

Dead at 82, Julius Isaac leaves big shoes...

Tribute to Chief Justice Julius Isaac

by Ewart Walters

Triumph is the end of a tunnel called struggle. Put another way, there is no triumph without struggle. As an example, the triumph of the resurrection was preceded by the struggle of the agony, the mocking and the crucifixion.

Julius Alexander Isaac, retired Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Canada, endured struggle and tasted triumph. Julius Isaac was Black dignity personified. He was also the epitome of Canadian jurisprudence. As a judge, and as a Chief Justice, he was not merely competent; he was excellent. On retiring he left behind an army of his peers who continue to look up to him.

Born in Grenada, West Indies, Julius Isaac came to Canada to study. He was a member of the Bar in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Grenada, and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1975. Much of his time at the Bar was spent as a litigator for Crown cases, before appeal courts in Ontario and Alberta, and before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Isaac was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice

in 1988 in an unprecedented and not repeated wave of appointments by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of qualified Black Canadians to high positions. His appointment as Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Canada brought him to Ottawa in 1991. It was to be a moment of triumph.

Under his leadership, the Federal Court embarked on an ambitious program of reform and renewal. Court rules were revised and modernized, bringing cases to trial expeditiously. Chief Justice Isaac succeeded in ensuring that his court was efficient and accessible. And so, in 2003, Mr. Isaac went into full retirement. But, there was a struggle.

The struggle began the moment he was named Chief Justice. An Ottawa Citizen reporter immediately belittled the appointment, ignoring his eminent qualifications. Then, one newspaper assigned a reporter to sit in his court every day, for the specific purpose of recording his ineptitude. For that was the expectation – that, as a Black man, he was incompetent, an employment equity figurehead, and was put there to fill some quota. After three months of

watching and waiting, the reporter gave up and went home empty-handed. Justice Isaacs' struggle had begun. But worse was to come.

Soon he had to endure the media shouting that his son, an aspiring football player, was taking steroids. Then, he was thrown unnecessarily into controversy when, as administrative head of the court, he intervened in a case about a suspected Nazi, that had been dragging its way through the Court in the mid 1990s, by telling a judge to speed it up. The slothful judge resigned. But, detractors saw an opportunity to attack him. They contended that he erred seriously by not having counsel present when he intervened. Indeed, one of his own judges, Justice Cullen, went so far as to issue a negative press release on his boss's action.

A judge! Issuing a press release!?

The clique that attacked the Chief Justice did not even have the courage to attack him directly. It prepared a complaint against him to the Judicial Council. But not one of them would sign it. Not a lawyer, not a judge. It was signed by a farmer all the way from St. Catharines, Ontario. What



Chief Justice Julius Isaac (right) and his family gaze at his portrait shortly after it was hung in his honour in the Federal Court of Canada.

on earth would he have known about the process?

The Council said Chief Justice Isaac had done "what his job required him to do." But that fact was never reported in the dominant media, and it did little to stave off the attacks which continued. Let me quote now from an editorial I published in 1997 which also referred to the treatment of another Black judge, Corrine Sparks of Nova Scotia, around the

same time.

"Over the past year and a half, the dominant daily media (Ottawa Citizen, Toronto Star, Globe and Mail) have taken every opportunity to try and tarnish the good name of Federal Court Chief Justice Julius Isaac. No doubt they will tell you that they launched their campaign against him in the name of justice and probity.

"Don't believe the hype. As one of the lawyers

defending three accused Nazi collaborators kept saying in a hearing before the Supreme Court, "OUR system of justice" was in grave danger from the meetings the Chief Justice had with an officer of the Justice Department. In fact, that thought was planted and watered so often and so skilfully that it was hard to believe that Justice Isaac

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...will Gavin aspire to fill them?

The versatile Gavin Holder

Called to the bar



Gavin Holder

Versatile is one way of characterizing Gavin Holder. The 25 year-old lawyer and notary public recently called to the bar, has practiced both criminal and civil litigation making appearances in over a hundred cases in the Ontario Provincial Court, Superior Court, and the Federal Court of Canada. He holds a Baccalaureate degree in Criminology and Sociology from the University of Ottawa and a Juris Doctor from Windsor Law School.

Born and raised in Ottawa by his Caribbean parents, Mr. Holder is known for

his involvement in the community, his artistic talents, and his desire to help others; or the snow cones he has been selling alongside his father, Percival Holder, at nearly every community event from the age of five.

As a youth, Mr. Holder volunteered with a plethora of community organizations including the Jamaican Ottawa Community Association, the National Council of Guyanese, Guyana Ottawa Association, Black History Ottawa, and was the vice president of Jaku Konbit. He also was part of the committee that founded the Academy of Heru Auset, a Saturday School for Black youth coordinated by his mother Diana Holder where he appeared nearly every Saturday as an instructor in various disciplines.

He was also a two-time Kiwanis Music Festival Champion pianist, a vocalist and Djembe drummer for the Sifa Choir, an established poet, songwriter and lyricist who has built

a following in Ottawa, Windsor, and Toronto and has had the opportunity of performing in the US, the Caribbean and the UK. He is currently in the process of completing his album.

Mr. Holder's desire to help others could be seen in his work going door to door in Ottawa attempting to raise awareness and funds for Sickle Cell and Lou Gehrig's Disease in his spare time during his undergraduate studies at the University of Ottawa; but also as a student at Windsor Law School where he fought for the rights of minority students and inspired a crowd of hundreds in a student-led march against police brutality. He later became President of his Black Law Student's Association and the only Francophone representative in the national organization.

Mr. Holder stresses the importance of giving back to the community and recounts many stories where members of the Ottawa community had provided him mentorship

and financial support through scholarships. He has been honoured with numerous academic achievement awards from notables such as the Honourable Justice Julius Alexander Isaac, as well as the Memorial Honourable A.B. Sprague Award to name a few. He has also obtained scholarships from community organizations such as the Jamaican Canadian Association as well as Ottawa's West Indian Transit Club and Guyana Ottawa Association. A student of the "It takes a village to raise a child" doctrine, Mr. Holder has now become a mentor to a number of youth, guiding them through the unique struggles faced by the new generation.

Although he has developed a keen interest in litigation, namely the thrill of arguing in court, he has yet to fully explore his interests in intellectual property and politics.

However, at 25, time is on his side.

Sally St. Lewis named to Order of Red Cross

The Canadian Red Cross has honoured the work and worth of Ottawa resident Sally St. Lewis making her a Member of the Order of the Red Cross, the third highest honour it can bestow.

Ms. St. Lewis has been a dedicated Red Cross volunteer for more than half a century. She began when she went to Liverpool, England in 1960 as a teenager, and wanted to give blood. When she was told they would not take her blood because she was anaemic, she did not take no for an answer.

