Jamaican man shot dead in Grand Case

MARIGOT—An altercation between two men during the early morning hours of Saturday led to a Jamaican national being shot dead next to the car wash located at the start of the RN7 bypass in Grand Case.

The shooting took place some time before 2:00am and the suspect O.I. voluntarily gave himself up to Gendarmes immediately following the incident. Family members of O.I. indicated later that morning that the Jamaican and his wife had gone to O.I.’s house on Rue de Millrum opposite the car wash during the night to confront O.I., although the exact motive for the visit was not exactly clear. Neither was it clear whether the two men had a history of feuding with each other.

It was apparent that the two
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Dennis: Outstanding organic laws to be handled by Sept. 9

PHILIPSBURG—The technical team reviewing the outstanding Organic Laws necessary for the proper functioning of new Country St. Maarten is hoping to have the laws ready and handled before the September 9 Round Table Conference (RTC) in The Hague, says Constitutional Affairs Project Director Dennis Richardson.

Richardson says all the laws will be handled before St. Maarten becomes a Country on October 10, but the team is aiming to have them handled by September 9.

He is currently preparing a tentative schedule for the handling of the laws. The schedule is expected to be completed and submitted.

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PHILIPSBURG—Commissioner Frans Richardson denounced what he said was the construction of frames for political billboards on government’s property – the yard of Public Works – allegedly involving some Public Works staffers on Sunday.

Richardson said he had visited the site and witnessed the construction of “frames for political billboards.” Workers on site were initially mum on who had ordered the construction. They eventually said that there was no proof that it was for political billboards and later said it was educational material.

However, the Commissioner said it was clear that frames for political billboards were being constructed. The Commissioner said answers were needed as to whether taxpayers’ money had been used to purchase the materials and to pay the workers, and which official had ordered the

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WEATHER

Today: Generally partly cloudy, with widely scattered showers and a risk of a local thunderstorm.

Winds: Easterly, 10-15 mph, occasionally up to 20 mph in gusts.

Sea conditions: Tranquil to moderate.

Seas: 2-5 feet, with highest waves in and around showers.

Forecast high: 32°C/90°F
Forecast low: 26°C/79°F

SYNOPSIS: A tropical wave is moving across the local region, resulting in a gradual increasing chance of rain with relatively stronger winds across the area. Sea conditions will also respond to this increase in wind and become occasionally moderate.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The remaining names for the 2010 Atlantic hurricane season’s tropical cyclones are Danielle, Earl, Fiona, Gaston, Hermine, Igor, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Matthew, Nicole, Otto, Paula, Richard, Shary, Tomis, Virginia and Wilma.

Tropical cyclone formation is not expected to occur during this forecast period.

Hazardous Weather Outlook: None. Outlook until Tuesday evening: Generally partly cloudy, with local showers lingering through the early afternoon.

Sunrise: 5:54am
Sunset: 6:38pm

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Referendum on hold in Bonaire

BONAIRE--Bonaire’s referendum was postponed until further notice. The Island Council adopted an amendment on Friday, stating that a referendum on the negotiation result concerning the constitutional future of the island would be held “on a date to be determined later per Island Ordinance.”

The amendment was presented by independent (former UPB) councilman Anthony Nicolaas, who is in the Executive Council with the ADB, led by Jopie Abraham. Opposition leader Ramonsi Booi (UPB) had asked for a vote count, after which his four-person faction got up and left without voting, leaving the amendment to be accepted by the four ADB faction members and Nicolaas.

Booi said his faction did not want to vote, because although the referendum called by the ADB/Nicolaas coalition was intended to oppose the agreements for Bonaire to become one of the so-called BES-islands (together with St. Eustatius and Saba) made by the former UPB government, his faction had challenged the current Executive Council to go through with it to get clarity once and for all.

The Referendum Committee had asked to postpone the poll from September 3 to October 1 to have more time to organize it properly. The dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles and new relations within the Dutch Kingdom are supposed to take effect on 10-10-10. One of the matters that came up during the meeting was the cost of the referendum. This is not said to be about half a million guilders, while the budget approved earlier was only NAF. 350,000.

Jamaican minister tours island after Caricom trip

PHILIPSBURG--Jamaican Minister Robert Montague toured St. Maarten under the auspices of the Jamaican Social and Heritage Foundation (JSHF) here when he was en route home after Caricom meetings.

Jamaica is the project leader for the Caribbean Local Economic Development Programme, which is being funded to the tune of Canadian $23.3 million by the Canadian International Development Agency.

Minister Montague said the project would help island officials, national associations of the Jamaican government and national governments in 14 Caricom member states.

He noted that it also would contribute to increased sustainable economic growth, benefiting men, women and the youth in the Caribbean region through the strengthening of local level governance for economic development.

Montague was accompanied on the visit by Jamaica Local Government Reform Unit Senior Consultant Keith Miller.

Lugisse appointed International Marketing Manager of UBC-TV

PHILIPSBURG--Executive Director of the Tallara- hassee-St. Maarten Foundation Th-SxmNt Arthur (Arturo) Lugisse has been appointed head of the Urban Broadcasting Company TV (UBC-TV) Internation al Business Development and Marketing Division.

President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of UBC-TV Pegeen Dodson says Lugisse is a perfect fit with respect to UBC’s global strategy.

“Lugisse has the experience and background to make UBC the international company I have always intended it to be. I look forward to making some big deals and forming lasting relationships through Arthur for UBC-TV and all of our associated ventures and projects,” Dodson stated in a press release, provided to Lugisse.

“UBC-TV would like to expand into the Caribbean and I am looking forward to making that happen. We will be firstly looking at this part of the region, namely the Northeastern Caribbean,” Lugisse said he was interested in hearing from TV stations, Cable TV companies and others interested in working together to make this happen. “UBC-TV is also very much interested in investors as well as companies and others interested in relationships with UBC-TV can contact Art Lugisse at dian7477@yahoo.com or tel. (917) 478-0625, or via the Website: www.urbanbroadcasting.com.

Television stations, Cable TV companies and other multi-media companies interested in developing a mutually beneficial relationship with UBC-TV can contact Art Lugisse up to and including Friday, August 20, at the Victori an Living Office, Back- street #158B or by calling 520-1802 or 542-2663 or by sending an e-mail to positiveway@hotmail.com.

Simmons: Brooks Tower permit holders must ‘keep complying’

PHILIPSBURG--Antillean State Secretary of Justice Ernie Simmons warned that Brooks Tower Accord (BTA) permit holders must “keep complying” with the requirement of insurance, valid ID and so on, to stay on the island.

State Secretary Simmons told reporters Friday that anyone who neglected to renew medical coverage or passport or who lost basic financial support risked losing the permit and becoming undocumented again.

“The permit is based on certain criteria,” Simmons said in a press conference about the BTA. “You have to keep complying with the requirements.

Four persons have been detained in the last two weeks for invalid passports for the BTA extension, which allows permit holders to stay for three years. If they comply throughout that period, they will be eligible for permanent residence under the Minister of Justice’s policy. Each island is free to repeal the policy after the dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles.

Local coordinator Tiara Haselhoef said the Central Government’s team of workers would accept all requests coming in, at least proof of application for a business licence in some cases and, in others, insurance and proof of school registration.

Permit holders can continue to apply for the extension until September 18, from Monday to Saturday from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Already 721 persons have applied for the extension, approximately 16 per cent of all those who received BTA permits.
PHILIPSBURG-- The transforming of St. Maarten from an island territory to a country will take many years. National Alliance (NA) Leader and Leader of Government Commissioner William Marlin stressed Saturday evening.

He was speaking at a function at Philipsburg Mutual Improvement Association (PMIA) Hall on Saturday evening to launch one of the party’s new candidates Leona Marlin-Romeo. First-time candidate Lloyd Richardson was launched on Sunday evening.

In outlining the new dualistic governmental system as well as other changes that would go into effect from October 10, when St. Maarten will become a country within the Dutch Kingdom, Marlin told reporters and attendees that, “A tremendous challenge will be placed on the new institutions and the people who will be working in them and heading them.

“The preparation to finally reach that station took several years. The completion of the transformation of St. Maarten from Island Territory to Country will not take one year. It won’t take a governing period, but it will take many years – many years because it is not a building that you construct, it is not a piece of legislation that we have to pass, it is changing from one constitutional system – from being an Island Territory in the Netherlands Antilles – to taking on more responsibilities for ourselves as a country, and as far as I am concerned, preparing St. Maarten to ultimately become an independent nation in the Caribbean, and therefore this election is important.”

He stressed that the September 17 early Island Council elections for members of the first parliament of new Country St. Maarten would be very important. The 15-member Parliament (replacing the Island Council) and Council of Ministers (replacing the Executive Council) will steer St. Maarten into her new status set to be achieved on 10-10-10.

“But it is also a tremendous challenge that will be placed on the shoulders of those who are elected, and therefore we take it seriously.

“We are embarking on constitutional change, and regardless of which party we support in this election, at the end of it, the government that takes office will be the government that will continue to lead and prepare St. Maarten for the challenging years ahead of us,” he said.

Not an experiment
He noted that the constitutional change process was not an experiment for the National Alliance, but rather a commitment to the people of St. Maarten.

“For us it is not a hide-and-seek game where we withdraw our position today to go to prepare for another day. When we as National Alliance accepted the responsibility to take on governmental responsibility, we knew that besides the many challenges that St. Maarten has, there was one important challenge and one commitment that we made 10 years ago to the people of St. Maarten and we were willing to see that through to the end.

“That is why we have remained steadfast. We have remained focused and we have remained with our eyes on the ball, no matter the challenge.

“We have committed ourselves as a team to realise constitutional change for St. Maarten and we negotiated successfully with the Dutch, the Antillean and Curacao governments. And on September 30, 2009, I placed Marlin said on my behalf of the people of St. Maarten on a document saying that on 10-10-10 St. Maarten will become Country, and when we become Country on 10-10-10 that we move forward and continue to shape our nation; we need, as we say, all hands on deck.

With regard to some of the changes accompanying the new status, Marlin said there would be a separation of the executive and legislative arms of government for the first time. The new parliament will handle legislation and the Council of Ministers will govern.

The position of Lt. Governor will not exist in Country St. Maarten. The Council of Ministers meetings will be chaired by the Prime Minister of Country St. Maarten. One of the 15 elected members of Parliament will be selected to chair Parliament.

Several new institutions that form part of the democratic process will also feature in Country St. Maarten.

Among them is the General Audit Chamber, Office of the Ombudsman and the Council of Advice, through which all legislation will have to be sent for advice before being handled in Parliament.

Marlin said that the institutions were now being established and the people who were being appointed to them were new to the structure, as these institutions only existed at the Central Government Council of Advice. The people in the Netherlands Antilles had not been correct.

Dr. Richardson: ‘We have to make this society liveable’

PHILIPSBURG-- New candidate on the National Alliance (NA) list Dr. Lloyd Richardson is on a mission to help make St. Maarten a better place to live.

At the launch of his candidacy at the Philipsburg Mutual Improvement Association (PMIA) Hall on Sunday night Richardson, the control doctor at the Social Insurance Bank SVB, said that because of his profession, his focus would be on health care.

He said St. Maarten was at the “crossroads of change” in the area of social security and while organisations such as SVB, FZOG and health cost bureau BZV “are not bad,” residents of St. Maarten and the Windward Islands had not been receiving the treatment they deserved.

“We don’t intend to close the door to the rest of the people in the Netherlands Antilles with whom we have spent many centuries,” he said.

“We won’t slam the door shut on them. We will now have to approach them as equals asking them for their services for a particular price and demand that they serve us well because we do have alternatives.”

He said alternatives in health care had not been developed well in the past and “it is my intention, in whatever seat I sit, to continue to pursue the route that we have taken.”

“We have to make this society a liveable one,” Richardson said. “It is becoming very tight for us right now.”

Richardson was one of two new NA candidates launched over the weekend. The other candidate is head of the Civil Registry (Census Office) Leona Marlin-Romeo.

NA will launch four other new candidates this evening.
Leona Marlin, Dr. Lloyd Richardson go ‘forward together’ with ‘winning team’

~ On National Alliance list for Sept elections ~

PHILIPSBURG--Civil Registry Department (Census Office) Head Leona Marlin-Romeo and Social Insurance Bank SVB control practitioner Dr. Lloyd Richardson will run on the National Alliance (NA) list in the early Island Council elections on September 17.

NA leader William Marlin introduced the first-time candidates during separate ceremonies at the capacity-filled Philipsburg Mutual Improvement Association (PMIA) Hall over the weekend.

The candidates said they had decided run with NA because, among other things, that party stood for integrity and patriotism. “It is a party that holds God high … and a party whose intention is to be honest with the people and it is a party that stands for integrity,” Richardson said as he announced his candidacy on Sunday.

In welcoming the new candidates, Marlin said politicians made a “tremendous sacrifice” to serve their country “because they have a commitment” and a desire to help their people.

“They are not getting involved because there is some personal or financial gain awaiting them around the corner, but because they love their country and they want to put their country first and they want to join a team,” he said at the Sunday evening ceremony.

Marlin said Marlin-Romeo had taken on the challenge of improving the circumstances at the Civil Registry, which has had many challenges. “She put her shoulders under it and she has turned things around.”

Richardson is one of the founders of Turning Point Foundation. It was established in 1990 and has had an uphill battle over the years to carry out its work in the community. “We are still struggling to bring it to what it should be.”

He spoke passionately about helping substance abusers. He said local and Central Government authorities had been approached on many occasions to assist the foundation. He said substance abusers were troubled, non-productive and cost money. Much effort is needed to help them turn their lives around.

“I am prepared to continue this fight, but to continue it with authority,” he said, adding that he wanted to be able to make decisions that could make a difference.

He also spoke extensively about his heritage, and said he had chosen to run with NA because of what NA stood for, noting that at one point he had been asked by every political party to run on their line-up and he had declined the invitations from the others.

“I realised that party’s leader and the full force of its members place the people of this society before their pockets,” said Richardson, who has served over the years in several capacities in community groups, including the Jaycees, Kiwanis, Chairman of the Task Force for the Adventist School and the project for Health, Welfare, Education and Youth.

Richardson, who has been at SVB since 1981, said his mother is Grenadian and his father from St. Maarten.

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Marlin-Romeo, who listed concerns such as crime and education reform as issues she would champion, said she had joined the NA to be “part of the solution” (see related story).

“Over the past couple of months, I have been extremely humbled, as many people from different communities and from different political parties have encouraged me to run for office. With this incentive, I went on a quest enquiring about the issues that touch our community the most and what they wanted to see improved.”

“After speaking with my family, close friends and carefully considering this important step into the political arena, I have decided to take part in this historical election,” she said.

She said based on her experience, background, knowledge, and awareness of the current and upcoming challenges and developments of St. Maarten, she was a “strong candidate” to “contribute to the efforts already started by the NA.”

Marlin-Romeo holds a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science and a minor in Education Reform from Adelphi University in New York. She also holds a Master’s degree in International Relations from University of Amsterdam.

