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News for September 11, 2001

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Hello everyone,

Does any one of you know what is a "political agenda" ? Why are so many persons accusing others of having this condition.

I'm puzzled! Is it contagious?

----- Card Launch ----- You are invited to attend the Greater Portmore Joint Council Meeting on Saturday September 15, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. sharp!

On the agenda... is the launch of our Beautiful Souvenir Card fundraising.

We are going to be selling a high quality card to residents for \$50 each. On the card is a picture of the Greater Portmore Sports Complex. The major part of the funds collected will go towards this Sports Complex.

Have you seen the progress on the grounds? Along with the Grand Stand built years ago, we now have water and sprinklers, a field measured out, tanks, security guard, etc.

Any resident who buys a ticket will have a chance to win \$10,000 shopping from MegaMart, \$5,000 shopping from SuperPlus, \$3,000 car care from Portmore Motors, and \$700 computer software from Computer Genie.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of what's the next step with the \$80 million owed to Greater Portmore!!!!!!!!!!

If you have been following the matter, the Auditor General's reports said that \$80 million in "surplus" sewage charge was collected from Greater Portmore mortgagers. We want that money back in the community! Do you? We have NOT heard from the Minister of Housing and Water lately. Many phone calls have been made, but none answered! It's now time to take to the streets on this matter! If the Auditor General's report is wrong then let the Department write a retraction report to Parliament and to the people of Greater Portmore!

Come to the meeting and lets plan what to do on this matter.

----- Municipality ----- Since last month there have been consultations on Municipality though out Portmore. People have been making their points most forcefully.

A formal report from the Secretariat will be up soon!

My own observation is that people want 1) Direct election of the Mayor 2) A greater role for "civil society" 3) Accountability, transparency, responsiveness 4) Better provision of amenities and services; Such as a hospital, maintenance of Parks etc.

Not to be confused with municipality is the Idea of Local Government Reform in which parishes As we know them will not exist and larger groupings Designated. As I listen to Mr. Miller speak on The matter, I am still to decide if the reform Is just another ploy to save money or a true Desire for efficiency. Are we shopping black Dog (a Parish Council) for Monkey? Say tuned

Another issue is the Municipal rated. In this, the government wants to charge you For municipal services ... garbage collection, etc. They say that in spite of our many taxes, we don't Pay for these service (or not enough). With the minister of Local Government behind it As its main champion, Portmore was selected as The first area for these new charges! The issue of our borders was settled in a wink!

----- Census ----- Today, Sept. 11, was Census Day in Jamaica.

This means that census takers will be visiting You to determine the nature of the population As it was on this day. For example, if you are dead AFTER that date you will still be counted!

In Portmore, we will finally know the level of our population!

Why do we need to know?

Because no one will be able to tell us we don't need a hospital because there is no "information". As they did once! But better yet, we could better plan for our future!

Support the census.

----- House for sale ----- 2 North Greater Portmore.

3 bed rooms, 1 bathroom, A/C Unit, Grilled, Ceramic Tiles, Walk-in-closet, Fenced, room for expansion.

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----- Final Word -----

On the matter of having a political agenda.... I think it means that the poor creatures don't understand that in a democracy contrary ideas are accommodated from friends and foes.

Who cares what your motive is!

It is time to judge arguments on their merits and STOP wondering if the person is a supporter of a political Party.

Let's grow up!

Kennedy Reid

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Hello everyone,

I know everyone is challenged with back-to-school at this time, but still spend some time reading this newsletter... you should love it!

Hey, mi almoste faget! Our site is three years old this September! We are still one of the largest Portmore sites with over 30 MB of data, 400+ picture, and 15+ guests per day.

Quite a few persons have been added to this newsletter... Welcome to you all... particularly to my mother, Rev. Bellamy... "Hi mom" ... and her minister Rev. S. Clarke. You will hear from them both later. In the mean time, below is a list of our topics in this issue...

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----- CARD SALE - Win "thank you" gifts. -----
In order to fund the Greater Portmore Sports Complex and other community projects, a souvenir picture card of the complex will be sold in the community for \$50 each. PLEASE BUY! The card will be launched on Sept. 15 at the next meeting of the Greater Portmore Joint Council. (Members are asked to keep this date in mind). The time and place will be told to you. Persons who buy card/s can win \$10,000 shopping from MegaMart, \$5,000 shopping from SuperPlus, \$3,000 car care from Portmore Motors, \$700 software from Computer Gene. Drawing is in December 22. Read more about it at <http://www.portmore.org/ads/ad04-01.html>

----- "BAD" WATER IN GREATER PORTMORE -----
---- Over the last few weeks the quality of water in Greater Portmore has been nothing less than shameful! We have contacted persons at all levels on this matter. read about it at <http://www.portmore.org/album/album099.html>

----- Fire at Portmore Mall ----- The latest good news is that, after that sad fire, the Portmore Mall is open for business again! Mr Alfred Herridge and Mrs Scarlett sent me pictures they took of the fire. It's on the site at...
<http://www.portmore.org/album/album098.html>

----- Disaster Plan for Greater Portmore -----
What if there were a disaster in (Greater) Portmore on a larger scale? Would we be prepared? Say (God forbid) a plane came down, or an earthquake demolished 1/2 our concrete homes, how would we cope? Is there a plan? Should we wait for a "white" foreign consultant to think about it for us? Well, the GPJC has a plan. Read about it at <http://www.portmore.org/disasterplan/index.html>

Some of you have been saying? Where is the ODP/EM? Is it not in charge of disasters? This is true, but they have not got the resources to deal with it all! (Please read in between the lines!!)