"Is there anything else I could do, she asked, and with that came a lifetime of attachment with the Red Cross as she started licking envelopes and rolling bandages. She went on to serve in many positions including Health and Care Delegate with the International Federation of Red Cross, first in Kasulu, Tanzania, from 1999-2000



Sally St. Lewis

and again in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in 2002-03.

Most recently she has been involved in their International Department, helping to get delegates ready to go to Haiti after the earthquake.

In its citation on June 14, the Red Cross said her award is in recognition of her deep and abiding devotion to the fundamental principles of the Red Cross Society as exemplified by the extraordinary contributions made to our humanity work and

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May Frith



Marilyn Kennedy

May Frith has passed on. The former professor of Linguistics at McGill University who retired to live in Ottawa, died Monday July 11 at the Peter D. Clarke residence where she had lived for several years. In Ottawa, My was the founder of the Harambee Education Centre Ottawa-Carleton, a division of Ottawa's Harambee

Centre that focused on providing opportunities for Black youth of Caribbean descent. There will be a funeral service for Professor Frith at the First Baptist Church at Elgin and Laurier on Saturday July 23 at 10.00 am. Burial will be at her home at Maidstone, Manchester, Jamaica.

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of **Marilyn Kennedy** of Manotick. Born May 28, 1930, she died peacefully on Monday, June 20, in the quiet of the early morning, with family members by her side. Marilyn's pleasant life left lasting impressions on the Glebe Collegiate Institute, Ottawa Little Theatre, Fourth Avenue Baptist Church and dear and loyal. A celebration of her life was held at Fourth Avenue Baptist Church on Monday, July. Marilyn will always be remembered for her love of modern dance and all things theatrical, her humour and sense of fun, musical parades, cryptic crosswords, funny faces, her generous and giving nature, and for all that she contributed to those lives she touched.

Did you see the story in the *Citizen* a couple weeks ago that said there was no

evidence that gas prices went up on week-ends? It might have been focused on the holiday weekend but the general tenor of it suggested that weekend gas prices are no different from what obtains during the week. That is not our observation. Gas prices on weekends always seem to be two or three cents higher than week days.

With two or three full-house concerts at the National Arts Centre, Black Gospel enthusiast **Ernie Cox** made a big hit at this year's Blues Fest. Of course, he had been there several years before at least once, but this time he was given a position more reflective of his abilities and rising acceptance by the Ottawa cognoscenti. He and his band were backed up by the female singing group **The London Sisters Plus, Plus, Plus**, and this time there was also the added voices of soloists, **Andrea Karam** and **Iyona Ede**.

Remember the **Black Canadian Scholarship Fund's (BCSF) 13TH Annual Golf Tournament** on August 5. You'll be delighted to know that this year, the BCSF will award a third \$5,000.00 bursary to a

qualified student to pursue post-secondary education. You are invited to attend the Awards Ceremony on July 28, 2011 at Ottawa City Hall, 5:30 – 8: 00 pm. Please call or e-mail to confirm your attendance by July 20. Phone: 613 523 0541; 613 899 6816 cell; e-mail charlesk@magma.ca www.bcsf.ca Come out to play golf, enter our putting contest, join us at dinner and auction, make contacts, and more !! Your golf host is Keith Charles and his committee is: Cletus Peters, Marcia Wilshire, Marcia Mathoo, Ian Gardner, and Paul Harris.

They just can't keep **Garnet Challenger** down. The Ottawa singer/songwriter has released his latest CD and once again it is a winner. *Must Go Back To The Root* has 10 songs that present his unique vocal stylings and proclaim his devotion to his beliefs with the customary tight backing band. Songs include **Back to the Root, Rivers, Party Session and Afrik Kome Alive**.

Remember **Caribana?** Well, the name has changed but the revelry continues. Join the Ottawa section in the Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival Toronto/

Caribana Ruby Red" led by Camille Lewis. Ruby Red is a section with the Toronto Revellers! 2011 presentation of Welcome to OZ. For information or registration: www.torontorevellers.com and on Facebook or contact **Camille Lewis**, "Ruby Red" Section Leader - Toronto Revellers at sagagurl@hotmail.com. Registration is well underway so sign up for the band (either online or at the mas camp), before we sell out!

You are invited to two exciting 3's Company events: 1) A Night at the Races on Monday July 25, 2011 at the Rideau Carleton raceway, 4837 Albion Road, Ottawa. Ticket - \$25.00 per person (includes fabulous buffet dinner, coffee/tea, race program and a \$2.00 betting voucher). Race Time 4:30 pm. Dinner served 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm. 2) The Canadian Premiere of the *Critically Acclaimed and Award Winning Documentary* **Mas Man Peter Minshall** on Thursday August 25, 2011 at the Ottawa Public Library, 120 Metcalfe Street. Guest appearance by Director-Producer, **Dalton Narine**. "In this award-winning

documentary, mingling traditional elements with novel ideas and pushing his hybrid designs as upper-crust art, Minshall authors a controversial term 'mas,' distinguishing presentations at Trinidad's annual Carnival with themes about the complexities of life and the incompleteness of man, eventually exalting his art at three Olympic Games." Admission: \$7.00. For Information and tickets for both events: 613-834-4282; 613-834-1718; 613-726-1235.

Spectrum Editor **Ewart Walters** was taken completely by surprise on Friday July 22 when he was presented with a United Way Community Builder Award. Occasion was the launch of his autobiography, *To Follow Right - a Journalist's Journey*, before some 200 people at the Parkdale United Church hall. A fascinating evening of readings, testimonials, music (by **Ernie Cox** and **Anthony Bailey**), and an interview with **Adrian Harewood** of the CBC was coming to its end when the surprise was sprung and the award was announced by **Sarah Onyango** of CPAC.

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was part of the Canadian justice system, and not some kind of villainous alien who had, somehow, polluted the crystal pure stream of Canadian justice.

"As we said, don't believe the hype. The media's touted campaign for judicial probity is exposed as a fraud when its treatment of the Supreme Court's finding in favour of a ruling by Canada's first Black female judge, Corinne Sparks, is examined. The media was lavish in its reporting of the fact that Judge Sparks made some comments which became controversial in her native Nova Scotia. The media took great delight in reporting that an appeal against a verdict she gave in a case before her was upheld by that province's high court.

"But when the Supreme Court of Canada rules in her favour and says that Black judges should be treated like every other judge, and that it is 'not appropriate to allege bias against Judge Sparks simply because she is Black and raised the prospect of racial discrimination', behold, the media suddenly loses its righteous appetite for probity. Not one word of commentary was published on this ruling of the Supreme Court.

