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St. Kitts and Nevis

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St. Kitts and Nevis releases White Paper on Value Added Tax

The Federal Government of St. Kitts and Nevis has released a White Paper on the Value Added Tax (VAT) that it intends to introduce in November as part of a reform of the existing tax system.

St. Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas (Photo by Erasmus Williams)

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas said that the White Paper, approved by the Cabinet on Monday and released during his monthly press conference on Wednesday, "is intended to give our people an overview of the VAT system and how it works in the hope that it will invoke meaningful discussion and consultation.

"It is imperative that all citizens and stakeholders acquaint themselves with the policy and administrative issues related to VAT as it will affect all of us," he said in a message published in the document.

Dr. Douglas said that the Tax Reform Unit would be engaged in public consultation exercises throughout the Federation and that he was encouraging all citizens and stakeholders to participate and to contribute to the discussion "aimed at crafting a successful VAT for our Federation."

He said that the local economy had made significant strides in transitioning from one heavily dependent on sugar production to a services based economy with Tourism and Financial Services as the leading sectors.

However, he noted that the present tax system has not kept pace with the development of the economy and continues to be based to a large extent on the levying of duties on imported goods.

"This results in distortion and inequity in the tax system which must be addressed. In addition to the transformation of the economy and the need to ensure harmony between the system of taxation and the economy we must also address the unfolding international pressures that favour free trade and the necessity for countries to open their borders," said Dr. Douglas.

He said as his administration seeks to achieve macroeconomic stability and growth, the domestic tax system must be placed on a sound footing.

"We believe that this objective can be achieved by the introduction of the VAT which is a modern, broad based tax on consumption, charged at various stages of production with a mechanism which allows businesses to offset the taxes that they have paid against the taxes that they charge.

"The introduction of the Value Added Tax would therefore reform our tax system making it simpler and more efficient and create more equity by taxing all aspects of consumption including services."

The Prime Minister said that the government would also need to examine the entire tax system to ensure that the system as a whole supports the smooth implementation of the VAT and that there are no disparities that arise as a result of this change.

"We will therefore be looking at other areas such as the existing Excise Tax and a Business Tax," he added.

A number of countries within the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) have either introduced or are contemplating introducing the VAT system as a sub-regional initiative.

St. Kitts and Nevis is a member of the OECS.

VAT DEPARTMENT

The 12 taxes that VAT will replace have been disclosed

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, APRIL 21ST 2010 (CUOPM) – VAT – Value Added Tax – will replace 12 existing taxes.

A number of goods will also be zero-rated to make goods most affordable to ordinary and low-income families.

Minister of Information, Sen. the Hon.

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Taiwan President pledges to expand cooperation with allies

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, APRIL 20TH 2010 (CUOPM) – President of the Republic of China (Taiwan), His Excellency Ma Ying-jeou says his government will expand its cooperation with allies, if necessary.

President Ma made the comments on Monday (April 19) shortly after accepting the Letters of Credence from the newly-appointed St. Kitts and Nevis Ambassador to Taipei, Her Excellency Ms. Jasmine Huggins at the Presidential Palace.

On arrival at the Presidential Palace, the new St. Kitts and Nevis Ambassador was greeted by the Taiwanese President and a Guard of Honour. Ambassador Huggins, accompanied by President Ma inspected the Guard of Honour.

Inside the Presidential Palace, President Ma said St. Kitts and Nevis has been fully supportive of Taiwan's bid to join the international community and added that Taiwan is grateful for its support.

Since taking office in May, 2008, President Ma said he has pushed for flexible diplomacy and ending the diplomatic battle with China.

St. Kitts and Nevis Ambassador to Taiwan, Her Excellency Jasmine Huggins (second from the right) and President of the Republic of China on Taiwan, His Excellency Ma Ying-jeou (right) inspect a Guard of Honour at the Presidential Palace on Monday.

While relations between Taiwan and China have greatly improved, President Ma also said Taiwan will continue to cooperate with its allies. Ma said Taiwan might add new cooperation projects if necessary.

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Editorial

Fools laugh at their own calamity

The calamity which took place at the St. Kitts Marriott Hotel on Sunday January 10, a mere two weeks before the General Elections, in which Leader of the People's Action Movement (PAM), Lindsay Grant, was involved in a US $1.7 million bribery "cash for land" deal with an unknown foreign investor, who he could only describe as a white "business executive representing some large company" with a British accent by the name of a Graham Wells, seems to have been brushed aside by the embattled leader as laughable.

It is only fools that laugh at their own calamity.

Grant has been the laughingstock of a multitude of people, who thinks his actions were foolish, naïve, imprudent and lacked integrity for a man who considers himself a mature politician, a virtuous leader and worst yet, an aspiring Prime Minister.

If Grant were running for political office in the United States of America or the United Kingdom, he would have been forced to resign in light of the magnitude of the scandal and the corruption tendencies that he showed by embroiling himself in such a scandal.

The rank and file of the PAM, too humiliated by the scandal and too proud to give in to the call for Grant's resignation in light of the scandal, has kept silent, afraid to upset the status quo.

Like Washington "Washie" Archibald, who has been the voice crying in the wilderness to make straight the way for some other leader to replace Grant, others are joining the Advent chorus.

In his recent column, "Ask Washie" in the "The Observer" newspaper, Washie declared that Grant's actions "was indeed a reckless gamble, a squander of all good will which a large segment of the population had showered on this leader".

"PAM must find a fresh candidate from the many available prospects in the organizations. This is not to say that there is no gratitude for the part that Mr. Grant had played and the sacrifice which he has made. Then he was the party's greatest asset, now he is its biggest liability," Washie is quoted as saying.

Washie indicated that Grant's colleagues in the last General Elections feel that the scandal did a lot of damage to their party, resulting in its dismal performance at the polls for a fourth consecutive time.

Grant betrayed his own colleagues by not telling them about the deal, only to have them suffer a severe shock when the drama unfolded, Washie said.

Of course, we don't expect Grant to bow out as leader; he is too arrogant to do so. He will never want to give the appearance of weakness or submission to his critics and detractors. He will hold on to power as long as he can do so.

But the scandal of Sunday January 10, 2010, has shown the weaknesses of Grant. It has shown that he lacks sound judgment and has integrity issues.

Grant is yet to accept full responsibility for what took place, another sign of weakness as a leader. Instead he has blamed the Prime Minister and others for setting him up. Not only that, his version of what took place was presented by him as a man who knew what was taking place and that he was in total control of the situation.

Yet, the video of him meeting with the foreign investor tells a different story, one that is a far cry to the one told by Grant.

Grant was a mere puppet in the story, tossed and turned by the "wind of change" that dominated his party's election campaign, that led him to the precipice of corruption and concern for his party's dire need for cash to fund his party's election campaign. In the end he lost his soul, his seat and the elections.

But, Grant is still contesting the seat in Constituency #4, which he narrowly lost in the January elections. He still sees himself as a paragon of virtue and a champion of the poor. But all of this has been poisoned by the Marriott affair.

The questions must be asked: Would you vote for a man who was involved in the negotiation of a bribe?

Would you vote for a man who wanted to sell your patrimony (land) for next to nothing? Would you vote for a man who has shown serious corruption tendencies?

Would you vote for a man who showed political immaturity?

Would you vote for a man who lacks integrity, sagacity and sound judgment? Would you vote for a man whose credibility is questionable?

Mr. Grant it is full time that you stop laughing at your own calamity and respond to it. It is also full time that those in your own camp break their silence about your poor judgment and stupidity.

Others are laughing at you!

Baptist Health International Center of Miami Brings Men's Sexual Health Seminar to St. Kitts

(MIAMI, FL) – Baptist Health International Centre of Miami, a division of Baptist Health South Florida, partnered with Prime Minister Dr. Denzil L. Douglas and the St. Kitts and Nevis Ministry of Health to host a seminar on men's health and related topics for healthcare practitioners and the public of St. Kitts and Nevis. Titled "Sexual Desire, Drive and Dysfunction: Preserving Your Health at Any Age," the event took place at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort on Thursday, April 15.

The seminar, attended by more than 350 men and women, was designed to educate the public on the importance of sexual health and well-being with a special emphasis on promoting healthy relationships and sexuality in male patients battling chronic diseases. Prime Minister Douglas, the Ministry of Health and Brian E. Keeley, president and chief executive officer of Baptist Health and Honorary Consul General of St. Kitts and Nevis in Florida, collaborated in bringing the event to the island.

"Men in Caribbean societies are usually not forthcoming when it relates to their sexual health," said Prime Minister Douglas. "It can be a sensitive subject, but by presenting attendees with relevant facts and information we hope to enhance their quality of life and continue encouraging dialogue on these pertinent issues."

The seminar, directed by Darren Bruck M.D., urologist from the Centre for Robotic Surgery at South Miami Hospital in Miami, addressed the high incidence of diabetes, high blood pressure and heart-related diseases as a key underlying factor in sexual dysfunction. Other presentation topics included: The Effects of Chronic Illnesses on a Man's Sexual Health; The Connection between Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia and Sexual Dysfunction; and Barriers to Sexual Discussion, among others.

National Security minister focused on attacking crime

(Labour Secretariat) Deputy Prime Minister and Minister with responsibility for National Security, Hon.Sam Condor said- in a recent interview with this newspaper- he will not allow himself to be distracted by the opposition People's Action Movement (PAM) in the Government's fight against crime.

"I haven't heard much of the response from the opposition. I try not to get distracted. This is a mammoth job, a serious task and so I try really not to get distracted and I want to be focused, " said Condor.

"The opposition (what is coming from them) some of it might just be crocodile tears and a lot of hypocrisy and so I'm not getting distracted on these things."

Upon recollection of the recent violent crimes, he said they are of different natures and according to him it "Makes it difficult. We have a challenging situation but I believe we will be able to get under control soon."

Condor said he recently met with returning nationals here on St.Kitts and has assured them that the government is at work in arresting the social ill of crime and violence.

"I have a personal interest in having this matter solved. I know nothing could continue in the development. Nothing could happen if the country is not restored to peace and harmony. That is how development thrives. So I have a personal interest and I understand their fears their concerns and I could tell them that I am just as interested because this is where I have lived all my life and this is where I continue to live and so I want to live here in peace."

The National Security Minister concluded: "I am focused and I'm discussing with my security forces how we could address the situation and I know I have the goodwill, the support and prayers and the encouragement of the majority of the people in this country and I shall not squander that goodwill and that confidence. I want to work to make sure that I turn around this issue of crime and violence. I have confidence in this government and myself and I will not get distracted."

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Valda Morris-Slack gains M.Sc. Degree

Congratulations are extended to Valda Morris-Slack for successfully completing her Master of Science Degree (MSc.) in 'Library Science' at the Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., U.S.A.

It is significant to note that Valda obtained her early education at the St. Theresa Convent School in St. Kitts. After obtaining her CXC O'Levels, she went on to further her education, obtaining her "A" Level passes at the Sixth Form of the Charlestown Secondary School in Nevis.

After completion of her "A" Levels, Valda taught at the Basseterre High School for a period, before travelling to the U.S.A. She enrolled at the University of New York, Brooklyn Campus and successfully completed her Bachelors of Arts Degree (B.A.). She them moved to Maryland and completed her Master's Degree.

Presently, Valda is employed at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. Valda is married and has two (2) children.

Mr. Valentine Morris and Mrs. Beulah Morris of Shadwell Heights, St. Kitts, are very proud and elated with the accomplishments of their daughter.

Mrs. Valda Morris-Slack extends heartfelt thanks to all her teachers with special mention of Mrs. Eileen Grey of the St. Theresa's Convent School, her family and friends who encouraged and supported her along the way.

The Labour Spokesman joins in extending congratulations and best wishes to Valda and her proud parents and family.

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Sunday, April 25th
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Crepes with Chicken or Seafood and West Indian Beef Stew

Public Notice - Labour Constituency #4

Residents of Constituency #4, Challengers to New Guinea are asked to take note that there will be a

Monthly Constituency Meeting

on Thursday 29 April, 2010 at the Old Road Community Center starting at 7:00 pm.

All residents of the community and the extended environment are asked to be punctual as important matters related to the continued strengthening and development of the community will be discussed. The Honorable Glenn "Ghost" Phillip, our new elected and exciting Parliamentary Representative will be present to listen to the views

PUBLIC NOTICE

HEALTH WALK

Dr the Hon Timothy Harris, Member of St. Christopher #7 is pleased to advise his constituents that a health walk will take place on Saturday 1st May 2010.

The walk will start at Belle Vue opposite Lida Lake's Residence and ends at Ottleys' Hard Court.

A healthy breakfast will be served.

Walk start at 5:30 am

Application Opportunity
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The 12 taxes that VAT will replace .....

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Nigel Carty, in the Post-Cabinet Briefing listed the twelve taxes that VAT will be replaced as follows - Consumption Tax, Hotel and Restaurant Tax, Cable TV Tax, Vehicle Rental Levy, Insurance Premium Tax, Export Duty, Public Entertainment Tax, Lotteries Tax Act, Gaming Machine Tax, Traders Tax, Telecommunications Levy (IDD Calls) and Parcel Tax.

He said milk, infant formula, diapers, rice, sugar, and certain medicines for chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease are among the basic goods and important supplies that will be zero-rated so that these goods are most affordable to ordinary and low-income families.

The Minister of Information disclosed that in addition, a number of transactions, such as the sale of real property attributable to a dwelling subject to stamp duty, may be exempt from the value-added tax and all goods for export are to be exempt from the application of VAT as well.

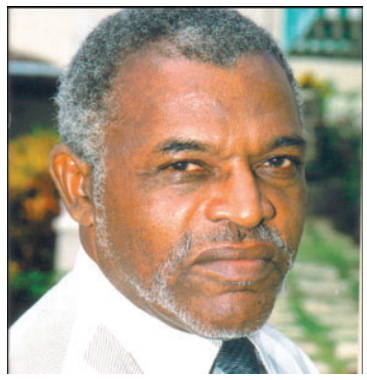
According to Mr. Carty, Cabinet was able to benefit from an extensive discussion of the plans for the introduction of the value-added tax (VAT) that is due to be introduced in November this year.

Financial Secretary, Mrs Janet Harris, and the VAT Officer, Mr. Edward Gift, led the discussions in the Cabinet.

St. Kitts-Nevis Trades & Labour Union Outreach

By Cde Clifford Thomas - President

Building awareness of workplace issues helps guard against external shocks



I remember many years ago as a young boy, during World War 2, there used to be severe shortages of flour and milk.

The reason for this shortage, we were told, is that there were German U-boats in our waters and the cargo boats were unable to bring flour from Canada.

Much, much later in life, just a few years ago, there was a shortage of lamb and butter in the country. It was pointed out that this was a result of a truckers strike in the USA which halted cargo from New Zealand which was our principal source of those two products.

In recent days we have become aware of a disruption of air travel between the major cities of Europe and the rest of the world. This was contributed to by clouds of gas and debris belching from a volcanic eruption in Iceland.

Thousands of holiday makers in the Caribbean have been unable to return to their homes on schedule.

These are all dramatic illustrations of how the reality of globalization can impact our lives and how, try as we may, there are external forces which can derail the best of plans made to stabilize our economy and stimulate its growth and sustainability.

Knowing all of this must increase our determination as a people, nationals of St. Kitts-Nevis, and generally the Caribbean, working together towards optimum productivity so as to guard against such external shocks to our economy.

It is an effort which must be mounted on every front in our society. Our Trade Unions have an obligation to play an active role in the promotion of this awareness and we have sought to do this on numerous occasions. However, such efforts need to be sustained until our objectives have been achieved.

Accordingly with this in mind the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades & Labour Union is mounting a 2-day Workshop for Shop Stewards and Union Officials, the contents of which include the elements of Collective Bargaining and Awareness of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH).

This is seen as part of a wider programme of education for Union Members in particular and the wider public in general.

The training will empower Trade Union Officials and Shop Stewards to be more effective in impacting their fellow workers and act as catalysts for the adjustment in mental outlook and behavioural changes which must follow as we strive to move forward against the many challenges we encounter.

The first session has been held despite the inclement weather last Saturday and we look forward to a successful outcome of the second session this Saturday 24th April.

The Minister of Labour, the Hon. Sam Condor is expected to attend the closing exercises and deliver remarks. We give thanks to the persons and businesses who have donated support to our efforts.

Presented By Mr Carol Evelyn, Manager of Harowe Servo Control At The opening ceremony of the Shop Stewards and Union Officials Workshop held at Masses House on Saturday 17th April, 2010.

Good morning ladies and gentlemen I deem it see script at this Opening Ceremony this morning. Let me congratulate the St.Kitts Nevis Trades and Labour Union for their foresight in organizing this Seminar.

