktail circuit. His two daughters, Anisha and Sonam, attend Immaculate Conception High School. Sons Chirag and Vikram go to Hillel Academy.

Suresh and his wife Karishma, who works in the business with him, spend as

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## The good doctor brings 'family' care to Florida

FLORIDA - Healthcare. It's a subject most people don't even think about until they feel bad or have been diagnosed with some type of illness that requires continual medical treatment.

Whether it is high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity or cancer, people have been accustomed to seeing their doctors as a systematic source for prescriptions and treatments to ease their pains and suppress the symptoms of their diagnosed diseases. However, as information technology is increasing, many people are opting for alternative medical treatment that not only treats their diseases, but makes healing and whole-some living an option.

Wentworth G. Jarrett, of Dr. Jarrett's Wellness Center in Palmetto Bay, Florida, says "patients should be treated not as diseased parts, but as a whole patient. My mission is holistic care with total health for the whole family."

Dr. Jarrett focuses on wellness, which reaches beyond healthcare and taps into both the psychological and physiological make-up of patients. This approach enables him to take preventive measures that empower patients to take control of their health through education and accountability under



Dr. Jarrett

his guidance.

A native of Kingston, Jamaica, Dr. Jarrett has been practicing family medicine for more than 20 years. He believes that to achieve optimum health, it is imperative to take an approach that couples medical science with innovative products and services that meet the diverse needs of today's patients.

### EXPANDING

Dr. Jarrett's patient population not only expands from Miami-Dade and Broward counties, but many travel from abroad, including the Caribbean, United Kingdom and Fiji, for routine visits.

Through traveling and continued education Dr. Jarrett has developed a global view towards medicine that enables him to connect with

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## JC&W to upgrade, expand network

STOCKHOLM, CMC – Cable & Wireless Jamaica has chosen a Swedish technology giant as its long-term “strategic business partner” to upgrade and expand its network.

Ericsson's Systems Integration, the Stockholm, Sweden-based leading global provider of technology and services to telecom operators, said it has signed a three-year agreement with Cable & Wireless Jamaica.

“As a strategic business partner, Ericsson will provide Cable & Wireless with systems

integration services while facilitating the launch of a wide range of new and innovative next-generation broadband multimedia services, underpinning Cable & Wireless' subscriber demands”, Ericsson said in a recent statement.

“With strong partnerships in the U.K (United Kingdom), Panama and Macau, Cable & Wireless aims to strengthen its position in the Caribbean market,” said Phil Green, president and chief executive officer of Cable & Wireless Jamaica.



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deficit, higher-than-expected inflation, and the weak external environment,” the directors said.

### COMMITMENT

They commended a commitment to monetary and exchange rate flexibility, stating that they were reassured that the authorities “stand ready to take necessary actions as conditions warrant.”

The directors were of the view that a further moderate rise in interest rates might be needed to alleviate inflationary pressures and stem capital outflows. They considered that the current level of the exchange rate broadly reflects fundamentals, advising the incumbent administration to “stand ready to let the Jamaican dollar adjust should large balance of payments pressures persist.”

The directors welcomed the “positive indicators of banking sector soundness,” stressing that continued vigilance over the financial sector

is warranted, in particular with respect to the risks posed by the unregulated investment schemes promising implausibly high rates of return.

The directors said they were encouraged by the authorities' intention to prevent unregulated investment schemes that are not in the public interest, while ensuring that legitimate investments can proceed. They supported the authorities' request for technical assistance in this regard.

### COOPERATION

Given the cross-border risks posed by such schemes, the directors also encouraged enhanced regional cooperation among supervisors.

They called on the authorities to broaden the collection of information on the formal financial system to allow for a “more comprehensive assessment of systemic risks, including from changes in the global and domestic economic environments.”



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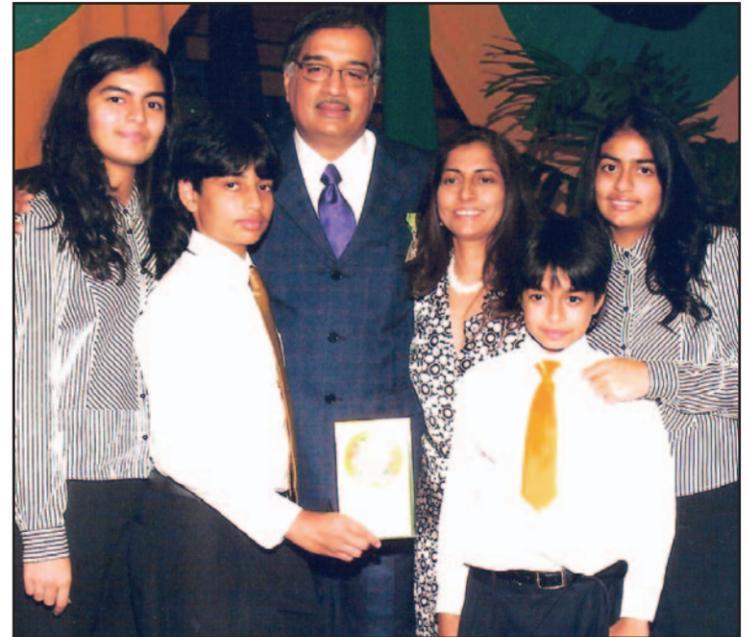
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much time as possible with their children. At weekends they play tennis or swim together and, whenever possible, Suresh arranges his buying trips abroad for school holidays so that he can take them all with him. Having grown up in a close knit family, he hopes they will stay together and that the children will follow into the business. Above all, he hopes they will make a contribution to society.