We are happy that Judge Sparks has been vindicated. Neither Judge Sparks nor Chief Justice Isaac must any longer be seen as an

odd black fish swimming in the pure white stream of Canadian jurisprudence. And Courts should not tolerate that implication whenever it is presented to them, no matter how slyly. The tendency that flows through Canada at all levels, from the Courts on down, has been that truth is somehow less truthful when the person uttering it is Black. Now the Supreme Court is calling a halt to this discrimination in the judicial system. And to this, we can only say, Amen!" End of article.

No doubt reeling from the struggles, Chief Justice Isaac went into early semi-retirement. On June 25, 1999, his portrait was hung in his honour in the Federal Court on Wellington Street. He was lauded and commended lavishly by former Chief Justice Arthur Thurlow.

While he was in semi-retirement, Justice Isaac was called to sit as Commissioner in an Inquiry into some violent events in Tivoli Gardens, Kingston, Jamaica. Again, motivated this time not by racism but by rabid partisan politics, media attacked him relentlessly, stressing him out so severely that he returned to Ottawa with his hands swollen and with splits between his fingers.

Then, his struggles finally behind him, came his triumph. On Friday June 20,

2003, a special sitting of the Court with Chief Justice John D. Richard presiding was convened to pay him tribute. It was attended by former Chief Justice Iacobucci, Chief Justice Garon, Supreme Court Justice Binnie, and a host of other luminaries and friends including Mr. Justice Hugh Small of the Supreme Court of the Bahamas.

The speakers were a "Who Is Who" of Canadian jurisprudence. They were passionate, bountiful and fluent in their tribute. They presented a warm and wonderful picture of the man and his work: a man of integrity, a prodigious legal mind; a man of loyalty and a person on whom his colleagues could rely; a man who is held in the highest esteem both as a person, as a friend and as a lawyer.

They said he was an essential underpinning for the administration of justice in a free and democratic society. He enhanced judicial independence for the Federal Court and for judges by placing administrative services at arms length from the Government. He completely overhauled the rules of the Court, leaving it modern

and operating efficiently. He established a high calibre of regular seminars for the court, and he has been an indelible influence on admiralty and maritime law. They described him as a man of unquestionable sincerity and honesty of purpose; a man who had a clear picture of being a servant of the public. It was a very satisfying end to his public life.

Julius Isaac met with triumph and disaster, and treated those two imposters just the same. His last days were hobbled by Parkinson's disease and he moved and talked increasingly slowly. The morning he left Ottawa for his retirement, I was the only person at the train station to see him off. His good name restored, he was leaving the tunnel of his struggles, for the triumph of honourable retirement.

Now that he has left this life we can remember him for his integrity and the calm with which he withstood the ravages of hatred. Chief Justice Julius Isaac died on July 16, 2011. He was in his 83rd year.

Yes, triumph is the end of a tunnel called struggle. And this too, is Canadian history.

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in appreciation of her ongoing contributions to the community.

Born in Dominica, Ms. St. Lewis came to Canada when she left England. Completing her nursing degree and Masters in Health Administration in Canada, she spent much of her early career working as a nurse practitioner and midwife, and was sometimes the sole medical provider in remote aboriginal communities.

Relocating to Ottawa to work as Co-ordinator of a National Training Program for Northern Nurses and then in the policy sector of

Indian and Northern Health Services, she became increasingly involved in community activities including volunteering with the Red Cross.

In Tanzania she assisted in managing camps for 90,000 Burundian and 60,000 Congolese refugees. In 2002, she went to Serbia and Montenegro following war and devastating sanctions to focus on health care for isolated seniors and primary health care.

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A Summer Camp Like No Other

“Greatness is Within Me!”



Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi (white shirt, second row) shares a moment of celebration with Jaku Konbit members.

For the fifth straight year, Jaku Konbit’s summer camp is gearing up for another fun and exciting adventure!

Jaku Konbit’s “Greatness is Within Me!” Summer Camp is not only a 7-week, action-packed summer program, but it also offers academic, athletic, historical, and cultural initiatives for youth. Our program is geared towards children and youth of African and Caribbean heritage, and who are between the ages of 6-14. However, this camp is also open to all community members. Our summer camp will run from July 4th until August 19th at Viscount Alexander Public School, located at 55 Mann Avenue (corner of King Edward Ave).

The camp has received much positive feedback from parents and participants alike:

“This was my daughter’s third summer attending Jaku camp. She enjoyed camp this year just as much as she has in the past. She has developed strong friendships and bonds with

other campers. From my perspective, it is wonderful to have my daughter attend a summer camp where she is nurtured, stimulated and challenged. The Jaku staff acknowledges each camper as an individual with their own strengths and skills.” – Deborah Smith.

One of the many goals of our summer camp is to develop the natural greatness within each of our participants through the various opportunities we offer. These include: cooperative games, special guest speakers, and excursions, including various cultural activities. These are designed to help build our participants’ self-esteem, to encourage teamwork, and to foster cultural pride, all while promoting a positive attitude for success.

Participants will gain valuable exposure with respect to both their heritage and culture through the many fun and engaging activities we provide, all of which will be held in a safe, secure, and positive environment. An essential and unique

component of our camp is the inclusion of the community’s involvement. We do this by providing a platform for special guests and elders, as well as our collaborative efforts with various community organizations.

This year we have another great line-up of guests ready and willing to enrich the summer experience for the camp’s participants, while providing an array of diverse topics of interest.

What also helps make this program unique is that there is no other program of this nature established within the Ottawa region. This program certainly contributes to the enhancement of the rich and diverse cultural tapestry, which can be found within our national capital.

One of the many additional benefits to our summer camp program includes our Green Star Enterprise community garden. It is here that campers are exposed to the many benefits of healthy food and nutrition. Participants of the Green Star Enterprise

will not only learn how to grow their own crops, but they will also learn the valuable life skills of how to make their own healthy foods, snacks, and juices from the produce they have grown.

In addition, our camp provides our youth with exciting summer employment opportunities! Such opportunities include camp counsellors, role models, and even mentors to other youth within the program. Over the last four years, we have successfully provided summer

work experiences to 60 black youth through our partnerships with the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB), the “Focus on Youth” summer program, and the Youth Services Bureau (YSB) “Summer Job for Youth” initiative. Our summer camp provided these youth with the opportunity to develop programs, and to assist with carrying out summer activities for our registered children, thus helping to build their individual strengths. Our employment initiatives aim to encourage youth to be both self-confident and self-aware, traits that are necessary for success in the workplace.