My letter of invitation refers to this Seminar as part of a wider programme of education, aimed at the Union Membership and Workers in general as to their rights and responsibilities at the workplace. I did not hesitate to accept this opportunity to make remarks because I do believe that as an Employer whose employees are unionized that I have a role to play.

My association with the union when I was an employee at the Sugar Factory Machine shop has enabled me to recognize the importance of being unionized. Today that same training and knowledge has helped me as an Employer to understand that a good union is not an enemy but a friend of the Business sector. We must all have the same goals, thus ensuring growth in our businesses which will result in more benefits for our employees.

Harowe Servo as you all are aware is in operation for thirty five years. During those years the St.Kitts Nevis

Trades and Labour Union has been the Bargaining Agent for the employees. Over these years the union has enjoyed very good Industrial relations with the Company. It is clear that the union has played a very significant role in the development of the employees and the Company as a whole. Many of our employees have benefited from training both locally and regionally. It was only last month that Mrs. Jacqueline Francis attended an ILO workshop in Barbados. Mrs. Francis today is all excited and ready to put in place what she has learnt.

The theme of this seminar refers to workers rights and responsibilities in the work place. I do believe that this workshop is timely because there is a need for you our shop stewards to understand the labour laws of St.Kitts and Nevis. It is also important that you can fluently speak to the Contract which governs the terms and conditions of work at your place. When a worker comes to you with a grievance you should be knowledgeable enough to give them good advice. However as shop stewards you must be proactive. You should be strong enough to guide a worker in the right direction. You should also be ready to assist workers who are having issues not just at work but also at home. The issue of money management comes readily to mind. They must understand how to spend their wages or else they will always want increases and ready to stop paying dues because the union cannot help them.

Today I challenge all of you to go back to see script members. There is the vexing issue of some people who pay union dues and some do not pay but every body benefits. You are the ones who have daily contact with your fellow workers and must make your union strong if you want to be recognized.

It was in 2006 that the CARICOM heads mandated that the Caribbean Private Sector be unified under one body to be called the Caribbean Business Council. One of the signatories to the memorandum of understanding is the Caribbean Congress of Labour. The heads realize the importance of this partnership. The issue of the tripartite system must be part of our thrust for the future.

It was last year when the global recession struck our economies, the OECS Ministers of Finance realize that they need to look at how they can put in place a system that will ensure growth within our economies. They quickly took a decision to bring together here in St.Kitts Business leaders and Trade Unions from within the OECS to discuss the way forward. Your President and General Secretary Represented the St.Kitts Nevis Trades and Labour Union. The issue of productivity in the work place must be seriously addressed as we move forward. Here in St.Kitts if our manufacturing sector is to remain competitive and continue on a path of growth we must be the leading advocate for a productivity centre here in our Federation. The union then will be better able to address the burning issue of a fair day's pay for a fair day's work.

In closing it is clear that if St.Kitts and Nevis will remain a favored destination for investors, the workers of this country must know their rights and responsibilities. Responsibilities to be punctual, regular and productive. This seminar is designed to give you the tools that are necessary to spread this message to every worker in St.Kitts and Nevis.

I wish you every success at this seminar.

May God continue to Bless us all

Thank you.

St Kitts Teachers Union Notice of General Meeting

All Members and Prospective Members of the St Kitts Teachers Union are hereby advised that the General Meeting of the Union will be held on Tuesday 27th April 2010 at 5:00pm at the Basseterre High School Auditorium. The Meeting will be held under the theme: "Mobilising Solidarity". All are encouraged to attend and be punctual as very important matters will be addressed and information shared as teachers embrace the power of unity to further the Cause: Agitate, Educate, Liberate. Teachers are also informed that general meetings of the SKTU will now be held once per academic term.

Ron Dublin-Collins (Mr)
President
St Kitts Teachers' Union

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RBTT BANK (SKN) LIMITED

Financial Results for the Year 2009

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholders of RBTT Bank (SKN) Limited

We have audited the financial statements of RBTT Bank (SKN) Limited ("the Bank") for the year ended December 31, 2009, from which the accompanying summarised financial statements were derived in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. In our report dated February 23, 2010 we expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements from which these summarised financial statements were derived.

In our opinion, the accompanying summarised financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the financial statements from which they were derived.

For a better understanding of the Bank's financial position and the results of its operations for the year and of the scope of our audit, the summarised financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements from which the summarised financial statements were derived and our audit report thereon.

Deloitte & Touche
Chartered Accountants
Bridgetown, Barbados
February 23, 2010

Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2009 (expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	31 December 2009 $	2008 $
Assets		
Statutory deposit with Central Bank	5,024,000	6,889,964
Cash and due from banks	20,449,630	17,926,077
Loans and advances to customers	115,168,026	110,619,394
Investment securities	4,836,661	7,621,220
Property, plant and equipment	2,270,977	2,432,081
Other assets	1,578,080	963,821
Total Assets	149,327,374	146,452,557
Liabilities		
Customers' deposits	84,835,780	80,428,126
Due to other banks	64,522	2,073,659
Due to affiliated companies	35,768,549	38,268,048
Tax payable	1,385,489	844,095
Other liabilities	4,350,259	3,074,841
Total Liabilities	126,404,599	124,688,769
Net Assets	22,922,775	21,763,788
Shareholders' Equity		
Share capital	5,001,217	5,001,217
Share premium	1,941,734	1,941,734
Statutory reserve	4,432,827	3,860,947
Retained earnings	11,546,997	10,959,890
Total Shareholders' Equity	22,922,775	21,763,788

On 23 February 2010 the Board of Directors of RBTT Bank (SKN) Limited authorised these financial statements for issue.

Director Director

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 December 2009 (expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	Year Ended 31 December 2009 $	2008 $
Interest income	11,643,016	11,097,911
Interest expense	(4,201,783)	(3,428,054)
Net Interest Income	7,441,233	7,669,857
Other income	1,235,557	1,685,758
Total Net Income	8,676,790	9,355,615
Impairment (losses)/recoveries on loans and advances	(364,905)	196,040
Other operating expenses	(3,952,175)	(4,490,669)
Total Non-Interest Expenses	(4,317,080)	(4,294,629)
Profit Before Taxation	4,359,710	5,060,986
Taxation	(1,500,310)	(828,600)
Profit After Taxation	2,859,400	4,232,386
Total comprehensive income	2,859,400	4,232,386
Earnings Per Share – Basic	$ 0.57	$ 0.84

RBTT BANK (SKN) LIMITED

Financial Results for the Year 2009

Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

as at 31 December 2009 (expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	Share Capital $	Share Premium $	Statutory Reserve $	Retained Earnings $	Total Shareholders' Equity $
Year ended 31 December 2008					
Balance at 1 January 2008	5,001,217	1,941,734	3,014,470	8,824,291	18,781,712
Total comprehensive income	--	--	--	4,232,386	4,232,386
Dividends	--	--	--	(1,250,310)	(1,250,310)
Transfer to statutory reserve	--	--	846,477	(846,477)	--
Balance at 31 December 2008	5,001,217	1,941,734	3,860,947	10,959,890	21,763,788
Year ended 31 December 2009					
Balance at 1 January 2009	5,001,217	1,941,734	3,860,947	10,959,890	21,763,788
Total comprehensive income				2,859,400	2,859,400
Transfer to statutory reserve	--	--	571,880	(571,880)	--
Dividends	--	--	--	(1,700,413)	(1,700,413)
Balance at 31 December 2009	5,001,217	1,941,734	4,432,827	11,546,997	22,922,775

Statement of Cash Flows

as at 31 December 2009 (expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	Year Ended 31 December 2009 $	2008 $
Cash flows operating activities		
Profit before taxation	4,359,710	5,060,986
Adjustments for:		
Impairment losses/(release) on loans and advances to customers	356,885	(192,800)
Capitalised interest on investment securities	(81,159)	(97,960)
Depreciation	272,500	140,444
Operating Profit Before Changes in Operating Assets And Liabilities	4,907,936	4,910,670
(Increase)/decrease in operating assets		
Loans and advances to customers	(4,783,010)	(18,897,489)
Statutory deposit with Central Bank	1,865,964	(2,401,964)
Interest receivable on loans and advances	(122,507)	(110,000)
Other assets	(614,259)	(804,391)
Increase/(decrease) in operating liabilities		
Due to other banks	(2,009,137)	2,073,659
Customers' deposits	4,312,851	6,182,717
Interest payable on customers' deposits	94,803	54,452
Due to affiliated company	(2,499,499)	17,862,878
Other liabilities	1,275,418	642,295
Corporation tax paid	(958,916)	(584,505)
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	1,469,644	8,928,322
Cash flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of investments securities	--	(1,044,726)
Proceeds from sale and redemption of investment securities	2,865,718	2,152,469
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(111,396)	(269,175)
Net Cash Provided By Investing Activities	2,754,322	838,568
Cash flows from Financing Activities		
Dividend paid	(1,700,413)	(1,250,310)
Net Cash Used By Financing Activities	(1,700,413)	(1,250,310)
Net Increase In Cash And Due From Banks	2,523,553	8,516,580
Cash And Due From Banks – Beginning Of Year	17,926,077	9,409,497
Cash And Due From Banks – End Of Year	20,449,630	17,926,077

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The Bank is incorporated in Nevis. Its principal activities are commercial and retail banking operations conducted from a sole branch situated in Charlestown, Nevis. The address of its registered office is Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

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U. S. Defense Secretary says Obama Administration "reengaging with Caribbean"

St. Kitts and Nevis Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Hon. Sam Condor (left) at the news conference with United States Secretary of Defense Hon. Robert Gates, Barbados Prime Minister Hon. David Thompson and Grenada Prime Minister Hon. Tillman Thomas.

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, APRIL 16TH 2010 (CUOPM) – United States Secretary of Defense Hon. Robert M. Gates said he hopes Friday's regional security summit in Barbados and President Barack Obama's Caribbean Basin Security Initiative send a strong signal that "the United States is reengaging with this region" after drawing down its presence following the 9/11 terror attacks

Speaking at a joint news conference Friday with seven Caribbean government and national security leaders Gates said he's impressed by the innovative approaches being taken to promote collective security through the initiative.

Following what he called a "very productive" meeting to discuss furthering those efforts, Gates lauded the Caribbean nations' work toward marshalling limited resources to address common threats such as narco-trafficking and violent crime.

These challenges touch U.S. shores as well, and demand that regional nations mount a united front to confront them, Gates said during a joint news conference with Barbadian Prime Minister Hon. David Thompson and St. Kitts and Nevis Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Hon. Sam Condor.

Gates conceded that the drug trafficking problem has worsened due to the success of the Merida Initiative and Mexico's crackdown on drug cartels there.

"Narco-trafficking is a problem for the hemisphere as a whole," he said, "and wherever you put pressure, the traffickers will go where there is less resistance and where there is less capability."

Going forward, Gates said he would like to see broader efforts to connect the regional security system here with efforts under way outside the Eastern Caribbean. This includes efforts by the French, Dutch, Colombians, Peruvians and U.S. Southern Command's Joint Interagency Task Force.

The secretary praised Barbados as a strong U.S. security partner and a leader in promoting security cooperation in the Eastern Caribbean.

"The United States stands steadfastly with you as you pursue long-term solutions to these problems," Gates said after meeting with the Prime Ministers and national security ministers.

Much of that support is provided through the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative that President Barack Obama proposed last April during the Summit of the Americans in Trinidad and Tobago.

The initiative has been built with extensive input from Caribbean nations with a central role for the regional security system, Gates noted Friday, all aimed at helping regional governments face up to transnational threats.

The $45 million the United States has committed to the effort this year will help improve regional maritime patrol and interdiction capabilities and domain awareness and provide for additional joint training and exercises, he said.

Gates said details about how these funds will be allocated are being hammered out by technical working groups, with one convened Friday in Washington.

He emphasized that regional nations will be the ones to help determine how the funding can be most effective. The United States already has committed three interceptor boats and communications equipment, but Gates said he heard suggestions on Friday about the need for more law enforcement training and the stand-up of major crimes units.

However, Gates emphasized that the Caribbean initiative represents more as it provides a comprehensive approach to regional security. Its scope extends beyond military and security assistance to address equally critical components of the region's economic and social stability.

The initiative aims to provide, "not just improved security capabilities to confront immediate threats, but also development assistance in hopes of addressing the root causes of regional problems, such as the lack of educational and employment opportunities, particularly for youth," Gates said. "That is a strategy we strongly support."

Fifteen Caribbean Basin nations are included in the security initiative: Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

St. Kitts and Nevis Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Hon. Sam Condor (in the foreground) at the discussions with United States Secretary of Defense Hon. Robert Gates in Barbados on Friday.

Arbovax, Inc. To Start Pre-Clinical Dengue Vaccine Trials

RALEIGH, N.C., 21 April 2010 — Arbovax, an early-stage company developing vaccines against insect-borne diseases, will start preclinical testing of a unique new Dengue fever vaccine in early May.

Arbovax has signed a contract with Hamden, Connecticut-based RxGen to conduct the trials in non-human primates at the St Kitts Biomedical Research Foundation. The Walter Reid Army Institute of Medical Research is providing additional assistance in the testing process.

"These trials represent a significant milestone for our investors and for global health" said Malcolm Thomas, CEO of Arbovax, "RxGen has a very experienced team that will complete this work by August under closely supervised conditions."

The Arbovax core technology was developed by Dennis Brown, Ph.D., and Raquel Hernandez, Ph.D., at North Carolina State University.

"We believe our proprietary approach will be shown to offer unique benefits in vaccine efficiency. It offers potential for widespread campaigns against Dengue and numerous other diseases that are mainly carried by mosquitoes, including Japanese Encephalitis, West Nile, Chikungunya and Yellow Fever."

The privately held Arbovax is targeting the initial study to test the effectiveness of three of the company's modified viruses. A similar follow-up round of testing is planned.

The firm has been propelled by more than $400,000 in loans from the North Carolina Biotechnology Centre and more than $1.5 million in Series A financing.

Arbovax's initial focus, Dengue Fever, is ranked second only to Malaria by the World Health Organization, for its devastating global impact.

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Crime is a complex societal problem

By: The Thinking Citizen

Is Dr. Douglas or his Labour Party Government "responsible" for the high level of crime and violence that exists in our country as the CCM/PAM Coalition has been telling the public? What is the meaning of the word "RESPONSIBLE?"

And is it true, as the same opposition CCM/PAM Coalition has been saying that the Labour Party Government has not taken the lead in the fight against Crime and Violence in our country? If the Government has not been taking the lead, then who has been taking the lead?

As most right-minded persons have been saying, neither the CCM nor the PAM is really interested in seeing the level of Crime and Violence goes down. Of course the two parties talk a lot about Crime and Violence on the radio and in the newspapers but that is basically all. You see the high Crime situation provides the CCM and the PAM with political ammunition with which to attack and condemn the Government. Once the situation returns to normal the CCM/PAM political opposition would have nothing with which to criticise the Government in that regard.

All the talk about the high National Debt falls into the same category. Neither the PAM nor the CCM is really interested in seeing the National Debt drastically reduced. Such a reduction would lessen the amount of political ammunition that they have in their arsenal. So they talk about the National Debt only to be able to score political points for themselves.

What has PAM done, as an Opposition Party, to try to help to reduce the size of the National Debt? Has PAM ever been on a campaign to encourage individuals, groups and organisations to pay their taxes? Does PAM say the right things about our country in order to encourage or attract foreign investment?

Did PAM say the right things about our new Warner Park Cricket Stadium? What about our new Athletic Stadium at Bird Rock? Did PAM say things about it that would make it appeal to people overseas?

Insofar as Crime is concerned, the CCM/PAM politicians treat the problem as something that can be turned off at a moment's notice just like an electric light bulb or a water-pipe faucet. Just turn the switch or the faucet and everything is under control.

But Crime does not work that way. Crime is a highly complex societal problem which does not answer to a single or simple solution. The difficulty with Crime is that it originates in the mind and no one can put a Police or Security Officer in a person's mind to stop that.

A good many years ago there was a serious outbreak of violent crimes in Trinidad. The Government there engaged the services of a noted Criminologist who was a Professor at the St. Augustine Campus of the UWI.

The noted Professor advised that more Police Officers, more Security Personnel, more equipment, more training, more patrols and stiffer penalties were not the complete answer to the problem. The problem of Crime originates in the mind and all efforts should attempt to deal with the mind.

