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St. Kitts and Nevis launches debt exchange offer

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – The Federal Government of St. Kitts and Nevis announced its debt exchange offer of certain bonds and commercial bank loans (collectively, 'Eligible Claims') owed by the Federal Government, the Nevis Island Administration and public enterprises in return for new US dollar and EC dollar-denominated bonds to be issued by the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

"Under the terms of the exchange offer, which is being supported by the Caribbean Development Bank ('CDB') through the provision of a partial guarantee, holders of Eligible Claims are being invited to tender their claims in exchange for either New Discount Bonds or New Par Bonds.The financial terms of the exchange offer are based on the economic data and forecasts produced by the International Monetary Fund as part of the first review under the country's three-year Stand-By Arrangement, originally approved in July 2011, and take into account the feedback received from affected creditors during a nine-month period of intensive consultations," the Ministry of Finance said in a news release Monday.

It said the New Discount Bonds will be issued with a 50% discount on the principal amount of Eligible Claims to be tendered. These bonds will be based on a monthly mortgage-style repayment structure with no grace period on principal. The New Discount Bonds have a final maturity of 20 years, with the last payment due in March 2032. The coupon on these instruments will be 6% for the first four years, dropping to 3% from March 2016 onwards. The New Discount Bonds will benefit from a partial guarantee from the CDB of up to US$12 million that will apply on a rolling, reinstatable, and non-accelerable basis.

"The New Par Bonds will have a final maturity of 45 years, and will also be based on monthly mortgage-style payments. The coupon on the New Par Bonds will be 1.5%, with a grace period of 15 years applying to principal payments. This instrument will not benefit from the CDB partial guarantee," said the statement.

It disclosed that under the terms of both the New Discount Bonds and the New Par Bonds, a one-off "goodwill" payment will be made in lieu of interest one month after the issuance of the new instruments.

The Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, said: "In late 2010 the Government began to implement a radical economic reform program designed to stabilize the economy and enable St. Kitts and Nevis to weather the international economic storms that have so badly buffeted the Eastern Caribbean as well as the entire global community. Around the same time the IMF concluded, as is now the case with many countries, that the level of our debt obligations was greater than our capacity to pay, even after factoring in the Government's

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PM Douglas: Labour took the people from the cane-fields to Government House and Government Headquarters

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – Political Leader of the governing St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP), Prime Minister the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas has been reflecting on the role played in the social, political and economic development of the twin-island Federation and the Caribbean,

In brief remarks at a Service of thanksgiving last Sunday 26th

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Party Chairman, Senior Minister Dr. the Hon. Timothy Harris; Mrs. Eugenie Condor; Deputy Political Leader, Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Sam Condor; Political Leader, Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas.

Prime Minister Douglas and Members of the Cabinet and Party Leadership.

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Editorial

The true nature of the People's Action Movement

In a recent editorial we reminded our readers that it is PAM which introduced violence into the politics of our small but ever so beautiful and peace loving country.

We feel that it is highly desirable and most necessary to continue reminding the people of St Kitts and Nevis of the true nature of that organisation, especially as a very substantial proportion of our population was born after 1980 and so may not have a real understanding of what PAM is like and what it is about.

From the very outset they have been deceitful and have mis-represented themselves in their persistent efforts to mislead our people. Their very name is itself a lie. PAM is not of the people and have never been for the people.

It is to be remembered that they were set up by the remnants of the old plantocracy who had been fully in control of the economics, finance and politics of St Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. They used their errand boys to split the people who were solidly Labour. This they were successful in doing, and, to this very day, continue using this ploy to keep our people divided in order to achieve their nefarious ends.

PAM is not a people's anything. Within two weeks of their getting into power in February, 1980 a number of persons became painfully aware of this fact. That word in their title is perhaps the biggest lie of all, and they tolerate no attempt to change their behaviour and their language in order to give credence thereto, even if it means having to lose five candidates at once.

They are a party of confusion, always sowing seeds of discord and breeding discontent where there is none, in the process creating a disquiet which undermines the people's confidence in their government. Such were the tactics and techniques used by the communist regimes of old (a lá Mao Tse Tung) to weaken a people's resistance to their propaganda, thereby improving their prospects for toppling any regime that they wished to replace. No doubt this is one of the reasons why the word people's has been a part of their title.

Thus, confusion is another of the devises which they employ to disguise their real intentions.

PAM is an organisation of mis-leaders. While in opposition they ranted and railed against the leaders of Labour, accusing Mr Bradshaw in particular of being a dictator, amongst many other things. They accused labour of being a lawless entity whose leaders did as they liked and rode rough-shod over rules and regulation. Of course, none of this was true.

Adolph Hitler's Propaganda Minister, Dr Paul Joseph Goebbels, averred that if one told a lie often enough people would very soon come to believe it and the bigger the lie the better.

They, being great students Dr Goebbels, manufactured some real whoppers, a series of giant lies which they peddled again and again Sure enough; some people came to believe them.

And yet, from the very moment that they got their hands on the reins of power, they began to show their true colours, and a number of persons hung their heads in shame.

Their much vaunted leader (kind, caring and likeable Dr Simmonds) ordered a police officer to get out of the way of his victory motorcade because he was 'now the Premier and therefore his word was thus the law'.

The officer had simply tried to draw to the attention of the lead driver in the procession that by proceeding along Fort Thomas Road in a westerly direction he would be breaking the law. Talk of an about face.

But that was only the beginning. As time went by, people saw more and more of their true nature. Their acts became more numerous, more blatant, more outrageous and ever more callous. Whenever they tried to point out matters of law, rules and procedures, civil servants were ordered to do they were told or face being sent home. The police were told who was to be arrested and who were not to be touched. Certain persons being held in custody were ordered released because of who they were and without any regard for the reasons why the police were holding them. The usual concluding statement was 'We are the government now'.

It would do us all a great deal of good to always bear in mind just how evil is the nature and extent of PAM's callousness. Remember well the case of the Market Keeper, Mr David (Pappy son) Wheeler.

Under Labour he had been well trained in meat-cutting so that our people could benefit from improved selections whenever they went shopping for meat at the market.

As soon as they came to government they transferred Mr Wheeler to the mortuary (dead house)at the General Hospital, with the publicly made statement that 'since he had been trained in meat-cutting let him go up there to cut up people'. The very thought causes most persons to shiver, even after all these many years later.

That brings us to the matter of PAM's sheer vindictiveness. Let us remember that for them the only true PAMs are the '67 PAMites', and, if you are not one of those, no matter who or what you are, you simply do not count. Thus it was that persons from Governor to Street Sweeper were dismissed and cast on lines of the unemployed, shamelessly and without remorse. All those who are now trying to play games with PAM should remember these facts.

Perhaps one of the most monstrous and devilish acts perpetrated by PAM on the people of this country was the very manner in which we were taken into independence. This paper has already written about that matter, but it is one of such importance that feel our people need to be constantly reminded of it.

They lied to our people and mis-represented to the British Authorities the facts concerning such a significant stage in our development, just so that they could provide their then true 'owner and leader' with diplomatic immunity and help him to stay out of the reach of the long arm of the law. But, the arm of the law is indeed long, and, in the end, it will always get offenders. Let everyone beware.

It is clear that PAM realise that they have become irrelevant and are on their way out of existence as a political entity. Like cornered animals they are now at their most dangerous. Thus it is that within the last three to four years they have become ever more vociferous in their calls for people to 'rise up' against a very popular and lawfully elected government.

There is nothing new in that - it is 1965, 1966 and 1967 all over again. What they cannot achieve by the ballot they will take 'by any means necessary'.

In this case they have enlisted the help of 'the man they used to call Botha' and others of his particular ilk. Like someone before him 'the man they used to call Botha' appears to be running out of time and is likely feeling the heat as the 'long arm' reaches for him. It would seem that his desire is to bring about a replacement of Prime Minister Douglas with anyone who will provide him with a cloak of diplomatic immunity. More of the same-old, same-old.

Our people need to bear all of these things in mind and remember how so many suffered under those deceitful and evil persons who continue their fight to keep us divided so that they may achieve their devilish objectives. Let us make every effort possible to ensure that our younger generations do not allow themselves to be deceived and our country plunged again into the horrors of 1980 to 1995. PAM in government is once too much for St Kitts and Nevis.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

Taiwan pledges increased cooperation with Federation

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – The Republic of China (Taiwan) has pledged increased continued bi-lateral cooperation with the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

"I would like to pledge my Government's commitment to continue our cooperation with Government of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis and do our utmost effort to bring our mutual cooperation to the new high," said Resident Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan), His Excellency Miguel Tsao.

Photo: St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas (left) and Resident Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan), His Excellency Miguel Tsao (Photo by Erasmus Williams)

Speaking at the handing over ceremony of 2,900 (correct) laptop computers to St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas.

"In 2012, apart from the laptop programme, we still have a wide range of cooperation programmes with the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis," said Ambassador Tsao.

He said the cooperation programmes include the Agro-Tourism Demonstration Farm, which is moving forward as well as the Day Care Centre for St. Paul's with the ground-breaking ceremony planned for next week.

Ambassador Tsao said renewable energy plans are currently under crafting between St. Kitts and Nevis and the Republic of China and his country will continue to provide scholarships under its ICDF programme and other Human Resource Empowerment training initiatives.

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Royals To Meet And Greet Nationals On Visit

Basseterre, St. Kitts (SKNIS): A release from the office of His Excellency the Governor General Sir Cuthbert Montraville Sebastian, Chairperson of the Organizing Committee to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, states that the public will have an opportunity to meet and greet the visiting royal couple tomorrow Saturday.

The logistical director for the royal visit, Stanley Franks told SKNIS that persons should seize the opportunity to be a part of a grand and rare event as the visit of British Royalty on Saturday March 3 (this weekend). The visit of Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Edward, is an occasion which can provide significant social exposure to participants who will witness an important occasion in the history of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Locals can catch a first glimpse of the Earl and Countess of Wessex at Port Zante at the welcome ceremony at 9:00 am. Persons will be allowed entrance into a designated secure area to view the event.

Mr. Franks indicated that persons are encouraged to arrive by 8:45am. Parking will be facilitated nearby as the usual parking restrictions for cruise vessels berthing at Port Zante will apply. He added that the events being staged to mark the grand occasion are being reviewed with a "fine toothed comb" to ensure precision and success.

The logistical director called on the general public to be sensitive to any temporary arrangements which may impact the usual flow of traffic at event locations. He expressed confidence in the security plan developed by the security team from the Royal St. Christopher and

Nevis Police Force and St. Kitts-Nevis Defense Force. He assured that the safety measures were designed to not isolate the royal couple.

"Line the streets" Mr. Franks encouraged, "The Route for the Procession of the Royal Couple will be announced shortly giving the public a chance to be involved. Like the Queen's Birthday parades of the past, this is a family event; the kind of thing children appreciate highly and parents are excited to participate in. What could be more exciting and awaken the imagination of children than thoughts of princes and princesses, castles and royal processions?"

When the Royals leave Port Zante they will travel to the preserve along Kim Collins Highway for its official renaming which will identify it as a Royal National Park, then on to Brimstone Hill

Fortress National Park for a tour and plaque unveiling, followed by other scheduled events.

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PM Douglas thanks Opposition member for observation

File photo of St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister the Right Hon. dr. Denzil L. Douglas during an Ask The Prime Minister radio programme. (Photo by Erasmus Williams)

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas says the Value Added Tax (VAT) programme works best when members of the public share with their observations with the Tax Reform Unit of the Inland Revenue Department.

During this Tuesday's live weekly radio programme, Prime Minister Douglas commenting on a matter raised in the debate in the National assembly by an opposition parliamentarian said audio-interference interrupted his response on the issue on whether or not VAT was being charged on the chalk that is used in schools.

"I knew, and my colleagues knew, that this Government had always intended that chalk would be among the educational items exempted from VAT. Very basic, very straightforward. What we did not, during National Assembly, know, was that this item had been inadvertently left off the zero-rated items VAT list," said Prime Minister Douglas, who is also Minister of Finance.

"When a member opposite suggested that VAT was, indeed, being charged, therefore, we simply could not believe it – since we knew that that was never the intention. At any rate, we soon learned that this item had, indeed, in error, been left off the list. And so, just as quickly, we moved to ensure that this error would be corrected, and that VAT will no longer be charged on this item," said Dr. Douglas.

In thanking the opposition parliamentarian for bringing the matter to the attention of the Government during the sitting of the National Assembly, Prime Minister Douglas noted doing so enables the Government to make any necessary corrections, and to move forward.

"Communication, cooperation, feedback and followup. That is what has made the system work thus far, and this is what will keep it working," said Prime Minister Douglas.

Editor's Office at Masses House broken into

Officers of the Criminal Investigations Department (C.I.D.) of the Royal St. Christopher Nevis Police Force are investigating a break-in here, this past weekend, of the office of the Managing Editor of this newspaper, Mr. Dawud (Mudada) Byron.

The office, located at the top floor of Masses House – Headquarters of the St. Kitts Nevis Trades & Labour Union and the ruling St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party – was broken into sometime between Saturday night and the early hours of Monday morning, February 27th, 2012.

The burglars entered the office from the alley-way on the North side of the building, breaking open the wooden shutter and smashing the glass window before forcing themselves into the office.

They ransacked all the desks in the office and moved out with several items, including important files and documents and a portable AM/FM radio with cassette player and recorder.

From the editor's office the intruders made their way into the main hall of the building (upstairs) and moved out with a microwave that had been there for the use of employees of the Labour Spokesman, the Union and the Labour Party, for quite some time.

In the recent past, the building (both upstairs and downstairs) have been broken into by persons and several important items have disappeared mysteriously, including files, computers, printers and other valuable pieces of equipment belonging to the three organisations.

All break-ins to date have been reported promptly to the Police. At the time of break-in this past weekend no computers, etc., were left overnight in the office.

The burglars made their escape with the items removed from the office via the route they entered into the building (the shattered glass window and alley-way).

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TRADE UNION NEWS

By: Batumba Tak - *General Secretary*

This Is The Workers' Union.

The St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Unin was formed to promote social, industrial, economic and political justice, without which there can be no harmonious meaningful development.

In addition, The St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Union from its very inception fully believes in the International Labour Organization (ILO) system of Tripartitism, which brings together government, employer and workers representative, who confer together on a basis of equality.

The St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Union has always strived to ensure that the fundamental rights of all workers are protected by helping to raise their living standards, by enhancing the human diginity of labour, raises the status in industry and cultivates a sense of self-respect in the individual.

For these and others no less potent reasons the working class people chose to form the St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Union. It is very important that all workers understand the necessity for this Union and its aims, that they should also accept and loyally carry out its rules, pay their contributions regularly and have proper regard for the safeguarding of the finances of the Union, and they should remember that the interest of all workers are one, and that a wrong done to any individual is the concern of all workers.

The basic structure of the St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Union. This is your Union – Delegates chosen by your section set the St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Union policy.

Annual Conference – The St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Union Conference is held once every year, and it is the highest policy making body of the Union. Its authority comes from every single delegate in good financial standing and elected by their sections.

The sections are the ones who elect the President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary, and one other member from each section to form the Executive Committee to govern the Union during the Conference year.