To find out more or to register your child to the “Greatness is Within Me!” Summer Camp, please call: (613) 657-0600 or visit our website at: www.jakukonbit.com for our online registration form.

Jaku Konbit’s “Greatness is Within Me!” Summer Camp is an exciting and unique program working together for a better community.

Haiti Facts 17 Months after Earthquake

By Bill Quigley

Haiti experienced a major earthquake January 12, 2010. Tens of thousands died, estimates range from 65,000 to 230,000 people killed. About 2 million more people were displaced. Haiti was already the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere with a per capita income of about \$2 a day. Seventeen months later, Haiti remains deeply wounded. The numbers below give an indication of some of the challenges that remain for the Haitian people.

Housing


570,000 people in Haiti have moved back into 84,000 buildings which are heavily damaged and marked by engineers as “yellow” because they may collapse in foul weather or in the event of another

tremor. USAID Draft Report 2011. “I see little children sleeping next to the heavily cracked walls every day,” said one of the experts quoted in the USAID report. Four hundred and sixty-five thousand people have moved back into 73,000 buildings that are so terribly damaged they are designated for demolition and are categorized as “red” because they may fall at any moment.

Homeless

A quarter million to 800,000 people in and around Port au Prince Haiti are still living under flimsy tents or tarps where water and electricity are scarce, security is poor and people are exposed to diseases. One hundred and sixty-six thousand people living in tents have been threatened with evictions,


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Mortgage Life Insurance: Chances Are You Can Do Better



by Elcho Stewart

Most people are so relieved when their mortgage application is finally approved that they defer to the mortgage lender, mainly the bank, on just about everything and sign here, check there, literally signing their rights away. By adding mortgage insurance to the other mortgage calculations lenders ensure that if you die or become disabled they do not suddenly get stuck with your house and

having to unload it in a fire sale. That takes care of the lender’s needs, but what about yours, the borrower?

- Chances are - your present mortgage life insurance is a fixed coverage and your required monthly payments remain the same while your mortgage debt has a decreasing balance. If you should die, your lender will forgive the mortgage debt and your spouse and children will be told by the bank that the debt is forgiven. The remaining proceeds (the original amount that you were covered for less the outstanding mortgage balance) would also be retained by the lender because they are your beneficiaries. If you had purchased the same mortgage life insurance through your independent broker, your chosen beneficiaries - can opt to use the mortgage life

insurance proceeds to pay off the outstanding mortgage balance and they get to keep the reminder of the life insurance cheque.

- Chances are - the mortgage insurance obtained from your mortgage lender is not necessarily cheaper than that which can be purchased from your broker. Your bank deals primarily with one insurance provider, while your independent broker can offer you the best rates after shopping the market.

- Chances are - you shopped around very shrewdly to find the best price for your car insurance and you will do the same for your house insurance in case of fire, theft, and flood. Why not do the same on the life of the person/s making the payment on your two most valuable purchases ever?

- Chances are - a death or disability claim could be denied when your family

needs it most because the underwriting, the checking into your health and lifestyle, was not done by the lender at the time that the mortgage application was signed but rather at the time of death. You get the peace of mind that you deserve very early in the process when you purchase individually owned mortgage life insurance.

- Chances are you want the flexibility of shopping around for a better mortgage rate at the time of renewal. When you move your mortgage to a new lender you will have to re-qualify for mortgage life insurance. By owning your life insurance, you can renew your mortgage with any lender you choose because your coverage will continue and you will not risk having to re-qualify for insurance due to a change in health or lifestyle.

- Chances are, once you pay off your mortgage,

your life insurance coverage disappears. When you own your term life insurance independently of the mortgage lending institution you have the benefit of continuing your coverage at a guaranteed, locked-in, lower rate or you can convert your insurance to a permanent life insurance plan, based on your needs.

- If you or your spouse should die, chances are either of you might choose to not pay off the mortgage if the monthly obligation is manageable, if the proceeds could be invested at a guaranteed higher interest rate than the mortgage rate, or if the money is needed elsewhere, for example, for tuition fees or urgent home repairs. If you or your spouse is the beneficiary, you have choices.

Life insurance companies cannot unilaterally cancel your existing coverage in the absence of proven

fraud or non-payment of premiums but you can and at any time. Be money smart and check your present contract with your lender. While you are cautioned not to cancel your existing coverage with your lender until a new term insurance contract is issued - not purchased but issued, chances are you will feel empowered once you purchase term life insurance from your broker, name your loved ones as your beneficiaries, and know that the proceeds at death are guaranteed non-taxable.

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First Conrad Black... ...now Rupert Murdoch?

Something's rotten in the state of journalism. And the stench seeps, it seems, right from the top – where the love of money rules the roost.

There was a time when journalists were high on the list of the people in whom you invested most trust. We forget which profession topped that list – it might have been your doctor – but it is recalled that the politician was lower than the journalist. Since those days, the politician has fallen even further – it has become commonplace for politicians to sell out their constituents' best interests for the benefit of some corporation somewhere, or at the lowest level, in order to keep their jobs.

Unfortunately some have gone much further than that. There was, a few years ago, the alarming story of some reporters from the *New York Times* who was forced to admit that many of the news and human interest stories they had written and which had been published, were total fabrications.

But, as the world has seen this July, if that were all, it would not be too bad. Regrettably, we are now aware that that has not been all. The forced closure of the British tabloid *The News of the World (NOW)* has opened up a loaded Pandora's Box of bad-smelling troubles, all arising from and connected with the corruption that comes from "the love of money," which we know as the root of all evil.

It now turns out that the *NOW* was getting many of its news stories by the unethical means of hacking into telephones and answering machines of various people, including a little British girl and families of 9/11 victims. If that were all, it would again be bad enough. It does not stop there.

London Metropolitan Police at Scotland Yard, called in to investigate, dawdled and failed to come up with anything. It now turns out that *NOW* operatives paid off policemen with bribes to squash their findings. As a result the Chief Commissioner of Police and his Deputy have resigned, two of 13 so far at the time of writing, including the CEO of *News International* and the press secretary of British Prime Minister David Cameron, himself a former high flyer at *NOW*. And Mr. Cameron is himself under pressure for ignoring warnings about employing that press secretary in the first place.

It gets deeper, *NOW* is owned by Australian billionaire Rupert Murdoch who is also the owner of a group of right-wing newspapers including the *Times of London* as well as major US media houses, the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Post* and *Fox News*. We could be in for some very interesting times.