Philanthropy is part of the Khemlani way of life. He was taught this by his mother, who still lives in Miami after the death of her husband Madhu. She instilled in her family the obligation to take care of the community. Her father had lived in the south of India and in the hottest times of year he would put large clay vessels of lemonade or iced water in the street so that passers by could refresh themselves. Though this was a goodwill gesture, it paid dividends as many who stopped for refreshments discovered his business place and went in.

Suresh would like to fulfil his mother's dream of having a foundation, which would offer a school and soup kitchen for the homeless. The Khemlani family operates charitable works in Cassava Piece and Gulley Bank in St. Andrew, helping where they can. They are often called on to help with funerals, hospitalization and so on. The Wortley Home is another neighbour to receive assistance. Institutions also come to the company asking for donations such as fridges or stoves.

Suresh was awarded a national honor - the Order of Distinction - by the govern-



Suresh and Karishma Khemlani surrounded by family members Sonam, Chirag, Vikram and Anisha.

ment of Jamaica in Oct. 2007 for community service and philanthropy. After almost 40 years in the island and such an inauspicious arrival, it seemed a fitting culmination of a fami-

ly's efforts to contribute to their newly adopted land.

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patients regardless of race, color, creed or social status. According to Martha Gibson, a medical assistant who has worked with him for five years, “he knows every patient as an individual; by face without a chart.” With this level of personal connection, patients know they will not receive generalized care for their individualized needs.

Dr. Jarrett relocated from his Palmetto Bay office (at the Baptist Medical Plaza) to a new office in West Kendall. The new place is designed especially with his patients in mind.

“I'm expecting this move to add tremendously to our practice,” he explained. “We'll have more flexibility and be able to better meet the needs of our patients.”

The new facility sits on a lake. But perhaps one of the most significant elements of the new office is the absence of a sliding window in the waiting area – a window found in most offices that is usually closed and keeps patients wondering what's going on in the back. According to Debbie McFarlane, a medical assistant in the office for eight years, “we get close to the patients...no medicine can provide what a friendly face can do for a patient who is already feeling bad.”

### VISION

Dr. Jarrett's staff has grasped his vision and reflects his compassion for his

patients. This is a result of his wife Sandra Jarrett's involvement as office manager. She ensures the staff is continually trained and has opportunities to express concerns and ideas that are beneficial to patients and staff.

“Our front desk is very pleasant,” she proudly proclaims. “Our front desk window is always open. We're here for the common good of the patient.”

Dr. Jarrett said he is truly committed to keeping abreast of the growing, diverse medical needs. He is creating a brand of products and services that will ensure his patients obtain optimum health. In addition to family healthcare, once at the new location, Dr. Jarrett will be more focused on holistic principles. He has developed, and plans to introduce services that include nutritional guidance, spa services (massage therapy and skincare), personalized support and a series of seminars and workshops that reflect his commitment to educate his patients.

So, if you want to take charge of your health with a holistic approach, visit Dr. Jarrett's Wellness Center. The service will make you feel like you're a part of one big, loving family, which is enough to make you feel better from the start.

*Edited from a contributed story written by Genyne Malone-Sykes.*



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# Government names new Air Jamaica board of directors

KINGSTON, Jamaica, CMC – A new nine-member board for Air Jamaica has been named, with Canadian airline executive David Banmiller tipped to take up the post of chief executive officer.

Senator Don Wehby, minister without portfolio in the Ministry of Finance who announced the new board, said Shirley Williams will remain as chairman, but that she would surrender the day-to-day operations to the chief executive officer when that person is named.

The other members from the old board to stay on are Richard Byles, Wilfred Bagaloo, Dennis Lalor and Omar Parkins. Those being added are Dr. Carolyn Hayle, university lecturer; Colin Steele, accountant; Christopher Berry, investment banker; and Bank of Jamaica Governor Derrick Lattibeaudierre.