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She stressed that NA stood on the solid support of its team. “I can now stand here and boldly state that I am ready. … TEAM stands for Together Everyone Accomplishes More. And this is what we will do together as a team. We will win this election,” she said to rousing applause from attendees and supporters.

Marlin-Romeo is the daughter of Marius Romeo of Middle Region and Marilyn Thomas of French St. Martin. She was raised by her stepfather Leonardo Mathew and is the wife of Richard “Richie” Marlin.

The NA will introduce four additional candidates this evening. William Marlin said all of its current Island Council members, ministers and former state secretaries would be part of the line-up on the party’s slate.

A section of the gathering at the Sunday evening ceremony.

UP candidates and other party officials during the session at The Westin St. Maarten Dawn Beach Resort and Spa.

UP party to officially introduce candidates

POINTE BLANCHE--The United People’s (UP) party will officially introduce its slate of candidates for the early Island Council elections on September 17, at the entrance to Pointe Blanche at 7:00pm today, Monday. Candidates will also sign a pledge dedicating themselves to the service of St. Maarten.

This will be the first time a party has had its candidates sign such as declaration. UP leader “caretaker” Commissioner Theo Heyliger said, “UP is about St. Maarten and this is a way of demonstrating that we are working with and dedicated to moving St. Maarten up further.”

The candidates went through an intensive information session at The Westin St. Maarten Dawn Beach Resort and Spa on Sunday on the constitution, parliamentary procedures, taxes, dollarisation and the role of the Committee for Financial Supervision CFT.

Presenters were former Democratic Party (DP) leader Lenard “Vlue” Gumbs, CFT member former St. Maarten Patriotic Alliance (SPA) National Alliance (NA) parliamentarian Roland Tuitt, tax expert Paul van Vliet, and former Lt. Governor now Project Manager for Country St. Maarten Dennis Richardson.
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Richardson launches CPA with four candidates for elections

~ Stresses passion to defend St. Maarteners ~

PHILIPSBURG—Emphasizing on passion to their cause and commitment to St. Maarteners, Jeffrey Richardson officially launched the Concordia Political Alliance (CPA) on Sunday to contest in the upcoming elections on September 17, with the hopes of securing at least one seat.

Richardson, who will lead the party as the #1 candidate, was joined by the other candidates for what he called a small, but dedicated team. The CPA’s list will include private sector worker Natasha Chumney, Graphic Designer Denicio Wyatt and business man Leo Richardson.

Richardson explained that his party’s main goal was to strengthen, preserve and give content to the St. Maarteners, so that while the party was open to “common, sensible and logical interpretations” of who is a St. Maartener, the CPA will maintain focused on persons with St. Maarten roots as being a St. Maartener, so that, for example, no committee has to be formed to define who is a St. Maartener. He said he recognized that the issue was a controversial one and that he expected to be highly criticized. However, if that’s what it takes for St. Maarteners not to be marginalized in their own country, then so be it.” He said the CPA would look at balancing issues, such as the development of the country and immigration, in an effort to ensure that St. Maarteners “do not become extinct.”

“Many people discouraged me out of concern. But there was an overwhelming voice telling me that we had to step up. Politicians on St. Maarten have forgotten the voting minority called St. Maarteners and focused more on winning an election. We will bring a relentlessness and passion to see that St. Maarteners are significant in their own country,” Richardson said, adding that the CPA will be around long after the election and after 10-10-10.

The CPA did not ensure that St. Maarteners “do not ensure they will not stand by and watch St. Maarteners be further marginalized. That is not anti-foreigner,” he said.

The simple fact that “St. Maarten” was consciously left out of the constitution for Country St. Maarten, Richardson continued, was a betrayal of the “forefathers who had worked to build St. Maarten” by current politicians. He said unlike the other major parties, the CPA was not financed by any major corporate sponsors and would make use of local expertise in formulating its governing policies.

Richardson said if St. Maarteners did not ensure that the CPA obtained at least one seat, “the other parties will ignore you and destroy you as a people. This is not about giving lip service, it’s about giving life service,” he said.

To demonstrate his commitment to the CPA’s cause, Richardson affixed his signature to a document that was drafted at a manifestation of the Treaty of Concordia, held on the French side on May 15. In short, the document called for all politicians to indicate their commitment to defending the interest of the people of St. Maarten.

“Not a single politician signed it. So today I will sign it to say to the people of St. Maarten that we care about you and the people can hold us accountable,” Richardson said. He said the existing group of politicians has “no guts” to stand up and say “we are for St. Maarteners” and challenged all to do so.

Richardson also lamented the fact that his party only had one day to acquire the 134 signatures to qualify to participate in the election as a new party. Parties without representation in the Island Council can submit their lists this Wednesday, Nomination Day, but have to validate those lists with 134 signatures.

He said in the past new parties were given a few days to acquire the signatures. One day, in his opinion, is undemocratic. “Nevertheless we urge all of you who believe in our message to go out on Thursday to the Census office and sign for us,” he said.

Persons are reminded to walk with a valid form of identification.

Two Island Council meetings this week

PHILIPSBURG—The Island Council is scheduled to meet today, Monday, and tomorrow, Tuesday.

On today’s agenda is the establishment of the island ordinance to establish the national archives; the appointment of the members to the general audit chamber; the purchase of materials for St. Maarten Vocational Training School and purchase of a new personnel information system.

Tuesday’s agenda is set to discuss transportation, the Social Charter for civil servants, health care, common currency and Central Bank for St. Maarten and Curaçao. This is the third time this meeting is being called. When it was called on the first two occasions (August 4 and August 11) it was adjourned due to the lack of a quorum. A farewell Island Council meeting to former Lt. Governor Franklin Richards was also held on August 4.

When opened tomorrow, the meeting, which was requested by the Democratic Party (DP), can proceed whether or not there is a quorum.

DP Island Councilman Roy Marlin did not want the meeting to be called tomorrow, because Wednesday is Nomination Day. However, Lt. Governor Reynold Groeneveldt said that Tuesday would be the best day if the meeting was to be called within a week, as prescribed. Groeneveldt said a number of meetings have been scheduled for this week, including today’s Island Council meeting, nomination day on Wednesday and the visit of Dutch State Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten on Thursday.

The purchase of a new personnel information system was also approved.

Graphic Designer Denicio Wyatt and business man Leo Richardson, Leader of the CPA Jeffrey Richardson signing the Concordia Treaty manifestation document to demonstrate his commitment to defend St. Maarteners.
Less traffic at Hato Airport

WILLEMSTAD—During the first half year of 2010, the declining trend in Curacao's air traffic continued in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The total number of arrivals and departures during the first six months of 2010 at Hato Airport amounted to 658,966, of which 482,749 were international travellers and 115,222 local passengers, while the transit traffic amounted to 60,995. From these figures, it appears there was a decrease in passengers by 16.4 per cent compared to 2009, as 708,203 travelled during the same period last year.

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Jamaican man shot

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men ended up outside on the street with the Jamaican reportedly threatening to kill O.I. with a knife. The Jamaican was killed with a single gunshot to the head on the side of the road next to the car wash.

According to O.I.’s family, the French wife of the Jamaican is a former girlfriend of O.I. and even though married to another man has been a constant source of trouble to the family with her threatening behaviour, stemmimg from an “obsession” with O.I.

O.I.’s current girlfriend, who lives in the house on Rue de Millrum, said she didn’t know what had taken place during the night, as she had been asleep with the air conditioner on and had only awoken when she heard the gunshot.

“She has been making my boyfriend’s life as miserable as she possibly could,” said the current girlfriend, who identified the other woman as Marie. “I can only say that she is sick in the head and she has a mental disease. She is obsessed. She once told my boyfriend that he must be hers and nobody else’s. I told the Gendarmes that this was not the first time Marie is using somebody else as a tool.

“She once came here and stole the car keys from my boyfriend’s sister. He in reply took Marie’s car keys, hoping that they could just exchange the keys and finish with it. But she sends someone with a machete to the house to get her keys back. That’s to show you that she is always the instigator. And last night she was right there at the crime scene.”

The girlfriend said O.I. had had a restraining order issued for Marie. She added that O.I. had been involved in an incident before where he had been shot in the shoulder and since then had been very protective of his family.

“My boyfriend acted in self-defence. It was either he or the other man that was going to be killed. He was not only protecting himself, he was protecting all of us.”

Detectives returned to the house on Rue de Millrum around midday with O.I., who was cooperating with the investigation. Gendarmes were searching a fairly extensive area for the murder weapon and other evidence.

It was not known up to press time whether the wife of the deceased had been questioned by Gendarmes.

“He said it was true that some young people “are facing an uphill battle, having to deal with major challenges” that often distract them from their schoolwork, but they must bear in mind that the circumstances of their lives were no excuse for neglecting their homework or for being rude to their teachers.

“Others before you have faced similar or more trying challenges. But they refused to give up,” he stressed. He referred to perseverance shown by the current Speaker of Parliament of St. Kitts-Nevis, who he said often told the story of having had to study under streetlights, and John Stephen Akhwarri, an athlete who represented Tanzania in the marathon at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City.

He noted that Akhwarri had fallen during the race, badly cutting his knee and dislocating the joint. Rather than quitting, he continued running. He reached the finish line long after the other 56 competitors who completed the race had done so (74 had begun the race).

“All parents have not spent all this money and time just to see you enter school the first day, but to see you make something of yourself,” Father Rawlins said “We are not a people who quit when things get tough. We are a people who keep on going, who try harder.”

“There will be times in life when we’re tempted to give up but always remember the words of Apostle Paul: ‘I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.’”

He also stressed, “No one is born good at anything, but you become good at things through hard work. Whether it’s soccer, cricket, basketball or golf, it takes prac-tice. So too does your schoolwork.”

And, before wishing the young people in the congregation “a productive and successful academic year,” he also reminded parents and guardians that they had a responsi- bility to screen off the television sets.
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secure work that has to be done, or you will be referring to articles that have no relationship with what you’re writing about or that might not even exist,” he said.

“Then there are other aspects, for instance when you get comments from the evaluation committee; you have to agree or disagree with those comments and, if you agree, you have to prepare an advice for the Executive Council. You then have to go back and draft the laws in accordance with the decision that has been taken.

“The end when [the laws] are there, it doesn’t appear to have been a lot of work to the people, but before you reach that point it is,” he said in response to questions on the process by The Daily Herald. “There is a lot more than meets the eye.”

In addition to working on the laws, members of the technical teams are also involved in information sessions on the process and attend Island and Executive Council meetings when required etc.

He said the island territory didn’t have a “garrison of lawyers” capable of handling the highly technical work involved in the process at its disposal.

The technical team suffered a setback of about a month after Richardson had been badly injured in a freak accident at his home on Holy Thursday, coupled with the loss of committee members Ilina Pasman-Schotborg and Dorris Best, both of whom recently returned to Curacao. The Island Government is currently engaged in talks to get Pasman-Schotborg back on board.

Richardson said the team of advisors also includes Eugene Holiday and Robert Vennix.

Fleming: ‘Land regulating project on the right track’

MARIGOT-Senator Louis-Constant Fleming reassured Sandy Ground residents Sunday that the legalization of land in Sandy Ground is “on the right track” and is being undertaken for all intents and purposes with fairness and justice.

Speaking at a low-key Sandy Ground Fête celebration, Fleming said the complex project, assigned to surveyor Cabinet Blondel, which he is overseeing is no easy task.

“Not everyone will be satisfied one hundred percent,” he said. “There will always be somebody who didn’t get enough, or someone who got too much. Sometimes political decisions will have to be taken.

But we are going to continue the process to make sure Sandy Ground becomes a normal society with people living in the right conditions and with the right facilities. Have confidence in your government in knowing that the decisions being taken are taken in a positive and forward direction.

“We ask you to cooperate with your council; the council, the surveying team and the territorial councillor responsible for your district. I would like to see that we achieved the goal we started out to achieve in two years from now; even if we achieve half the goal, we will still be winners.”

He thanked the residents for entrusting confidence in him to pilot the project and emphasized the importance of having a strong foundation on which to work if the project is to be successful.

Other speakers included Vice-President Claire Ja-vois, representing President Frantz Gumbs, and President of the Sandy Ground Community Council Georg-er Richardson.

Claire Javois congratulated, as did Fleming, the community council and the association “Sandy Ground on the Move” for the work it is doing, especially in employing young people to ensure cleanliness of the district and security. She noted Sandy Ground is a bastion of culture and mixed nationalities, and reminded that Minister of Overseas Departments Marie-Luce Penchard on her official visit took a particular interest in Sandy Ground.

Georges Richardson noted there was considerable amount of land regulation to be done that was left over from the Commune time.

“There are a lot of problems, and money that has to be paid out,” he said. “We understand the Collectivité is not responsible, but at the same time it has inherited what went before and what was not done.”

Asked how the project was progressing with surveyor Denis Blondel, he replied: “A lot of people are bringing in their papers to him. There are many who are not paying taxes and are not registered and some who have no papers to be here and yet they have a house. There are forms to be filled out that have to be handed in to Service Urbanisme. We have people who have 14 or 15 pieces of land, so I don’t know how the department is going to deal with that.”

Richardson added he wants more public meetings organized, so the people can ask questions and get a clear understanding of the issues.

“But the people have a responsibility to attend those meetings... everyone, not just fifty people,” he stressed. “We can’t be responsible if the Collectivité puts something in place tomorrow and the people who did not attend the meeting complain they were not informed. It is in their interest to attend the meetings.”

The day began with a church service in Sandy Ground, attended by elected officials and invited guests, followed by a parade of troupes. Three troupes took part: drum bands Explorateurs and Sonise, and the Golden Stars Flying High troupe. Entertainment was organized for the afternoon.
75 students complete summer employment

PHILIPSBURG—Approximately 75 students completed their summer job programme last week Friday.

The programme, an initiative of the Island Government’s Business Outreach and Placement Program (BOPP), began in June. Students in high-school pre-exam and exam classes as well as first-year college and university levels spent four to six weeks of their summer working in various organisations within the government offices and in the private sector.

They were trained and educated in how to prepare their resumes and cover letters, how to dress for an interview, conversational skills and how to conduct themselves in the workplace, during a series of workshops held by Innovative Marketing Creations (IMC).

During their employment period, students were visited by IMC officials who evaluated the workplace to ensure employers were being ethical and assisting in the learning process of their daily tasks.

“IT is not what I expected, so it caught me by surprise. I really enjoy working here and I am inspired to get more familiar and involved within the field,” said J. Arrindell, who was employed at Philipsburg Jubilee Library during IMC’s evaluation visit.

Follow-up calls were made to the organisations to create a comparison of the students’ progress during their employment periods.

IMC joined forces with Sector Youth, Culture and Sports as the official facilitators this year to empower students with the knowledge and training necessary to get a job, keep the job, and learn from the experience.

The trainings concluded with a day of celebration for the students’ hard work during the trainings and getting hired, in which parents and motivational speakers were invited to encourage students to work hard during their summer employment.

