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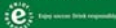
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Brooks issues ultimatum to stop GEBE recruitment

PHILIPSBURG—Legal counsel for Managing Director of GEBE William Brooks has summoned GEBE's Shareholding Foundation to instruct the Supervisory Board of GEBE to put an immediate stop to the procedure of recruiting two additional Managing Directors for the company.

In a letter to all board members of both the Shareholding and Supervisory bodies of GEBE dated June 22, attorney Thomas Aardenburg gave a deadline of

Friday, June 25 for the recruitment process to be halted. If a response was not received by that date, Aardenburg said his client (Brooks) would "deem himself free to commence injunction proceedings."

When contacted on Monday, Aardenburg said his client has not decided on the next course of action and awaits the results of a meeting that is scheduled to be held today between Commission

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Assembly approves motion to borrow EC\$50 million

ANGUILLA—Members of the House of Assembly were united Monday and unanimously passed a motion brought by Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Hubert Hughes authorising government to borrow EC\$50 million.

The motion was seconded by elected member for Road North Edison Baird who noted that Government's expenditure was between four and five million dollars less than the revenue each month. He explained that following meetings in London with British officials it was decided that

Anguilla could have three years to close the deficit.

Baird also reported that all current loans will be taken over by the Caribbean Development Bank and the interest will be reduced from 8.5 per cent to 4 per cent.

Baird also noted that while in the past some 41 per cent of government's revenue came from customs duty, this has dropped considerably because of the current recession. He said other revenue streams such as the ac

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Just over 400 students of the Class of 2010 from every high school in St. Maarten had a fun-filled Prom Night 2010 at The Westin St. Maarten Dawn Beach Resort and Spa on Sunday. Entitled "Metropolitan Class," the 14th edition of Prom Night was dubbed a success not only in terms of the number of students who attended, but also because of the level of "fun and energy" they brought to the event. In photo: A cross section of approximately 400 senior students who attended Prom Night 2010 on the dance floor. See story on page 5.

Human rights, gay marriage dominate constitution debate

PHILIPSBURG—Protection of human rights, especially the non-discrimination clauses and the consequences of decisions in other parts of the Dutch Kingdom for the national constitution of St. Maarten and other national ordinances, such as the obligation to register same-sex marriages, dominated the Central Committee for Country St. Maarten on Monday.

Equally dominant discussions centred on Articles 35 and 49 of the draft constitution, which stipulate consequences for ministers and members of parliament who are under investigation or have been convicted by the court.

The latest version of these clauses exercises more caution when

it comes to removing someone from his/her minister's post or membership in Parliament, according to the opposition Democratic Party (DP).

"Inevitable was also the ques-

tion about the generalisation of the term "Dutch persons" in the constitution and whether any reference to the St. Maarten is definable and/or possible in the

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Senate decides today on handling of laws

THE HAGUE—The First Chamber's Permanent Committee on Antillean and Aruban Affairs NAAZ determines today, Tuesday, whether it will postpone the handling of the Kingdom Consensus Laws on July 6 or await a decision of the Political Steering Group (PSG).

The Committee will decide in a meeting today whether it will grant Dutch caretaker State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten time to reach an accord with the Central Government and the delegations of Curaçao and St. Maarten during the PSG in Curaçao on Thursday.

If the Committee says no to the handling and voting of ten Kingdom Consensus Laws on July 6, the constitutional process could

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Elected member for Sandy Hill Jerome Roberts, who is a member of the Anguilla Progressive Party, announced on Monday that he wished to leave the opposition benches and join the Government. Page 17.

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Recipients of Journey for Education Foundation study grants, with members of the foundation.

\$12,000 contributed to students abroad

~ Through Journey for Education study grants ~

PHILIPSBURG—Journey for Education Foundation granted a total US \$12,000 in financial aid to five students on Monday for their application year 2010-2011.

Pursuing a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in the US, Gisella Hilleman was found deserving of the full

amount of US \$5,000 the foundation grants annually to any one applicant. Another recipient, Catharina Carbon who pursues a Bachelor's degree in Business with concentration in Accounting/Finance in Tampa, Florida, USA, was granted \$2,500.

Kevin Ryan Simon, pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Biology in Trinidad, was granted \$2,000, while Lakshmi Hathirami, studying in Canada to attain a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Tourism and Hospitality Management, received \$1,500 and Leticia Richards, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in St. Thomas, was granted \$1,000.

Journey for Education received 18 requests for grants this year. The proceeds generated from the foundation's fundraising walk-a-thon were used for the benefit of these students to continue their journey in education. The recipients were selected based on the foundation's criteria, which include having an outstanding grade point average (GPA).

In words of gratitude, recipient Hilleman said the contribution was a great comfort in the quest. She assured the community on behalf of herself and the other recipients that this financial support would not go in vain.

Journey for Education President Rolando Tobias said the foundation expected the students to maintain acceptable GPAs and contribute back to the foundation and St. Maarten in some form.

Curaçao approves August 27 election, Jul 12 postulation day

WILLEMSTAD—The Island Council of Curaçao on Saturday, June 26, unanimously approved August 27 as the date for early elections. Postulation day for the parties to submit their candidate lists is July 12.

Early elections became necessary after the draft constitution for the new country Curaçao did not pass an

important local hurdle early last Saturday morning when it was two votes short for approval by the Island Council.

Only twelve votes were cast in favour of the constitution, two votes short of the required two-third majority. Nine votes were cast against the approval of the constitution that would be the foundation of Country Curaçao

which is to be birthed on 10-10-10.

The draft constitution will be tabled again in the Island Council for approval. At that time, it will only require a simple majority for adoption. However, the present Island Council must be dissolved first, followed by early Island Council elections and formation of a new coalition.



From left: Jacqueline Louis of IMC, David McGregor (UTS-TDC), and from SHTA: Ayanna Guy, Robert Dubourcq, Valya Pantophlet, Evencia Scabrookes, and Valda Woodley-Hazel (SHTA Certification, Valya Pantophlet).

SHTA Staff certified as SuperHost ambassadors

PHILIPSBURG—Following their participation in intense customer service training and certification workshops earlier this month, staff members of St. Maarten Hospitality and Trade Association (SHTA) were all officially certified as St. Maarten SuperHost ambassadors on Monday, June 28.

"As our SuperHost programme partner, we are extremely proud to officially present the SHTA team with their pins and certificates," said Jacqueline Louis, General Manager of IMC – the official agents of St. Maarten SuperHost. "Given our shared passion for providing our tourists with quality service, it is essential to continue to build this team of SuperHost ambassadors throughout our businesses

and organizations."

Also present in these trainings sessions was David McGregor, of the UTS-TDC (Training & Development Center). McGregor is the latest addition to the team of St. Maarten SuperHost facilitators.

The St. Maarten SuperHost Tourism Customer Service Certification Program is a very interactive training. Led by St. Maarten SuperHost facilitator, Valda Woodley-Hazel, the training curriculum covered areas such as "The Power of First and Last Impressions," "Great Communication Skills," "How to be Attentive," "The Power of

Listening," "The Importance of Tourism," and other fundamental skills for providing quality customer service. Participants experience various scenarios and are completely engaged in the activities, with participation representing 50 per cent of their scores. The certification is valid for two years with program follow-up and refresher courses given throughout that term.

For further information about the St. Maarten SuperHost Customer Service Training & Certification Program, please contact Jacqueline Louis at (599) 543-2150 or jloUIS@eyemc.net.

Steering committee established for Millennium Development Goals

PHILIPSBURG—The Millennium Development Goals (MDG) work group established a steering committee consisting of representatives Khaliah Peters and Lockie Morales last week Friday.

The MDG work group is made up of representatives of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and governmental departments tasked with tackling NGOs'

'Escape' winner forfeits prize

PHILIPSBURG—The winner of a 2010 Ford Escape has forfeited his/her prize by default for not claiming it within three months, St. Maarten Lions Club said.

The club gave the winner of the annual St. Maarten Lions Club Car Raffle until 3:00pm Monday to contact club members to claim the SUV prize. That person didn't.

Lions said the stub didn't have the buyer's name on it, but signing the ticket after purchase was voluntary. Lions now have to discuss what to do with the prize.

The winning number 4722 was drawn on March 28.

concerns. As the steering committee, Peters and Morales will lead the work group and channel the outcome to the Executive Council and the federal Department for Development Cooperation DEVCO.

During the kickoff meetings, the work group discussed the decision making process, an action plan for St. Maarten based on the Caribbean indicators, collecting important data on the MDGs and delivering relevant information to DEVCO to be incorporated in the Netherlands Antilles report, which should be finished by July.

Morales stated that DEVCO would work on transferring the federal tasks to the MDG work group and produce the MDG diagnostic review that has to be finalised before September 9.

She noted that any person wanting to give input in the process could become a member of the sounding board by contacting the members of MDG work group.

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Lisandra leads Lions, focuses on youngsters

~ Woods named Lion of the year ~

MAHO—Fierce lioness Lisandra Havertong is again at the helm of St. Maarten Lions Club and like any mother of a pride, she had set her sights on the young ones with the theme for the year "Empowering the Youth."

Havertong, daughter of past District Governor and Club President Wally Havertong, succeeds Richard Panneflek, during whose term the club held its second Health and Wellness Fair, one of its largest events to date.

Also serving on the board are Vice Presidents Merlyn Schaminee (first), Richard Boyd (second) and Michael van Grieken; Secretary Jimmy Challenger, Treasurer Jessica Challenger-Vrolijk, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Khalil Revan, Tamer Melinda Hoeve, Tail Twister Claudius Buncamper, Directors Davey Woods, Chantal Schaminee-Ringeling, Sunil Khatnani and Rafael Boasman. Wally Havertong is Membership Director.

The new president stated



The New St. Maarten Lions Club board, headed by Lisandra Havertong, after the installation in Sonesta Maho's Royal Pavilion room on Saturday night.

at the board installation dinner in Sonesta Maho Beach Resort Saturday evening that Lions as a service club "must start thinking big if we want to make our contribution towards a positive development into the country status [for St. Maarten as of 10-10-10]. One of our duties in this respect will be to prepare our youth for these challenges of the future."

This preparation of the youth for future challenges led to development of the four areas that the board and membership of the club will focus on: Learning about Culture, Arts and Participation in Sports, Appreciation for the Environment and Understanding and Support for the Community and its Leaders, and

Respect for Self and the Family Unit.

"Even though our main concentration will be on the youth, we will, however, not lose focus of the excellent standard projects which continue to be executed by the health, social, senior citizens, education and other committees," Havertong said.

"It goes without saying that more than ever our club has been at the forefront of giving community service with excellent projects. This has not only brought joy to those whom we have served, but also to ourselves and it is my desire that we continue in this trend," the new president said.

"Let us continue to give heed to the call of service and continue to make a dif-

ference in the St. Maarten Community. Fellow Lions, we can most certainly give ourselves a big tap on the shoulder for a most successful year 2009-2010."

Edelmiro Janssen was inducted as the club's newest member. Past District Governor Maxime Larmonie told Janssen he had been selected for membership because of his "good character and nature" and because it was felt that he had "something to offer" the club in its goals. Janssen was sponsored by club member Claudius Buncamper.

Immediate Past President Richard Panneflek described the 2009/2010 year as "very, very interesting" for the club, with the low point being the extended

illness of board treasurer Rudy Hoeve.

Panneflek awarded Davey Woods as Lion of the Year for his work in making the local club well known in the zone, region, district and worldwide through his multi-media talents. The recognition came as a huge surprise to Woods.

Senior citizens were the focus of Panneflek's tenure. Highlights of the programme were the largest gathering of seniors for a day at Boo Boo Jan, the visit of 500 seniors to Anguilla for a day with counterparts there and a well attended lecture on prostate health. The "very big event" was the second annual Health and Wellness Fair.

Panneflek said that two eye testing machines had been acquired by the club and people will now be

trained to use them to carry out tests, especially for seniors and school children. "Eyes are something the international Lions and St. Maarten Lions really care about."

He commended Carl Thomas for taking up the treasurer responsibilities and Jessica Challenger-Vrolijk for her assistance as secretary. Her help was necessary, because Secretary Rafael Boasman has become very busy in his job as the island continues to prepare for country status.

Appreciation plaques were also given out to awardees led by president for that period Richard Gibson Jr. Lion of the Year for that period was Wally Havertong and the Melvin Jones Fellow was presented to Paul Marshall.



Lion of the Year Davey Woods with Immediate Past President Richard Panneflek.



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Class of 2010 energises from start to finish at Prom 2010

~ Two CIA seniors shine ~



Winner of the Best Dress award Fabiola Rosado.

DAWN BEACH—Just over 400 senior students of the Class of 2010 from every high school in St. Maarten had themselves a fun-filled Prom Night 2010 at The Westin St. Maarten Dawn Beach Resort and Spa last Sunday.

Entitled "Metropolitan Class," the 14th edition of

was especially energetic from start to finish," Angelica Haverkamp, Assistant Coordinator of *Teen Times* said.

"We usually see students take to the dance floor around 9:00pm, but this group was on the floor from 7:30pm and stayed there until 1:00am. They also embraced the spirit of the Prom and created terrific memories for themselves. Overall we were very happy with the way Prom 2010 went," she added.

As has become the custom, students rolled up to Prom in stretch limousines, Hummers and other luxury cars. Some had choreographed entrances, much to the delight of the parents who had gathered outside of the lobby at Westin to see the spectacle. Once in the ballroom, it didn't take long for the elegantly formal students to "get in the groove" of things.

The highlight of every Prom Night of course is the crowning of the Prom King & Queen. St. Maarten Academy senior student Shadira Williams, a long tailing purple gown won

Prom Queen honours, while Caribbean International Academy (CIA) graduate Sean Labega, decked out in a white suit, took home the title of Prom King. According to the organisers, the Best Dress award winner Fabiola Rosado "wowed with her Cinderella dress" from the time she walked into the Prom. She is also a graduate of the CIA.

"Shadira was a prime example of how this group was this year. From start to finish she was on the dance floor, having fun and encouraging others. Sean just stood out from the guys and had good Prom spirit. Fabiola could not be ignored; wherever she walked she turned heads. She was really lovely," Haverkamp said.

With Prom 2010 in the books, *Teen Times* will now turn its attention to the next big annual event, Talent Showdown, and then prepare for the 15th anniversary of Prom next year. "And for that, we have quite a plan in store for the class of 2011."

The organisers also made special mention of the companies and individu-



Prom King Sean Labega of the Caribbean International Academy (CIA) dances with Prom Queen Shadira Williams of the St. Maarten Academy.

als who came to their aid "in a time when sponsorship is extremely difficult to get." They thanked UTS especially for "rescuing us," Commissioners Frans Richardson and Theo Heyliger, *The Daily Herald*, Nagico, The Skys Is The Limit Foundation, Afoo Group of Companies, Diamonds International, Caribbean Liquors & Tobacco and MDG Consulting.



A backhoe (right) dumps debris into a dump truck (right) during the cleanup of the Belvedere neighbourhood on Sunday.

Belvedere prepared for hurricane season

BELVEDERE—Ten truckloads of debris were carried out of Belvedere during a cleanup organised by the Belvedere Homeowners and Tenants Association (BHOTA) Sunday in its effort to prepare the district for the upcoming hurricane season.

Coordinators of the initiative were BHOTA President Elston Fos and Patrick Brathwaite. They were assisted by youngsters of the Caribbean Youth Foundation and Sev-

enth Day Adventist Adventurers Club along with the St. Maarten Pride Foundation. The Indian Merchants Association provided refreshments for the volunteers.

The cleanup was said to be a great success. However, it was noted that more work could have been done if the additional assistance through heavy equipment promised by Public Works had been rendered.

BHOTA also encouraged

more participation from residents of the district in a subsequent cleanup effort in their community.

The final cleanup in BHOTA's hurricane preparedness campaign will take place at the South Reward emergency homes on Saturday, July 3. BHOTA has been organising a number of cleanups in preparation for the hurricane season since June 6.

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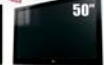
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St. Maarteners hold up the St. Maarten flag during the "Hands across the Sand" action against offshore oil drilling held in Tullahassee last Saturday.

St. Maarten represented in largest action against offshore oil drilling

PHILIPSBURG—Tallahassee-St. Maarten Foundation TLH-SXMF Executive Director Arthur "Arturo" Lugisse and several St. Maarten students studying in Tallahassee represented St. Maarten at the "Hands across the Sand" action against offshore oil drilling.

The event took place at Lake Ella Gazebo in Leon County last week Saturday at 12:00 noon, attracting more than 700 people, including some of Tallahassee's leading politicians. Some of those present were Representative Rehwinkel Vasilinda, Commissioner-At-Large Akin Akiyemi, County Commissioner District 5 Bob Rackleff and Florida House of Representatives member Curtis Richardson.

The objective of the event was to bring U.S. citizens and the world together in solidarity, joining hands in the largest gathering against offshore oil drilling in history. The image was powerful and the message was simple: "NO to Offshore Oil Drilling. YES to Clean Energy."

"I am very pleased that

we could take part in this very important event. Our students are a part of the Tallahassee community and we recognise that we should play a role in community efforts that can better the quality of life for all," Lugisse told the Government Information Service (GIS).

"The TLH-SXMF can play a key role as well, especially with the sister-city relationship we have developed over the past 10 years. I appeal to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as well as businesses on the island to get in contact with us in respect to exploring and developing sound, sustainable environmental development policies/products/services for St. Maarten," he added.

The event brought people together to join hands on beaches and in parks and cities against the dangers offshore oil drilling presents to our oceans and marine wildlife, fishing industries and coastal economies.

The mission of "Hands across the Sand" is to steer energy policies away from their dependence on fossil fuels and into the light of

clean energy. The aim is to convince leaders of countries, in particular those of the United States, to abandon expanded offshore oil drilling and adopt policies that encourage clean and renewable energy sources.

The "Hands across the Sand" movement was founded by Dave Rauschok in October 2009. He organised a state-wide gathering on February 13, when more than 10,000 individuals joined hands on nearly 100 beaches along the entire coastline, to send a message to Florida's legislators and Governor Crist that Floridians did not want them to lift the bans on near- and offshore oil drilling in Florida's waters.

NGOs and businesses seeking to explore and develop sound sustainable environmental development policies/products/services for St. Maarten can contact the TLH-SXMF at 850-212-2914 or via its Website www.tlh-sxmf.org.

Constitution debate

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constitution."

The meeting of the Central Committee was adjourned after 5½ hours to give advisors time to prepare answers to the questions posed by Island Council members.

National Alliance (NA) Councilman George Panthoilet chaired the meeting that was attended by NA Commissioner William Marlin and Councilman Rodolphe Samuel, and DP council members Sarah Wescot-Williams, Roy Marlin, Maria Buncaemper-Molanus and Leroy de Weever.

Project Manager for Country St. Maarten Dennis Richardson and constitution/legislation adviser Dr. Robert Vennix assisted in the meeting along with staff of the Island Secretariat.

DP members had submitted a number of questions in writing on the draft constitution prior to the meeting.

According to a DP press release, party members made it clear during the meeting that the latest draft of the constitution on the table could not be considered the same as the one discussed by the Island Council in early 2009; thus, this draft "warranted an in-depth discussion" by the Island Council.

"Hence any reference to the constitution as being thoroughly debated and discussed in the past by the Island Council of St. Maarten is inaccurate," the DP members said.

Judicial review in its two forms as proposed in the draft constitution also received a lot of attention, with specific note taken of the advice on this matter from the Joint Court of Justice of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

The DP is very interested in the draft ordinance governing the Constitutional

Court, the draft of which has not yet been presented to the Island Council.

The High Court and the Council of State will be asked to give an advice on the two forms of judicial review.

Due to the discussion in the Central Committee on Monday, several changes have become evident that will be made to the draft, such as removing the possibility for a budget to cover a period of two years, DP members pointed out.

The relationship of St. Maarten, Saba and St. Eustatius after 10-10-10, the date on which the islands will attain new constitutional statuses, also was discussed in the meeting. St. Maarten will become a

country within the Dutch Kingdom, while the other two island territories will become Dutch public entities.

Elections and the regulations of the Duncan Law that allows for the dissolution of the Island Council and early elections, and the draft law on campaign financing and registration of political parties were also discussed in the Central Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned until July 16 for answers to be prepared to questions asked and for the feasibility of proposals made to be researched.

It was a "very productive and constructive meeting," according to the DP.

Training session today for the 'Lend a Hand' project

MARIGOT—A training session for the "Lend a Hand" project takes place today at the Cultural Centre in Grand Case from 2:00pm until 6:00pm, the Collectivité announced.

Operation "Lend a Hand" is a scheme that permits young unemployed people aged 18-25 years to gain work experience in companies during the month of July and August through an agreement between selected companies and the Collectivité.

The project benefits both employer and trainee and helps in deciding a career path for young people.

Companies contribute 100 euros to the pay for a "Lend a Hand" trainee while the Collectivité adds 400 euros. Young people will begin working for companies this coming Thursday, July 1.

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Senate decides

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be jeopardised.

The NAAZ Committee wants the Dutch Government to amend the General Measure of Kingdom Government (Algemene Maatregel van Rijksbestuur AMvRB) to accommodate the motion of former Member of the Second Chamber John Leerdam of the Labour Party PvdA and others, which makes it possible to prolong the AMvRB by two years each time if it turns out that the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten are not ready to fully assume certain tasks after the initial AMvRB has lapsed after four years.

NAAZ Chairperson Marijke Linthorst voiced the concerns of the Senate in a letter that she sent to Bijleveld-Schouten last week. Several parties in the Senate

have indicated that without an amended AMvRB, they will not be willing to handle the Kingdom Consensus Laws on July 6.

The State Secretary in return pledged that she would reach an agreement with Curaçao and St. Maarten about the amendment to the AMvRB. The Kingdom Council of Ministers has scheduled an extraordinary meeting to approve the amended AMvRB for Friday, July 2. This would be in time for the July 6 meeting of the First Chamber. Delegations from the islands are scheduled to travel to the Netherlands for this meeting.

Bijleveld-Schouten's letter of June 24 has been added to the agenda of today's meeting of the NAAZ Committee. The Commit-

tee was already scheduled to discuss the Admittance and Expulsion Law, the Safety Law and Monetary System for the BES islands Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius during today's meeting.

It remains to be seen whether the First Chamber is willing to wait until after the PSG and the Kingdom Council of Minister to decide on the handling of the Kingdom Consensus Laws next Tuesday. Linthorst stated in an interview last week that she didn't consider it appropriate to keep the delegations from the islands waiting until the last moment. The delegations of the Central Government, Curaçao and St. Maarten have a right to speak in the July 6 debate.

In the interview, Linthorst said it was possible that the Senate would decide to postpone the handling until September 14. However, this was before the June 24 letter of Bijleveld-Schouten. Today, it will become clear whether the State Secretary has managed to convince the Senate with her promise of reaching an accord with Curaçao and St. Maarten.



Education Commissioner William Marlin addressing the graduates.

'Stand out, make a difference' Marlin tells Hillside graduates

~ 61 graduate, Jurrell Hodge valedictorian ~

ST. PETERS—Hillside Christian School pupils were urged to "stand out and make a difference" during their graduation ceremony at the school on Friday evening.

A total of 62 pupils sat the school's final exam. One will have to repeat the sixth grade.

Jurrell Hodge was named valedictorian for attaining the highest grades. Graduate Madngnapi was presented with a special award for performing well in Maths. Ian Soriano received the award for English and Davida Richardson for Dutch. Most Outstanding Student awards were presented to Simona Scenarain, Bianca Natividad and Elvin Alberts.

Leader of Government and Education Commissioner William Marlin told the graduates they would face many challenges as they moved on to secondary school. He encouraged them to always make the right choices, make a difference and stand out, echoing the theme for the evening. "Every day as you live your life, remember this message to stand out," he said.

He made a passionate plea to parents to be supportive of their children. "As parents you have to stand side-by-side with your children, pay keen attention to what they do and they will stand out," Marlin said in underscoring the roles of parents. He said parents should be there irrespective of how old children were.

He said he had cleared his schedule on Friday to be at



Valedictorian Jurrell Hodge

Princess Juliana International Airport to welcome home his two daughters who had graduated from university in Holland and he spoke to his eldest son, who is 35, every day.

Valedictorian Hodge said teachers had recognised his potential and seen that he had ambition since he had entered the school's Kindergarten section. "In the beginning it was easy, but as I became older, I became a little restless," he said, thanking God for his support systems. "They encouraged me to remain focused, not to follow the wrong crowds and I would receive my reward."

He encouraged his peers to stay on the right path, never to give up on their goals and to work hard.

Keynote speaker Kennet Serrant, who graduated from the then-St. Peters Hillside School in 1993, said the graduation theme "Make a Difference; Stand out" called for them to make an impact on this society.

"You cannot only be different, you must be different. You have a unique opportunity, at a time when the island is facing constitutional change, to change the direction this generation is heading, an opportunity to be agents of positive change in St. Maarten.