Crime is a form of Deviant Behaviour which occurs when a person is not properly socialised, that is, when the core values, norms, beliefs and customs of the society are not fully internalised in the person. When a person is properly socialised he or she refrains from doing certain things (anti-social acts) not because of fear of the gallows or of a prison sentence, but because he or she is convinced that doing certain things is not right. The conscience of such people and not the law stops them from doing certain things. The fear of the law does not stop people from breaking the 6th to the 10th Commandments, but conscience does.

The agents of Socialisation are the Family, the School, the Church, and Peer Groups, the Mass Media, the workplace and the State. The State socialises persons who engage in criminal activities (deviant behaviour) by putting them either in jail or in the crazy house.

In order of time, the Family is the first and most important agent of Socialisation, with the State (Government) being the last agent. The Family is involved in the formation of character, attitude and personality and the inculcation of the sense of what is right and proper and just.

It is strange however, but understandable that when Opposition politicians raise the issue of Crime and Violence they always say that the State is "responsible". They never say that the Family or the parents are responsible. The Bible says at Proverbs 22:6 as follows: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it". It is known that that admonition is not directed to the State.

Self-serving politicians will always blame the Government for the results of parental neglect. That is for the failure of parents to bring up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord". You see the politicians will lose votes and popularity if they start to blame parents for not brining up their children properly. On the other hand, there is nothing to be feared from blaming the Government.

Whenever an Opposition politician raises the issue of Crime and Violence on radio or in the newspapers he expects the Government to stop all acts of violence immediately. This cannot happen and when it does not happen the politician goes on radio and declares that the Government is doing nothing or is not taking the lead. This is so hypocritical. Of course the Government has been taking the lead. But who is following?

Everybody is putting forward his own solution to the problem and is convinced that only his solution can or will work. Washie's (Washington Archibald's) solution, which he is currently putting forward, is for the government to make the growing, sale, distribution and sale of marijuana legal.

People should not be surprised if currently there is a coalition between the CCM and PAM. There was such a coalition in 1993. The CCM refused to join with the Labour Party in order to give the NRP the opportunity to join with PAM to form the government.

The CCM based their decision, not to co-operate with the Labour Party in 1993 on something which the party called "neutrality". Now in our system of government there is no place for the concept of "neutrality". In our Parliament you will not find three sections – one for the Government to sit, one for the Opposition to sit and one for the "Neutrals" to sit. There are only two sides or two sections – one for the Government and the other for the Opposition.

The CCM idea of neutrality was the biggest hoax of the 20th Century.

As I said earlier, a CCM/PAM Coalition is nothing new. The CCM is using the same tactics and strategies to oppose the Nevis Commission of inquiry that PAM used to oppose the St. Kitts Commission of Inquiry.

PAM reacted to the St. Kitts Commission of Inquiry by using all available means – political, diplomatic and judicial – to prevent the Inquiry from running its full course. The CCM is engaged in the same tactics to prevent the Nevis Commission of Inquiry from running its full course.

The CCM is attacking the idea of VAT in much the same fashion that PAM attacked Social Security at its inception.

The CCM has not been able to convince the ordinary people of Nevis that there should not be a Commission of Inquiry. The point is, if the Commission of Inquiry is already much too expensive, then dragging it out in the Court will make it even more expensive. If the Hon. Vance Amory is indeed innocent then the Inquiry will vindicate him and exonerate him. The CCM surely should have no problem with that. Unless of course, there is something that the CCM knows and we don't know.

And now I return to the matter of Crime and Violence. Those of us who can hear and see and read and understand know that the Government has been tackling the problem of Crime and Violence. Of course what the Government has done and is doing may not satisfy the desires of certain people, but that is no reason for those people to say that the Government is not doing enough or is not taking the lead. That is neither fair nor honest.

It has long been noticed that some people are in the habit of crying out that the Government should do "more", but those people have never, ever cried out for parents and Families to do "more" in bringing up their children.

The Government is not responsible for bringing children into this world. Therefore those who are responsible for bringing children into this world should be held responsible for rising up their children so that "they may grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord".

Crime is a complex societal problem that cannot be solved by one agent acting alone. The agents of Socialisation are the Family, the School, the Church, the Peer Group, the Workplace, the Mass Media and the State (the Government).

Our children do not come into this world already programmed to be thieves, robbers, murderers, scamps and vagabonds. No, they come into this world with what the experts call a TABULA RASA, a clean slate. A new born child is presumed to be a tabula rasa.

Now what is written on that tabula rasa is written by the agents of Socialisation, particularly the Family, the School, the Church and the Peer Group during the formative years of the child's life. We should ask all agents of Socialisation to play their full part in a proper and timely fashion.

Youth Empowerment Ministry Celebrates Community Service

Basseterre, St. Kitts, April 20, 2010 (SKNIS): Youth who improve their communities through voluntary service are celebrating this week as the Ministry of Youth Empowerment prepares for Global Youth Service Day.

The April 23 to 25 observance takes place in 100 countries and is organized for youth to identify and address the needs of their communities; organizations to provide opportunities for youth engagement; and media and policy makers to promote awareness of young people as assets and resources to their communities.

Director of Youth Empowerment Geoffrey Hanley told SKNIS that a number of activities have been organized in commemoration of the international event. These began on Monday, April 19, with a Tag and Beach Clean Up Day. Residents wereasked show support for the observance by purchasing tags from persons around Basseterre. Meanwhile the Ministry's staff ventured to Cockle Shell Bay to tidy the beach that is a favourite with locals and visitors alike.

On Tuesday, April 20, two care hampers were distributed – one to a resident of the Cardin Home, and the other to a patient at the Joseph N. France General Hospital. Community service continued on Wednesday, April 21, when a public bathroom at St. Johnson's Village will be given a facelift with a fresh coat of paint. The following day, youth workers were back on the streets cleaning and decorating a green space on the border of Fortlands and Five Ways in Basseterre.

A march through the streets of the capital today, Friday, April 23 and a service at the Zion Moravian Church on Sunday, April 25, will bring the week of activities to a close.

Director Hanley issued an open invitation to persons interested in participating in the observance to contact the office of the Ministry of Youth Empowerment at 467-1393.

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21 April 2010

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Nevis public urged to take advantage of reduced cost of solar water heaters

CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (APRIL 20, 2010) — Minister with responsible for Public Utilities and Natural Resources on Nevis Hon. Carlisle Powell reminded Nevisians to make use of the solar water initiative that was implemented by the Nevis Island Administration from January 01, 2010.

The reminder came at recent interview with the Department of Information. He said the matter had been discussed earlier but was announced by Premier of Nevis and Minister of Finance Hon. Joseph Parry in his 2010 Budget Address in December last year.

"Premier Parry announced that the government had waived the duty on solar water heaters and so as a result of that the general public can now get their solar water heaters much cheaper.

"That programme would allow us not only to use less energy interms of the electric water heaters but would allow us to save in terms of our expenditure on fuel which we currently use to produce the electricity. [It would also] allow us to improve our carbon footprint in that we would be saving all of those gases which we emit when we are using the fossil fuels and will allow us individually and as a country to save money," he said.

The Minister described the programme as one of importance to Nevis as the island continued to develop it's clean and green energy under the watchful eye of the international community.

Minister responsible for Public Utilities and Natural Resources on Nevis Hon. Carlisle Powell

"I think the rest of the Caribbean is looking on and the rest of the world continues to look on and recognise that Nevis is moving forward in a very measured way interms of our sustainable energy programme," he said.

During the Budget Address the Premier also pointed to the geothermal and wind energy projects, when completed, would allow Nevis to become the leading clean and green economy in the Caribbean.

He said the island would experience energy security which would provide a platform for multiple opportunities for local and foreign direct investments.

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How is Your Self Esteem?

Self esteem is the foundation of our self confidence and self motivation. Self esteem is how we feel about ourselves at any given moment. Most of us have been taught to base and build our self esteem on the wrong foundations. We build it on something external instead of something internal. We often tie it

to our positions and pay, our possessions and by how much regard we receive from others. This is why it seems we seldom meet people with rock solid self esteem. Most of us learn how to disguise our fragile self esteem.

Very briefly we look at the following seven insights related to self esteem which are intended to help us check and evaluate our own levels of individual self esteem.

Insight 1: You are Unique

We are each unique human beings, with unique histories, patterns of thinking and personalities. There is no duplication in humanity. One of the deepest habits learnt from early childhood is to compare ourselves with others. We forget that we cannot be like any other person. This habit of comparison and

imitation is one of the greatest killers of self esteem. It stops us from everbeginning to know ourselves. So the first and most important step in building our self esteem is to break the habit of comparison , and to stop unconsciously

trying to be like someone else.

Insight 2: You are Already Beautiful

We are all already beautiful and always have been. However we do not know this beauty, for it is hidden deep within, and we are not taught to go deep inside ourselves and see it, feel it and express it. Inner beauty is made up of the innate qualities of spirit, and these qualities are always found in the heart of our

consciousness, not the heart of the body. When we don't regard ourselves as spiritual beings and only think of ourselves as physical bodies, we try to find beauty outside ourselves but this does not lead to high self esteem.

The rebuilding of 'real' self esteem is therefore an inner process of self realization, self knowledge and self awareness. We need to spend sometime seeing our own inner qualities and appreciating them, and most importantly expressing them for the benefit of others. In this way we gradually come to know our own true beauty.

Insight 3: Public Opinion

The strength of your self esteem is always being tested. You will know how strong and stable your self-esteem is when someone criticizes you, or you hear what someone has been saying about you behind your back. If you are in any way affected, i.e. if you react in any way, it means your self esteem is fragile. You are

creating and feeling the emotion of 'hurt', and you will be thinking you have been insulted and experience a disturbance because most of us are taught to base our self esteem upon the opinion of others. We forget that the feeling of being insulted and upset is a choice, not an inevitability. It is a habit to react in a negative, emotional way. It doesn't matter what anyone says or thinks about you, as long as you think

well of yourself, then you will not lose your inner stability, your cool, your inner peace, your power and your ability to respond positively. Everyone is entitled to an opinion. You know who you are, you know your own intrinsic qualities…don't you ,or are you dependent on the opinion of others?

(To be continued)

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'The Weapons Effect'

How Guns Up Testosterone, Male Aggression

When discussing the causes of crime, an alternative to consider may be the effect that the presence of guns in society has on levels of aggression in young males. Here's why:

A 2006 study published in Psychological Science, found an interesting link between guns and levels of testosterone and aggression in males. Psychologists at Knox College, Illinois, invited 30 college men, aged 18 to 22 years, to participate in the study.

The staff collected a saliva sample for testosterone testing. They led each man into a room where he sat at a table with an object on it. The man had to take apart the object and put it back together according to instructions.

For half the men, the object was an automatic handgun. The other half of the men worked with a child's game called Mouse Trap.

Fifteen minutes later, the men gave another saliva sample.

The Hot-Sauce Trick

Finally, the men were given a 3-ounce cup of water and a bottle of red hot sauce. They were told the water would be given to the next man in the study, and that they could (anonymously) put as much red hot sauce in the water as they liked.

This hot-sauce trick has been used before. The more aggressive a man is feeling, the more hot sauce he tends to put in the next guy's drink.

Sure enough, testosterone went up about 100 times more in the men who handled the gun than in the men who handled the children's toy. And the gun handlers put three times more hot sauce in the water than the toy handlers.

The more a man's testosterone went up after gun handling, the more hot sauce he put in the water.

"Such findings raise many of the usual questions about whether the presence of guns in society contributes to violent behaviour," the psychologists conclude. "Although our study is clearly far from definitive, its results suggest that guns may indeed increase aggressiveness partially by changes in the hormone testosterone."

After debriefing, many of the men said they were disappointed that the water they spiked with hot sauce, was not actually given to another unsuspecting man.

Source: WebMD Health News; July 2006 issue of Psychological Science.

BAJAN ARTIST TO HELP BRIGHTEN UP LOCAL SCHOOLS

Manipura and Studio Caribe TV team up to beautify Barbados

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (April 20, 2010) - Two members of the family of the newly launched Barbados Entrepreneurs' Venture Capital (BEVC) Fund are aiming to harness the creative expression of primary school students and to beautify their community.

The Workman's Primary School project is a beautification programme which will improve the physical environment of the St. George-based rural primary school. The project is not only concerned with beautifying the physical structures of the school but promises to inspire students, parents and teachers as well as unite the community.

A student proudly displays some images created in collaboration with artist Annalee Davis to be incorporated within the murals.

Artist Annalee Davis, the founder of Manipura Inc. - a Venture Capital fund recipient - offered to join forces with the students, principal and art teacher to assist in the beautification process. "The current surroundings were designed for functionality and are more like an institution than a child-centred learning environment. I intend to help the students add colour, fun and creativity to the area by creating eight murals to be placed on exterior walls corresponding to each classroom," said Davis. "The images generated from the students in the work sessions will be incorporated within the murals to reflect their life experiences and their community," she added.

Manipura Inc. is one of the five companies that recently received funding from BEVC. The company manages two artistic brands - Annalee Davis, a contemporary body of work that looks at universal issues through a Caribbean lens, and Manipura, a commercial line that celebrates the beauty of the Caribbean.

The culmination of the Workman's Primary School project will be a short film directed by Sanna Allssopp of Studio Caribe TV (SCTV).

ALBA is the realisation of a 200-year-old dream, says Venezuelan Ambassador

By: Peter Ngunjiri

BASSETERRE ST. KITTS (April 20, 2010) — Resident Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Dr Cruz de Jesus Bello, is saying that the Energy Cooperation Agreement with Venezuela (Petrocaribe) and more recently the creation of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (ALBA) is the realisation of Simon Bolivar's dream 200 years ago.

Addressing guests on the lawns of the embassy at Greenlands in Basseterre early Monday evening for the celebrations to mark the 200th anniversary of Venezuela's independence (April 19, 1810), the ambassador said that the government of President Hugo Chavez Friaz has redefined the foreign and energy policies of his country to bring about integration in Latin America and the Caribbean.

"This was the big dream of our liberator Simon Bolivar, of Latin America and the Caribbean united as one big nation," said Ambassador de Jesus. "Simon Bolivar who liberated Venezuela, Columbia, Peru, Ecuador and created Bolivia, said when we dream alone it is just a dream.

"But when we all dream together, it is the start of a reality and that reality at the present is the big country of Latin America and the Caribbean, the one that Bolivar dreamt and the ideas in the letter that he wrote (La Carta de - Letter from - Jamaica in 1814)."

Based on the Declaration that was signed in Cancun on March 23 this year by heads of state and government of Latin America and the Caribbean nations and whose purpose was to find political, economic and social integration, the ambassador said that this now covers not only Venezuela, but also includes countries like St. Kitts and Nevis, Cuba, Brazil among others.

"The Bolivarian Alliance for the people of our America (ALBA) and the Energy Cooperation Agreement (Petrocaribe) are steps being carried out to allow us to advance towards higher forms of political, economic, cultural and social integration to transform Latin America and the Caribbean in a large block of development in this challenge of building a multi-polar world," said the Ambassador.

He explained that all this is happening because after 200 years of independence, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has a Constitution, which promotes participatory democracy and the inclusion of the (previously) excluded and gives rights to the minorities, to make Venezuela a territory of peace and social justice, and seeks the integration of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Resident Venezuelan Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis Cruz de Jesus Bello delivers 200th anniversary of independence message. With him is embassy staff/ translator Wilma James.

Ambassador Cruz de Jesus Bello congratulates Kittitian Sonia Rosita Boddie who presented the history of the independence of Venezuela. Looking on are Khyla Browne who rendered a song at the celebrations and a young Venezuelan Anna Guevara.

Kittitian Sonia Rosita Boddie presents the history of Venezuela's Independence.

At the celebrations, which were coordinated by Wilson Paulius, Kittitian Sonia Rosita Boddie, who is fluent in Spanish, having studied in Mexico, presented the history of Venezuela's independence. There were presentations by former Spanish students (Kittitians) of the Venezuela Institute in Greenlands, and primary and high school Spanish language students from Cayon.

The celebrations were attended by the Minister of Education and Information Technology Nigel Carty, Cuban resident ambassador Jorge Payret Zubiaur, Chief Secretary Joseph Edmeade, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Youth Empowerment Lloyd Lazar, and the leadership of the St. Kitts and Nevis Trades and Labour Union led by President Clifford Thomas.

In another development, Cuba's Resident Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Jorge Payret Zubiaur, delivered to the Venezuelan Ambassador Cruz de Jesus Bello, a two-page letter dated April 18, 2010 signed by retired Cuban President, Fidel Castro Ruz, to Venezuelan President, Hugo Chavez.

The letter, headed Reflections by Comrade Fidel and based on the brotherhood between the Bolivarian Republic and Cuba, said in part: "Never, at any time, has any government done so much for its people in such a short time. I am especially delighted to send his people warm congratulations upon the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the beginning of the struggle for the independence of Venezuela and Latin America.