IMC General Manager Jacqueline Louis stated: “We are very proud of the students for taking the initiative to seek employment and sticking through the trainings to make sure they could reach this point today, the ending of their summer employment, with their heads held high. It is truly rewarding to see the students’ progress and succeed the way they have. It is extremely humbling when we see them in their workplaces or out in public demonstrating the key tools we taught them during the trainings.

“We hope to form a long-term commitment with BOPP to continue to educate and prepare our youth for their career futures.”

IMC e-mailed congratulations cards to students commending them on their hard work and ambition necessary to have completed their quest for their summer success with BOPP.

New National Alliance (NA) candidate Leona Marlin-Romeo with some of her family members at PMIA Hall, shortly after announcing her candidacy with what she said was NA’s “winning team.”

Marlin-Romeo to focus on crime, youth and education

PHILIPSBURG—New candidate on the National Alliance (NA) slate for the upcoming parliamentary elections Leona Marlin-Romeo has listed issues such as crime, opportunities for youths and educational reform as issues she plans to tackle if elected.

“I am concerned about finding proactive, realistic and supportive solutions for the rise in crime on the island – we need to feel safe again,” she told the people at Philipsburg Mutual Improvement Association (PMIA) Hall, filled to capacity, during the announcement of her candidacy on Saturday evening.

Marlin-Romeo, who worked extensively with St. Maarten students in the Netherlands as a mentor with St. Maarten Student Support Services (S4) predecessor SSNA, said more opportunities are needed for young people, because “idle minds are the devil’s workshop.”

On the issue of immigration reform, she said the recent Brooks Towers Accord (BTA) process is a testament that St. Maarten needs to continue developing policies that will reflect a healthy balance between what is needed and what the island territory has with regards to its labour market and the challenges being faced.

She said too that a revalorisation of the current educational system in order to identify the areas that need development is necessary.

Marlin-Romeo serves as Head of the Department of Civil Registry (Census Office), where she has engineered “improvements” at the department.

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Still concerns over job offers Curacao

Willemstad - While government said it had distributed 99 per cent of all letters for a position in the new administration of Country Curaçao by the end of the week, Antillean Civil Servant Union ABVO was informed that numerous public sector employees would not receive an offer before today, Monday.

"Unacceptable," according to ABVO board member Kenneth Bremar. The union held an emergency meeting for its members on the island who had not received their letter.

"It was agreed that the letters would be sent on August 10. However, five days later people are still waiting for an offer. We will not accept this. We demand that all of our members receive the relevant letter today," he said on Friday.

The members who had not yet received a letter assembled at the ABVO-building and subsequently headed for the building of the Personnel Department to collect their letter personally.

Friday's action followed the earlier protest of angry civil servants at the Antillean Council of Ministers in Fort Amsterdam. Civil servants from the Directorate Economic Affairs DEZ and the Directorate of Finance had gone to the Central Government building because they had either not received an offer or could not agree with such.

Former ABVO chairman and current secretary-general of labour union federation CGTC Roland "Nacho" Ignacio can understand that angry civil servants went to Fort Amsterdam to express their dissatisfaction about the offer for a position in the future Country Curaçao still forthcoming. He was in the Netherlands as part of a delegation providing Antilleans there with information on the process in realising a new Country Curaçao.

"The demonstration was justified. The civil servants have been on edge for a month and now, at the end, are still confronted with uncertainty."

According to Ignacio, the trade union federation in the Organised Consultation Body Civil Service GOA had advised government to choose a later date to inform the civil servants. "We have always warned government not to underestimate the process and to choose a date that was also feasible for them, but to no avail."

There is also severe criticism from the civil service union in Curaçao on the manner in which the government is dealing with the transfer. In a press release ABVO stated that government did not meet its commitments towards the civil servants. The union specifically referred to the commitment that all civil servants should receive the relevant letter before Tuesday last.

"This mistake from government has caused considerable uncertainty among our members, while they do not know how to handle this situation. We request government once again to inform those civil servants who have not received a letter yet on the further course of the process."

ABVO also called on its members to remain calm and wait for the letter, because the term of 30 days to lodge an objection only goes into effect when they receive the relevant letter. The members can also contact the helpdesk of ABVO in its union building at Brievenz.

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ST. EUSTATIUS--Police Inspector Quintin Rogers says the Police Force in St. Eustatius has been kept quite busy during the past few days, assisting the public in a series of incidents including break-ins and thefts, family disputes and three road accidents with light injuries, and issuing five fines and summonses to motorists.

Together with Sea Rescue, the Police Force was also involved in assisting two sailing vessels that were in distress. Rogers said MV "Chrysos," which had docked at Charles A. Woodley Pier after having taken on water, had left the port again after the vessel had received some repairs.

Rogers said that several traffic accidents had happened, caused by drivers who had not given preference; or had been driving at high speed. The accidents are being investigated, he said.

Police were called on Thursday afternoon to Fort Oranje Straat where a car had struck and knocked down a pillar, after which it became stuck. The damaged vehicle had to be removed from the street. The accident caused traffic to stop as the Fire Department had to clean the oil from the street.

Rogers said police were investigating one case of indecent assault.

"Due to the fact that the police are getting some solid leads, no more information can be given pertaining to the break-ins. We are still gathering information," he said.

He added that members of the emergency departments were currently carrying out a survey of the island pertaining to the effects of the recent heavy rainfall on the island. "Mostly sand and gravel washed down to the low-lying areas of the island. Mostly hit were Whitewall, Manosemiah, Fort Oranje Street, and Zeelandia." Many dirt roads were washed out by the heavy run-off from the hills. Cleaning companies had to clear the streets after the rain had subsided.

ST. EUSTATIUS--Haitian Community Foundation of Saba officers (from left) Wilmer Rosemond and Gertmain Bermane meet with Haiti's Cabinet Chief Hervey Day in Haiti on June 20. Saba Haitian Foundation to give funds to build hospital

Haitian Community Foundation of Saba (HCF) leaders are scheduled to meet with US philanthropist Raymon Belegarde and some charitable organisations next month on the funding of a new hospital in Haiti.

At that time, a decision will be made on how to disperse the US $10,000 raised by HCFS to support Haiti's ongoing relief efforts in response to the devastating January 12 earthquake.

"We have a meeting in St. Maarten next month," said HCFS President Germain Bermane. "When [Belegarde] comes to Maarten, the decisions have to be made by all organisations that have given the donations. When we meet together, everything will fall into place. This thing is going step by step and we will be able to say that the money has left Saba now and is going to Haiti again."

Bermane and HCFS Vice-President Wilmer Rosemond travelled to Haiti on June 11 to hand-deliver a check for US $9,000 raised through HCFS fundraisers. The two men met with the Chief of the Haitian Cabinet Judge Hervey Day on June 20, only to learn that earthquake relief funds could not be donated directly to the Haitian government. Instead, the HCFS officers were informed that any money received for earthquake relief purposes had to be donated through charitable or government organisations (NGOs).

"Day said we had to get a project to put up the money. He said it like this, 'If we need the money to buy a pick-up or to build a school or hospital, it's okay.' We had made the cheque in his name, so he said 'no.' That's why we headed back to Saba with the cheque.

In the interim, HCFS settled on Belegarde's project to build a hospital in Haiti. It also received an additional donation of NAF 2,102 from Lt. Governor Jonathan Johnson on behalf of the Saba Comprehensive School System to support its cause and bring its funds total to NAF 10,000.

Bermane praised the community and government of Saba along with native Saba Pastor Wycliffe Smith, who donated more than NAf. $2,000 to Red Cross relief efforts in Haiti.

"I want to send a high blessing for Pastor Smith. He is from Saba, but lives in St. Maarten," Bermane said. "The Haitian community in Saba sends a high blessing to Pastor Smith. He is the Lord for him because he has done a good job for the Haitians in St. Maarten. He has tried to help our country and we say that God will bless him for that."

Anyone interested in giving to the ongoing relief efforts in Haiti is invited to contact HCFS for information on how to properly submit donations at tel. 416-6599 or 416-5006.

"We'd like to say to all organisations that want to donate to Haiti, or have the money, but the work still continues. We still need help as we try to help with the hospital there."
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Police seized these packets of marijuana from a suspicious car on Pond Island Saturday night. Police have been cracking down on any suspicious and illegal behaviour. They also stopped cars in Simpson Bay for traffic controls that night. (John Halley photo)

Dozens donated food and drink to Tzu Chi’s Relief Day programme on Sunday to help support several poor families living in St. Maarten. Donors gave rice, milk, sugar and so on. They were also treated to conversations about the work of Tzu Chi-St. Maarten, the local chapter of a Buddhist outreach and relief group. (John Halley photo)

THE HAGUE—Christian Democratic Party CDA negotiator Maxime Verhagen wants specifically mentioned in the governing accord that there will be no ethnic registration in the Netherlands.

By taking this standpoint at the present stage in the negotiations to form a new Dutch cabinet, Verhagen is one step ahead of Party for Freedom PVV Leader Geert Wilders.

PVV has always been proponent of introducing a form of ethnic registration for high-risk youngsters.

Ethnic registration was one of the promises in PVV’s election programme, with which the party managed to secure 24 seats in the Second Chamber.

CDA further wants the governing accord to detail the securing of a number of obvious constitutional rights, such as maintaining the state of law, equality of citizens and combat of discrimination.

These issues were leaked over the weekend despite an agreement that parties would not divulge anything about the negotiations. This may have happened due to the rising concerns within the CDA party about the intended cooperation with Wilders and PVV.

CDA, however, hasn’t indicated that it is against the introduction of an admittance and expulsion regulation for Antilleans and Arubans in the Netherlands. The liberal democratic VVD party and PVV want such a regulation, aimed at sending back criminal Antilleans and Arubans, secured in the governing accord.

Leroy Vlaun (20) will be competing for the DJ title at Rock the House 2k10 this Saturday. He succeeds Reginald “DJ Vlaun” Vlaun, who has won the crown four consecutive times and is now in the Netherlands studying. This will be the fifth year that Laugh Out Loud (LOL) Productions has hosted the audience-judged talent show.

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New stamp issue “Endemics of Anguilla.”

New stamp series features endemics

ANGUILLA—Three of the island’s endemic species have been documented on the latest stamp issue. The issue was organised by Anguilla Philatelic Bureau in conjunction with Anguilla Stamp Advisory Committee.

The three endemic species are the Anguilla Bush (rondeletia anguillensis), the Little Scrub Island ground lizard (amevia corvine), and the Sombrero Island ground lizard (amevia corax), and the Sombrero Island ground lizard (amevia corax). The Sombrero Island ground lizard is similar to the Little Scrub Island ground lizard (amevia corvine).

The Anguilla Bush that is featured on the EC $2.25 stamp is the island’s only endemic plant. It is a small, shrub with small, green leaves and pink, trumpet-shaped flowers. It seldom grows more than three feet tall and is often found in small holes in limestone rock. It grows predominately in the eastern part of Anguilla, but is threatened by habitat loss and landscape fragmentation due to tourist development.

The EC $2 stamp features the Little Scrub Island ground lizard. It ranges in colour from slate grey to black and both males and females have tails that are twice as long as their bodies. The male is slightly larger and grows to approximately five inches in body length. They are found only at Little Scrub Island in two main areas. They feed mainly on birds’ eggs during the nesting season and flowering cactus, and they scavenge for bait left by fishermen.

The Sombrero Island ground lizard is similar to the Little Scrub Island lizard and is on the $1.50 stamp. It is also dark in colour, but is different in that the body is elongated with a pointed head that is not well defined from the body. They are found mainly in the area of the lighthouse because of a ready source of food for scavenging from the lighthouse keepers who until recently lived on the island.

The philatelic bureau chose to highlight these endemic species because of the growing global emphasis on conservation of the earth’s fragile environment. The introduction of this stamp issue is intended both to educate the public as to the existence of these creatures and plant and their importance to human existence, and to create a greater awareness of the need to conserve and protect them.

PHILIPSBURG—Newspapers Antilliaans Dagblad and De Telegraaf are now available in St. Maarten. Daily editions of Dutch newspaper Antilliaans Dagblad and Antilliaans Dagblad, which features news from Curação, Bonaire, and Aruba in Dutch, can now be purchased here, says Willems, who was born in Curacao and has twenty years of experience in journalism in Holland, Aruba and Curacao.

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Viceroy Resort presents new General Manager

ANGUILLA—Jeff David has been welcomed back to Anguilla as the new General Manager of Viceroy Resort. David comes from a position as General Manager of Viceroy Snowmass in Aspen, Colorado. Prior to that he was part of Viceroy’s pre-launch team and Resort Manager from 2007 to 2009.

A number of Anguillans have now taken up positions at Viceroy. Dorla Hodge, a graduate of Purdue University, has moved from the Anguilla Soroptimist Club, including the Day Care Centre that members run, and proposed a toast to Anguilla.

She referred to the reading workshop held each year, to support the growth of Anguilla Soroptimists. She thanked the guests for their support and outlined some of the Soroptimists’ work.

Hotel occupancy down in Curaçao

WILLEMSTAD—Curaçao’s hotel occupancy rate was down to 65.7 per cent in June, a decrease of 3.9 per cent compared to the 69.6 per cent rate in June 2009.

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No further commercial development of harbour

ARUBA—The Government of Aruba does not want any further commercial development of the harbour in Oranjestad. As such, it has discarded the plans of the previous government that wanted to build a new hotel, apartments and shopping centre on the water-side property that would become available due to the container port moving to Barcadera.

Prime Minister Mike Eman stated that the land in question should become a recreation area for both the local population and tourists.

“Once the containers have been removed, we will have an unobstructed view of the sea again. That’s the way it should be from now on, instead of driving on the boulevard with the feeling one is travelling through a concrete jungle. One already has that impression and we must not continue in that direction.”

Eman further stated that the plans, as previously indicated by the current Minister of Infrastructure, for parks, squares and a kind of ‘natural pool’ in the harbour of Oranjestad should have preference. According to the Prime Minister, this also prevents the existing shopping centres and the main shopping street Caya Betico Croes from coming under pressure.

A new commercial centre in the harbour, according to Eman, would lead to unfair competition. “It would work like some kind of net for cruise passengers, while we have just started enlarging our main shopping street as well.”

Another point to abandon commercialisation of the harbour in Oranjestad regards the strategic function it has for the island, says Eman. He wants the harbour area to remain in the hands of government and not grant it to third (commercial) parties.

“This was the intention of the previous government, to dissociation of the management of the Aruba Ports Authority (APA) as well,” he said.

The decision to develop the harbour of Oranjestad further in a different manner is one of the matters the current AVP government agreed on with APA last week.

Another one is that the plan to move the container port to Barcadera will definitely go through. It regards an investment of just over 100 million florins for a two-year period to be financed by both government and the private sector. The coming months will be used to realise this financing.

APA will also negotiate with stevedore company Astec again. If the discussions are positive, it’s possible there will be no public contract for a new operator of the container harbour, but that Astec will continue as such.