"We live in a society where the people whom we consider role models, whether they are our parents, athletes, pastors, teachers, government officials, etcetera, fail to meet our expectations. Hence the reason you need to set goals for yourself and be your own role model. Despite the fact that you are here to receive your diploma, the expectations on the outside are that you will not make it any further," Serrant said.

"Too many of our young people seem to have lost their way, either because of their lack of guidance and supervision or because they wanted to fit in and followed the wrong crowd." He told pupils that when they were tempted to break school rules and to be disobedient to their teachers and parents, were pressured to participate in illegal activities or engage in sexual activity before they were married, or when they were being teased or picked on and negative thoughts came to mind, they should "Make a Difference and Stand Out."

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Brooks issues ultimatum

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er Theo Heyliger, the Shareholding Foundation and Supervisory Board of GEBE. The Executive Council of Saba has instructed its representatives on both boards to boycott this meeting. There has been no indication on what Statia intends to do.

GEBE's Shareholding Foundation is legally authorized, through its articles of incorporation, to appoint two additional Managing Directors to form a Managing Board of three Managing Directors. The Shareholding Foundation, after a recent study of GEBE's current and future plans, decided that the workload is and will be too much for one Managing Director.

The Shareholding Foundation considered the need to deal with the sewerage and waste management problem in St. Maarten, an effective solution for the garbage and waste to energy, diversification of energy production by the use of different forms of alternative energy etc.

Aardenburg argues that the decision by the Shareholding Foundation is in violation of good governance principles and not in the corporate interest of the company. He further opined that the sole purpose of the appointment of two additional Managing Directors is to "discredit the Managing Director in the continuing efforts to create a platform to fire Brooks in what now seems to be a private affair between the Chairman of the GEBE Shareholding Foundation and the Chairman of the Supervisory Board."

The attorney said the instructions were given without any involvement from and "behind the back" of Brooks, although he has an advisory vote in any Shareholders meeting. He also pointed to the fact that Saba and Statia have since dubbed the recruitment process as non-transparent and against the will of those two island territories.

However, it should be point-

ed out that the representatives of Saba and Statia on the Shareholder Foundation board were both in the meeting in which it was decided to instruct the Supervisory Board to commence the recruitment process for two additional Managing Directors.

As outlined in the articles of the foundation, even if members vote against or abstain from voting on any decision, once the vote is carried by majority, it's final. If a single member of the board is absent, any vote is deemed invalid even if it is carried by the majority. But once all of the members are present, the vote carries.

It is still unclear if Saba's representative Roy Smith and Statia's representative Max Pandt voted for or against the decision to instruct the Supervisory board to initiate the recruitment process. The Shareholder board consists of five persons. The other three members are from St. Maarten.

Committee regroups after actions fail to materialise

MARIGOT-The Robert Romney Support Committee blamed a lack of cooperation and a public indifferent to the cause, for the failure of Monday's planned protest actions, and it says it will consider its options ahead of Wednesday's expected visit by the Rector of Guadeloupe.

Road blocks had been planned for early Monday morning, but only one heavy equipment operator cooperated with the committee.

With the protests intensifying after last Thursday's interruption in the Territorial Council meeting, Monday saw some schools locked with padlocks and chains resulting in teachers and pupils having to return home or waiting to be let in.

Police were called apparently on the orders of the Collectivité to cut the locks. The shutters of the office of the School's Inspector were also reportedly glued into the closed position.

President of Citizen's Movement MOCSAM Julien Gumbs said he was "very disappointed" over the population's response despite the best efforts of the committee to communicate the issues through the media. He stressed that the cause goes far beyond the name Romney because it impacts the future of the whole education system. "This is about dignity and



An employee from Services Techniques supervised by Territorial Police officers cuts off a padlock from the gates of the Nina Duverly School in Marigot. Locking out teachers and pupils has been a ploy to draw attention to the Romney protest.

respect for the St. Martin people," said Gumbs. "When you have someone very highly qualified who is treated this way after he has served his island in the development of St. Martin's younglings, it goes beyond the person itself."

"It's a question of principle. Unfortunately we have to admit we have been unable to mobilise properly today. Some of our members are very determined but you cannot move in the name of the people if the people themselves are not mobilised."

Gumbs added the Collectivité uses the excuse there are no qualified St. Martiners for top positions yet Romney is a prime example of a dedicated St. Martinier who succeeded to a high ranking civil servant job.

"Romney wanted to give

back what he could because he sensed the stress, the failure rate in the school system. If this is not a concern of the people and looking at how the economy is today then I am very sad about that. There will never be any economy if there is no education for the people. The less people are educated, the more delinquency, robbery, violence, will have."

Gumbs also questioned the sincerity of elected officials who had voted to support Romney but had not backed up words with action or physical presence on the streets.

"There's no clear reading of the political will on the one hand and the behaviour of the politicians on the other. It just doesn't add up" he said.



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Dutch Transportation Minister Camiel Eurlings (right) is on a working visit on to the Netherlands Antilles during which he will discuss with counterparts here agreements on transportation, shipping and aviation in light of constitutional change. He paid a courtesy visit to Governor of the Antilles Frits Goedgedrag and met with Prime Minister Emilly Jongh-Elhage, Minister of Constitutional and Home Affairs Roland Duncan and Transportation Minister Patrick Illidge. In photo: Prime Minister Jongh-Elhage and Eurlings watch the Netherlands versus Slovakia soccer match in the Golden Chamber in Fort Amsterdam.

Thomas hopes for second year of distinguished status

COLE BAY—Incoming Area 6 Governor Emilia Thomas promised to lead St. Maarten's four Toastmasters Clubs to a second straight Distinguished Area award in her inaugural speech Saturday.

Toastmasters International's theme is "Achieving greatness together" and Thomas told members she believed the combined strengths of Souaiga Corporate Toastmasters, Phil-

ipsburg Toastmasters, St. Maarten Achievers Toastmasters and Disciples Toastmasters Clubs would propel the area to major change.

"This theme embodies my personal belief that we can all test our limits and grow into greatness through continuous learning," Thomas said. "We can achieve this greatness through commitment, service, and leadership."

She continued: "I believe in the Toastmasters' dream of continuous learning."

Thomas also introduced her new board to the club at the ceremony, a tradition to hand over the reins to the newest club officers.

Outgoing Area Governor Valerie Brazier praised the diligence of the clubs, urging them to continue working together and pledging her support whenever necessary.

CCCU Convention opens, call made for continued promotion

MAHO—Eighteen countries, representing some seventeen affiliated areas, attend the 53rd Annual International Convention and 39th Annual General Meeting of the Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions (CCCU).

Delegates from affiliates Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, the Netherlands Antilles, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, The Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago are present, while St. Maarten, which is not an affiliate, is also attending as it is the host country.

The four-day convention being held at Sonesta Maho Beach Resort and Casino is attended by some 400 delegates, who are meeting from June 26 to 30.

In her welcoming remarks, President of CCCU Yvonne Ridgward thanked delegates for once again showing up in numbers to the annual event. She expressed appreciation for what she dubbed as "really great hospitality that has been demonstrated by the Government and people of St. Maarten."

President Ridgward appealed to members to have a renewed passion for the continued growth and development of the organization, stressing that despite the challenging times being faced, the Credit Union will and can continue to grow.

Highlighting some of the key critical issues that will



The opening session of the CCCU convention

banks were regulated. "It must be noted by all that Credit Unions are different financial institutions and we would want governments to understand that, as we are a unique organization. We do not want governments to give us regulation that will affect the growth and development, but to look at empowering us so as to ensure that we do what we do best," she declared.

She noted further that the various credit unions needed to promote the credit union as the financial institution of choice, adding that it should also be the credible alternative. "We have a responsibility in our respective credit union to promote the organization as the financial institution of choice and let me stress that the credible union should also be seen as a credible alternative," she said.

She pointed out that her organization was cognizant of the fact that Governments have begun "turning their eyes" to see what was happening within the credit unions in an effort to see if sufficient regulations were in place. She declared that because credit unions were used to strict regulations they did not wish to be regulated in the same way that

Assembly approves motion

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commodation tax, the alien land holding tax and stamp duty have all fallen.

Against this backdrop he stressed the importance of getting some projects moving to revitalize the economy.

Leader of the Opposition Evans McNeil Rogers and opposition member Othlyn

Vanterpool also supported the motion with Rogers noting that governments around the world are going through difficult financial situations and Anguilla is no different.

Following the passing of the motion, Debate started on the 2010 Appropriation Bill.

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Summer Speaks returns

SIMPSON BAY—Lyzanne Charles' Summer Speaks returns to the St. Maarten poetry scene, kicking off at Crazy Thyme Restaurant in Simpson Bay today starting at 8:00pm sharp.

Charles created this spoken word festival last year with the support of Clara Reyes of Imballi Centre for Creative Movement, Sophia Kelly and a team of poets. Each night attendees will be served a delicious dinner consisting of a main course, dessert and one drink. Directly afterward attendees will enjoy the work of several of the island's veteran and up-and-coming poets.

Tonight's featured poets will be Daniella Arrindell, Rene Violonus.

Satel donates stereo set to Home for the Elderly

SABA—Telephone Company Satel N.V. presented a stereo set to the Hon. Henry Every Old Age Home on Friday.

The donation was made on the request of board member of the Benevolent Foundation Saba Dave Levenstone.

Levenstone said recently during a farewell party at the home that he realised the old stereo set was not functioning properly so he immediately took up contact with Satel Managing Director Jennifer Zagars and she agreed to a replacement.

Levenstone implored other businesses on the island to also contribute to worthy causes such as this if afforded the opportunity.

Shanica Richardson, Peter Lake, Lucinda Audain and Charles. Lovers of poetry are encouraged to come out to the event, which blends fine dining and art. Charles said she was happy to bring back this creative outlet for local poets and was working hard to ensure the shows would be as great as those last year.

Crazy Thyme Restaurant owners Andreas and Bevil

have opened their space willingly to allow young people to display their creativity. Cost per night will be US \$20 and includes admission and meal. There are special prices for people interested in attending multiple nights. For more information contact Charles at 522-2513 or 586-1266 or visit Crazy Thyme Restaurant.

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Police brass meet in Saba to discuss future changes

SABA—Minister of Justice Magali Jacoba recently presided over a meeting with top law enforcement officials of the Windward and BES Islands at the newly opened Windward-side Police Substation in Saba to discuss the coming upgrades to the police force on the island.

The meeting, which involved State Secretary of Justice Ernie Simmons, incoming BES Chief of Police Jan Rooijaker, acting Police Chief of Saba Inspector Wendell Thode, outgoing St. Maarten Chief of Police Adamar Doran and his successor Chief Peter de Witte, focused on changes affect-

ing the Police as Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba become public entities of Holland beginning October 10.

"The main reason the minister came over was to talk to the personnel about the newest developments that are pertaining to 10-10-10," Thode said. "The problems are being thought of, [Solutions] are in the making. The public shouldn't think that all the Police on the island are going to have to pack their bags and go back to St. Maarten. That's not going to be the case."

In addition to the current upgrades to both police stations on the island, plans are in place to add

Action Theatre presents new play by Ellis Lopes

ST. EUSTATIUS—Stations were treated to a new play by local playwright Ellis Lopes Sunday evening at the Flanders Community Center. The play, *Juggler*, was presented by St. Eustatius Action Theatre and directed by Lopes.

The play addressed some serious social problems encountered on Statia and throughout the Caribbean and the world. These include domestic violence, marital infidelity, unwanted pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, and the effects of these problems on children. In spite of this, there were some amusing lines, which were appreciated by the audience.

Starring as Dan, the "juggler" who tries to maintain a complicated life with a wife and two mistresses, was Reuben Merkmán. Gladys, his battered wife, was played by Anica Marsdin. The two mistresses, Maria and Ginger, were played by Carla Duinker and Lorraine Arnaud. Michael Schrewhardt played Karel, Dan's friend, and Giuliano Lopes played Ian, son of Dan and Gladys.

An educational interlude, in which the audience learned how HIV/AIDS is transmitted, occurred when Dan and Karel go to consult the doctor about their concerns. Dr. Paul Schats played himself as the doctor.

In the play, Maria consoles Gladys, who has just suffered a beating from her husband Dan. Gladys doesn't realize that Maria, her best friend, is also Dan's mistress, and in fact is pregnant by him. Maria secretly hopes that Gladys will leave her husband so that he will come to her.

When Dan finds out about the pregnancy, he wants Maria to have an abortion. She insists that she needs money for this, and Dan finally borrows it from his friend Karel. But Maria does not go through with the abortion, and when Dan demands his money back, she refuses. Karel is forced to try to get the money from Maria himself.

In the meantime, Ian comes home from school in a dejected state. Gladys, his mother, learns after some prodding that Ian has heard that both his mother and father are HIV positive. He is devastated, fearing that his parents will die and he will be left an orphan. The situation is left unresolved.

Juggler is truly a morality play, exemplifying what can happen when husbands/fathers behave irresponsibly.



Playwright Ellis Lopes introduces the cast of characters for his play, *Juggler*. From left: Karel (Michael Schrewhardt), Dan (Reuben Merkmán), Gladys (Anica Marsdin), Lopes, Maria (Carla Duinker), and Ginger (Lorraine Arnaud).



Members of the Saba Police meet with Antillean justice officials in a special meeting at the new Windwardside Police Substation.

an experienced detective from St. Maarten to Saba's police force. Additional officers from St. Maarten will also be brought over from St. Maarten to help during Saba's Carnival which takes places July 25 through August 1. Officials say they expect to have these changes in place in the coming weeks.

"I am hoping that this process will start soon," Jacoba said. "We are thinking by the end of June that this will start. We are hoping to have more police officers and we are hoping that the police that are here now will do their job in a better way."

"Now, we are going to rebuild the head station at The Bottom so we can have two police stations. We also like having the Immigration office here so that it can service the harbour and the airport more efficiently."

Beyond Carnival, however, several questions remain about how the police force will be affected when the Netherlands Antilles is dissolved and police units are incorporated under Dutch authority.

Despite those lingering questions, officials expressed confidence that the transition will eventually work itself out.

"It should be a good situation with the Dutch government," Jacoba said. "I'm very proud of this and I'm also very happy for the community of Saba for the changes that are coming after 10-10-10."

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A 2009 Summer Club hiking trip to the Quill National Park.

Stenapa hosts Summer Club

ST. EUSTATIUS—The St Eustatius National Parks (Stenapa) are inviting children from Statia aged 8 to 12 to sign up to their annual summer club programme.

Following a donation from telecommunications com-

pany Eutel of US \$1,000, Stenapa is able to register children free of charge.

The summer club will start on Monday, July 5, and run straight through the summer vacation period for five weeks with activities taking place four days a week.

Young women outstrip men as university and college graduates

THE HAGUE—More young women are leaving college and university in the Netherlands with a degree than are men, according to new figures from the Central Bureau for Statistics (CBS).

Some 42 per cent of women aged 25 to 35 have a degree, more than double the 20 per cent total recorded in 1996.

But only 36 per cent of young men have graduated from college or university, an increase of 11 percentage points compared with 13 years ago.

At the same time, fewer young women with a university or college degree are working full time than 13 years ago.

In 1996, 59 per cent of women aged 25 to 35 with a degree worked at least 35 hours a week, but that had fallen to 52 per cent by last year.

Nevertheless, 79 per cent of young female graduates now work, compared to 90 per cent of men.



Two new vehicles arrived in St. Eustatius Thursday for Nieuwe Post N.V. Postman Eardley Woodley Postman said the previous vehicles had been used for more than 13 years. The new cars, a Subaru van and Daihatsu SUV, will be put at the disposal of the delivery department, which has been waiting for new cars for the past two years. In photo are left to right: Anita Hook, Leona Spanner, Yeta Patrick and Eardley Woodley.

Dutch cow breaks bovine age record

RIEL—The oldest milk cow in the Netherlands is celebrating her 20th birthday, breaking the age record by two years. Agricultural umbrella organisation LTO is seizing the opportunity to put the spotlight on cow welfare.

LTO spokesman Siem Jan Schenk, speaking at a birthday party for cow Wiebrig-26 in the village of Riel, said good care will improve the wellbeing of cows and allow them to enjoy longer lives.

Schenk quoted some figures illustrating the benefits of a longer bovine life. If a cow lives one year longer, she can produce another 8,000 to 10,000 litres of milk. Fewer calves need to be raised, which in turn leads to less manure and a reduction in greenhouse gases and ammonia emissions. Ultimately, farmers' costs will be lower.

Schenk warned against cattle breeding with an exclusive focus on increasing

milk production. It is important to have "robust" cows, he said. Although producing less milk, they are better able to withstand diseases. He said it was advantageous to farmers to have healthy and happy cows.

On average, Dutch milk cows reach six or seven years of age. The latest record, two years ago, was 18.3 years.

Wiebrig-26's two decades constitute a new record, and it will be a long wait before it will be broken.



Director of Tourism Glenn Holm (centre back) and Barbara Tooten of Scott's Place (front right), where the group was treated to lunch by the Saba Tourist Office.

Brazilian press on Saba daytrip

SABA—The Saba Tourist Office hosted a group of nine members of the Brazilian press on a day trip to Saba recently.

The group had arrived on GOL's inaugural flight to St. Maarten on June 12, and were visiting the neighbouring islands to gain first-hand knowledge of the destinations and to feature the islands as part of the St. Maarten experience.

Aquamania Adventures (*The Edge*) provided complimentary transportation between the islands.

The Brazilian visitors thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and were pleasantly surprised to find such an abundance of nature on tiny Saba. They will include Saba in their various publications and assured the island will become popular with Brazilians visiting St. Maarten.

Drug trade-related arrests in Curaçao

WILLEMSTAD/ARUBA—Several arrests were made in an international drug trade and money laundering ring that stretched from Colombia to Curaçao and Aruba, the Public Prosecutor's Office in Curaçao confirmed Saturday. The exact number of arrests is unknown. The main suspects had used Aruba as a hiding place to prepare and coordinate criminal activities as discreetly as possible. They mostly traded in drug consignments of hundreds of kilograms.

The organization had branches in Columbia, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic and the United States, among others.

The Kingdom Cooperation Team RST had been investigating the drug trade ring for some time now under supervision of the Prosecutor's Office.

An international action was held in the early hours of Saturday. Judicial and police teams confiscated drugs and money found in house searches in various countries. RST will proceed with the investigation.

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The five chefs competing in the Taste of Anguilla contest.

Five chefs compete in 'A Taste of Anguilla'

ANGUILLA—Five chefs will compete in front of guests at a fund-raising event for the Teacher Gloria Omololu Institute on Sunday July 4. "A Taste of Anguilla" exhibits the culinary talent of Anguilla at the Temenos Golf Course, courtesy of Cap Juluca.

Competing chefs are Johnny Clero from Cap Juluca, Daniel Legueman from Cuisin'Art Resort & Spa, Charles Voudouris from Viceroey Hotel, Carrie Bogar of Veya Restaurant, and Thomas Chiarelli from Cote de Mer.

The chefs will cook their main dish and while they are preparing, delicious ap-

petizers, donated by Straw Hat, DaVida and Picante Restaurants will be served. Guests will then become the official food tasters as they move around to taste each main dish and vote for their favourite one. While the organizing team counts the votes, guests will then be served mouth-watering desserts contributed by Cuisin'Art Resort, Koa Keel and Viceroey Hotel.

Last year's winner, Carrie Bogar from Veya Restaurant, is one of the school's fundraising team to organize this event. After the tasting, there will be dancing with live music by Brit-

ish Dependency and DJ Webb. The event starts at 6:00pm and is scheduled to continue until midnight.

Judge declares confession valid

ARUBA/PERU—A Peruvian judge has decided that the confession made by double murder suspect Joran van der Sloot (22) can be used in the murder trial against the Dutch citizen.

Joran's lawyer Máximo Altez had lodged a complaint to have his client's confession on murdering Stephany Flores (21) declared invalid. The suspect declared later that he had signed the document under duress and hadn't read it.

His lawyer also said the government-appointed lawyer present during the interrogation had not pro-

tested Van der Sloot, who is also the primary suspect in the disappearance of American Nathalee Holloway in Aruba in 2005.

The judge brushed aside both arguments, with the consequence that Van der Sloot's confession can be used against him during the trial. The judge decided no mistakes had been made during the interrogations.

A High Court also rejected the complaint that Van der Sloot's arrest in Chile and his subsequent deportation to Peru had not occurred legally. Therefore, Van der Sloot will remain in custody in Castro Cas-

tro prison near Lima for the time being on remand for the Flores' murder.

The Supreme Court in Peru estimates the process against him will take approximately six months. Legal expert Mario Amoretti announced via the media that that estimation was much too low. He thinks the process will take approximately 18 months, if not years, before a trial will be held.

The overburdened legal system in Peru is regularly confronted with cases in which suspects have been in remand for a lengthy period.



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Jerome Roberts

Roberts 'crosses the floor' and joins the Government

ANGUILLA—The elected member for Sandy Hill Jerome Roberts, who is a member of the Anguilla Progressive Party, announced on Monday that he wished to leave the opposition benches and join the Government.

His announcement came during Monday's meeting of the House of Assembly.

He said he felt that by working with the Government he would be able to better serve his people of District 2 and the people of the island.

Chief Minister Hubert Hughes welcomed Roberts to the Government saying that Anguilla has long been divided and he believes Roberts' decision was the first step towards a nationalist approach to government.

Hughes said history has been made and Anguilla will benefit.

Roberts' move, the Chief Minister added, has "brought a semblance of unity to the island" and he hopes the other opposition members will follow.

Leader of the Opposition Evans McNeil Rogers wished Roberts all the best and expressed the hope he will work in the best interest of the people. The Speaker of the House, Barbara Webster-Bourne added her congratulations to Roberts.

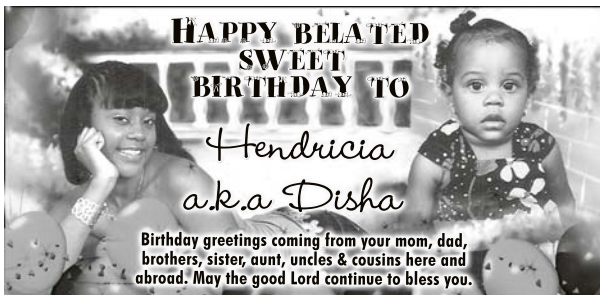
So far, no official position or allocation of government responsibility has been announced for Roberts.



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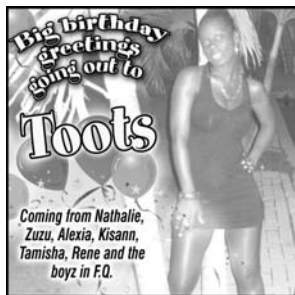
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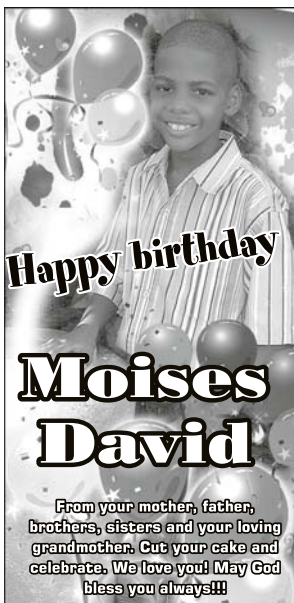
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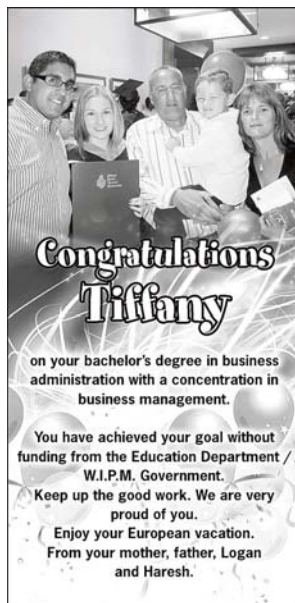
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The annual member meeting of the Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions (CCCU) will be held in Curaçao from June 21 to June 26, 2011, and will attract 500 delegates. According to Randy Curiel, project manager with Fekoskan, the umbrella organisation of 11 savings and credit unions in Curaçao and one in Bonaire, there is a possibility that attendance could exceed 700. The activities will take place at Renaissance Hotel, which will also accommodate a large number of the guests. CCCU has with two million affiliated members.

Schotte resigns from MAN party

WILLEMSTAD--Gerit Schotte has resigned as member of the MAN party in Curaçao. Schotte informed party leadership via letter of his resignation effective immediately.

He assured his 9,000-plus supporters that despite his resignation from the blue party, he will remain politically active, especially considering he is a member of the Island Council and sits in Parliament.

He declined to elaborate to the *Amigoe* newspaper about his future plans which could include forming his own party or joining an existing party. It is widely speculated that existing parties will try to recruit Schotte because of his immense popularity.

"I have various options. I'm 35 years old and I just obtained more than 9,000 votes in the last election (Parliamentary Election of

January 2010). I will reveal my future plans in the coming days. I have ambition and I'm eager to influence changes with innovative and modern strategies," he said.