"As fate would have it, on April 19th we are also celebrating the victory of the Revolution over imperialism at the Bay of Pigs, exactly 48 years ago. We would like to share that victory with the Homeland of Bolivar. I am also pleased to send a greeting to all our brothers and sisters in ALBA."

Ambassador Cruz de Jesus Bello posing with some of the persons who attended the celebrations. He is shaking hands with Minister Nigel Carty. Cuban Ambassador Jorge Payret Zubiaur appears on extreme left.

Ambassador Cruz de Jesus Bello leads in the toast for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Ambassador Cruz de Jesus Bello cuts the independence cake with the assistance of young Venezuelan Anna Guevara. Next to them is another young Venezuelan Brandon Camacho and looking on are Venezuelans resident in St. Kitts.

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The liquid, based on a formula that contained caffeine and taurine, caused a rage in that country. Imagine the grand success of this drink in Europe where the product still did not exist, besides it was a superb opportunity to become an entrepreneur.

BUT THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS DRINK IS ANOTHER THING:

FRANCE and DENMARK have just prohibited it as a cocktail of death, due to its vitamin components mixed with GLUCURONOLACTONE', a highly dangerous chemical, which was developed by the United States Department of Defense during the sixties to stimulate the moral of the troops based in VIETNAM, which acted like a hallucinogenic drug that calmed the stress of the war.

But their effects in the organism were so devastating, that it was discontinued, because of the high index of cases of migraines, cerebral tumors and diseases of the liver that was evident in the soldiers who consumed it.

And in spite of it, in the can of RED BULL you can still find as one of its components: GLUCURONOLACTONE, categorized medically as a stimulant. But what it does not say on the can of ,RED BULL are the consequences of its consumption, and that has forced us to place a series of WARNINGS:

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CONCLUSION: It is a drink that should be prohibited in the entire world as when it is mixed with alcohol it creates a TIME BOMB for the human body, mainly between innocent adolescents and adults with little experience. Forward this mail to Everyone and Let them know about this..

Winair announces Carnival fares

Winair in its continued effort to play a more meaningful role in aiding travels within the Caribbean have announced a massive promotion.

According to Vice President of Marketing, Claudio Buncamper this promotion is once again geared at providing some special fares to patrons wanting to attend the largest cultural festivity of St. Maarten. He noted that these special Carnival fares are in celebrating St. Maarten 41st carnival celebrations.

"As an airline company serving several north eastern Caribbean destinations, we feel it very important in supporting our destinations cultural events. Buncamper said.

He pointed out that travelers should make maximum use of the fares noting that it provides them with an excellent opportunity of being part of the carnival celebrations. "Travelers certainly have an opportunity of being part of St Maarten's carnival so with these very low fares I am very confident that the public would take advantage of this offer," he noted.

Outlining the new fares the VP of marketing said that fares from Saba, St. Barth's and St. Eustatius would be US $75 roundtrip plus taxes. For travelers from Nevis and Antigua it would cost them US$ 100.00 plus taxes while travelers from Montserrat US$ 120.00 plus taxes.

However, Buncamper pointed out that rules for the promotions includes that all fares are roundtrip only. He said that the promotion regarding travel dates is valid from April 16 –May 3, 2010 while noting that sales would be from April 15 – May 3.

Regarding penalties, Buncamper said that monies paid are Non Refundable adding that changes being made to tickets would result in a US$ 25 fee and must be in same class or having to upgrade their ticket. He further added that the special discounts for children and infants would be applied and that seats are limited

In urging the public to take advantage of the new promotion, Buncamper pointed out that it's an opportune time for the public to come view the St Maarten's carnival stressing the need to use the opportunity also to have a deserved vacation or excursion.

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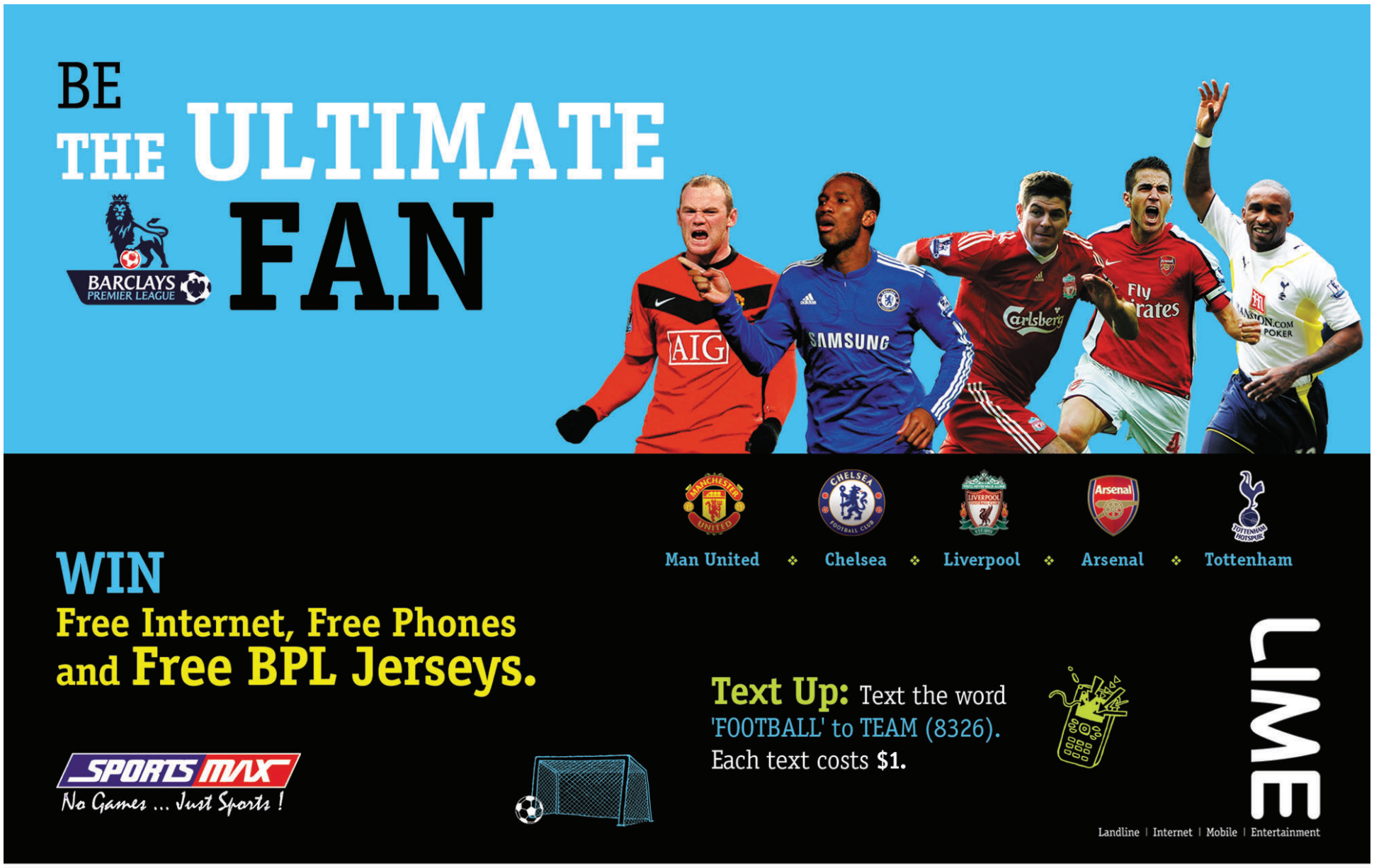

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National Archives website launch and certificate present-ation held

By Melissa Amsterdam

The National Archives here on St. Kitts on Tuesday 20th, held the launch of the UNESCO sponsored Basseterre past and present website along with a presentation of the Memory of the World Certificate at the ICT Centre located at the Paul Southwell Industrial Park, Ponds Pasture, Basseterre.

The launch ceremony was attended by Governor General, Sir Cuthbert Sebastian; Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Denzil Douglas, Minister of Education, Hon. Nigel Carty; Secretary General of the local UNESCO Committee, Antonio Maynard and representatives of cultural institutions and other invited guests and students.

Mrs. Victoria O'Flaherty, Director of the National Archives,

Archivist of the National Archives, Mrs. Victoria O'Flaherty posing with Mr. Maynard, Secretary of the National UNESCO Committee.

who spearheaded the project, gave a brief overview saying that, "St. Kitts is lucky to still have its registry of slaves, some of the other islands in the region – including the sister island of Nevis – have lost theirs in fires and in hurricanes and have had to rely on the United Kingdom Archives to give them access to the information that is being held in those registries".

"It was intense work but also a great pleasure and honour made even sweeter by the fact that the submission was accepted without need for amendment," O'Flaherty said.

Mr. Maynard, Secretary of the National UNESCO Committee presenting the UNESCO's Memory of the World certificate to Prime Minister, Dr. Douglas. (Photos by Precious Mills)

Governor General, Sir Cuthbert Sebastian, perusing the registry which contained the details of the slaves.

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St. Kitts Is On Sale From New York With American Airlines

** Fly Non-Stop for Less from JFK from Now Through July 31 **

Basseterre, St. Kitts (April 19, 2010) – The St. Kitts Tourism Authority is pleased to announced that American Airlines is offering two low fares on its non-stop flights to St. Kitts from New York's JFK airport, perfect for travelers visiting the island to attend a series of high-profile events.

For travel between May 1 and July 31, 2010, a $300 round trip fare is available (book by May 7, 2010; 14 day advance purchase required).* Or, fly from New York to St. Kitts for just $389 round trip between now and June 7, 2010 (book by April 21, 2010; 7-day advance purchase required).** Fares are valid on Wednesdays and Sundays only and a 2-day minimum stay is required. Applicable taxes and other fees are not included; additional restrictions and charges may apply.***

"These two fare sales are ideally timed to help drive travel to St. Kitts from our top US geographic market," said Rosecita Jeffers, CEO of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority. "Particularly in this modestly recovering US economy, the fare sale may provide the final impetus travelers need to book their vacations to St. Kitts for our upcoming celebrity golf event, highly anticipated international cricket matches and 14th annual Music Festival, which add value to the overall destination experience."

American Airlines flies non-stop to St. Kitts from JFK on Wednesdays and Sundays. Flight AA2051 departs JFK at 7:50am and arrives into St. Kitts' Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport at 12:30pm. Return flight AA2016 departs St. Kitts at 1:40pm and arrives into JFK at 6:20pm. Flights are listed in local time.

For more information about American Airlines or to make flight reservations, visit www.aa.com or call 1-800-433-7300 toll-free from the US and Canada.

Photo: An American Airlines aircraft taking off from St. Kitts' Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport (Photo by Erasmus Williams)

Taiwan President pledges to expand cooperation with allies

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(Photos courtesy of the Embassy of the Republic of China on Taiwan in St. Kitts)

an Embassy in Taiwan in 2007, when Ms. Huggins was appointed Charge D' Affaires.

Several students from St. Kitts and Nevis are studying at universities in Taiwan, but Ambassador Huggins said one of her aims is to expand this area of cooperation between Taiwan and St. Kitts and Nevis.

"I shall endeavour to vigorously pursue the educational opportunities that exist in the Republic of China for the youths of the federation wishing to further their studies," she pledged.

"Our people-to-people exchanges, whether political, cultural or educational, can only serve to foster understanding, engender respect and build lasting relationships that would serve us in good stead in years to come," said Ambassador Huggins.

Another of the ambassador's stated priorities is to promote her country as a competitive market for investment opportunities in areas such as tourism, light manufacturing, information technology and agriculture.

St. Kitts and Nevis Ambassador to Taiwan, Her Excellency Jasmine Huggins (left) and President of the Republic of China on Taiwan, His Excellency Ma Ying-jeou after in discussions after she presented her credentials.

Address delivered by Dr the Hon Timothy Harris, Senior Minister and Minister of International Trade, Industry, Commerce, Consumer Affairs, Agriculture, Marine Resources, and Constituency Empowerment at the First St Kitts and Nevis National Fisheries Forum held at the NEMA Building, on Thursday, April 15, 2010

Introduction

I am pleased to welcome everyone to this historic occasion of the First Annual St Kitts–Nevis National Fisheries Forum, which can truly be described as a watershed in the annals of our fishing endeavours. It is indeed a great honour to have everyone here today, as we earnestly seek to bring together the stakeholders of the fishing industry in our proud Federation.

Recognition of Participants

I am particularly pleased and heartened to recognise that this forum, this colloquium if you will, is truly national in scope, with the participation of fishers from both islands of Nevis and St Kitts. It is certainly worthy of our tremendous applause.

Special mention must be made of the hardworking Staff of the Fisheries Department of this Ministry, who continues to render highly invaluable service to the country. I wish to compliment them for their excellent efforts in ensuring that today's activities are so very well executed. Let us give them a resounding round of applause.

I also wish to congratulate the staff at the ministry level for their contribution to the hosting of this inaugural event, which will be repeated and improved upon in future years. Please give them a resounding round of applause, also.

Special mention must also be made of all of our facilitators and other participants, including those from overseas, who have made their presence here a priority. Although Mr Lee Graham is unable to be with us today, I know that he is a most ardent supporter and advocate of fishing matters, who wishes this Forum well. On behalf of this Forum I extend our best wishes for his complete recovery from illness.

This is the first coming together of stakeholders since the portfolio of Marine Resources was created. The Marine Resources Department's realm of duty will ensure that the conservation, protection, management, development and utilisation of all marine resources and ecosystems, of St Kitts and Nevis, are conducted in an orderly and sustainable manner. This duty covers the operations of fisheries, but as we all observe, goes beyond this subject.

The vision of our fishing fraternity, which includes the Government, must be to remain fixed on the rapid progress which we need to make, if this country is to bring its fishing industry to a level that is dictated by prevailing scientific and technological advancements, and that is consistent and congruous with internationally accepted standards and best practices.

Perspective on Fishing Industry

Fishing is a time tested and time proven industry which has been with the human race ever since the creation of the world. When the Good Lord made the sea and all that are therein, He obviously envisaged the fundamental importance of fish as a great source of food and nutrition, and of fishing as a significant means of commerce, trade, navigation and ingenuity.

Our own people in this country have been fishing for centuries, as we are very blessed with an abundance of sea space all around us. Truth be told, we have manifold more sea space than we do land space. Some of our fishers are engaged in commercial fishing while others are involved in the recreational aspect. At the same time, the dynamics of the industry continue to change, and present new challenges to the several players who constitute this highly critical sector of our national community. Equally, these dynamics are of importance to our general population who are constantly yearning for locally caught fish.

It is against the background of the relevance and importance of the fishing industry, coupled with the mandate of the Marine Resources Department, that we are enjoined here today to have a national forum on the prevailing status of our fisheries. In so doing, we will also chart a course forward in which the industry in St Kitts and Nevis should navigate, in order to achieve industry wide integration and maximization of resources for sustainable growth and development.

Significance of this Forum

Today's Forum represents a sharp and abrupt turning point in the management of the fishing industry. And by management, I am not just referring to its regulation by the Marine Resources Department, but rather to a collective, holistic and comprehensive approach by all parties, working in tandem, to ensure and secure a vibrant and robust future for the fishing industry in St Kitts and Nevis.

That bright future, of which I speak, must begin from today. Over the years, as a people, we have invested much time, energy, effort and money with a view to see substantial and meaningful improvement in the fate of our fishing industry.

While we can point to some gains that have been achieved, I am obliged to submit, and am sure we all will admit, that some of our anticipated goals have not materialised to date.

These goals include national sufficiency in fish yield, affordable fish

prices to domestic purchasers, utmost utilization of the fisheries complexes as the primary marketplaces for fish and the provision of deep sea fishing vessels to fishers for actual commercial operations.

However, we must never be daunted. This Forum provides the opportunity and environment in which we must redouble our efforts and recommit ourselves to surmount the obstacles and setbacks that we have hitherto experienced.

Post Forum Action Plan

Within two weeks of this consultative process, my Ministry will, in conjunction with a cross section of our stakeholders, reorganize our work plan for the remaining eight months of the year. This plan will identify areas to be addressed; actions to be taken; committees to take these actions; the required physical, technical and financial resources; and the timeframes in which these actions will be executed.

From the month of May 2010, we will work the plan through the identified committees, which will be charged with the responsibility of providing helpful and timely reports to a small oversight team for evaluation and/ or approval and/or directions.

The oversight team will in a timely manner arrange meetings with relevant stakeholders and appropriate committees to update all parties on definitive positions and decisions.

By early January next year, all of the foregoing actions will be consolidated into a single printed report which will be distributed to stakeholders at least one week in advance of the 2011 Forum.