The Annual Conference Delegates are the only ones who have the authority to:-

1. Amend The St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Union Constitution.
2. Debate and adopt resolutions stating the St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Union positions on social, industrial, economic and political issues.
3. Define the powers of the Executive Officers.
4. Set the wages/salaries of all employees of the Union.
5. Set the Entrance Fee and the Annual Dues that each member should contribute to the running of the affairs of the Union, etc..

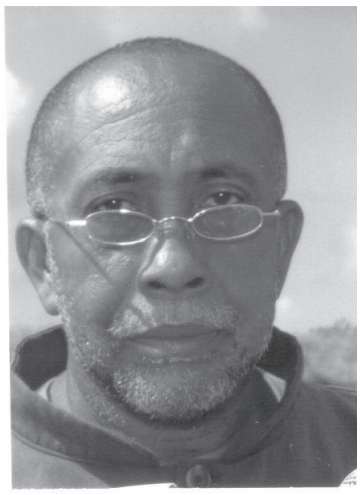
The Executive Committee is responsible for carring out the programs and policies approved by the Annual Conference Delegates. The General Secretary shall conduct the business of the Union in accordance with the Rules, and shall carry out the instructions of the Annual Conference and of the Executive Committee.

However, the President is responsibile for performing such duties as are necessary to help protect and advance the interest of the St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Union.

He shall also preside at all Annual and Special Conferences, Executive Committee and Council meetings, and shall be responsibile for the proper conduct of the business of all such meetings.

He shall also sign the minutes along with the General Secretary of each meeting at the time they are approved. In conjunction with the General Secretary and Treasurer he shall supreintend the general administration of the affairs of the Union and shall endeavour to secure the observance of the Rules of the Union by all concerned.

In the absence of the President the Vice President shall be vested in order of seniority with all the powers conferred on the President by the Rules.



The Assistant General Secretary shall assist the General Secretary in the performance of his duties and will act on behalf of the General Secretary during his absence.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial books and for all monies belonging to the Union. In addition, he shall also be responsible for the preparation of financial statements and their presentation to the Executive Committee, and for the Annual Statement and its presentation to the Annual Conference, and shall have the right to speak but not to vote.

The Treasurer along with the General Secretary and one of the Trustees are responsible for the signing of all cheques on behalf of the Union.

Any individual member in good financial standing could visit the Union Headquarters anytime during working hours in search of any matters relating to the running of the Union.

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The registered office and place of business of the St. Kitts/Nevis Trades & Labour Union is situated at "Masses House" – Church Street – Basseterre – St. Kitts.

It is said that during one of President Lincoln's frequent meetings in Washington, D. C. on Seventh Street in 1863 with runaway slaves from the South he sang spirituals songs with the slaves such as the song of the "Contrabands" – "Go Down Mosses" and many others, but it was during the singing of "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen that brought tears to his eyes.

As I take my leave, I leave you with the words to the song Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen.

Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen.

Nobody knows de trouble I've seen,
Nobody knows but Jesus,
Nobody knows de trouble I've seen,
Glory Hallelujah!
Sometimes I'm up sometimes I'm down,
Oh yes, Lord!
Oh nobody knows de trouble I've seen,
Nobody knows but Jesus,
Nobody knows de trouble I've seen,
Glory Halllujah!
If you get there before I do,
Oh yes, Lord!
Oh nobody knows de trouble I've seen,
Nobody knows but Jesus,
Nobody knows de trouble I've seen,
Glory Hallelujah!

Two St. Paul's men arrested for shopkeeper's murder

By Charles Miller Jr

Police have now charged two young men from St. Paul's with the murder of fellow villager and shopkeeper, Wingrove Parris after thorough investigations.

The two men – 25 year old Rayjon Richards and 28 year old Saheed Williams - were formally arrested and charged with the crime on the morning of Wednesday, February 29th.

Parris was shot multiple times outside of his business place on Sunday night, February 26th sometime around 11 o'clock. He succumbed to his injuries on his arrival at the Pogson Hospital in Sandy Point, a Police press release.

The Head of the Criminal Investigations Department (C.I.D), Inspector Charles Smithen, has publicly thanked members of the St. Paul's community for the positive support and co-operation they have given to the Police in their investigations of the matter that led so quickly to the arrest of the two accused young men charged with Parris' murder.

Investigations into the case are ongoing. Parris' death marks the 5th murder of the year. 28 year old Desroy "Piggy" James of Hermitage Extension was shot on January 7th; 40 year old Elvin Stanley of Old Road and owner of Elvis Love Shack Bar & Grill located on the Frigate Bay strip was shot on January 26th; Miguel "Bashment" Robinson of Lime Kiln was shot and killed on February 18th and the fourth murder victim was 22 year old Leo Herbert of Nevis, whose body was discovered in Baths Village with multiple gunshot wounds on

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2011 Eastern Caribbean Currency Union Economic Review

Presented by the Honourable Sir K Dwight Venner, Governor, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank on 23 February 2012

Fellow citizens of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union, we meet at a time of considerable uncertainty in the global economy, a time when we are confronted with major challenges but also with unique opportunities to adjust and transform our economies into competitive self-sustaining entities.

International Regional and National Issues Affecting the Development of the ECCU Economy

The global economy to which the fate of our economies is intimately linked has been severely impacted by the following:

1. The 2008-2009 financial crisis which originated in the financial sector of the United States;
2. A prolonged decline in demand triggered by low rates of growth, high levels of unemployment and sovereign debt, fiscal imbalances and financial sector fragility experienced by the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, and the European Union; and
3. Dramatic upheavals in the socio-political climate of the Arab Spring in which waves of protest in the Middle East by a younger generation have seen the overthrow of several authoritarian regimes and continued pressure on others to accept democratic principles and institutions.

Performance of the ECCU Economy

Although the performance of the ECCU economies over the past year has seen an easing in economic contraction, the fact remains that these economies have remained in recession over the last three years.

Economic activity contracted by 5.7 and 2.2 per cent in 2009 and 2010 respectively, followed by a decline of 0.6 per cent in 2011. Clearly, unemployment rates and poverty levels would have been negatively affected. The tourism sector performed slightly better than in the previous year with growth of 4.6 per cent being recorded but still remaining below pre-crisis levels. Construction activity remained low, contracting by 5.6 per cent, as public sector capital projects and private sector activity slowed. Output in the banana industry was severely impacted by unfavourable weather conditions which resulted in a fall of 76.6 per cent in banana receipts in 2011. The performance of the manufacturing sector was also poor with a 1.0 per cent contraction in growth being recorded.

Financial sector developments were also challenging and in the banking sector, the ECCB, on the directives of the Monetary Council, intervened in the ABI Bank which was experiencing a severe liquidity situation. In the insurance sector the issue of the CLICO and BAICO insurance companies remains. Both have been put under judicial management and solutions are being worked out through the continuing efforts of the ECCU member governments and in discussions with the governments of Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados. The credit union sector also has its issues related to the exposure of several institutions to CLICO and BAICO and governance and financial challenges at others.

With respect to the monetary variables, growth in credit remained below historical norms at 1.0 per cent, but this was an improvement over the 2.0 per cent decline recorded in 2010. Non-performing loans however increased, leading to further tightening in the terms and conditions offered by commercial banks. Meanwhile, total deposits rose by 3.0 per cent, a marginal improvement over the 2.0 per cent increase in the previous year. Currency in circulation increased by 5.0 per cent following contractions in the two previous years.

The consolidated fiscal operations of the central governments were estimated to have incurred an overall deficit of $551m in 2011, compared with $336m in 2010, when there was a significant increase in grants and official inflows. The performance of the governments' revenue in the past three years shows a gradual improvement and in 2011 a 4.4 per cent increase was recorded following growth of 1.5 per cent in 2010 and a contraction of 8.0 per cent in 2009. With respect to governments' expenditure, there has been an attempt to contain it but this has not been an easy task in light of the crisis. Over the year the debt to GDP ratio remained virtually unchanged at 83.4 per cent. The ECCU trade balance widened by 3.0 per cent in 2011, while there was a decline in the overall balance of payments.

Member Governments' Response to Challenges Confronting the ECCU

The policy arrangements for addressing the issues facing the region have been underpinned by a number of broad initiatives. There is first of all the OECS Development Strategy being spearheaded by the OECS Secretariat, which is to be the counterpart of the national strategies of each country.

Three Commissions have been established by the Council as follows: 1) The Commission on Tax and Tax Administration Reform; 2) the Commission on Pension and Pension Administration Reform and; 3) the Public Expenditure Review Commission. Two Task Forces have also been set up by the Council as follows: the Task Force on Debt, Growth and Development and the Task Force on the ECCU Financial Sector. The Task Forces are headed by the ECCB with representation from the Ministries of Finance, the OECS Secretariat, the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), IMF and the World Bank.

Framework for Addressing Long-Run Growth and Development

The first order of business is to have consensus on what kind of economies we would like to aim at and have progressed toward by 2020, the timeframe envisaged for substantial achievement of our development objectives. These objectives will have to be carefully spelt out in terms of growth, employment and the benchmark of the Human Development Indices (HDI). We then need to develop the appropriate policies, bearing in mind that in developing countries such as ours, policymaking is a cross between an art and a science and involves making judgements and correcting mistakes.

We will have to experiment with the process of integration as we have identified it as the basic strategy for treating with our fundamental structural problems. Our economies must be integrated at the national level and across countries. The ECCU must then be effectively integrated into the wider regional and international systems so that we can align ourselves to the growth poles which present themselves as we shift to more flexible economic structures.

The Treaty establishing the Economic Union in its legislative arrangements allows for the incorporation of the opposition, government and the public into the processes and this can provide a forum for consensus building. There must also be provision for a policy framework and architecture to manage the newly created single space. Four areas are critical to the success of the process and they are:

- A political framework that addresses the dual system of government and governance that must be put in place.
- The modernisation of the regional and national public services to effectively and efficiently execute the policies which are set.
- The development of the private sector to operate across the length and breadth of the economic union and to transform itself into a sector which can be regionally and internationally competitive so that it can be a major foreign exchange earner.
- The development of a vibrant and innovative money and capital market system that can mobilize savings from both national and external sources and can efficiently allocate funds to the most productive enterprises. Within the single financial space there will have to be the rationalisation of the financial institutions to facilitate financial stability and to promote growth and development.

The nature and scope of this initiative is daunting but critical to our survival and success in the changed world in which we now exist. It is urgent that we start a major public discussion on these issues at all levels in our countries. Without a clear understanding of what is at stake and the role which the critical sectors, namely, the government, the private sector, and civil society would have to play, we will not succeed.

With respect to the growth and economic development of the ECCU, member governments have identified the period of adjustment from January 2012 to December 2014 and that of transformation of the economies and the creation of a fully functional economic space from January 2015 to December 2020.

To this end, member governments would continue to intensify the implementation of measures under the Eight Point Stabilisation and Growth Programme; collaborate on addressing the debt issues in the ECCU; and accelerate the process for the passage of the relevant legislation to facilitate the creation of the single economic and financial space.

In conclusion, after three years of recession and in the face of the current circumstances, we have no other viable option but to seize the opportunities provided by the Revised Treaty of Basseterre to create new political and economic arrangements to secure the future of the people of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union. The adjustment and transformation process is not going to be easy, but as Louis Brandeis reminds us: "Most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they were done". So let us continue to work together as citizens, business men and women and policy makers to prevail and achieve economic prosperity for our region.

Please check the ECCB website:
http://www.eccb-centralbank.org/News/eccupres2011.asp
for the full text of the 2011 ECCU Economic Review

Statement to Parliament by Dr the Hon Timothy Harris, Senior Minister and Minister of International Trade, Industry, Commerce, Consumer Affairs, Agriculture, Marine Resources and Constituency Empowerment on the Black Sigatoka Disease and Pathogens affecting Palms

Mr Speaker Sir, I rise with your permission to make a statement respecting to exotic pests that have potential consequence for the agricultural sector and which even as we speak have already done significant damage elsewhere in the Caribbean region.

Black Sigatoka

Firstly, I speak to the matter of the black sigatoka disease which has caused tremendous damage in Grenada, St Vincent and the Grenadines and St Lucia. Our entomologist and head of the plant quarantine unit, Mr Melvin James has advised that St Kitts and Nevis imports a significant quantity of bananas weekly from Dominica and St Vincent and the Grenadines. In order to discover and contain the presence of the disease our Quarantine Department has informed our Customs Department, importers and boat captains on the basics of the disease. The Quarantine Department has advised that:

1. absolutely no leaves dry nor green are to be allowed into the federation from affected areas as these are among the principal means by which the pathogens are spread;
2. no suckers (young shoots) or bull heads (root stumps) are to be off loaded as these are easily contaminated by the disease;
3. the only planting materials to be allowed in will be those obtained from an accredited tissue culture lab. One such lab exists in St Vincent and the Grenadines;
4. only healthy well developed bunches of bananas will be accepted in the federation; and
5. all produce to be off loaded must be accompanied by a phyto sanitary certificate. This requirement is a long standing measure.

As recently as February 16, 2012, our entomologist was in touch with the plant protection officer in St Vincent. He was assured that St Vincent's export of bananas came from well managed fields with regular controlled programmes and all bananas received a post harvest dip of fungicide neozin which controls the black sigatoka. Mr James was informed that St Vincent's trade with other countries in CARICOM was not interrupted as a consequence of the black sigatoka. Mr James then made contact with the head of plant protection in Barbados, Mr Everton Hunte, Mr Hunte confirmed his satisfaction that St Vincent had taken adequate steps to prevent the contamination of exported produce.

The situation with respect to Dominica

Dominica reportedly is still free from the black sigatoka disease. On Wednesday, February 01, 2012, our entomologist, Mr Melvin James, contacted the officer in charge of plant quarantine in Dominica, Mr Ryan Anselm. Mr James was informed by Mr Anselm that Dominica conducts quarterly surveys for the disease in high risk areas. Samples sent to CIRAD as recently as January 2012, returned a negative result for the presence of the black sigatoka disease in Dominica. CIRAD is the Centre for International Cooperation in Agronomic Research for Development. It has a head office in Paris and a Regional Office in Guadeloupe. Mr James who is our local entomologist has advised that there is no cause for alarm or concern at this time in respect of the importation of bananas from either Dominica or St Vincent. The Department of Agriculture will continue to monitor the situation and will update the public if and when the need arises.

Lethal Yellowing/Bud Rot Affecting Coconut Palms

In June 2007 the coconut trees in St. Kitts were still looking healthy but as a safeguarding measure the Ministry of Agriculture with the assistance of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), contracted pathologist, Dr. Wayne Myrie of the Jamaica Coconut Industry Board, to survey the entire country for early signs of lethal yellowing. His report indicated there were no visible signs typical of lethal yellowing. He however took samples from Dieppe Bay, Mattingley, Ottleys, Tabernacle and Frigate Bay back for lab analysis and they all proved negative for the disease.

Palm death first became alarming in the first quarter of 2008. Initially the focus was on lethal yellowing for two reasons:

1. It is known to be in the Federation, up wind from St. Kitts and can easily spread aided by air currents.
2. Wide spread death is commonly associated with lethal yellowing, not bud rot.