In his letter, he thanked the MAN leadership for giving him the opportunity to run on its political list for the first time as a candidate and for the confidence and trust the party bestowed in him.

Six British men arrested for preparing gangland killing

AMSTERDAM--Six British men, ages 37 to 62 years, were arrested in Amsterdam earlier this month on suspicion of plotting a gangland killing, it was reported Friday.

All but two of the men have been released from custody, the police said. The arrests

were made following a tip-off from Britain's Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA).

Two men were arrested on the street, three after a car chase and one during a raid on a house.

Three automatic rifles, a revolver, pistol and a quantity of ammunition were also seized.

A police spokesman said the arrests, made on June 10, may be part of a war between two gangs from Liverpool, which has already claimed a number of lives.

Abvo loses lobby for parking compensations

WILLEMSTAD--The civil service union Abvo lost the case against the Island Government regarding a conflict over parking fees.

On behalf of the civil servants, the Abvo requested the government create free parking spaces in the city centre or otherwise provide for an additional monthly compensation of NAf. 200.

The judge said this should be considered as wage element and that granting or refusal of an allowance falls under the court procedure of the civil servants judge. Therefore, the court declared it had no jurisdiction.

A referral to the civil servants judge could not take place, as only an individual civil servant could lodge an objection and not the trade union. The Abvo was declared accountable for the legal costs.

US customs officer appears before judge

ARUBA--A US customs officer will have to appear before the judge on July 2 to give evidence in a drug smuggling case.

A pro forma session for the case against suspect W.I.B. was held Friday. He was caught with drug packages in his suitcase on March 1.

According to the suspect, the customs officer had told him there were no drugs in his suitcase. However, the police statement had the opposite with the customs officer confirming that the suitcase contained drugs.

In order to remove all obscurity, the judge has called the customs officer to testify in the case when it is continued.

amounting to NAf. 1000 on part of the Island Territory as a result of losing the case.

The Abvo announced it would support the civil servants individually in their petitions to the civil servants judge. Abvo's lawyer Lisanne Asjes argued its standard jurisprudence that the employer offers equal treatment to his employees.

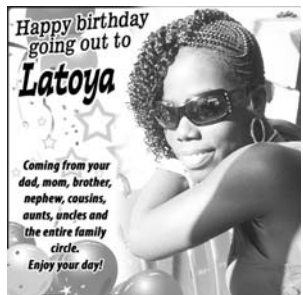
The employer may not make a distinction based on, amongst others, the kind of contract and/or work of the employee. The island territory supposedly discriminates by offering a large group of employees free parking in Punda in the neighbourhood of their workplace, and letting another group of employees pay for parking.

In addition, the island territory supposedly acts contrary to being a good employer and the reasonableness and fairness by refusing to compensate this group of employees financially, as they currently have to pay additional parking cost per month.

It was pointed out that the island territory receives a financial recoporation from Parking Authority Curaçao (PAC) for the contracting of the exploitation and management of the public parking places in Punda.

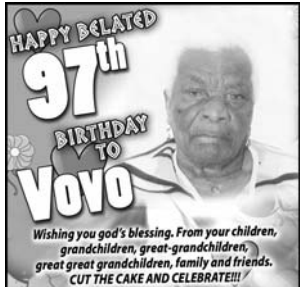
As a good employer, the government should arrange for free parking in the neighbourhood of the employees' workplace. If this is not possible due to their own doing then the employees should be compensated in this matter.

In the first place, the island territory did not appeal to the inadmissibility of Abvo in the procedure because the latter had requested a compensation for its members. The government is of the opinion that the principles of being a good employer are not violated, as no parking compensations are paid. Being a good employer also does not entail the obligation that the employer must arrange for parking spaces whether or not in the neighbourhood of the work.



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Tender: Bids must be submitted on:
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 Time : 10.00 am
 Location : Directorate Programs and Projects

Information meeting: Information meeting will be held on:

Date : Tuesday July 6 2010
 Time : 10.00 am

Location : Directorate Programs and Projects (DPP)
 If requested by the prospective bidders after the meeting the site location can be visited for inspection.

Minutes of the meeting will be sent to the participants ultimately 7 days prior to the tender date. Questions regarding the bidding process can be submitted only in writing not later than Friday July 30 2010. All documents and drawings are in the Dutch language.

Bids must be submitted in triplicate in a closed envelope according to the tender form specified in the specifications. All documents to be submitted have to be signed. The 3 sets all in a separate envelope together in one single bigger closed envelope marked "Inscrijving Huivering OTS Jongeren Usona 2009008". Envelopes will be opened and the bids will be announced during the tender session. No correspondence can take place regarding the outcome of the bidding and the contract awarding. Late bids and incomplete bids will not be accepted.

For further information regarding this public tender please contact:

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For more information please contact St. Maarten Student Support Services at info@v4foundation.nl.

DEPARTMENT OF VOSEC

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The Executive Council of Sint Maarten makes known that a request has been filed by **Product Island Value N.V. d.b.a. The Captain's Duty Free Shop** to retail alcoholic beverages at "Welcome Center", Tony's Marina, Philipsburg, St. Maarten.

In accordance with article 21 of the Federal Ordinance on Licenses, PB 1963 nr 28, the request with the relevant documents are available for public scrutiny, for a period of **two weeks**, after the publication date of this notice, at the Department of Permits and Licenses at the Zoutsteeg # 3, Philipsburg. During that time objections can be entered in writing against the issuance of the requested licenses and or permit.

The Executive Council of Sint Maarten makes known that a request has been filed by **Theresa Investments N.V. d.b.a. The View** to operate a coffeehouse & Restaurant A at Jordan Road # 42, Cupecoy, St. Maarten.

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Plea for broader interpretation government participation policy

WILLEMSTAD—A broader interpretation is required for the shareholder or participation policy in public entities in which more emphasis is made on continuity, quality of the public service and an acceptable tariff level, jurist Glenn Camelia stated in a symposium organized Friday by privatization institution StIP.

He is a former parliamentarian for Forsa Kòrsou

(FK) and secretary of the Social Economic Council SER. He is now a jurist with DavidKock Legal.

Camelia dwelled on "corporate governance and the public interest in the participation policy of the government" in his speech.

Although Camelia adheres to the corporate governance policy, which the Island Council had approved last year, he had his comments.

Camelia describes corporate governance as "rules and manners for, in particular, administrators, commissioners and shareholders that should lead to corporate governance, reliable supervision and good entrepreneurship, characterized by sound and transparent conduct."

Government intends to appoint the Institution Bureau Supervision and Standardization Government Entities SBTNO as the expert to advise government on implementation and upholding of corporate governance rules.

In his argument, Camelia stated that government is free to act on advice from SBTNO. "Following up on the advices is an emotive point. The local politics will not always be prepared to act upon advices that do not suit them politically. It requires more than expertise and authority."

In that respect, he pleaded for a suitable tool that could be used to observe such advices.

He addresses to a further professionalization and pragmatism of government's shareholder/participation policy. However, he commented that government should actively propagate the public interest in its shareholder role, because the shareholder/participation policy of Country Curaçao may not be restricted within short to pursuance of business interests.

"For example, the government should no longer exclusively test the policy and the connected important investment decisions of the company against the output," Camelia pointed out. In the future, the strategic course from government's point of view as shareholder should be focused also on realizing the relevant parts connected to "public interests," such as "continuity" and "quality" of the public service and the tariff level.

"A managerial organization with authority, weight and influence should coordinate the public interest on behalf of government," the jurist said.

Copter crash investigation could take several weeks

ROTTERDAM—A Police spokesman said the investigation into Sunday's helicopter crash near Rotterdam could take weeks.

The Aviation Police are currently drawing up a plan for the investigation.

Four people were killed and one badly injured when a helicopter photographing the Tour de Port amateur cycling race suddenly swerved, started to spin and crashed.

The Tour de Port was organised by the Port Authority as part of the celebrations of the fact that this year's Tour De France starts in Rotterdam.

The manufacturer's technicians will inspect the helicopter engine and a post-mortem will be carried out on the pilot. The results of the investigation will be sent to the Prosecutor's Office.



A boy is using a garden sprinkler in seeking relief from the heat wave in the Netherlands. (AD photo)

Heat wave to persist

DE BILT—Temperatures in the Netherlands are set to stay around 30 Celsius (86 Fahrenheit) until the end of the week at least, when the chance of thunderstorms will increase, the KNMI weather bureau said Monday.

The continuing heat wave has led public health institute RIVM to implement its hot weather plan focusing on the elderly.

The RIVM is urging family members, health visitors and home care workers to make sure elderly people stay out of the sun and drink plenty of liquid.

In 2006, some 1,500 people died because of the soaring temperatures.

The KNMI has also warned that the strength of the sun will increase during the week, as the ozone layer is thinning out.



Groen-left GroenLinks leader Femke Halsema (right) shaking hands with new cabinet negotiator Herman Tjeenk Willink in the First Chamber building in The Hague. (ANP photo)

First cabinet talks with new negotiator

THE HAGUE—Liberal VVD leader on Monday Mark Rutte said that all options were open for forming a new coalition government in the Netherlands, as the talks moved into the next phase.

"My preference is for a cabinet with the CDA, VVD and PvdA, but I am blocking nothing, not right, centre or left," Rutte said after meeting new cabinet negotiator Herman Tjeenk Willink.

Tjeenk Willink began holding talks with party leaders on Monday, after being asked to take over the process by Queen Beatrix on Friday.

Previous negotiator Uri Rosenthal had recommended the Queen appoint two negotiators, one from Labour PvdA and one of VVD, to work on a cross-party cabinet.

Queen Beatrix, however, has opted for one PvdA negotiator to conduct an intermediary phase after Rosenthal had reached a stalemate.

Now Tjeenk Willink, deputy chairman of the government's Council of State advisory body, has been asked by the Queen to "find out about the steps which need to be taken to form a cabinet which can count on a

fruitful alliance with parliament."

Tjeenk Willink said his job is to ask party leaders who they think can lead the next stage of the talks, not to begin negotiations.

Although a member of the PvdA, Tjeenk Willink is regarded as above party interests. After serving as a PvdA senator, he became speaker of the Senate and has been vice-president of the Council of State since 1997.

Socialist Party (SP) leader Emile Roemer has written a letter to Tjeenk Willink, asking for a meeting. He wants him to consider the possibility of a centre-left coalition with the PvdA, the Christian Democrat CDA, environmentalist GroenLinks and SP.

He said he was "furious" that Rosenthal had ignored

his party, which polled nearly a million votes in the recent election and has 15 seats in parliament.

He added that none of the parties invited to meet Tjeenk Willink on Monday had expressed any objection to the SP or to a centre-left cabinet.

VVD leader Rutte said, after his meeting with the new negotiator, that he had no "block" about any particular coalition, although his preference was for a cabinet with the VVD, PvdA and CDA.

Following his meeting with Tjeenk Willink, PvdA leader Job Cohen said he told the negotiator that he still favoured the "purple plus" option with PvdA, VVD, centre-left D66 and GroenLinks.

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Rowley keeps old guard for Local Government elections

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad—As he urged supporters who had left the party to “come back home,” Dr Keith Christopher Rowley began his five-year term as Political Leader of the PNM Sunday, pledging to usher in a new leadership style and a new culture in which criticism, dissent and vigorous intellectual discussion within the party would be encouraged.

“Speak up in this party without fear, without fear of victimisation, without fear of spite,” Rowley urged delegates as he delivered his inaugural speech at the PNM special (delegates-only) convention at City Hall, Port of Spain.

In what seemed to be an implied comment on the maximum leadership style of his predecessor, Patrick Manning, Rowley, who was installed as leader after being nominated unopposed

by 452 party groups, said: “I will encourage you to say your piece, so you will never say that under my leadership, the General Council is a place where nobody talks.”

To resounding applause from the delegates, he continued: “I will encourage you to be productively critical, as long as your criticism is respectful and is done without malice.”

“Don’t expect to win every argument ... but make your contribution,” he emphasised.

“You will get different views, ... express those views ... we will remain bonded by the cord of being PNM... And as we do that what will attract people to make a national contribution in the PNM. That is what will strengthen this party.”

Also saying, however, that he was not a new boy on the block and was someone who

was around the party for 36 years (he joined in 1974), Rowley said: “I know the PNM well. And I will tell you this, if I have anything to tell you, I will tell you myself.”

Urging delegates to ignore any person who comes and tells them “Rowley say this or Rowley say that,” he said: “I give you the assurance today that I will not be afraid to tell you anything that is unpleasant and is required to be told.”

“Thank you baby!” one woman shouted.

While he promised change in style, Rowley retained the old guard (the Executive which served under Patrick Manning, including the four deputy political leaders), at least until Local Government elections.

The only change in personnel came with the announcement that former minister John Rahael would be campaign manager in the forthcoming Local Government elections (replacing Conrad Enill who had managed the two previous election campaigns). The statement drew long cheers.

Enill, who had offered his resignation as party Chairman, along with General Secretary Martin Joseph, will stay on. And Rowley will also keep the four current deputy political leaders for now.

Explaining the rationale for the decision, Rowley said: “As Political Leader, I am required to make certain decisions. But we will conduct our business in an orderly manner ... We know that we have to reform this party and that it requires changes ... But we have a responsibility to ensure that when we are called to the polls, we put our best foot forward in the circumstances.”

“We are in an election. This is not the time when we would be doing our major restructuring. The restructuring would come from July 27, we would be in that mode ... But (for

now) we have an election to fight. And as your new captain ... the rallying cry today and onwards is all hands on deck.”

His announcement received a ringing endorsement from his audience. Rowley stressed that the PNM had a new leader, but it was not a new party. Acknowledging that the PNM was not the dominant force it used to be, having links with every critical organisation, he said there was no shame in defeat, once the battle is fought honourably “and the PNM always fights honourably.” He remarked, however, that “none of us is immortal, invincible or irreplaceable.” (Trinidad Express)



Newly-elected Political Leader of the People's National Movement (PNM) Dr Keith Rowley, addressing a gathering of supportive delegates at Sunday's Special Convention of the party at City Hall, Port of Spain. (Trinidad Express photo by Curtis Chase)

'Too many retirees and foreigners' running T'dad health institutions

PORT-OF-SPAIN—President of the Medical Council of Trinidad and Tobago, Prof Zulaiqa Ali, says local health institutions are now run by too many retirees and foreign personnel.

Ali was delivering a research paper on “Upskilling, Health Care Providers for the 21st Century” at Sunday's Medical Update and Research Conference of the Trinidad and Tobago Medical Association at the Crowne Plaza hotel, Port of Spain.

“The shortage of health care professionals has resulted in heavy dependence on retirees and foreign personnel who may not have updated technical knowledge and skills,” Ali told the gathering.

She added, “Not all the health care providers have the cultural background and language skills to function locally to deliver quality health services.”

She said what was needed to improve the system was “to build a strategic partnership between education and health facilities, and the implementation of training strategies to improve access to continuing education.”

Ali said there was also the need for further training and guidelines in asthma treatment, alcoholism, drugs and HIV, as well as childhood drawbacks and obesity.

Dealing with the human resource problems in the Ministry of Health, Ali said,



Prof Zulaiqa Ali

“There are a number of issues in the public health sector that affect proper health care.”

She said these include staff shortages due to migration, poor workers compensation and poor working conditions.

She also touched on the aging cadre of workers and attrition, absence of staff from the workplace due to overseas travel, no access to postgraduate training, vacation and leave.

Ali said, “The knowledge gap was most obvious in the area of HIV/AIDS, where fear, myths, stigma and discrimination affected the system of treatment at public institutions.”

Ali, a professor of child care and director of the UWI Telehealth and Trinidad and Tobago Health

Training Centre, said training of all categories of health care providers, to update their technical knowledge and skills, is essential in today's environment of rapid advances in medicine.

She said to support wider participation in the training programme, it is essential that distance learning approaches be more fully utilised.

Health Minister Therese Baptiste-Cornelis was not at Sunday's conference where she was carded to deliver an address, but participants were told by Chief Medical Officer Anton Cumberbatch that the minister was unable to attend “because she was engaged in the clean-up campaign.” (Trinidad Express)



Jamaica's Prime Minister Bruce Golding (left) chatting with United States President Barack Obama during a meeting on the sidelines of the G8 Summit at Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville, Ontario, Canada, on Friday. Golding was in Canada days after one of his country's most notorious gang leaders was extradited to the United States on drug and gun charges.

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Miller calls for gun amnesty, tells why he helped 'Dudus'

KINGSTON, Jamaica—Reverend Al Miller who was last Thursday charged by the authorities with harbouring a fugitive and perverting the course of justice by attempting to bypass local police and escort former fugitive and Tivoli Gardens strongman Christopher 'Dudus' Coke to authorities at the United States Embassy, is calling for a gun amnesty.

Coke was arrested last Tuesday after the vehicle in which he was travelling with Miller was pulled over in a police spot check on the Mandela Highway.

According to Miller, he had agreed to take Coke to US officials at the embassy after Coke requested his assistance earlier that day.

The mission of mercy failed and Coke was taken into custody, but Miller, who was originally told by the police that he was free to go, was on Thursday formally charged with harbouring a fugitive and perverting the course of justice.

Sunday, addressing members of his congregation at Fellowship Tabernacle on Washington Boulevard in St Andrew, in a message titled "The end of an era—the new day dawns," Miller pushed

the need for the Government and the Opposition "to urgently do what is necessary to give a period of amnesty for guns and weapons."

"Politicians have in the past unofficially put guns into the hands of the youth. They must now officially take them out by allowing this amnesty and forgive their offences. The majority of (youth in crime) want to stop but they don't know how to. Let us give the youth a fresh start," he told the congregation.

Using Isaiah 43, which speaks to forgetting the past and making new beginnings, as his text, Miller urged citizens to support a gun amnesty recovery programme and a socio-economic reconstruction programme.

In the meantime, he said the Government should use Coke's extradition, which marked the "end of an era", as a watershed moment to forgive the past and create a framework for a fresh start.

"God is saying this to the nation now, 'this is the hour and the time.' God will have us arise to take responsibility for our destiny. Forget the past. He is doing a new thing. The nation is at a critical point," Miller preached. He said Coke wanted to end

the violent history that has stained him and his family and an utterance by the reputed don encouraged him to give up that history.

According to Miller, Coke's decision to surrender signalled the former fugitive's desire "to help bring this to an end."

"[He said] 'since it started with me (my family) let it end with me,'" Miller told his congregation.

Coke is the latest member of the Coke family to have made headlines for the wrong reasons. The US Drug Enforcement Agency said Coke inherited the reins of the notorious Shower Posse and has accused him of trafficking in cocaine, marijuana and arms.

Coke, also known as "The President" and "Shortman," lost his father, two brothers and a sister violently and now faces life imprisonment in a US penal facility.

His father, Lester Lloyd 'Jim Brown' Coke, a leading member of the Shower Posse, died in a mysterious fire in his jail cell while awaiting extradition on federal charges. His brother, Mark 'Jah T' Coke, was shot off his motorbike near the intersection of Maxfield Avenue and



Rev. Al Miller

Spanish Town Road and another brother, 'Chris Royal' or 'Royal Blend' was killed by police.

His sister 'Mumpi' was killed during a gunfight.

It's this legacy that Miller said 'Dudus' wants to end.

The charismatic clergyman also told his congregation that some of the reports that have been making the rounds concerning Coke's capture were untrue.

"Some of what you have heard is certainly not accurate. Yours truly was not in a convoy with gunmen behind and before, it never happened," Miller said in response to police reports that the vehicle he travelled in was sandwiched between two car loads of armed thugs.

The police said they had assessed the situation and allowed the thugs to escape in order to nab Coke.

In addition, Miller said "there is absolutely no truth to the statement that I was trying to run away from the police; again no truth".

Miller also confessed that even though he went for Coke he was "frail like puss".

"I simply got a call to deal with an issue. It was an opportunity that is a response to prayer," the pastor said.

According to Miller, a fellow Christian had come some two weeks before with a dream which she said showed that he, Miller, would be instrumental in Coke's surrender.

He said the dream prepared him so that when the call came he "would know God was in it".

"I went, picked him up and was taking him to the authorities. Nothing more, nothing less. I wasn't trying to big up myself," Miller continued.

The Reverend, however, promised church members that a pastoral sit down would be arranged at some time in the future "so you can be clear in your minds." (From Jamaica Observer)

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PNP Party leader Portia Simpson Miller, left, with her colleagues Peter Bunting and Peter Phillips. (Jamaica Observer photo)

PNP wants 'Dudus' to spill the beans

HIGHGATE, St Mary—Opposition spokesman on national security Peter Bunting wants alleged drug kingpin Christopher 'Dudus' Coke, who is now in a federal prison in the United States, to spill the beans on all his cronies in the criminal underworld.

Bunting said Coke's extradition is not the end of the story for criminals and their illegal activities and that if Coke decides to come clean and tell all about his affiliation with the criminal network, it could be the beginning of something new.

"Many persons think that this will be the beginning of another episode if he decides to come clean, and we hope that is what he will do so we can have not just one individual apprehended, but we can have a general housing," Bunting said.

"All those who were his conspirators, all those who were his collaborators, they should be hopefully feeling very insecure now and that the due process of law will eventually catch up with them as well."

Bunting said now that Coke has been extradited, the country can begin to move forward. He is, however, maintaining that the entire issue surrounding Coke's extradition was handled shabbily and that Prime Minister Bruce Golding and Justice Minister Dorothy Lightbourne should be held fully responsible.

Bunting made the comment while speaking to reporters at a National Executive Council (NEC) post-prime conference at St Mary High school yesterday, where reporters were barred from recording the

party leader Portia Simpson Miller's address.

Reporters were told that Simpson Miller took a last-minute decision not to allow the recording of her presentation as she wanted to speak directly to members of the NEC with whom she has not had an opportunity to speak directly since April.

In the meantime, Bunting said the party has made it clear that its decision to support the continuation and extension of the State of Emergency was only for 30 days and that it should not be considered automatic when the renewal comes up.

He said this was done to allow the security forces to complete the operation which they had started in West Kingston. (Jamaica Observer)

Police Commission to make decision on top cop post soon

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad—The Police Service Commission will have to, over the next day, decide on whether acting Police Commissioner James Philbert should step aside and allow one of three deputy commissioners-elect to act as the country's police commissioner until Parliament approves a nominee for the post.

The commissioner's term expires tomorrow, Wednesday, and its chairman, Christopher Thomas, says the commission intends to discuss the acting top cop appointment, after 'issues' were raised shortly after Parliament gave approval for acting Deputy Commissioners Stephen Williams and Maurice Piggott, along with former Canadian chief of police, Jack Ewatski, to be appointed.

Thomas agreed over the weekend that once the three receive their instruments of appointments from the PSC, they would become senior to Philbert, who is an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP).

One of Philbert's fellow ACPs, who asked not to be named, Sunday called on the Commission to act in accordance with the law and appoint one of the three deputies, who are to be officially confirmed in their posts this week, to act as police commissioner.

Williams, first on the order of merit list in the deputy CoP category in the just-concluded selection process undertaken by the Justice and Safety Institute (JASI) of the Pennsylvania State University, will become the most senior officer within the service when presented with his instruments of appointment, followed by Piggott and Ewatski.

According to the senior officer, "The Commission has several options before it, which include asking him (Philbert) to step aside, and pay him off for the remaining period of his acting tenure, which expires on September 30, and appoint Williams to act as commissioner."

He said if Philbert is allowed to stay on until his contract expires, or a CoP is appointed, there would be tension within the executive because Philbert would have to give instructions to his new deputies.

At the time of Philbert's appointment, there were no deputy commissioners, nor were there any existing laws which specifically dealt with the appointment of officers to act in the offices of CoP and DCoP. Senior Counsel Dana Seetahal, however, has stated that Philbert has ultimate control of the service, since he was appointed to the post before provisions were made to deal with acting executive appointments.

Exercising its discretion under the law, the Commission then appointed Philbert, the most senior officer within the service, to act as the top cop until a suitable replacement was found. (Trinidad Express)

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Senate Republicans rap Obama's high-court pick

WASHINGTON—U.S. President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan promised on Monday to take an impartial approach to the law after Republicans criticized her qualifications and objectivity on the first day of her Senate confirmation hearing.

Kagan, Obama's solicitor general and a former Harvard Law School dean, is expected to be confirmed to an ideologically divided Supreme Court next month, but Republicans

indicated they would not make it easy. In opening statements in the Senate Judiciary Committee, they repeatedly raised questions about her lack of experience as a judge and portrayed her as a lawyer more interested in political activism than legal precedents.

"Your relatively thin record clearly shows that you've been a political lawyer," Republican Senator Charles Grassley told Kagan, who sat placidly at the witness table through more than two hours of opening statements.

"A judge needs to be an independent arbiter, not an advocate or rubber-stamp for a political agenda," he said.

In brief opening testimony, Kagan praised the court and said she would rule impartially and with deference to the wishes of the people and lawmakers. "I will try hard and I will do my best to consider every case impartially, modestly, with commitment to principle, and in accordance with law," she said.