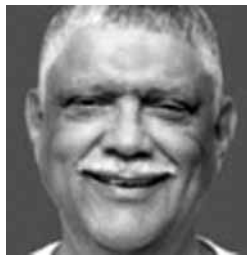
We place the whole world scandal at the feet of "media ownership" and what has been happening to ownership over the past 40 years or so. Newspapers and media houses are for the most part no longer entities by themselves; they have become parts of larger and larger conglomerations of corporations – like Conrad Black's former Hollinger and Murdoch's News International, and Time Warner. In their never ending search for filthy and filthier lucre, these media "invincible" barons have dumbed-down the contents of their news media further and further than the lowest common denominator, forcing even CNN to drop Elliot Spitzer from his prime time spot because his ratings were lower than Nancy Grace's, for heaven's sake!

The once invincible Conrad Black is now a convicted criminal. Rupert Murdoch, accepting no responsibility for what his minions have done to overfill his pockets, may not be far behind. The only good thing out of all this is that, whether before the Parliament or the Courts of the land, the media barons are being brought to account by the people over whom they have been running roughshod. Dare we hope that the people will triumph?



One of the many groups performing on Parliament Hill on Canada day.

P.D. Owen photo



by Keeble McFarlane

He was not what first comes to mind at the mention of the description "movie star". Of less than average stature, Peter Falk was not what you would call handsome; he could see out of only one eye (the other was removed when he was three years old because of cancer) and you couldn't describe his physical movements as elegant. But he enjoyed a long and extraordinarily successful career on the stage, in movies and especially, on television. When I heard last week of his death at the age of 83 I reacted with two quite opposite feelings.

First, the positive one. I discovered Peter Falk in 1963, the year television began in Jamaica. I used to write copy, edit film and do interviews for the news broadcasts, but like everybody else I also watched with interest the entertainment programmes carried on the brand-new Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation. One of the early shows was called *The Trials of O'Brien*, in which Falk played a ruffled, unconventional lawyer.

Daniel O'Brien had a strained relationship with his wife, who was always on the verge of leaving him, and whenever she seemed ready to relent and give him another chance, he did something to upset the whole thing all over again. That was because his lifestyle was somewhat unconventional and because he became so focused on whatever case he was working on. He somehow managed to rise above his self-inflicted setbacks every time and win his cases - not by Perry Mason-type courtroom dramatics, but by painstaking investigation, by deduction and sometimes by accidental good fortune.

To the casual onlooker, Falk's character was a bumbling oaf whose

The modern scourge of brain rot claims a popular figure

habits annoyed many of the people with whom he came into contact. They looked down on him, reacted with condescension and, to their ultimate chagrin, underestimated him. It was perhaps coincidental, but O'Brien bore an uncanny resemblance to the character for which Falk was to become widely known a decade or so later.

The Trials of O'Brien ran for only 22 episodes, but the new role, Lieutenant Columbo, ran on the NBC and ABC networks from 1971 to 2003. Unlike the usual hour-long TV show, the Columbo programme ran as a movie-length feature of 90 or 120 minutes. Columbo, whose first name we never heard, was, like O'Brien, totally unconcerned about his appearance. He wore a scruffy old raincoat, drove a temperamental old Peugeot and was sometimes accompanied by a sleepy-head basset hound. He referred often to his wife, whom we never saw, and constantly chomped on a cigar butt which never managed to stay lit.

Each episode began with a scene which clearly showed the crime exactly as it was committed. Apart from Falk's endearing portrayal of the unconventional detective, what kept the viewer glued to the screen was the methodical uncovering of situation after situation, clue after clue and the antagonistic relationship between the perpetrator of the crime and the dogged detective. A dramatic device Columbo habitually used was to pause, just as he was going through the door, and say "Ah, there's just one more thing ..." Sometimes he would make an unexpected call on the prime suspect, proclaiming, "You see, something's bothering me ..." Like that early celebrated detective, Sherlock Holmes, Columbo always got his felon - not by gun-play and violent theatrics - but by diligent inquiry, attention to detail and

intelligent deduction.

The show was broadcast all over the world in reruns, with dubbing into other languages or with sub-titles. For Falk, it was a subject of amazement: "I've been to little villages in Africa with maybe one TV set, and little kids will run up to me shouting, 'Columbo, Columbo!'"

Critics loved the show and audiences stayed with it. Although Falk had appeared in many movies and received two Oscar nominations, had appeared in many stage productions and numerous other television series or single episodes, Columbo is the role Peter Falk will always be known for. Tragically, as his life drew to a close, Falk could not even remember the name of the inimitable character with whom he became inextricably bound. In 2007 a doctor testified in court that Falk had slipped into dementia after a series of dental operations, and the judge appointed his wife to take charge of his affairs.

Dementia is not in itself a disease: rather it is the loss of cognitive functions because of damage to or deterioration of the brain because of other conditions. Alzheimer's is the main cause, but other diseases like Parkinson's, Huntington's or Creutzfeldt-Jakob damage the brain in various ways to cause dysfunction. Dementia is becoming more common as people live longer.

Sadly, I have had personal experience of this. I have lost several friends and acquaintances from the ravages of progressive degeneration of the brain. The latest was just last week, of a long-time friend who was active in the Jamaican community in Toronto. A few years back an old relative died after spending a decade in a nursing home. After dementia set in, she became a serious danger to herself from forgetting pots on the stove and engaging in other household activities she once performed effortlessly. An older friend spent the last few

years of his life in a nursing home and he was no longer able to remember even people he knew for years. The children of another close friend were forced to put her in a full-time care facility after she could no longer stay at home even with a live-in caregiver. Her condition has deteriorated so badly that her brain has forgotten the once automatic instructions for how to walk and she has to be propelled around in a wheelchair.

Some forms of dementia can be partially reversed. Those are caused by factors like the abuse of drugs or alcohol, glandular disorders or conditions like a build-up of blood pressure in the brain. But those are in the minority. Researchers now believe that the main cause of dementia among the elderly is Alzheimer's, while the other biggies plus AIDS-related dementia are also major factors.

These are all manifestations of Old-Timers' Disease and are no joke - particularly to the immediate family who have to act as caregivers and who often themselves suffer from emotional and physical fatigue from the day-in, day-out pressure of providing care and watching a loved one slip away into an unknown place. I once heard a radio documentary in which a man looked after his wife quite cheerfully when she first came down with Alzheimer's. But as the disease wore on she became abusive and nasty, and he confessed he had to put her in a home, otherwise he would probably snap one day and kill her.

One of the benefits of modern science, wonder drugs and extensive knowledge of how our bodies work and what can affect them is that we can now live well past the biblical upper limit of three score years and ten. The trouble is, as more and more of us go into those years with bodies in good shape, it's our brains that desert us.