----- Hiway 2000 and Portmore ----- Thanks to Councilor Lee, I was one of the many invited to a forum on Hiway2000 by UTECH's Farquharson Institute on Sat. Sept. 1, 2001 Here are some interesting facts I picked up. # The Hiway2000 will be a 4-6 lane Highway. It will be 230 km long, fenced, and tolled. It will go from Zinc factory over causeway to Portmore Mall area, then north along Rio Cobre, South to Spanish Town and on the way to Mandeville and Mobay. A branch will eventually go to the north coast. Cost to build is 227+ Million US. # The Alternate route to Portmore will be the Mandella Hiway. Cost will be between 3 to 19 US cents per Km to use the Hiway. # Advantages - to stimulate economic development, shorten travel time by 50-75%, Source of Revenue, 54,000 jobs, less emissions to environment, # There are other major projects that the Hiway will make possible - Industrial Parks, Maroon Theme Park, Vernamfield expansion to Air transshipment port, Milk River Hotel Spa (and 135 room hotel) # The Private managers will do so for 35+ years. # Most studies and contracts are near completion # Commercial viability is by no means certain, but about 1/4 of the income will come from Portmore! Each day 60,000 cars travel via Causeway. 35,000 use Mandella and 1/2 of those come south to Portmore!

My take on the Highway is that it is a good idea. Do you remember the skepticism when the "gullies" in Kingston were being constructed. I am sure it must have been the same for the Mona Dam or the Mobay Airport! I think the Kingston to Portmore should be the first Phase. This should prove it the rest of the Highway will be viable! By-the-way, not only will the hiway take up some of the Hunts Bay, but the Kingston Transshipment Port wants to dump up the land also!

There are many concerns about environmental impact, adequate public consultation, etc ...

===== E-MAIL FROM READERS =====

----- [Deleted Section] George Lee -----

From: Earl Johnson To: K. Reid - Portmore in Jamaica Subject: RE:[Deleted Section] George Lee Date: Tuesday, August 07, 2001 9:19 AM

I notice someone was trying to locate George Lee.

[Deleted Section] George Lee contracted me to design and produce a brochure [Delete Section] .. I billed George Lee [Deleted Section] I was therefore astounded when George Lee [Deleted Section] stated that he was not going to pay me a dime because ...[Deleted Section]

I have dis-associated with all civic organizations in Portmore in which I actively participated, including membership of the Portmore Municipality Committee. I have done what I consider to be all the right and decent things. 1. I have exercised the patience of a biblical Job. 2. I have sought arbitration on this matter [Deleted Section]

What next? [Deleted Section]

cc. [Deleted Section]

---->WEBMASTER'S COMMENT

Dear Earl, I was very concerned with the tone and contents of your letter, so I called you and then called Mr. Lee. Frankly, I understand both your positions. The last thing I saw was Mr Lee preparing a cheque for you. However he was saying that the delay in payment was NOT his fault as a signature to the account was not in town. He stands by his refusal to pay the other bill. Public figures, like Mr. Lee, are constantly engaged in contractual matters. If any person in Jamaica feels they have been wronged, they should go to the Police, a Lawyer, or directly to the Clerk of the Court for a hearing before a judge. Finally, I deleted most of your letter as I would, like you, be in deep legal problems if I published it. I hope I have helped.

----- New Nursery ----- Introducing A New, Efficient and Different Child Care Centre
BRIGHT SPARKS NURSERY & LEARNING CENTRE 9 Bridgeport Road, Portmore (near to
the round- a- bout at Bridgeview)

At Bright Sparks our focus is on: Motor Development Cognitive Development Perceptual
Development

Come and share in our "Christian" environment. We offer: ♦ Nursery Program ♦ Pre-school
Program ♦ After School Program ♦ Beginners Reading Program ♦ Development Assessment
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At Bright Sparks your child will be constantly stimulated in a unique and gentle manner while
fostering positive attitudes and interaction with their peers.

Give us a call today at: 704-3762 or 704-4235 or email us at brightsparksnursery@hotmail.com

Opening September 3rd 2001

You Won't Regret It.

"Mr and Mrs Cunningham"

----- Public Consultations - Proposed Municipality -----
----- Citizens of Portmore! Let Your Voices be Heard in Transforming the
vision of the proposed Municipality through Public Participation Portmore Local Planning
Secretariat

---> WEBMASTER'S NOTES Next session - Sept 16, 2001 Ascot High then on Sept 23 in
Hellshire.