Kagan, 50, has served the past year as Obama's solicitor general, which represents the U.S. government in cases before the court that she now hopes to join. Kagan said the court must ensure the government never oversteps its bounds, but "must also recognize the limits on itself and respect the choices made by the American people."

Kagan's nomination to replace retiring Justice John Paul Stevens has not sparked a political fight, in part because she is not expected to change the court's fragile ideological



U.S. Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan is sworn in to testify during the first day of her Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearings in Washington on Monday.

balance and in part because she has no judicial record to pick through.

The nomination also has been overshadowed by a heavy crush of political news, including the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and last week's removal of Afghanistan war commander General Stanley McChrystal.

Barring an unexpected gaffe, she appears headed to a relatively easy Senate approval before Congress heads for its August vacation. Democrats hold a 58-41 edge in the Senate after the death of Monday Democratic Senator Robert Byrd at age 92.

If confirmed, Kagan would be Obama's second high-court appointee, following Sonia Sotomayor, who won Senate

confirmation last year in a 68-31 vote, becoming the first Hispanic U.S. Supreme Court justice. "Ms. Kagan has less real legal experience of any nominee in at least 50 years. It's not just that she has never been a judge," said Senator Jeff Sessions, the panel's top Republican. "She has barely practiced law, and not with the intensity and duration from which real understanding occurs."

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Supreme Court rejects tobacco damages appeal

WASHINGTON/CHICAGO—The U.S. Supreme Court rejected an attempt by the federal government to wrest billions of dollars in damages from the tobacco industry, a decision that helped lift tobacco stocks.

The court sided against tobacco in a separate appeal, but that did nothing to temper enthusiasm on Wall Street, which saw the elimination of any potential for the federal government to win a multi-billion-dollar award against the industry as a clear win for cigarette makers.

The fact that the court threw out the government's appeal is a positive for tobacco stocks because it removes one of many potential liabilities, said Jud Yale, chief investment strategist at Options News Network, a division of option-market maker PEAK6 Investments in Chicago. "Removing that appeal is viewed as a big positive for the share prices."

The Dow Jones tobacco index rose 1.83 percent on Monday afternoon. The shares of Altria Group Inc, the largest U.S. tobacco company, closed up 3.25 percent to \$20.34, while rival Reynolds American Inc's closed up about 4 percent to \$53.45.

The stocks moved higher even as the justices rejected a separate appeal by the tobacco companies of a lower court's ruling that the companies had violated racketeering law by conspiring to lie for years to sell tobacco products they knew were dangerous. The case, filed in 1999 by the Clinton administration, sought to force the industry to fund a smoking cessation program and other remedies. The U.S. Justice Department under the Bush administration dropped demands from \$280 billion to \$14 billion.

U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler ruled in 2006 that the companies broke the law and could no longer use expressions such as "low tar" or "light" in their cigarette marketing. But she also said she could not force them to fund a smoking cessation program. An appeals court held that the judge could act to prevent racketeering violations but not to impose smoking-cessation and other remedies.

The Obama administration appealed to the Supreme Court. Administration attorneys said the appeals court's ruling prevented the trial judge from crafting appropriate remedies.

US arrests 10 for spying for Russia

WASHINGTON—U.S. authorities said on Monday they have broken up a spy ring that carried out deep-cover work in the United States to recruit political sources and gather information for the Russian government.

Authorities charged 11 individuals with the plot, 10 of whom were arrested on Sunday in Boston, New York, New Jersey and Virginia on charges including conspiracy to act as unlawful agents of the Russian Federation and money laundering.

The group, dubbed the "Illegals," was accused of being tasked by the Russian intelligence agency SVR to enter the United States, assume false identities and become "deep-cover" Americans, according to the U.S. Justice Department.

Their goal was to "become sufficiently 'Americanized' such that they could gather information about the United States for Russia and can successfully recruit sources who are in, or are able to infiltrate, United States policy-making circles," according to criminal complaints filed in U.S. federal court.

However, they were not assigned to collect classified, secret information, a Justice Department official said. Most are believed to be originally from Russia and trained to secretly infiltrate the United States.

News of the bust comes just days after President Barack Obama met with Russian Dmitry Medvedev to continue repairing a relationship between the two nations that has been fractured over diverging foreign policies and business matters.

US top court extends gun rights to states, cities

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday extended gun rights to every state and city in the nation in a ruling likely to spur new challenges to gun control measures across the United States.

The 5-4 ruling could ultimately make it easier for individuals to own handguns in a country that already has the world's highest civilian gun ownership rate. Some 90 million Americans own an estimated 200 million guns.

Splitting along conservative and liberal lines, the nation's highest court extended its landmark 2008 ruling—that individual Americans have a constitutional right to own guns—to all cities and states for the first time.

The decision extending

gun rights, one of the country's most divisive social, political and legal issues, was a setback for Chicago's 28-year-old ban on handguns, which now faces new judicial review and is likely to be eventually overturned. Legal challenges to existing laws restricting gun use in other states and cities are also expected.

Investors saw the ruling as a win for gun makers, pushing shares of Smith & Wesson Holding Corp up 5.6 percent and Sturm Ruger & Co up 2.2 percent on Monday.

The right to bear arms, under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, previously applied only to federal laws and federal enclaves, like Washington D.C., where the court struck down a similar

handgun ban in its 2008 ruling. The ruling, issued on the last day of the Supreme Court's term, was a victory for four Chicago-area residents, two gun rights groups and the powerful National Rifle Association.

"This decision makes absolutely clear that the Second Amendment protects the God-given right of self-defense for all law-abiding Americans, period," said Chris Cox, the rifle association's chief lobbyist.

Chicago had defended its law as a reasonable exercise of local power to protect public safety. That law, and a similar handgun ban in suburban Oak Park, Illinois, were the nation's most restrictive gun control measures.

Longest-serving US lawmaker dies at 92

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senator Robert Byrd, who evolved from a segregationist to a civil rights advocate in becoming the longest-serving member of Congress, died on Monday. First elected 58 years ago, he was 92.

Democrats are expected to retain their 59-41 Senate majority since West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin is virtually certain to appoint a fellow Democrat to replace Byrd. But Byrd's death may delay efforts to win final congressional approval this week of landmark legislation that he backed to tighten regulation of the financial industry.

Strong public support, however, means Democrats are likely eventually to get the needed 60 Senate votes from within their ranks and Republicans critical of Wall Street, analysts said.

Byrd, who served through a dozen U.S. presidencies, died peacefully at Inova Fairfax Hospital outside of Washington, D.C., said spokesman Jesse Jacobs. Byrd was hospitalized last week with what doctors believed was a heat-related illness.

"I love to serve. I love the Senate. If I could live another 100 years, I'd like to continue in the Senate," Byrd, who kept a copy of the U.S. Constitution in his breast pocket, said in a 2006 interview with Reuters.

"The people of West Virginia have lost a true champion, the United States Senate has lost a venerable institution, and America has lost a voice of principle and reason with the passing of Robert C. Byrd," said President Barack Obama.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said Byrd will be remembered "for his fighter's spirit, his abiding faith and for the many times he recalled the Senate to its purposes."

Jay Rockefeller, West Virginia's other Democratic senator, said "Senator Byrd came from humble beginnings and triumphantly rose to the heights of power in America. But he never forgot where he came from nor who he represented, and he never abused that power for his own gain."

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MEXICO CITY—A popular gubernatorial candidate in the northern Mexican state of Tamaulipas was murdered by suspected drug hitmen on Monday in the worst sign so far of political intimidation by smuggling gangs.

Traders said Mexico's peso heavily as TV images showed the bodies of Rodolfo Torre, 46, and four aides from the opposition Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, which holds power in Tamaulipas, lying on a highway. They were ambushed on their way to a campaign event for the July 4 state election.

It was Mexico's highest-level political murder in some 16 years and the latest

blow to the country's image as a stable emerging market as drug gangs brazenly fight security forces deployed to quash their power and try to sway Sunday's vote for governors, mayors and local deputies in a dozen states.

"This is not a message, it's a challenge. How far are they prepared to go?" said national security specialist Javier Oliva at Mexico's National Autonomous University in Mexico City.

President Felipe Calderon slammed what he called a cowardly attack on Mexico's democratic institutions and vowed to keep up his fight against drug gangs. He called an emergency security cabi-

net meeting and urged political parties to stand together.

Interior Minister Fernando Gomez Mont condemned the attack as "absolutely reprehensible" and headed to Tamaulipas, over the border from Texas, to support the PRI leadership there.

Mexico is in the grip of an escalating drug war that has killed more than 25,500 people, mainly traffickers and police, since Calderon took power in 2006 and launched his crackdown. The soaring death toll worries Washington, investors and tourists. Monday's killing will fan fears that Mexico could go the way of Colombia in the early 1990s when drug cartels

bombed government buildings and killed a presidential candidate, judges and politicians.

Torre's killing is the first big political assassination in Mexico since the 1994 murders of PRI presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio and prominent PRI leader Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, as the country grappled with its slow transition to democracy after decades of one-party rule. It came after the abduction last month of senior ruling party politician Diego Fernandez de Cevallos, who has yet to be released by his captors, sent shivers through the country.

Tamaulipas officials vowed

to go ahead with the vote on July 4 despite Torre's murder. "The elections will not be suspended. We are awaiting notification of the new PRI candidate," electoral official Arturo Muniz told Reuters.

Monday's news hit the peso, leaving it 0.62 percent weaker at 12.7315 per dollar by late afternoon. "It's the political level it is reaching that's the worry," said Scotia Capital currency strategist Daniela Blancas.

Calderon said the killing showed drug cartel violence was a threat that knew no limits and was deeply damaging to Mexican security and institutions. "We must close ranks to confront it and

prevent more actions like the cowardly assassination that has shocked the country today," he said.

Torre, who was married with three children, had 67 percent support in Tamaulipas versus 25 percent for his PAN rival, according to a May survey by pollster Consulta Mitofsky. A Tamaulipas government official who declined to be named blamed his killing on the fight for power between the powerful Gulf cartel and its former armed wing, the Zetas, who are warring over lucrative smuggling routes into Texas.

Ex-Panamanian dictator stands trial in Paris

PARIS—The trial of Manuel Noriega on money-laundering charges began in Paris on Monday with lawyers for the ex-Panamanian dictator arguing the proceedings were unlawful and he should be allowed to return home.

Noriega's lawyers also said he had been betrayed by U.S. authorities after operating as a paid CIA agent, and noted that he had been awarded a Legion d'Honneur in the 1980s by then-French President Francois Mitterrand.

"He was abandoned by the Americans, because he was on the CIA's payroll for years, because he carried out a number of highly important missions

for them such as the liberation of hostages," defence lawyer Olivier Metzner told reporters at the three-day trial in Paris.

The argument was part of a strategy aimed at showing that the former regional strongman was the victim of political machination by his former allies. Noriega helped finance the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan Contra rebel group before being dropped by Washington because he was becoming too powerful, Metzner said.

The 76-year-old former general is facing a ten-year prison sentence in France after being convicted in absentia in 1999 of laundering money from Colombian drug cartels, with

which he is thought to have forged close ties. Born in the slums, Manuel Noriega muscled his way to the top of Panama's military in the early 1980s and maintained a firm grip on power until being ousted by U.S. forces in 1989.

During his rule, Panama became a major distribution platform for cocaine from Colombian drug cartels, with multi-million dollar kickbacks going directly to the then-dictator. He arrived in Paris in late April after being extradited from the United States where he had been in prison after being convicted in 1992 of drug trafficking, money laundering and racketeering.

Dressed in a blue suit and red tie and with graying hair, Noriega looked hunched as he appeared in court on Monday. There was also some confusion when he identified himself and gave the wrong date of birth, before correcting himself to say February 11, 1934.

In France, he is suspected of channelling 1.5 million euros (\$1.85 million) into French bank accounts at the end of the 1980s, and using illicit funds to acquire



Sandra (L), daughter of former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega, arrives for the first day of her father's trial at a courthouse in Paris on Monday.

three luxury apartments in Paris. His wife Felicidad, also convicted in absentia in 1999, is charged with holding 3 million euros in

French accounts.

Noriega maintains that the money in France is his brother's, part of his wife's personal fortune, or was

planted in the bank accounts by the CIA in order to undermine him.

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Italian police arrest 24 in \$3 billion laundering sting

MILAN—Italian police arrested 24 people on Monday, most of them Chinese, on charges of laundering about 2.7 billion euros (\$3.33 billion) from tax evasion, counterfeiting, prostitution and stolen goods.

About 1,000 agents took part in the nationwide

sting, which stretched from the northern regions of Piedmont and Lombardy, to Tuscany and Lazio in central Italy, and Sicily and Campania in the country's mafia-plagued south. A total of 75 companies, 181 buildings, 300 bank accounts and 166 luxury cars were seized, police said.

Authorities said those arrested, 17 of whom were Chinese and the rest Italians, operated the laundering ring through a network of money-transfer agencies. A financial institu-

tion headquartered in San Marino was also involved in the network, which had laundered the money over the last four years, police said.

Relations between the tiny landlocked state and Italy have been strained in recent months by an Italian amnesty aimed repatriating undeclared money from tax havens. San Marino has accused Italy of imposing an embargo on its banking system and stalling on a treaty it needs to get off a tax haven blacklist.



Presidential election to test Merkel's authority

BERLIN—Chancellor Angela Merkel faces a major test of her leadership this week when she tries to get her government's candidate elected president in a vote usually deemed a procedural sideshow in German politics.

Wednesday's election has become a litmus test of Merkel's authority as her coalition stumbles lower and lower in opinion polls and her personal ratings hit rock bottom just as Europe looks for strong leadership to pull back from economic crisis.

"This is a test of whether the chancellor is able to pull her troops together," said Roland Sturm, a political scientist at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. "There is a sense of Doomsday being put about by the commentators in

Germany."

A 1,244-strong federal assembly, made up of parliamentarians and regional delegates including actors, pop stars and sporting personalities, will vote whether to elect Merkel's conservative candidate, Lower Saxony state premier Christian Wulff, or the centre-left opposition nominee, Protestant pastor Joachim Gauck. Even though Gauck is more popular with the public, Wulff's election should be a formality thanks to the absolute majority Merkel's centre-right coalition holds in the assembly, as well as the far left's antipathy towards the pastor.

But the media says the chancellor's position is in jeopardy because Gauck's fame as a civil rights activist in former East Germany has endeared him to many

inside her camp. The future of her vice-Chancellor Guido Westerwelle, head of the pro-business Free Democrats (FDP), may also hinge on the outcome of the secret ballot, with sections of the embattled party already in open revolt against their leader.

Gauck has consistently come out on top in polls for the largely ceremonial presidency, and a number of FDP officials from eastern Germany have already said he will get their vote. To be elected, Gauck would likely need widespread support in the federal assembly from the Left Party, which includes the successors to East Germany's former communist rulers.

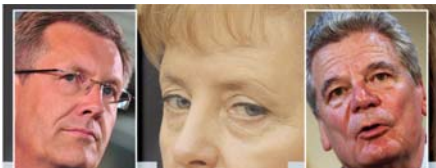
Many leaders of the Left, which accounts for one tenth of the delegates in the assembly, have spoken out against Gauck because of his attitude towards the German Democratic Republic (GDR) and the party has its own candidate for the post. Yet if Merkel suffers enough abstentions or defections in the first or second round of voting to deny Wulff an absolute majority, it would be seen as a blow to her leadership.

"If a third round is needed—when a relative majority will suffice for Wulff—the media will be merciless, said Uwe Andersen, a political scientist at the University of Bochum. "The headlines would be about 'The Beginning of the End'," he said. "It would depend on the crisis in the coalition because then recriminations would start about who was to blame."

Rivals abroad may also be

Merkel faces crucial presidential election

Defeat for Angela Merkel's candidate for the federal presidency would be a major blow to the German Chancellor, whose government is riven by rows over its handling of the debt crisis while its international image has taken a beating over Berlin's delays in approving aid for Greece



■ **Christian Wulff, 50.** Conservative Christian Democrat and Merkel's nominee for post

■ **Trained lawyer, CDU premier of state of Lower Saxony since 2003**

■ Wulff, who divorced wife and married long-time girlfriend in 2006, would be first Catholic president of Germany since Heinrich Lübke in 1959

■ **Despite Merkel's centre-right coalition having solid majority in federal assembly — body which elects president — some question whether Wulff is suited for role that is supposed to be above politics**

■ **Merkel's coalition approval rating**



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■ **Joachim Gauck, 70.** Backed by opposition Social Democratic party and Greens, has no links to any political party

■ **Former Protestant pastor whose father was sent by East Germany's communist authorities to gulag in Siberia**

■ **Earned recognition for exposing crimes of Stasi — East German secret police — after fall of Berlin Wall**

■ **Could win vote if enough of Merkel's allies broke ranks and members of Linké party — which includes former communists he used to oppose — could be persuaded to back him**

Senior officers face sack over missed rapist clues

LONDON—Three London police officers face dismissal over a botched investigation that allowed a serial rapist to keep attacking women for four years after he was identified as a suspect, a police watchdog said on Monday.

Children's football coach Kirk Reid was jailed for life last year for 28 attacks, including two rapes and two indecent assaults. He had been stopped in 2004 and identified as a potential suspect for a series of attacks on women in the Wandsworth area of south London, but was not arrested until the case was transferred to a specialist unit in 2008.

Police have linked Reid to as many as 100 other sexual assaults committed since 2001.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) said there had been a "sustained failure by senior supervisory officers to give this investigation the priority it required and to get a grip on what was plainly a long-standing pattern of terrifying offences committed within a single borough."

It said a superintendent and two inspectors would face a misconduct panel, which could result in their dismissal. A chief superintendent and a detective sergeant received written

warnings.

"The failure to take a serial sex offender off the streets of London years earlier is a shameful chapter in the history of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)," said Deborah Glass, IPCC Commissioner for London.

Reid was the second serious sex attacker in recent years to slip through the net and expose investigative failures in London. Five officers were disciplined after taxi driver rapist John Worboys, who dragged and attacked female passengers across south London, evaded detection between 2006 and 2008.

"When considered alongside the failings in the case of John Worboys, their overall effect on the confidence of the victims of sexual offences in the police response," Glass added.

Scotland Yard Commander Maxine de Brunner apologised for the force's shortcomings in the Reid investigation. "Following (Reid's) trial, the MPS apologised for the failings in the original investigation that led to Reid being able to continue to offend for another four years," she said. "I repeat the apology today. We are deeply sorry for the harm suffered by all of his victims and for failing to bring Reid to justice earlier."

German government rejects immigrant Q test proposal

BERLIN—The German government rejected on Monday a proposal from a member of Chancellor Angela Merkel's party to subject potential immigrants to intelligence tests.

Peter Trapp, member of Berlin's local assembly for Merkel's conservative Christian Democrats, told the top-selling Bild daily he was "in favour of intelligence tests for immigrants. We should not place this question under a taboo any longer."

But government spokes-

looking for signs of weakness. "Whatever hurts the government hurts its ability to act on the international stage," said political scientist Sturm. "I'm sure France will be looking very closely at what happens."

Without Merkel's troubles domestically, international media would not have injected so much drama into an event that rarely causes ripples outside Germany, he said. Whatever the outcome, she has few rivals that could replace her soon,

Sturm added.

"Germans know what they don't want but not really what they do want," he said.

"Gauck represents more of a projection screen for their hopes and dreams than any kind of viable alternative."

Russia police car chase ends with cash in wind

MOSCOW—A Russian fisheries official suspected of accepting bribes tossed 10 million roubles (\$322,000) from his car after a police chase and a crash on a busy Moscow highway, investigators

said on Monday.

Pursued by police, Federal Fisheries Agency official Boris Simonov crashed his Cadillac on Friday and frantically flung 10 million roubles (\$322,000) into the wind, local media reported.

State-run First Channel television showed scores of large-denomination rouble notes being collected by police and cast into a torn, grimy cardboard box beside a thoroughfare in south-central Moscow.

A spokesman for Russia's Investigative Committee said Simonov's boss, Roman Postnikov, who oversaw two Moscow rivers, was arrested on suspicion of forging a contract that allowed a fishing firm operate without the proper documents. Both fishery officials will be jailed for two months pending further investigation, the committee said.

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YaAli (L), a "prayer seller", talks to his customer as he sits at the side of an old alley in northern Tehran on Monday. In Islamic Iran where clerics rule, unofficial "prayer sellers", who promise to intercede with the divine to solve all manner of life's problems, are seeing their business boom. Backstreet spiritual guides like YaAli are tolerated by the authorities and increasingly sought after by Iranians seeking help from on high.

Study: West's prisons can keep militant Islam out

LONDON—Western prisons could root out militant Islamism among inmates by adopting the more imaginative approaches to prisoners used in parts of the Middle East and Asia, a British study suggests.

The provision of religious advice and helping prisoners cultivate non-extremist social networks are among measures proposed in the study of prisons in 15 countries.

Britain's chief prison inspector said last month the treatment of Muslim inmates by prison staff as potentially dangerous militants risked driving them into the hands

of radical groups. Prisons occupy a central place in the history of militant Islamist groups such as al Qaeda which see them as valued centres of learning, recruitment and indoctrination.

Creative programmes can turn the tide, argues the study of prison militants in Afghanistan, Algeria, Britain, Egypt, France, Indonesia, Israel, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, the United States and Yemen. For example in Singapore, alleged terrorists are systematically re-educated in prison, said the report by London's International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence (ICSR).

A team of trained religious advisers helps them get through the Koran, showing how critical passages need to be read in context, and how extremist notions about violence are often based on misreadings and misinterpretations, the report says.

Prisons can be "a place for reform as well as radicalisation", Peter Neumann, study author and director of ICSR based at London University's King's College, told Reuters.

"Prisons can play a positive role in tackling problems of radicalisation and terrorism in society as a whole."

Most Western prison systems practised a "security first" approach with radicalised inmates, Neumann said, arguing this amounted to "locking people away and making sure they don't cause any trouble."

Opportunities for reform

were missed. In Saudi Arabia, officials spend heavily to reform and re-integrate former militants to try to ensure they can look forward to a meaningful and productive life after leaving prison, the report says. In some cases, this process has included buying them houses and cars, and even finding them wives.

"None of the de-radicalisation programmes in the Middle East and Southeast Asia is perfect," said Neumann. "But they should serve as an inspiration for people in the West to think more creatively about what positive things could be done with radicals and terrorists in the state's custody."

Neumann said this approach would not work everywhere, because de-radicalisation depended on a conducive environment. Releasing people into hostile communities with no further supervision would not work because all good de-radicalisation programmes were based on follow-up and after-care, which in case of Afghanistan for example was difficult, he said.

The study's proposed measures include: — A mix of education, typically combining ideological and/or religious re-education with vocational training.

— Appointing credible interlocutors, who can relate to prisoners' personal and psychological needs.

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Clouds darken Congo's 50th independence jubilee

KINSHASA—President Joseph Kabila wants to use Wednesday's independence jubilee to buff up Congo's troubled image, but armed rebellions, widespread graft and concerns over rights abuses are dampening the party mood.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Albert II, king of the former colonial power, Belgium, will attend 50th anniversary celebrations for which Congo's capital Kinshasa is being given a last-minute makeover.

Congo is awaiting confirmation within days of an IMF-backed plan to cancel up to \$8 billion of debt, while U.N. peacekeepers started this month to wind down their presence after pressure from Kabila, who is expected to seek re-election next year. Yet even as Chinese labourers toil to install fountains outside parliament, where 500,000 Congolese are expected to parade on Wednesday, the mood of celebration is dampened by a sense that Congo still has a long way to go.

"We have to mark the good and bad experiences of the past 50 years. We need to correct our

history," former interior minister Denis Kalume Numbi, the official heading up preparations for the anniversary, told Reuters.

"It's a young democracy and it has its problems," he said. "We want a renaissance. We need to use this time for reflection and where we are going in the next 50 years."

In Congo's half-century of independence, it has been a Cold War playground, witnessed assassinations of leaders, suffered a looting of public coffers by President Mobutu Sese Seko and a 1998-2003 war in which five million Congolese may have died. In 2006, it held democratic elections for the first time in four decades, but lobby groups say hundreds of people have since been imprisoned, tortured or killed in political acts.

The death of human rights activist Floribert Chebeya this month prompted a murder inquiry and triggered international alarm. Police Chief John Numbi, who is not related to the former interior minister, has been suspended and several police officers arrested but the incident



Congolese Republican Guards stand at a welcome ceremony for Belgium's King Albert II in Kinshasa, on Monday.

remains unexplained.

Canada's First Quantum is among several aggrieved foreign investors, now seeking international arbitration after the government sealed up its \$700 million Kol-

wezi copper tailings project following a review. Oil contracts allotted to two companies—Britain's

Tullow Oil and South Africa's Divine Inspiration Group—were handed out to two new entrants in a shock move this month.

Outgoing Dutch ambassador Ellen Berends-Vergunst complained last week of "huge legal uncertainty and massive corruption", noting that Congo has fewer than 100 European businesses today, compared to 6,000 at the time of independence.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper raised concerns over Congo's business record at last week's Group of Eight meeting in Canada. The cooperation of some of those countries will be necessary for Congo to enjoy the full fruit of a debt relief deal planned by the IMF and now expected in July.