Letter to the Editor

Senate "Reforms"

The Editor,

Controversial Prime Minister Stephen Harper's personal appointees to the Senate all agreed to vote in favour of his equally controversial senate "reforms" – an elected Senate and terms limits of eight to nine years – when they accepted their seats.

That violates the intention of the Canada Elections Act, Section 550, which prohibits written agreements binding the hands of parliamentarians elected to the Commons and does so applied to the Upper Chamber of Parliament regardless of whether or not Senators are elected. It does not matter that the Commons is elected and the Senate appointed. The intention is clear: those seeking to be parliamentarians must not sell their vote.

What is more, election would be unconstitutional, making any elected senator a creature of party and province as well as creating two classes of senators, the politicians and the legitimate appointed senators. Limiting terms similarly diminishes the revising chamber of its ability to serve because it will cease to be parliament's institutional memory.

Agreement to appoint so-called provincially elected senators-in-waiting, without question, opens the constitution.

Elections Canada needs to seek legal action against Mr. Harper and the Conservative Party for each instance and concerning all Harper Senators who have agreed to vote in favour of an elected Senate and limited election terms or to resign at his request.

The rule of law demands it.

**Brian Marlatt
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A happy performer captured at a Quebec festival.

Liberian Association Launches Scholarship and Grant Program For Students

On June 27, the Liberian Association of Ottawa (LAO) launched a Scholarship and Grant Program for students at the secondary, college and university levels in Liberia; and at the university level in Ottawa. The program seeks to address some of the education expenses of students, while encouraging them to become better and socially responsible individuals.

The LAO's "Education for Youth" program will award full and partial payments in the form of scholarships and/or grants to students who meet established criteria. For students in Liberia, these payments will cover tuition, text books, uniform, food and lodging base on need. For students in Ottawa, payments will cover text books and the public transit U-Pass.

"We hope this program helps hard-pressed but deserving students in Liberia and Canada get a foothold to meet some of their financial needs," remarked Association President Augustus Reeves. "Ultimately, the stability and socio-economic well-being of Liberia would benefit measurably if more people have access to education; and an enhanced capacity to contribute to the fabric of society."

Students in Liberia at B.W. Harris School, United Methodist University, etc. can apply through

their admissions office, or directly to the LAO via e-mail or on-line. Students at Carleton University and Ottawa University must apply directly to the LAO as the program is a recognized external award.

The LAO will only award scholarships and/or grants to students attending eligible educational institutions as currently listed on the LAO website. Negotiations continue with various educational institutions in Liberia and Canada, once approved, they will be listed on LAO website. Applicants in Liberia are advised to contact their respective institutions or LAO directly for more details.

"The goal is to motivate students to study and work harder to become eligible for this award," explained Konah Raynes, Chairperson of the Scholarship and Grant Program. "We like to say, this program is people helping people to better their future and expand the capacity of the country."

There is no application fee. Program details are on the Association's website. All students registered within any of the eligible educational institutions can apply.

"Students with good moral conscious and desire to help others, or who are orphans, or have good grades can benefit from this assistance," explained LAO Secretary Christiana

Reeves. "Basically, we offer a helping hand to a student in need. It's true that everyone needs a helping hand at some time or other."

Compared to similar community organizations, the LAO has experienced measurable success, promoting and maintaining warm relations amongst Liberians towards the greater good. As the community has grown, so has the range of services the Association is working to deliver including a settlement program to assist domestic and international newcomer integration; a fibroid awareness campaign; a sustainable agriculture project; and post-war development support initiatives for

Liberia such as the collection of educational materials for distribution.

While the sustainable agriculture project is still in the planning stage, the Fibroid Awareness Public Information Campaign is ready to be implemented and funding is being sorted. This project will help promote information and generate awareness about the impact of Uterine Fibroids which reportedly affect roughly 1.6 million women of child-bearing age in Canada.

To donate toward the implementation of a Liberian Association of Ottawa program and/or operation, send an e-mail to liberianassociationofottawa@yahoo.ca or make contact at (613) 482-0331.

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THE GOOD WORD

Jesus the Carpenter

by Pastor Jacob Afolabi

The verse in Mark 6:3 said... "Is not this 'the carpenter,' 'the son of Mary' and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon?"

If we do not meditate upon the early life of Jesus at Nazareth, and His life as a workman, (a carpenter), we can be blind to the glory and victory of our Lord over the pressures of providing for Mary's large family, and the pressure of running a family business among an overtaxed and poor people.

Let us now behold and worship the hard-working, industrious and diligent workman Jesus! They called Him "the carpenter". A carpenter in those days did not build houses only; typically, they built ox yokes and plows. Sometimes they would build things like tables, chairs, beds, etc. Sometimes, the word carpenter referred to men who could do anything from carving a plate to building a house.

The people of Nazareth probably had things in

their possession that Jesus had built for them. They saw Him as a common craftsman. They looked at Him and said, "You are no better than we are! Why should we listen to you?"

There was once a carpenter who was called to design a cross. "Then the LORD said to MOSES, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived." (Numbers 21:8,9).

There was once a Savior who was called to go on the Cross. Then JESUS came and said, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:14,15). And He, was a Carpenter.

Culturally, every minister of Jesus Christ is a Carpenter. (Compare Psalm 136:25, also Psalm 146:7). Unknown to Moses, when God asked him to make a pole and hang on it an offending emblem, he was being prepared to show the world the way of salvation, and the culture of the Savior.

There is no salvation for

those who would not 'look upon Him.' His elevation was not for "show," it was for a public admission of a deadly agent, sin, which has now been destroyed. When Jesus, the Saviour, came He not only carried the burdens of sin (on a Cross), He had been giving comfort at home and in the field, as well as in the community by the culture of his profession as carpenter.

The Cross was designed for "sins" to die on. Although sin stinks, yet it must be displayed publicly and confessed widely until it dies. If it is displayed otherwise others may 'catch' it. (Mark 10:21). Hear what Apostle Paul said; "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief (1 Timothy 1:12-15). I was dark in sins, I was dangerous to all, but now I am delivered - by the

Cross.

The testimony of one sinner could encourage other sinners to forsake their own sins. Jesus taught Apostle Peter how to carry his own cross, "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for you, that your faith will not fail: and when you are converted, strengthen your brethren. (with your testimony)..... (Luke 22:31, 32).

Pastors of Souls must possess some of the carpenter's products for the comfort of the souls under their care. A Baby Crib - for Nourishing "children" from their birth to their conversion (maturity). A Chair - for the home as well as for the Church house; making provisions for the comfort of the flock of Christ, both in their family houses as well as in the sanctuary.

A Bed - for leading the sheep to find "rest" in the Lord Jesus Christ (in no one else). A Cupboard - teaching to observe (that is, to keep safe), all things the Lord has commanded and taught us. (Matthew 28:20).