In March and October 2008, samples taken from affected areas including Frigate Bay, and Springfield, were sent to the facility in Jamaica for testing and they tested negative for lethal yellowing.

The tests for lethal yellowing all proved negative, but we have not tested for bud rot, barring the one sample carried to UWI St. Augustine by microbiologist Dr. Adesh Ramsubhag who was here in September to work on the "Farm to Fork project". To date we have received no feedback from the microbiologist and consequently the disease remains unidentified.

Upcoming Plans

The Quarantine Unit has reestablished contacts with the Jamaica Coconut Industry

Board through Dr. Myrie who has agreed to accept new materials for testing. This time we will carry out tests for both diseases under suspicion. We shall be sending heart or bud tissue to test for bud rot and stem fibers to determine whether lethal yellowing is present.

The date set for this work is Tuesday, February 28, 2012. In the past we received results back from the lab in 3 to 4 weeks.

When we have the scientific results of the tests we will certainly advise the public.

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **John Wilkes** now residing in **New Pond Site** in the town of **Basseterre** do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **02nd April, 2012** to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Beer Licence** in respect of our premises at **Anchorage** in **Frigate Bay.**

Dated this **20th** day of **February, 2012.**

Signed: John Wilkes.

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SKBHCV2009/0084

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA - Applicant
and
VALNEY SOUTHWELL and
SUSAN SOUTHWELL - Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of The Supreme Court by public auction at The Judicial and Legal Complex, East Independence Square, Basseterre, St Kitts, on **Thursday** the 8th day of March **2012**, at 2: 00pm o'clock in the afternoon.

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Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of The Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Lodge Estate in the Parish of St. Mary in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North West by Lodge Estate 182.0 feet; On or towards the North East by the Island Main Road, 70.00 feet; On or towards the South West by a Development Road 74.76 feet and On or towards the South East by the Lodge Estate, 208.40 feet and containing by admeasurement 13,660.04 square feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **18th** day of **December 1998** and registered in **Book X2 Folio 445** of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher in favour of **VALNEY SOUTHWELL and SUSAN SOUTHWELL both of Lodge Estate in the Island of Saint Christopher** as registered proprietors thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above land and building thereon shall be **EC$747,857.00**

Dated the 3rd day of February **2012**

REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT

The Sheriff thinks he knows better than everyone else

The Thinking Citizen

The more one listens to the public statements of the almighty Sheriff, the more one becomes amused. His public statements on how to stop crime and violence in the Federation is a case in point.

The Sheriff starts off by saying that our Prime Minister is responsible for all the crime and violence in the Federation. The Sheriff continues by saying that our Prime Minister is the problem and therefore cannot be part of the solution. Crime and violence cannot be stopped, states the Sheriff, until or unless our Prime Minister leaves or is removed from office.

Strangely enough the Sheriff explains that he has been writing to our Prime Minister asking for a meeting with him to discuss crime and violence.

Having made out, that our Prime Minister is the problem and cannot be part of the solution, why would the Sheriff want to discuss the issue of crime and violence with someone who cannot be part of the solution? That seems to defy all logic and common sense.

If in the eyes of the Sheriff, our Prime Minister is the problem, then surely there is no good reason for the former to have discussions with the latter. If the Sheriff is seeking a solution should he discuss the matter of crime and violence with someone who cannot be part of the solution?

One has noticed that the Sheriff is not blaming the criminals for their bad behaviour. He is blaming our Prime Minister. It is no wonder then that crime and violence are on the increase.

The criminals are saying to themselves that they do not have to bother with what the priests and parsons are saying about crime and violence. The Sheriff is not holding them responsible for their bad actions. He is holding our Prime Minister responsible.

So if a criminal uses an unlicensed gun to murder an innocent person, that criminal is not responsible. It is our Prime Minister who is responsible says our mighty Sheriff. Naturally, the criminals love that. They are not responsible for their own deliberate actions, so says our Sheriff. Some other person is responsible and that other person is our Prime Minister, according to the Sheriff.

I really cannot understand why a sensible and educated man would want to discuss a matter with our Prime Minister after stating that our Prime Minister would be of no positive help in the discussion. The Sheriff has already defined the situation and has declared that "the Prime Minister is the problem, and cannot be part of the solution."

If the Sheriff were to be involved in a one-on-one meeting with the Prime Minister, what would the Sheriff tell the Prime Minister? That he must resign? How appropriate would that be? The Sheriff did not vote for the Prime Minister and therefore is in no position to ask the Prime Minister to resign. That would be for the people of Constituency #6 who voted for the Prime Minister.

The people of Constituency #6 have great faith and confidence in our Prime Minister and because of that faith and confidence, they have voted for the past decades. Since the voters of Constituency #6 have voted en masse for the Prime Minister what weight should be given to the lone voice of one disgruntled opposition politician in Nevis?

The Sheriff has been berating and rebuking the Prime Minister for not meeting with him to be informed of a sure-fire strategy to stem the rising tide of crime and violence. This is a matter for much amusement as the Sheriff has no training or experience or expertise in the area of crime-fighting.

The Prime Minister has access to the expertise available at the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and at Scotland Yard. The Sheriff argues that he alone has more expertise than is available to the Prime Minster from the fore-mentioned agencies and offices. This is a clear case of chest-puffing on the part of the Sheriff.

The Sheriff is the greatest chest-puffer in politics in the Federation within recent times. The Hon. Vance Amory was Leader of the Opposition in the Federal Parliament, but he was not a chest-puffer. The Hon. Malcolm Guishard was also Leader of the Opposition but he also was not a chest-puffer.

When it comes to knowledge, skills, expertise and so on, the Sheriff proclaims that he is far better than the best among us. No matter what the discipline, whether Economics, Politics, Government, Education, Crime Fighting or Ethical behaviour. The Sheriff claims that he knows more than anybody else. He has more Wisdom and Understanding than King Solomon of Israel. In addition, the Sheriff lays claim to infallibility.

What effrontery, what brazenness, what audacity on the part of the Sheriff! The attitude and behaviour of the Sheriff can be summed-up in the following passage from Holy Scripture:-

I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit (Eccl 1:14).

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Statement to Parliament on St Kitts and Nevis' participating in a regional pilot project: "Improving the Nutrition and Health of CARICOM Populations by Dr the Hon Timothy Harris, Senior Minister and Minister of International Trade, Industry, Commerce, Consumer Affairs, Agriculture and Marine Resources and Constituency Empowerment on February 23, 2012

Mr Speaker Sir, I rise to make a statement regarding an important collaborative project dubbed "Improving the Nutrition and Health of CARICOM Populations" in which St Kitts and Nevis is participating. Indeed, St Kitts and Nevis is one of four CARICOM members participating in this project. The other three are Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and St Lucia.

This project, Mr Speaker was conceived by McGill University in Montreal, Canada and the University of the West Indies and funded by CIDA and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The aim is to assist CARICOM in tackling nutritional problems traceable to overdependence on imported energy dense foods that have created a paradox of obesity, under nutrition and related health problems. The project's duration is forty two months.

It is intended to assist in the transformation of agriculture and improvement in health indices in St Kitts and Nevis in the following ways:

1. application of science and technology to crop and livestock farming practices;
2. real life experiences for our farmers in discriminating between the impacts of farm activities under traditional open and rainfed systems and better managed modern systems. Farmers should experience significant differences in output resulting from irrigated systems being used in production of fruits and vegetables and increased market weight resulting from better animal husbandry and improved forage.
3. improved income for participating farmers.
4. improvement in farm infrastructure for the selected farmers.
5. improved livelihoods for participating farmers.
6. solidarity, collaboration among participating farmers
7. collaboration with health and school meals in the delivery of healthy foods to our school children using locally produced items
8. larger input of safe local foods into national diet
9. foreign exchange savings

Mr Speaker, I pause to thank and congratulate Professor Dr Leroy Phillip, Associate Professor of Nutrition at Mc Gill University, an illustrious son of the soil who toiled to have St Kitts and Nevis considered for this project and then to convince local policy makers that it was worth pursuing. After an initial hiatus, I am pleased to say we are making fair progress.

On Wednesday, February 15, 2012, I had the opportunity to visit the principal sites selected and approved for initial implementation of this project viz: Belle Vue Estate, Mansion Estate and Stapleton Estate. At Belle Vue the focus is on appropriate forage that will lead to improved market weight of small and large ruminants. Four livestock farmers are participating.

Outcomes and Impact

At Mansion Estate, thirteen farmers are participating and at Stapleton another four are participating in the project for a grand total of twenty one participanting farmers. In the crop sector, farmers will be engaged in production of melons, pineapples, papayas, tomatoes, string beans, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, carrots, etc on rotational cycles such as, April to June, July to October, and November to March. In sum, we are attempting through application of the water systems and better agronomic practices to have year round production of a number of produce which hitherto could only be had on a seasonal basis.

This project if successful and replicated will lead to a significant improvement in our national production, reduction in our food imports, and increase in our foreign exchange savings. The realiseable income of our farmers should increase significantly.

Investment in the Agri Sector

This project reinforces the message that vast potential of agriculture in St Kitts and Nevis could only be tapped and put our beneficial development if we are prepared to invest in the sector. The challenge is how do we transform it from the backward, laborious enterprise to a modern competitive one?

Heads of Government in their Liliendaal Declaration (Georgetown, 1999) committed, Mr Speaker, to invest in the sector and transform the agriculture sector in CARICOM.

Jagdeo Initiative outlined the following constraints undermining agricultural

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A. D. 2012

SKBHCV2009/0178

TDC REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION LIMITED -Applicant
and
ANJOT INVESTMENTS LIMITED -Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of The Supreme Court by public auction at The Judicial and Legal Complex, East Independence Square, Basseterre, St Kitts, on **Thursday** the day of March 2012 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit.

Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of The Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land comprising of 10, 166 square feet of land with building thereon known as Lot 11 of Sunrise Hill Villa Resort, Frigate Bay in the parish of St. Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say, On or towards the North North East by Lot 10, 105.29 feet; On or towards the East South East and South by a Development Road, 26.73 feet, 16.67 feet,23.88 feet, 23.93 feet, 18.21 feet, 16.11 feet and 17.61 feet respectively; and On or towards the South South West and West by the said Development Road, 17.56 feet, 16.40 feet, 67.35 feet and 39.87 feet; and containing by admeasurement 10, 166 square feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 15th day of **December 2009** and registered in Book I3 Folio **610** of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher in favour of **ANJOT INVESTMENTS LIMITED of Lot 11 of Sunrise Hill Villa Resort, Frigate Bay, in the Island of Saint Christopher** as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above land shall be **EC$2,100,600.00**

Dated the 5rd day of February 2012

REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Joycelyn Hazel (Call and Wait)** now residing in **Camps Estate** do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **02nd April, 2012** to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Beer Licence** in respect of our premises on **Camps Estate.**

Dated this
17th day of **February, 2012.**

Signed: Joycelyn Hazel.

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Aldain Harris** now residing in **Water Works** in the village of **Cayon** do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **02nd April, 2012** to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Beer Licence** in respect of our premises on **Main Road, cayon**

Dated this
29th day of **February, 2012.**

Signed: Aldain Harris

The Bank of Nevis Limited

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
As of June 30, 2011

(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	2011 $	2010 $
Assets		
Cash and balances due from banks and other financial institutions	97,978,872	95,029,574
Investment securities	89,728,996	85,402,242
Loans and advances	203,744,099	188,822,487
Other assets	1,967,771	1,680,544
Property, plant and equipment	20,935,426	16,743,061
Intangible assets	335,889	324,645
Deferred tax asset	126,633	-
Total assets	414,817,686	388,002,553
Liabilities		
Customers' deposits	337,920,269	312,585,707
Debt security	14,611,287	14,807,343
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	7,022,770	11,215,014
Provision for income tax	869,066	729,498
Deferred tax liability	-	138,930
Total liabilities	360,423,392	339,476,492
Shareholders' Equity		
Share capital	9,347,687	7,478,150
Revaluation reserves	10,746,510	10,914,712
Other reserves	17,059,531	15,357,723
Retained earnings	17,240,566	14,775,476
Total shareholders' equity	54,394,294	48,526,061
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	414,817,686	388,002,553

Approved by the Board of Directors on December 15, 2011

Chairman _____ Director

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The Bank of Nevis Limited

Consolidated Statement of Income
As of June 30, 2011

(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	2011 $	2010 $
Interest income	23,691,238	25,100,576
Interest expense	(11,921,400)	(11,519,287)
Net interest income	11,769,838	13,581,289
Realised gain from investment securities	644,569	4,220
Impairment provision on available-for-sale investment securities	–	(1,347,450)
Impairment provision on fixed deposits	–	(1,597,537)
Other operating income	5,574,049	5,912,188
Operating income	17,988,456	16,552,710
Operating expenses		
General and administrative expenses	9,280,478	9,292,309
Provision for loan impairment, net of recoveries	282,350	737,654
Directors' fees and expenses	455,888	451,298
Audit fees	438,751	333,001
Depreciation	312,671	332,392
Amortisation	168,445	142,056
Correspondent bank charges	277,596	232,183
	11,216,179	11,520,893
Operating profit for the year before taxation	6,772,277	5,031,817
Taxation		
Current tax expense	930,090	766,791
Deferred tax credit	(194,248)	(17,636)
Income tax expense	735,842	749,155
Net profit for the year	6,036,435	4,282,662
Earnings per share	0.65	0.46

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St. Paul's scholar excels with post-graduate degree

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – Kittitian-born Meshach Alford of St. Paul's has graduated from the University of Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, United Kingdom with an MSc in Sustainable Rural Development with Commendation.

It is an accomplishment which he says is the result of hard work, determination and the steadfast support of family and friends.

Prior to this celebrated achievement, Meshach's academic journey began at the St. Paul's Primary School followed by the Sandy Point (renamed Charles E. Mills) High School and the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College.

He excelled while at these institutions having been awarded Most Outstanding Male of the Sandy Point High School's graduating class of 2000 with nine CXC subject passes and a CAPE diploma in four major subject areas from the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College.

Mr. Meshach Alford

The prestigious University of the West Indies was next on his list of academic pursuits. He completed a four year undergraduate programme, obtaining a BSc. in Law and Sociology (Hons) in 2008 from the University's Cave Hill Campus, Barbados.

As Meshach moves on to the next phase of his career he wishes to thank the St. Pauls community for assisting in the compilation of data for his thesis. A noteworthy piece aptly titled 'Flooding and Land Use Changes in St. Pauls, St. Kitts: A Case Study on Rural Development, Environmental Change and Social Perceptions of Risk'. A dedicated youth and community activist he continues to support the growth and development of local youth through the knowledge and experiences gained.

Meshach has expressed thanks to his family and close friends for their encouragement, guidance and dedication throughout every stage of his journey.

The Communications Unit in the Office of the Prime Minister (CUOPM) wishes Meshach the best in his future endeavours.

Statement to Parliament on St Kitts and Nevis' participating in a regional pilot project: "Improving the Nutrition.....

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potential in the region. Importantly they identified the necessary interventions to overcome the constraints.