Congo remains rich in some of the world's most coveted resources—copper, cobalt, diamonds—and prospects for oil, gold, iron and uranium look promising. But nearly 80 percent of the country's 67 million peo-

ple live on less than \$2 a day.

"We might have copper and diamonds but it's all so badly managed we never feel the benefit," said Onesime Malembe, 26, an out-of-work electrical engineer. "We really suffer—even if you're in work you don't get paid."

Rebellion in eastern Congo and unrest in the north are raising concerns over Congo's stability even as MONUC, the U.N.'s largest peace-keeping force, gradually winds down.

In a May note, Standard Bank analyst Stephen Bailey-Smith noted the precarious security outlook but forecast debt relief would offer means to tackle poverty with the 2011 vote looming. But for now, Congolese such as 46-year-old musician Jupiter Bonkondji question what there is to celebrate on Wednesday.

"This moment represents a failure for our parents of the last 50 years," he told Reuters. "Rather than a celebration, for me it is a funeral."

Nigeria beginning rehab classes for ex-oil rebels

PORT HARCOURT, Nigeria—Nigeria is expected to begin rehabilitating hundreds of former militants in the Niger Delta this week, raising hopes for improved security in the oil-producing region, organisers said on Monday.

President Goodluck Jonathan has made a priority of reviving a post-amnesty programme for thousands of former gunmen who surrendered their arms last year in return for the promise of stipends, education and job opportunities.

The first batch of 2,000 ex-rebels started arriving at the amnesty centre in Obubra in Cross River state on Monday, where they will undergo a four-week course aimed at reintegrating them back into society after years living by the gun. The OPEC member wants to rehabilitate more than 20,000 former gunmen by the end

of the year.

"This gives the boys hope for a better future. This is the opportunity we have all been waiting for and we pray that none of us miss it," said Selekeari Victor Ben, coordinator for ex-rebels from Bayelsa state.

A former rebel leader told Reuters this month he would abandon the amnesty programme if the government did not quickly deliver its promises of jobs and development in the impoverished region. Classes, which will involve instructors from the United States and Europe, are scheduled to start on Thursday.

"The first phase of this training is the transformation of the minds of the former fighters, which is to make sure these people are re-orientated to conform to normal social lifestyles," said Richard Akinaka, the co-ordinator for ex-mil-

itants from Rivers, Akwa Ibom and Cross River states.

Nigeria's post-amnesty programme has been delayed for months since President Umaru Yar'Adua became ill last November. Yar'Adua died last month and was immediately replaced by Jonathan, who has promised to revive the programme and improve security in his native Niger Delta.

Militant attacks, which were particularly intense in 2006, significantly disrupted Nigeria's oil industry, preventing it from pumping much more than two thirds of its 3 million barrel per day capacity. Output has never fully recovered.

But since the amnesty was launched, the Niger Delta has been relatively peaceful with no major militant attack against the oil industry for nearly a year.

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India struggles with development in Maoist citadel

CHINNAGELLUR, India—The new four-lane highway crashing through the thick jungles of central India suddenly crumbles into a narrow dirt path, cratered with huge holes from bombings carried out by Maoist rebels.

In a sense the road is a border, serving as a line of control for the government and Maoist rebels. India is trying to fight not only with thousands of police but also roads, water and power.

In this desperately poor forest belt, the government sees development as a central plank of its efforts to wean people away from the Maoists, who have operated in a vacuum of official neglect that has fuelled distrust of the authorities. But it is struggling to push development in the face of resistance from the rebels, who see roads and bridges as bringing in more troops and schools and hospitals as police barracks.

Massive official corruption and inefficiency have only made matters worse, leaving a gaping hole in what is supposed to be a crucial element in the government response to the insurgency.

"See they had a headstart and they created a Robin Hood image in areas where government presence was minimal," said T.J. Longkumer, the police chief of Bastar region in the state of Chhattisgarh, considered the epicentre of the insurgency. "So building roads, schools, providing water, power—that will be important. But the Maoists are enemies of development."

The ruling left-of-centre Congress party blames "development gaps" for the



A tribal woman sits outside her house in the Maoist-dominated Chinnagellur village, in the eastern Indian state of Chhattisgarh.

conflict. In response, it announced three years ago a \$4.3 billion plan to build roads, homes, schools and health infrastructure in 55 districts seen as rebel heartlands.

But the rebels, who number roughly 10,000-20,000 besides thousands of village militias armed with bows and axes, see the plan as a step to bring in private corporations eyeing the region's massive deposits of coal, iron ore and bauxite.

Perfect Cocktail

In the hardscarable village on Chinnagellur, a two-hour walk through winding forest paths littered with booby-traps aimed at police, it is easy to see what the government is up against.

The occasional tubewell or two-room school—the only signs of official presence in this "red heart" of India—

disappears miles before Chinnagellur. No-one from the village has ever stepped out of the forest and no official has visited in years.

A lone twisted electric post stands as evidence of an official effort to bring power a few years ago, but the Maoists and corruption stalled it. At least 30 people died in and around the village last week from diarrhoea, a seasonal killer when monsoon rains pollute the river water the villagers use to drink and bathe their cattle.

"We have hardly ever existed for the government," Telam Hunga, Chinnagellur's headman, sively and bare-

cheated, told Reuters, sitting on the mud-floor of his empty thatched hut. "Why do we believe it if it hasn't noticed us till now?"

Life in Chinnagellur, mirrored across a large swathe of India's forest belt, offered a cocktail of neglect and exploitation that helped the Maoists win support among millions of tribal and lower caste people. The rebels have also rallied tribal people to oppose seizure of their land for industry, particularly in the mining sector.

On a slowburn for four decades, the rebellion still remains on the margins as an issue for many in the cities

of rapidly modernising India. The rebels want to overthrow the state, which they say has not cared for the poor. They blow up railway tracks, attack factories and kill police, sustaining the rebellion with income from extortion and "taxes" imposed on "liberated zones".

In March, the government launched the biggest deployment of security forces in the history of independent India to fight what it describes as the country's gravest domestic security threat. The Maoists responded with more attacks. Already more than 400 people have been killed this year, mostly police, the same as the number killed in the whole of last year.

In keeping with Home Minister P. Chidambaram's security of following up the security offensive with a quick and heavy dose of development, the government last year approved another \$800 million in new projects.

Corruption, Intimidation

But a tour of the forests, which cover an area the size of Switzerland, reveals a picture of official corruption and Maoist stalling of progress in a completely militarised zone.

The forest belt of India has some of the country's worst rates of poverty, poor health and malnutrition. In village after village, there was little

sign of any government presence.

In some villages close to motorable roads, there were now schools, most of which now lie blown up or function as police barracks. Deeper inside, life has never progressed beyond living off the forest.

But when it comes to development, funds are never the problem. "The region receives a huge chunk of development money, which is always shown as spent on government books," said Sheikh Karimuddin, head of a local journalists' group.

Roads and schools are shown on paper to be built in most large villages of Bijapur district. But on the ground many villages remain out of bounds for the government.

A few attempts to build roads in the interior villages have failed because of Maoist threats. One stretch of road connecting Dantewada and Doranpal towns has been either blown up or hacked away at least 50 places.

"Apart from socio-economic deprivation, there has been a steady erosion of traditional tribal rights and their command over resources," said a 2008 government panel on development for the Maoist-dominated areas. "We have two worlds of education, two worlds of health, two worlds of transport and two worlds of housing, with a gaping divide in between."

Israel complains over Egypt press cartoon

CAIRO—The Israeli embassy has sent a complaint to the newspaper of Egypt's ruling party about a cartoon that linked Israel and Nazis, an unusual step from a mission that tends to ignore its Egyptian media critics.

Al-Watani al-Youm (the National Today) published a cartoon on June 15 showing an aid ship apparently bound for Gaza being grabbed by an octopus carrying an Israeli flag with a Nazi swastika in place of the Star of David symbol. The weekly is the mouthpiece of President Hosni Mubarak's National Democratic Party. "The Israeli Embassy

chose to comment on this caricature specifically because of the comparison between Israel and Nazism," spokeswoman Shani Cooper-Zubida told Reuters.

"There are a lot of anti-Semitic comments and caricatures in the Egyptian media that we prefer not to comment on. This one didn't present legitimate opposition to Israeli policy, but defamation," she said in an emailed response.

The cartoonist, Carlos Latuff, a Brazilian, said in an email to Reuters: "The Israeli ambassador could show the same interest, that he shows for my cartoons,

for the lives of the activists lost in the Freedom flotilla."

"Allegations of anti-Semitism are a well-known strategy of the Israeli government and its supporters in order to neutralize any criticism against the Israeli apartheid. These malicious allegations will not prevent me keeping on making my cartoons on behalf of the brave Palestinian people," he added.

Egypt in 1979 became the first Arab state to sign a peace treaty with Israel, but ties have often been chilly. The storming of a Gaza aid flotilla in May by Israeli forces in which nine activists died drew Egyptian and world criticism.

The flotilla had sought to break an Israeli blockade of Gaza. Egypt, the only Arab state to border Gaza, had been criticised by the Arab public for also imposing restrictions on border cross-

ings. Those restrictions have now been partially lifted.

"Using the Nazi swastika symbol in the heart of the cartoon, and even the idea of using it, is an insult to humanity and is tantamount to an anti-Semitic statement," said the letter sent to the newspaper and passed to Reuters by the embassy.

Editor Mohammad al-Elfi defended his newspaper's position in an editorial, saying it was a matter of freedom of expression.

Egypt's president and other officials hold frequent meetings with top Israelis, but the government is often critical of Israeli policies. Egyptian media and the public are more vocal critics, particularly over Israel's dealings with Palestinians. The flotilla raid drew critical articles in Egypt's press.

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Western oil companies stop business with Iran

ABU DHABI—Iran faced growing economic pressure on Monday after two Western oil firms halted business with it, and a Gulf Arab country seen as a trade lifeline for Tehran moved to freeze some Iranian-linked bank accounts.

The developments underlined the major oil producer's increasing international isolation over a nuclear programme it says is aimed at generating electricity but major powers suspect is intended for making bombs.

France's Total joined an expanding list of companies that have stopped gasoline sales to Iran, and Spain's Repsol said it had pulled out

of a contract to develop part of the country's huge South Pars gas field in the Gulf.

"Total has suspended its sales of gasoline or refined products to Iran," a company spokesman said in Paris.

The decisions were announced four days after the U.S. Congress approved a bill to penalise firms supplying gasoline to the Iran, which is the world's fifth-largest oil exporter but lacks sufficient refining capacity for its own fuel needs.

The director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, Leon Panetta, speaking in Washington on Sunday, said targeted economic sanctions would probably not deter

the Islamic Republic from seeking a nuclear capability. Panetta also asserted that Tehran had enough nuclear material for two bombs if further enriched.

Iran's hardline president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, dismissed the latest punitive measures, declaring that his country could become self-sufficient in gasoline production "within one week, there is no problem".

He told a Tehran news conference that Iran was prepared to resume nuclear talks with major powers but only after a delay of several weeks to "punish" the West for imposing new sanctions, and with friendly countries included at the table. "Are they so afraid of two bombs? There are 20,000 bombs stockpiled and they are so afraid of the possibility of the existence of two bombs? This is really amazing," he said.

The U.N. Security Council has imposed four rounds of sanctions since 2006 over Iran's refusal to halt sensitive uranium enrichment.

Moving to implement the latest round of measures, the UAE's central bank told financial institutions to freeze any accounts belonging to dozens of Iran-linked firms targeted by the June 9 U.N. resolution, a banking source said. Last week an Emirati newspaper reported that the seven-member United Arab Emirates federation was "lightening the nose" on companies the Security Council suspects act as fronts for supplies to Iran's atomic activities.

US top court rejects a business method patent

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously rejected on Monday an effort to patent a way to hedge energy costs, but declined to shut the door on business method patents, saying the current criteria may be too narrow.

The most famous business method patent is perhaps Amazon.com Inc's one-click method to make a purchase, and the case involving a small Pittsburgh company was closely watched by a wide range of interests.

Some software and biotechnology companies wanted a broad definition of what can be patented because they licence processes. Others, such as some financial institutions, wanted restrictions on business method patents to avoid lawsuits.

"The patent application here can be rejected under our precedents on the unpatentability of abstract ideas," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in the Supreme Court's majority decision.

But the court also said the current standard—that the patented invention involve a machine or transformation—could be a useful investigative tool but is not the sole test for deciding whether an invention is a patent-eligible process.

Stuart Meyer, a patent lawyer with Fenwick and West, said the opinion did little to rein in business method patents. "The only bright line that we got out of today's ruling was that the machine or transformation test is not the talismanic test," said Meyer.

The top U.S. court did not offer an alternative standard, leaving companies with no clear guidelines on what future business methods can be protected. "The decision is good for patent lawyers that represent business methods," said Scott Bain, litigation counsel for the Software and Information Industry Association, whose 500 members include Adobe, Symantec and Oracle. "It leaves questions unanswered."

The case before the Supreme Court involved Bernard Bilski and Rand Warsaw, who founded Weather- Wise to sell services based on hedging methods. Bilski and Warsaw had tried to patent the hedging method, which allows users to make fixed energy payments even if usage and energy prices vary. The U.S. patent office rejected the patent application in 2000, and the patent board upheld the rejection in 2006.



Spain's Labour Minister Celestino Corbacho gestures during an interview with Reuters at the Labour Ministry in Madrid, Spain on Monday.

A Spain double-dip recession ruled out

MADRID—Spain's economic recovery will be hampered by spending cuts aimed at reducing its massive deficit, but the country will not sink back into recession, the labour minister told Reuters in an interview on Monday.

"If you cut salaries and withdraw public investment evidently that's going to affect the economy. But, in the case of Spain, we won't reach a recession," Celestino Corbacho said.

With Europe shifting focus to cutting deficits from stimulating growth, Spain will be part of a generalised weaker recovery in the region, Corbacho said. For example, he noted, Spain will be affected if German demand for Spanish-made cars flags.

"In the coming years, Spain's luck goes hand in hand with the rest of Europe," he said.

The economy emerged from a year-and-a-half recession in the first quarter and many economists fear spending cuts will send it back into decline. Investors have punished Spanish sovereign debt since April, as fears grew that a growing deficit and a heavy schedule of debt obligations in July would force the country to seek a rescue package akin to Greece's.

The government has pledged to save 15 billion euros (\$18.51 billion) by cutting civil servant wages and freezing welfare payments,

measures that prompted work stoppages including a 3-day partial strike by the Madrid metro starting on Monday.

The Socialists say they will deflate a deficit of 11.2 percent of gross domestic product in 2009 to 3 percent of GDP by 2013 through this, and other, austerity measures, though some economists say soaring unemployment will make recovery hard. Spain, whose 20 percent unemployment is the highest in the euro zone, will begin net creation of jobs late this year or early 2011 as the economy begins to pick up and due to a labour reform package decreed by the government, Corbacho said.

This month the government decreed an overhaul of Spain's labour laws, aimed at stimulating youth employment and making it easier for firms to cut back workers' hours during hard times. Corbacho, architect of the labour reform, said amendments would pass through parliament by September, but he did not expect dramatic changes.

Although the reforms include incentives for companies to hire long-term unemployed people under 30 and over 45, and also subsidies for severance pay, Corbacho said those would be taken out of existing funds. "The incentives do not mean an increase in government spending," he said.

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	DAY'S CHANGE	HIGH	LOW	
	CLOSE	IN POINTS		
NEW YORK	10,138.52	-5.29	11,167.32	9,816.49
			(Apr 29)	(Jun 07)
LONDON	5,071.68	+25.21	5,825.01	4,940.08
			(Apr 13)	(May 25)
TOKYO	9,693.94	-43.54	11,439.30	9,439.13
			(Apr 05)	(Jun 09)
FRANKFURT	6,157.22	+36.62	6,832.1	5,434.34
			(Apr 26)	(Feb 05)

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Australian Dollar	0.8721	0.8776	0.8708
Brazilian Real	1.7083	1.7855	1.7733
Canadian Dollar	1.0352	1.0371	1.032
Hong Kong Dollar	7.9814	7.9858	7.9776
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Storm threatens oil spill cleanup, BP CEO to stay

HOUSTON/LONDON—A growing storm delayed efforts to capture more oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico as BP Plc and Russia's government traded words on Monday over the future of the energy giant's chief executive.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, probing the exposure of big financial firms to the British energy giant, gave banks a "passing grade," one source told Reuters.

High waves from tropical storm Alex will delay BP's plan to add more oil-siphoning capacity to its leaking well until next week, a company executive told reporters in Houston, while state officials said Alex would hinder clean-up efforts. Alex is the first in a new season of storms, raising concern about prolonged efforts to get con-

trol of the undersea leak that has spilled oil since April 20, and threatening fisheries, tourism and wildlife in four states along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Kent Wells, BP executive vice president of exploration and production, said the current siphoning systems should not be affected "unless unfortunately a storm heads directly our way." But waves as high as 12 feet (3.7 metres) would delay hooking up a third system to capture oil, he said.

In London, BP said Tony Hayward was still its CEO, with no change under discussion, after Russian Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sechin said he expected the embattled boss to resign soon and Moscow to be told the name of his successor on Monday. Adding credence to BP's

statement, Sechin's office said later that management changes were not raised when he met Hayward, who has been criticized over his response to the disaster and was in Russia to address Moscow's worries about BP's local operations in the leak's wake.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center said Alex was expected to become a hurricane on Tuesday, with winds of 96-110 mph (157-180 kph) by late on Wednesday before striking near the Texas-Mexico border and moving inland. Shell shut subsurface production at two platforms and BP evacuated some personnel from three platforms due to the threat of Alex, the companies said on Sunday.

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BASEL, Switzerland—Governments must slash budget deficits decisively and central banks should not wait too long to raise borrowing costs as side effects from measures prescribed to tackle the global recession may create the next crisis, the Bank for International Settlements said.

The global economy as well as financial markets were on the mend, though the recovery remained fragile in the advanced economies and in the euro zone the debt crisis put the recovery at risk, the BIS said in its annual report, published on Monday.

Global leaders meeting in Toronto agreed to take difficult steps for shrinking budget deficits and making banking systems safer and Washington in particular has warned against cutting too fast. The head of the BIS said there was no time to waste.

"We cannot wait for the resumption of strong growth to begin the process of policy correction," BIS general manager Jaime Caruana told the bank's annual general meeting. "In particular, delaying fiscal policy adjustment would only risk renewed financial volatility, market disruptions and funding stress."

Caruana later told a news conference that recently announced fiscal consolidation in some countries together with the publication of bank stress tests in Europe and the support of the G20 for regulatory reforms were important steps forward. The BIS, which acts as a bank to central banks and a discussion platform for policymakers, said reforms of the financial system remained key to prevent further crises. Caruana said the benefit of making the financial system more resilient through tighter regulation outweighed any short-term growth losses.

Top central bankers met at the BIS annual meeting June 26-28 in Basel, following the G20 summit where leaders acknowledged the uneven and fragile economic recovery in many countries. In a reversal from the unity of the past three crisis-era Group of 20 summits, the leaders left room to adopt "differentiated and tailored" policies.

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Byrd's change and redemption

By Eugene Robinson

WASHINGTON -- "End of an era" is an overused trope, but in this case it's appropriate: The last of the old Southern Democrats is gone.

Senator Robert Byrd had long since repented, of course. The West Virginian, who died Monday at 92, deeply regretted his segregationist past, which included a year as a member of the Ku Klux Klan and at least several more years as a Klan sympathizer. He eventually became a passionate advocate for civil rights, and he was one of the most vocal supporters of legislation making the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. a national holiday.

But that was after Byrd's personal enlightenment. Amid what is sure to be a flood of heartfelt encomiums to his lifetime of public service, it is important to note that his is a story of change and redemption -- and that Byrd and his party had a shameful past to overcome.

In Byrd's first campaign for the House in 1952, his opponent released a letter that Byrd had written to the Klan's imperial wizard in 1946. The date is important because Byrd claimed to have cut ties with the racist organization -- today we would call it a terrorist group -- in 1943. "The Klan is needed today as never before, and I am anxious to see its rebirth here in West Virginia," Byrd wrote.

This was in the days when the South was a solid Democratic stronghold -- and when the default position of Southern Democrats was to

advocate separation of the races. In 1964, Byrd joined other members of his party, led by Richard Russell of Georgia, in trying to kill the Civil Rights Act. Back then, would-be obstructionists were required to actually stage a filibuster rather than just threaten one. Byrd held the Senate floor for 14 hours in an effort that was ultimately as futile as Pickett's Charge.

"Men are not created equal today, and they were not created equal in 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was written," Byrd declared during his persecution. "Men and races of men differ in appearance, ways, physical power, mental capacity, creativity and vision."

Byrd also opposed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and most of Johnson's anti-poverty programs, saying that "we can take the people out of the slums, but we cannot take the slums out of the people."

From 1961 to 1969, Byrd chaired a Senate subcommittee that had vast authority over local affairs in the District of Columbia. He supported more federal funding for local services, but also angered local activists with a high-profile crusade to remove ineligible recipients from the welfare rolls.

"His tongue was smoother than butter," recalled the Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy, the District's first nonvoting representative in Congress, "but war was in his heart."

That martial spirit was evident in 1968 when riots broke out following King's assassination.

"If it requires the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, we should put the troublemakers in their places," he said. Well, he did have a way with words.

Byrd's trajectory -- from bitter segregationist to beloved dean of the Senate -- is actually a hopeful, quintessentially American story. He was a man of his age, and his views on race closely tracked the views of the constituents he so loyally represented. There was

a time when separate-but-unequal was a mainstream position among whites in the South, and the fact that Byrd's early words and deeds are so shocking today is a testament to how far the nation has come.

Byrd's career is also a reminder that no political party has a monopoly on wisdom or virtue. It was Southern Democrats who tried desperately to deny equal rights to African-Americans, and it was the votes of North-

ern Republicans that helped pass the landmark legislation. Southern whites switched parties and made the South a GOP bastion. This has been the situation for decades now -- but it won't last forever.

Last week, in my home state of South Carolina, an African-American named Tim Scott defeated Strom Thurmond's son in the Republican primary for a seat in the House. The GOP nomination for govern-

nor was won by Nikki Haley, who is of Indian descent and was called a "raghead" by one of her good 'ol boy critics. In Alabama, Representative Artur Davis failed to become the first African-American to win the Democratic nomination for governor -- largely because he took the African-American vote for granted.

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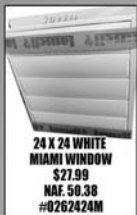
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who passed away in Holland at the tender age of 32 yrs.

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Sister: Kerlene George----New York
Grandfather: McKenzie Lewis----Dominica
Nieces & Nephews: Brie & Brendon George----New York,
Giovanni Gumbs & others too numerous
to mention

Brothers: Junior Gumbs, Franklin Gumbs aka Bill &
Fam. Lesley Gumbs & fam., & Melvin
Gumbs aka Tata and fam.

Special brother,

friend & cousin: Romain Laville

Special cousins &
best friend: Rolando & Anouska Rummit & Marlon
Arrindell, all in Holland

Aunts: Dorcia Lewis & fam, Joyce Henderson
& fam, Peter Lewis & fam, and Movina
Lewis & fam all in Dominica. Marian
Lewis & fam, Andra Richardson & fam,
Therese Gumbs & fam, Mildred Hodge
& fam all in SXM & Cecilia Richardson
& fam in Aruba.

Uncles: Walt Lewis & fam in Florida, Mc Cools
Lewis & fam in Antigua & Bernard
Gumbs in Sxm.

Fiancee: Kamlyn Richardson

Brother-in-law: Haygon George---New York

Adopted Children: Ajoni & Rosaria Rummit---Holland

Godparents: Walter Hodge & Andra Richardson

Godchildren: Melisha James, Malana Laville &
Rosaria Rummit

Close Relatives: Antonio, Dora, Nurica, Nikita, Josephine &
Kema, Anthony, Erminie, Janice, Nickess,
Tessa, Gilbert, Evis & Curtis and many
more too numerous to mention.

His Mamie & Papie: Elaine & Joe LaVille

Other friends too numerous to mention include Citlus, Sandy,
Frankie, Freddy, David, Charlie, Orlando, Arsenio & the Sucker
Garden Boys, and his co-workers in Holland.

Also leaves to mourn his cousins in Sxm, Dominica, New York,
Orlando, Florida, Holland, St.Croix, Canada, Antigua, Tortola &
Anguilla.

He was related to the Gumbs, Lewis, George, Henderson,
LaVille, James, Harper, Frank, Andrew, Abel, Richardson,
Hodge, Bell, Roumou, Peters, Joe, Baker, Lake, Barry & many
more too numerous to mention.