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nearly one in four of the people living under tarps and tents.

One thousand people were illegally evicted at gunpoint from three tent camps in the Delmas suburb of Port au Prince during one week in May 2011. They are part of a series of illegal evictions of over 50,000 homeless people in Haiti in the last several months. June 16, 2011 human rights complaint filed with the Inter American Commission on Human Rights by IJDH, CCR, BAI and Trans Africa.

Health

320,000 cases of cholera have been reported in the epidemic in Haiti since the earthquake. Center for Economic Policy and Research (CEPR) Haiti Reconstruction Watch. One hundred and seventy thousand people with cholera have been seen at hospitals, and 5335 people have died from cholera since the epidemic started.

A hundred and seventy-two temporary toilets serve the approximately 30,000 people living in tents in downtown Port au Prince around the National Palace. That is one toilet for every 174 people.

Zero is the number of people who died of cholera in Haiti before the earthquake. The epidemic originated with UN troops brought into Haiti whose waste was inadequately treated and discharged by UN subcontractors into rivers used by people for washing, cooking and

bathing.

US Funds for Reconstruction of Haiti

\$918 million is the amount allocated by Congress for US reconstruction development in Haiti in July 2010. May 2011 GAO Report on Haiti Reconstruction.

\$184 million was actually obligated as of March 2011. Another \$63 million was allocated to emergency services. (Another \$1 billion was allocated for relief funds to reimburse US emergency and humanitarian activities).

Human Rights

In 1998, the United Nation

Commission on Human Rights received the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement which guarantee human dignity and human rights to many groups of people including all people displaced by natural disasters. On a visit to Haiti, the UN expert on internal displacement said, "Haiti is living through a profound humanitarian crisis that affects the human rights of those displaced by the disaster."

The people of Haiti are our sisters and brothers. The systematic violation of their human rights is a violation that must push us to greater solidarity and action. Do

what you can.

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Towards Financial Independence

by Ivan Acorn

A Wall of Worry

They say the market "climbs a wall of worry." These days there is certainly lots of worry but not all that much climbing. The calendar year 2011 has been difficult so far, but seems to be slowly improving. Usually the year before a U.S. presidential election turns out well as the President wants to have the voters kindly disposed towards him on Election Day.

It is accepted that a President makes his unpopular moves in the first two years of his term and then becomes more accommodating in the second term.

Life would be less stressful for governments, and for the rest of us also, if we didn't have newspaper headlines. Headline-shock can have serious effects because people believe bad news much more readily than they believe good news.

What has all this go to do with financial matters? Read the financial section of your newspaper and you will note that negative news and down-market days go together. However, the more successful investors ignore "financial noise." After all, those who write for the financial press have a very short time-line because they are in the "financial news business." However, financial success is usually achieved slowly, over time, and does not always provide exciting headlines.

Buy Low, Sell High

Most of us prefer to buy on a rising market. We like what is moving up. We tend to feel that present up-trends will continue. What is up will keep going up. We often buy after the market has become top heavy. Few people realize that it is possible to over-pay, even for a good company whose fortunes are rising. This brings us to value investing.

Value Investing

The father of value investing was an American, Benjamin Graham. He would only buy solid companies that were profitable and cheap. They had to be available at "deep discount" to what he calculated to be their true (or "intrinsic") value. This deep discount provided a "margin of safety", that would protect the investment. In rare instances he was able to buy shares in companies at prices below the per share value of the cash! His book "The Intelligent Investor" is the classic on value investing. Warren Buffet was his first disciple. Peter Cundill, who died several years ago, introduced value investing to Canada. He always tried to buy a dollar for fifty cents. He is generally thought to be Canada's most astute investor, so far.

Quotations from John Templeton

"Whenever you can buy a large amount of future earning power for a low price, you have made a good investment."

"To buy when others are despondently selling and to sell when others are avidly buying requires the greatest fortitude and pays the greatest ultimate reward."

"The time to reflect on your investing methods is when you are most successful, not when you are making the most mistakes."

"...We search for those areas that are unpopular and then we study them to see if that unpopularity is permanent."

"Each system for investing will eventually become obsolete. Successful investing is only common sense."

"Bull markets are born on pessimism, grow on skepticism, mature on optimism and die on euphoria. The time of maximum pessimism is the best time to buy and the time of maximum optimism is the best time to sell."

"The time to buy a stock is when the short term owners have finished their selling and the time to sell a stock is often when short term owners have finished their buying."

"This time is different" are among the most costly four words in market history.

"People are always asking me where the outlook is good, but that's the wrong question. The right question is: where is the outlook most miserable?"

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With Todd's win Jamaica holds all major 100 metres titles



Odail Todd

Jamaicans around the world are all agog about the amazing impact of their latest sprint sensation.

Odail Todd 17, won the 100m gold medal in 10.51 seconds and silver in the 200m in 21.00 seconds at the 2011 World Youth Championships in Lille Metropole, France. And he was not even supposed to run.

Todd was only drafted into the events after 2011 World Youth leader Jazeel Murphy and 2010 Youth Olympic 100m champion

Odane Skeen were forced to withdraw because of injury.

Todd and his western Jamaica parish of Hanover were all agog at his splendid performance. He is the second Jamaican man to win the 100m and only third ever to win medals in both sprints at the same championships. Both times were personal bests.

But the impact of his performances presents a sensational phenomenon. For it means that Jamaica, long known as the Sprint

factory, has become the only country to hold all the world's major 100 meters titles for males at all levels at the same time.

Jamaica now holds the gold medal in the World youth Olympics (Odeen Skeene), the world youth championships (Odail Todd), the world Junior championships (Dexter Lee), the Commonwealth Games (Lerone Clarke), the World Championships (Usain Bolt) and the Olympics (Usain Bolt).

Did US take winning for granted?

Japan Women Take World Cup



by Ewart Walters

There was neither sling nor smooth pebbles; it was not a boy against a giant (not really) and the whole thing took more than two hours. But when it was done it was David and Goliath all over again. Tiny Japan, with skilled possession, ball control, and calm, deft passing, took down the gigantic US Women's World Cup football team, stunning them with a 3-1 penalty shoot-out victory that only the Japanese believed could happen.

After Japan came from behind twice in a 2-2 tie the game was decided by a penalty shoot-out.

Shannon Boxx, Carli Lloyd and Tobin Heath all failed to convert for the Americans who lost their 2-1 lead just six minutes from winning their third World Cup title.