----- guy thorne -----

From: To: Subject: guy thorne Date: Sunday, August 05, 2001 7:03 PM

hey melhanie. This is guy from dance school (if you rember me) Anywho , i came across your fabulous webpage/site and decided to say hi. I see that you are doing well and I wish you all the best . guy guythorne2001@hotmail.com

----- Gun Salute -----

From: Dennis Murray To: Subject: GUNSHOTS!!!! Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2001 11:28 AM

I THINK THE JOINT COUNSEL SHOULD INSIST OF THE POLICE TO STOP 'GUN SALUTES' AT DANCES HELD ON THE PORT HENDERSON ROAD.... AS THIS WAS MY EXPERIENCE ON THY NIGHT OF THE 28TH OF JULY... ALMOST 20 MINS OF CONTINOUS RAPID FIRE GUNSHOTS.

---> WEBMASTER'S NOTES Hey Dennis did you hear that the Police took over 35+ guns from persons returning from a Beach Event in Hellshire called "Fully Loaded"? What a thing!

----- Body Dynamics on Go-Portmore ----- From: Lance Hall Subject: Go-Portmore A Go-Local Jamaica Community Web Site Company News Date: Saturday, August 11, 2001 9:18 AM

<http://www.go-portmore.com/business/profiles.html>

----- Online Diary -----

Ken,

Put me on your links page [Deleted Section]...

<http://madbull4.tripod.com> - A weblog (sort of an online diary)

Not yet finished, but link it anyway.

Regards, Kevin

----- Portmore Gospel Finalist ----- From: Stanley Clarke To: Subject: 2001 Gospel Song finalist living in Greater Portmore Date: Tuesday, August 07, 2001 6:41 AM

Did you know that one of the ten finalists in this year's Gospel Song contest lives in Greater Portmore? She walked away with the "Most Improved Performer" award at the finals. She can be contacted at [Phone Number Deleted].

---> WEBMASTER'S NOTES Rev. Clarke, good to have you online. Thanks for the information. I think she is in my scheme! Please send us more news of importance to pass on to our readers. The location of your church in Portmore can be one of the best views any church could have. I hope you all design the compound to take advantage of the view.

----- Counseling at Redeemer -----

From: Mercelyn Bellamy To: Subject: Re Counseling at Redeemer [Moravian Church] Date: Monday, September 03, 2001 2:28 PM

Hello Ken, Could you put me in your News Letter please. Counselling will take place at the Redeemer Moravian Church at 22 North Street every Wednesday beginning at 10.00 am until 3pm. The counsellor is Rev. Mercelyn Bellamy. She is a trained counsellor. Come and talk things out with her. counselling is free.

---> WEBMASTER'S NOTES Hello Mommy, see I have placed your ad in the Newsletter. I am quite proud of the work you are doing, particularly with cancer patients in hospitals. There are very few life crises that you have not experienced yourself. These, coupled with your degrees and certifications put you in a unique position to counsel with others. I gladly encourage persons to visit with you. My co-workers who have worked with you are all very happy that they did.

Call you later!

===== Final Comments =====

Have you all been hit my those dangerous computer viruses (programs) going around? Just remember... to prevent infection: Do not open unsolicited attachments, Do not subscribe to automated online (sex) lists, Do not send online greeting cards (nuh sen mi nun!), Do not run attached (.exe) programs, Do not give out personal or credit card information, Do increase the security setting on your Browser, and finally ... Do not believe that you have just 'won a million dollars' or that you can 'get rich while working at home'!

Hey, we now have 4 political parties in Jamaica. Now, no one can say that there is no choice! Miss 'fire-brand' Haughton has formed the new party. I wonder if her UPP will split the PNP vote? Do you think that a massive work program and Ms Portia help carry the day for the ruling party? Do you think the JLP will get elected with the "One Don" Seaga at the helm? Is the NDM dead since no one of substance wanted to lead it? Most interesting?

Kennedy Reid

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News for July 27, 2001

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===== YOUR E-MAILS
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A HEART/NTA sponsored training in hospitality will begin in September, here at the SDC complex. Recruitment is this week! They will be trained in food preparation, food and beverage, and housekeeping. Test, at Grade 9 Achievement level, will be on August 28, 2001. There are only 60 spaces so please spread the word quickly!

C. Scarlett

SDC Officer Call SDC in Spanish Town for more info.

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From: Viva Campbell To: "Kennedy Reid" < Subject: Portmore website Date: Thursday, July 26, 2001 4:58 PM

Hello Mr. Reid: Congratulations, your website is looking better everyday. I like the music. ... I think the GarveyMeade people need some help. It seems as if nothing has happened since 1999. If they need help to post info they could ask. My husband is a self taught webmaster. He has a number of sites to his credit, namely: www.clifnet.com, www.angelasfashions.com, www.passmotors.com, www.jaguide.com, www.logic1jamaica.com. He can be reached at <mailto:clif@cwjamaica.com>.

I would like to get info on what is hapening in the community. I have lived in Garveymeade for 22 years.

Viva Campbell

REPLY FROM WEBMASTER - Viva, funny you should write this e-mail. I get phone calls from Garveymeade residents who want to upgrade their site. They really can do with some help. Contact the Association, Please! Below is some information about some activity in your area!!!