"The airline as you know

has been losing quite a bit of funds every month, somewhere between 10 and 12 million U.S. dollars, so the first thing that the board has been mandated to do is to try and stabilize the airline to ensure that those loses are reduced as best as possible," the minister told journalists at a recent press briefing.



Wehby

"The second thing is that they need to restructure the airline for it to become more efficient; and the third thing is that we want to divest the airline by 2009."

**CEO SHORT LIST**

Wehby disclosed that up to four people have been short-listed as candidates for the post of chief executive officer, including Banmiller.

However, Air Jamaica sources say that Banmiller is the front-runner given his reputation for turning around loss-making entities.

Wehby revealed that under the terms of the divestment agreement being pursued, Jamaica is seeking to retain only about 20-percent ownership of Air Jamaica. He added that government has set out specific guidelines for the takeover in order to protect and maintain the Air Jamaica brand name.

"The selected partner must commit to providing adequate airlift to Jamaica as a tourist destination, the prospective partner must have extensive airline experience and the appropriate capital," he added.

The minister said it will take some \$300 million to \$500 million to capitalize the airline, which has been mak-



ing significant losses over several years.

Last month, Wehby demanded the resignation of the 14-member board, shortly after Prime Minister Bruce Golding bemoaned the airline's continued drain on the

country's resources.

Last year, Air Jamaica lost \$170 million, and this year it is projected to lose another \$200 million.



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## Voluntary medical team targets Jamaica for humanitarian aid

**N**ova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine

(NSU-COM) in Florida recently sent over 130 volunteers to rural areas of Jamaica

to provide health care services to the community. The volunteer medical

group, comprising 42 practitioners and 90 students in the fields of osteopathic medicine, dentistry, occupational therapy, public health, pharmacy, optometry and physical therapy carried out a 10-day humanitarian effort.

Since its inception eight years ago, the college's annual "Medical Mission to Jamaica" has allowed the participants to develop relationships with community residents and compile medical histories on the patients.

"We are prepared to treat a variety of medical conditions while visiting two areas of Jamaica," said Paula Anderson-Worts, associate professor of family medicine at NSU-COM who coordinates the college's medical missions to Jamaica and serves as director of the family practice residency at Broward General Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

"Over the past eight years, we have had the unique opportunity to provide a variety of health care services to these communities and have seen some worthwhile outcomes in the area due to

our efforts."

### SCHEDULE

During the recent medical outreach endeavor, the participants were scheduled to first visit Jamaica's capital Kingston and spend the remainder of the trip visiting St. Mary, which is one of Jamaica's smallest parishes. In total, they were expected to see approximately 3,500 patients. Because the humanitarian excursion is volunteer-based, the participants are responsible for all expenses, including airfare, food and lodging.

"I went on the Jamaica mission when I was a student and am thrilled to be returning to work with these warm and welcoming communities of people," said Joanna Drowos, currently completing her family medicine residency at Broward General Medical Center. "I am proud of the international humanitarian efforts NSU participates in and am honored to serve alongside this group of incredible physicians and students that is donating its time and skills to this wonderful cause."



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# Reggae Boyz make blazing start to World Cup soccer campaign

~ T&T, Cuba, Haiti among Caribbean nations to advance

**GORDON WILLIAMS**

KINGSTON, Jamaica – Jamaica made a triumphant start in its latest bid to return to soccer's biggest stage by demolishing The Bahamas in two World Cup qualifiers last month.

The Reggae Boyz, who last played in the World Cup finals in 1998, clobbered The Bahamas 7-0 in the first leg here of CONCACAF's Stage 2 qualifying round. They then swamped the visitors 6-0 in the western parish of Trelawny in the return leg.

Both legs were played in Jamaica because The Bahamas did not have suitable facilities to host its home tie.

Yet, despite the margin of victory in both games, Jamaica's technical director René Simoes had mixed reactions to the results.

"The plan today was not to lose the game," he said following the first leg at "The Office" in Kingston on June 15. "...Job well done."

However, following the second lopsided win days

later, he was less enthusiastic, saying: "I didn't like the game." He called on Jamaica's players to show more heart and pursue excellence instead of settling for just being good. His counterpart and fellow Brazilian, Neider Dos Santos, credited the "experience" of Jamaica for the one-sided results.

**MIXED RESULTS**

Meanwhile, Trinidad and Tobago, another of the Caribbean's top soccer powers, also advanced last month, but in contrasting style, while other less fancied teams from the region were eliminated from the game's biggest show, scheduled for 2010 in South Africa.

T&T's Soca Warriors, who qualified for the finals of World Cup 2006, lost their opening qualifier 2-1 at home to Bermuda, but rallied to a 2-0 return leg away victory to advance.