Japan coach Norio Sasaki had been inspiring the team by showing them videos of the tsunami and earthquake of earlier this year. It seemed to work. Japan had not beaten the Americans in their first 25 meetings, including a

pair of 2-0 losses in warm-up games a month before the World Cup. But the Nadeshiko played inspired throughout the tournament, hoping their success could provide an emotional lift to their nation, still reeling from the March 11 double disaster.

"Not one of the players gave up," coach Sasaki said. "The penalty kicks are always a 50-50 per cent chance."

It's been 12 years since the United States won the World Cup, and this team was certain they were the ones to break the drought. Perhaps their certainty was their undoing.

The shortest American was taller and bigger than any of the Japanese. And they used their physical advantage, bullying the blue-clad opponents as often as they could. They had taken the lead in the 104th minute off a header by Wambach. Alex Morgan, who scored the

first American goal, came up with a blocked cross and sent it to Wambach, who was camped in front of the goal on the six-yard line. Standing a head taller - and then some - from defenders on either side of her, she needed only to nod the ball into the net.

But Sawa flicked in a corner kick in the 117th minute - earned after 36-year-old captain Christie Rampone raced to clear Yukari Kinga's chip over Hope Solo off the line.

For the shoot-out Boxx went first, and her shot banged off keeper Ayumi Kaihori's right leg. After Aya Miyama made hers, wrong-footing Solo, Lloyd stepped up and sent her shot soaring over the crossbar. Lloyd covered her mouth in dismay. Solo saved Japan's next shot, but Kaihori made an impressive two-handed save on Heath's shot.

American keeper Hope Solo came up with a save, and then Wambach buried her shot. But Japan needed to make just one more goal, and Kumagai did.

Margarietta St. Juste, beloved former Consul-General

Jamaicans in Toronto mourn Margarietta

Jamaicans living in Toronto, Canada, are in a state of shock after hearing that one of their most loved former Consuls-General, Margarietta St. Juste, has died.

Mrs. St. Juste, who served as Jamaica's Consul-General to Toronto from 1993 to 1997, died on June

28 in Kingston. She was 75.

An outstanding public relations practitioner, Mrs. St. Juste served Jamaica with distinction in several capacities in Canada; first as the Regional Manager of the Jamaica National Investment Promotion (JNIP), then as the country's

Trade Commissioner to Canada, following the formation of JAMPRO.

But, it was in her role as Consul-General that she shone and endeared a community to her, so much so that hundreds came out to bid her farewell when she demitted office in July 1997.

Before being appointed Consul-General in 1993, she served as Deputy Consul-General in New York for six months under the tutelage of the late Kay Baxter, the then Consul-General in New York, who had just completed four years of service in a similar position in Toronto from 1988 to 1992.

Mrs. St. Juste was credited with bringing the Toronto Jamaican community closer together. She defended Jamaica's image and reputation with honour, seeking audiences with Toronto's mainstream media and the police when she thought they were being unfair to Jamaicans.

Describing Mrs. St. Juste as "the consummate diplomat and outstanding civil servant," former Jamaica Weekly Gleaner Editor Gail Scala underscored her work in bringing the many layers of the Jamaican community together.

"She was highly respected for her dedication, innovation and love for the Jamaican community. She single-handedly motivated the Canadian-Jamaican community to challenge the stereotyping of our community by the Canadian media and worked tirelessly to bring about a better understanding, respect and acknowledgment of the diversity, creativity and contribution we have made to Ontario and Canada over the years," Mrs. Scala said.

Mrs. St. Juste is survived by her 102-year-old mother, two sons, Brian and Francois, several grandchildren, relatives and many friends in Jamaica and Canada.

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Two BCSF alumni graduate as doctors



The Black Canadian Scholarship Fund (BCSF) is bursting with pride today as it announces that not one, but two of their former bursary awardees have graduated from an Ottawa Medical School.

Dr. Tatiana Sotindjo (École Secondaire Louis-Riel, 2002) and Dr. Biotel Bocreton (Notre Dame High school, 2002) both received a \$5000 scholarship to enter university in 2002. As is the case for the other 23 Ottawa students who have received a BCSF bursary since 1998, they used this opportunity afforded to local financially challenged high-potential Blacks as a

springboard to academic excellence.

The “Med School twins” have the traits which encompass all that the BCSF has come to represent since it was founded in 1996: academic excellence, perseverance, and commitment to the community.

Founder Dr. Alexis is brimming with pride:

“I remember going hungry at times when I had to choose between food and tuition, back in the 50’s when I was enrolled at Ottawa University Medical School”, Dr. Alexis says. “This is a full-circle moment for me. I launched the idea of the BCSF to shield young aspiring

Black professionals from struggling as I did. For two Black students to graduate from Medical School at the same time makes me immensely proud.”

Recently, 1999 bursary recipient Ms. Marie-Ange Janvier (Collège Samuel-Genest, 1999) became the first BCSF alumnus to become a doctor when she obtained her Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at the University of Montreal.

The BCSF was established in 1996 by Dr. Horace Alexis and other Ottawa Black professionals. It is dedicated to enhancing the educational future of our young people, supporting the leaders of tomorrow and ensuring

community development. The Fund was established to provide opportunities and encourage academic excellence for qualified black students in their chosen fields of study.

Each year, students with financial needs, the talent and the desire to pursue university studies are awarded a \$5,000 bursary. Past recipients include three Law School Students, two medical school students, one Ph.D. student, and one Engineer, to identify a few. Through fundraising and careful investment, the fund, managed by the Community Foundation of Ottawa, has already helped 25 students achieve higher education.

Caribbean teachers in New York lobby for permanent residency

Civic groups along with local and state officials have joined with Caribbean teachers to urge the federal government do more to help the teachers and their families obtain permanent United States residency.

Some 500 Caribbean educators from Jamaica, Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago were recruited in 2001 by New York’s Department of Education to teach in the city’s sprawling public school system, with

the hope of becoming US citizens.

However, more than 700 immigrants came in hopes of becoming permanent US citizens, but so far only 276 have achieved that, city figures show.

The teachers say they were recruited with the understanding of becoming permanent United States citizens but are now at risk for deportation. They also claim that their spouses and children are unable to work and are currently living under the threat of deportation.

The non-profit organisation, The Black Institute, has led the campaign to create

awareness around the “broken promises” to Caribbean teachers. Its President Bertha Lewis said that working with the UFT, community groups, and the Department of Education, great strides have been made toward justice for the teachers, but the work is still not done.

The Jamaican-born chairperson of the Association of International

Educators, Judith Hall, added that she foresees the momentum being maintained “to seek the kind of redress we have long awaited.”

Manhattan Borough President, Scott Stringer said that the teachers had kept their promises to the 1.1 million public school students of New York City and it was time to make good on promises made to them.

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