Importance of the Fishing Industry

The social and economic development of our Federation, over the last several years, has substantially increased the demand for fish by our citizens, residents and visitors alike.

This demand has created avenues for the local fishing industry to improve its operations, play a more important role in the national economy and achieve better results, not only by the opportunity to capture increased sales, but also to acquire a greater share of the domestic market for fish.

Our fishing industry provides several job opportunities for persons in both urban and rural areas, and has the potential for very good income generation in well co-ordinated efforts and activities by fishers.

In fact, it is my earnest belief that we are at a critical juncture where we must launch a new frontier of economic development, through the judicious and proper use of what I wish to refer to as "marine-care".

It will only be through a careful process of conservation, protection, management, development and utilisation of our marine resources and ecosystems that we will achieve meaningful marine-care.

My Ministry recognises the immense importance of the fishing industry in national development. To this end, the Ministry will undertake the following initiatives:

Urgently and actively encourage our fishers to lease and utilise the new multipurpose vessel, which has been provided with the assistance of the Government of the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Work even more assiduously on acquiring the second multipurpose vessel to continuously provide local fishers with the experience of operating such vessels.

Improve the operations of the fisheries complexes in both Basseterre and Old Road to have them better satisfy the needs of fishers, householders, restaurateurs and other food vendors.

Develop, and obtain Government's approval for, a wider package of incentives, both fiscal and technical, that will stimulate the transformation of the fishing businesses.

Require compliance with marine zoning decisions to ensure adequate protection of living, non-living, cultural, and/or historical resources

Develop activities for the celebration of World Fisheries Day on November 21 to highlight the importance of fisheries and fishers in our Federation.

Encourage and assist the formation of fishers' cooperatives, and in particular the establishment of a national fisher-folk organisation, that will serve as the umbrella body for fishers' cooperatives in both Nevis and St Kitts. I recognize the excellent work of Mr Ralph Wilkin of the Fisheries Department and Mr Clyde Thompson of the Department of Cooperatives in nurturing the establishment of NFOs.

Promote and encourage the expansion of aquaculture in St Kitts and Nevis as a natural complement to traditional sea based fishing. In this regard entities like Snapper deserve ongoing support and assistance.

Challenges facing the Fishing Industry

The enormity of the challenges which confronts the fishing industry is stupendous. We are duty bound to face these challenges. Fishers have complained about the high costs of fishing boats, outboard motors and the need for greater support in terms of incentives and concessions from the government. The government is committed to give its fullest support.

Beyond these challenges which stalk our fishers at their individual levels there are macro level challenges which are sector wide and national in their dimension, impact and scope. These include interalia:

Efforts to conserve marine species and ecosystems.

Decline in the fish population that has been caused by years of overfishing thereby posing a threat to food security and inhibiting the development of the local fishing industry.

The need to supplement the existing fleet of artisanal type fishing vessels, which operate in close-to-shore areas as day-boats, with a few industrial type vessels that are larger and can target fish in areas inaccessible to the artisanal fleet.

Availability at business places of a wider array of fishing supplies and gear. Often, fishers experience difficulty in obtaining some items when required. We have to ensure that there is a consistent supply of flares, life vests, fish scalers, fish line, claw hooks, etc.

The Response from this Forum

I said earlier on that our coming together here today is a watershed experience. If ever we needed to make bold and binding decisions, it is here and now. Accordingly, as the Minister with responsibility for Marine Resources and I hope we can find some pearls in the ocean, I mandate that, in the final session of today's proceedings, you must properly craft the way forward for this our new approach at revitalising and repositioning our fishing industry.

In doing so, I have already given directions to have a plan of action developed at this session by incorporating all of the views and suggestions that will emanate therefrom.

Conclusion

It is my profoundest belief that the people of St Kitts and Nevis have arrived at a time when we must appreciate the necessity of 'now', because time is of the essence, and we need to make a reality of the hope of having a vibrant and robust fishing industry.

We must soar from underachievement to real success, because now is the time to haul up our fishing industry from marginalisation to prominence, for the benefit of ourselves and posterity.

Thank you and may God bless us all!

Early Childhood Supervisors Set Stage For Impressive Term

Basseterre, St. Kitts, April 15, 2010 (SKNIS): Coordinator of Early Childhood Mrs. Vanta Walters says a strategy is in place for the advancement of the unit's day care programme as the Federation seeks to maintain its high ranking in the region.

The Coordinator told SKNIS that supervisors from Government owned centres throughout St. Kitts and Nevis attended a meeting on April 13th to carry out an assessment of key programme areas including the High Scope Curriculum, the Education White Paper and the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale Report (ECERS).

She added that this was toward the overall improvement in the execution of supervisors' responsibilities in their respective centres.

The High Scope Syllabus was discussed in light of recent training undertaken by supervisors. They were asked to indicate ways in which the curriculum had changed the delivery of care in their centres as well as how the children have responded. Plans were put in place to address any weak areas that were identified in the implementation of the High Scope Strategy and to ensure that supervisors had a good grasp of the curriculum.

Mrs. Walters revealed that the Federation has been the region's leading child care provider for decades, with Islands such as Antigua, Dominica and Grenada currently using St. Kitts and Nevis as a model in the implementation of their respective early childhood programmes.

According to Mrs. Walters, the results of a 2007 survey on the Quality of the Early Childhood Environment in St. Kitts and Nevis were discussed with a view to addressing weaknesses. The ECERS survey was carried out with technical and financial assistance from UNICEF.

Additionally plans for the upcoming Child Month Celebration 2010 were among agenda items. Although Mrs. Walters did not reveal the theme of the June observance, she said that similar to those of the past it would be relevant to children's and societal issues.

The Early Childhood Strategy for the implementation of the Education White Paper was reinforced at the meeting and copies of the relevant sections were distributed for further study in preparation for its full implementation.

The coordinator disclosed that a similar meeting would be convened with the supervisors of privately owned centres to discuss the Education White Paper, ECERS and the High Scope Curriculum later this year.

U.S. Peace Corps volunteers to be trained in renewable energy

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, APRIL 16TH 2010 (CUOPM) – United States Peace Corps volunteers are to be trained in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

This has been disclosed by United States Secretary of State, the Hon. Hilary Clinton.

Addressing an Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) Ministerial Meeting in Washington, D.C. attended by St. Kitts and Nevis Minister responsible for Energy, the Hon. Dr. Earl Asim Martin on Thursday, Mrs Clinton said the United States will work through the Peace Corps to advance renewable energy efforts.

"More than 2,000 Peace Corps volunteers serve in this hemisphere. From now on, many of them will be trained in renewable energy and energy efficiency and will share their training with communities and help implement those practices. They'll work with microfinance institutions and small businesses to provide financing for renewable energy projects so people can power their homes and towns without relying exclusively on generators fueled by oil or open cooking fires," Mrs. Clinton said.

She noted that cooking fires are one of the biggest sources of carbon across the world and produce the problems of all kinds of bad health, especially for children.

"The issue that we have to confront is how cooking fires are bad for the environment and they're bad for your health. And there are low-cost solutions – some very advanced cooking stoves that are cost-effective and can eliminate many of those issues. The U.S. Government is working with private sector companies and NGOs to encourage the development of low-cost, more efficient, affordable cook stoves," Mrs. Clinton stated.

Photo: United States Secretary of State, Hon. Hilary Clinton addressing Caribbean and Latin American Ministers of Energy in Washington, D.C. on Thursday.

She also disclosed that the United States has named three of its top scientists to serve as ECPA fellows, and they will be available to Caribbean and Latin American nations as consultants and advisors or educators.

"Our first is Dr. Daniel Kammen, a professor of energy at the University of California at Berkeley, who also serves as the founding director of the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory, the co-director of the Berkeley Institute of the Environment, and the director of the Transportation Sustainability Research Center. He's a very busy person. And he was the coordinating lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

Our second fellow is Dr. Ruth DeFries, a professor of sustainable development at Columbia University, whose research explores the consequences of human behaviour on climate, biodiversity, habitats, and ecosystems. She's also an expert on tropical deforestation and its impact on carbon emissions. So please take advantage of Dr. DeFries.

And third is Dr. Gerry Galloway, an engineering professor at the University of Maryland, whose focus is on the management of water resources and the impact of climate change on water systems. Each of these scientists are leaders in energy and climate, and their research and advocacy will give you an extra added benefit if you take advantage of them. And I urge every country to nominate your own science fellows to facilitate greater learning and discovery," said the United States Secretary of State.

Mrs. Clinton said the United States will also promote the use of shale gas. "I know that in some places is controversial. But natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel available for power generation today, and a number of countries in the Americas may have shale gas resources. If developed, shale gas could make an important contribution to our region's energy supply, just as it does now for the United States. And the geologists at the U.S. Geological Survey are ready to work with partners to explore this potential. And we want to do it in a way that is as environmentally respectful as possible. So there are some best practices that we would be more than willing to share, and as countries develop the legislation or regulation necessary for this industry, to make sure it gets off on the best foot," she said.

LIME Strikes Gold

Sponsorship Takes Carifta Coverage Across The Region And Diaspora

Georgetown, Grand Cayman, April 13, 2010: The dust has hardly settled at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex in Grand Cayman following the successful hosting of the 39th CARIFTA Track & Field games for 2010 yet already there's a buzz in the air about next year's event.

And much of the talk has centred on the historic partnership between LIME and the Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC) which resulted in the Games being televised "live" for the first time in its 39-year history, providing track and field fans across the region with a "front row" seat. Lime also provided "live" streaming coverage via the web to thousands of viewers across the world.

LIME, the region's only full service communications company, was the Presenting Sponsor of the meet for the first time and, without doubt, dramatically changed the experience of these Games.

While CARIFTA has always been the platform from which many of our greatest athletes have emerged, it has been a low-key affair that generally is only experienced by the country hosting the Games each year. As this year's Presenting Sponsor, LIME brought a totally new dimension to Games using its multi-media channels to bring an entirely new level of visibility to the Games.

The live television broadcast of the games was seen in 26 Caribbean countries through the partnership with CMC and their affiliate stations. In addition, the live streaming of coverage on LIME's website attracted more than 55,000 visitors from 32 countries including viewers as far away as Sydney, Australia. The streaming also proved to be a hit with LIME customers and Caribbean nationals throughout the Diaspora including the US, Canada and UK markets.

LIME also had an on-the-spot correspondent Terry Finesterre who provided regular updates on the action from Cayman via popular social networking sites including Facebook and Twitter.

Chris Dehring, LIME's Chief Marketing Officer said "CARIFTA 2010 was a fantastic display of the Caribbean's enormous talent and LIME helped to position the Games in their rightful place as the Region's premier athletic event."

LIME invested just over US$300,000 in its sponsorship of the Games providing support for various aspects of the meet including the impressive branding of the stadium and the overall promotion of the event.

LIME also launched "REPRESENT" a Caribbean wide advertising and promotion campaign which gave schools across the region the chance to win a $5000 Sports package for their school as well as a visit from international sprinting sensation and former 100m world record holder, Asafa Powell.

LIME also helped athletic associations in nine of the countries where it operates to send teams to the Games by providing financing to offset the cost of travel and uniforms.

Building on the success of this year's CARIFTA Games LIME is looking forward to being part of CARIFTA 2011 which will mark the 40th anniversary of the popular event.

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Administrative Professionals observe Week of Activities

By Melissa Amsterdam

The National Association of Administrative Professionals of St. Kitts and Nevis (NAAP) is currently observing a Week of Activities that was officially opened by the Minister of Health and Gender Affairs, Hon. Marcella Liburd, with an address on ZIZ Radio on Sunday 18th, under the theme: "Administrative Professionals – Surviving the Challenges".

Minister Liburd said that the St. Kitts Chapter of the NAAP "joins its regional and international partner associations in celebration of Administrative Professionals week".

"Administrative Professionals including other administrative support staff are pivotal to every work place whether private or public. No work place can be successfully run without Administrative Professionals," she said.

Minister Liburd acknowledged that as the public and private sectors grapple with the effects of the global financial crisis Administrative Professionals have accepted expanding and wide ranging responsibilities as part of structural adjustments within their organizations.

The Minister said that the celebration of Week of Activities "presents an annual opportunity for employers and other stake holders in the various organizations to recognize the invaluable contributions that Administrative Professionals make to the enhancement of efficiency in the work place.

"Let us give serious consideration to the challenges faced by these professionals. As women in the work force they face the perennial gender bias that view women as unprepared for leadership," she said concerning some of the challenges that will be highlighted during the observance of this week.

President of the National Association of Administrative Professionals of St. Kitts and Nevis, Cyndie Demming, explained that the week of activities are celebrated internationally annually, in the last week of April, and the Wednesday of the week was observed as Administrative Professionals Day.

"The day recognizes Administrative Professionals for their hard work and for their achievements over the years," she stated.

As the President of the Association, Demming said that Administrative Professionals encounter a variety of problems in their field.

"Administrative Professionals are not recognized as professionals, like persons such as accountants, teachers or nurses. The pay scale is low, because we perform a multiplicity of jobs the pay scale should be higher," Demming divulged while naming a few of the challenges experienced by Administrative personnel.

"We are the single most important person in any office setting," she said, "we are the ones who actually manage the executives and what happens in the office on a daily basis.

Demming said that the face of every organization is the Administrative Professional, they are the first people anyone comes in contact with when entering an organization she explained.

Although the profession is dominated by more females than males, Demming extended an invitation for more males to think about it as a career.

The Week of Activities was very extensive. It started with a church service at the New Birth Gospel Tabernacle in Cayon on Sunday 18th and continued with an interview on ZIZ's television programme, Upfront.

The week's activities was highlighted with a significant one day seminar held at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort, held on Wednesday 21st, which was attended by 55 Administrative Professionals.

Demming said that the seminar was a total success and important topics such as Protocol presented by lawyer Tapley Seaton, QC; Time Management presented by Analdo Bailey; and Leadership Training presented by Dr. Jennifer Moffett were topics which were used as tools to further educate the attendees.

The week's events continued with a dinner at the Ocean Terrace Inn (OTI) and a movie night tonight (Friday) for members of the association and community project at the Cardin Home where gift baskets will be distributed on Saturday April 24th.

The activities will conclude on Monday April 27th, with the hosting of a half-day seminar for students called "Charting a Career Path" at the NEMA Conference Room, hosted by members of the NAAP.

SO TELL ME

By: Jean Thomas

CARIWA is forty years

The Caribbean Women's Association (CARIWA) is celebrating its fortieth year of existence. But what is CARIWA? It is a regional organization that embodies and incorporates the English speaking women in the Caribbean from as far north as Jamaica to Guyana in the south.

CARIWA gets its strength from the non-governmental women's organizations in the respective countries. Its objectives to name a few are given: to create and foster alliance and linkages among Women's Organizations at the local, regional and international levels; to collaborate with other National, Regional and International Organizations and agencies concerned with Human Rights and the status of Women and Girls; to monitor the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and related Regional and International instruments.

This Biennial Conference is being held in Dominica from the 25 April to 28 April 2010. The challenges which the Caribbean Women faced forty years ago are completely different today. It is with this in mind that the chosen theme for this conference is "Caribbean Women taking on the Global Economic Challenge for Families and Community."

We are now faced with problems that affect our economies and we must find ways to overcome the economic hurdles; we are faced with HIV/Aids and the need to continually inform and educate our youths on this topic – since many believe that it cannot happen to them; and one of the other major problems is the senseless loss of lives of our young men and women taken through gun violence.

National Archives website launch

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The Archivist explained that the registry is a compilation of records from the period 1817-1834 and holds the names of up to 20, 000 enslaved persons who made up the bulk of the population at that time.

In 1817 when the first register was compiled it was the first time that the enslaved population of St. Kitts was completely documented. The creation of the registry was a way to record the names of slaves while preventing them from being illegally smuggled during the period in which the slave trade was abolished in the English colonies.

The records listed the name, age, gender, colour, place of birth, occupation, and name of the enslaver of the slaves that were registered.

The project was proposed when, "Other National Archives in the region recognized the value of the series of registers and submitted a proposal to the Regional Memory of the World committee. Alexander Cummings of the Barbados Museum and Elizabeth Watson of UWI contacted the archives that still had registers to obtain their support for the proposal," O'Flaherty disclosed.

"In recent years the Memory of the World listings has become a magnet for tourists interested in the heritage aspect of their travel, I hope that will also be the case with our listing," she stated.

O'Flaherty then mentioned the reason for creating the Basseterre past and present website, which she said was started purely because of its educational value.

She said that it was a fact that many people do not know

that the Federation has historical records; hence the task was set to make the information readily available in a way that was interesting.