Meanwhile, other regional teams to advance included Cuba, Haiti and Suriname. Haiti scored a goal away from home to clip the Netherland



Technical director René Simoes is again guiding the Reggae Boyz.



Jamaica's captain Ricardo Gardner, right, led the Reggae Boyz off to a rousing start against The Bahamas.

Antilles 1-0 in the second leg and advance after the first game ended 0-0. Suriname won both legs, 1-0 and 2-1, over Guyana to reach the semis.

Cuba eliminated Antigua and Barbuda in high scoring games. The Cubans won in Antigua 4-3 and then blanked the visitors 4-0 to advance.

But Barbados was not so fortunate, despite a brave second leg. In the first match the Caribbean team was demolished 8-0 by the United States. It lost by a more respectable 1-0 margin in the second leg at home, but was eliminated by a 9-0 aggregate. Grenada lost its second leg 3-0 to Costa Rica, after a respectable home 2-2

first leg draw, to be eliminated.

St. Lucia dropped out after being pasted 9-1 on aggregate by Guatemala, going down 6-0 and 3-1. St. Vincent and the Grenadines was eliminated on a 7-1 aggregate after losing 3-0 and 4-1 to Canada.

**FINALS HUNT**

The 12 winners from

Stage 2 have been divided into three semi-final groups of four teams with matches running from Aug. 20 to Nov. 19.

In Group A, T&T and Cuba will be joined by the U.S. and Guatemala. Group B has Jamaica matched with favorites Mexico, which elimi-

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## Who's the fastest? Jamaica mounts sprint challenge to U.S.

**GORDON WILLIAMS**

Cell phone calls and text messages crisscrossed national borders as quickly as the athletes sped through the finish line.

Who won? What time? People in Jamaica and the United States were eager to



Bolt

know. Over a riveting last weekend in June, it became clear that this year's Olympic Games in China could be highlighted by a straight fight to the finish between Jamaican and American sprinters to decide the fastest in the world and

medal recipients.

Superb times and a few eyebrow-raising results at the national trials for both countries – Jamaica's in Kingston and the



Gay

United States' in California – proved once again that it will likely be left to the Caribbean island of nearly three million to pose the biggest threat to a nation whose population borders on 300 million. And it will all be played out for the world in track and field's marquee event, the 100 meters.

**STRONG HAND**

For the men, Jamaica, on (CONTINUED ON PAGE 26)

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nated Belize (2-0 and 7-0), Honduras and Canada. Group C includes Costa Rica, El Salvador, Haiti and Suriname.

The top two from each semi-final group will advance to the six-team CONCACAF final round scheduled for Feb. 11 to Oct. 14 2009. The top three teams from the final round will automatically quali-

fy for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. CONCACAF's fourth place finisher will play off with CONMEBOL's fifth-place team in a home-and-away series for one of the last berths to the FIFA event in South Africa.

*Gordon Williams is Caribbean Today's managing editor.*



Jamaicans show their support for the Boyz.

## Who's the fastest? Jamaica mounts sprint challenge to U.S.

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paper, holds the strongest hand in the race. Usain Bolt, who ran 9.72 seconds to smash the world record in late May, easily qualified for Beijing, China by winning Jamaica's national title. In that event he clocked 9.85 to beat former world record holder Asafa Powell, who has run as fast as 9.74. Both men denied going all out in the final, seeking just to make the Olympic team.

"The aim is just to qualify," Bolt said after the race. But that weekend America's Tyson Gay, last year's World Championships winner in the event, wasn't listening. He was busy making a mark at his own country's trials. Gay avoided a catastrophe by slowing down in the first round of the event before cranking it up in the next with a quick 9.77, a new U.S. record. In the final he turned it up even more – albeit with help from the wind – to clock a blistering 9.68, the fastest ever time over the distance. Assistance from the wind, above the allowed level, made the time unofficial and therefore not listed as a world record. But it signaled that Gay was rounding into top form. "The time really meant a

lot," he told reporters. "...Inside I was happy."

### WOMEN PLEASED

The women from both countries could be pleased with their form in the 100 meters as well.

In Jamaica, former Auburn University

Brown finished fourth in 10.88 and did not qualify to compete for Jamaica in the event at the Olympics.

The U.S. women also found themselves in heated competition for places in the event.

Muna Lee emerged a shocked winner in 10.85 seconds.

"I'm very surprised," Lee said.

She was followed through the tape by Torri Edwards and Lauryn Williams, who both clocked 10.90. The first five

women in the race broke the 11 seconds mark, but only the top three will contest the event in Beijing.

At the Olympics they, and the U.S. men, will meet the Jamaicans. It's where the fastest in the world will win.

*Gordon Williams is Caribbean Today's managing editor.*



Stewart

athlete Kerron Stewart stunned the crowd at the National Stadium by clocking 10.80 seconds to win. Second was Shelly-Ann Fraser (10.85) and third Sherone Simpson (10.87).