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Garveymeade Celebrates MARCUS GARVEY on HEROES DAY, OCTOBER 15, 2001

starting at 5.00 p.m. in Block L Park

CULTURAL SHOW & AWARDS CEREMONY

* Taste Block O's Delicious Fish Fry, Bammy & Festival * Fashion Show * Storytelling * Laughing Contest * Announcement of the Winners of the Essay Competition and Youth Leader's Trophy

GARVEY ESSAY COMPETITION the Garveymeade Citizens Association will be launching an Essay Competition among the youth of the community. TITLE: HOW DO YOU THINK MARCUS GARVEY'S ACHIEVEMENTS SHOULD BE CELEBRATED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMPETITION

1. Participants must be residents of Garveymeade.

2. There are two categories of participation: Category 1: 15 years and under Category 2: 16 years - 25 years 3. The Essay must be the original work of the participant.

4. The Essay must be accompanied by the name, age , address ,telephone number and Category of the participant on a separate sheet of paper.

5. The Essay must be approximately 300 words in length.

6. The Essay must be typed and double-spaced.

7. The DEADLINE DATE for submission of entries is SEPTEMBER 10,2001

8. Entries may be submitted to any one of the following persons: Mrs. Jean Small.....302 Winona Drive,Block L Mr. Glen McFarlane.... 95 Canal Drive,Block D Mr. Victor Malcolm..... 115 Canal Drive,Block E Mr. Donnell Barnett.... 495 Fort Totten Drive, Block P Ms. Toni Leon.....150 Canal Drive, Block F Mrs. Cecile Brown.....418 Winona Drive, Block O

PRIZES: 1st Prize...2nd Prize... WINNERS OF THE GARVEY ESSAY COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON HEROES' DAY OCTOBER 15,2001 AT A PUBLIC CULTURAL FUNCTION IN THE GARVEYMEADE COMMUNITY.

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From: loree burrell To: Date: Thursday, July 12, 2001 11:39 AM

hi i need to find a gym near my home i live in Garveymeade.

WEBMASTER'S REPLY: Loree, there is a great gym in Portmore Called Body Dynamics!! Take a visit. Lance will be happy to show you around. My wife attends and loves it. So do other neighbours of mine. They have a nursery for the kids! (PS... mi not just saying this because dem advertise on di site! :-)

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From: To: Subject: internet srvice.... Date: Tuesday, July 17, 2001 11:36 PM

hi i need to know about the internet service what is the cost and payment agreement can i pay with a usa credit card or debit card for service in jamaicahank you

WEBMASTER'S REPLY: Some of the owners of Cybervale ISP are on this newsletter... I hope they will answer you! (PS... Cybervale don't advertise on the site :-(but I still use their service! (smile)

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From: To: Subject: Re: Message - Greater Portmore Joint Council Meeting Date: Thursday, July 19, 2001 11:50 PM

Thanks for keeping me informed about Greater Portmore. The idea of Municipality is a good one. This will give you more leverage to advocate for the people of Greater Portmore since you are fast becoming a city within a city.

Good Luck!

WEBMASTER'S REPLY: Thanks for the kind words! Always appreciated. The problem with municipality is that it is taking so long! All that is needed is to empower a City Manager, city Accountant, city Mayor, and 10+ Portmore Councilors (already elected) to manage this large community. That's all!

The city would hire Skilled persons as the city budget grows and needs come up. If we follow the current trend, the city will be in debt and bureaucratic before it gets off the ground. All kinds of things "mus" be in place! The problem is that Jamaica is full of laws. Then everybody has all kinds of ideas, obstacles, and turf... I am yet to see a time line.

Frankly, half the obstacles would have been overcome with a simple Act of Parliament.

This "Act" might happen, since municipality was an election promise! Remember? --- We can't wait.

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From: garfield robinson To: Subject: Cows telephone !! Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2001 1:42 AM

Could the operators of the pound please circulate their telephone numbers so they can be easily contacted.

Garfield Robinson

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From: Kevin McLaughlin To: ; Subject: Braeton Killings Date: Saturday, July 07, 2001 10:02 PM

Hello Mr. Bridges,

First, let me say that you seem to have missed the point. The person I was responding to was annoyed that the Braeton affair was being covered on the portmore.org website, as they felt that Jamaica would receive negative press. We may receive negative press, as well as we may not. The point I was making was this: It doesn't necessarily follow that to expose the Braeton Killing affair to the light of day will expose Jamaica to negative publicity. There are a couple of ways to look at it. The first is as follows :

The whole Braeton Killing affair could be on the up and up, and if so, we have nothing to fear. ...

Another view :

The police committed an act of atrocity that morning in Braeton. They murdered seven young men in cold blood. ... If this is what occurred, we need to expose it and bring the policemen involved to justice. By doing this, we accomplish two things. First, we show to the world that we recognise the rights of all men as human beings, that we take those rights seriously, and that we are prepared to bring the violators of these rights to justice.

Secondly, we may give other like-minded policemen cause to think twice and even thrice before they too commit acts of atrocity against fellow Jamaicans.