The plan for the new container port also mentions taking into account the construction of the fourth lane motorway and ring road. Eman: “Developing a container port in Barcadera without infrastructure that can handle traffic to Oranjestad and the hotels will be very difficult. APA has promised it would coordinate the latter with the Infrastructure Team and Public Works.

APA Director Alfonso Bockhoudt was also pleased with the outcome of the discussions with the government.

“Government is now prepared to create pre-conditions in order to realise the move to Barcadera, so that the project becomes feasibly financially and can be implemented organisationally. We therefore now feel very comfortable with the move as well as the further development of the container harbour.”

APA will start working on the plans for the harbour of Oranjestad again after the move, said Bockhoudt.
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VVD members do not have to vote on coalition approval

THE HAGUE—The conservative People’s Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) party is not planning to present the results of its coalition talks to its members for their approval.

British travellers want full compensation from KLM

AMSTERDAM—British media said hundreds of British air travellers who were stranded by the eruption of an Icelandic volcano in April this year are demanding full compensation from Dutch airline company KLM for expenses they incurred.

This was reported by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and daily newspaper The Daily Mail on Saturday.

According to European guidelines, stranded passengers must be compensated in full for any extra expenses they incur under such circumstances.

But KLM has announced that it will only repay one day’s expenses. The announcement prompted many British travellers to complain to the European Commission, which is threatening to start legal action against KLM.

The doped passengers have opened a special page on the social networking site Facebook.

Minister seeks clarity on food supplements

ARUBA—Minister Richard Visser (AVP) of Aruba wants to end the dispute between suppliers and government over the import of vitamins and natural, nutritional supplements. For that purpose, he set up a committee.

This committee is to study the current legislation, including a decree from the previous MEP government stating that supplements are not allowed to be imported because they are considered medicine. The committee consists of several interested parties, including Alex Croes, owner of “Gianni’s Nutrition Centre.”

The legal qualification of vitamins and natural nutritional supplements is currently under fire after a complaint by Gianni’s against seizure of a consignment of supplements by the Prosecutor. The latter is also the main issue in the case and took place seven months ago, by order of the Medicine Inspectorate.

Gianni’s owner Croes demands restitution of his seized goods. “I have been importing these products for six years, and now they’re suddenly forbidden,” he argued.

Visser believes the legislation should now be amended. He wants Aruba to follow the example of larger countries such as the United States, Canada and the Netherlands.

His motivation stems from the premise that Aruba is not capable of analysing the composition of supplements independently. The island does not have the appropriate knowledge and facilities for this.

“If the US Food and Drug Administration states that a product is natural and therefore permissible, then Aruba must act likewise,” said the minister.

As a drugstore owner himself, Visser also experiences that medicines are removed from the shelves by order of government, but believes that one cannot blame the Medicine Inspectorate. “It is simply acting on what is laid down in the law,” according to the member of government.

In the meantime, Croes is still waiting for the judge’s verdict in the case against the Prosecutor. The case was to come to court last week Tuesday, but had to be postponed because the Prosecutor handling it was on holiday.

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Jainarayan Singh Jr. over High Court judge Justice Ramdhani has issued an order to thePortmore police Station, popularly called the ‘Hundred Man’ station and slapped with extortion charges because they collected money from patrons to enter the beach.

However, the members of the co-operative are insisting that they are the rightful owners of the property and as such they had the right to collect money from patrons going into the facility.

The Portmore police maintain that the members of the co-operative had not shown proof that they were the rightful owners of 10 acres of prime beachfront property and had to be charged. However, documents shown to the Sunday Observer indicate that there may be merit in the claim of the 110-member fishermens co-operative, which looks after the interests of fishermen and fish vendors.

Vincent Colash points to the sign at the entrance to the Hellshire Beach which indicates who is in charge of the facility. (Photos: Karl McLarty)

GEORGETOWN, Guyana--Magistrate Haymant Ramdhani has issued an arrest warrant for former High Court judge Justice Jairanaray Singh Jr. over traffic offences. The warrant was issued by the Cove and John Magistrate’s Court on Friday after the former judge was charged on four separate counts of traffic-related offences.

Court documents show that Justice Singh was charged with failing to submit to a breathalyzer test. Jai Singh, secretary Devon Malcolm, and members Vincent Colash, Kenneth Jenkins and George Smith. They are due to appear in the Spanish Town Resident Magistrate’s Court on Tuesday, August 17, when the case will be mentioned. If convicted, the men face a maximum prison term of three years.

Legal counsel for the men, Delano Franklyn from the law firm Wilson Franklyn Barnes, said that he was not thinking conviction at this point.

“Your rights were violated,” Franklyn said in a brief interview while on his way to a book-signing event in the United States.

“Based on my instructions, my clients have an extremely good case as the land is being held in trust for them by the commissioner of lands, and therefore they have a beneficial interest in the land, which gives them the right to superintend the land as they see fit.” Therefore, I find it extremely strange that they could be charged with extortion. Their bona fides are unquestionable as it includes three executive members of the co-op and two ordinary members,” Franklyn said.

However, head of the Portmore police, Superintendent Anthony Powell, told the Sunday Observer that the members of the co-operative had not proven that they owned the property and were, therefore, not authorised to collect money from the public.

“They have indicated that they are authorised to do so (collect money), but they haven’t been able to produce those documents to me at this point,” Powell said.

“As far as I am concerned, Hellshire is a public beach and no one is authorised to collect money. They were demanding money from persons entering the beach and demanding money by menace amounts to extortion,” Powell said.

However, Whyte insisted that the property was under the co-operative’s control.

“It’s not a public beach. It’s owned by the co-operative, which has chosen to operate it as a public beach, opting to collect on public holidays,” he argued.

“We thought about charging a fee to enter the beach on a daily basis, but we were mandated by our members to charge only on public holidays and special days. We charge $50 for adults and children under 12 enter free. Even the Co-operative Department advised us to close the gate every day and collect a fee, but we said no,” Whyte said.

“The money that we collect goes toward helping to maintain and develop the beach. We also collect $500 on a weekly basis from shed operators, as we also have to pay for garbage collection, electricity and administrative costs.

“There is a policy document and states that we are the legal owners of the Hellshire Beach. The public does not know this, as people believe that they can just walk in and use the beach. It is not a public beach. It is owned by the fisherman’s co-operative, which chose to operate it as a public beach. We allowed it to be semi-free, but we say that people should pay on public holidays to help us offset our costs, which also include lifeguard services,” Whyte said.

On a public holiday, the members of the co-operative can collect in excess of $500,000. On Emancipation Day, $50,000 was collected up to the point of the security forces’ intervention. The police seized that money as evidence.

Whyte said that based upon how the day was turning out, it was likely that over $400,000 would have been collected. The co-operative’s top executive said that the group’s inability to collect on Independence Day, August 6, resulted in losses of over $500,000 to the organisation, as the Portmore police insisted that the gate should be kept open.

(Kingston Observer)
KINGSTON, Jamaica--With three caretakers on call to meet her every need and nurses visiting to check her medical status at no cost to her, Hazel Wilson, 81, is comfortable in the five bedroom house she now calls home, thanks to her church.

The New Testament Church of God at 65 Waltham Park Road bought the house in the 1980s to benefit senior citizens without anyone to take care of them.

The five bedroom property that was bought by the home in the ’80s to house senior citizens.

“I am glad for it because if the church didn’t build it here, I wouldn’t be here,” said Wilson, who moved out of her own home at Constant Spring in St Andrew seven years ago when her three children grew concerned about her climbing the stairs.

“When I am here, I go to church more often,” she added. Pastor for the church Reverend Ronald Blair said the idea for a senior citizen’s home came about at a time when church leaders were looking at ways to help the community.

“We realised that there were members who were getting old. They had no one to take care of them, they weren’t earning and they depended much on the church for support,” he said.

“Originally we started with ladies, older ladies at least 60 years old, and they had to be members of the church for at least 10 years, so that it wouldn’t be somebody who heard about it and just come in with the hope of entering the home,” Blair added, noting that they had taken in at least one male so far.

The pastor said that persons usually apply to get one of the rooms on the property and a committee established by the church reviews the applications to determine whether they qualify. The church provides food and clothing and meet the day-to-day needs of the residents, who due to their advanced age and chronic illnesses, usually die after a couple of years.

Meanwhile, like Wilson, Gloria Morris, 68, is happy the church decided to give her a room at the home. “I have a broken ankle so they (the church) bring me down here,” she said. “I make myself comfortable because you have some people who have nowhere to go.”

The two women are currently the only occupants of the home, which has taken in countless others over the years. (Jamaica Observer)

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados--For the past six years, the Governor General’s Agricultural Summer Camp has been showing children the wonders of plant and animal life. From the way they grow to their importance to Barbados, the children gain appreciation for the flora and fauna with which they share the land.

The first week of the two-week camp came to an end on Friday when Governor General Sir Clifford Husbands and nurses visiting to check the medical status at no cost to her, Hazel Wilson, 81, is comfortable in the five bedroom house she now calls home, thanks to her church.

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“The past week of the two-week camp came to an end on Friday when Governor General Sir Clifford Husbands paid the children a visit to get an idea of how much they had learnt. Camp assistant Anthony Bryan said the visit went well. Sir Clifford being treated to a demonstration of driving a mini tractor as well as inspecting some squash seeds and potato slips the children had planted.

“The idea is to expose children to agriculture at a young age, as the camp is for children aged six to 11. They learnt how plants grew and had some field trips to places like the Flower Forest, the Barbados Horticultural Society, and rabbit and pig farms,” he said in a telephone interview yesterday.

Bryan said the camp, now in its sixth year, is pitched at Barbados St George, and every year with the kind permission of owner Michael Pile. (Barbados Nation)
Obama swims in Gulf, says beaches open for business

WASHINGTON—Republicans criticized President Barack Obama on Sunday for his comments on a controversial plan to build a Muslim cultural center in New York, saying he was “disconnected” from the nation in an election year.

Obama waded into the debate on Friday when he appeared to offer his backing for the center called Cordoba House to be built two blocks from the “Ground Zero” site of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York City. On Saturday, seeking to clarify his position, Obama said he supported the right of Muslims to build the center but would not comment on the “wisdom” of deciding its location in Lower Manhattan.

Prominent Republicans have opposed the proposed site of the center, saying it was insensitive and reopened the wounds of the attacks. On Sunday, several criticized Obama for what they said was his support of the center’s construction and subsequent waffling on the issue.

“To me it demonstrates that Washington, the White House, the administration, the President himself seems to be disconnected from the mainstream of America,” Cornyn said.

Peter King, a Republican congressman from New York who opposes the location of the center, told CNN’s “State of the Union” program that Obama clearly gave the impression he supported its construction but then backed off the next day. “If the President was going to get into this, he should have been much more clear, much more precise and he can’t be changing his decision from day to day on an issue which does go to our Constitution.”

Obama’s remarks put him in the middle of a heated political debate months before November elections, which are expected to result in big losses for Obama’s Democrats and a potential power shift in Congress in favor of Republicans.

Earlier this month a New York City agency cleared the way for the construction of Cordoba House, a 13-story building that would include meeting rooms, a prayer space, an auditorium and a pool. Some of the families of those killed in the attacks have mounted an emotional campaign to block it, calling the center provocative and a betrayal of the memory of the victims.
Charges dropped in Buffalo shooting

BUFFALO, New York—A prosecutor dropped all charges Sunday against a parolee initially accused of killing four people and wounding four others outside a downtown restaurant and said the real shooter appeared on surveillance tape.

Erie County District Attorney Frank Sedita III asked a judge to dismiss four murder counts against Keith Johnson in light of new evidence.

“We can see the race, gender, the height, build, the clothing of the perpetrator,” Sedita said after City Court Judge Patrick Carney granted the request. “You can see many of the perpetrator’s actions. We have him shooting on tape.”

Still investigators pleaded for witnesses to speak up and warned that the person responsible for the City Grill shootings continued to elude them.

“We have somebody running around out there who shot eight people,” Sedita said. “We have an armed man who’s extremely dangerous loose in our community.”

Johnson, 25, of Buffalo, was released on parole in July after serving two years for assault. He remained in jail Sunday on an allegation of a parole violation for being at the bar Saturday, and investigators said he could be a witness in the City Grill case.

Police Commissioner Daniel Derenda said that after Johnson’s arrest late Saturday, witnesses began calling to say they had the wrong man. But when investigators arrived to question the callers “half of them disappeared,” he said.

“None of them had come forward through the day and they had specific information,” Derenda said. “They didn’t want to be cooperative.”

The commissioner said many people saw the Saturday shootings. More than 100 people were outside the restaurant when police arrived shortly after the 2:30 a.m. he said. An altercation at the City Grill prompted managers to close the restaurant. As people were leaving, a man began shooting, police said.

Four people, including a Texas man who was celebrating his first wedding anniversary in his home-town, were killed. Among the four wounded, one was critically injured.

Johnson was arrested by a police SWAT team. Investigators also removed security cameras from around the restaurant Saturday and viewed the images into the evening. In seeking dis- missal of the charges, Sedita said that Johnson was identified through the surveillance evidence and witness statements.

“I’m not going to prosecute everyone for a quadruple homicide unless I’m sure he did it, and I’m not sure he did it,” Sedita told the judge as Johnson sat handcuffed during the proceeding.

The police commissioner stood by Johnson’s arrest. People who were at the party identified Johnson by name, one witness picked him out of a photo lineup, Johnson gave inconsistent statements and a search of his home yielded clothing with blood on it, Derenda said. The blood hasn’t been tested yet, police said.

“We acted on what we had. If we had the same information today and were given the same scenario we would have had the same result,” Derenda said. “We acted quickly to rectify a situation where we were wrong, and we turned it around as quickly as possible.”

Johnson’s mother told The Buffalo News her son was at the restaurant at the invitation of his friend, Danyell Mackin, the Texas man who was celebrating his wedding anniversary. “My son could have been killed. He was ducking and dodging bullets like everybody else out there,” Jackie Green said.

Military deaths pass 2,000 as Afghan war review looms

KABUL—Total foreign military deaths in Afghanistan have passed 2,000 since the war began in late 2001, until now the toll has been unofficial estimates, as the allied forces review their future roles.

U.S. President Barack Obama has promised a strategy review in December after November midterm Congressional elections where his Democratic Party could lose control of Congress.

The U.S. military accounted for more than 60 percent of the deaths but the total still lags the list of Afghan civilian casualties, which a U.N. report last week showed had risen sharply despite a drop in the number blamed on foreign troops.

The deaths of at least one more U.S. service member under pressure to show independence from his Western backers and this week asked Obama for a review of how the war is being conducted. Violence has hit its worst levels since the Taliban were toppled despite the presence of almost 150,000 foreign troops, with the insurgency spilling out of Talibans stronghold in the south and east into the north and west.

U.S. Army General David Petraeus, commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, said on Sunday he saw areas of progress but meeting Obama’s goal of starting to withdraw troops by July 2011 would depend on conditions at the time. He described the battle against the Taliban as an “up and down process” and said it was premature to assess its success.