Funeral service for the late **Alfredo Rudolph Gumbs**
a.k.a **Fredo** will be held on June 30th, 2010 at the Bible Baptist
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We regret to announce the sudden passing of:



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Poleon-Wilson

Sunrise: November 22nd, 1986

Sunset: June 24th, 2010

&

Lindan Emanuel Leonardo Poleon Jr.

Sunrise: June 23rd, 2010

Sunset: June 24th, 2010

She leaves to mourn her:

Husband: Lindan Poleon
Parents: Arlene & Roberto Wilson
Mother-in-law: Geraldine Poleon (Miami)
Father-in-law: Eustache Alexander (New York)
Grand Mother: Eloffra Neale
Grandmother-in-law: Albertha Charlary (St. Lucia)
Moraima Reina & Fam (Cur)
Ameda Samuel-Wilson
Latifah Wilson
Samantha Wilson

Brother:

Arton Wilson
Clifton James & Fam (Holland)

Brother-in-law:

Clatus Poleon (NY)
Richard Poleon (Miami)
Randy Poleon (Miami)
Gleanama Reina (Cur)

Niece:

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George Pantophlet better known as "Ziki" &
Antonio Pantophlet better known as "Bologno" &
Fam.

Special Cousins:

Sharon Fleming-Richinsin, Monique Brown,
Leroy & Kerry, Etienne, Jalayca, Selwyn,
Veronica, Dalin, Vynclayn and others too
numerous to mention in St. Maarten, Saba, St.
Eustatius, Curaçao, Aruba, The Netherlands and
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God Children:

Paris
Monique Primus
Nicole van Heyningen & Fam.

God Parents:

Eponina Pantophlet & Fam.
Judith Cecilia & Fam.
Whitfield Vlaun & Fam.

Special Friends: Jhanaska, Neraida, Chanelle, Visser, Sherronne, Anick,
Mercedes, Jasmine and others too numerous to mention, including
her co-workers of Halley Aviation Services and former co-workers of
RBTB, Pastor & Members of Heaven's Touch Int'l Ministries and the
staff of 98.1 FM.

She was related to the families: Wilson, Pantophlet, Joseph, James,
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Bijden, Lanzey, Turner, Jacobs, Clarke, Carly, Leonard, Hodge,
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more too numerous to mention.

Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, 2010 at the
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Viewing and Tributes: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Service: 11:30 a.m.

Interment: Cul-de-Sac cemetery

Family requests no visitors after the service.

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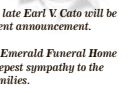
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An anti St. Martin people's constitution

~ An open letter to the Dutch Government ~

Dear Government officials,

After ample consideration, we have decided to once more address ourselves to you, this time pertaining to the above-mentioned issue.

This, after a very long "lull" in our communication with you on the matter, as well as on the situation on St. Martin in general.

With due respect, we sincerely regret to inform you, that despite our very long-existing line of communication with various sections of the Dutch Government,

we have lost confidence in your concern about the best interest for the people of St. Martin in particular, and for the people of the Antilles in general.

While we certainly empathize with you having to put up with our leaders, who have over the years deliberately failed to find ways and means for the Antilles to work, as harsh as it might sound, we also feel abandoned and betrayed by the Dutch Government as well.

We say this with pain in our hearts, but based

on our observations of how the Dutch Government strategically is making use of the "self-imposed" division of our own political leaders.

The time-tested principle of "divide and conquer" consequently seems to have become the "modus-operandi" of the Dutch Government in dealing with our leaders, who clearly lack pride, self-respect and sense of "country-above-self."

In our "books," there is a way that the Dutch Government does not realize that the new con-

stitutional changes are most definitely not in the best interest of the Antillean people.

Also, the Dutch Government still has to explain to the "world" why instead of helping the people get rid of incompetent and corrupt politicians, it now instead collaborates with maintaining the same people in power, at the expense of the best interest of the people and of true democracy.

One can hardly ignore the appearance of a "quid pro quo" in the process.

Why, for instance, does it appear that the Dutch Government is very willing to cooperate with the same politicians, many of who have been implicated in many reports? How can the people not get the feeling of having been betrayed by the Dutch Government?

To make matters worse, the Dutch Government keeps insisting that the draft Constitution for "country" St. Martin meets ITS deadline, full well realizing that in fact, it does not have even the "minimal" blessing of the St. Martin people.

In the past, we would always count on your tra-

ditionally known sense of justice, democracy and standards for proper governance to protect the people of the island. No more!

We realize that the Dutch Government also is "hell bent" on punishing the people instead of the politicians.

Having stated that, be informed that we will no longer be requesting your understanding and/or assistance.

Quite to the contrary.

Therefore, as far as we are concerned, the Dutch Government is free to proceed without any delay, with this constitutional process, of which this anti-St. Martin constitution is an integral part.

While we cannot and will no longer attempt to stop that process, we also respectfully inform you, that such will not carry our "stamp of approval" and/or "blessing."

Again the contrary will be the case.

In ending, we care also to inform you that we have for many years tried to make our contribution towards a sustainable, harmonious community.

However, under no conceivable circumstances

are we prepared and/or willing to sacrifice our native cultural heritage and identity to achieve some "fake"-autonomy.

After all, the blood, sweat and tears shed by our ancestors to form the foundation of this island is too high a price for us to pay for a so-called "country" called St. Maarten, which does not even recognize, let alone protect the native-indigenous St. Martin people and their cultural heritage and identity.

We are convinced that the cultural heritage and identity of the native St. Martin people, more than anything, or anyone else is morally, socially, and historically the most justified foundation for any development, including the constitutional development.

Without such a foundation there can and will never be social and economic stability and sustainability and we can hardly imagine the Dutch Government not being aware of such condition.

Leopold James
President St. Martin Nation
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Looking past the State of Emergency

~ Jamaica Observer Editorial, June 28 ~

The excitement generated by the capture and subsequent extradition of Mr. Christopher Coke and the related legal complications now facing the Rev AJ Miller understandably pushed other topical issues into the background.

Yet last week's passage of the long-awaited six crime bills and the expected extension of the State of Emergency for another 30 days – and also to include St Catherine alongside Kingston and St Andrew as the areas covered – are of paramount importance.

Given the build-up to last Tuesday's debate, it seemed reasonable to expect that the Opposition People's National Party (PNP) was set to take a very forceful position in opposition to the passage of the bills because of perceived violations of basic rights.

As it turned out the bills – an act to amend the Bail Act; an act to make interim provision extending the powers of arrest and detention under Sections 50B and 50F of the Constabulary Force Act; an act to further amend the Firearms Act; an act to amend the Offences Against the Person Act; an act to amend the Parole Act; and an act to make interim provision in relation to the grant of bail in specified circumstances – were pushed through with relative ease by the Government side.

When it came down to vot-

ing time, the Opposition actually gave its support to the interim provision extending the powers of arrest. Given that the PNP commands 28 of the 60 seats in the elected House of Representatives, there were surprisingly only 10 votes opposing the other bills while the Government side counted 28 in favour. In other words, for whatever reason, most Opposition MPs made themselves unavailable at voting time – an indication that at best, they felt less than strongly about their party's stance.

Of note, two Opposition legislators abstained. In the context of accepted parliamentary language those abstentions seem suspiciously like 'yes' votes.

In the circumstances, the seeming ambivalence of the parliamentary opposition is entirely understandable. The truth is that the overwhelming bias of the Jamaican population at this time is that everything that can be done must be done, to bring criminals to heel. There is a growing feeling that the society is at war with criminals. In times of war, extraordinary action by the State becomes tolerable.

Hence the positive public response to the extension of the State of Emergency, which has received Opposition support.

Available evidence suggests that crime has dipped substantially since emergency powers were first

handed to the army and police in May.

However, Jamaicans need to understand that the State of Emergency and indeed other measures such as the extension of powers of arrest can only be temporary. They cannot be long-term or sustained solutions to criminal activity. Soon, the extraordinary powers now accorded the security forces will have to be removed.

A major challenge going forward will be to ensure that the security forces are suitably equipped, both in terms of personnel and material resources, to deal with criminals who may now be in retreat in some areas but are by no means defeated. The even greater challenge will be for the State to locate the resources and political will to take its rightful place in communities that have long looked to dons and crime lords for support and protection.

And as we have said in this space before, ordinary Jamaicans living their normal, everyday lives must also realise that they, too, have important roles to play. They and their neighbours need to so organise themselves lawfully and in collaboration with the police and other agencies of the State, that criminals, terrorists and parasites are left with no place to go.

Ultimately, the job of fighting crime cannot be left to the security forces alone.

When it came down to vot-

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BET Awards honor Prince, Chris Brown wows crowd

LOS ANGELES—The BET Awards on Sunday were hosted by a Queen and honored a Prince, but it was a fallen star, Chris Brown, who surprised fans with a tearful tribute to the late King of Pop.

Alicia Keys, Trey Songz, Nicki Minaj and current album chart champ Drake were among the big winners at cable television network BET's annual salute

to R&B and hip-hop stars, while Diddy, Kanye West, Eminem and El DeBarge wowed the audience with their performances.

Veteran funk-rocker Prince was given a lifetime achievement award at the show, which was hosted by comedian, actress and rapper Queen Latifah. Prince watched in the audience as Stevie Wonder paid tribute in a video, and onstage

Janelle Monae gave an energetic rendition of his "Let's Go Crazy" while disco diva Patti LaBelle pumped out a rousing "Purple Rain."

Wearing white trousers and turtle-neck, Prince took the stage, thanked the crowd and said, "I do believe the future is in good hands, I've seen so much talent here tonight."

"I was pretty wild in my younger days and you don't have to do what I do," he said, with a smile. "You don't have to make any of the mistakes that I made. The future is in your hands."

The night's top honor, BET's viewers' choice award, went to Rihanna and Young Jeezy for their song, "Hard."

Keys, who also performed a Prince song, took home two trophies for R&B female singer and best collaboration for smash hit, "Empire State of Mind", sung with Jay-Z.

Trey Songz, whose hits include "Can't Help but Wait", was named best R&B male singer. "I want to let you all know that anybody can be anything, all it takes is dedication and a lot of hard work," Songz said.

Canadian rapper Drake was named best male hip-hop artist, and Minaj took home the trophy for best female hip-hop singer. Beyonce and Lady Gaga earned video of the year honors for their collaboration "Video Phone", but



Rock and pop star Prince accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award from presenter Chaka Khan at the 2010 BET Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday.



Chris Brown performs during a segment honoring Michael Jackson at the 2010 BET Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday.

were not on hand to accept their trophy.

Brown's medley of Michael Jackson songs stood out from the pack, as much for the emotion as for his energetic dancing to

Former tennis star Capriati treated for drug overdose

MIAMI—Former tennis prodigy Jennifer Capriati is recovering at a south Florida hospital from an accidental overdose of a prescription medication, her spokeswoman said on Monday.

"Jen is recovering fully and speedily," spokeswoman Lacey Wickline told Reuters. She said the medication had been prescribed for Capriati by her doctor but did not elaborate.

The Palm Beach Post reported that an ambulance crew rushed Capriati, 34, from her apartment in a hotel-condominium building in Riviera Beach, Florida, to St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach early on Sunday. The Riviera Beach Fire Rescue and the hospital had no immediate comment.

Capriati turned pro as a young teen and won the women's singles gold medal at the 1992 Olympics but quit tennis in the mid-90s after arrests on shoplifting and marijuana possession charges. She returned to win three Grand Slam tournaments in 2001-02.

tunes such as "Billie Jean". Brown, who in 2009 was arrested and pleaded guilty to assaulting his ex-girlfriend Rihanna, fought back tears as he struggled to sing Jackson's gospel-inspired song about self-redemption "Man in the Mirror". After it was over, he left the stage at the Shrine Auditorium and hugged Jackson's brother Jermaine, who had introduced him.

Later in the show, Brown was given an "AOL Fandemonium" trophy and he told the audience, "I let you all down before, but I won't do it again. I promise."

Two days after the one-year anniversary of Michael Jackson's death, Jermaine

Jackson took the stage for the tribute to his brother and said, "everyone worldwide for the love shown us (his family) over the last year."

He then quoted what his sister, Janet Jackson, had said at last year's BET Awards: "Michael's a legend to you, but to me, he's my brother." He pointed upward and said, "Love you, Michael."

Among other highlights, former "Diff'rent Strokes" TV star Todd Bridges introduced a section on stars who had died in the past year, including his one-time co-star Gary Coleman. And John Legend was given a humanitarian award.

Marilyn Monroe X-rays snapped up for \$45,000

LOS ANGELES—Three X-rays of Hollywood actress Marilyn Monroe's chest and pelvis taken during a hospital visit have sold for more than 10 times their pre-sale estimates, earning \$45,000.

Auction house Julien's said in a statement that the sale was part of an auction of Hollywood Legends mem-

orabilia which took place at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas over the weekend with the X-rays expected to go for \$800 to \$1,200 each. One of the sale had toured Ireland, Japan and China before finally going under the hammer.

The Monroe X-rays came from a 1954 visit by the ac-

tress to the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital. The actress died in August 1962 at the age of 36.

Other items also sold at the auction included a chair from Monroe's last photo shoot that went for \$35,000, Christopher Reeves' Superman VI costume which sold for \$32,500 and a dress worn by Audrey Hepburn in "Funny Face" which went for \$56,250.

A crystal-studded glove from Michael Jackson's "Victory" Tour sold for \$190,000 at an earlier Music Icons sale held by Julien's Auctions at Planet Hollywood. The prices included the buyer's premium.

Vince Neil arrested for drunk driving

LOS ANGELES—Motley Crue singer Vince Neil was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving and was being held in a Las Vegas jail, police said on Monday. Las Vegas police had few details of the arrest but Neil, 49, was expected to appear in court later on Monday.

Celebrity website TMZ.com said Neil's car was pulled over late on Sunday night after police received a complaint from a woman who alleged Neil had smashed her camera earlier in the evening. The arrest comes just a week after Neil released his latest album—"Tattoos and Tequila"—featuring cover versions of classic rock songs.



Vince Neil

Neil, who split with Motley Crue in 1992 and rejoined the band in 1997, served jail time in 1986 for drunken driving after a car crash that left a drummer dead. In the past few years he has opened a string of bars and restaurants in Las Vegas and Florida.

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Swatch Group founder Nicolas Hayek dies

ZURICH—Swatch Group Chairman Nicolas Hayek, one of Switzerland's most prominent and colourful entrepreneurs, died of heart failure at his workplace on Monday, the company said.

Hayek, who turned 82 in February, was widely credited with saving the Swiss watchmaking industry by reorganising the ailing Asuag and SSIH watch companies, merging them into Swatch Group, which he took over with other investors in 1985. He became chief executive and chairman in 1986.

"With the unexpected death of Nicolas G. Hayek, Switzerland and the Swiss economy lose one of their leading personalities," Swiss President and Economy Minister Doris Leuthard said in a statement.

Hayek was a driving force

for the Swiss economy with his courageous engagement for entrepreneurship, she said, adding, "We owe Mr. Hayek a lot."

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, the Swiss watch industry, which excelled in complicated mechanical watches, had trouble coping with the advent of highly reliable and much cheaper quartz watches. Hayek did not hesitate to embrace quartz technology for the Swatch watch, launched in 1983, and the colourful plastic watch quickly became popular all over the world.

Its success drove the recovery of the Swiss watchmaking industry and helped turn the company into the world's largest watchmaker. "Mr. Hayek's contribution to the Swatch Group and the Swiss watch industry was immense. We

view today's announcement as a significant loss for the company," said Citi luxury goods analyst Thomas Chauvet.

Executives across the industry heaped praise on Hayek, with Jean-Claude Biver, boss of official FIFA World Cup timekeeper Hublot saying his death left "an incredible void" in the Swiss watchmaking industry.

He left a company in good health. In May Hayek, who was often seen with two or three watches on each wrist, said Swatch was on course for a record year, with sales expected at more than 6 billion Swiss francs (\$5.5 billion).

"Nicolas G. Hayek's extraordinary vision enabled him to realise and ensure the sustainability of a strong watchmaking enterprise with high Swiss added value. He is rightly recognised as a leading entrepreneur in this country," the company said.

Hayek was often critical of financial markets, and last year teamed up with the vice-president of the populist SPV party, Christoph Blocher, and the head of the Social Democrats to call for a firm stance on banking regulation.

Hayek's son, Nick Hayek, has been CEO of Swatch Group since 2003 and was elected to the board at the last annual general meeting in May. Chauvet said the "Hayek pool" remains the largest shareholder in the group, controlling 41 per-

cent of the votes. Analysts said this was unlikely to change with the passing of Swatch's leading light.

"The Swiss watch industry has lost a legend and he will be sorely missed. I expect a smooth generational change of the guard at Swatch Group with the Hayeks firmly in control," said Kepler Capital Markets analyst John Cox.

File photo of Supermodel Cindy Crawford (L) and Chairman of Swatch Group Nicolas Hayek presenting the new "Omega Constellation" at the opening day of the "World Watch, Clock and Jewellery Show" in Basel, Switzerland March 23, 2000.



Steve Carell "resigning" from The Office in 2011

LOS ANGELES—Actor Steve Carell is tendering his resignation as the egotistical boss Michael Scott of "The Office," and leaving the hit TV comedy show next year.

Carell told US Magazine that he would be leaving paper company Dunder Mifflin at the end of the upcoming TV season, in May 2011.

"Yes, it will be my last," Carell, 47, told USMagazine.com while promoting his movie "Despicable Me". "It's the last (season) on my contract, and I want to honor my contract."

Carell, who won a Golden Globe award for his role, said he wanted to spend more time with his wife and two young children. Carell began playing Michael Scott in 2005 when the U.S. version of the hit British mockumentary created by Ricky Gervais was launched on NBC. NBC had no comment on Carell's remarks.

Carell's departure may not mean the end of "The Of-

ice" however. NBC executives told reporters in May that the network regarded the show as an ensemble piece and that producers were prepared for a possible departure by Carell.

The actor told US Magazine he would be sad to leave the comedy series. "These are some of my best friends in the world! But it will be good—it will be good for everybody," he said.

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TV 15 (local)

St. Maarten Cable TV

Tuesday, June 29

8:00am Replay AVS News
8:30am Replay GIS Bulletin
9:00am Caribbean Newline
9:30pm Caribbean Workout
10:00am Caribbean Passport
10:30am UN in action
11:00am Music Videos
5:00pm Music Videos
5:30pm Caribbean Newline
6:00pm GIS Productions
6:30pm Caribbean Workout
7:00pm In Depth
7:30pm AVS News
8:00pm Oral Gibbs Live
9:00pm Special
10:00pm St. Maarten Lottery
10:05pm Special
11:00pm AVS News
11:30pm Caribbean Newline



TeleCuraçao

Channel 30 St. Maarten Cable TV

Tuesday, June 29

5:45am Mi Salu, Bo Salu, Nos Salu
6:30am Moru Bondia
9:30am Panel Mundial
10:00am Paraguay-Hapen
12:00pm AI Dia
12:30pm Bo Tra'i Merdia
2:00pm Panel Mundial
2:30pm Espana-Portugal
4:30pm Solo Ta Salu Pa Nos Tur
5:30pm Before & After Magazine (r)
6:30pm Nos Pas
7:30pm Tama Nota Sindikal
7:45pm Ban Papiia Turismo
8:00pm Telenotisia Prinsipal
9:00pm Wega di Number Korsou
9:10pm Partisipashon di Moru
9:15pm Bo Salu den Balansa
10:15pm TBA
11:00pm Telenotisia (r)
12:00am Estreno



BvN (Dutch/Flemish) TV
Channel 46 St. Maarten Cable TV

Tuesday, June 29

12:00pm Het journaal
12:30pm De roek loper
12:50pm Recht in de regio
1:15pm Rail away
1:40pm Sterren! Top 20
2:10pm Mijn vader is de beste!
3:00pm NOS Journaal
3:10pm Sesamstraat
3:40pm Het Klokhuis
3:50pm Mega Mindy
4:15pm De Poesjaggers
4:40pm 1000 Zonnen
5:05pm NOS Jeugdjournaal
5:10pm RegioNed
5:20pm EensVandaag
5:30pm NOS Sportjournaal
6:00pm VRT Journaal
6:40pm NOS WK Journaal
7:30pm NOS Journaal
7:55pm Weerbericht
8:00pm Tomsterom
8:50pm Kukeleku
9:20pm Labyrinth
9:30pm Nova-Den Haag vandaag
10:20pm Weerbericht
10:25pm Studio Sportzomer
11:20pm Terzake



RADIO NEDERLAND WERELDMROEP

Programmes Radio Netherlands

St. Maarten:

* Pearl FM (98.1 FM)

Monday-Friday

6.30am-7.25am **Linea Recta** (live), news & actualiteiten 'special' voor de Nederlandse Antillen & Aruba in DUTCH (7.15 in Papia-mentu)

1.00pm-1.30pm **Newline**, news & current affairs in English

* Radio Surinam (99.5 FM)

Dutch and English items from RNW (no fixed time)

St. Eustatius:

* Sint-Eustatius Broadcasting Corporation (91.5 FM)

Monday-Friday
7.45am-8.40am **Linea Recta**, news & actualiteiten 'special' voor de Nederlandse Antillen & Aruba in DUTCH (from 8.30am in Papiamentu)

6.00pm-7.00pm **Newline**, news & current affairs in English + Daily special
7.00pm-8.00pm **Linea Recta** (repeat)

* Statia-Cable (Channel 2)

Monday-Sunday (24 hours):

* Dutch programme, including 6.30am-7.25am **Linea Recta** (Monday-Saturday)

Saba:

* Voice of Saba/QEM 93.9

Monday-Friday
6.30am-10.15am Dutch programme, including 6.30am-07.25am **Linea Recta** (live), news & actualiteiten 'special' voor de Nederlandse Antillen & Aruba in DUTCH (7.15am in Papiamentu)

Monday-Friday:

2.00pm-2.30pm **Newline**, news & current affairs in English

* Saba-Cable (Channel 2)

Monday-Friday:

6.30am-10.15am Dutch programme, including **Linea Recta** (see Voice of Saba)

Monday-Friday:

2.00pm-2.30pm **Newline** (see Voice of Saba)

See also: www.caribiana.nl



By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's birthday (June 29)--If you can figure out how to adapt your work style to suit other group members, you make rapid progress. This year promises to provide chances for you to take an idea and run with it, producing results independently while also functioning as a team member.

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 an 8 -- Group activities feel an injection of creative energy. All you need is to praise each person's effort in some small way, and it all flowers.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Plan a vacation to take advantage of discounts or special events. That way you get more bang for the buck, and greater pleasure.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 6 -- You have several clear choices for how to proceed. Rather than challenge the group mentality, adapt for independence or stay home and do housework.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 5 -- You surprise yourself by getting a ton of work done without any help. If not to loathe. Other people get mired down in the details.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- It feels like a single person grabs control of your universe (or tries to). Your partner has your back. There's nothing to worry about, if you hang together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Your mind and heart share the same wavelength. A co-worker's independent thinking inspires and excites you. Open the conversation to the gang.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- You gain awareness of the needs of others by looking within yourself. You understand how to support them, and have the creative means to do so.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 5 -- Meditation or yoga can boost your awareness of the energy around you. The concerns of others become evident, as well as your role in the solution.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 5 -- A limited budget prevents you from doing everything you want. Adjust your sights and focus on the basics first. Then allocate what remains.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Use your imagination to obtain the very best gift for your favorite person. If you spend a bit more than planned, you get ten times the value.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- You just have to do your job first. Then imagine the fun you can have at your favorite game. Bring playfulness and creativity to both venues.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Yesterday's efforts pay off today in the form of cheerful workers who cooperate without a murmur. And you get creative results!





**SEND LETTERS TO P.O. BOX 828
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Dear Queenie,

My cousin and I have always been in fights because of our cars. He always says that his car is the best, like a 3-year-old. I like my car which is a \$45,000 BMW. Every time he insults me because of our cars.

Queenie, what should I do to make him stop?—Annoyed

Dear Annoyed,

He likes his car best, you like your car best. It is a matter of personal taste, not a question of which is the better car. Why should you feel insulted because he doesn't like the same things you do?

Stop responding to him like a 3-year-old. When he starts to argue with you about it, just agree with him, "Yes, I know you like your car better than mine," and change the subject. If he won't let it go, walk away.

EVENTS

Only notices of fund-raising events for non-profit or educational organisations will be placed in the Events/Notices column. Notices/Events should be sent to notices@thedailyherald.com in the format used on this page. Do not send files or press releases to this address.

Thursday, July 1

READ TO ME WORKSHOP
Organised by Philipsburg Jubilee Library
Time: 6:30 to 7:30pm

Presented by remedial teacher Patti Maier, who will explain the different techniques that can be used when reading to your baby or toddlers.
Place: Philipsburg Jubilee Library

Saturday, July 3

FUNDRAISING
FISH FRY/BBO
Organised by Class 27 of the Philipsburg Methodist Church.
Place: Philipsburg Methodist Church grounds
Time: 12:00-4:00pm
Price: Fish, NAF, 22 or US \$12; BBO, NAF, 15 or \$8

NOTICES

Summer Camp

Moravian Church St Maarten is registering children 4 to 15 for a summer camp from July 19th to 23 starting 8:30am to 5:00pm at Immanuel Church, Dominica Road, 10, Opposite the Zoo. Activities include dancing, singing, arts and crafts, cooking, sports and excursions. Camp fee: US\$40 a week
For more information call Richelda Emmanuel 580-3422.