In what was considered an upset, World Championships winner Veronica Campbell-



Lee

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Jamaica names strong team for Olympic Games in China

Veronica Campbell-Brown will defend her 200 meters title and lead Jamaica's charge at next month's Olympic Games.

However, Campbell-Brown will not be Jamaica's only medal hope in Beijing, China as the country has named a strong team for the Aug. 8-24 event, including current and former world record holders for the 100 meters Usain Bolt and Asafa Powell.

They will be joined by rising stars such as Kerron Stewart, who won the 100 meters for women at the national trials late last month, and former top ranked female sprinter Sherone Simpson.

The full Jamaican team is as follows:

Women

Kerron Stewart (100m, 200m, 4x100m), Shelly-Ann Fraser (100m, 4x100m), Sherone Simpson (100m, 200m, 4x100m), Veronica Campbell-Brown (200m, 4x100m), Sherri-Ann Brooks (4x100m), Aleen Bailey (4x100m), Simone Facey (4x100m), Nickiesha Anderson (4x100m), Rosemarie White (400m, 4x400m), Novlene Williams-Mills (400m, 4x100m), Shericka Williams (400m, 4x400m), Shareefa

Lloyd (4x400m), Bobby-Gaye Wilkins (4x400m), Anastasia Le-Roy (4x400m), Kenia Sinclair (800m), Madrea Hyman (3000m steeplechase), Korine Hinds (3000m steeplechase), Chelsea Hammond (long jump), Brigitte Foster-Hylton (100mH), Delloren Ennis-London (100mH), Vonette Dixon (100mH), Andrea Bliss (100mH alternate), Melaine Walker (400mH), Nickiesha Wilson (400mH), Shevon Stoddart (400mH), Trecia Smith (triple jump) and Olivia McKoy (javelin).

Men

Usain Bolt (100m, 200m, 4x100m), Asafa Powell (100m, 4x100m), Michael Frater (100m, 4x100m), Marvin Anderson (200m, 4x100m), Dwight Thomas (4x100m), Julien Dunkley (4x100m), Andre Wellington (4x100m), Christopher Williams (200m), Nesta Carter (200m alternate, 4x100m), Michael Blackwood (400m, 4x400m), Ricardo Chambers (400m, 4x400m), Sanjay Ayre (400m, 4x400m), Allodin Fothergill (4x400m), Marvin Eson (4x400m), Lansford Spence (4x400m), Maurice Wignall (110mH), Richard Phillips (110mH), Danny McFarlane (400mH), Markino Buckley (400mH), Adrian Findlay (400mH alternate), Isa Phillips (400mH), Herbert McGregor (triple jump), Dorian Scott (shot put), Aldwyne Sappleton (800m),



Campbell

Maurice Smith (decathlon).

Information from the IAAF contributed to this story.

AKSYON KOLEKTIF, RÈGLEMAN KI PWOPOZE AK ODISYON RÈGLEMAN AN

AVI SA A KAPAB AFEKTE DWA LEGAL OU. TANPRI LI AVI SA A AVI AVÈK ATANSYON.

Yon tribinal te otorize avi sa a. Sa se pa demand yon avoka.

POU: Tout moun oswa enstitisyon ki posede pwopriyete nan vil Miami epi ki te peye Evalyasyon Ponpye Sekou ak/oswa Evalyasyon Ponpye Minisipalite a te ranmase nan ane fiskal 1997-1998 jiska ak nan ane fiskal 2006-2007.