And this is true even if it is true that "no angels died in Braeton", because murder is simply murder. Each case where the police rid the country of undesirables in an extrajudicial manner and nothing is done about it increases their willingness to use these methods; each time we look the other way while they do these things increases our levels of apathy. I personally don't want to live in the society that I feel will result if we continue along this path.

And this, Mr. Bridges, was my point.

You made several points in your letter. Some of them I agree with. Those who insist on flouting the laws of the land SHOULD be dealt with accordingly. The problem is, I am not yet convinced that those seven men were flouting the laws of the land. If they were flouting the law, they should have been brought to justice. ...

What you say about the media is true. But in several of the cases, this sensationalism contributed to convincing the authorities to investigate the cases thoroughly, and resulted in removing miscreants from the force and in some cases, in placing them in jail, where they belonged. Surely you can see the merit in that? Re the advisories that the USA puts out on Jamaica, I for one think that they are warranted, at least in Kingston and the KMR, and, it would seem, Portmore, if we are to believe the stories of the viciousness of some that live there. ... Instead of being disturbed that they are issuing advisories, consider whether they are warranted, and what we can do so as to become a nation which is undeserving of such treatment in the future.

Your comment that innocents may be sacrificed doesn't sit well with me at all. ... In my opinion, it is probably very easy to say such things when you are not the sacrificial lamb.

From what you wrote, I get the feeling that a loved one of yours suffered at the hands of criminals. If so, I am sorry for what happened to them. ... I agree that we have to take drastic (but legal) measures against the criminals. They are destroying our society. At the same time let me say that I have personally witnessed police excesses against fellow citizens at least twice, and been the recipient of such excesses once. That time I was lucky. To be fair, the police HAVE proved to be helpful to me personally on more than one occasion, but trust me when I say that I know that the police do not always do the right thing. ...

Regards, Kevin McLaughlin

WEBMASTER'S NOTE : Kevin, I had to edit your response... sorry. Below is the response from Bridges!

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From: stevell bridges To: Portmore Website Newsletter Subject: Re: Braeton Killikngs Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2001 12:20 PM

Mr. Kennedy I am sorry to belabur the point but let me respond for the last time, I promise you will not hear from me on this topic again. Please note the following: 1) If you read my first paragraph again, I actually mentioned the point of free speech in a democratic speech. Remember? This is why we can be having this debate! 2) I was actually DEFENDING the police in my letter. Therefore, I would stand a better chance of survival than you would as an editor in a dictatorial environment. 3) It is unfair to mix the issue with what existed in South Africa and (to some extent) Cuba. The Black people of South Africa were oppressed (and repressed) for no other reason than the colour of their skin. Cuba suppressed free speech because it could've been used to undermine the government 4) I insist that no person has Human Rights if he/she takes the life of another person for any other reason than self-defence! Such a person has forfeited his/her own life. The SWAPO freedom fighters fought for a cause. The Palestinians are fighting for a cause. What cause do crimminals take lives for? 5) It takes strong person to forgive the killer of a loved one. I do not claim such strength, and I pray you will never feel the agony I still feel (even after two years) at the loss of a loving father.

Thanks for your time. Goodbye.

Stevell Bridges Helshire Heights

WEBMASTER'S REPLY

I pray that the killers of your Dad are brought to Justice!!

Human Rights and Capital Punishment are separate issues. The Minister of Justice failures to make this distinction and adds to our ignorance. He has not guaranteed fair treatment for everyone and quick justice... just more guns.

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From: CYBERVALE To: Portmore Website Newsletter Cc: CYBERVALE Subject: police relation with citizens Date: Thursday, July 19, 2001 5:34 AM

good go day let me start by saying that the police is a must in any civilize country .But the police like all citizen have the duty to be law abiding!... And must at all time keep the law .The police force in Jamaica in must part is out off control. Officer take traffic bribe all time if you own a car you will know what I am talking about. police sell drugs police run robot taxis police take despite the minister saying otherwise police take political side in the force all of what I am saying is so all of Jamaica know this and more .Is just in Jamaica for the well off ! the poor in the poor communities or power less in must part have no friends in high positions in Jamaica so the police can and do lock u they know that nutting will come of it know tell me in a situation like this how is the police force going to be able to win the trust of the public. citizen trust! & the police must go hand in hand ./I am mindful of the fact that police have difficult job but if they start saying it that these problems do excise in the force and say &do more about this would win the confidence of public and go a far way I take note that police rarely stop at intersections they beave like gods (thegood police must be ashame of the bad ones) I say to all good police stand up and take a stand we the law abiding will stand with you it is not easy and might cost your life .The Columbians drugs overlords OR IN JAMAICA this is not a joke and the police organization like the one we have presently / cannot stand up to (demon's! ! ! out of Columbia / your own will set you up take note !!) the Columbians target poor and poorly organized police and recruit them in there service _all so run down communities my god they take it over give the drugs free at first and the gun to keep order & turf

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Sent: Friday, July 20, 2001 9:17 AM Subject: Pray for XXXXXX

Creating a chain of prayer for XXXXXX and his wife XXXXX, please.He was attacked, machete-chopped and hospitalized at KPH Wed night, July 18.