"History and some of the record connected to them will be online for students to use in the hope of encouraging research in local history," she said, adding that, "we hope that we can also get the attention of the adults who might not have had the opportunity to learn Kittitian history in school. We have made a start in making it available to anyone wanting to read it – when ever and where ever they may be".

Prime Minister, the Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas elaborated on the importance of the registry's inscription and the creation of a historical and cultural website.

He said, "The registry will be of great value for persons doing historical research. These important records help to formulate the picture of the social economic activities of the period covered."

"I must commend the Director of the National Archives, Mrs. Victoria O'Flaherty and her team for the very diligent work done on preparing the project for submission to the Memory of the World programme. With very little resources they have done a lot of work and have achieved for us so much that it will now be documented in the annals of history," Prime Minister Douglas stated.

The Prime Minister believes that "Such research can help our people to appreciate the struggles of the past – slavery, colonialism and independence – and how it has shaped us as a proud people of today".

"There is much need to further expand the teaching of history in our schools from the primary level," he suggested, "so that our young people can make better connections between the past and present."

Presenting a message on behalf of UNESCO was Mr. Antonio Maynard, who expressed his pleasure at being a part of the symbolic ceremony.

"The launching of the website which is being positioned as an educational and tourism tool is just another example of delivering education to students in a non-traditional way," Maynard observed.

While describing the apt use of the website Maynard noted that, "Students as well as the general public would be able to learn about their own history via this website. More of the world's cultural and educational resources are being produced, distributed and accessed in digital form rather than on paper".

He stated that the main goal is to have the city of Basseterre inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List, second in this Federation to Brimstone Hill National Park and Fortress.

This, Maynard explained is the next step in packaging the Federation as a culturally rich tourist destination".

Also speaking at the ceremony was the Minister of Education, Hon. Nigel Carty, who launched the website.

He commented that "Although the history of our Federation is short, it is a very proud one". He also thought it important to recall how our people came here.

"I am pleased that the UNESCO Commission has played an important role in establishing the website of Basseterre's past and present," he disclosed, "in my view it will become an important education and information tool for a wide range of users here in the Federation and abroad".

Minister Carty commended Mrs. O'Flaherty and her team for the extensive and invaluable effort exerted while making the project a success.

He added that he considered it to be a start of many other good things coming from the archives.

"It is my hope that teachers will integrate the information being presented in their studies in our schools," he concluded.

A certificate from the UNESCO's Memory of the World – validating the inscription – was presented to the Prime Minister by Mr. Maynard, Secretary of the National UNESCO Committee.

The exciting and culturally vibrant website can be accessed at www.historicbasseterre.com. It was developed by eCaribbean, based right here in St. Kitts.

IICA thankful for opportunity to assist Nevis Agro-processors

CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (APRIL 22, 2010) — The Inter-American Institute of Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) St. Kitts/Nevis office registered gratitude to the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) for what an official said was the opportunity the organisation was given, to contribute to the development of the Agro-processing Sector on Nevis.

Assistant Executive Secretary Mrs. Ingrid Greene-Mills told those gathered at the official opening ceremony to commission the Nevis Agro Processing Centre at Prospect on Tuesday that the assistance was in line with the Administration's efforts to enhance its diversification plans and its efforts to add value to the various crops produced locally on the island.

She described the path which culminated in the lab's official opening as long and winding. The IICA Official also pointed to the Organisation's assistance with accessing approximately EC$135,000.00. in grant funds for the Nevis Agro Processors Cooperative.

According to Mrs. Greene-Mills, in 2001 IICA commenced a consultative process towards the development of a National Agenda for the period 2002-06. One of the areas identified was the development of agro processing, since it had been a long tradition for many Nevisians especially during the months of August and September.

"The Institute wanted to ensure that this task was approached in a methodical manner and as a preliminary action it set about conducting an assessment of the Agro Processing Industry on Nevis. The assessment was undertaken by Dr. Bob Bates and Dr. Mike Talbot from the University of Gainesville in the United States.

"Three of their recommendations which stood out were that the highest priority need was for training in food safety and preservation; that IICA in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture on Nevis should encourage and assist local processors in the formation of a cooperative to serve as the focal point for a small processing industry and that the feasibility of establishing a community processing facility could be explored. The facility would spread the cost of equipment, containers and utilities over many users," she said.

In its quest to realise the recommendations, Mrs Greene-Mills explained that IICA undertook several strategic actions. Among them were two four-day workshops conducted by Ms. Judith Ann Francis, IICA's Specialist in technology based in Trinidad.

The first workshop was devoted to theoretical areas which included the principles and practises of food processing, presentation and labelling, good manufacturing practices, the use of food preservatives, small scale equipment and the need for standard.

The second was used for practical training. On completion of that workshop the participants were able to utilise the new information to produce better quality controlled products such as chips, jams, jellies, hot sauce, mango chutney and chicken ham.

The formation of the Nevis Agro Processors Cooperative was actively undertaken by the Department of Cooperatives.

Mrs Greene-Mills outlined IICA's assistance for the establishment of a processing facility.

In 2004 the Institute assisted the agro processors in obtaining a grant of US$5,000 from the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI) for the purchase of agro processing equipment.

In 2005 the Institute was also instrumental in arranging and funding a trip to Grenada for the then Director of Agriculture Mr. Samuel Powell to observe the layout of facilities there. He was also able to dialogue with various operators with regard to some of their best practices, some of which were incorporated into the plan of the Nevis facility.

Later in 2008, the IICA Official said the Institute collaborated with the Department of Cooperatives for the development of a project called "Enhancement of production and Productivity of the Nevis Agro Processors Cooperative. It was submitted to the Canadian Fund for Local Initiative (CFLI) for consideration. It was approved and funded in the amount of CD $21,793.00 and was used to purchase equipment and to conduct training in food safety and technology.

"In 2009, the Institute was able to access US$10,000 from the Canadian Fund for Local initiative to purchase a walk in cooler. Through the initiative of IICA, the Nevis Agro Processors Cooperative received a grant of US$15,000.

"This was used to assist with fencing the property, installing the walk in cooler and purchasing a hammer mill. This mill has the capability to convert cassava and breadfruit into flour," she said.

Mrs Greene-Mills represented IICA's Coordinator for St. Kitts and Nevis and former Director of Agriculture on Nevis Mr. Augustine Merchant who has been recuperating from illness but was able to attend the facility's official opening ceremony. He along with Premier of Nevis and Minister of Finance Hon. Joseph Parry cut the ribbon to commission the facility

Motorcycle rider killed in tragic accident

By Charles Miller Jr

A 21 year – old Saddlers young man, Glenroy Thomas was killed here on Tuesday night, April 20th, as a result of traffic a traffic accident involving the motorcycle he was riding, which collided with an unserviceable vehicle (P 9892) parked in a road at Saddlers Village.

The accident occurred around 5:45 pm while Thomas was travelling along a road adjacent to a small business his mother operates in Upper Project, Saddlers Project, a Police Press Release stated.

Thomas, more known as "Ben" reportedly lost control of motorcycle P 2175 (owned by Royal Schlosser of Bird Rock) and fell on the ground and collided with the unserviceable vehicle parked on a road in the Project. He ended up under a car which rose numerous blocks upholding cars in the area, the release indicated.

He was immediately transported to the Joseph N. France General Hospital by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with serious injuries to his head and hands where he later succumbed to his injuries.

At around 9:15 pm, Police responded to reports of the accident and arrived on the scene. Measurements, extent of damages and explanations from eye witnesses were recorded.

An autopsy was scheduled to be performed on Thomas' body yesterday (Thursday, April, 22nd).

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Eglantine Agatha Zakers

a.k.a. "Miss. Lake"

Sunrise: January 14th, 1921
Sunset: April 20th, 2009

It seems like it was yesterday
When your body was laid to rest,
God chose you to fulfill His plans,
Because you were the best.
You're gone but not forgotten,
We miss you everyday,
You're with the Lord in Heaven now,
Living a better way.

Sadly missed by 3 children & grand-children

Signed: Albertha Zakers-Maynard on behalf of the entire family.

Believer's Convention

The Cayon Church of God will be hosting a Believer's Convention from Sunday, May 2 - Friday May 7, 2010 under the theme "Stir Up the Gift". These services will be held at the Cayon Church of God and the times of services are Sunday May 2 at 8:30am and 6:00pm; all the other services are at 7:30pm.

The speaker for this year's Convention is the Rev. Karl Johnson of Jamaica. Rev. Johnson is a graduate of the United Theological College and was ordained to the Christian Ministry in 1972. He served in the pastoral ministry until 2001 when he was elected to serve as the General Secretary of the Jamaica Baptist Union, an office which he still holds.

He has represented the Jamaica Baptist Union as Member/Chairman of the Board of several educational and civic organizations in Jamaica and the Caribbean and is the immediate Past President of the Jamaica Council of Churches.

Rev. Johnson is known as a powerful and compelling speaker. He is married and has three sons. Those who love to hear preaching that soundly expounds the scriptures cannot afford to miss any of these services at the Cayon Church of God where a warm welcome awaits all. Those in need of transportation can call 465-7307; arrangements will be made to get you to and from the services.

Two young men hospitalized after receiving gunshot injuries

By Charles Miller Jr

Police are investigating two separate shooting incidents which occurred here over the past week – end, leaving two young men injured and hospitalized.

The victims, according to a Police Press Release, are Shaheed Williams of St. Paul's, St. Kitts and Mwarima Wilkes of Butlers, Nevis.

On Friday, April 16th, Police at the Sandy Point Police Station responded to a report of a shooting incident in the Newton Ground area near the Island Purified Water building sometime around 9:00 pm. Upon their arrival, they discovered Williams with gunshot wounds to his body.

It is reported that after he was shot and wounded, he ran to a nearby church for assistance and was later transported to the Joseph N. France General Hospital where he is being treated for his injuries and is said to be in stable condition.

On Saturday, April 17th, Police at the Newcastle Police Station in Nevis as well as the Task Force responded to a shooting in the Butlers area at around 11:50 pm. Investigations revealed that Mwarima Wilkes of Butlers was shot in his upper right arm.

He was transported to the Alexander Hospital where his injuries are being treated and is also said to be in stable condition.

No one is detained in connection with the Nevis incident; however in relation to the Williams' investigation, Police are in search of one suspect.

Both Williams and Wilkes are said to be in their early twenties.

Geothermal Developer assures Nevis of 2011 geothermal power delivery

CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (April 16, 2010) — Chief Executive Officer of West Indies Power Ltd. (WIP) Mr. Kerry McDonald assured Nevisians on Wednesday, that work was on track for the delivery of geothermal power by the first half of 2011. He said work continued behind the scenes despite what looked like non movement on the ground.

Mr. McDonald was at the time updating the status of the geothermal project in an interview with the Department of Information. Mr. Kerry had informed in an earlier press release, that financing for the US$43million project had been secured from Scotia Bank with a guarantee from the Export Import Bank of the United States.

"I know everybody feels that it has been a long time coming but in fact we are moving in the industry at what's considered lightening speed in getting this. Come next year, in the first half of 2011, the island will be powered by geothermal power.

"If St. Kitts signs their agreements, there will be continuing employment for construction of the power plants necessary to supply St. Kitts also," he said.

According to Mr. McDonald, equipment was being purchased for the geothermal power plants and a team was at the moment in the United States to evaluate the various drill rigs necessary for the next stage of drilling. Their recommendations were expected by the end of April.

He said based on the recommendation, down payments will be made on the drill rigs then they would be shipped to Nevis. Drilling is slated to commence in the latter part of June.

According to Mr. McDonald, drilling would include a test hole called an injection well at the base of Round Hill. Its purpose would be to test the site to ensure it was a suitable area that water from the geothermal power plant could be returned to the geothermal system, at a safe distance without cooling down the system.

"The re injection well that we are talking about will go down between 6,000-7,000 feet. It is made so that it is basically at the same level as the geothermal system that is feeding the solution. So it is again following the same fractures that already exist.

"We are not making any new fracture paths or anything else, not like what we call the EGS System where they have to go in and fracture which causes earthquakes. This is following the same fracture paths and that is why it is important that we do the test first to say yes, this is an area that will be able to take that water and send it back into the zone we want it to go back to," he said.

The WIP Official explained that the engineering for the plant which was being carried out in California was near completion and the first draft of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the plant was expected by mid May.

Chief Executive Officer of the West Indies Power Ltd. Mr. Kerry McDonald

With regard to the promise of jobs for local workers, Mr. Kerry noted that screening was expected to take place in June just before drilling commenced.

"The first part of June is when we will start drilling. We will be looking for people to work on the drills at that time. The contractor who will be in charge of the construction will be on island and will be looking at the skills and the people that are here. We estimate that basically they will end up employing somewhere between 30 and 40 people from the island," he said.

Other highly skilled labour, the CEO explained, would most likely be imported from outside the Caribbean, since that expertise was virtually non-existent in the region. However, the general contracting would come from Nevis.

Both the 10 megawatt power plant and the power plant planned for St. Kitts which WIP hoped would follow on quickly will all be located at Spring Hill, at the top of Westbury road.

Mr. McDonald explained that the earlier exploration holes that had been dug to obtain information on the resource and to conduct flow tests would eventually be plugged and abandoned. However, the experimental hole at Nevis 3 in Hamilton would be flowed a few more times before it too was abandoned.

Chief Operations Officer of West Indies Power Ltd. Mr. Bobby Tinsley, tests steam temperatures a from vent at Spring Hill on Nevis, the proposed site of the 10megawat geothermal power plant

Ministry of Health Takes Time to Relax, Rejuvenate and Refoucus

Basseterre, St. Kitts, April 13, 2010 (SKNIS): In the midst of much health-related meetings, conferences and taking care of others, all in line with the National Health Plan; the staff of the Ministry of Health took some time to relax, rejuvenate and refocus at a Fun Day.

The day to unwind was held at the LIME Sporting Facility on Friday, April 9, as part of the commemoration of World Health Day 2010. Following through on the theme for World Health Day of "Urbanization and Health," the Ministry of Health staff focused on the aspect of physical activity. As such, there was much fun and games as the activity enabled staff to distress from the life and death decisions that have to be made regularly on the job.

Games included lime and spoon, tug of war, baby race, needle and thread, wheel barrow along with drink and whine, just to name a few. Akin to the schools' sporting events, the Health staff was divided into 5 teams of blue, green, red, gold and orange. The blue team, emerged as winner, second was red, while green followed in third. Gold and orange brought up the rear.

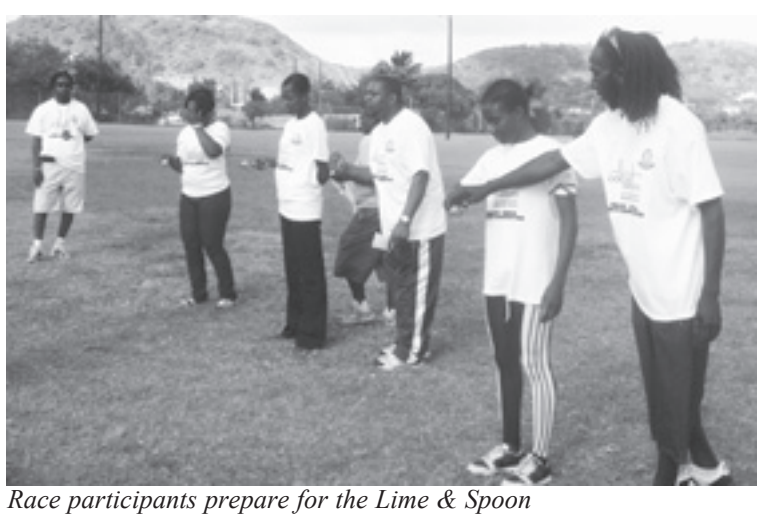
Participants included officials, employees of the various health departments and units, hospitals and health centres as well as workers from the Department of Social Services.

The St. Kitts and Nevis Information Service was informed that the staff had a wonderful time, so much so, that they said they were anticipating another fun day. The Ministry of Health took the opportunity to thank officials from the Department of Sports for supporting and coordinating the fun day as well as the LIME Sports Club for the use of its facility and grounds.

Minister of Health Honourable Marcella Liburd and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Patrick Martin look on at the Sports Day

Health Officials and Staff take part in the Drink & Whine

The competition was mighty in the Tug-o-War



Race participants prepare for the Lime & Spoon

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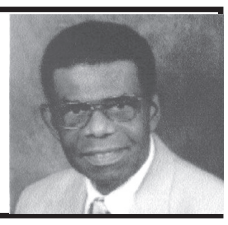

When God Speaks

There is a short, but somewhat penetrating verse in the Book of Job which deserves our undivided attention. That being the case, it is the focal point of our discussion today. Here is the verse: "For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet men perceiveth it not" (Job 33:14).