Constraints	Necessary Interventions
1. Limited financing and inadequate new investments	Establishment of a Regional Agricultural Modernisation Fund
2. Outdated and inefficient agriculture, health and food safety systems	Establishment of a Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHSFA)
3. Inadequate research and development	Definition and implementation of a regional R&D policy and Action Plan
4. Fragmented and unorganized private sector	Strengthening of private sector organisations and collaboration
5. Inefficient land and water distribution and management systems	Establishment of a system of incentives for improved land and water use
6. Deficient and uncoordinated risk management measures including praedial larceny	Development of integrated regional risk mitigation (natural disasters) and relief (including agricultural insurance)
7. Inadequate transportation system particularly for perishables	Determination of freight needs, upgrading of ports and consolidation of services
8. Weak and non-integrated information and intelligence systems	Integration and modernization of industry and national information systems and services
9. Weak marketing systems, linkages and participation in growth markets	Strengthening of joint marketing opportunities and facilitation of access to EXIM-type financing
10. Lack of skilled human resources	Upgrading and integration of curriculum and training at all levels

Some of these constraints are more pronounced in some CARICOM member states than in others. Nine of the ten constraints enumerated continue to bedevil our agricultural sector. Clearly the foregoing constraints vitiate against the sustainable development of agriculture. This project helps to overcome some of these constraints, specifically by addressing issues relating to the application of science and technology, and water management systems.

I am hopeful that this project will move agriculture one step further in the right direction. We need to take more steps and the sooner we can effectively walk the talk, better will be agriculture, better will be our country.

On behalf of our farmers, I thank all contributing external entities namely the McGill University, the University of the West Indies, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). I commend our Department of Agriculture and the Ministry of Health as the critical local participants for their work in brining this project to fruition.

It would be remiss of me if I did not thank and congratulate the farmers who are active participants in the project. They are Crispin Worrell, John and Debbie Davis, John Percival, Keithroy Matthew, Mervin Patrick, Luther Clarke, Esmon Henderson, Roland Mills, Eustace Jeffrey, Selman Carty, Adolphus Brandy, Glenville Browne, Itena Pemberton, Spencer Maclean, Karime Carey, Augustus Shelford, Anthony Williams, Michael Moses, Lloyd Mills, James Brandy, Ervin Daniel and Uriel Heyligar.

I trust that their agronomic practices, livestock husbandry and general knowledge about agriculture will be enhanced as a result of their participation in this project. I wish them well and hope that they will profit in more ways than one.

Long live our farmers.

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REGISTRAR'S OFFICE JAN 31 2012 ST CHRISTOPHER/NEVIS

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THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA - Applicant
and
MONSELL SAUNDERS &
ANASTACIA SAUNDERS - Respondents

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ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon known as Lot No. 60 of Stadium View Housing Development in the Parish of Saint Anne, in the Island of Saint Christopher, containing by admeasurement 7,196.91 square feet and bounded and measuring as follows:- On or towards the North North-West by Lot No. 61, 79.98 feet; On or towards the East North-East by Lot No. 58, 90.00 feet; On or towards the South South-East by a Public Road, 70.00 feet; and On or towards the West South-West by a Public Road, 80.00 feet; and On or towards the South South-West by a Public Road, 13.98 feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **20th** day of **December 2002** and registered in **Book B3, Folio 570** of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher in favour of **MONSELL SAUNDERS and ANASTACIA SAUNDERS both of The Alley, in the town of Sandy Point, in the Island of Saint Christopher** as registered proprietors thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above land shall be **EC$419,480.00**

Dated the 3rd day of February **2012**

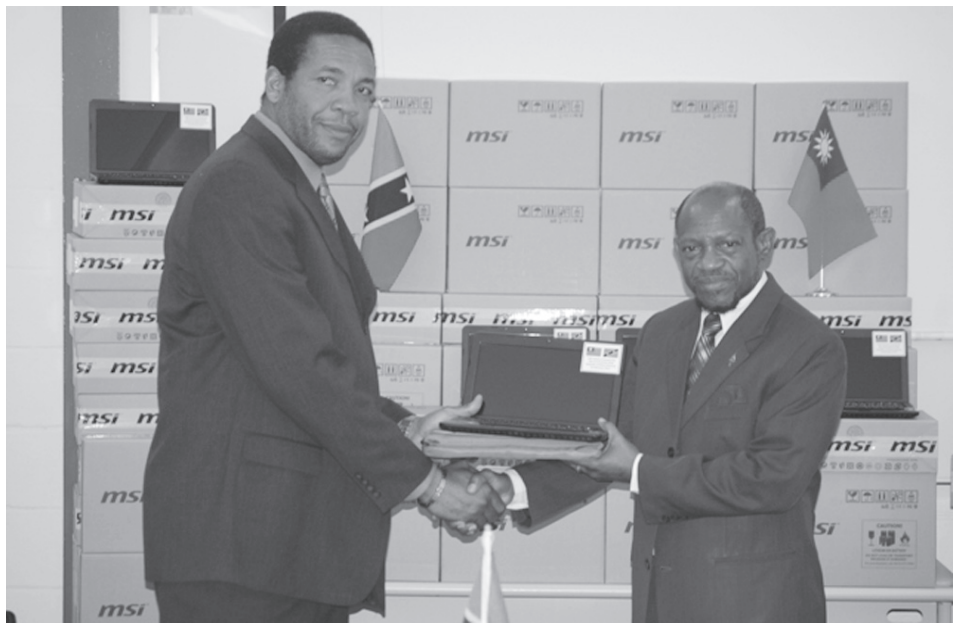
REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT

PM Douglas supports Minister Phillip's suggestion in making laptop distribution annually to first formers of high schools

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas is supporting his Minister of Technology, Hon. Glen Phillips' suggestion that laptops computers be given to all students entering high school in the twin-island federation.

Accepting 2,900 laptop computers from the Resident Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan), His Excellency Miguel Tsao, on what is phase 3 of the one-to-one laptop computer programme, Prime Minister Douglas noted that the dream of providing a laptop computer to each high school student became a reality with the financial assistance of the friendly Asian nation.

Phases one and two of the programme saw students in the fourth and fifth forms and some in the third forms receiving laptops. In phase 3, the rest students from form three, along with first and second formers would get, ensuring that all high school students are provided with the technological equipment.



St. Kitts and Nevis' Minister of Technology and Youth Empowerment, Hon. Glenn Phillip (left) receives one of the laptop computers from Prime Minister the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas. (Photo by Erasmus Williams)

Expressing thanks and appreciation to Ambassador Tsao, Prime Minister Douglas said the generosity of the Taiwan Government has assisted his St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Government in investing in the human capital of St. Kitts and Nevis

"And it is not just the human capital of today, it is the human capital of the future that you have also invested in," said Prime Minister Douglas.

Referring to Minister Phillip's of pursue the dream of making the provision to laptops to incoming first formers, annually, Prime Minister Douglas noted: "If we were to make a very quick mathematical calculation and we know how many students enter our first forms in high school every year, that's only the number of computers from here on that we would need to really furnish to our young people."

"I do not know where the Minister will get the money, from but I support his dream and that is why I said ambassador that today's ceremony marks the end of one initiative, one program of our dream, but in fact opens the door for the second phase of this dream that we've had," said the St. Kitts and Nevis leader.

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The St. Christopher Air and Sea Ports Authority (SCASPA) is committed to the continuous enhancement of services and facilities to provide the highest level of customer satisfaction. A dynamic and fast-paced organization, SCASPA is building a culture of excellence with a motivated, professional and loyal team.

Job Summary:
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Minimum Job Requirements
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To report to the Board of Directors in a manner that allows it to act effectively to safeguard the interests of its stakeholders

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To negotiate major contracts and agreements with third parties for the provision of services and development of projects

To ensure compliance with regulations and requirements from relevant regional and international aviation, maritime and security organizations

To achieve budgetary goals and objectives set over an annual period

To oversee the implementation of cost-cutting measures and revenue-generating initiatives to improve cash flow and profitability to create a sustainable entity

Contact Information
Interested, qualified persons should send a résumé and cover letter addressed to:

The Human Resources Manager
St. Christopher Air and Sea Ports Authority
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PM Douglas: Labour took the people.....

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February at the St. Peter's Anglican Church to mark the Labour Party's 80th Anniversary, Prime Minister Douglas captured the Grace, the Mercy, and the Providence that took the people from the scattered isolation of the cane-fields to the centrality of Government House today, from the fragility of existence at that time, to the responsibilities of Government Headquarters and from the exploitation of life back then, to the peace and freedoms of today.

"Be still. What better words to explain the least powerful, least well educated, least connected people of this society – 80 years ago – nonetheless moving bravely and resolutely forward, despite the obstacles, despite the barriers, despite the resistance, ever upward, ever onward, to the place of justice and opportunity that is now this, our very own nation, today.

"Be still. And know, What better words Comrades, to explain the eventual impact of those of us - eighty years ago – who were intellectually strong, who did possess special powers of persuasion, who did possess a flair for bargaining and negotiation, who did have some measure of comfort and security in the society at that time, but who used these skills, not for their own advancement, not for their own aggrandizement, but to stand with, to walk with, to lift up, and to speak for those whom the powerful had left behind. What a seemingly impossible task our Founding Fathers and Fore Fathers are set for themselves back then," Prime Minister Douglas to the packed congregation of Cabinet Ministers, the leadership and the rank and file of the Labour Party.

Saying there is indeed a great deal for which to be thankful, Prime Minister Douglas, who has been political leader since 1989, singled out the vision of past and present leadership to elevate the personal well-being of the ordinary people of St. Kitts and Nevis.

"Let us give thanks that we on these two islands were blessed, from the start, with leaders possessed of a unique and special vision. Everyone in this Church knows that it was here, in St. Kitts and Nevis, that the trades and labour movement, that was to sweep the entire Caribbean first established itself as a real force. Did we know that? That speaks to the caliber and distinction of the men who founded the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party. For it was these trades and labour movements that gave that impetus to Labour parties Caribbean-wide. And it was, then, these parties that started us - all throughout the region - on our self-affirming marches to independence," said Prime Minister Douglas.

"And so this evening I say we do, indeed, give thanks. And in giving thanks for those who founded our Party, we are reminded of the solid rock on which the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party stands. We are reminded of the far-reaching impact of their contributions on our entire nation – and in the process, of the uniqueness of our foundation.

The Voices of Gospel Choir

The Labour Choir with Hon. Marcella Liburd

We all know that the leaders of our Party were the first in the Caribbean to push for, fight for, demand, and win the right for every child on St. Kitts and Nevis to have the right to a high school education. Did everyone in this Church know this? And did everyone know that even as in the 70's, 80's, and 90's, Kittitian and Nevisian children, from every walk of life, were walking into this country's high schools, there were children right here in this region who still did not have that right? Indeed, do we know that today, in 2012, there are countries, all around the world and in the Caribbean region still, in which the right to a high school education is still not yet a reality," asked Dr. Douglas, adding:

"We do, indeed, have a great deal to be thankful for. Thankful to the Labour Party of 80 years for. And we give thanks that Divine Providence blessed our St. Kitts and Nevis with the vision, the determination, and the unquestioned impact of men like Joseph Matthew Sebastian, Thomas Manchester, Robert Llewellyn Bradshaw, C. A. Paul Southwell, Joseph Nathaniel France, Lee Llewellyn Moore – and all those founders, the builders, and the defenders of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party…….and the visionaries, the engineers, and the shapers of our nation."

Dr. Douglas, who has been re-elected as Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher (Newton Ground to Harris) in six consecutive elections, pointed out that when the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party was first established in 1932, "our party was the voice of the poor – and only the poor."

"Indeed, at that time, St. Kitts and Nevis had almost nothing but the poor people of this country. We were a sea of incredible poverty, topped by scattered life-crafts of great wealth. And Labour, from Day One, set out to improve life for the poor and the children of the poor, in ways that they could never have imagined. It was our Party that worked to secure better wages for sugar workers, working side by side with the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Union.

As I have said, it was our Party that, despite heated local opposition, opened our high school to all children, permitting families, for the first time, to escape the crushing grip of poverty, to have expanded opportunities, respectability and upward social mobility."

Prime Minister Douglas, who has also led his St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party to four consecutive victories in national elections in 1995, 2000, 2004 and 2010, noted that the wider world began to change.

"And so, we moved to also provide university loans and scholarships, so that the children and grandchildren of the once locked-out would continue, at an even higher level, to stretch, to compete, and to soar. Real world training in fields as diverse as Information Technology and agriculture, tourism and beyond, have enhanced opportunities for all, and made possible the escape of thousands from the humiliation and poverty of yesteryear," said Prime Minister Douglas.

The Service began with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by the Opening Prayer by Rev. Father Canon Isaiah Phillip.

Deputy Party Leader, Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Sam Condor welcomed the congregation. The First Scripture was read by Shirley Williams and the Second Scripture by Party Chairman and Senior Minister, Dr. the Hon. Timothy Harris.

There were also a solo by Jewel Wattley, a dance by Kristal McLean, a poem by Sherlita Dore-Tyson, a rendition by the Labour Choir, the Voices of Praise Gospel Choir; congratulatory remarks from the President of the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union and the reading of Fraternal Greetings by Assistant National Secretary, Ms, Ghislyn Williams.

The sermon was delivered by the Rev Cannon Isaiah Phillip, Parish Priest.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps and Consular Corps and other invited guests

Political Leader of the St. Kitts and Nevis Labour Party, Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas.

Labour Party Leader and Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas and other Labour Leaders are escorted during the Recessional. (Photos by Willet's Photo).

PM Douglas scoffs at inaccurate and misleading statements

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – Political Leader of the governing St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party, Prime Minister the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas said it is a false statement that last Sunday's Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the Labour Party was held in St. Paul's – his own birthplace as well as that of First National Hero, First Premier and Father of Independence, the Right Excellent Sir Robert L. Bradshaw.

"The Party's 80th anniversary celebration was not held in St. Paul's, that's the first thing I must emphasize. It was held in St. Peters on Sunday. The church service was in St. Peter's and not in St. Paul's and even it was in St. Paul's so what. It would have been a fitting place for it to be held," said Prime Minister Douglas in response to PAM activist Silvine Henry, who called in to his weekly radio programme "Ask the Prime Minister" on Tuesday.

Dr. Douglas noted that the party's founder, Mr. Thomas Manchester was a planter in the Sandy Point area, so it could have also been held in Sandy Point.

"No problem at all. It has happened in the past. We've done that. It doesn't matter where a church service is held to launch the anniversary celebration of the party. The fact is that it was done in recognition of all of the good that party has done for 80 years for all of the people. There's no distinction between the rural and urban people anymore. That distinction is passed. In fact that is part of the legacy that we want to leave behind. That you would have so transformed this country, that there will be no great distinction in terms of opportunities, in terms of the physical built environmental, a development we would want to make sure that there is definitely no deficiency in the rural parts against in the urban parts considering how it used to be in the past," said Prime Minister Douglas.

Political Leader of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party, Prime Minister the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas greets a stalwart at Sunday's Thanksgiving Service.

Kristal McClean performing a dance during Sunday's Thanksgiving Service.