“What we have are areas of progress. We’ve got to link those together, extend them,” Petraeus said in an interview aired on Sunday on NBC’s “Meet the Press” programme.

Petraeus, who replaced the sacked General Stanley McChrystal in June, said he would give his “best professional military advice” to Obama about the withdrawal timetable.

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Hamas, secular groups, oppose direct talks with Israel

DAMASCUS—Two secular Palestinian organisations joined Hamas on Sunday in calling on President Mah- moud Abbas not to bow to U.S. pressure to resume direct peace talks with Is- rael, which they described as dangerous.

“Insisting on direct talk throws a life line to Israel as its isolation deepens,” Hamas said in a statement issued jointly after a meet- ing in the Syrian capital

Night of clashes follows Northern Ireland bombing

BELFAST—Rioters hurled petrol bombs at police in the Northern Ireland town of Lurgan on Saturday night, close to the scene of an explosion that injured three children hours ear- lier, police said on Sunday.

The clashes, which lasted hours into the night, were the latest incident in a re- cent flare-up of violence believed to be instigated by dissident Republican armed groups opposed to Northern Ireland’s peace process.

Northern Ireland was torn apart during three de- cades of violent “Troubles” between loyalists, mostly Protestants, who want it to remain part of the United Kingdom, and Republi- cans, mostly Catholics, who want it to form part of a united Ireland. A 1998 peace agreement paved the way for a power-sharing government of loyalists and Republicans. Violence has subsided over the years, but there are still dissident armed groups.

Saturday was the last day of the Protestant marching season, a time of annual pa- rades by Protestants which usually triggers violent pros- tests by Catholics. The Ap- prentice Boys, a Protestant

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Venezuela probes opposition paper over morgue photograph

CARACAS—Venezuelan prosecutors are investigat- ing opposition newspaper El Nacional after it pub- lished a front-page photo- graph of corpses piled up at a morgue in the capital Ca- racas, the government said on Saturday.

There were at least 11 dead bod- ies—including a child and most of them naked—in the color photograph under a Friday headline about de- teriorating security in the South American oil pro- ducing country.

Two prosecutors have been appointed to coordinate the investigation and de- termine whether the pub- lication of the photograph violated provisions of the Law on the Protection of Children and Adolescents, the authorities said in a statement.

Violent crime is a sensitive subject in the country in the run-up to Sept. 26 legisla- tive elections that could test support for President Hugo Chavez’s socialist policies ahead of a presidential poll in 2012. Official statistics are hard to come by, but nongovernmental organiza- tions say Venezuela has one of the highest crime rates in the continent. Chavez says violent crime is decreasing, and that fears are being whipped up by his political rivals for propaganda.

The director of El Na- cional, Miguel Henrique Otero, said his newspaper had been right to publish the “strong” photo. On Sat- urday, the paper carried a headline saying homicides had increased by 134 per- cent in Venezuela over the last 10 years.
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International

In new sign of stability, Israel removes West Bank blast wall

JERUSALEM—In a sign of improved stability in the West Bank, Israel is removing concrete blast walls put up eight years ago to shield a settlement on Jerusalem’s outskirts from Palestinian gunfire and shells.

Israeli army engineers on Sunday hoisted away sections of a 3-metre (10-foot) high concrete wall in Gilo, a settlement on the southern end of Jerusalem targeted from the nearby West Bank town of Beit Jala during a Palestinian uprising. The uprising, or Intifada, erupted in 2000, after the collapse of peace talks and died out some five years later.

“This is the first time that we have moved such a structure from a neighbourhood that was directly hit by sniper fire and shells,” Lieutenant-Colonel Avital Liebovich, a military spokeswoman, said.

Settlements such as Gilo, built on Israeli-occupied land the Palestinians seek for a state, were targeted regularly during the Intifada. Suicide bombers also struck within Israel itself.

Gilo is built on land annexed by Israel to its Jerusalem municipality following a 1967 war in which it captured the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Israel’s annexation of land around Jerusalem has never won international recognition.

Engineers will be removing a series of protective barriers around Gilo over the next two weeks, an engineer involved in the work said.

Speaking in February, Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak said West Bank settlers felt security had never been better. He attributed that to work by both Israeli security forces and Palestinian security forces, which have been retrained and retooled with U.S. and European financial and technical support.

Yet the stability has not been accompanied by increased optimism over the prospects for ending the six-decade old Palestinian-Israeli conflict. The United States is seeking to revive the peace process through direct negotiations. Driving past the engineers as they prepared to hoist away the concrete slabs, one Israeli motorist expressed scepticism felt by many Palestinians and Israelis.

“It’s just a waste of money to take it away and put it back in two years’ time,” he shouted from his vehicle.

Prominent critic of Syrian president turns 80 in jail

LONDON—Human Rights Watch has called on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to release one of his most outspoken critics, prominent lawyer Haitham al-Maleh who turned 80 in jail on Sunday.

A military court sentenced Maleh to three years in July on charges of “weakening national morale”. He was arrested last year after he stepped up his criticism of corruption in Syria and called on Assad to repeal emergency laws and reveal the fate of tens of thousands of people missing since the government, controlled by the Baath Party since 1963, violently crushed its opponents in the 1980s.

“The United States has been at the forefront of international calls to release Maleh and scores of leading Syrian writers, journalists, opposition figures and lawyers who have been jailed in the last five years, despite Syria’s rehabilitation in the West and better relations with Washington.
Netanyahu’s wife snubbed in migrant children plea

JERUSALEM—A soul-searching debate in Israel over government plans to deport 400 children of migrant workers took a new emotional turn on Sunday after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s wife pleaded they be allowed to stay.

Sara Netanyahu’s appeal was snubbed by Israel’s interior minister, an ultra-Orthodox Jew who advocates whittling down the number of foreign workers and many of whom reside illegally in the Jewish state.

“As a psychologist and the mother of two children, I beg you to use your authority to allow most of the 400 children to stay in Israel,” Mrs Netanyahu wrote in a letter to the minister, Eli Yishai of the Shas party.

Yishai, who has called the non-Jewish migrant workers a danger to “the Zionist enterprise”, said he would meet Mrs Netanyahu on Thursday but would not change his policy and could not alter a deportation edict agreed by her husband’s cabinet.

Addressing the status of some 1,200 children of migrant workers, the government decided on a compromise move two weeks ago. It said that youngsters who had lived in Israel for more than five years, spoke Hebrew and attended school could remain.

Under those criteria, 800 children became eligible for residency and 400 were to be deported with their parents within weeks, pending appeals to a government committee.

Supporters of the decision said Israel had no choice but to stem the flow of migrants, thousands of whom sneak into the country through the southern border with Egypt.

Critics, including several thousand who demonstrated in Tel Aviv on Saturday, argue it is immoral for a country dedicated to providing a haven for Jews fleeing persecution to expel migrant children who have known no other home.

Official figures put the number of migrant workers in Israel at around 200,000. Most come from Africa.

Children of migrant workers attend a rally in Tel Aviv on Saturday.

Opposition parties agree to merge to challenge ANC

JOHANNESBURG--South Africa’s largest opposition party said on Sunday it would merge with a small party but analysts said it was unlikely to pose a major challenge to the African National Congress in the 2014 election.

The Democratic Alliance (DA) and the small Independent Democrats (ID) said they hoped their new alliance would capitalise on growing frustrations with the ANC over crime and the provision of education, health care and electricity.

“This event must merely be seen as the first step in the important task of consolidating the opposition and offering voters a true alternative government,” said ID leader Patricia de Lille.

DA leader Helen Zille said the alliance would invite other opposition parties to join, hoping to score the majority in the next vote, but analysts were doubtful.

“This is not a strategic acquisition for the DA to bolster its black support and the merger is not going to reconfigure the political landscape,” said Nic Bosaain, an independent political analyst, referring to DA’s mainly white support.

“Ebrahim Fakir, an analyst at the Electoral Institute for South Africa, said he also had doubts the alliance would last. “They have distinct policy differences and that’s where the real difficulty is going to lie,” he told eTV news.

Since taking office in May last year, President Jacob Zuma has had to steer the country through its first recession in 17 years and deal with township protests over slow delivery of services as well as a series of strikes staged by union allies. But the ANC said the coalition was no threat to the party.

“There can never be a true merger between forces that are unequal in political strength,” the party said in a statement, stressing its voters would remain loyal because of the party’s track record over the years in power since the end of apartheid.

Former Nigerian vice president announces election bid

ABUJA—Former Nigerian vice president Atiku Abubakar on Sunday formally declared his intention to run in elections due next January, posing a challenge to President Goodluck Jonathan for the ruling party ticket.

Abubakar, a Muslim from the northern Hausa ethnic group, ran unsuccessfully for president as the opposition Action Congress candidate in 2007, polls which were won by fellow northerner, late President Umaru Yar’Adua.

An unwritten agreement in the ruling People’s Democratic Party (PDP) states that power should rotate between the Muslim north and Christian south every two terms, meaning the next president should be a northerner if the principle is maintained, Jonathan, a Christian from the southern Niger Delta, has not yet said whether or not he plans to stand, but a bid would be controversial and he would need the support of northerners within the PDP to be guaranteed victory in the polls. Abubakar’s declaration does not help his chances and increases the risk of division within the ruling party.

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An inspection of the area on the site at 3 p.m. four bombs would explode anonymous call that said evacuate from the shrine of its busiest days of the year. Some 30,000 pilgrims appeared to be a hoax bomb PARIS--The Roman Cath- olic shrine of Lourdes re-opened for evening services on Sunday after what appeared to be a hoax bomb alert caused French police to evacuate the site on one of its busiest days of the year. Some 30,000 pilgrims gathered to mark the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary had to be evacuated from the shrine after police receiving an anonymous call that said four bombs would explode on the site at 3 p.m. "An inspection of the area showed that the threat was unfounded," a Lourdes spokesman said. Lourdes, in southwestern France, is where the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared more than a dozen times to a young shep- herdess, Bernadette Soubi- rous, 152 years ago. The town’s Sanctuary, covering 51 hectares and including more than 20 places of wor- ship, hosts millions of pilgrims each year. The shrine’s website says 67 confirmed "miracle" healings have taken place at Lourdes. government decision to re- open an Istanbul seminary closed in 1971. The EU has said opening Halki School is key to Turkey joining the bloc. “This gives us hope because it shows our government's constructive approach to minorities,” Bartholomew told NTV news channel. “In the next school year, at the latest the 2011-2012 year, we intend to begin in- struction.” Painful History Although Bartholomew oc- casionally has led prayers in other deconsecrated churches in Turkey, Sumela was always contentious. During the upheaval of World War One and subsequent War of Inde- pendence, the Black Sea region, called Pontus by Greeks, sank into violence between ethnic militias and Ottoman forces. Histori- ans estimate the number of Greeks killed at 65,000 to 200,000. As many as 300,000 fled by 1923. Most of the violence occurred in the western Black Sea, said Nikos Sigalas of the French Institute of Anatolian Stud- ies in Istanbul. The 1923 Lausanne Treaty that forged modern Greece and Turkey’s borders engi- neered one of the biggest forced migrations in mod- ern history. Some 1.5 mil- lion Christians fled Turkey, and 300,000 Muslims were driven from Greece. Sumela and other holy sites were abandoned as Pontian Greeks vanished. Today, the monastery’s medieval frescoes are bat- tered, and shoddy restora- tion work has erased some of its glory. Perched in the Pontic Alps, the mist-wrapped Sumela was the most important monastery in the Trebizond Empire, successor to the Byzantines that lasted 250 years until the Ottoman conquest of 1461. Tradition has it that sultans prayed at the site. “For ages, Sumela had great religious significance, but it also has a serious symbolic power,” Sigalas said. “It is not a place easily forgotten, even by descen- dants of those who left.” Indeed, the draw of the ancient homeland remains strong. “In our family, we always kept Pontus alive,” said Foty Etxizov, 62, whose family settled in Sochi, Rus- sia, after his great grandfa- ther left Trabzon in 1864. “We speak the language, we pass on the stories. We are like the birds who must return to the nest.”
The conservative opposition led by Tony Abbott has promised to abandon both market and environmental government plans for a future carbon trading scheme to fight climate change. Australia’s power sector, which includes AGL Energy, says the ability to flatten climate policy and carbon price is now hindering investment in the sector. Gillard will on Monday formally launch Labor’s campaign in Canberra in the crucial battle-ground state of Queensland, focusing on economic management as the key election battleground.

The latest Reuters Poll Trend also shows Labor marginally ahead, as the tightest race since 1998, with both parties now claiming a single election will form a government after Saturday’s election. A Newspoll poll published on Monday was the second in a few days which showed Labor with a lead over the opposition, although polls have shown the lead changing hands frequently.

Support for Labor was at 52 percent while the conservative coalition was also on 48 percent on a two-party preferred basis, the Newspaper poll showed. Labor leader Julia Gillard retained a 15 percent lead in the preferred prime minister ratings, with 50 percent support compared to the coalition leader Abbott on 35 percent.

On the key issue of economic management, Labor had cut the opposition’s 12 point lead three years ago to now be level. Labor has launched a negative campaign against Abbott’s economic credentials, with outdoor billboards and TV ads saying: “Abbott. He’s just too big a risk”. Labor is struggling to hang on to marginal seats in several areas, particularly Queensland, a key resource state where plans to increase taxes on mining and Kevin Rudd’sousting as party leader and prime minister have damaged the ruling party.

The Chinese military, which lacks global vision is a backward one. A military that can’t have a world view is a backward one. That would make it harder for the United States to operate in the Gulf War, a cheaper solution than trying to develop such equipment itself, the Chinese said. “What this allows China to do is the best evidence we’ve seen so far,” Zabetian said in a telephone interview.

The finding came from a long-term study of more than 2,000 Parkinson’s disease patients and 2,000 healthy volunteers from clinics in Oregon, Washington, New York and Georgia. Parkinson’s sufferers have tremors, sluggish movement, muscle stiffness and difficulty with balance.

Researchers looked at clinical, genetic and environmental factors that might contribute to the development and progression of Parkinson’s disease and its complications. “We found strong evidence that a gene within the HLA region is associated with Parkinson’s disease,” said Zabetian.

HLA genes play an important role in helping the body discern between foreign invaders and the body’s own tissues. “We don’t know specifically which gene because there is a cluster of genes in that region, but it is the first really strong link that the immune system plays a role in Parkinson’s.”

That may mean infections, inflammation or an autoimmune response play some role in the development of Parkinson’s disease, Zabetian said. “What this allows us to do is to hone in on the immune system,” he said.

In the latest incident, the investigating team discovered three hacksaws cut on the Cawthorne Channel Bridge, and informed the relevant authorities of the incidents, said Babs Omotowa, Shell’s Africa vice president, health and safety.

A Shell spokesman said he could not immediately comment on any production impact, but that the firm was working to repair the Cawthorne Channel pipeline. Shell said it had set up containment booms to prevent crude oil spreading further into the environment in the Niger Delta, a vast network of mangrove creeks that make up one of the world’s largest wetlands.