Kisa pwosè sa a konsène? Yo te pwopoze de Règleman apa nan yon pwosè aksyon kolektif sou evalyasyon ponpye ak sekou yo te fè pwopriyete byen imobilye peye nan vil Miami ak evènman ki te pase pandan pwosè a. De (2) règleman sa yo se avèk 1) vil Miami, epi 2) kabinè avoka Adorno & Yoss, LLP. Pwosè a rele Masztal v. City of Miami. Moun yo tradui lajistis yo rele "Pleyan", epi vil Miami rele "Defandè". Kabinè avoka Adorno & Yoss, LLP rele "kabinè avoka". Règleman yo pa vle di Minisipalite vil la oswa kabinè avoka a dakò pou yo angaje nan move zafè oswa nan move konduit oswa pou yo mal ajè oswa pou yo vyole nenpòt lwa oswa règleman nan nenpòt konsiderasyon, eksepte pou sa ki konsène vil Miami pou pòsyon Evalyasyon sekou Ponpye/Sekou ki te adopte pou ane fiskal 1997-1998 ak 1998-1999. Tribinal Siprèm Florid deside pwosè City of North Lauderdale v. SMM Properties se yon pwosè ki legal pou yon Minisipalite pou pibliye evalyasyon pou sèvis ponpye, paske sèvis ponpye pwokire yon benefis espesyal pou pwopriyete a. Apati 14 septanm 2000, Minisipalite vil la te deside yon Evalyasyon li sipòte sou sèvis ponpye sèlman epi kidonk evalyasyon an legal. Pleyan yo deklare Evalyasyon an te rete ilegal nan fonksyonman li. Pa t janm genyen okenn desizyon oswa konklizyon jidisyè sou konfli rival sa yo. Menmsi Tribinal la, nan Litij sa a k ap rezoud la, deside yo Evalyasyon Ponpye/Sekou yo te resewa nan ane fiskal 1997-1998 ak 1998-1999 pa t konstityisyonèl nan limit li te evalye pou sèvis medikal ijan. Tribinal la pa pran desizyon oswa pa fè konklizyon pou endike Evalyasyon Ponpye/Sekou oswa Evalyasyon Ponpye te enkorèk pase sa ki endike anwo a. Ni pa t detèmine limit, si genyen, Evalyasyon Ponpye/Sekou te fèt yon fason inadmisib pou sèvis medikal ijan yo. Pleyan yo prezante reklamasyon tou kont kabinè avoka pou aksyon ak inaksyon posib ki gen pou wè ak premye pwosedi yo kont Minisipalite vil la nan pwosè sa a. Kabinè avoka a, san admèt responsabite ak kontestasyon toudenkou reklamasyon Pleyan yo, chwazi pou rezoud aksyon sa a. Kidonk, menmsi Pati yo dakò pou Règleman yo ak yon pwosesis ranbousman, pa t genyen desizyon okenn Tribinal ki endike Gwoup la genyen dwa pou jwenn yon ranbousman, oswa kantite lajan ki endike a. Ni pa t genyen desizyon okenn Tribinal ki endike Gwoup la genyen dwa pou resewa lajan nan kabinè avoka a.

Kimoun ki fè pati Règleman yo? "Gwoup" oswa "Manm Gwoup" dwe vle di tout moun oswa enstitisyon (avèk tou siksesè legal ki kalifye yo, jan sa defini nan paragaf 1.18 Akò Règleman an) ki posede pwopriyete nan vil Miami, Florid, avèk tou ansyen ak aktiyèl anplwaye, ajan, reprezantan, ofisyèl, ofisyè Minisipalite a ak manm fanmi pwòch yo, ki reprezante kapasite endividyèl yo kom kontribiyab, ki te peye Evalyasyon Ponpye/Sekou ak/oswa Evalyasyon Ponpye Minisipalite vil la te resewa nan ane fiskal 1997-1998 jiska ak nan ane fiskal 2006-2007. Vil Miami eskli nan Gwoup la.

Ki Benefis ki genyen? Ou kapab kalifye pou resewa yon ranbousman, sa vle di yon pòsyon Lajan Komen total (ki dekri anba a) chak manm Gwoup la genyen dwa pou resewa, jan sa detèmine dapre yon fòmil Tribinal la apwouve. Kantite lajan yo dwe peye chak manm Gwoup la ap depannde kantite manm Gwoup la ki soumèt yon reklamasyon valid. Okenn manm Gwoup la pa ap resewa yon ranbousman ki plis pase kantite lajan Evalyasyon manm Gwoup la te peye, epi, kidonk, Pati yo kwè li pa posib pou nenpòt moun ap resewa yon ranbousman konplè tout lajan Evalyasyon ki te peye a. Li enpòtan pou ou sonje pòsyon Evalyasyon ki dwe repati nan finansman sèvis ponpye a se yon pòsyon ki legal. Pousantaj Evalyasyon peye k ap retounen pou chak manm Gwoup la ki kalifye apa pa kapab detèmine jouk moman lè yo trete demand yo dapre Akò Règleman yo. Fon Komen an ap redwi a kantite lajan frè avoka ak frè Tribinal la akòde Konsèy Defans Gwoup la, ak kantite lajan frè administratif Tribinal la apwouve pou administrasyon règleman yo.