Labelling it a "laughable situation that this Labour Party is no longer Labour and that the Labour Party leader Dr. Denzil Douglas is a PAM," the St. Kitts and Nevis leader said:

"I am a Kittitian-Nevisian first. Secondly, I am proud member, supporter and leader of the St. Kitts- Nevis Labour Party. Some people don't like it at all, but that is a fact. And it would remain so until God is ready to take me away."

Prime Minister Douglas emphasised there is no question about the presence of young people in the hierarchy of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party and the influence that young people are making within the Party.

"That to a large extent has been encouraged. It has been encouraged from the very beginning of my own experience as a responsible person. I remember before I went off to university, i was identified to do medical studies in particular. I was identified as the person who would represent the Young Labour branches on the National Executive of the Party. So those who question my credentials need to question the wisdom of the great Leaders of the past, of the Party with whom I sat with in those difficult days when Labour was just about going into opposition and since Labour has been in opposition. So those who are questioning my credentials they have a lot a lot of questioning to do. The people know what I am and that is why they support me," said Dr. Douglas.

Dr. Douglas was first elected to the St. Kitts-Nevis National Assembly as the Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher 6 (Newton Ground to Harris' on March 21st 1989 and was elected Political Leader of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party in May that same year.

Dr. Douglas has been re-elected as Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher 6 in successive general elections on 29th November 1993; 3rd July, 1995; 6th March 2000; 25th October 2004 and January 25th 2010.

He has also been re-elected as Political Leader of the Labour Party at 23 consecutive annual conferences of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party.

Dr. Douglas, who made a Privy Councillor in November last year, has been appointed Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis for four consecutive terms.

Assistant National Secretary of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party, Ms. Ghislyn Williams delivering fraternal greetings at the Sunday's Thanksgiving Service.

Young Labour member Cedric Clarke, saying Special Prayers for the Federation at Sunday's Thanksgiving Service.

National Secretray of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party, Mrs. Diana Williams-Humphrey giving the Vote of Thanks at Sunday's Thanksgiving Service.

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The Sandy Point Labour Branch

will be holding a

Branch Meeting

on Sunday, 11th March, 2012

at Manchester Hall, Sandy Point

at 5:00 p.m.

Please be present and on time.

Central Bank Governor issues call for fundamental restructuring of the ECCU economies

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – A call has been made for a fundamental restructuring of the economies of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU).

The call has come from Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), Sir K. Dwight Venner, who said it is very clear from the current situation that there is need for a fundamental restructuring of the ECCU economies at the individual and collective levels.

"We have small, open, vulnerable and disaster-prone economies which are lagging in the Latin American and Caribbean region in growth, competitiveness, macro variables such as fiscal and debt, the doing business index, and other critical elements in the Global Competitiveness Index. We require a new strategy to address our structural challenges, which is the opportunity that the current crisis presents," said the Central Bank Governor, who added that the situation requires a bold step similar to that which occurred when the People's Republic of China decided to move from a Marxist economic system to a capitalist one, which has proven to be a case of successful experimentation based on pragmatism.

"In our case, the move would be from single-country economies to a multi-country economy, as provided for in the Revised Treaty of Basseterre," said Sir Dwight, who pointed out that the major issue faced is the strategy for the fundamental restructuring of the economies to address the long-run growth and development matters.

"A mature and intense discussion on these issues must take place, given the fact that we have well entrenched liberal democratic systems which have proven to be significant assets for us. However, we are limited by the restrictions of short-term electoral cycles which mitigate against serious long-term planning. Economic development is a dynamic and long-term process which is always in transition. We will therefore have to find the means to achieve social and political consensus on our long-term goals as an economic union.

Sir Dwight said that the first order of business is to have consensus on what kind of economies "we would like to aim at and have progressed toward by 2020, the timeframe envisaged for substantial achievement of our development objectives."

He said these objectives will have to be carefully spelt out in terms of growth, employment and the bench mark of the Human Development Indices (HDI).

"We then need to develop the appropriate policies, bearing in mind that in developing countries such as ours, policymaking is a cross between an art and a science and involves making judgements and correcting mistakes," said the Central Bank Governor, pointing out "we will have to experiment with the process of integration as we have identified it as the basic strategy for treating with our fundamental structural problems."

"Our economies must be integrated at the national level and across countries. The ECCU must then be effectively integrated into the wider regional and international systems so that we can align ourselves to the growth poles which present themselves as we shift to more flexible economic structures," said Sir Dwight, who noted that the Treaty of Basseterre, establishing the Economic Union in its legislative arrangements allows for the incorporation of the opposition, government and the public into the processes and this can provide a forum for consensus building.

He said there must also be provision for a policy framework and architecture to manage the newly created single space," pointing to four areas that are critical to the success of the process.

"They are a political framework that addresses the dual system of government and governance that must be put in place. The modernization of the regional and national public services to effectively and efficiently execute the policies which are set. The development of the private sector to operate across the length and breadth of the economic union and to transform itself into a sector which can be regionally and internationally competitive so that it can be a major foreign exchange earner and the development of a vibrant and innovative money and capital market system that can mobilize savings from both national and external sources and can efficiently allocate funds to the most productive enterprises," said Sir Dwight.

He added that within the single financial space there will have to be the rationalization of the financial institutions to facilitate financial stability and to promote growth and development.

"The nature and scope of this initiative is daunting but critical to our survival and success in the changed world in which we now exist. It is urgent that we start a major public discussion on these issues at all levels in our countries. Without a clear understanding of what is at stake and the role which the critical sectors, namely, the government, the private sector, and civil society would have to play, we will not succeed," said Sir Dwight.

Commenting on the issue with respect to the growth and economic development of the ECCU, Sir Dwight said member governments have identified the period of adjustment from January 2012 to December 2014 and that of transformation of the economies and the creation of a fully functional economic space from January 2015 to December 2020.

"To this end, member governments would continue to intensify the implementation of measures under the Eight Point Stabilisation and Growth Programme; collaborate on addressing the debt issues in the ECCU; and accelerate the process for the passage of the relevant legislation to facilitate the creation of the single economic and financial space," said the Central Bank chief.

He concluded that after that after three years of recession and in the face of the current circumstances, "we have no other viable option but to seize the opportunities provided by the Revised Treaty of Basseterre to create new political and economic arrangements to secure the future of the people of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union."

"The adjustment and transformation process is not going to be easy, but as Louis Brandeis reminds us: 'Most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they were done.' Let us continue to work together as citizens, business men and women and policy makers to prevail and achieve economic prosperity for our region."

Photo:

Federal and NIA Treasury Bills not affected

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) –Treasury Bills issued by the Federal Government of St. Kitts and Nevis and the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) are not affected by the debt restructuring programme.

This has been emphasised by Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas.

"If there were other ways in which I could get this point across, I would try them, but for now, I think the best way to make this point, really, is to stress once again, in the clearest possible terms, that Federal and Nevis Island Administration Treasury Bills are in NO WAY – absolutely no way – affected by this debt restructuring milestone," said Dr. Douglas during his radio call in programme "Ask the Prime Minister" on Tuesday.

The Monetary Council at the recent 72nd Meeting - Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) Governor, Sir K. Dwight Venner; Hon. Nazim Burke, Minister of Finance, Grenada; Chairman, Premier and Minister of Finance of Montserrat, Hon. Reuben T Meade; Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Dr. the Hon. Ralph Gonsalves; Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of St. Kitts and Nevis, the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas; Chief Minister and Minister of Finance of Anguilla, the Hon. Hubert Hughes; the Hon. Harold Lovell, Minister of Finance of Antigua and Barbuda; Mr. Isaac Anthony, Monetary Council Alternate, St. Lucia and Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Commonwealth of Dominica.

VIEW POINT

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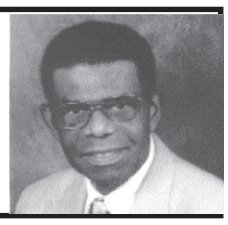

God – An Absolute Necessity

My use of the word NECESSITY will be used in a two-dimensional sense, i.e., horizontal and vertical. I propose to use it in a horizontal sense to make comparison and illustrate the spiritual or vertical sense of direction. Thanks for joining me.

A good starting point is a reference to our Lord's discourse in the Gospel of Matthew where He highlighted the importance of "Two Treasures" "Two Masters" and "Two Priorities" to teach a lesson on eternal matters. That age was not considered materialistic by any stretch of our imagination.

Today in our materialistic age, the "necessities of life" are vastly more complicated than food, drink and clothing over which we depend upon and worry about. It has become difficult to distinguish real needs and necessities from perceived ones, let alone luxuries.

So if we use these opening paragraphs as a back-drop for our topic today it would help us to understand the divine sense in which God is an Absolute Necessity.

Observe if you will, these two stanzas of a well known hymn: "I need Thee every hour most gracious Lord. No tender voice like Thine, can peace afford/I need Thee every hour in joy or pain. Come quickly and abide, or life is vain". Let us ask ourselves within the context of prayer and consecration what message and/or petition are we making to God.

When we express in the chorus, these words: "I need Thee, oh I need Thee, every hour I need Thee, Oh bless me now, my Saviour, I come to Thee". Is it because we recognize Him as "An Absolute Necessity? I believe the writer of the hymn felt so.

With respect, I submit to my readers that we shall never consider God to be "An Absolute Necessity" until we admit that He is "A Living Realty". From these two truths – the fact that God may be found and that for certain reasons some never find Him. On the other hand some never regard Him as An Absolute Necessity because the beggarly elements of this world and life are to them all that matter.

God's complaint against His people Israel was that they committed two evils: "They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water". (Jer 2:13).

Those broken cisterns only intensify their thirst which they profess to allay. By extension, therefore, if we are doing a similar thing by seeking satisfaction outside of God, it's liken to a man dropping buckets into an empty well and growing old in drawing up nothing.

WE NEED GOD

Philosophers have descanted on the immeasurable greatness of God, and on the infinitesimal littleness of man, yet have scorned the idea that friendship or fellowship can exist between the two.

Let us continue to develop the story found in the Book of Jeremiah alluded to above. They, meaning the people of Israel had turned to broken cisterns in their quest for satisfaction. If we are in the same or similar predicament, we can learn valuable lessons. Observe their folly in not recognizing God as an Absolute Necessity. In our case, let us not fail to realize that in God, there is an all-sufficiency of grace and strength. All our springs are in Him.

Think about it, throughout the years he has proven himself to be a fountain of living waters, over-flowing, ever-flowing in the gifts of His favour.

This hymn-writer was forced to confess his folly in these verses: "I tried the broken cistern, Lord, but, ah! The waters failed. Even as I stopped to drink, they fled and mocked me as I wailed.

I sighed for rest and happiness. I yearned for them not Thee. But while I passed my Saviour by, His love laid hold on me". How often has it been said that "man's extremity is God's opportunity"?

DON'T CHEAT YOURSELF

That's what the nation of Israel did. That's what certain individuals did. They cheated themselves by forsaking their own mercies for lying vanities. They took a great deal of pains to hew themselves out cisterns which proved to be broken cisterns that could hold no water.

Irony of ironies when they came to quench their thirst there they found nothing but mud and mire and the filthy sediments of a stagnant lake.

If we make the same mistake of leaving God out of our equation, out of our calculations, out of our thinking and plans and substitute broken cisterns like pleasure, wealth, fame and prestige as our source of happiness, we shall find them to be a big let down when we need them most. I'm putting it to you that none but Christ can satisfy, there's love and life and lasting joy to be found only in Him.

Think seriously about this final point. It is indisputable that the revelation of God's power and wisdom can be seen in nature. However, that is not the kind of knowledge for which our heart yearns.

It is not our intelligence merely that is a-thirst. What we crave is something more than a cause to explain why we exist. But being here upon the world's tossing sea, borne on by its mighty winds, our whence and our whether alike beyond the horizon where the clouds brood the waves, our souls are a-thirst for some sign of our mysterious guide, some living presence of responsive sympathy, amidst the silent surges that sweep us onward.

The life that is life indeed then comes from the knowledge of God in Christ. And that fact invests with new significance and attractiveness which the four Gospels portray Him to be as Saviour, Lord and Master.

I end with this verse: "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent". (John 17:3). You, my reader are invited to join those of us who can say: "I have Christ. What want we more?" Trust Him today!

New Child Welfare Board to be appointed

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, (CUOPM) – A new Child Welfare Board is to be appointed in keeping with government's obligation to the Federation's children to ensure, review and improve provisions for child protection and safety.

Minister of Health, Social Services, Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs, the Hon. Marcella Liburd, in her submission to the Cabinet of Ministers said the Board , under the auspices of the Probation and Child Welfare Board, is all the more important given the incidence of child abuse and the violation of the rights of the child.

The Minister counted it absolutely necessary for the Child Welfare Board to be active in the pursuit of the protection of the rights of the child.

"As such, the Minister recommended the appointment of a new Child Welfare Board that will monitor and evaluate services provided by government agencies, residential institutions and other entities which serve children and help shape their development," said Minister of Information, Sen. the Hon. Nigel Carty in the weekly post-Cabinet briefing.

He said Minister Marcella Liburd pointed out that it is paramount that the new Board be installed to help oversee the creation of the new child development policy and project, including the Horizon Co-Ed Centre in Harris'.

The new Child Welfare Board will draw membership from among educators, social workers, early childhood specialists, the medical profession, the Police, the legal fraternity and the clergy. Cabinet was exceptionally pleased to give strong support to Minister Liburd's proposal.

St. Kitts and Nevis has confirmed its allegiance to uphold the rights of the child to be protected in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding through its signing of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration of the Rights of the Child some years ago. Specifically, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes that the child should grow up in a family environment, in an atmosphere of happiness, to facilitate the full and harmonious development of the child's personality. The Declaration of the Rights of the Child establishes, among other things, the right of the child to special safeguards and care, including legal protection, suited to his or her level of physical and mental development.

Children at the Robert L. Bradshaw Child Care Center (Photo by Erasmus Williams)

PM Douglas hailed as "very far-sighted, visionary and persistent leader"

PSt. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas (center) accepts one of the 2,000 Laptop computers from Resident Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan), His Excellency Miguel Tsao (right). Minister of Technology and Youth Empowerment, Hon. Glenn Phillip is at left.

Photo by Erasmus Williams

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister the Right Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas has been hailed as a "very far-sighted, visionary and persistent leader committed to bringing all the new technology to the young generation for their own personal development."

This personal view was expressed by Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan), His Excellency Miguel Tsao as he symbolically presented 2,000 laptops to Prime Minister Douglas for distribution to students of all high schools in St. Kitts and Nevis.

In his brief remarks, the Taiwan diplomat issued a strong call for the recipients of the laptops to show their "appreciation to the Government for these hard-earned instruments, and also for engaging in many discussions to reach this important point in our goals."

"In addition to showing your appreciation, I implore the students to wisely and carefully use these tools, these laptop computers as sharpened weapons of learning and skills development, it will put the positive spin in your study and learning like the two-edged sword," said Ambassador Tsao, before presenting a laptop to Prime Minister Douglas.

Ambassador Tsao noted that Taiwan is a vital member of the global community with enviable track record of success in economic growth and educational development.

"We are convinced that we attribute this to our investment in education systems, in our students, in our schools and in information technology," said the Taiwan diplomat, who expressed the view that the future path of success and progress of St. Kitts and Nevis also lies in investment and development of the education.

CARIBBEAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS

EXECUTIVE SEARCH

The Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) is seeking a talented professional to join its senior management team in the capacity of Senior Assistant Registrar, Finance and Office Management. The position will be based at CXC's Headquarters in Barbados and will report to the Director, Corporate Services, CXC.

CORE DUTIES –SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, FINANCE AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT:

The successful applicant will be required to:

- Manage Financial Management Services. Maintain day-to-day financial control of the Council's assets and manage within the budget as agreed
- Office Management and Resource Allocation. Develop and manage the organisation's funding resources to secure present and future service delivery
- Financial Planning and Development. Take responsibility for overall management and delivery of the financial aspect of the business plan; In conjunction with the governing body, draft, monitor and assess financial aspects of the business and development plans
- Manage activities related to the annual Marking and Grading Programme. Manage the support services within the Finance and Office Management portfolio that facilitate the marking and grading programme.
- General Duties. Provide an interpretation of financial information; Monitor cash flow and use the same to predict future financial trends; Formulate strategies to be used in the long-term financial plans; Develop management mechanism in the finance department for the purpose of minimizing financial risk; Update the organisation regarding changes in legislation or regulations that may affect the Council's business operation.
- Such other duties as may be assigned by any duly authorized person from time to time

QUALIFICATIONS & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

The successful applicant must have:

- A recognised professional accounting designation
- A minimum of five years post-qualification experience in a service-based organisation
- Excellent analytical, organisational, interpersonal and communication skills
- A track record of effectively managing and motivating a team
- Experience with the operation of a medium to large accounting information system is an asset
- Intermediate or advanced proficiency in the use of the Microsoft Office Suite and computer applications such as ACCPAC.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE & COMPETENCIES FOR THE ROLE:

- Demonstrable track record of successful delivery of organisational transformation and change management on a number of high profile, strategic change projects or programmes
- Strategic outlook and capable of conceptual thinking and timely decision making
- Strong bias for action and capable of translating the strategic agenda into actionable, qualitative plans; conveys a sense of urgency and drive to closure.
- Comfortable performing multifaceted projects in conjunction with day-to-day activities
- Service oriented, yet able when necessary to be assertive/persuasive with internal and external customers.
- Superior interpersonal abilities. Ability to get along with diverse personalities, tactful, mature, flexible.
- Must be respectful of confidentiality required for the role and treat all issues in a manner that promotes the integrity of the Finance and Office Management function and CXC at large
- Ability to quickly establish credibility with team and others. A decisive individual who is able to flex to recognise and support the organisation's preferences and priorities.
- Participative management style—advocate of team concept
- Experience working with an education body will be an asset

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DEADLINE:

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The Registrar
Caribbean Examinations Council
Re: SAR, FOM

on or before **12 March 2012**. Only applicants who have been short-listed will be contacted. Thank you for your interest.

Residents Commit To Support Police

Basseterre, St. Kitts (SKNIS): Residents have embraced the presence of the new Dieppe Bay Police Station which opened in November last year, and have welcomed the increased role of law enforcement in the community.

During a recent public forum, persons thanked the police for their efforts to reduce the influence of antisocial elements and encouraged them to enhance their relationship with the nearby primary school, so as to positively impact the impressionable students.

The Sub-Divisional Commander of the Police District, Inspector Vaughan Henderson was interviewed on this week's edition of SKNIS Perspectives and explained that there has been an outpouring of support over the past weeks.

"There's an eagerness from the community to work closer with the police," Inspector Henderson revealed. "They initiated a beach cleanup in the area, some committed to beautify the area around the police station, and some even went into donating towards fencing the Dieppe Bay Police Station."

The senior law enforcement official noted that the cleanliness of the environment can positively influence the tranquility of the community and noted that the security forces welcomed the efforts to enhance the ambience of the area through cleanups and restorative work to dilapidated structures. He added that the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force was willing to lend assistance to support similar activities around the island where possible.

In addition, officers are being exposed to training in professionalism and customer service to foster better communication with the public.

"We always say that the customers of the police are not always the easier ones to deal with as they are either victims of crime or the perpetrators," Inspector Henderson said. "We believe that if we have strong interpersonal skills and good customer relations we can do a lot to mitigate some of the grief that our customers may be feeling due to the circumstances that cause them to come into contact with our officers."

These efforts are of the police initiative to take back the streets and restore public trust and confidence.

The introduction of electricity into St. Kitts – Part 11

BY EARL CLARKE

Dear Reader: In my enthusiasm to educate you about the introduction of electricity to St. Kitts, I forgot to tell you the story of the white cat. I cannot remember the name of the owner of the cat, but I recall that the cat itself was called Alfred.

The owner of the cat left Alfred outside one night by mistake. Early the next morning, she went looking for Alfred, a white cat and, as she kept calling Alfred, Alfred, this black cat came running and snuggling up to her. At first she did not take it on but then it dawned on her that the soot from the power plant had painted her cat from white to black.

Regardless of how much she tried to wash the cat, it never did change back to its original fluffy white colour. In those days we did not know about liquid bleach, we only knew about caustic soda and this would have been injurious to the life of the cat.

When electricity was introduced about 98% of the population of Basseterre used Zulu Lamps. This was a small lamp with a rounded wick which had to be trimmed constantly to avoid soot from spurting out in the little "1x1" rooms in which people lived. Those who could not afford to purchase lamps, used candles; but candles were very dangerous because, when the wind blew, the cheap curtain which was hung on the windows to give the "1x1" room an air of respectability, caught fire and made those residents homeless.

When they were introducing and expanding the service even up into the early fifties, there were a few electrocutions which led to the instilling of fear into the ordinary people's mind that electricity, like candles would burn down your house.

As a small boy, after leaving school, I could have had my first job as an electrician at the Sugar Factory with Doc Hanley. My grandmother said that electricity would burn me up and she did not want any electricity to burn up her first Grandchild. I went to work at AM Losada Ltd as a store boy. Such was the far of electricity in the minds of the older folks and it existed for a very long time.

Although we were not blessed with the privilege of enjoying electricity, we did enjoy the fort-nightly natural beauty of the moonlight. In our day, fourteen days seemed like fourteen years, but we waited patiently for it, because we could sit on the steps of our houses and speak about 'jumbies' and 'jacklantans' in the hills.

When not talking stories, we played peewit, hiding and dodging hoop. Peewit is a harder version of hoop. We hid in trees, under houses, in dark places. The person who was supposed to catch us had to have his hand over his eyes and could not move them until somebody who was hiding, shouted "ready".

If he or she did not find us in our hiding places and shouted catch you and we all ran back to our original place before hiding, he would become he catcher again, but, if he catches someone, that person would become the new catcher.

Then there was a game called "O yeah pass the anna". This was mostly played by the older folks who would start at Caunt Street and end up at Fort Thomas Road. The whole neighbourhood would join in. You stood face to face, according to your height. You held hands, fingers between fingers and everybody would start singing "Oh yeah pass the anna".

The shortest couple would bend their heads and shoulders and move up to the tallest couples who would wait until everybody has passed them before coming under the hands of the shortest couple. This line will be formed and reformed until it reaches Irish Town. The same procedure recurs until everybody returns to Caunt Street, wash their feet under the pipe, enter their "1x1" tenements, there to sleep until awakened by the crowing cocks.

My grandmother told me that, before electricity was expanded to New Town, iron lamp posts were installed at every corner of a street. Every evening, a gentleman would come with a lighted lantern and hang it up on the lamp-post. When electricity finally reached the poorer areas, only the retail shops and the rum shops were able to afford the facility.

When the Sugar Crop ended and we no longer heard the double horn for 9:00 pm, the closing of the rum shop doors was the signal for us that it was time to go to the lone stand pipe to wash our feet and reach inside the house before the last rum shop window was closed. The lighted oil lantern gave way to the lone lamppost and we, the offspring of our parents, fought for space (some thirty of us) in order to complete our home work for school the next day.

The word New Town, is a two letter word, for it was a New Town which emerged to relieve the slums of Irish Town where Irish Immigrants lived and also to relieve the congestion of McKnight where government wanted to purchase the land to give to the people, but was bluntly refused by persons who did not want us to enjoy the privileges that they enjoyed.

So Mr. Bradshaw acquired Corner House Cane Field to extend the new, New Town. The younger generation wanted to listen to radio and record players, so Mr. Bradshaw and the other Comrades deemed it a duty to facilitate them. Pond's Pasture opened up, Bird Rock, Suncrest developed and the children of ordinary folks migrated to these areas. They could not migrate with their Zulu Lamps. When you migrate, you do so to enjoy a better life.

You see dear reader, Mr. Bradshaw and his team were visionaries. They wanted to rid the people of the fear of electricity. They wanted the ordinary folks and their children to enjoy what the 2% population of the privileged were enjoying. Mr. Bradshaw and his comrades passed legislation introducing the Floor Space for electricity in 1965, making it cheaper for those who were adding on a little addition to the small homes and to enjoy the new facility.

It was good thinking; it was a caring gesture from a government which introduced Adult Suffrage in 1952. Sometimes, the Masses need to be educated in order to alert them as to what the intentions are for them. Here was a people who were accustomed to their Zulu Lamps and emerging from that age to the use of electricity age, but with some apprehension – some uncertainty. Legislation which would work for their common good, but change is hard to accept, especially when people are uneducated and so, those who would have had to pay more for electricity because they owned the bigger houses, jumped in among the masses, instilling fear nd doubt and promising to burn kerosene lamps with the masses. They organized a demonstration against the Floor Space Legislation and the People's Action Movement emerged.

It took a lot of Public Meetings to rectify what should have been done in the first place. This has been the root cause of the organization which represents the Masses. When the Power Plant was located at Central Street and polluted the health, the lives, the environment of the masses, did any of the privileged show any concern?

When people were being carted to the Cunningham Hospital regularly, suffering from Tuberculosis, where were the concerns? If a woman's cat could change from fluffy white to fluffy black and could not convert back to its original colour, could you imagine how the inside of every human being who lived in that area looked? Just close your eyes and imagine.

Then, when we were not to breathe in any more soot and enjoy a higher standard of living like them, they came showing concern for us. Not one of them burned a lantern or a Zulu Lamp. Dear reader, whenever and whoever you ever heard of the privileged, showing concern for us?

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A. D. 2012

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE FEB 14 2012 @ 3:05 PM ST. CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS

SKBHMT2007/0073

BETWEEN:

CHARMAINE WARNER nee PEMBERTON Applicant/Petitioner

and

JAMES ELVETT WARNER Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Court House, Judicial and Legal Complex, East Independence Square, Basseterre, St Kitts, on 15th ~~the~~ day of March, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. o'clock in the forenoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land being Lot C22 of the Bird Rock Commercial and Residential Development in the Parish of St. George and containing by admeasurement Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Seven (9,997) square feet all as the same is to say: On or towards the North West by Lot C20, 100.00 feet; On or towards the North East by a Proposed Road, 100.00 feet, On or towards the South East by Lot C 24, 100.00 feet and On or towards the South West by Lot C 21, 100.00 feet however otherwise described in a Certificate of Title dated the 30th day of November, 1988 and registered **in Book A2 Folio 234** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **JAMES WARNER and CHARMAINE WARNER** of Cardin Avenue, Basseterre in the Island of Saint Christopher as registered proprietors thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC$910,000.00.**

Dated the 21st day of February, 2012

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Registrar of the Supreme Court

Minister of Co-operatives Dr Harris Expects St. Kitts Taxi Co-operative to be a Model in the Region

Dr the Hon Timothy Harris, Senior Minister and Minister of Co-operatives on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, urged taxi operators to rise to the occasion and by the dint of their hard work and entrepreneurial zest, to make their new office as a springboard for their better organization, efficiency and effectiveness.

Dr Harris encouraged the 30 member Co-operative to work together and to show solidarity at all times in the furtherance of their organization's interest. He encouraged them to make the Coop meaningful to the lives of their members. Dr Harris was handing over a cheque of just over EC$28,000 to the St. Kitts Taxi Co-operative Society on behalf of the CIDA/Canada Fund for Local Initiatives.

The cheque handing over ceremony was witnessed by many taxi operators, including Leonard Herbert, President of the St. Kitts Taxi Co-operative, and Clive Thompson, Registrar of Cooperatives. Pastor W. Buchanan invoked God's blessing, and Mr. Leroy Jones chaired the proceedings while Shirley Garvey (taxi operator) gave the vote of thanks.

This project has enabled the St Kitts Taxi Co-operative Society to establish a functional office upstairs NR Sales on the Bay Road, Basseterre, through the procurement of furniture and equipment. The project will also facilitate the production of promotional materials such as brochures, a website, video and training in areas such as customer service, communication, health and hygiene, product development, teamwork, leadership and know your country.

The St. Kitts Taxi Co-operative Society Ltd. would like to position itself to adopt a more business-like approach in creating work for its members by establishing direct linkages with local cruise ship agents and other stakeholders in the tourist industry. It also hopes to attract tour jobs from tourism stakeholders.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A. D. 2012
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19

Claim No. SKBHCV2012/0072

IN THE MATTER of Section 12(c) of the Title by Registration Act Cap. 10.19

And

IN THE MATTER of an Application for a FIRST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE by JOSEPH WYATT

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

For Certificates of Title and notings thereon, and caveats, for the week ending the 24th day of February 2012.

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Request, whether for Certificate of Title, or noting thereon, or caveat
30th September, 2011	Joseph Wyatt of Half Way Tree Housing Project, in the Island of Saint Christopher, by his Solicitor, Sherry-Ann Liburd of Gonsalves Hamel-Smith	Certificate of Title for all that lot piece or parcel of land situate at Crab Hill, Sandy Point, in the Parish of St. Ann, St. Kitts and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: - On the North by an Alley 38.08 feet; On the East by SSMC Railway 70.75 feet; On the South by an Alley 35.00 feet; and on the West by a right of way 71.25 feet and containing by admeasurement 2589 square feet.

Dated the 24th day of February 2012

Registrar of Titles

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IN THE MATTER of Section 12 of the Title by Registration Act Cap. 10.19

And

IN THE MATTER of an Application for a FIRST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE by VINSTON SMITHEN

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

For Certificates of Title and notings thereon, and caveats, for the week ending the 17th day of February 2012.

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Request, whether for Certificate of Title, or noting thereon, or caveat
12th December 2011	VINSTON SMITHEN as sole executor in the estate of Ernest Smithen (also known as Ernest St. Clair Smithen formerly known as Ernest St. Clair Hendrickson of Bird Rock, Basseterre, St. Kitts by his Solicitor, Sherry-Ann Liburd of Gonsalves Hamel-Smith	Certificate of Title for ALL that lot piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 6,137 square feet situate at Irish Town, Basseterre, St. Kitts and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by Fort Thomas Road 30.45 feet, 16.49 feet, 21.44 feet and 5.38 feet; On or towards the East North – East by lands of Vinston Smithen, 47.88 feet; On or towards the South – East by lands of Homer Smithen, 83.99 feet; On or towards the South by Bay Road, 17.25 feet; On or towards the West partly by a 3 feet Wide Alley and partly by lands of D. A. Stevens, 65.95 feet; On or towards the South by lands of D. A. Stevens 15.69 feet; On or towards the West by lands of Samuel J. Webster 18.89 feet; On or towards the South by lands of Samuel J. Webster, 33.16 feet; On or towards the North – West by Durant Avenue 22.99 feet, 18.15 feet and 8.50 feet all as the same is delineated and described in the survey plan made by J. R Buchanan Licensed Land Surveyor dated 10th August 2011.