Remote, poor communities in the Niger Delta have suffered decades of pollution from spills that have been left to fester, damaging the air, soil and water.
Tackling cancer among poor doesn't have to cost dear

LONDON--The growing burden of cancer in developing countries could be reduced without expensive drugs and equipment, scientists said on Monday, but it requires a global effort similar to the fight against HIV/AIDS.

In a study in the Lancet, scientists from the United States, who have formed a Global Task Force on Expanded Access to Cancer Care and Control in Developing Countries (GTFCCC), said cancer is now a leading cause of death in poor nations but is often neglected in health authorities' prevention and treatment plans.

While only about 5 percent of global resources for cancer are spent in developing countries, the burden of the disease is far greater there than in rich nations, with up to 80 percent of cancer deaths each year occurring in poorer nations.

“Cancer is no longer primarily the burden of high-income countries,” the scientists, led by Felicia Knaul of the Harvard Global Equity Initiative, wrote in the study. “The time has come to challenge and disprove the widespread assumption that cancer will remain untreated in poor countries.”

They said many cancers that make up the greatest burden in low- and middle-income countries, such as breast cancer, could be treated with drugs that are off-patent and can be manufactured generically at affordable prices. They cited the breast cancer drug tamoxifen as one example and said that in Malawi, Cameroon and Ghana the total cost of generic chemotherapy drugs with a 50 percent cure rate for a type of cancer called Burkitt’s lymphoma could be as low as $50 per patient.

“These drugs should be a focus of cancer treatment programmes, rather than expensive on-patent drugs,” they wrote.

According to GTFCCC, rates of cancer in low- and middle-income countries have increased dramatically from 1970, when they accounted for 15 percent of newly reported cancers, to 2008 when that figure rose to 56 percent. The proportion is expected to rise to 70 percent in 2030.

More efforts against smoking, a major risk factor for many cancers which threaten to cause a surge in cancer deaths in Africa in the next decade, would be one relatively cheap way of making an impact, they said, as would increasing awareness about the importance of early cancer detection and screening.

Another intervention with huge potential, they said, would be vaccination against human papillomavirus (HPV), to help prevent cervical cancer, and against hepatitis B virus (HBV), to help prevent liver cancer.

GlassonSmithKine and Merck & Co make vaccines against HPV and many drugmakers have HBV vaccines but these are often too expensive to be included in the health programmes of low- and middle-income countries, the scientists said. The group criticised what it described as “the public health community’s assumption” that cancer could not be treated in poor countries and compared it to “similarly unfounded arguments from more than a decade ago” about treatment for HIV and AIDS.

China says no evidence of milk contamination

BEIJING--China’s health ministry said on Sunday that it had found no evidence of contamination in milk powder after an investigation into reports that it had caused baby girls to show signs of premature sexual development.

The ministry tested products made by Chinese baby-formula maker Sintura International as well as 20 other brands across the country to compare the level of estrogen in dairy products.

The probe focused on three cases in Wuhan, a populous city in central China’s Hubei province, as well as six cases in five other provinces.

“The Ministry of Health experts’ group believes that there is no relation between the premature development of breasts in the three infants in Hubei and Sintura milk powder,” spokesman Deng Haihua told a news conference.

“There is no abnormal hormone content in the Sintura milk powder or other products tested in the market,” he added.

The early appearance of breasts was a common clinical condition and there had been no notable rise across the country in premature development of breasts in children, Deng said. Doctor Wu Xueyan added that the premature appearance of the breasts was likely due to the early onset of puberty.

“We suggest keeping an eye on these infants to see whether or not there are further developments,” Wu said.

Sintura, in a statement on its website (www.shengyuan.com.cn), thanked the government for clearing up the matter, and said it remained committed to quality control and transparency.

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UN chief Ban urges faster foreign aid for Pakistan

ISLAMABAD--U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged foreign donors on Sunday to speed up aid to Pakistan as the government warned of new waves of floods that have already disrupted lives of a tenth of its 170 million people.

Swooned by torrential monsoon rains, major rivers have flooded Pakistan’s mountain valleys and fertile plains, killing up to 1,600 people and leaving two million homeless.

Six million people still need food, shelter and water and medicine, the United Nations says. Pakistan’s government, already facing a Taliban insurgency, now faces the risk of social upheaval and long-term economic pain.

With an area roughly the size of Italy affected by floods, government and foreign aid has been slow in coming and the United Nations has warned of a second wave of deaths among the sick and hungry if help does not arrive.

Only a quarter of the $459 million aid needed for initial relief has arrived, according to the United Nations.

That contrasts with the United States giving at least $1 billion in military aid last year to its regional ally to battle militants.

The U.N. has reported the first case of cholera amid fears that disease outbreaks could spread with survivors sleeping in makeshift tar-paper tents. Some beg or loot.

Bridges have collapsed, highways have been snapped in two by torrential rains and villages have been cut off from the outside world in what was already one of the poorest countries in Asia. “I am here to share my sympathy and solidarity of the United Nations together with the people and government of Pakistan at this time of trial,” Ban said on arriving in Pakistan. “I am here also to urge the world community to speed up their assistance to Pakistan.”

Ban met both Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani and President Asif Ali Zardari, who has been a lightening rod for popular anger after travelling to Europe as the catastrophe unfolded and not cutting short his trip.

The UN leader visited flood hit areas on Sunday.

With no respite in sight for rains, the prime minister’s office on Sunday warned that a “second and third wave of floods might turn out to be more dangerous.”

Officials say rains will continue and some reservoirs and dams could burst.

The meteorological department said heavy rains are expected in Punjab and the northwest and scattered rains in Sindh and Baluchistan over the next two days.

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1. A. the right of long lease until January twenty-sixth, two thousand and fifty (January 26, 2050) on:
   - a parcel of land with an area of Eight Hundred Square Meters (800M2), situated in the district of Simpson Bay, on the Island of Sint Maarten, known as lot 8, described in Certificate of Admeasurement number 388 of ninetenthundred and eighty-nine (388/1989), with the three底层building and all appurtenances belonging thereto; and
   - a parcel of land, having an area of Six Hundred and Fourteen Square Meters (614M2), situated in the Simpson Bay Lagoon, on the Island of Sint Maarten, further described in Certificate of Admeasurement number 388 of two thousand and five (388/2005); forming an extension to the parcel above, described in Certificate of Admeasurement number 388 of two thousand and five (388/2005);
   - Reserve Price: to be announced.

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   - B. the right of apartment, including the right of exclusive use of a commercial unit on the first floor, consisting of one commercial space and one bathroom, cadastrally described as:
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   - C. the right of apartment, including the right of exclusive use of a commercial unit on the first floor, consisting of one commercial space and one bathroom, cadastrally described as:
   - Complex indication: Certificate of Admeasurement number 440C of ninetenthousand and ninety (440C/1990), apartment index: 19; and
   - with the twenty-eight-nine thousand and three (289/1903) of the common property consisting of the building, the subsoil and the surrounding grounds, on Sint Maarten, in the district of Simpson Bay, at the time of the division cadastrally known as Certificate of Admeasurement number 403 of ninetenthundred and ninetynine (403/1999), locally known as Simpson Bay Yacht Club, Plaza del Lago Commercial Center II, Unit 47;
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What makes a good teacher, really?

When it comes to good education, everyone has his/her own opinion. As school starts again, it’s an ideal time to think about what each need to understand in order to help our own children and their schools.

I graduated with my teaching degree but by all standards, especially those advocated today, I can say that I am well qualified to do the job. But before, was not I still doing just a good job? I was considered a good teacher. I covered the curriculum. What I didn’t do the job. But before, was advocated today, I can say that these little guys have a wonderful existence out of the water, but you can’t make it drink.” The same thing happens in school.

Education is a lot more linked, mysterious and phenomenal than we know. The mind, the heart, the brain and the spirit all play a greater role than we can even imagine. Students and parents too need teachers who know not only their subject, but also know how to encourage, how to motivate and how to respond positively. Seeing that education is so intricate in itself, what we as teachers and parents can do which is necessarily important is a “C” word and it’s not curriculum. Whenever I am asked about the key factor that makes students like school, study hard and stay in school, the answer is “caring.” Students have to feel needed. Parents have to feel needed; teachers too. This is the human element in education. The protective factor in children’s life is “connectedness.” The school and home have to find ways of helping every one feel important, essential and connected. Even in the age of computers, education is still a person connection. So I ask again, what makes a good teacher? A really good teacher is a caring teacher who can motivate student.

Darius Marie Teacher MAC-Rev. John A. Gumbs Campus

Animal cruelty

Dear Editor,

I came from Great Bay beach today disgusted. I watched two local young women take three tiny puppies and throw them head over heels into the sea and force them to swim to shore unaided. All three made it, although one with extreme difficulty, to collapse on shore exhausted. And before my girlfriend and I could stop them, they did it a second time. We did stop them. It wasn’t our right and it wasn’t our authority, but it was the right thing to do and we would do it again in a heart-beat. Now it is possible, I suppose, that these two young women take wonderful care of these puppies when they are home and that these little guys have a wonderful existence out of the water, but you can’t make it drink.” The same thing happens in school.

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Sunrise July 31st, 1989
Sunset July 22nd, 2010

She leaves to mourn her:

Mother: Viergenie Julot
Father: Clement Zephir
Sisters: Cleriene Zephir, Catherine Zephir (Haiti), Monica Zephir (Haiti), Malthe Zephir (Haiti), Rose-Matha Zephir (Haiti)
Brothers: Esri Joseph (Haiti), Eddy Joseph (Haiti)
Aunts: Yvose Julot, Jeanette Julot, Salabine Zephir (Haiti), Francele Senteluse (Boston) and Clement Zephir Junior Louis, Brandy-Yann Louis, Marie-Mitchelle Malbrache, Don Cobite, Brand-y-Yann Louis (Haiti), Salabine Zephir (Haiti), Marie-Hency Bellevue (Haiti), Junior Louis, Brand-y-Yann Louis (Haiti), Dabens Zephir (Haiti), Kevin Zephir (Haiti), Tim Ernes (Haiti), Andy Joseph (Haiti), Landy Joseph (Haiti), Roudy Julot (Haiti), Ricardo Dals (Canada), Emanria Zephir, Emmanuel Zephir, Presmy Zephir, Minouche Zephir, Joanne Zephir, Christelle Labady, Christela Zephir, Joel Labady, Jorel Zephir, Ismael Zephir, Ysenatha Julot (Haiti), Wimy Julot, Dierika Julot, Baby Julot, Willy Julot, Ricardo Desrame, Marie-Carmel, Chelo Julot, Elmaze, Jorine Julot, Fedeline Zephir, Sheryl Zephir, Linda Zephir, Johny Zephir, Rose-Nelle Zephir, Betty, Marie-Eline Zephir, Smith Laborde, Division Dailltus, Atilusi Dailltus, Diery Estefan, Francois Senseultuse (Boston) and Sarah Sanon (France)
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Best friends: Paula Baptiste - Caretaker
Close Friends: Peterus Johan van der Landen, better known as Peter van der Landen passed away in Zorgcentrum Lisudanhof Leusden, the Netherlands, after a long battle with illness on August 11th, 2010. He was born in Utrecht, the Netherlands, on January 12th, 1926.

Rest in eternal peace, your suffering is over.

Peter van der Landen will be cremated in Leusden, the Netherlands on Tuesday, August 17th, 2010.

Contact address: Mrs. Rick van der Landen Prikkebeenhof 11 3871 EX Hoewelaken The Netherlands mdvd@hotmail.com

Mr. Leonard Anthony Mathew better known as St. Kitts

Left to mourn are:

His relatives in St. Kitts and Tortola His extended family and friends in St. Maarten include:

- Bazle & Murle Simon - Caretaker
- Leroy Baptiste - Landlord
- Paula Baptiste - Caretaker
- Willy Duzon & Family
- Victor Marin
- Kenneth Bengenmen
- Jacinto Daal
- Leon Merchant
- Manne & Josie Francisco
- Ralph Luis Richardson
- Kenny the Plumber
- Ian Welch
- Bernard Ferol
- Wilfred Evertz & Family
- Milcent de Weever
- Jose Speetjens & Family

A small service will be held at the Royal Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 17th, 2010 Viewing: 11:00 am

Animal cruelty

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Steven Johnson

Our beloved husband, brother, father and grandfather

The children of Alfred Brison a.k.a Fredo would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for all of the love, kindness and thoughtful gestures that have been bestowed upon them during this time of bereavement. Special thanks to our beloved aunt and uncle, Mrs. Elenera, Sir Christina, Pastor Honore, SDA Church (Ephesus), Pastor Charles, Management and staff of J.W. Vlaun & Son. Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all.

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Mr. Leonard Anthony Mathew was a beloved member of our community. His contributions to our community were truly remarkable. He was known for his kindness, his generosity, and his unwavering commitment to helping others. His legacy will live on in the memories of those who knew and loved him.

Animal cruelty

Animal cruelty is a grave concern that affects millions of animals worldwide. It is aContinue reading...
Dear Editor,

In St. Maarten we have very ungrateful and disrespectful people. Most of the talk show hosts bring on guests that favour their story. The very fact that St. Maarten has about 125 nationalities proves we are the most tolerant people in the world, who allow ourselves to become a minority in our own country.

As we move toward country status and we want to define who is a St. Maartenner, some people of foreign origin seem to have a problem with that. These people should be saying, “Yes, St. Maarten, you deserve to be recognised for your outstanding service in human rights and economic opportunity and your passion for tolerance for pleasing others.”

Instead of saying “thank you,” we are called discriminating and intolerant of the very same people we have helped. There is an old saying, “never bite the hand that feeds you.” Now I understand why people of Jamaica, Guyana, Dominican Republic, China, India, the Dominican Republic and Haiti think we are fools. Yes, we were fools for being nice to you, loving you like one of us, just to be kicked in our behind as a token of appreciation. Then there are other people who do not feel welcome, so they are spreading fear that, if we allow the people of St. Maarten origin to be recognised, we will not be treated as equals. I say to those people that we were fools for treating you more than equal than us because we allowed ourselves to be in this position. My mother has always taught me to be grateful to those who help you, and surely they should be recognised for their gratefulness.

In St. Maarten’s case, the people of St. Maarten origin are being kicked out of our own government for finally becoming aware of the importance of our heritage and culture. We finally wake up at this time 11:59pm. How is it that the most loving people and most friendly people in this world can be a problem for their outstanding service for love of people? Or are they saying, “Too bad, you were foolish for loving us.” As soon as the people of St. Maarten origin come together, it appears that fear becomes the norm. It was always okay to accept everyone else and tolerate them. But we should not tolerate the people of St. Maarten origin coming together. To all people who do not want people of St. Maarten origin to be recognised, you will never be blessed. God goes not like ungrateful people. Ask yourself this question: Which other island or country in the world with the size like St. Maarten has so many different nationalities?