Ainsley is the head of the NGO the Jamaica Network of Sero positives (JN+) for those of you who never met this zealous, heated, loving advocate for human rights.

A few moments in the morning for one week to start...pray, meditate, create a strengthening picture...

Spirit connections are a wonder ful resource.

Thanks Pat

WEBMASTER'S REPLY

This chain e-mail was sent to me at work. I didn't know what where "Sero positives" so I called the original sender (whom I did not know either). Well Sero positives are people with AIDS, and other transmitted diseases. I was told by a pleasant lady on the phone that Mr XXXXX was accused of being a "batty man" (a derogatory Jamaican term for homosexuals) and was attacked. All very interesting I felt....prayer is always good!

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50,000+ babies will be born this year in Jamaica. How can we prevent them from killing us in 14 years time? When the history of these anxious times in Jamaica is written, what will they say of us? Did we stand for what was right or did we blindly called for the blood of our brothers?

That's it everyone! Keep the dialog going...

Kennedy Reid

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News for July 9, 2001 (PART A)

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TOPICS: 1) NEWS 2) LETTERS FROM SITE VISITORS 3) COMMUNITY NEWS 4) Chairman's Report - Greater Portmore Joint Council

Hello everyone, .. please enjoy this newsletter and copy it to others.

==== NEWS =====

There was a fire at the Portmore Mall this week. Over 30 shops were destroyed ... including the only full bank in Portmore - NCB, the Singer Store, and the JPS office. Total damage may be 400 Million.

Saturday June 8, there is a Portmore flower show at Passage Fort!

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In 2003 the Port Royal Development Project should be on the way. Portmore should benefit from Tourism.

Rumour has it that the Forum Hotel (the tallest building in Portmore) has been sold by government to a popular (and very rich) Portmore Church. No confirmation yet!

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From: jaz_u2001@yahoo.co.uk Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2001 2:39 PM Subject: The Portmore Web Site

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From: Carlena Howell Date: Friday, June 22, 2001

Hi,

Do you know if the bridge that is situated near the Bridgeport High School is being attended to. It seems as if the bridge is either separating from the road or the road is sinking. Whenever a vehicle is travelling from bridgeport direction towards Cactus round about, the driver either has to slow down to cross or drive on the right of the bridge.

This needs to be address before the road actually separates from the bridge.

Can you tell me if the relevant authority is aware?

RESPONSE FROM WEBMASTER: Sorry, I have no information. Please call the Parish Council. The Secretry Manager is on this list. He MAY see your e-mail and MAY answer, but do call.

From: CYBERVALE Subject: need much poto off Portmore Date: Sunday, June 24, 2001

hi find your site very interesting and welcoming keep it up but need much more photo off Portmore you could get these and other at institute of Jamaica by Bainbridge

From: Rose Marie Sotela Subject: Jamaican food pictures Date: Thursday, June 14, 2001

Hi, my name is Rose Marie Sotela, I work for Red Castle Group, a Central American and Caribbean editorial Group. The main product is Estrategia & Negocios a business magazine. There's a new proyect coming in a few months, a Tourism magazine "The New Tropic", it includes articles from all Central America and the Caribbean and we are looking for photographers specialized in the area. For the next edition we need pictures of Jamaican traditional food, I saw some pictures in your web site and I'm very interested in contacting the photographer that took them. Could you help me contact him?

Best regards,

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From: Daley, Ozian A. Subject: Population Date: Sunday, June 10, 2001

I'm just curious, what's the population of Portmore?

WEBMASTER'S RESPONSE: Scientific Population estimates fun from 170,000 to 220,000. Popular estimates have gone from 300,000 to 500,000. A census is due soon!

From: ONENESSPENT Subject: Portmore Jt Ctzens Assn elected - Oct. 1st Date: Saturday, June 23, 2001

To the association,,,,,It was a pleasing sight to see my good friend Cavel Price nee Williams on the committee,,,,,,

Hello Cavel,,congratulations!!!!

Love Veniece Pls email me at oldtimefriends@yahoo.com or,,vkerridge@hotmail.com
WEBMASTER'S RESPONSE: I hope she sees your e-mail, or someone will tell her!

===== COMMUNITY NEWS =====

New Greater Portmore executive Members are : Cassanova, Judith - Asst. Treasurer - 949-2604
Christi, Donald - 2nd Vice Chairman - 740-6116 Cross, Vinette - Asst. Secretary - 740-1877
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5787

===== Greater Joint Council Meetings are
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2002 Mar. 16, 2002 May 18, 2002

There are new Association Presidents in Monza and East Queens Park. Congratulations!

===== Edited Joint Council's Annual
Report - 2000-1 =====

Chairman's Report AGM of the Greater Portmore Joint Council May 26, 2001

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I absolutely must thank the executive members. ... Finally, I thank all of you our members. We were to few doing too much! I encourage every one of us to stay committed to the tasked build a better Greater Portmore and a better Jamaica.

May God bless us even more this year ... 2000 - 2001.

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This report could not be complete without thanks to persons and agencies that have supported the people of Greater Pormtore working through the Council.