Dated the 16th day of February 2012

Registrar of Titles

St. Kitts And Nevis Ratifies Maritime Labour Convention

Basseterre, St. Kitts (SKNIS): The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis was proud to join the ranks as one of only a few Caribbean nations to ratify the International Labour Organization (ILO) Maritime Labour Convention (MLC, 2006).

This move will promote decent working and living conditions for seafarers and create conditions of fair competition for ship-owners and is an almost immediate follow-up to a visit of (ILO) Department of Labour Standards Director Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry in February.

Dr. Doumbia-Henry described St. Kitts and Nevis as adding itself to the global effort for widespread ratification and effective implementation of the Convention.

"Today, on the eve of the sixth anniversary of the adoption of the historic Maritime Labour Convention, it gives me great pleasure to receive yet another ratification from an island nation of the Caribbean" said Dr. Doumbia-Henry. "Indeed the ratification of the MLC, 2006 by St. Kitts and Nevis adds itself to those of Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines making the Caribbean one of the leading regions in the global effort for widespread ratification and effective implementation of the Convention."

In communicating the instrument of ratification, Honourable Sam Condor, Minister of Labour stated that ratifying this convention is a signal to the international maritime community that St. Kitts and Nevis is committed to carrying out its obligations as a responsible state under whose laws commercial vessels may be registered.

"The Federation of St Kitts and Nevis has been a flagship state since 2005 with approximately 1000 ships on its registry, and by ratifying this critical Convention the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis is hereby signalling to the rest of the international maritime community that it is committed to carrying out its obligations as a responsible Flag State" said Minister Condor. "Accordingly, the Government of St Kitts and Nevis commits itself to provide the necessary legislative infrastructure and to support and uphold all the principles enshrined in the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006."

With the ratification of the MLC, 2006 by St. Kitts and Nevis, 23 ILO member States, representing over 56 per cent of the world gross tonnage of ships, are now parties to the Convention. With seven new ratifications having been registered in the last six months, it is expected that the remaining seven ratifications will be received in the very near future making it possible for the MLC, 2006 to enter into force in early 2013.

Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Affairs

A LOOK AT THE SUPERMARKET PRICES

Collected in St. Kitts - 27th February 2012

Basseterre Zone

Key: Highest Price / Lowest Price

Commodities	Brand	Unit	Rams	C&C	Kings Pavilion	Valu Mart	Best Buy
Wings	No Name	per lb	$5.53	$5.49	$5.80	$5.79	$5.30
Leg Quarters	No Name	per lb	$3.38	$3.75	-	$3.26	-
Drumsticks	No Name	per lb	$3.49	$4.26	$3.50	$3.99	$4.48
Backs	No Name	per lb	$2.19	$2.05	$1.60	-	$1.98
Thighs	No Name	per lb	$4.56	$4.75	$3.39	$3.99	$4.82
Neck	No Name	per lb	$2.34	$2.64	$2.17	-	$1.98
Salt Fish	No Name	per lb	$17.25	$16.64	$18.25	-	$14.92
Mackerel	No Name	per lb	$19.71	$12.48	-	-	$13.84
Mutton	No Name	per lb	$13.96	$12.36	$16.50	$14.62	$12.42
King Fish	No Name	per lb	$13.98	$13.95	-	$12.99	$10.56
Marlin	No Name	per lb	-	-	$10.50	$10.53	-
Pig Snout	No Name	per lb	$8.07	$8.95	-	-	$7.08
Pig Tail	No Name	per lb	$7.61	$9.36	$7.50	-	$7.24
Mac & Cheese	Kraft	7.25 oz	$3.48	$3.50	$3.25	$3.35	$2.82
Margarine - Glow Spread	Roberts	454 g	$7.85	$7.96	$7.85	$7.85	$7.65
Margarine - Glow Spread	Roberts	4 lbs	$32.21	$32.48	$32.20	$32.25	$31.43
Butter	Blue Band	445g	$7.99	$7.94	$8.00	$8.05	-
Butter	Blue Band	2.25 kg	$38.98	$39.01	$38.05	$38.39	-
Processed Cheese	Tastee	1.0 kg	$45.63	-	$43.45	-	-
Processed Cheese	Crest	1.0 kg	-	$47.39	-	-	$45.06
Vegetable Oil	Oilio	2 L	$21.65	$21.83	$30.00	-	-
Sardines	Brunswick	106 g	$3.25	$3.40	$3.30	$3.25	$3.06
Corned Beef	Exeter	12 oz	$9.95	$10.53	$11.36	$10.45	$11.64
Vienna Sausage	Libby's	5 oz	$1.99	$2.59	$2.15	$2.49	$1.99
Vienna Sausage	Grace	5oz	-	$3.51	$3.23	$3.23	-
Tuna	Starkist	5 oz	-	-	$3.20	$2.98	$3.46
Tuna	Bumble Bee		$3.94	$3.10	$3.28	$3.85	$2.99
Wheat & Honey	Nestle	300 g	$7.34	$8.60	$7.35	-	$7.35
5 Cereal	Nestle	400 g	$7.34	$7.35	-	$8.38	$7.38
Cerelac	Nestle	400 g	$11.50	$11.50	$11.50	$11.49	-
Nido	Nestle	2500 g	$99.00	$101.00	$110.00	$99.99	$101.83
Tomato Ketchup	Hunts	16 oz	$8.07	-	$8.38	$9.95	$7.07
Tomato Ketchup	Heinz	36 oz	-	$11.64	-	$14.80	-
Tomato Ketchup	Swiss	750 ml	$6.45	$6.50	$6.45	-	-
Cloth Touch	Teddies	20 (5)	$20.50	$20.80	$20.25	-	-
Snug & Dry - Reg	Huggies	36 (3)	$33.99	$37.55	$36.60	$37.49	$33.50
Adult Pampers	Depend	S/M (18)	$47.21	-	$55.50	$55.50	$47.78
Adult Pampers	Depend	L/XL (16)	$47.21	$64.95	$55.50	$73.50	$46.07

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As part of its outreach programme, the Consumer Affairs Division (CAD) publishes supermarket prices for the period of 27th February 2012 collected in St. Kitts as shown in the table. The information is published under our consumer awareness programme and does not constitute an attempt to advertise for any business establishment.

Consumers are encouraged to call 467-1673/1546/1617 with comments.

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Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Affairs

A LOOK AT THE SUPERMARKET PRICES

Collected in St. Kitts - 27th February 2012

Rural Zone

Key: Highest Price / Lowest Price

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Backs	No Name	per lb	$2.34	$2.05	$2.20
Thighs	No Name	per lb	$3.76	$3.75	$3.30
Neck	No Name	per lb	$2.63	$2.20	$2.68
Salt Fish	No Name	per lb	$16.85	$16.16	$16.50
Mackerel	No Name	per lb	$19.78	$11.00	$13.35
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Processed Cheese	Crest	1.0 kg	$46.79	-	$46.79
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Sardines	Brunswick	106 g	$3.25	$3.25	$3.37
Corned Beef	Exeter	12 oz	$9.75	$9.95	$9.95
Vienna Sausage	Libby's	5 oz	$2.25	$2.25	$2.26
Vienna Sausage	Grace	5oz	$3.25	$3.40	-
Tuna	Starkist	5 oz	$3.99	-	-
Tuna	Bumble Bee		$3.95	-	$3.95
Wheat & Honey	Nestle	300 g	$7.35	$7.35	-
5 Cereal	Nestle	400 g	$7.35	-	$7.35
Cerelac	Nestle	400 g	$11.50	$11.50	$11.50
Nido	Nestle	2500 g	$101.00	-	$101.00
Tomato Ketchup	Swiss	750 ml	$6.44	$7.20	$7.20
Snug & Dry - Reg	Huggies	36 (3)	$37.50	$37.50	-
Soap Powder	Roma	5 kg	$46.33	$48.10	$46.99

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Remarks By Hon. Sam Terrence Condor Deputy Prime Minister At the St. Kitts- Nevis Labour Party 90th Anniversary Church Service St .Peter's Anglican Church Sunday 26th February, 2012

Allow me at the very outset to proffer words of thanks and appreciation to Cannon Reverend Isaiah Phillip and the entire Church Family here at St. Peter's Anglican Church, for agreeing to accommodate the St. Kitts –Nevis Labour Party in this act of Thanksgiving in celebration of 80 years

of service to our people and our Nation.

I am, together with my colleagues in the leadership, honoured and humbled to with be all of the stalwarts and well-wishers gathered in this House of the Lord, to give Him praise; to honour Him and to glorify Him. And indeed, we do thank our Lord for His Guidance, undergirding and protection throughout all these 80 years.

For God has been mighty good to us! All that has been achieved is as a result of His great love, grace and mercy towards us.

And so I extend heartfelt welcome to all who have come today, to give Him all the honour due unto Him.

This is, we will all agree, a most significant milestone for this great Organization, founded by stalwarts of conscience, valour, vision, piety and commitment.

In fact, one might even say that this Anniversary signals another of those defining moments/periods, in the life of the Organisation, coming as it does, in the midst of one of the world's greatest Economic Downturns, with all of its implication for our small, developing economy.

Our people are again feeling the brunt of hardship and are looking once more, to the Labour Leadership to assist us all to hold on to the gains we have made as a people, while we contend for a share of what is yet available in the global economy. As our late Comrade, Sir Joseph Nathaniel France would put it! " Hold and Contend"!

And so today, even as we, the grateful inheritors of their great legacy, raise our prayers of Thanksgiving for the architects, leaders and all those steadfast soldiers of our beloved Labour Party, we are acutely cognizant of the compelling need for internal or self examination.

We must now make a serious assessment of our stewardship in this critical period in our history. It is imperative that we measure-up today, eighty (80) years on, to their lives of servant-hood; and importantly, to the ideals for which they stood!

For indeed it was their Servant - Leadership stance; their engrossed involvement in the everyday life of our people; their love of the Land of their Birth; their appreciation and understanding of their Birth – Right; their quest to restore the rights and privileges due to the natives of this Land; their piety and their accepted duty to God, that lead them to champion the cause of the downtrodden, oppressed and marginalised.

For so it was, that when, like the children of Israel, the cries of the Masses went up to God, he provided a Deliverer/ an Organization, as outlined in the Book of Exodus.

Such were the conditions that gave rise to our Labour Party, under the Motto-"For The Good That We Can Do". The Labour movement has always been about serving the people!

The Labour Leaders made it quite clear from the very beginning, that their special interest, concern and commitment was to work together/ struggle together, to restore our Birth Right. And so they fought to bring about equal opportunities and achievements, in the name of fairness and justice.

Their strength had its roots in an ever Faithful God; and was nourished and nurtured by the unwavering support of the Masses; the Labour stalwarts, whose hopes were rooted in their God; and whose trust was grounded in these loyal, selfless and trustworthy Leaders.

Thank God for our Moses and Joshua, who led our people out of deprivation, suffering and want; to restore their Rights of ownership and other privileges due to us through birth.

We gained Adult Suffrage (the right to vote), proper Health Care, Housing, Education, Ownership of our Lands, with all of the benefits to be derived there from; and so much more.

Today, we are afforded the opportunity, as we worship in this House of the Lord, to pledge that with His help and guidance; and with the advice support and experience of our Party's and Country's Elders, never to allow the gains made, to slip from our Hands.

And this is a real possibility, as we wrestle with the intricacies of surviving the ravages of the present Economic Downturn. But it would certainly be foolhardy to give up, exchange or trade what is enduring for what is transitory.

We know the story of Esau of Biblical times who gave away his

entire inheritance for some stew- "a mess of Pottage," because he was hungry and wanted some food. Jacob had the food and was eager to make a deal to do Esau out of his inheritance and cause his utter destruction.

And then there was King Rehoboam, King Solomon's Son and Successor, who had all the advise needed from the people of Israel in general; and from his father's elders, in particular. In 2 Chronicles 10, they beseeched him to be kind; and to lighten the burden of the people who were hard-pressed. He chose instead to listen to the advice of his young, inexperienced friends, to add to the people's suffering. He lost the support of the people; and in the end Rehoboam, like Esau, gave it all away.

The Bible lessons are ever relevant. The consequences of poor decision-making are ruinous.

We must thus be eternally vigilant; extra careful regarding, not only the advice taken, but also the giver of the advice. The advisor must always have a true appreciation of the critical importance of our gains and possessions, to our survival as a people and to our future progress.

Esau may not have taken external advice like Rehoboam, but listened instead to his personal want and greed, causing his own downfall.

We pray today for a re-awakening of our conscience, consciousness and our spirituality, so that we can walk with unwavering faith, with our God, through what ever the challenges, to solidify our foundation. Thus we can clearly see the pitfalls ahead, and work to revive ourselves and country, going forward.

As a God-fearing people, I remind us, as I often remind myself, that "many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all". Psalm 34:9.

In 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, the Apostle Paul declared "we are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed, perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

"I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, whose knees have not bowed down to Baal, and all those whose mouths have not kissed Him", God said to Elijah in 1 Kings 18 – as a reminder that he was not alone, when he feared for the worse.

I am not alone! you are not alone! We are not alone! So we must Stand—Still Stand! in the face of great difficulties; like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abendigo, Rahab, Esther, Modecai etc; in an effort to revive the future hope of our people, even in these testing times. God honours the pledge of the faithful; and preserves them, even in their striving. He has done it for those of Biblical times mentioned—

He can do it again..... in fact He will do it again —for us.

Today, in this House of the Lord, I renew my covenant of service to my people and my God; and pray that I would be found Faithful.

Again, as I extend a sincere welcome to one and all, I say, it is good to be in the House of the Lord. May this service be a blessing to us all; and may we leave here refreshed and inspired to continue our service of love.

So tell me

By Jean Thomas

A peculiar people

I was on an aircraft travelling to and from England, when the airhostess came around in the aircraft selling their duty free goods.

Perched on top of the trolley were packets of cigarettes, with a big warning on the box "Cigarettes can kill". I said to myself, well at least the manufacturers/producers are giving fair warning.

However, I noted that passengers were purchasing their cigarettes and I could not help but think to myself. Only a human being would do this to himself or herself. Deliberately buy some goods or products that are not good for the body. We seem to delight in doing things like that.

As I reflected, (one has plenty of time to reflect on such a long journey} why do we do this. True we have choices and eventually we all die. Something will get us in the end but why smoking – I have never smoked, so I have to be careful here but for a few moments of enjoyment – looking at people who smoke, they seem to enjoy inhaling in the nicotine. I am also aware that it is an industry that provides jobs for people.

The power of free choice is what gets us in the end. I am very happy that smoking is not permitted in public places and on public transportation since inhaling the nicotine in a room can also affect the non smoker.