Hurricane Preparedness Meeting

All Red Cross volunteers, brigadiers including and persons interested in joining the organization are invited to attend a hurricane preparedness meeting on Sunday, July 4 from 4:00 to 6:00pm at the Red Cross building on the Airport Road.

Swim Lessons

Carib Swim Team is offering two-week crash courses swim lessons in July. All levels and all ages. Mornings or afternoon lessons. Courses to be held at the Belair swim pool, opposite the hospital while Carib's pool undergoes renovations. US\$75 per two week crash course. Call 522 5785 or e-mail info@caribswimteam.org for more information.

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Drumming Programme

The Drop Off Foundation is registering children 4 to 16 for their learn the arts of drumming and play in a marching band programme starting July 3. Registration fee: NAF18 or US\$10. For more information call: 523-2585

Return Overdue Books Free

It's that time of the year again: Return all your overdue books to Philipsburg Jubilee Library free of charge Monday to Saturday, June 21 to July 3. No questions will be asked.

Members Meeting

The Board of the Windward Islands Civil Servants Union / Private Sector Union (WICSU/PSU) informs its members of a very important General Members Meeting to be held Tuesday June 29 at the Union headquarters at #17 Walter Niseth Road, beginning at 5: 30pm.

Libby's Corned Beef Recall

Inspection VSA has issued a recall of Libby's Corned Beef 12oz cans and Seasoned Cooked Beef 35oz boxes. Consumers are asked to immediately discontinue using these products, which may be contaminated with the animal drug Ivermectin used to de-worm live animals. The cans and packages are marked "Brasil 337 S.I.E." on the top or side, and "Product of Brazil" or "Packed under Brazilian Government Inspection." Consumers should look out for these markings. For further information, call Inspection VSA at 542-2079 or 542-2059.

Swim, Snorkel, Dive Courses

Alfredo Foundation has 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 alfredofoundation.sxm@live.com or Facebook: Alfredo Dive Foundation.

Wealth Creation Symposium

Register for now Victorious Living's Wealth Creation Symposium at the Belair Community Centre on August 7, 9:00am to 4:30pm. Register at <http://wealthcreation.com>, eventbrite.com, call 542-2663 or 524-8731, or visit Victorious Living at 158 B Back Street, Philipsburg, or www.victoriousliving.org. For more information, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yHlJUSLAIQ>

Sailing Summer Camp

St Maarten Yacht Club is organising six weeks of camps three for beginners and three for advanced sailors. The camps are full days from 8:30am to 4:00pm and include lunch and snack breaks. During the beginners camps focus will be on teaching basic principles of sailing. US \$225 for non-members of St Maarten Yacht Club and \$200 for members. For additional information contact Maaike van Mameren at youthsailing@smyc.com or 586-0850

Summer Camp

Imbali presents its 3rd Annual Visual and Performing Arts Summer Camp
Starting July 1-21 for children ages 3-16. Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm, Saturday 8:00am to 12:00pm. Classes include hip hop, African dance, creative dance, arts and crafts, photography, video, acrobatics, drumming, story time and more. Registration fee of US \$20 before June 20 to receive discounts on camp fees. For more information contact Clara Reyes 554-9364 or e-mail clara.reyes1@gmail.com

Summer Programme

Positively Active Vacationing Youngsters is registering children for their Summer Programme from July 5 to 5th, 30 days or 13. Cost US\$ 225 includes registration, breakfast, lunch and snacks. Trip to St. Barths optional for extra US\$ 30. for more information call 526-9852 or 557-8202

Summer Camp

After School Activities (No Kidding With Our Kids Foundation) is organizing a two week Summer Camp July 5-16, 8:00am to 4:30pm daily at its location in Sucker Garden. Participants will built and paint their own town "Kids City".

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make their own movie and can join a photography course. Also batik, sewing, cooking etc.
Fee: ASA students can see the monthly fee; NAF. 150 or US \$83 for two weeks; non-ASA fee is US \$75 per week or \$150 for two weeks.

School Registration

Allen Higher Education and Development (AHEAD) Centre of Excellence informs the general public that registration for the new school year 2010-2011 is now open.
Date: June 1-25, Time: 8:00am to 2:00pm. Persons can visit the office at Cob Cactus Drive #3, Sucker Garden, Upper Prince's Quarter, or call 580-8234 or 526-9110.

Park Available

Mango Eco Project d/s a PARK in Friars Bay makes known that the area to hold activities such as church events, summer programmes, barbeque activities, social meetings, domino tournaments, cultural activities, school events, family gatherings, etc., is available. For more information and reservation call Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm, 586-1834, 526-2338, 526-5092 or 522-7974.

Practice Sessions

The French St. Martin Baseball and Softball Association reminds all players that are pre-selected to take part in the upcoming Baseball tournament in Rouen, in July 2010, that practice sessions at Louis Vanterpool Stadium in Marigot take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

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 Friday 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.

Dance Camp 2010

Dance Theater of St. Maarten offers three weeks of ballet, modern, jazz, hip hop, gymnastics, cheerleading, drama, vocals and arts for ages 6-13 all levels, July 12-30. Each week will also include a visit to the movie theatre, water fun and games. Presentations on Fridays will display self-made costumes, props, décor and showcase routines taught by familiar names and our summer intern from the Netherlands.
For schedule and prices, please contact Susha at 520-6914 or susha@danceexam.com or go to the studio in the Caribbean Cinemas Megaplex 7, 69 Welfare Road, Cole Bay.

Summer Programme

Hillside Christian Community Schools will be hosting their second annual summer programme from Monday, July 5, to Friday, July 16, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Activities include games; arts and crafts; excursions to Glass Bottom Boat, exploring St. Peter's Hills, fitness walk on the Great Bay beach promenade, various sports facilities, French-side market and Mullet Bay golf course; and special speakers. Breakfast, lunch, and snack will be provided. Fee: US \$60 per child. For more information call 586-3151.

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Dynamics Club track and field athletes at Princess Juliana International Airport on Monday after arriving home from the Dutch Caribbean Games in Curacao with 10 medals.

Track and Field athletes triumphant in Curacao

PHILIPSBURG—Athletes from Dynamics Club produced excellent results at the Dutch Caribbean Games held in Curacao June 26-27 before returning home to St. Maarten on Monday with 10 medals, head coach Abdul Wattlew reported.

The total medals haul from the eight track and field athletes who participated in the Games included 3 Gold, 4 Silver, and 3 Bronze.

Brendan Webster competing in the Under 17 age bracket won Gold in the Shotput with a throw of 10.44 metres and a Silver medal for the Javelin with a throw of 35.92 metres.

Also in this age group Chris George clinched Bronze in the Triple Jump (13.05 metres) and a Silver medal in the Long Jump (5.72 metres), while Sheldon Wilson grabbed a Bronze in the 400 metres with a time of 55.9 seconds. Leandro Peters won a Bronze medal in the Long Jump (6.01 metres) and Denica Daniel, competing for the first time at a higher level and the only girl competing for Dynamics, finished fourth in the Long Jump but recorded a personal best jump of 4.54 metres) in the Girls Under 17 category.

Mike Destin won Gold in the 200 metres with a time of 22.07 seconds and ran a personal best in the 100 metres (10.56 seconds) in the semi final. Unfortunately he was disqualified in the finals because of a false start. He was the favourite to win the Under 20 group.

Another outstanding performance came from Fernando Brooks who snatched a Silver medal in the 200 metres with a time of 24.05 seconds and a Silver medal in the 100 metres with a time of 10.60, a personal best.

Not to be outdone, head coach Abdul Wattlew showed his younger athletes that he has what it takes to compete at a high level by winning the Open Class in the Javelin with a throw of 51:78 metres.

Wattlew said the outstand-

Steelers Colon may miss season with injury

NEW YORK—A challenging off-season for the Pittsburgh Steelers got a little more difficult as right tackle Willie Colon suffered an Achilles injury, the NFL team said on Monday.

Already reeling from a six-game suspension to starting quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, the news of Colon's injury was the latest setback for a team looking to return to the playoffs after falling short last season. Colon likely will have season-ending surgery on Wednesday after suffering what is expected to be a torn Achilles tendon.

Steyn and Botha have Windies on the rack

BRIDGETOWN—South Africa lock certain to wrap up a 2-0 series win after reducing West Indies to 134 for seven on the third day of the third and final test in Barbados on Monday.

The home team produced another inept batting display to reach the close of play with a 19-run lead and only three wickets left. The defiant Shivnarine Chanderepa was 57 not out and Sulieman Benn unbeaten on four.

Paceman Dale Steyn

ing results of his athletes was vindication for "critical and degrading" comments made by the St. Maarten Amateur Athletics Association about Dynamic athletes not being up to par to represent St. Maarten at the Games. The association made a last minute decision to let Dynamic athletes travel to the championships but without the association's support and not to represent St. Maarten.

"But when we were in Curacao the officials still called us out as Team St. Maarten," said Wattlew. "Everybody did well. We knew Fernando Brooks was going to do well but his performance, and that of Mike Destin's, exceeded my expectations."

He noted his team had similar results at the Championship last year but these were even better.

Wattlew added four athletes have the potential to be selected for the Kingdom Games next year in July in Curacao. They are Fernando Brooks, Chris George, Denica Daniel and Brendan Webster.

ripped through the top order with three wickets before spinner Johan Botha took three more. Steyn removed openers Dale Richards (17) and Chris Gayle (10) and then dismissed Narsingh Deonarine for a first-ball duck.

Botha had Brendan Nash (12) caught at slip by Jacques Kallis after tea before claiming the wickets of Denesh Ramdin (1) and Shane Shillingford, who made 25 in 77 deliveries.

Experienced left-hander

Martina, Duram shine for St. Maarten U-19

CUL DE SAC—Two outstanding performances from St. Maarten U-19 cricketers in Shaquille Martina and Daniel Duram helped the local team secure first innings points over their Anguilla counterparts at the Caribe Lumber Ballpark on Sunday.

Both teams were competing in the Leeward Islands Cricket Association (LICA) two-day tournament which was also held in St. Kitts and Montserrat where the home teams played against Nevis and Antigua and Barbuda, respectively. The most outstanding players in these three matches would be selected to represent the Leeward Islands in the West Indies U-19 tournament which bowls off on July 6 in St. Lucia.

At the Caribe Lumber Ballpark, Martina played fluently for 94 in which he hit 15 fours and faced 103 deliveries. When Anguilla batted and posted 188 of 61.3 overs, Duram was the star with the ball when he collected six for 30 off 16 overs. St. Maarten replied with 261 all out in 72.5 overs.

For the visitors, vice-captain Nardel Lake with 78 off 85 balls (9 fours) and Vershawn Hodge with 33 off 82 balls (2 fours) were the leading scorers. Duram, who bows left arm spin, spun a web around the batsmen with his guile and bounce. Anguilla lost wickets regularly. Only an 84-run partnership for the third wicket between the two top scorers held up the home team, momentarily.

When the home team batted, they lost opener Gregorio Ritchie for 28 off 67 when the score was 65.

Martina strode to the crease and straight away looked at ease. He was especially harsh on the spinners, hitting them well down the ground for fours.

Martina was puffed that he did not grab the opportunity to get over the three-figure mark. Watched by one of the selectors in John Archibald, Martina showed maturity and skill against a decent bowling attack. He reached his first 50 off 54 balls with nine fours but paced his inning resolutely, thereafter.

He looked set for a sure century until a rush of blood saw him mistime an intended od drive straight to the mid on fielder. His disappointment was felt not only by the crowd but by him also.

He ducked his head into his legs at mid pitch and contemplated for more than 15 seconds about the missed opportunity. One player from the celebrating team shouted a message of both hope and condemnation, "Try next year, not against us!"

Martina indeed has the talent, to not only make a

century next year, but the next time he goes to bat, and by the way, against anyone. He along with Duram must have caught the eyes of Archibald.

There were also solid performances from Gregorio Ritchie with 28 off 67 balls and Kacey Carty with 27 off 89 balls. Shayne Rowe entertained the crowd with 30 off 34 (5 fours) towards the end of the inning.

Lake grabbed noteworthy figures of five for 52 off 20 overs while Jeffrey Adams collected three for 51 in 21 overs. Both wicket takers were off spinners.

In the second inning, Anguilla reached 97 in five before play came to an end. Lake was once again the top scorer with an unbeaten 54 off 82 balls with five fours and one six.

The selectors are expected to meet shortly to decide who will represent the Leeward Islands in the regional U-19 tournament. The clear frontrunners from the home team are Martina, Ritchie and Duram while Anguilla had good performances from Lake, Hodge and Adams.

St. Maarten cricket team trimmed for LICA tourney

CUL DE SAC—The St. Maarten T20 team for the Leeward Islands Cricket Association (LICA) tournament has been trimmed to 16 from the earlier named 26 men-squad.

The selectors originally named the large squad hoping that the players would have had at least one practice match. But the consistent bad weather over the past week has not even allowed the cricketers to practice as a team.

The team will be without Captain Lionel Ritchie who had made prior travel arrangements overseas before the announcement of this tournament. Also missing from the team are batsman Moreland Le Blanc and arounder Larry Baptiste. Both players would be off island during the tournament.

The names of the 16-men training squad are Sherwin Peters, Sheldon LeBlanc, Romain Doodnath, Damian Williams, Kenroy David, Jean Rene Beltzar, Joel

Brown, George Mars, Colin Hamer, Daryl Duram, Rasheed Pirkan, Akeem Charles, Asa Edwards, Royston Trocard, Renee Blondin and Damien Beckford. A captain will be announced shortly.

Two U-19 players in Gregorio Ritchie and Shaquille Martina are also asked to train with the squad. All players are required to show up at the Caribe Lumber Ballpark by 5:00pm from today for practice.

The 2010 inaugural LICA T20 tournament bowls off in Antigua on the July 7 and will conclude on the July 14. All matches will begin in the afternoon and some will be played under lights at the Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua.

Players will be selected after this tournament to represent the Leeward Islands in the first Caribbean T20 tournament from July 22 to 31 in Barbados and Trinidad. The local coach is Ritchie Singh.

Roddick falls foul of Lu as Federer remains cool

LONDON—Sweat seeping from his baseball cap after four hours scratching for his game on a dusty baseline, Andy Roddick became Wimbledon's biggest casualty on Monday when he lost to the son of a Taiwanese chicken farmer.

Just as it seemed the serious contenders for the titles had survived the most hectic day on the grand slam calendar, last year's runner-up was cut down by Lu Yen-hsun whose previous four Wimbledon

appearances ended in first-round defeats.

Lu thoroughly deserved his 4-6 7-6 7-6 6-7 9-7 fourth-round victory to become the first Asian man to reach a grand slam quarter-final since Japan's Shuzo Matsuoka's run at the All England Club in 1995.

"I'm really proud of myself to share this victory with my dad who is in the sky," Lu, whose father died 10 years ago, told reporters. "I hope he saw this match. When I

won I just sat there and said I did this for my father."

While Roddick's tournament came to an abrupt end on a day of withering heat, defending men's champion Roger Federer was the epitome of cool as the Swiss glided past old pal Jurgen Melzer into the quarter-finals.

"This is not hot," Federer shrugged after treating a slowly roasting Centre Court crowd to an 84-minute masterclass as temperatures shot into the high 80s. "This was a one shirt-change kind of match."

Top seed Rafael Nadal, who like Federer has endured a rocky ride so far, also conserved some energy for his impending battle with Robin Soderling with an easy victory against Paul-Henri Mathieu while Andy Murray gave British sports fans a lift as he outclassed dangerous American Sam Querrey. Murray, bidding to become the first British man to win Wimbledon since 1936, will face Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the last eight after he beat fellow Frenchman Julien Benneteau.

Nadal will be wary of Soderling's explosive game in the quarter-finals and may have hoped to be playing compatriot David Ferrer in the last eight instead. Ferrer pushed Soderling to the limit before losing in five sets.

Novak Djokovic beat Lleyton Hewitt in four sets to set up a meeting with Lu while Tomas Berdych is Federer's quarter-final obstacle after beating Germany's Daniel Brands.

Second Monday at Wimble-



Switzerland's Roger Federer hits a return to Austria's Jurgen Melzer at the 2010 Wimbledon tennis championships in London, on Monday.

don is traditionally the day that the big guns move into position. Women's favourites Serena and Venus Williams churned on inexorably towards contesting yet another women's singles final but the third, fourth and seventh seeds in the women's draw were all heading home after limp exits.

Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki was humiliated 6-2 6-0 by Petra Kvitová of the Czech Republic. Serbia's Jelena Jankovic quit, citing back trouble, when trailing 6-1 3-0 against Russian Vera Zvonareva while Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska managed just five games against China's Li Na.

World number one Serena Williams may well have played her toughest match already on route to the final. She saved three set points and needed the help of 19 acres before subduing Maria Sharapova 7-6 6-4 in repeat of 2004 final and now faces Li with a possible semi-final against either unseeded Kvitová or Estonian qualifier Kaia Kanepi who, like both

Williams sisters, is yet to drop a set.

Five-times champion Venus scrapped like a "hellcat" according to her father Richard to resist Australia's Jarmila Groth in on the bowl-like furnace of Court Two after arriving for the match 10 minutes late. Williams, who blamed her tardiness on a mix-up with her security escort, broke in the 10th game to take the first set but Groth, the lowest ranked woman to reach the last 16, twice served for the second set before succumbing 6-4 7-6.

Venus faces a looming danger in the semi-final after Kim Clijsters beat Justine Henin in the 25th Battle of the Belgians. Eighth seed Clijsters, thriving on her return to the All England Club after a four-year absence in which she gave birth to daughter Jada, was given the run-around early on before the 27-year-old recovered to win 2-6 6-2 6-3 and move forward to a quarter-final against Zvonareva.

Henin, also back at Wimbledon after a retirement U-turn, was troubled by a wrist injury after a fall.

Tell out. But Armstrong's received by everyone. He has been a target of accusations that he has lied about his career and although he has never failed a test and always maintained his innocence, the claims have continued.

Just last month, his former team mate Floyd Landis, who was stripped of his win in the 2006 Tour de France because of a doping offence, accused Armstrong and other members of his team of cheating. The latest accusations prompted a flurry of finger-pointing and counter-accusations with Armstrong hitting back at Landis, who finally owned up to using performance-enhancing drugs after years of denials.

"It's our word against his word," Armstrong said at the time. "I like our word. We like our credibility. Floyd lost his credibility a long time ago."

This year's Tour de France starts with a prologue in Rotterdam on Saturday and ends in Paris on July 25. Contador remains the favourite to win but Armstrong is regarded among the main contenders.

Armstrong announces Tour will be his last

NEW YORK—Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong has announced that he is making his final appearance in the Tour next month.

The 38-year-old American, two years into a second comeback, revealed the news through his Twitter website just days before he begins his campaign for an unprecedented eighth victory in the gruelling event. "And yes, this will be (my) final Tour de France. It's been a great ride," Armstrong tweeted. "Looking forward to 3 great weeks."

Armstrong overcame testicular cancer and a break from professional cycling while undergoing treatment to win the Tour de France seven times in a row between 1999 and 2005. He retired in 2005 but made a comeback last year, at age 37, saying he partly missed the thrill of competition but was driven by a greater cause, to help promote cancer awareness.

He finished a credible third in last year's Tour de France, behind his Spanish team mate Alberto Contador, but formed his own Radioshack team for this year's race after the pair



Taiwan's Lu Yen-hsun hits a return to Andy Roddick of the U.S. at the 2010 Wimbledon tennis championships in London, on Monday.

Are left-handed pitchers more prone to injury?

NEW YORK—Left-handed baseball pitchers may be more susceptible to injury, according to a U.S. study of college pitchers that found differences in the throwing motions of left and right-handed players.

Researchers from the Center for Sport & Motion Analysis at Texas Metroplex Institute for Sports Performance found the mechanics of a left-handed pitcher resulted in more stress on the bone that runs from the shoulder to the elbow called the humerus.

"It's kind of remarkable to me," researcher Dr. Sherry Werner told Reuters Health. "I never would have expected significant differences."

Werner and her colleagues

analyzed the pitching motions of 84 collegiate baseball players, looking at the rotation of their pitching and non-pitching arms, the angles of their elbows and shoulders during the pitching motion, and their arm speed. They then took the 28 left-handed players in the study and matched them up with 28 right-handers of similar age, height, weight, and throwing speed to examine these details of their motions.

By comparing angle and speed measurements, the researchers found that left-handed pitchers put more stress on their humerus than right-handed pitchers. "Their range of motion is different to begin with,"

Werner said, explaining

that these mechanical differences could impact the stress on the arm bones.

But in terms of significant differences, "the number one thing was torque on the humerus."

This stress is highest, she explained, at the point in the pitching motion where the pitcher has the ball behind him with his arm extended, before the arm accelerates toward the plate. "Too much stress on this bone, and it can fracture."

Werner said in the history of Major League Baseball, only four pitchers have had this specific type of injury and all were left-handed. But there are still questions about whether lefties get injured more than righties in general.

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foot shot that Mucha did not want to turn round the post.

A minute later on the other side of the field, he crafted a superb chance for impressive defender Joris Mathijsen to double the lead from close range, but Mucha again saved well.

"We were preparing for three days for Robben, for his way of playing, but he is an absolute genius," said Slovakia coach Vladimir Weiss. "When I saw him in the line-up I knew he makes the Netherlands line-up 50 percent stronger and I was correct."

The Dutch team again took its foot off the pedal in the second half and Slovakia finally made some headway in the middle as they strove for a repeat of their shock victory that dumped world champions Italy out of the competition. Miroslav Stoch, who looked the most threatening Slovak in attack, surged in from the flank but his powerful strike was tipped over by Maarten Stekelenburg in the 67th minute.

Seconds later, Vittek was played through unmarked



Slovakia's goalkeeper Jan Mucha collides with Netherlands' Dirk Kuyt during their 2010 World Cup second round soccer match at Moses Mabhid stadium in Durban on Monday.

with only Stekelenburg to beat, but he blasted his shot straight at the advancing Dutch keeper.

He wasted another excellent chance to equalise in the 78th minute, dilly-dallying over his shot when alone in the area again, eventually pushing a tame shot high of the goal.

The Dutch have now

ground out four wins in South Africa in search of their first World title, but without really playing to their full potential. "If you look at the whole match I think we deserved to win by far. We're here for one thing and one reason only: as a sportsman you have to go for the big prize," said coach Bert van Marwijk.

Robben finds inside track to keep Dutch on course

DURBAN--Netherlands winger Arjen Robben needed only 18 minutes against Slovakia on Monday to underline that his qualities gives the Dutch team exactly what they missed during the World Cup group phase.

An excellent long pass from Wesley Sneijder sent Robben away on the right flank, where the left-footed player cut in and went past two Slovak defenders to put the Dutch ahead with a well placed shot inside the near post. It spurred the Dutch to a 2-1 win that earned them a spot in Friday's quarter-final in Port Elizabeth, their first since 1998 when they finished fourth.

"I think I've scored a few goals like that, I'm left-footed and I play on the right side. A lot of the time I go inside and look for the shot," he told a news conference at the Moses Mabhid stadium in Durban. "I waited for the right time, I waited for a step made towards me and I decided to

go inside and he couldn't stop me any more and then I had the freedom to shoot."

The 26-year-old Robben, already at his fourth major tournament, went a long way to pay back the confidence coach Bert van Marwijk showed in him after he got injured six days before the start of the World Cup on June 11. Robben did not join the squad travelling to South Africa but started his recovery in Rotterdam and followed a week later and made his first appearance against Cameroon last Thursday, where his shot off the post gave Klaas-Jan Huntelaar the opportunity to net a rebound.

With Rafael van der Vaart injured for the match against the central Europeans, Van Marwijk took the risk to start with Robben and knew he had made the right choice after 18 minutes.

"If you look just in terms of the injury, it's a big moment because it's a long

sprint and you need to be explosive. In general I was pretty free in this game, but I also know that I'm not yet at my top level," said Robben. "It was a very difficult match, we didn't play our best match today but in the end it's about winning. Hopefully, we will save our best match for when it is needed."

"It was a great experience to be on the pitch again from the first minute and to be decisive for the team, it's a great feeling," he added.

"Teammate Dirk Kuyt, who scored the second goal, was forced to move from the right flank to make way for Robben and displayed his willingness to play for the team. "For me there is no difference as my tasks are the same but everyone knows how dangerous Arjen can be coming from the right flank," he told Reuters. "And if you see how he fills it in, that is amazing."

Slovakia rue nervousness and some missed chances



Netherlands' Gregory van der Wiel (2nd R) chases Slovakia's Jan Kozak during their 2010 World Cup second round soccer match at Moses Mabhid stadium in Durban on Monday.