People who are against us are parasites for not appreciating gratitude. As long as the people of St. Maarten origin do not get their rightful recognition, there will never be peace. We do not include to be excluded. Without the origin of people in a nation being recognised, division will continue, so continue fooling yourselves. Ungrateful people will never prosper. The people who we must hold accountable are our government. They have the power to protect us, but for money they are glad to betray us.

All those people of St. Maarten origin in the various political parties, one day your children and grandchildren will be kicked in their own house. I will be glad to tell them: “Thank your father and mother for not recognising you. How does it feel to not exist?” That’s what happens when you include to be excluded. Without justice there will never be peace. As my friend told me, which God in his right mind could ever bless a fool? Foolish is to be ungrateful to those who help you. Inclusion is always good for immigrants, but as soon as we have to honour and help people of St. Maarten origin, all hell breaks loose. The question people of St. Maarten origin must ask themselves is: “Does a country that includes all people to exclude ourselves have any relevance to us?” In closing, I affirm that ungrateful people will never be blessed.

Miguel Arrindell

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Dear Editor,

Listening to Mr. Lloyd Richardson interviewing Minister Patrick Illidge this Sunday morning, August 15, 2010, on “People’s Voice,” I was once again awe-struck, struck by the fact that it seems to be very possible for Lloyd to be more than respectful when interviewing certain guests on his programme.

In doing so, he more than allowed for Mr. Illidge to inform the people in general terms, but he even went backwards in a way. Many other guests would dream of being afforded equal treatment by him.

For the record, whenever, for instance, invites Mr. Eldridge van Putten, he never grants him the respect to express his mind. Instead, the “award-winning” talk-show host constantly undermines, ridicules, interrupts, belittles and argues, even before Eldridge finishes half a sentence. In doing so, Lloyd does not allow the listeners to hear the whole story and to make their own judgment.

This is a disgrace and a disservice to the people of any country. It is more than time that talk-show hosts finally understand and recognise that they should be equally fair, honest, and professional when interviewing any guest, be it a DP, an NA, a UP and/or a CPA candidate, or any other guest for that matter.

It is all too evident that many talk-show hosts allow their personal relationship with a guest to manifest itself in a very unprofessional and biased manner over the airwaves. This is a grave disservice to the entire populace at large and listeners in particular. For this reason many listeners switch off when certain hosts are on.

Again, many might not like it, but although I do not necessarily have a great relationship with him, I admire and consider Mr. Wendell Moore a very refreshing example and role model in this area on the island.

In ending, although certain feathers might have been ruffled by me as the messenger, it would make more sense not to lose sight of the message.

Leopold James

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Catherine Werner Kretzschmar

born on February 20, 1949

passed peacefully on July 30, 2010.

Left to mourn are

her husband, Peter Kretzschmar,
her children, Stephan and Nicola,
her father, Mr. Wilbert A. Werner, and
her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Charles and Mary Werner.

For over thirty-five years, you touched the lives of so many here in St. Maarten. May you rest in peace, knowing that your family, friends, former students, colleagues, and all who knew you will celebrate your life and forever remember you in their hearts.

A memorial service will be held in St. Maarten at a later date.
RIYADH—A popular Saudi holiday sitcom has drawn the ire of conservative clerics over an episode portraying Arab Christians in a positive light after the kingdom sought to sell itself as a leader of dialogue between faiths.

“Tash Ma Tash”, which has aired during the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan for 17 years, is no stranger to controversy and its episodes have grown bolder over the years, tackling issues from morals police and polygamy to the heavy influence of religion on education in the deeply conservative society.

U.S.-ally Saudi Arabia is ruled by an absolute monarchy in coordination with clerics from the austere Wahhabi school of Islam, who oversee the judiciary and education and run a police service that enforces strict Islamic-behaviour guidelines. A two-part “Uncle Boutros” episode of the sitcom showed the two main Saudi characters, both Muslims, being advised by their dying father to visit the brother of their deceased Lebanese mother, about whom they know next to nothing.

After a tearful reunion, the pair discover their mother’s relatives were Christians and Uncle Boutros was a priest. Despite their initial shock, the brothers slowly come to respect their uncle’s Christianity, although they try to convert him to Islam and give him a Koran. The duo are pleased when their uncle hands them a box of jewellery that had belonged to their mother and which he had held for them for years. They also respect their uncle’s charitable deeds towards a Lebanese Muslim neighbour.

But some Saudi clerics were not impressed. “A Muslim is allowed to praise only the one true religion—Islam,” said Eissa al-Ghaith, a judge at the Justice Ministry, in remarks carried by al-Madina newspaper on Sunday.

Independent Islamic scholar Abdulwahab al-Salhi said the “indecent lot of ‘Tash Ma Tash’ ... used drama to destroy Muslims’ stable religious principles by portraying Christians as believers and not apostates.”

On the programme’s Internet forum, some participants were more sympathetic. “I don’t see the harm in portraying a priest as being honest. You find many faiths in Arab countries. The Christian can be found next to the Muslim; the Shi’ite neighbours the Sunni,” said one participant, writing under the name Khayal al-Omr, responding to an angry comment.

“And what’s wrong with the characters? You used to find them funny ... and now that it talked about religions they became stupid and revolting,” she added.

The rulers of the world’s top oil exporting country have wrestled with whether to moderate Wahhabism since the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001 on U.S. targets, carried out by mostly Saudi nationals, and the emergence of al Qaeda militancy.

ButOGA-LOS ANGELES—Sylvester Stallone outmuscled Julia Roberts at the weekend box office in North America on Sunday to score the biggest opening of his career with his new film “The Expendables”.

The action hero’s all-star mercenary thriller earned an estimated $35 million across the United States and Canada during its first three days of release, distributor Lionsgate said.

The film, predictably, played strongest with older men who are nostalgic for ’80s action flicks with high body counts and loud explosions. A sequel is reportedly in the works.

Julia Roberts, whose career has been almost as cold as Stallone’s in recent years, followed at a distant No. 2 with “Eat Pray Love”. The big-screen adaptation of a bestselling memoir about a woman’s international search for herself, opened with $23.7 million, also in line with expectations.

The drama, which was targeted at older women, was released by Columbia Pictures. The Sony Corp. unit topped the box office last weekend with “The Other Guys”. The Will Ferrell cop comedy fell to No. 3 with $18 million, taking its 10-day total to $70.5 million.

A third newcomer, the comic-book adaptation “Scott Pilgrim vs. The World”, bombed at No. 5 with $10.5 million. It marks the second disappointment this month for General Electric Co-owned distributor Universal Pictures, following “Charlie St. Cloud”.

Stallone, 64, was last in theaters with a pair of mod-retreats revisiting his glory days, 2008’s “Rambo” and 2006’s “Rocky Balboa”.

They opened to $18 million and $12 million, respectively.

His best opening, before accounting for ticket-price inflation was the $33 million start for the children’s movie “Spy Kids 3D” in 2003. On an adjusted basis, he did better with a pair of films in 1985: “Rambo: First Blood Part II” and “Rocky IV”, with about $45 million each, according to tracking firm Box Office Mojo.

“The Expendables”, whose multinational lineup includes English tough guy Jason Statham, Swedish and Dolph Lundgren and Chinese martial-arts veteran Jet Li, revolves around a team of mercenaries who inflict carnage on a fictional South American dictatorship.

Bruce Willis and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger have cameos. Roberts’ older brother, Eric, plays a villain.

Men accounted for 61 percent of the audience, and 60 percent of viewers were aged over 25, Lionsgate said.
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Gabor was admitted on Friday to the hospital to treat two blood clots, only two days after being released for hip replacement surgery. Gabor broke her hip on July 17 when she fell out of bed while watching the television game show “Jeopardy,” said her publicist John Blanchette. “Her health has been up and down ever since,” he said.

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Married nine times to a string of husbands that included a Turkish diplomat and the hotel magnate Conrad Hilton, Gabor celebrated her 24th wedding anniversary to Von Anhalt in the hospital on Saturday, said Blanchette.

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Today’s birthday (August 16) -- Intuition guides your actions this year. Power and will are only part of the equation. You need stimulating surroundings to drive your inspiration, and you use your persona to shape your environment. Redecorate, refresh colors and reinvigorate your experience.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- If you were the only one involved, your transformative thoughts would work just fine. Others have their own ideas, though. Compromise.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Don’t expect to revolutionize your world today. Instead, make steady effort to change minor details. They eventually add up significantly.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 5 -- With major opportunities in the balance, pursue your desires but take extra care. Someone pushes much harder for their agenda now.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You can choose to perceive obstacles in your path, or you can optimistically move forward, knowing that you’re headed toward the goal.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- On vacation or not, handle your responsibilities as though you’re the group leader. Others respect your opinions, and everything goes smoothly.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- You feel super lucky today, as you get time to yourself to devote to a pet project. Gather data early, mull it over at lunch and then push forward.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Your favorite people come up with some expansive ideas that require more support than you can give today. Send for reinforcements.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 5 -- It’s never too early (or late) to get a good laugh. Use your insight and wry humor to get a difficult point across.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 5 -- Dig deeper into your research materials to identify essential information. Until you do that, you won’t know how to apply yourself to the project.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- You don’t have to bend over backward to help others now. All you need is patience and determination. Everything works out beautifully.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 6 -- Research the venue and party details before getting dressed. This evening can be great fun, and may even impact your business. It’s worth it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Focus on higher values and refuse to be dragged into unpleasant arguments. You have too much to get accomplished for that distraction.
No Nothing With Our Kids Foundation is continuing registering children for the After School Activities Program, at the main office Sucker Garden Road 13, from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. Take along passport pictures (for more information call 5424910 or email: nokasa@caribserve.net

WIEMS Courses
Re-certification of First Responders (EMR’s) will start on Friday, September 3. Duration: 1 month. Certification of new First Responders will start on Wednesday October 6. Duration: 4 months. For information and registration please contact Dr. Bryson’s DC Medical Clinic at 547-2071 or 547-9949.

Afternoon Classes
Elmenier Leosunday, Center is registering students for its afternoon school programme 2:00-5:00pm: Math tutorial, Dutch, French, music, writing development and more. Classes commence August 16. For more information call 586-2648 or 522-5401.

Swim, Snorkel, Dive Courses
Alfredo Dive Foundation started another summer season for swimming, snorkelling and dive courses. Location will be discussed when signing up. All interested parties ages 17-35 are welcome to contact us at e-mail alfreddodivefoundation@sxm@live. com or Facebook: Alfredo Dive Foundation.

Park Available
Mango Eco Project d.b.a. PARK in Friars Bay makes known that there are also activities such as church events, summit programs, barbeque activities, social meetings, domingo tournaments, cultural activities, school events, family gatherings, etc., available. For more information and reservation call Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm: 586-1834, 526-2383, 526-5092 or 522-7974.

Passport Processing
The Civil Registry Department announces that the passport processing machine is back in service. All persons requiring a first time application or renewal of their passport can do so on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:00am to 3:30pm and on Wednesday from 8:00am to 12:30pm. For further information, call the Civil Registry Department at 542-2457.

Library Bus Schedule
Philipsburg Jubilee Library Bus will visit Dutch Quarter and Belvedere every other week. Children under 12 are welcome to read in the bus and play games and check out books. Dutch Quarter: every other week on Friday from 4:00-5:00pm, in front of Johnnie’s Minimarket. Belvedere: every other Wednesday on 4:00-5:00pm, Belvedere Community Centre parking place. For more information contact Askje de Jong at Jubilee library, tel. 542-2970.

Foster Parents Needed
Foundation Judiciary Institutes Windward Islands (FIJWI) Stichting Justiciele Inrichtingen Bovenwinden (SJIB), is looking for foster parents: permanent foster parents, weekend/vacation foster parents and emergency/crisis foster parents. Volunteers (mentors and case-workers): to give assistance and guidance in the field of education and welfare to children in foster care, their biological parents, guardians and foster parents.

Interested persons can call the F.J.I.W.I. Foster Families Centre at 542-3449 for an appointment and information about the upcoming workshops for foster parents and foster carers. Email inquiries can be sent to sibj@sintraamsterdam.net.

Passports Pickup
Civil Registry Office is requesting that all persons who have applied to obtain or renew their passport pass by the office to collect it. These passports must be picked up within three months from the date of the application, in accordance with the Passport Law. Passports not collected after the three month deadline will be taken out of circulation. For more information call the Civil Registry Department at 542-2457.

Dance Registration
Dance Theatre of St. Maarten is enrolling students for Jazz, Ballet, Modern, Hip Hop, Gymnastics, Cheerleading, Fusion, Contemporary, Musical Theatre and Introduction to Dance for all levels and all ages. Contact Susha at 520-6914 or susha@dane.com or visit the studio located in the Caribbean Cinemas Megaplex 7 in Cole Bay.

School Registration
Positively Active After-school Kids is registering children ages 4-12 and Bright Start Early Stimulation children ages 2-3 years at Long Wall Road #25C. For more information call 557-8202.

Mediation Course
Brahma Kumaris local centre is hosting free mediation, with the aim of learning to stay focused, calm and positive amid rapid and constant changes, at 16 Front Street. Call 522-2554 for more details.

Public Lecture
Lecture Invitational
The St. Maarten Islamic Community invites the general community to attend public lectures at the St. Maarten Islamic Centre, Puma Road 26, Caya Hill, on Fridays at 12:30pm. Attendance is free and open to all with modest attire. For more details call 522-5306 or 581-1970, e-mail us at info@islamsm.org or visit www.islamsm.org.

Dog Training
Canine Centre at Route Du Galion is offering free training session Saturdays and Sundays, 9:00-10:00am and 3:00-4:00pm. For more information call 09096-672-038 or visit the centre.

Badminton Club new members
Orion Badminton Club is accepting new members at the Acade- my Gym Hall behind the former Shiek Superman, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00pm.

Toastmasters Meetings
Belvedere Toastmasters Club meets at Philipsburg Jubilee Library on the first and third Thursday of every month, 7:45-9:30pm. Achievers Toastmasters Club meets at Philipsburg Jubilee Library on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, 7:30-9:00pm.

Disciples Toastmasters Club meets at the Belvedere Church on the second and fourth Sunday of every month, 5:00-6:30pm.

Lousialia Corporate Toastmasters Club meets at the Government Administration Building on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, 5:00-6:30pm.

Visit our Website: sms-toastmasters.com

After School Programme
Belvedere Community Centre is now registering children 4-18 for an after school programme. Special prices are now available for Belvedere residents. Registration is open Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 6:00pm. For more information, call 547-0239, 547-0150, 547-0157.

Learn to Paddle
Learn to Paddle is founding its starters’ kayaking classes. Registration is at Kim Sha Beach on Saturday mornings starting 8:30am. For more information contact Stuart Knaggs 580-4657.

IHOE Meetings
The HIV/AIDS support group I.H.O.E. is inviting all HIV pos- sive persons to attend their monthly meetings. For more infor- mation, please contact Dr. Gerard van Osch at telephone num- bers 544-5374 during office hours.

Riding Lessons
Lucky Stables is registering persons interested in horseback rid- ing lessons.