We recognise the distinguished support of MP Ftiz Jackson. His donation of \$500,000 to the library was well appreciated. Councilor Lee has been a consistent supporter. Thanks to the SDC for the 2 million dollars it donated to the Library. Thanks to NHT, WIHCON, the St. Catherine Parish Council, the South St. Catherine Police, and the schools of Greater Portmore.

Finally, I thank all of you our members. We were to few doing too much! I encourage everyone of us to stay committed to building a better Greater Portmore and a better Jamaica.

May God bless us even more this year.

===== LETTERS FROM READERS AND SITE VISITORS =====
From: To: Subject: GEORGE LEE
Date: Saturday, May 26, 2001 11:36 AM

Gentlemen:

I am trying to locate Mr. George Lee. Do you have an e-mail address for Mr. George E. Lee, Chairman of Portmore?

RESPONSE OF EDITOR: I asked this person to send a phone number and I will call Mr. Lee. No response yet.

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From: Dowe, Chevan (EDS) To: Subject: Method of search Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2001 12:08 PM

To whom it may concern, I have an issue. I lost contact with a friend 5 or 6 years ago and I would like to know what would be the best search method to use. I have not been to Jamaica in over 7 years. If you could please direct me where to go I would greatly appreciate it. I will give the name of the person I am searching for just incase. Her name is Jeanette Webb, she had one son by the name of Rujon who should be about 7 years old now. I am not sure if she had other children. Please help me if you can..... Sincerely, Chevan :-)

Chevan Dowe Chevan.Dowe@Compaq.Com

===== From: garfield robinson To: Subject: Murdena !
Date: Sunday, May 27, 2001 12:38 PM

Today Is ! I am interested in linking up with Murdena.She can contact me at 789-1756 or 939-9244.

Thank you, Garfield

RESPONSE OF EDITOR: Murdina's art work are on the site over 2 years. I have lost contact with Murdina's son. Sorry!

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From: ferdinand gordon To: The Reids' house in Portmore Jamaica Subject: Re: Portmore Newsletter - GPGJ's AGM etc Date: Friday, May 25, 2001 2:24 PM

Mr Reid, I must thank you for this newsletter, it definitely keeps me updated with events in Portmore. I am from Bridgeport and I fail to see any events in Bridgeport. I am living America now and would love to see more events from Bridgeport as well as the rest of Portmore. Thank you and keep up the good word Mr Reid! Stay blessed, Ferdinand Gordon Jr.

RESPONSE OF EDITOR: Sorry, not only do I not have the time, my digital camera has been stolen! Now I can not even take pictures of Portmore anymore. Can anyone out there help? The cost of a new (or used) camera here is a little much for me at this time!

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From: Kevin McLaughlin [mailto:kpmclaughlin@yahoo.com] Sent: Sunday, May 27, 2001 11:39 PM To: slim_shady192@yahoo.com; kreid@jpsco.com Subject: Braeton Killings

Dear Slim

I don't know you, but I have seen a lot of people write to the press espousing the same stuff you are saying.

The Police are to PROTECT and SERVE. Not themselves, us. Its not the webmaster who is making things look bad to foreigners, its the police. When people see Jamaicans are not hiding the bad things that occur in our community, but are exposing it to the light, so that the truth can be known and acted upon, we do not make Jamaica look bad, we make it look GOOD.

Bad things happen everywhere. The places that look bad are those that hide it, that deny it, or that condone it, as some of our fellow Jamaicans are doing (the "support the police at all costs" crew).

This is why Americans are proud of their country. Yes, some evil, sadist cops beat up a black man for a traffic violation. But a well thinking citizen filmed it, and it was publicised world wide, and the cops were brought to justice. That makes America look GOOD.

We Jamaicans should all consider that!

Think on what I have said, and feel free to let me know what your conclusion is.

By the way, I think this is an important point, so I've copied the webmaster in the hope that he'll post it on the website... Discussion on such topics in a peaceful, amicable way can only serve Jamaica good.

Regards, Kevin McLaughlin RESPONSE OF EDITOR: Kevin is a good friend of mine. Here he responds to the person who was not pleased with my exposure of the Braeton Killings. I tried to be balanced in my report, but alas you can't please them all can you? Just please God!

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Not much news, but still interesting don't you thing?

Bye for now!

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Well here we are again!

Thanks for waiting so long for the latest newsletter. I know you will find it interesting!

Did you all see TVJ's special on Portmore?

Now that elections are in the air this newsletter will give you some questions to ask the next set of political Candidates in Portmore!

For one thing, before you vote for your favourite political party candidate make sure they support the need for A hospital in Portmore!!!!

===== The Soot and Greater Portmore
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Year in and out we have been suffering from the soot that comes from the sugar factory north of Greater Portmore - Bernard Lodge. We finally took to the streets...seven of us... and went to the Bernard Lodge Sugar Factory.

The management received us, Told us they were aware and working the problem, Promised a tour of the facility and to raise the matter At the board level.

The factory actually wants sugar farmers to stop Burning cane, but they are culturally unwilling to change. One solution could be for government to pass a law forcing farmers near to large residential areas to switch to non-burning harvesting methods within 5 years of face stiff fines! Ask your reps about this BEFORE the next elections!!!