Ki dispozisyon Règleman ki pwopoze yo? Kòm konsiderasyon pou Règleman li, Minisipalite vil la ap finanse \$15,550,000 nan yon fon ki rele "Fon Komen". Kòm konsiderasyon pou Règleman li, kabinè avoka a ap finanse \$1,600,000 nan Fon Komen an. Debousman Fon Komen an ap fèt dapre Akò yo. Nenpòt entèrè ki reyalize sou nenpòt pòsyon Fon Komen an dwe vin fè pati Fon Komen an. Chak manm Gwoup la dwe jwenn dwa pou fè demand yon ranbousman dapre pwosedi ki prezante an gwo nan Avi sa a. Se sèlman manm Gwoup kalifye oswa siksesè legal kalifye yo ki dwe jwenn dwa pou chèche jwenn yon ranbousman. Dwa pou jwenn yon ranbousman pa dwe transferab. Chak Pati dwe jwenn dwa pou fè restriksyon, dapre lòd, entèdiksyon, oswa lòt reparasyon, nenpòt vyolasyon oswa menas vyolasyon dispozisyon ak règleman ki nan dokiman sa a, epitou pou egzije pèfòmans espesifik dispozisyon ak règleman sa yo. Konsènan konsiderasyon pou Règleman yo, depi genyen Apwobasyon Final, chak manm Gwoup la dwe anvizaje pou bay yon kominikasyon total ak konplè pou nenpòt ak tout reklamasyon ki nan pwosè a ak lòt reklamasyon jan sa dekri nan Akò Règleman yo. Kominikasyon an dwe genyen yon pati entegral ak enpòtan Règleman yo, epi li pa kapab separe nan Règleman yo. Nenpòt manm Gwoup ki pa vle bay kominikasyon an dwe deside pou pa patisipe jan sa dekri nan Avi sa a. Règleman avèk kabinè avoka a genyen ladan yon dispozisyon ki pèmèt li anile règleman an anba sèten kondisyon. Si sa rive, manm gwoup ki kalifye yo ap resewa notifikasyon nan moman y ap resewa pòsyon règleman an avèk Minisipalite vil la. Y ap resewa tou notifikasyon pou fè pwosè kont kabinè avoka a poukont yo epi avèk pwòp depans yo.

Kisa mwen DWE fè pou mwen vin kalifye pou resewa yon ranbousman posib? Ou dwe fè Demand yon Fòmilè Ranbousman, ki dekri anba a, jiska 21 oktòb 2008. Epitou, ou dwe deside dat 20 out 2008 si ou vle fè objeksyon kont Règleman yo epi pou soumèt nenpòt objeksyon alekri. Pou fè Demand Fòmilè Ranbousman an, ou dwe rele Administratè Règleman an nan nimewo 1-800-981-7567. Ou kapab wè Fòmilè Demand Ranbousman an (ansanm avèk divès kalite dokiman règleman) sou entènèt nan sit wèb www.MiamiFireFeeSettlement.com epitou ou kapab enprime li nan sit wèb la.

Kisa mwen dwe fè si mwen vle Eskli tèt mwen nan Gwoup la? Si ou pa vle patisipe nan youn oswa nan toulède Règleman yo, ou kapab mande pou yo eskli ou. Pou fè demand eskli nan Gwoup la, ou dwe ranpli ak soumèt yon demand alekri ba Grefye Tribinal la epi voye demand lan pa lapòs nan adrès ki endike anba a. Ou dwe ranpli fòmilè demand lan epi tenb ki sou anvlop la dwe date dat 20 out 2008:

Pou Administratè a (kourye): Masztal v. City of Miami Settlement Administrator PO Box 3170 Portland, OR 97208-3170

Pou Tribinal la (dosye): Clerk of the Court Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida 73 West Flagler St Miami, FL 33130

Demand pou eskli nan yon dwe prezante nan nenpòt patikilye, men li dwe endike enfòmasyon sa yo:

- 1. Non ou, adrès ou ak nimewo telefòn ou;
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3. Siyati ou;

- 4. Non ak nimewo pwosè a (Masztal v. City of Miami, Case Nos. 98 11208 CA 31, 05-2117 CA 31), epi
5. Si ou fè demand eskli nan yon:
a. Règleman avèk Minisipalite vil la, OSWA
b. Règleman avèk kabinè avoka a, OSWA
c. Toulède.
Remak: Si ou pa presize ki règleman, y ap konsidere demand ou kom yon demand ou fè pou eskli tèt ou nan toulède règleman yo.
Tanpri asire ou ekri mo "EXCLUSION REQUEST" (demann pou eskli nan) sou kwen gòch pa anba devan anvlop la.
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1. Ou p ap kalifye pou okenn nan benefis yo;
2. Ou p ap jwenn pèmision pou fè objeksyon kont dispozisyon yo;
3. Ou p ap genyen obligasyon pou respekte okenn fiti desizyon yo pran nan pwosè sa a; epi
4. Tankou pou nenpòt règleman (Minisipalite vil la oswa kabinè avoka a oswa toulède) kote ou te fè demand ou eskli ou:
a. Ou p ap kalifye pou resewa okenn nan benefis yo;
b. Ou p ap jwenn pèmision pou fè objeksyon kont okenn dispozisyon;
c. Ou p ap genyen obligasyon pou respekte okenn fiti desizyon yo pran nan pwosè sa a; epi
d. Pou resewa lajan nan plas Règleman sa yo, w ap oblije fè pwòp pwosè ou epi avèk depans ou.