DURBAN--Three major missed opportunities cost Slovakia the chance to continue their dream World Cup run, coach Vladimir Weiss said after their 2-1 defeat by Netherlands on Monday.

Weiss said the better team had gone through to the quarter-finals but that he was proud of his players for their performance on their debut in the tournament in which they sent home holders Italy with a 3-2 group stage victory last week.

"No coach can be happy if he loses if he has three high

quality chances," Weiss told a news conference, referring to two excellent chances for Robert Vittek and one for Miroslav Stoch while they were still only one goal down. "If we had managed to make goals out of these opportunities it would have looked different but then it changed to 2-0. When it was still 1-0, I told my players that it is not bad yet but that they got a little bit nervous so we got punished."

Midfielder Stoch said the players could not be too upset by the result. "The Dutch played really good

football and that is why I think 2-1 against such a team was a good result for us, although it could have been much better," he told reporters.

Weiss added that the referee, who gave little Slovakia's way, had not helped his team's cause.

"It happens at the World Cup that the weakest link is often the referee and I would say it in this match it was again the referee, he just invented a foul for (Martin) Skrtel and it was a decision against us," he said. "I am very proud of the players, I'm very proud they showed what they are capable of although they could have played a little bit better."

He said Vittek's last-minute penalty, which made the striker the country's all-time top scorer with 23 goals and also the tournament's joint top scorer with Argentina's Gonzalo Higuain on four, had brought them some comfort. "The penalty at the end will make us feel better during our flight back home," said Weiss. "The better football team has advanced."



Netherlands' Joris Mathijsen (2nd L) and John Heitinga (R) react after Netherlands' goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg committed a foul in the penalty box during the 2010 World Cup second round soccer match against Slovakia at Moses Mabhid stadium in Durban on Monday.

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before the match that they would not get away with such complacency in the knockout stages of the tournament but again they sat back after the early breakthrough.

That could have proved costly in the second half when the limited but game Slovaks, who knocked holders Italy out last week, had three good chances to equalise. Goalkeeper Maarten

Stekelenburg saved from Miroslav Stoch and Robert Vittek before Vittek dallied with his second chance, but it is hard to imagine the likes of Luis Fabiano, Robinho or Kaka passing up such opportunities.

Still, Van Marwijk has always maintained the Dutch are here to win the whole thing for the first time. 12 victories in a row is certainly momen-

um, and they would not be alone in raising their game when faced with better opposition.

As his players keep saying, they are doing "just enough" to get through each stage of the tournament, and perhaps Africa's first World Cup will just have to live without a glimpse of traditional Dutch flair.

Ghana to keep winning game plan, Pantsil says

JOHANNESBURG—Ghana will stick to the tactics that have proved successful so far in the World Cup when they take on Uruguay for a place in the semi-finals, defender John Pantsil said on Monday.

The team, which became only the third African nation ever to advance to the quarter final stage of the World Cup, also had no fears about dealing with the attacking qualities the South Americans had shown so far in the tournament, players said.

"I don't think there is anything to change in our game. We are going to stay

with our game plan—just relax and play our normal, good football and keep our positions and heads together," Pantsil told Ghana FA website (www.ghanafa.org).

Under Serbian coach Milovan Rajevac, Ghana, the only African team to make it through the group stage, have impressed many with their stubborn defence and the creativity in the midfield of Kevin-Prince Boateng and Dede Ayew. However, coach Rajevac is racing against time to have his squad ready for the game in Johannesburg on Friday following injuries to

key players and the suspension of Ayew and Jonathan Mensah.

Boateng also limped out of their hard-fought second round game against the United States, and is undergoing intensive therapy for a hamstring injury. Rajevac had said it would be a huge problem getting him ready for the game on Friday, while several other players including defender Samuel Inkoom are also struggling with niggling injuries.

"We'll try our best on the injured players and make sure they are ready," Rajevac said.

Despite the injuries and



Ghana's Kwadwo Asamoah kicks the ball next to teammates during a training session at Mogwase stadium near Rustenburg, on Monday.

suspension concerns, the Ghanaians are confident of making history by being the first African nation to reach the last four of the World Cup. "We're not worried about Uruguay. When we qualified to play the USA, we weren't worried and we won, so we're going to do

the same thing," said 19-year-old defender Jonathan Mensah.

Inkoom was more forthright with his predictions and confidence, seeing Ghana in the final and winning the trophy. "We are ready to live the ultimate dream," the 20-year-old

midfielder told FIFA website (www.fifa.com).

"I told the coach we would win," he said of the game against Uruguay. "I don't think Uruguay will be easy but I think we are capable of winning," he added.

Spain midfielder Alonso winning fitness race

CAPE TOWN—Spain midfielder Xabi Alonso looks to have recovered sufficiently from a sprained ankle to feature against neighbours Portugal in Tuesday's World Cup last 16 showdown, according to coach Vicente del Bosque.

Alonso damaged the ankle in Friday's 2-1 win over Chile and had to be replaced midway through the second half by Javi Martinez but Del Bosque said he had completed a training session at Cape Town's Green Point Stadium on Monday.

"He trained well," Del Bosque told a news conference. "Maybe tomorrow his ankle will be swollen, we'll have to wait and see," he added. "But I think he is in good enough shape to play."

Spain and Portugal, ranked second and third in the world respectively behind Brazil, have never met at a World Cup tournament and the winner of Tuesday's clash will play either Paraguay or Japan in the quarter-finals. Beyond that, Argentina or Germany await in the last four.

Del Bosque batted away the inevitable question about Portugal's former World Player of the Year Cristiano Ronaldo, saying the European champions were not obsessed with how to thwart him.

"The most important thing is to focus our attention on the Portuguese team as a



Spain's Xabi Alonso stretches during a training session at Athlone stadium in Cape Town on Monday.

whole," he said. "They have proved in both defence and attack that they are a very complete side. Thanks to the hard work of their coach (Carlos Queiroz) they have arrived at this World Cup in top condition."

Spain left back Joan Capdevila, who will have Ronaldo bearing down on him on Tuesday, said the best way to stop the forward was by working as a team.

"When you are up against someone like that, one of the best in the world with the speed that he has, it's tough," he told an earlier news conference. "He'll be roving around the whole defensive area and our four defenders will have to be on their guard. We'll have to watch out for him and the other players following behind who are also dangerous."



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo heads the ball during a training session at Athlone stadium in Cape Town on Monday.

Cape fits for prolific Portuguese juggernaut

CAPE TOWN—Portugal coach Carlos Queiroz said Tuesday's second round match against Spain at Green Point Stadium will feel like a home game after his side routed North Korea 7-0 on the same pitch in the group stage.

"It (familiarity with the pitch) can help us. I can say that during the World Cup this is home for us," Queiroz told reporters on Monday.

"With the win and the performance against North Korea, I think it is probably important to say to Spain that Portugal is going to play at home in Cape Town," he added.

The thumping of the Asian side was Portugal's only win in Group G, their other two games ending in

goalless draws against the Ivory Coast and Brazil. A bid by the Portuguese to protect their favourite turf by training a few kilometres away at Athlone Stadium fell flat when FIFA allowed the Spanish to train at the match venue.

Queiroz believes, however, that both sides have an equal chance of winning the Iberian duel. "Spain have a good team with much balance and a recent tradition of good results including their European Championship win in 2008, but we also have a good team and attacking players that can give any team a headache," he said.

Cristiano Ronaldo is certainly one of those players, and Queiroz said the world's most expensive

player may yet confound his critics by snatching a trophy at the end of the season. "I don't agree with the idea that he didn't win anything this season, because his season is not over yet. We have a title to fight for, so let's see," the coach said.

Queiroz said midfielder Ruben Amorim will miss the match after failing to shrug off a thigh injury. Winger Danny, who also has a thigh injury, is still doubtful for the game, as is left back Duda with a groin injury.

Seven Portugal players, including Ronaldo, picked up yellow cards in the group stage and could miss the quarter-finals if they are booked against Spain, but Queiroz said that will not affect their commitment.



Japan's national soccer players Keisuke Honda (R) and Daisuke Matsui take part in a training session at Loftus Versfeld stadium in Pretoria on Monday.

Cautious Okada aiming to consolidate Japan success

PRETORIA—Japan are on the brink of reaching the World Cup quarter-finals for the first time although coach Takeshi Okada is worried it could all come crashing down like a ton of bricks.

The Japanese face Paraguay in Pretoria on Tuesday in the second round and, while no Asian team has recorded a victory over a South American opponent at a World Cup, Japan have built up a head of steam and are flying. Cautious Okada, however, warned against complacency in the Japan camp and said it was important to build on their success in South Africa

rather than resting on their laurels.

"If you pile up bricks only vertically they will fall at some point," Okada told a news conference on Monday. "I don't want to make a judgment based on only one result or one competition, we need to have a longer-term vision in order to evaluate the real level of Japanese football."

Japan sealed second spot in Group E with a convincing 3-1 win over Denmark, and Okada said progressing to the next stage would be a boost for Japan and good for Asian soccer in general.

"South Korea, unfortunately, lost to Uruguay (in

the second round) but I think they played wonderfully," he added. "As the only remaining Asian team at this level we really would like to get to the last eight. For Japan's football community it would be bright, wonderful news. It would be one step closer to their goal of becoming one of the world's top teams if we get to the last eight."

Paraguay had not captured the world's imagination in terms of stylish soccer but their quality could not be ignored, said Okada.

"Perhaps Paraguay are not one of the most attractive teams, but fundamentally they are strong," he added. "In the group phase they finished first ahead of some very good teams. Many of their players are in European leagues and up front in particular they are very quick."

Japan's success in South Africa is in stark contrast to their pre-World Cup struggles. Okada had offered to resign just over a month ago after his side were beaten 2-0 by South Korea in a friendly in Saitama.

Frequently abused by Japanese media in the run-up to the World Cup, Okada's stock rose dramatically after first round victories over Cameroon and Denmark but he was sceptical that it would stay that way.

"I don't read all that stuff. I'm not aware of what the press is saying about my reputation," he added. "It fluctuates and changes and it will do so again in the future. I don't care. I will just go my own way."

Argentine stars are a class above England, say Germany

ERASMIA, South Africa—Quarter-final opponents Argentina are in a different league to an England side who were just not up for their last 16 clash, Germany's Miroslav Klose said on Monday.

The striker netted the opener in the 4-1 thrashing of England on Sunday but expects a much tougher test in the last eight in Cape Town on Saturday.

"We shouldn't compare Argentina with England. Argentina are in another league," Klose, at 32 the elder statesman in a young Germany team, told a news conference. "The key factor is presenting yourself as a team, as a unit, and I didn't really think this was the case with England. We realised six or seven minutes in that maybe they were not really up for it and we could beat them."

Germany beating Argentina on penalties at the same stage of the 2006 tournament is one positive omen for Klose and co but the fact the mercurial Lionel Messi has yet to score in South Africa despite his good goals display might not bode quite as well.

"I think a lot has changed with Argentina, the same is true with Germany. In 2006 Messi was sitting on the bench," added Klose, who has scored 50 goals for his country and will pick up his 100th cap against Diego Maradona's team. "If you look at the names on a

case-by-case basis, Argentina should be seen as stronger on paper. It was the same with England, on paper they were more renowned and famous, but it didn't happen on the pitch. Germany are a 'tournament team'."

Coach Joachim Loew has allowed his side to take a day off and go on a safari or spend time with family. "It is always an enriching experience to get away from it, to unwind. We deserve to be given free rein for a few hours and then we can concentrate on Argentina," he said.

After an early training session and media commitments the players were free to do as they pleased until late on Tuesday but Khedira still had images of Messi running rings around his club side VfB Stuttgart in the Champions League last term.

"There's no way you can contain this guy for 90 minutes. It will have to be a collective effort to keep him at bay. Other than Messi they have other great players but there's no reason to hide. We do have a chance against Argentina," he said.



Germany's Miroslav Klose listens during a news conference at the Velmore hotel in Pretoria on Monday.

French soccer chief resigns after fiasco

PARIS—French Football Federation (FFF) president Jean-Pierre Escalettes said on Monday he was resigning after France's World Cup fiasco.

France left the World Cup with one point and one goal from the group stage after the team created a scandal by boycotting a training session in support of striker Nicolas Anelka, who was sent home for insulting coach Raymond Domenech.

"I consider that it is my duty to resign from my role as president of the French Football Federation," Escalettes said in a statement.

"I accept my share of responsibility," he added. "My decision is essentially dic-

tated by my will to preserve and facilitate the evolution of an institution I have served with passion for several decades."

The 75-year-old Escalettes, who headed the FFF since 2005, said he would officially present his resignation at a council meeting of the ruling of body scheduled for Friday. French Sports Minister Roseyve Bachelot had said last week Escalettes's resignation was "unavoidable".

FFF had reacted on Saturday by warning French politicians to beware of meddling in the running of soccer amid national soul-searching and high-level meetings over Les Bleus' traumatic campaign.

FIFA believes Argentine goal replay a mistake

JOHANNESBURG—It was a mistake to show replays of Argentina's controversial opening goal against Mexico on giant stadium screens during Sunday's World Cup game, world soccer's governing body said on Monday.

The replay of Carlos Tevez's opening goal from a clear offside position sparked a melee during the game and at half-time rival substitutes squared up to one another behind the Mexican bench.

"This shouldn't happen," FIFA spokesman Nicolas Maingot told a news conference. "Replays can be shown but not when there are controversial situations. We will work on this and be tighter in future."

"It has worked so far very well. Last night was a mistake. It should not happen again," he added, declining to answer numerous questions on the contentious decisions made by referees and FIFA's rejection of goal line technology.

In another questionable decision that angered English fans on Sunday, England were denied an equaliser in their match against Germany when a shot from Frank Lampard hit the crossbar and clearly bounced behind the goal line. FIFA is under increasing pressure to allow goal line technology or an extra

referee behind the goal line to assist in such situations.

Spanish striker Fernando Torres said steps were needed to stop mistakes by officials altering the course of matches. "We're tired of asking for technological help for these kinds of situations because they can determine something as important as whether you get knocked out of a World Cup," he told a Spanish radio station.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter has rejected goal line technology, saying he wants soccer to be played under the same rules at all levels and retain its human element.

Brazil coach riled over yet another Kaka booking

JOHANNESBURG—Brazil's Kaka, sent off after two yellow cards in his last World Cup game, was booked again in the 3-0 win over Chile on Monday, prompting coach Dunga to complain that referees were booking the wrong players.

After receiving only the third red card of his career against Ivory Coast, the usually placid Kaka, considered a role model in Brazil, was booked for a trip on Arturo Vidal in the first half of Monday's second round game.

"It's a problem. I don't want Kaka to get suspended again," Dunga told reporters. "The technically gifted players are getting punished and the ones who kick and commit fouls are being let off. We've got three players with injuries and we can't afford to lose them at this stage."

Dunga added that Brazil still had to improve despite giving their best performance of the competition so far to reach the quarter-finals. "We have to improve in all areas of our play," he said. "It was a very nice game and Chile played exceptionally well with a lot of possession, they passed the ball well, but Brazil were able to maintain a balance and stay in control."

"In these World Cup games we have to go forward and play open football, that's what everyone wants to see," he noted.

He also denied that Brazil's tactics were rigid. "I've always said that my players have the liberty to play."

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Brazil to goalless draws in the World Cup qualifiers by packing their defences and challenging Brazil to find a way through. Those who attacked, including Uruguay and Chile themselves, were taken to the cleaners.

Chile actually dominated the early stages and looked threatening. But, even then, there was a sense of the inevitable about what was to come as their final pass lacked punch and the imposing Brazil defence, led by Lucio and Juan, gave nothing away.

With Brazil looking dangerous at set pieces, when they threw forward a phalanx of towering players, Chile looked as if they were prodding a sleeping lion with a sharp instrument. Before Chile could realise what was happening, the



England's coach Fabio Capello reacts during a news conference at the Royal Bafokeng Sports Campus near Rustenburg on Monday.

Capello must wait for decision on his future

RUSTENBURG—England manager Fabio Capello's future will be decided after the FA has reflected on their failed World Cup campaign over the next two weeks.

The Italian on Monday repeated his desire to stay in the job despite England's worst-ever defeat at the finals when they were knocked out 4-1 by Germany in the last 16 on Sunday. Asked if he wanted to stay on as England manager, the 64-year-old Capello told reporters: "Absolutely. We're going to wait two more weeks to reflect on everything."

Having spoken to Club England chairman Dave Richards on Monday morning, Capello was told he

would have to be patient for a decision and said this was "the intelligent solution". Capello added that he had turned down offers with top European clubs to stay with England.

Less than a month ago, the FA confirmed he would remain as coach until after Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine and were delighted he had committed his future to them after transforming the side following their failure to qualify for Euro 2008. England won nine of their 10 World Cup qualifiers to top the group and played very well in most of them. He has now been in charge of 28 matches, 19 of which have been won and five lost.

But their performances

versus the United States, Algeria and Slovenia in the group matches in South Africa were poor and Sunday's display against Germany was an embarrassment for a team supposedly among the favourites to win the tournament.

Capello said he was sorry for England's fans and, in part, blamed his team's failure on fatigue following a long and intense Premier League season without a winter break. "All of the English players arrived really tired at this competition. I spoke to all our coaches and they all told me that in their physical and mental situation, they were not like the players that we know," he told reporters.

Messi's lack of goals no worry for Argentina

JOHANNESBURG—As Lionel Messi dazzles fans with his skills while waiting for his first goal of this World Cup, a marvellous complement of strikers is carrying Argentina forward.

Carlos Tevez made his scoring bow in Argentina's fourth win of the tournament when they beat Mexico 3-1 in the second round on Sunday and Gonzalo Higuain took his tally to four, making him top scorer at the finals so far.

"I needed a match like this to restate that I'm in form, that I have hunger for glory with this shirt," said Tevez after an opening goal that appeared to be offside and a sublime 25-metre drive that effectively ended Mexican hopes.

When the strikers are not scoring—and Messi, playing deep to escape tight marking, has come within a whisker at least once in each of the four matches—there have been set pieces to secure the goals.

Coach Diego Maradona put out what he called his "gala team" and he will be looking to do the same against Germany in Cape Town for Saturday's quarter-final though that may imply changes.

"We have to try to find the best team, the 'gala team' he said against Germany," he said of the nation he faced as captain in successive finals, winning in 1986 but losing four years later.

Germany and Argentina are the highest scoring teams in the tournament. The Germans took their tally to nine when they beat England 4-1 on Saturday and Argentina increased theirs to 10.

Argentina's goals-to-chances ratio, however, makes up for some deficiencies in defence where left back Gabriel Heinze twice came to the rescue clearing Mexican efforts off the line. Argentina have controlled their matches while wobbling at the back and a question mark hangs over young goalkeeper Sergio Romero, one of four Olympic gold medal winners in the team.

"I didn't like giving the ball (to Mexico) so much in the second half when they don't have the skill we have," Maradona said at the post-match news conference. "If we'd grabbed the ball the match would have been more tranquil and we could have increased the score."

To that end he sent on midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron to help captain Javier Mascherano in the ball-winning and holding department but still the speed of the Mexican forwards had Argentina in constant trouble if not outright danger. Germany's young side showed against England how quickly they can break on the counter-attack and Maradona knows Argentina's midfield will therefore have to concentrate more on protecting the defence if his team are to reach the semi-finals.

Klose hints at international retirement

ERASMIA, South Africa—Germany striker Miroslav Klose could decide to quit the national side after the World Cup, the 32-year-old said on Monday.

Klose scored the opener in Sunday's 4-1 win over England in the World Cup last 16 to notch his 50th goal in 99 appearances.

"As long as my legs carry me I will play football," the Poland-born forward, who struggled to get into Bayern Munich's team last season, told a news conference. "But I'm very spontaneous. I would not put it past me to step two or three weeks to two aside and give space to new players."

Klose has netted 12 goals in his three tournaments to equal Pele on the all-time World Cup scorers list, three behind top scorer Ronaldo on 15. On Germany's all-time scorers list he is in third place, with Gerd Mueller on top with 68 goals.



Brazil's Juan (C) celebrates his goal with team mates during the 2010 World Cup second round soccer match against Chile at Ellis Park stadium in Johannesburg on Monday.

ing it home with the goal at their mercy.

Brazil added one more through Robinho but could easily have doubled their tally, looking as if they

could score with every attack.

Ivory Coast coach Sven-Goran Eriksson warned, after seeing his team lose 3-1 in a group game, that

teams need to be perfect to beat Brazil. That message looked truer than ever on Monday. The Dutch are warned.



Genius Robben takes Dutch to last eight

DURBAN—Arjen Robben returned from injury to lead Netherlands to a 2-1 win over Slovakia on Monday and a place in the World Cup's last eight, after the Slovaks found no answer to the winger's "genius" despite three days of working out how to nullify him.

Slovakia coach Vladimir Weiss could only reflect that his fears that, if the quicksilver winger played he would improve the Dutch by 50 percent, proved spot on. Robben, in his first start in South Africa after suffering a hamstring injury, served up a man-of-the-match display capped by the opening goal before exiting with 20 minutes to go with the match all but settled.

The victory extended the Dutch team's unbeaten run to 23 games and set up a quarter-final appearance in Port Elizabeth on Friday against five-time World Champions Brazil.

Robben opened the scoring on 18 minutes, powering down the right after collecting a superb crossfield pass from Wesley Sneijder. He then jinked inside two defenders and drilled a low, left-footed shot past Jan Mucha.

"That was nice today. If you're at the World Cup it should be fun. We didn't play our best match today, but the important thing is that we advanced," Robben

said. The second goal came with just six minutes to go. Captain Giovanni van Bronckhorst floated a pass to Dirk Kuyt on the edge of the penalty area, he headed past the stranded Mucha and crossed for Sneijder to side foot easily into an empty goal.

Slovakia's Robert Vittek slotted home a penalty in the fourth minute of injury time, making him Slovakia's record goalscorer with 23, but it was scant consolation after he fluffed two excellent chances to equalise.

After opening the scoring, the Dutch sat back for much of the first half and while defensive midfielders Nigel de Jong and Mark van Bommel snuffed out Slovak attacks and sprayed the ball wide, there was little attacking venom. There was a glimpse of the team's potential in the 44th minute when Robben, Robin van Persie and Sneijder strung a succession of slick passes together to release van Bommel but van Persie screwed his fast, low cross wide of goal.

Robben again burst into life after the break, with almost a repeat of the first-half goal. He picked up a loose clearance on the right in the 50th minute, darted past two defenders again and unleashed a fierce left-

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Netherlands' Arjen Robben (L) scores the opening goal during the 2010 World Cup second round soccer match against Slovakia at Moses Mabhida stadium in Durban on Monday.

Dutch may need more flair

DURBAN--Netherlands eased into the last eight of the World Cup with four wins under their belts on Monday but the suspicion remains that, Arjen Robben aside, this is a pretty ordinary Dutch side.

Robben made his first start in South Africa after returning from a hamstring injury and it was his goal that set them on

their way to a 2-1 win over Slovakia, their 12th successive victory in World Cup qualifiers and finals matches. An impressive record, no doubt, but their qualifying group was hardly the toughest and laboured victories in South Africa have come against Denmark, Japan, an already eliminated Cameroon and the surprise package in the last

16, Slovakia.

But for Robben's contribution, not only on Monday but also as a substitute in the match against Cameroon where his shot set up the winning goal, they might be facing more than just the moans of footballing aesthetes crying out for a dash of Dutch brio. With five-times world champions Brazil their next op-

ponents, the Dutch will certainly need to show a lot more attacking bite and consistency to reach the semi-finals.

Coach Bert van Marwijk believes he has taught his team how to "win ugly" but will have been maddened that the Dutch took the foot off the pedal after Robben's 18th minute opener. He

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Brazil's Luis Fabiano jumps over Chile's goalkeeper Claudio Bravo to score during the 2010 World Cup second round soccer match at Ellis Park stadium in Johannesburg on Monday.

Audacious Chile pay for attacking Brazil

JOHANNESBURG--Few teams have the audacity to attack Brazil and their 3-0 World Cup second-round win over Chile on Monday showed what happens to those who do.

Chile boldly tried to go where few have gone before, fielding three forwards against the five-times world champions, and taking the game to their fellow South Americans. It was good while it lasted.

But after a bright opening half hour, Chile were ruthlessly pulled apart by a team

who have taken the art of counter-attacking to a new level and mercilessly punish the slightest mistake.

Brazil coach Dunga has complained that most teams field an ultra-cautious approach when facing his side, almost implying that there is something morally wrong about such tactics. But, after seeing his team give ponderous, pedestrian displays against the massed ranks of North Korea and Portugal, and then turn on the style against the fearless Chileans, it is hard to

imagine why any of Brazil's opponents would want to be so obliging.

Chile coach Marcelo Bielsa, who in three years has turned his team from a squabbling rabble into one of the best teams in South America, is a man who cannot bring himself to field a defensive formation. However, on Monday he appeared to play straight into Brazil's hands.

Lesser teams, including Colombia, Venezuela and Bolivia, managed to hold

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