Next time we protest... would you please come out So we can all make a difference.

===== New on the Portmore Web Site
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Photos of the New Supt. and his plans for crime fighting
<http://www.portmore.org/police/index.html>

Greater Portmore Sports Complex plans <http://www.portmore.org/sportscomplex/index.html>

===== Community Notices =====

Greater Portmore Joint Council Meeting - 17 march 2001. 6:30 at Kensington Basic School. Come meet the new JPs. Genie TV will be there. The Disaster Plan will be presented.

SDC will launch National Center for Youth Development In Spanish Town office March 20, 2001

Portmore Inter Agency Support Group (monthly gathering of all agencies working in Portmore - NHT, SDC, etc) will meet at New Horizons Inn march 15, 2001 at 10 am The Inter Agency will hold an exhibition.

Passage Fort Citizens Association invites you to a function Of thanksgiving and dedication at the community canter March 28, 2001 starting at 4:00 p.m. Guest speaker Is the Prime Minister of Jamaica.

Cumberland High School will be opened Monday 5th of March. Be seated by 4:30. the prime minister will be the special guest.

The Portmore Community Tourism Association Will meet at the Twyn City Restaurant Wed 25 March To look at tourism in Portmore. Starting at 11 am - 4 pm.

There will be a Portmore Transportation Forum At Ascot high School on 11 March, 2001 at 5 pm. The Minister of transportation will be there. Come to Discuss routes, jobs, road signs, etc.

Portmore Week will be in late April (23 - 28)

Cactus Goes and buses come

I have never been to the Cactus Night club, But I am always sad when a business leaves the community. Soon government buses will be in Portmore. I don't think they will be viable, but we welcome them! No more noise and bad behavior from the private guys! But here comes strikes and slowness from the government employees..

Shame !!!!

Can you image that there are girls going on buses with noundies! This is a shameful new 'tradition". We understand that the Police have gotten involved to stop the practice.

The new Superintendent of Police expresses horror at the high level of carnal abuse (consensual sex with under age girls) and incest in Portmore! I believe that the government should never have consented to one room homes being built! Could this be a factor?

Whatever happened to the SDC's Rio Cobre Park? It is said that they spent 10 million of our dollars to develop this area along the mouth the Rio Cobre River to the north east of Portmore. The work has stopped and the complex sits there incomplete and not making any returns! Is this another ill-conceived project? (Incidentally, Why was the facility built on the Flood Plain of the river?)

HELP! The UDC is about to sell all the Lands allocated for municipal use! If you Look on the plans for Portmore you will See lands designated my the city, but the Developers (UDC - the government agency) Are strapped for cash, We have been told that They have request \$30 million from central government fro the lands or else trhey will be selling them. SHAME on the UDC and The governing authorities!!! Please ask your MPs about these things now that elections are near! By-the-way, the deadline is passed!

Ask the candidates in the next election if they will lead the effort to save the trees by Silverstone!

E-mail from resident

Ascot high school will be having their annual 'Gospel Concert' on Friday, April 6, 2001, commencing at 6:00 p.m. Venue: Ascot High School, Sector 1 North, Greater Portmore. Contribution: Adults \$250.00, Children \$150 refreshment on sale. Guest Artists 'The Grace Thrillers' and others.

This fundraising event is in aid of security fence for the School's Playing Field.

From: Wanita H

E-mail from site visitors

hi, this is very very good. i would like to see pictures of Portmore Church of God and its building and members. Also about Youth for Christ with Dexter Johnson. This is great carolyn fort lauderdale florida

I is heart warming to see this site I think that much more could be done with it but you are embryonic just now...

Have you got a word yet on the development of a park or two for the area. we have many houses which means golden agers who would enjoy a park setting as well as mothers with toddlers who need a real green space. I am not sure how to get my views aired and / or acted on I am one of those who leaves at the crack of dawn and returns after "cock gone to bed" will help but not sure who to talk with...

How about advertising the site in the three major shopping sites in the community.

Peace and prayers Whycke-Andre Spence

Hello my name is Damion Reid I used to attend Greater Portmore High. I am now living in America and I miss my school a lot and I would like to ask you to put some more stuff about my school on your site. And another thing if you happen to get in contact with my school could you please ask them to create a website of their own. Thank you for your time and consideration, if you need anything of me I can be reached at the following e-mail address Cobranyc@cs.com. I must also commend your site its very natural and original, thank you.

FINAL WORD - A funny request

Do any of you have a copy of the previous newsletter? My laptop crashed and I lost the file. If you have the newsletter just sent it to me At webmaster@portmore.org.

Isn't that funny?

Oh... I will be on leave this month. so replies to your e-mail may be slow.

This newsletter goes to over 300 persons. We welcome all new persons. Special welcome goes to : Paster Al Miller - do Reggae Boys pastor? Dionne Rose - Our favourite reporter Superintendent Harrison - the new commander of Portmore Police. The Portmore Municipality Planning Authority leaders. My neighbour - Mrs Gauntlett.

Thank you for reading this newsletter, Please pass it on!!!

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