SONJE: OU DWE FÈ DEMAND OU POU ESKLIYON AVÈK ANVLOP KI GENYEN TENB KI DATE DAT 20 OUT 2008. SI W PA FÈ SA, SOF JAN TRIBINAL LA KAPAB BAY LI, DEMAND POU ESKLIYON OU AP AN RETA AK ENVALID.

ODISYON POU RÈGLEMAN AN: A pou 9 septanm 2008 a 10:00 AM EDT, nan adrès 73 West Flagler St, Courtroom 11-1, Miami, Florida 33130. Tribinal la ap oganize yon Odisyon san Patipri pou konsidere si pou li akòde sètifikasyon Gwoup la pou objektif Règleman an, epitou si pou li apwouve Règleman yo kom Règleman ki jis, rezonab ak satisfèzan. Tribinal la ap oganize yon odisyon preliminè nan dat 22 jiyè 2008 a 10:00 AM EDT nan menm adrès kote l ap resewa prèv ki gen pou wè ak demand pou frè avoka yo. Ou dwe soumèt mosyon pou sipòte oswa pou kont Frè Avoka yo anvan fen jou ouvray 15 jiyè 2008.

Esi mwen vle fè Objeksyon kont Règleman yo? Ou dwe rete yon manm Gwoup la pou ou kapab fè objeksyon kont nenpòt aspè Règleman yo, epitou kont sètifikasyon final yon Gwoup, onètete Règleman yo, konpetans Pleyan ak avoka yo ki reprezante gwoup la, ak distribisyon Frè ak Depans Avoka a. Objeksyon alekri ou dwe genyen ladan:

- 1. Your name, address and telephone number;
2. Yon deklarasyon objeksyon ou (yo) ak nenpòt lwa ak/oswa prèv sipò ou vle entwoudi;
3. Non ak nimewo pwosè sa (Masztal v. City of Miami, Case Nos. 98 11208 CA 31, 05-2117 CA 31)

OU DWE SOUMÈT OBJEKSYON EKRI OU BA GREFYE TRIBINAL LA DAT 20 OUT 2008 PA LAPÒS NAN ADRES SA A:

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OU DWE VOYE KOPI OBJEKSYON SA YO TOU PA LAPÒS BA TOUT AVOKA KI ENDIKE ANBA A, EPI ANVLOP LA DWE GENYEN TENB KI DATE DAT 20 OUT 2008.

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Tribinal la pa konsidere okenn objeksyon ki soumèt/avèk anvlop ki genyen tenb ki date dat 20 out 2008, sof si ou kapab montre rezon valab poutèt ou anreta. Si ou soumèt objeksyon ou anreta, y ap konsidere ou abandone oswa ou anile objeksyon ou, sof si ou montre rezon ki valab.

Si ou soumèt objeksyon ou yo ale epi Tribinal la anile yo, w ap toujou kalifye pou resewa yon ranbousman anba Règleman yo depi ou ranpli ak soumèt yon Fòmilè Demand Ranbousman ale.

Kouman pou mwen jwenn enfòmasyon adisyonèl? Avi sa a se sèlman yon rezime Règleman yo, ki prezante nan dokiman legal pi detaye ki rele "Akò pou Règleman ak Kominikasyon." Akò Règleman ak Kominikasyon konplè ant Pleyan yo ak Minisipalite vil la ak Akò Règleman ak Kominikasyon konplè ant Pleyan yo ak kabinè avoka a nan dosye ki nan biwo Grefye Tribinal la. Pou jwenn yon deklarasyon detaye sou zafè ki konsène pwosè sa a, Pleyan yo, Minisipalite vil la ak kabinè avoka a refere ou tou nan Plent lan ak nan lòt atik ak lòd Tribinal la ki nan dosye nan biwo Grefye a. Ou kapab enspekte dokiman sa yo nan Biwo Grefye a nenpòt kilè nan orè nòminal biwo, Lendi pou rive Vandredi, ant 9:00 a.m. ak 4:00 p.m., Fizo Orè Lès. Si ou genyen nenpòt kesyon oswa senpleman si ou bezwen nan kopi Fòmilè Demand Ranbousman, ou kapab rele Administratè Règleman an nan nimewo 1-800-981-7567 oswa ou kapab wè divès kalite dokiman règleman an sou entènèt nan sit wèb www.MiamiFireFeeSettlement.com, epitou ou kapab enprime Fòmilè Demand Ranbousman an nan sit wèb la.

TRANSLATION: A translation of the Notice of the Settlement of the Fire Fee Assessment is available in Spanish at the following website: www.MiamiFireFeeSettlement.com

Date: dat 6 jen 2008, nan Miami, Florid.

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