For more information call 544-5255, e-mail to snsactivities@ yahoo.com or visit Lucky Stables at Seaside National Park in Cay Bay (behind the GEBE power plant).

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B&C Spartanz advance to KFC Cup semi-final

CUL DE SAC—B&C Spartanz cricketers made light work of the Rams Crusaders with a comprehensive 10-wicket win at the Caribe Lumber Ballpark on Sunday.

The win made it two in a row for Spartanz who have now qualified for the semi-final stage of the tournament. The Spartans joined WIB Pioneers as the qualifiers from Group B, while NAGICO Cricket Club has qualified from Group A.

Yesterday, the Crusaders won the toss and decided to bat, only to make a mockery of the decision after they were skittled out for 129 in 27.4 out of the 50 overs. At one stage, they were in a spot of comfort at 100 for three. But an unbelievable collapse saw them bowled out for the meagre total.

Overseas player Yannick Leonard with three for 20 in 10 overs and Deryl Duram three for 18 in four overs overs orchestrated the crumble.

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MASON, Ohio -- Kim Clijsters returned to the sport after returning to the sport after her family. She and her to the Netherlands in a stadium during a game against the Netherlands on Friday, a stadium in a military base in Caracas.

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Hong Kong women’s baseball player Chwook Woon Yee Sinny leaves a hotel in Caracas August 15. Hong Kong pulled out of the Women’s Baseball World Cup in Venezuela on Saturday after one of its players was shot in the leg during a game in Caracas. Chwook was hit in the lower left calf as she took the field to play third base during a game against the Netherlands on Friday, a stadium in a military base in Caracas.

COLOMBO -- Yuvraj Singh has been ruled out of India’s one-day international against Sri Lanka on Monday after coming down with dengue fever, India media reported on Sunday.

"Yuvraj Singh is not available for this game. He has dengue. But he is out of danger," the Press Trust of India quoted India skipper Dhoni as saying at a pre-match press conference.

"He thanked Norman and Su Wathey, Randy Attin and Anke Roosens for helping to organise the logistics of the swim."

Recently, a group of swimmers, including Layour, swam the Anguilla/St. Martin channel. Layour said that although he had enjoyed the solo swim, he hoped that he had motivated more people to take up channel swimming. The group of swimmers who did the Anguilla Channel swim will again do the swim in November.

"The group will begin training for the November swim soon. Layour invites interested swimmers to join the training."
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"I have the trust from my board and hopefully of the fans as well then and also from the players," added the 60-year-old, who will be embarking on his 15th campaign in charge.

Earlier this month Wenger told the British Observer newspaper that "if I extend my career at club level at Arsenal." As the club's longest serving manager, he has won three Premier League titles and led them through an undefeated league season, but under pressure from some fans after five campaigns without a trophy.

"I feel that we have not won for a few years now and it is important to get back to winning trophies," said Wenger.

"We maintained the club at the top level but we want to get to the next step, to win trophies and to win the title and the Champions League of course," Wenger said.

Wenger steered Arsenal to the Champions League final in 2006 where they lost to Barcelona, and the last trophy was the 2005 FA Cup, the fourth of the Frenchman's reign. He won the FA Cup and League Double in his first full season in charge in 2003-04 his "Invincibles" side finished the League season unbeaten.

Since then Wenger has set about constructing a team renowned for its flair and attacking style as well as promoting youth but so far they have lacked big successes.

Spaniard midfielder Cesc Fabregas, captain at just 23, recently committed to Arsenal after speculation he would move to Barcelona.

Playmaker Fabregas will be central to the club's hopes this year and Wenger believes success is near.

Yamaha's Rossi to join Ducati

MILAN-- MotoGP world champion Valentino Rossi will switch to Ducati from Yamaha for next season, delighting millions of his bike-mad compatriots who have yearned to see the sporting great finally race for the Italian team.

Rossi, arguably Italy's most famous sports personality thanks to his extraordinary skill and madcap antics, has been tipped to top world championships with Japanese teams.

"We are delighted that Valentino Rossi will be with us from 2011. He is a paragon of excellence in the world of motorcycling," Ducati Motor Holding president Gabriele Del Torchio said in a statement.

The 31-year-old Rossi, a winner of nine motorcycling world titles in all, sparked rumours of a departure from Yamaha by entering the last year of his contract without a new deal.

He also said it was awkward being team mate with current championship leader Jorge Lorenzo given they were both so strong.
Gay powers U.S. to 86-55 rout of France

NEW YORK—The United States tuned-up for the world basketball championships by routing France 86-55 in an exhibition on Sunday at Madison Square Garden.

Guard Rudy Gay of the Memphis Grizzlies led the Americans in scoring with 19 points, followed by Tony Parker of the San Antonio Spurs and Joakim Noah of the Chicago Bulls, both of whom are sitting out the FIBA world championships.

Before the game, the U.S. trimmed its squad to 13, one over the tournament limit, by cutting NBA players Jeff Green and JaVale McGee.

China was set to play Puerto Rico in the second game of the exhibition double-header before a sell-out crowd of just under 20,000. The two-week world championships will be held in Turkey beginning Aug. 28.

New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter jumps over Kansas City Royals Mitch Maier as he turns the double play in the second inning during their MLB American League baseball game in Kansas City, Missouri, August 15. Royals won 1-0.

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One out later, Bullington lined sharply to second baseman Cano. He threw to first to try to double off Blanco, but the ball sailed wide and Blanco took off for second. As he slid into the bag, catcher Francisco Cervelli’s throw went wild into center, allowing Blanco to go to third on the second error on the play. But Bur-nett struck out Wilson Betemit to end the inning.

The Royals got a run in the first when Willie Bloomquist singled, stole second and went to third on a throwing error by Cervelli before But-ler’s hit.

Bullington, selected by Pitts-burgh in the draft, was making his 20th major league appearance and seventh career start.

Picked up by the Royals as a minor league free agent last November, Bullington was called up from Triple-A Omaha on May 17 and took a loss in Baltimore the next day in relief. He made one more relief appearance before being optioned back to Omaha on May 25. He was recalled on July 28.

He also was the loser in a 3-1 setback to the Angels in his first start on Aug. 10.

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Kanoute gives Sevilla Cup edge over Barca

Sevilla's Frederic Kanoute (R) scores past Barcelona's goalkeeper Mino during their Spanish Super Cup first leg soccer match at Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Seville August 14. Sevilla won 3-1.

MADRID-- Luis Fabiano netted the equaliser and Frederic Kanoute struck twice to earn Sevilla a 3-1 comeback victory at home to a second-string Barcelona in the first leg of the Spanish Super Cup on Saturday.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic mocked the La Liga champions in front in the 20th minute of Spain's traditional season opener at Sevilla's Sanchez Pizjuan stadium, before Fabiano levelled for the King's Cup winners just after the hour.

Substitute Kanoute fired the hosts in front just over 15 minutes left and had a deserved equaliser when Fabiano ran on to a pass from new signing Luca Cigarini and slotted through the legs of Barca goalkeeper Mino.

The Brazilian striker, who Olympique Marseille are attempting to lure to Ligue 1, pointedly grabbed the Sevilla shield on his shirt as he celebrated.

Kanoute flicked the ball high into the net from Alvaro Negredo's cross to put Sevilla ahead before heading powerfully in the 20th minute Diego Perotti's cross as Barca wilted.

"We suffered a bit at the start but we played a very good second half," Kanoute said in a television interview.

"But they were missing a lot of players and we'll have to be very careful in the second leg," the Mail striker added.

Maradona may be keen on Villa job

BUENOS AIRES-- Diego Maradona's links with English club Aston Villa, who played in the World Cup last week, might consider managing an English club if his chances of returning to the national team disappeared altogether.

Walter Soriano, his representative in Europe, was quoted on Sunday as saying that if Aston Villa, without a manager since Martin O'Neill quit this week, made Maradona an offer he might be "very open to the idea of coming to England".

A close friend of Maradona's in Buenos Aires, however, told Reuters it was unlikely the man whose "Hand of God" goal helped knock England out of the 1986 World Cup was thinking of a move to the Premier League.

"It's not a question of him being interested in coaching a team in England right now... I'm not saying it's impossible but I see it as unlikely," the friend, who asked not to be named, told Reuters.

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Maradona did not have a contract extended for his team's 4-0 World Cup quarter-final defeat by Germany having refused the condition that he should bring back some of his coaching staff.

Sergio Batista, a team mate of Maradona's when Argentina won the 1986 world title, is in charge on an interim basis and watched Argentina deployed the burly Sweden striker at centre forward on a sweltering night in Seville.

He went some way toward silencing his critics when he spotted on to Maxwell's curled pass and slipped the ball low past goalkeeper Andres Palop.

Sevilla looked much more dangerous after the break and had a deserved equaliser when Fabiano ran on to a pass from new signing Luca Cigarini and slotted through the legs of Barca goalkeeper Mino.

The Brazilian striker, who Olympique Marseille are attempting to lure to Ligue 1, pointedly grabbed the Sevilla shield on his shirt as he celebrated.

Kanoute flicked the ball high into the net from Alvaro Negredo's cross to put Sevilla ahead before heading powerfully in the 20th minute Diego Perotti's cross as Barca wilted.

"We suffered a bit at the start but we played a very good second half," Kanoute said in a television interview.

"But they were missing a lot of players and we'll have to be very careful in the second leg," the Mail striker added.

Maradona also played one match for Totthenham Hotspur in a testimonial at White Hart Lane in London for former Argentina team mate Ossie Ardiles shortly before the 1986 finals.

Drogba hat-trick helps Chelsea crush Brom

LONDON-- Champions Chelsea demolished West Bromwich Albion 6-0 on Saturday, shrugging off poor pre-season form to launch their Premier League campaign with their biggest opening day win in the top flight.

Didier Drogba grabbed a hat-trick and France winger Florent Malouda scored twice as promoted West Brom, managed by former Chelsea midfielder Roberto di Matteo, were picked apart at Stamford Bridge.

"This was the perfect reaction to our bad pre-season," said in a television interview.

Malouda told the BBC. "It's important we start well because we are champions and everyone wants to beat us.

"To win like this reminds everyone that we are champions."

Malouda put Carlo Anceotti's side ahead after six minutes and Drogba, like many of his team mates still not 100 percent fit after arriving back from the World Cup, doubled the lead with a free kick shortly before the interval.

The Ivory Coast striker grabbed his second after 35 minutes before Frank Lampard's clinical finish and another for Drogba with a deflected effort. Malouda completed the rout late on.

Ancelotti played down Chelsea's pre-season hiccups, which included four consecutive defeats culminating in the Community Shield loss to arch-rivals Manchester United.

"We knew we had a problem," Ancelotti said. "We decided to give our players who played in the World Cup another six days of holiday. It was necessary for them to have a full recovery and we knew the first game of the pre-season we couldn't play them.

"John Terry, Ashley Cole and Frank Lampard also showed good condition today. Maybe they are still not in the best condition but in two weeks they will be 100 percent."

Chelsea have now scored 21 goals in their last three home league games, having thumped Wigan Athletic 8-0 and Stoke City 7-0 during their run-in to last season's title.

It was a chastening afternoon for Di Matteo, who was warmly applauded by the Chelsea fans.

"We have to learn quickly that the small details make a big difference in the Premier League," the Swiss-born Italian said.

West Brom's next three away games are at Liverpool, Arsenal and Manchester United.

"The fixtures are not kind to us, it's a tough start for any club to play those four away, but we'll pick ourselves up. We've still got 37 games to go," Di Matteo said.

Van Nistelrooy hat-trick helps Hamburg into second round

BERLIN-- Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy hit a hat-trick and set up another goal to steer Hamburg SV into the German Cup second round with a 5-1 win over amateurs Torgelower SV on Sunday.

Amateurs Torgelower stood their ground early on against Hamburg and keeper Andre Greulich was kept busy, denying Mladen Petric after 13 minutes.

Greulich was beaten though in the 34th minute when Van Nistelrooy scored from close range after Jonathan Pitroipa had hit the post from close range.

The hosts came back and two minutes before the break netted an equaliser with a nice solo effort from Daniel Pankau.

Their joy was short-lived, however, with Peruvian striker Paolo Guerrero firing in an 18-yard free kick to put Hamburg back into the lead eight minutes after the break.

Van Nistelrooy added two more midway through the second half and David Jarolim rounded off the scoring nine minutes from time.
LIVERPOOL

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Bolton Wanderers         0  Fulham                0

Blackburn Rovers         1  Everton               0

Tottenham 0  Manchester City 0

Wigan Athletic          0 Blackpool           4

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“We had a lot of posses- tion at the back. I couldn’t only push the ball back into his net.

Tottenham Hotspur’s Giovani Dos Santos (L) challenges Manchester City’s Gareth Barry during their English Premier League soccer match at White Hart Lane in London August 14. The match ended in a scoreless draw.

English Premier League result

Played on Saturday

Aston Villa 3  West Ham United 0

Blackburn Rovers 1  Everton 0

Bolton Wanderers 0 Fulham 0

Chelsea 6  West Bromwich Albion 0

Sunderland 2  Birmingham City 2

Tottenham Hotspur 0  Manchester City 0

Wigan Athletic 0  Blackpool 4

Wolverhampton Wanderers 2  Stoke City 1
LONDON-- Sprinter Alison Felix kept her cool to take her second win of the Diamond League meeting at Crystal Palace with victory in the 400 metres on Saturday.

Felix, who eared to victory in the 200 on Friday, became the first athlete to win double maximum points in a Diamond League meeting and is considering running both events at next year’s world championships and the 2012 London Olympics. “I really hope so,” Felix said when asked about doing the double in a trackside interview. “I’m going to work really hard and we’ll see.”

But the American found the going tough over the longer event in front of a packed Crystal Palace on a breezy, overcast day. After going off quickly, she came under pressure from Russia’s champion Tatyana Firova and world indoor gold medallist Debbie Dunn in the home straight.

However, the triple world 200 champion held her form to win in 50.79 seconds. Firova was second in 50.84 and Dunn third 0.05 behind.

“It was a tight race and I really had to rely on my endurance,” said Felix who also won the 400 at the Doha and Eugene Diamond League races. “The time wasn’t great but it wasn’t about the time today, it was a great field and I just wanted to execute my race. It was more difficult than yesterday’s race, so I was happy to pull that one off.”

Felix’s compatriot Christian Cantwell had a less happy time at Crystal Palace when the world shot put champion suffered his first defeat in 21 meetings.

Cantwell struggled from the start, opening with a 20.78 on his final attempt for third behind fellow American Reese Hoffa, who threw 21.44 and波兰’s Tomasz Majewski on 21.20.

“I really don’t know what was wrong. I was just a wuss, I guess,” said the 29-year-old Cantwell. “I have no excuses, no niggles or anything. It was just a bad day.”

There was also a surprise defeat for Carmelita Jeter when Marouane Chamakh headed against the post and Reina spilled the rebound into his own net with just 15 seconds of normal time remaining.

Neither team matched the devasting form of champions Chelsea who began their title defence with a 6-0 win over promoted West Bromwich Albion on Saturday.