When people speak to each other they are expressing their relationship to one another. The communicative effect of words is like a bridge joining two sides of a river. When people fail to talk to each other there is no relationship. By means of words we can reveal and express our innermost thoughts and feelings to our partner. But our words also give the lie to our character. To that end, it is said, "when alone, guard your thoughts; in the family, guard your temper; in company guard your words." (Anonymous).

The living God has always spoken to mankind, showing in this way, who He is and what He thinks. It was His intention from the beginning to enter into a relationship with His creatures. And even thought sin destroyed the original relationships, God has never ceased to speak.

In Old Testament times God's messages were communicated in different ways by His prophets. That is how we are to understand the "divers manners" of which the Book of Hebrews speaks. Then in the Person of His Son all that He wished to tell us become a reality.

It would be instructive at this point for us to look at that text in Hebrews.

"God who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds." (Heb 1:1-2).

Since the birth of Jesus, therefore, God's way of speaking took on another form. In Him God Himself became Man and not for Israel alone, but for the whole human race.

The Person of the Lord Jesus Christ is God's message to mankind. He came as the perfect manifestation of God's thoughts and revealed the Father's heart to us. In Him God built the bridge, so to speak, to bring the trusting heart or believer across to Himself.

The relationship that was destroyed is thus resorted. The mission that the Son was sent to fulfil is the supreme expression of God's love, but it is at the same time His final word to mankind.

In Job's case

Job had complained that God kept him wholly in the dark concerning His dealings with him, and therefore, concluded He dealt with him as his enemy. "No" says Elihu, God speaks to you, but you do not perceive Him. So that is your fault, not His. He is designing your real good, even in those dispensations which you put this harsh construction upon.

What a friend God is to our welfare: He speaketh to us once, yea, twice, but men perceiveth it not" (Job 33-14).

Believe it or not when one warning is neglected, He gives another. What enemies we are to our own welfare, as expressed in these words, "Man perceiveth it not" because we are not aware that it is the voice of God. So man stops his ears; stands in his own light; rejects the counsel of God. Still God teaches and admonishes the children of men by their own consciences.

God in His patience and longsuffering speaks over and over again, tries different ways to convince and reclaim us and that is by providences, affective and merciful (in which He speaks twice) but we refuse to respond.

Job complained much of his diseases and judged by them that God was angry with him; but Elihu shows that God often afflicts the body in love, and with gracious designs of good to the soul. This part of Elihu's discourse will be of great use to us for the due improvement of sickness which is only one way God sometimes speaks to us.

I am convinced that in these closing days of grace, God is speaking to us as a people, as a nation, as individuals through natural disasters, through circumstantial messages of warnings, but we fool ourselves by believing that we are God's pets, or that we are special. Nothing is further from the truth.

The Bible warns that "God's spirit shall not always strive with men.

God deserves and answer

When God called young Samuel he responded by saying "Speak Lord thy servant heareth". When God spoke to the rebellious Saul on the Damascus road, he asked, who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said "I am Jesus whom thou persecute; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks". (Acts 9:5).

And he, Saul, trembling and astonished said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" and the Lord said to him "Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do". Saul through a spiritual conversion better known as the New Birth later became Paul the Apostle.

One hymn-writer expresses it this way. Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea, day by day His sweet voice soundeth saying, Christian follow me. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease; still He calls, in cares and pleasures, Christian, love me more than these.

Solomon warns: "He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be cut off (destroyed) and that without remedy (Prov 29:1).

Today, God speaks to us through the Holy Spirit's striving; through the revelation of Scripture; through His creative works of creation; through the preaching and hearing of the gospel message, through circumstances in this life and in other ways. Above all, God speaks through His Son.

My advice is: Say like Samuel "Speak Lord, thy servant heareth." He can give you a new start, a new nature and a new outlook on life.

In Loving Memory of
A beloved Daughter,
Sister, Aunt, Cousin, Friend

Avilor Cotton

a.k.a A.V.E

Who departed this life 25th April, 2009

Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep
From which no one ever wakes to weep
A calm and undisturbed repose
Unbroken by the last of foes
You are gone but not forgotten

We miss you Avilor

Your loving Mom Youlande;
The Cotton, Bassue, Carey and Thompson Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

our Dear Beloved Husband, Father, Grand-Father, Brother, Uncle and Friend

Lanval Clarke

Who departed this life on April 20th, 1993

We do not need a special day
To bring you to our minds
The day we do not think of you
Is very hard to find
Memories are things no one can steal
Death is a heartache only God can heal

Gone but definitely not forgotten

Signed: Louisa Clarke(wife) on behalf of the entire family.

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late
KAE-RIISE FRAZER

Express our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to the many persons who offered support, prayers, sent cards, flowers or gave a warm embrace in our time of bereavement.

Special thanks to Dr. Sahely and the nurses at the Intensive Care Unit of the J. N. France General Hospital, and to the Headmistress, Staff and Pupils of the Basseterre High School.

—William and Cecelia Frazer and Family

Thank You

The Family of the late
William Charles Vaughan
Wishes to thank all for your prayers, cards, flowers and expressions of condolences
Your kind support during our moments of bereavement was most greatly appreciated
Larry Vaughan and entire Vaughan - Elliott Family

Fife and Banjo workshop starts next week

By Melissa Amsterdam

Youths and other interested residents will have a role in the revival of our cultural heritage with a fife and banjo workshop which is scheduled to be held for four weeks starting on Monday 26th April.

The workshops which are sponsored by the National Olympic Association, will be held at the International House Museum and Edgar Challenger Library located on Central Street, Basseterre, from at 5pm and end at 7pm everyday except for Sundays and Saturdays from 10am -3pm.

Cultural preserver, Winston "Zack" Nisbett said that, "This workshop is expected to run for four straight weeks and is expected to generate much enthusiasm especially amongst the younger generation".

"Our cultural art form is slowly deteriorating," he pointed out, while explaining that one of the well needed but vanishing art forms is the one of the expert playing of the fife.

"In order to carry on the mantle, we need to involve the young generation and get them motivated in learning. We need to create an environment for them so that they can step in the shoes of the older ones," stated Nisbett.

Banko of Banko Mass Camp – who captured several titles during the 2009/10 National Carnival - will be assisting, (along with some other notable individuals), in tutoring the students in the arts of banjo, fife, guitar and quarto playing.

In the last workshop, participants were able to make fifes however Nisbett said that they will focus mainly on how to play the instrument. This time around the fifes will be on sale (the price is yet to be set) Nisbett disclosed.

Nisbett revealed that after discussions with Dr. Patrick Welcome, Chief Education Officer, it was concluded that the programme should become school based and will include students – many of whom Nisbett said, will be coming from the St. Paul's Primary School to engage in the workshop.

"We also hope to establish string bands," he added.

"It is imperative that we preserve our cultural heritage and encourage the youths to be culturally aware at an early stage," Nisbett stated.

Nisbett spoke highly of one of the tutors, Mr. Elvette Decosta, who will be in charge of teaching the students how to play the instruments.

He described Decosta as a fife extraordinaire, saying that he has many years of experience which he would like to hand down to the younger generations.

The cultural preservationist said that the classes will not be difficult and reassured that Decosta is a proficient teacher.

Elvette Decosta also widely known as "The Mighty Anando" or "Soul" said that he sees an urgent need for the fife and banjo workshop.

Decosta who is originally Nevisian and who also holds a wealth of knowledge in the area said that he has been a keen player of many instruments other than the fife. He has also had the opportunity to learn how to play the guitar, banjo and quarto – all instruments integral in string band music.

As one of the workshop's facilitators he said that his expectations are mainly to revive the almost forgotten art form of string band music.

"I expect good performance from the youngsters. The older folks are passing on and we need the tradition to go on. We also need to teach the younger ones how to play the cultural instruments," he said.

He said that there is a constant need for persons who can play these instruments. Decosta added that music is a great outlet and persons who are musically minded will have no trouble learning in the workshop.

"It is important to carry on the tradition," Decosta said passionately.

Registration forms can be obtained from Nisbett himself at the Edgar Challenger Library (Street), Nisbett indicted that he can only accommodate up to 30 pupils at a time, hence space is limited and persons should sign up in advance of the deadline.

He said so far out of the workshop many have excelled in the area. At the end of the programme Nisbett said that, "We will be issuing them with certificates and the students will be playing a selection for the crowd to hear".

He said that if the first batch of students does well he hopes to pursue another sponsorship to do a similar programme.

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Where do we go from here? Series III

Dear Reader, as I write this column, I am sitting on my hospital bed. I am still alive and giving Thanks but I am duty bound to my readers to supply them with reading material for the weekend. It is nothing life threatening.

Last week I ended my column by referring to the horse races on August Monday at Pond Pasture.

August Monday is supposed to be a significant day in the history of black people, for it was on the 1st August, 1834 that the shackles of slavery were taken from our wrists and ankles and we were so-called set free.

The first Monday in August was supposed to be Emancipation Day, but Massa obscured the importance of the day from us, by bringing in his horses to race at Pond Pasture, making us look at the day as horse racing day and not Emancipation Day. The significance of the day was totally diluted.

The Leader of the Opposition, bless his soul, did not know that the National Debt is the total debt of St. Kitts and Nevis. He thought that it was just a St. Kitts thing. Before writing any article, I always attempt to get my facts correct, because my mission is not to secure some hollow political victory. My mission is to educate my readers and to adhere to the Motto of this newspaper, Titus 2:8 "Sound speech which cannot be condemned.",

If the Leader of the Opposition could only disrobe himself of his arrogance and pettiness and really take up his position seriously, putting country first, he would be a better Leader of the Opposition and a respected orator, uttering facts.

If he researches before he speaks, if he can rise to a high plateau and criticize when criticisms are due, but praise and congratulate when these are due, then he would gain the admiration and respect of his adversaries. When he walks down the streets of Charlestown or Basseterre, children would run to hold his hands, the young and the middle agers would salute him and the senior citizens would offer up prayers for him. But, if he persists in belching out doom and gloom, he would find himself wobbling in the mud of gutter politics.

Be a statesman Mr. Leader of the Opposition. Let your light so shine, project yourself as an alternative; change the company you keep. You are not so politically desperate that you have to keep company with them. Rise to a higher plane Mr. Leader of the Opposition. You do not need that kind of political baggage. They have been tested and tried and have been found wanting. Do you need those kinds of hindrances? They need you more than you need them. They need you to project a new image of themselves. Chart your course on your own accord. Leave them, shake them off and let them remain in the mud hole of political abyss.

I now come to my friend and parliamentarian of 21 years who is supposed to be the Leader, officially of the CCM, but who is not the real Leader, because he has failed to come out of neutral gear. If I am the Leader of a political party, democratically elected Leader and the Leader of the Opposition is to come from my party, I as the Leader must be the Leader of Her Majesty's Parliamentary Opposition, or else, what is my role in politics? Must I always stay in neutral all the days of my life, allowing time, history and events to pass me by?

I, as Leader of my party should allow my Deputy to come and surpass me to become the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition? If I do not want to assume any role in the National politics of my country, why should I be running for office? Simply put, my role seems to be just to enter the Federal Parliament, say a few words and collect my monthly salary.

Whenever we reach the stage where we have no interest in the national or Federal Affairs of our country, we should step aside. We either make a contribution or we step aside. When we are in the political arena, we should all be asking ourselves this question: How will history judge me? I will assume that if I run for political office that, somewhere in the future history of my island or my country that my contribution would be recorded favourably and that, at the end of my tenure, I could hear well done thou great servant of the people".

Just the other day when there was the crisis of the Deputy Speaker, why couldn't you step up to the plate as a statesman and show everybody what kind of mettle you are made of? Instead of following those who once wanted to starve the people of Nevis, you could have had history smiling at you favourably.

Look to the hills man, see the rising sun of hope, of life, of energy, of great expectations of things to come and, at the end of the day, look at the Western skies and witness the beautify sunset where the sun, having performed its duties in this environment has gone on to give life, hope, energy, health to another set of people.

Yes my friend! There is a brighter side of life than the doom and gloom which CCM and PAM are preaching. Thermal Energy is a plus for Nevis, St. Kitts and the small islands surrounding them. Isn't that a positive for us? Nevis and the Federation as a whole can

be on the map of clean energy. Look at the income it can generate for Nevis? Isn't that a plus? Can't you praise the efforts of the NRP Administration? Why do you have to preach doom and gloom about the Thermal Energy? Come on man, put off the diapers of a child and put on the trousers of a matured man. Your country and the Federation need our positive output. Rise to the occasion man, rise!

My grandmother, dear reader, used to say "That is life, nothing bad ever happens" and "If wind do not blow, you will never see the rear end of a fowl." It is quite evident for all to see that the People's Action Movement (PAM) is not a democratic institution or party and that PAM does not elevate those who come from grassroots beginnings. Look at the high members of PAM? Those who were born and raised in sugar estates or plantations and whose parents were the oppressors of their brothers and sisters. Those who want to forget their groundings. Those who are ashamed of their past. Those who have just received an education and believe that they have arrived in the social stratosphere, it is quite evident that the likes of Cindy are just to add figures to the membership of PAM, but there is no real respect for them. This is evident in the selection of the senator to represent PAM in the House of Assembly in 2010.

In 2004, Lindsay Grant lost his bid to win a seat in the General Elections. He did not tender his resignation. Shawn won his seat, but was not elevated to the post of Leader of the Party. Why did this happen? Shawn and Cindy are alike. Were you to trace their family tree, a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother, a father, a grand or great grandfather or some other member of the family worked in the sugar cane fields?

Both Shawn and Cindy are extensions of working class people. PAM is an extension of the Planter class. The colouring of the skin has paled in some, while others still bear the dark colour of the oppressed. But, those who lead PAM have inherited the attitudes of our former oppressors. It is as if our former oppressors spit into their mouths, so, that is why the behaviour is the same.

Having been catapulted into the senator seat, one expected to hear a brilliant opening bat account of the new man. Instead, one was made to listen to a dull, uninterested monologue. Very disappointing! Nothing positive in his maiden speech, the same doom and gloom of his party. This was followed by the maiden speech of the new representative for Constituency number 8. The same doom and gloom.

When will PAM lift itself out of the doldrums of negativism and experience the sunshine of postiveness?

It is said that all power comes from God. They were given a chance to prove themselves, fifteen years of a chance to prove themselves. They are given another chance to prove themselves in opposition, having smudged the first chance with greed, spite, hatred, vindictiveness, abuse, and corruption. Instead of using these last fifteen years to redeem themselves by painting a new image, they are preaching the same doctrine of hatred and strife.

When will they learn? Where do we go from here? God knoweth best. He has placed the right party with the right man at the helm.

MEN'S HEALTH CAMPAIGN HAS STRONG PULSE

Basseterre, St. Kitts, April 21, 2010 (SKNIS): Approximately 300 hundred men have been screened for various medical concerns and the Ministry of Health has called for more males to access services from health institutions.

On this week's edition of SKNIS' radio magazine Perspectives, the Coordinator of Non-Communicable Diseases, Petronella Edwards said that the Men's Health Campaign – designed to boost the number of males seeing doctors and visiting health centers – has been proceeding well.

"For the most part the Ministry is pleased," she stated, noting that community outreach screenings have been particularly successful. "… But we have two clinics that are being piloted as Men's Health Clinics and we are not satisfied with the attendance in those communities so I would like to appeal to males living in the villages of, and around St. Paul's and Cayon to [visit] the health centers when we host the Men's Health Clinic."

The clinics are held on specific days and features doctors and nurses testing for diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease using an electrocardiogram (EKG). Based on the results, follow up testing may be recommended such as prostate–specific antigen (PSA). Persons are encouraged to call the relevant health centers for dates and additional details.

Ms. Edwards also encouraged persons to take advantage of a free prostate screening at the Joseph N. France General Hospital on Thursday (April 22). The test involves drawing small amounts of blood and will be administered to persons who have the relevant forms completed. Forms are available at health centers and doctor's offices.

Her sentiments were echoed by Troy Watson, a facilitator at the Ministry of Gender Affairs. Mr. Watson indicated that men in the community welcomed the Men's Health Initiative.

"You can't get cheaper than free," he said. "Health is not [just] about a response to something that is going wrong but it is also about staying healthy and it is important that our men are aware of that."

Mr. Watson had high praise for the Minister of Health, Honourable Marcella Liburd for her leadership in the campaign.

"From all indications she is gender sensitive and all remarks made by her are gender sensitive remarks and not gender biased remarks," he explained, stressing that the activities of the Ministry of Health and Gender Affairs are based on gender equity. "The request she has made of our Department in particular is to ensure that we are gender transformative so I am real happy that she is the one that is working with us (as Minister) and she is committed that we grow together as people, and the gender norms are observed."

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The Craze for Fame!

Crazy! They are crazy for fame and fortune! The outcome of the 2009/2010 National Basketball Association (NBA) Finals could bring trigger decisive changes in the highly commercialized basketball industry.

The outcome of the Finals could determine the posture of key star players and the salability and profitability of their associated franchisees.

If the desire of these star ballers is not matched by the outcome, their relationships with the team, the management and the market could change.

It is, obvious that when the championship is declared in June the desires of all concerned can never be met as there can only be one and only one champion team – one holder of the coveted NBA Championship Trophy and one team who can lay claim to the coveted NBA rings.

Dwayne Wade of the Miami Heats would want a parade in June, but he not ,like to have it as the Heats will probably be going home in May to an uncelebrated welcome – they will have to come very much more determined to overcome the burly, "brutish" and "rough-necked" Boston Celtics in the first round Playoff coming from behind.[

Chris Bosch of the Toronto Raptors wanted just the privileged a playoff victory but he is denied that privilege. The Toronto Raptors were touted as a playoff team only to finished with a losing record (40 wins to 42 losses), and are headed for the draft lottery for a second straight year.

Chris might have been satisfied with a mere show of progress – a playoff berth, a seven-game series, but he could never be satisfied with being in the wilderness – injury or no injury. He would preferred to know that his team makes into the playoff even if he had to seat ion the sideline just spurring his team members on against the opposition. Unfortunately, not even that token victory was manageable.

The All-Star power forward has made known his discontent. He was quoted as saying, "We're not [playing basketball the way we need to. For some reason, we don't like to secure a win basketball games." Now what is likely for Chris Bosch? He may become a free agent, and could be heading to more promising pasture – some say the New Knicks where the management is determined to invest in building a winning dynasty no matter what is the cost.

LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers wants something resembling world domination. The unofficial "King" of Basketball, wants to be cast in the perception of Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers, Dwayne Wade of the Miami Heats, Paul Pierce of the Boston Celtics, Chauncey Billups of the Denver Nuggets, and Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs – and much more! Nothing will bring that international reputation – the industry good will but a championship title under his stewardship.

"King James" expect nothing less than a championship. He believes that h8is Cavaliers has the best record in the NBA (61 wins to 21 losses – this season), for the second straight season. While is true that the franchise has done much to surround him with high-caliber players like the burly experienced Shaquille O'Neal, an unaccomplished goal could send the young super star insane – mad by the lust for power, fame, and adoration.

Well so far in the playoff; there is much to remind the home crowd about. Playing against the young, talented but relatively inexperienced Chicago Bulls, they have managed to stave off the stiff competition from Derrick Rose, Luol Deng, Noah and their young brigades. James himself, in game 2 scored 40 points and took over in the fourth quarter as his Cavaliers, fueled by a rabid home crowd that booed every move by Noah, maintained home-court advantage by beating the Chicago Bulls 112-102 to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

But make no bones about that – the traditionally known Bulls will never be rolled over whether they are playing before they home crowd or on the enemy territory. For example, in the very first encounter, the pressure was already reaching boiling point. The game turned testy at couple of junctures. LeBron James and Brad Miller were assessed technicals after a James drive resulted in their collision. And James and Deng traded barbs as the half-time buzzer, while the Cavaliers led, 56-41.

But the talking point is what happens beyond the encounter with the young bulls. Will James' Cavaliers be able to out-perform the stronger contenders – the resilient and stubborn Atlanta Hawks, the ageing by aggressive and experienced Boston Celtics? This will be the big test – the deterministic test – the purifier of the metals.

While we follow the courses of the teams, the players and the management as the teams battle for supremacy in what has become a world championship (because it has drawn players from every nook and cranny – from every major playing country, every race and langue; and it attracts the global media and magnetize the global sporting audience in a way only the FIFA World Cup and the India Premier League (IPL) do).

No doubt we will be emotionally bruised by the time the NBA Finals come and go – staying all night, biting our nails, and restraining our heart beat – but the real nervous wrecked will be the owners and executives of some of the major franchises in the NBA. Yes, the next few months will be riddled with anxiety for the executives who run the Cleveland Cavilers, the Miami Heats, the Atlanta Hawks (Joe Johnson wants some measure of validation and will not be satisfied with just another playoff experience), the Phoenix Suns (after fighting to establish his presence and importance to the team, Amar'e Stoudemire desires some recognition above and beyond another playoff berth), just to name a few. One wrong turn could cost them their franchise player.

What about the defending champions, the Los Angeles Lakers? Despite the recent lack-luster performances of the Los Angeles Lakers, one would be full-hardy to take them out of the frame. The Oklahoma Thunder under the leadership of Kevin Durant may be putting them to the test, but Lakers are a champion team – and will produce championship performances. The good news is that after their first two games in the playoff, they would have discovered that the big switch they have been able to flip over the years whenever a feisty opponent requires it is still at their finger tips. It also tells that they need that flip given their 87-79 win in Game 1 and the 95-92 win in Game 2. They could be champions again if they could regroup quickly enough.

Moreover, a Lakers/Celtics contest in June is not unthinkable, despite what the Cleveland Cavaliers is demonstrating against the Bulls.

In the meantime, enjoy every game. There is a lot at stake in this NBA playoff season. In addition, there could be upsets. The Charlotte Bobcats, the Oklahoma Thunder, the Atlanta Hawks are playing exciting and testing basketball.

Who can doubt that anything is possible in by June! The basketballers are simple crazy for money, power and fame!

Stay glue to TNT, ESPN and ABC – game is on!

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SPOKESMAN SPORT

Twists and turns in South Asia celebrity love match

By Omer Farooq
BBC News, Hyderabad

The love story is in the best traditions of Bollywood and now ends with a wedding

When Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik landed in the Indian city of Hyderabad in the early hours of Saturday, he had stars in his eyes.

He had come to marry beautiful Indian tennis star Sania Mirza.

But he had no idea that his romantic dream was going to turn into a nightmare complete with criminal charges, police investigations and finally divorce from another woman.

After a week of media gossip and intrigue, the saga of Shoaib Malik and his first wife, Ayesha Siddiqui, reached its climax on Wednesday.

The move came as a big surprise because until recently, 29-year-old Shoaib was stubbornly denying ever having met Ayesha, let alone marrying her.

He had apparently met her on the internet and they married over the telephone.

Intense press interest

Ayesha on the other hand was seething with anger and had vowed to take revenge for her humiliation. She had taken the matter to the police, charging Shoaib with cheating, criminal intimidation and domestic violence.

Such drama - superstars from bitter enemies India and Pakistan caught up in an apparent love triangle - contained all the elements of a Bollywood movie and was the stuff of dreams for the South Asian media.

The story has generated intense media interest

In fact the intense press interest meant that police in the southern city of Hyderabad had a strange task on their hands.

They had to find out whether there was any truth in Ms Siddiqui's claims that she was Malik's first wife and investigate his insistence he had never met her.

Caught in the crossfire was Sania Mirza, whose plans for a dreamlike wedding on 15 April at one point looked as if they would have to be put on hold.

Mirza's bungalow, perched on a hillock in the upmarket Jubilee Hills area of Hyderabad, did not for a while present a happy picture.

The initial celebration, laughter, music and dance gave way to silence and tension as policemen and security guards tried to keep over-enthusiastic media teams at bay.

The palpable tension inside was clear from the tired and sleepless face of 23-year-old Sania as she stood side by side with her future husband while he defended himself against serious charges.

Nearly three dozen TV cameras and an army of reporters descended from all parts of the country, ever ready to shoot any movement even though the gates and the windows were firmly closed with the main characters apparently confined inside.

Painstaking efforts

The hysterical media coverage did not however stop Sania's mother, Naseema Mirza, from doing some shopping in Delhi and Mumbai in preparation for the marriage - including the purchase of the odd designer suit or two.

Before the drama, the Mirza family had chosen the five-star Taj Krishna hotel to host 800 guests for the wedding. Ironically it was the same place where Sania's engagement to childhood friend Sohrab Mirza took place two years ago with equally great fanfare - but that relationship broke down two months ago.

The happy ending has come as a relief to Mirza's family

So what were the circumstances that led to the apparent negotiated end to Shoaib's first marriage?

While there has been no comment from any of the three main players in the love triangle, those close to them have not been afraid to speak.

The answer seems to lie in quiet, behind-the-scenes negotiations, the painstaking efforts of Muslim elders and moral pressure from the community at large.

"Ever since this issue came out we... were trying to resolve the issue as it was going from bad to worse. The community was very much perturbed by the muckraking," said Major SGM Quadri, the chief negotiator involved in the efforts.

What exactly transpired in the negotiations between Ayesha and Shoaib remains unclear, but both sides have now apparently agreed to abide by the decisions of the elders.

The settlement was reportedly hammered out in accordance with Islamic Shariah law and was in "the larger interest of the community".

Ayesha's mother, Farisa Siddiqui, said that community elders had asked her to come to some sort of settlement.

"That is why I agreed and my daughter agreed. I am very happy that finally Shoaib gave a divorce. Justice has been done to us," she said.

Maj Quadri said that Malik had also "agreed to go by our decision".

Sources say that while no financial dealing was part of the compromise, he agreed to pay 15,000 rupees (about $337; £220) to Ayesha for three months maintenance in accordance with Shariah law.

The Siddiqui family in return informed the police that they were withdrawing their criminal complaint against the cricketer.

All this means that the way is now clear for the marriage of Shoaib Malik and Sania Mirza on 15 April - a true Bollywood ending.

Story from BBC NEWS:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/south_asia/8607586.stm

Kim Collins Trust Fund handed over

The St. Kitts and Nevis National Olympic Committee (SKNOC) is pleased to announce the Handing over of the Kim Collins Trust Fund.

The Trust was established in March 2001 in a collaborative effort between a number of private individuals and in conjunction with the St. Kitts Nevis Amateur Athletic Association (SKNAAA) and the National Olympic Committee. The objective at the time was to create some financial asset that could serve as a "Nest Egg" for Kim in his retirement years.

An initial sum of EC$ 85,653.16, which represented the net proceeds of fund raising efforts, was placed in National Bank Trust Company with the intention of growing the fund to EC$ 100,000.00. National Trust facilitated this effort by providing a favourable rate of interest. Once the principal investment had reached this point in June 2004 therefore, and in keeping with the wishes of Mr. Collins, all interest earnings started being transferred to his private savings account.

To date over EC$ 43,000.00 has been transferred to Kim in this way thereby showing a yield of approximately 67% on the initial investment made in 2001.

Mr. Collins officially retired in September 2009 and again in keeping with his expressed wishes the principal amount of the Trust Fund of EC$ 100,000.00 is now being turned over to him.

The National Olympic Committee extends its immense gratitude to Mrs. Jennifer Nero who as a private and impartial party has served to look after the fund and the interest of all concerned over the years.

The SKNOC congratulates Kim on reaching this stage in his career and again expresses its boundless appreciation to him for all the things that he has done and achieved for St. Kitts and Nevis. This country can never really repay the contribution that our hero has made. We wish him God's speed and continued success in all his endeavours

inside SCOOP

By: Vigilante

* Even some of the biggest PAM trumps have agreed with Washie that Lindsay Grant is indeed "a reckless gambler" and that he was a great asset to PAM, but he's now the party's greatest liability.

* They agree with Washie that with him, as leader, PAM will never ever be viewed seriously by the electorate and public as a viable alternative government to LABOUR.

* And, if there's a by-election in Constituency 4, he will lose to the Hon. Glenn "Ghost" Phillip by a much bigger margin (over 100 votes).

* Washie is meantime rallying his troops together to dump the gambler and loser Lindsay before the next PAM Convention and he now has the ex deputy PAM leader (M.O.P.) firmly in his corner

* Dey say M.O.P. is threatening that all hell will break loose in the party, if de gambler and loser Lindsay does not respect the wishes of his candidates and party supporters and step down peacefully. He's now the biggest stumbling block to the party's progress and success.

* De expired PAM leader (Lindsay) meanwhile is accusing certain members of his executive of ganging up with Washie and M.O.P. and paying them handsomely to spearhead the vicious campaign against him.

* And he say some of the very people he did so much f or to make them somebody are involved in the plot, but he will get rid of them, before they get rid of him, because Simmonds put him there and not one of them could move him from the Party's leadership until he's ready.

* He bragged to his buddies at the Brewery and the Central Bank that he alone will decide when to quit. They could talk 'til they drop; he's not backing down. He has given up his US Citizenship and sacrificed too much.

* People want to know – with all the confusion and fierce infighting in the party – how come Watch Dog and Straight Talk have not come to his defence of the failed and embattled PAM leader; and why is he (Lindsay) keeping such a low profile.

* People are blaming PAM for poor Mule's unfortunate and untimely death. Dey say if they didn't object to his name on the Voters' List for Central Basseterre – where he has lived and voted all his life – Mule may have been alive today.

* When asked why he objected to a well-known PAM trump like Mule who lived at PAM Headquarters for so many years, Roy said he was told by his agents that he (Mule) was an illegal immigrant from Santo Domingo. He only knew him by his nickname.

* People want to know why didn't the PAM Candidate for East Basseterre attend the funeral of the taxi man who was a well known PAM supporter and activist in the constituency and country.

* Rumour has it that the former Tek-Way-Key Minister blue vex with the preacher for his sermon last Sunday morning about "keys".

* Dey say he say he told a sister in the church about "some keys" he was given by a doctor in Miami that have given him a new lease on his "joys of the flesh activities" and bragged how Lindsay and dem young boys can't touch him now. So he's accusing the innocent preacher of talking his business in public.

Nevis Agriculture Minister urges Agro Processors to utilise new Agro Processing Centre

CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (APRIL 21, 2010) — Agro processors on Nevis were called on to take advantage of the new processing plant constructed for them at Prospect.

The call came from Agriculture and Co Operatives Minister on Nevis Hon. Robelto Hector at the official opening ceremony for the Nevis Agro Processing Centre on Tuesday.

"You were given training, you were assisted with organisation and there are incentives offered time and time again to ensure your growth. You now have added infrastructure and our expectation of service from you is a great one," he said.

Mr. Hector described the opening of the agro processing plant as a quantum leap from the farm gates to the supermarket shelves. He said the facility provided a real opportunity for the agro processors to launch their products on the export market in the region and beyond.

The Minister spoke of agro processing as a lucrative business and noted that the Nevis Island Administration's decision to construct a processing plant to accommodate the agro processors on the island was a tangible demonstration of the Government's true commitment to the cottage industry.

He said the centralised facility managed by Mr. Dwight Browne, would allow for the added advantage of meeting better health and safety standards and increased volumes of production; the opportunity to promote a greater variety of products better product presentation and labelling.

However, Mr. Hector explained that the NIA's investment in the agro processing plant should drive agro processors to remember their duty to food security, revenue generation and the provision of employment.

"Most of our agricultural fruits and vegetable crops on the island are characterised by gluts and scarcities. We are today ready to extend seasons by providing even a processed form of such products be it jams, jellies, pepper sauce or souvenir baskets just to name a few. For agro processing to be sustainable, we must do our agricultural planning with the industry in mind.

"The agro tourism linkage can now be explored even more. This linkage can create a substantial economic engine, capable of driving the economy forward," he said.

The Minister explained that the opportunity to satisfy the upscale requirements of visitors now existed as a result of the new processing plant. He pointed to the increasing diversity of Nevis' population which he believed provided a suitable ethnic niche market.

Photo caption: Minister of Agriculture and Co-operatives on Nevis Hon. Robelto Hector at the official opening ceremony of the Agro Processing Centre at Prospect.

The Agriculture Minister had some added advice for the agro processors and urged them to seek to market their products in every gift shop and supermarket in the Federation.

"Of course I do not expect you to strive to do this individually. There is assistance available through the Marketing Unit and the Co-operative Unit. More importantly, as a cooperative [you should] band yourselves together to purchase imports in bulk, in short, operate as a true Society where unity means strength," he said.

Mr. Hector reminded the Agro processors of the advice he had given them at the launch of their Co-operative which included sharing the knowledge and skills they had learnt; the importance of attracting young people to the industry and the significance of utilising the media.

The Minister used the opportunity to thank Premier of Nevis Hon. Joseph Parry and Cabinet colleagues, for their support in the initiative, which he said formed part of the Government's economic transformation thrust that was started in 2006.

He also singled out past Directors Mr. Augustine Merchant and Mr. Samuel Powell for their major contribution to Agriculture on Nevis and by extension the project.

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