So tell me, don't you agree that we are a peculiar people? If you have never smoked, then think about it before you try it, since it becomes a habit, a habit that is not easily broken. I have seen patients who smoked, gasping for their lives in the end all because of their free choice to smoke. I think to myself I have been given warning and it is not something that I wish to try out. I thank the producers and makers of these products for alerting me to this hazard.

St. Kitts and Nevis represented at 'Preventing crimes among youths meeting'

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – St. Kitts and Nevis will be represented at the Second Meeting of the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) Technical Working Group (TWG) on Preventing Crime by Focusing on At Risk Youths and Vulnerable Populations.

The TWG is one of the four Working Groups under the CBSI which includes CARICOM, the Dominican Republic and the United States. This Working Group has been established to advise on the development of cross-cutting, comprehensive, and regional approaches to crime prevention with a particular focus on Education, Workforce Development, Civic Participation and Juvenile Justice Sector Reform.

Mr. Kennedy Pemberton

The two-day Meeting will be attended by Senior Youth Officer, Mr. Kennedy Pemberton, of the Department of Youth and Sgt. Adolph Adams of the Royal St.

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Thousands of homes rising up on the canefields for the people of St. Kitts and Nevis

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (CUOPM) – St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, National Leader of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) which has largely been responsible for providing housing for the ordinary man and woman in the twin-island federation, said the canefields of yester-year, are now littered with thousands of homes.

"God has, indeed, been merciful. Abused Kittitians and Nevisians 80 years ago had to hide and cower to eat even a small piece of cane from the cane field where their own parents worked and which as workers they weeded. Today, they see modern homes springing up in those same fields – homes which they, their friends, and others previously excluded from land and home ownership, can now own and use as collateral and pass on from one generation to the next thus creating wealth for our people," said Prime Minister in brief remarks at a Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday last, February 26th at the St. Peter's Anglican Church to mark the Labour Party's 80th Anniversary.

"It is a painful truth that when our Party was first established, ordinary people were being so exploited that many of them had no shoes to wear. It is difficult to say today but it is true, I went to school without shoes and they always said it was Bradshaw in particular and Labour in general for placing shoes on their feet and they are right to say so. Difficult to say, but true. And so today, we reflect and we can say what a great distance they have travelled together," said Dr. Douglas to the congregation.

"Today I thank each and every one of you, because with your support throughout the years, we can say that our Party is unsurpassed in its legacy that it has left and will continue to leave behind for generations to come. As your Party Leader, elected by you to serve you, I am truly grateful and honoured to be a part of that legacy of Labour," said Dr. Douglas, who has been political leader since 1989 and has also led his St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party to four consecutive victories in national elections in 1995, 2000, 2004 and 2010.

Thousands of homes have been built and thousands on land lots have been allocated to individuals for home construction and other uses including farming and livestock raising and new businesses.

In the 2010 national elections the governing St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party recommitted itself to make the creation of home ownership a priority in the new five-year term.

The Labour Party, which renewed its mandate with the people of St. Kitts and Nevis on January 25th, 2010 had built over 4,000 homes over the past 14 years.

The latest statistics indicate that the Labour Party Administration of Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas built and facilitated the construction of 4,053 homes between July 1995 and December 2009. This is compared to the 251 homes built by the former Peoples Action Movement (PAM) of The Right Hon. Dr. Sir Kennedy Simmonds.

The Labour Party built homes through the National Housing Corporation (NHC) programmes in 44 new locations and 16 existing locations, a total of 60 locations compared to 16 locations by the former PAM Administration.

The quality of the homes built and provided to nationals and their families is also important in the provision of a comfortable residence.

New areas where homes were built by the Labour Administration are in St. Christopher 1 – Pond's Pasture, Pond's Estate, Taylors, Gillard, New Town and New Road; St. Christopher 2 – Dorset, Pine Gardens, Mc Knight and Boone Avenue and Lockhart Street; St. Christopher 3 – La Guerite, Buckleys, Shadwell, Trafalgar, Bay View, Camps, West Farm, The Abbots, and Garveys; St. Christopher 4 – Challenges, Green Tree, Verchilds, Conyers, Middle Island, Con Phipps and Harry Phipps.

Other new areas where homes were built by the Labour Administration since 1995 are St. Christopher 5 – Fig tree; Newton Ground, St. Paul's, Dieppe Bay, Parsons, Pogson, Lavington, Saddlers and Harris; St. Christopher 7 – Belle Vue, Mansion, Christ Church, Phillips' Upper Bourryeaux, Lodge Village and Ottley's; St. Christopher 8 – Ottley's, Keys and St. Peters.

The Labour Administration in line with several National Housing Corporation (NHC)-sponsored programmes built 159 homes in St. Christopher 1; 250 homes in St. Christopher 2; 223 homes in St. Christopher 3; 191 homes in St. Christopher 4; 116 homes in St. Christopher 5; 342 homes in St. Christopher 6; 352 homes in St. Christopher 7 and 384 homes in St. Christopher 8 – a total of 2,017.

Photos of homes taken at Buckley's last Saturday 25th January 2012
(photos by Erasmus Williams)

SAGICOR LIFE INC

MRS. LINNETTA A. TROTMAN, having made sworn deposition that **Policies No. 055400750 issued by Sagicor Life Inc on the life of MR. MORLEY L. TROTMAN, has been lost**, and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated 28th February, 2012

By Order

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Corporate Secretary

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With the assistance of the Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis, 2,036 homes were built – for a total of 4,053. It must be pointed out that this 4,053 does not include private homes built by individuals on their own or with financing from other financial institutions.

The Labour Party in its 2010 Manifesto said it understands the far-reaching benefits of home ownership and the dramatic difference that owning a home can make in a person's life.

"When Labour creates a new homeowner, it opens, for that person, doors to bank loans,wealth accumulation, business opportunities, social progress, social status, economicsecurity and inter-generational economic security," it said.

The Labour Party reiterated that it knows that when someone acquires a home for the first time, "control an asset whose value increases from year to year; are freed from the un-ending obligation to pay rent cannot look forward to the day when rent nor mortgage payments will be necessary and will have these newly freed funds for investments or other purposes."

The Labour Government's mechanisms for expanded home ownership include the Special Land Initiative, the National Housing Corporation and the Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis.

"Labour is continuing to provide additional lands, additional homes, additional assets, additional security – and real economic power – to the people of the federation," said the manifesto.

The incumbent Labour Government said it is offering tax relief to commercial banks that ease credit terms to first-time minimum wage purchasers, but an EC$10 million standby facility is being established at the Development Bank in case this offer is not accepted.

SKELEC: Sunday Electricity Supply Interruptions Rectified

Basseterre, St. Kitts (February 27, 2012) — The St. Kitts Electricity Company Limited (SKELEC) in a release issued on Monday, stated that it had rectified a number causes of electricity supply interruptions that occured on Sunday.

Chief Technical Officer John Krupski stated, "At approximately 2:11pm on Sunday, a line-to-line fault (two high tension lines that come into contact with each other) occurred on lines connected to the Bayfords feeder, which caused a stage-two shut down at the generation plant. A stage-two shut down at the generation plant is a safety meachanism that interrupts supply to the Bayfords, C. A. Paul Southwell Industrial Site, SSMC, Cayon, and Sandy Point feeders."

Krupski further stated, "At approximately 2:20pm, electricity supply was restored to the C. A. Paul Southwell Industrial site and SSMC feeders. At approximately 3:13pm, supply was restored to the Sandy Point and Cayon feeders. At approximately 6:28pm, supply was restored to the Bayfords feeder, bringing total restoration to the areas affected earlier in the day. On Monday morning, a maintenance crew was dispatched to the Cedar Grove area to complete preventative remedial work on affected lines."

"Finally, also on Sunday, a transformer in the Bird Rock area failed, causing an outage in the area. The transformer was replaced late Sunday evening and electricity supply to that area was restored. A maintenance crew was dispatched on Monday morning to conduct further repairs."

SKELEC said it regretted any inconveniences that the brief interruption in electricity supply may have caused and reiterated its commitment to provide reliable electricity supply to all of its customers.

SPOKESMAN SPORT

Leeward Island Masters Cricket Tournament 2012 Anguilla

The following players are selected to represent the St.Kitts Masters in the Leeward Islands Cricket Masters Tournament to be held in Anguilla from the 24th May to 27th May 2012.

Haynes Smith Cricket Club:

Curtis Crooke, Raymond Chumney, Gary Rogers and Leroy Leader.

Willful Skillful:

Don Farrell, Warren Davis, John Maynard and Jerry Lewis

Sandy Point Cricket Club:

Alfred Hendrickson, Stewart Rawlins, Steadroy Douglas and Steve Laplace.

Police:

Luther Kelly, Alphonso Hendrickson, Austin Williams, Daniel Jacobs, Lesroy Pacer Henry, Anthony Rawlins, Sylvester Otto and Bacchus Saunders.

All players were selected from the just concluded Nagico Clem Hicks 35 and over Cricket Tournament.

Players are advice that practice commences on 6th March 2012 at 4.30 pm at the Conaree Playing Field.

Practicing are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays commences from 6th March 2012 leading up to the said Tournament at the Conaree Grounds.

Windies enter camp to face Aussies

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BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, CMC – Red hot off-spinner Sunil Narine is among 30 players due to arrive here Thursday to begin a two-week training camp in preparation for the upcoming Digicel Series against Australia.

The Trinidadian, who made his One-Day International debut against India in Ahmedabad last November, will be one of 13 non-contracted players participating in the camp. The Windies are preparing for upcoming Digicel Series against Australia which runs from March 16 to April 27.

Narine has been brilliant in his first full season of first class cricket, taking 31 wickets in just three matches for Trinidad and Tobago.

Meanwhile fast bowler Tino Best, who played the last of his 14 Tests almost three years ago, has also been called up. He has bowled with pace and hostility to take 14 wickets for Barbados during the current four-day season. He is one of the non-contracted players.

Players will undergo fitness testing starting Friday at 8 am before the camp starts in earnest under the management of West Indies head coach Ottis Gibson.

The 17 contracted players are: Adrian Barath, Carlton Baugh, Devendra Bishoo, Kraigg Brathwaite, Darren Bravo, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Fidel Edwards, Kirk Edwards, Shannon Gabriel, Nelon Pascal, Kieran Powell, Kemar Roach, Andre Russell, Darren Sammy, Marlon Samuels, Shane Shillingford and Devon Thomas.

The 13 additional players under consideration for selection: Samuel Badree, Tino Best, Nkrumah Bonner, Dwayne Bravo, Johnson Charles, Shane Dowrich, Danza Hyatt, Garey Mathurin, Sunil Narine, Kieron Pollard, Denesh Ramdin, Krishmar Santokie, Dwayne Smith.

Digicel Series Match Schedule

Digicel One-Day International Series

Friday, 16 March – 1st Digicel ODI at Arnos Vale Cricket Ground, St Vincent
Sunday, 18 March – 2nd Digicel ODI at Arnos Vale Cricket Ground, St Vincent
Tuesday, 20 March – 3rd Digicel ODI at Arnos Vale Cricket Ground, St Vincent
Friday, 23 March – 4th Digicel ODI at Beausejour Cricket Ground, St Lucia
Sunday, 25 March – 5th Digicel ODI at Beausejour Cricket Ground, St Lucia

Digicel T20 International Series

Tuesday, 27 March – 1st Digicel T20 at Beausejour Cricket Ground, St Lucia
Friday, 30 March – 2nd Digicel T20 at Kensington Oval, Barbados

Mohammad Amir rules out appeal to Cas over spot-fixing ban

Mohammad Amir will not appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport against his five-year ban for spot-fixing.

The Pakistan pace bowler was suspended by the International Cricket Council (ICC) and jailed for his part in the spot-fixing scandal at Lord's in 2010.

He was released from Portland Prison last month after serving half of a six-month sentence.

"Mohammad Amir told the ICC he will not be pursuing the appeal," an ICC spokesman said.

Salman Butt and Mohammad Asif, Amir's Pakistan team-mates, are serving jail terms of 30 months and one year respectively for their involvement in a plot to bowl deliberate no-balls in the Lord's Test against England.

All three players were given five-year playing bans by the ICC, running until 2015.

Nineteen-year-old Amir has returned to his homeland, where he has been offered pyschological help by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

PCB chairman Zaka Ashraf said: "Unfortunately he messed up his own career.

"But definitely we want to work on his rehabilitation and provide him counseling."

India girls take first ODI by 76 runs

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BASSETERRE, St Kitts, CMC – Mithali Raj and Amita Sharma stroked half-centuries to steer India to a comfortable 76-run victory over West Indies in their opening One-Day International of the three-match series on Wednesday.

Sent in, India reached 179 for seven off their allotted 50 overs with Raj getting the top score of 57 and Sharma contributing an unbeaten 51. Raj faced 119 balls and hit four fours while Sharma faced 72 balls and counted two fours. Off-spinner Anisa Mohammed finished with three for 41.

West Indies' reply never got off the ground and they were bundled out for a hugely disappointing 103 off 46.5 overs. Opener Juliana Nero hit 23 and Deandra Dottin, 20, but the Windies struggled as left-arm spinners Ekta Bist (3-18) and Gouhar Sultana (2-9) spun a web around the regional batsmen.

England boss search may take two months - Sir Trevor Brooking

A new England manager may not be in place for another two months, says Sir Trevor Brooking.

The national side have been without a permanent boss since Fabio Capello resigned last month.

Under-21 coach Stuart Pearce took charge of the side for Wednesday's 3-2 friendly loss to the Netherlands.

"We're not in a rush," Football Association director of development Brooking told BBC Sport. "We have a couple of months to take it forward."

Brooking, who is one of four FA chiefs charged with appointing a new England boss, added: "I think we'll take our time, and try to make sure we're not locked into any particular time scale."

On Tuesday, Club England managing director Adrian Bevington, another member of the four-man committee, admitted the FA had not spoken to any candidates about succeeding Capello.

After fulfilling his caretaker duties for the friendly with the Netherlands, Pearce said he would be happy to take control for Euro 2012, but does not believe he is the long-term option.

Despite a disjointed performance against the World Cup finalists on Wednesday, Brooking didn't rule out Pearce's chances for the role full-time.

"He's made it clear, if we're in a situation where we want him to take it, he'd be only too pleased," said Brooking.

"He's done really well this week, and you can see his enthusiasm. He's relished the chance."

Brooking also reiterated the FA's desire not to disrupt club football at a crucial stage of the domestic season, saying there was "a lot of sensitivity with club football at the moment".

Meanwhile, Stoke City manager Tony Pulis urged the FA fill the post as quickly as possible.

And the Potters boss is in no doubt who the next manager should be.

"No disrespect to Stuart or anyone else, but I think Harry [Redknapp] should get the job. And I think the FA should do that as quickly as they can," he said.

The other two FA members who will recruit England's new manager are FA chairman David Bernstein and FA general secretary Alex Horne.

inside SCOOP

By: Vigilante

* After leading de so-called opposition boycott of the Budget Session last December and banging off he big mouth on all de talk shows – sending all sorts of threats to the Prime Minister – de braggadocio Sheriff run like hell from de National Assembly meeting last week.

* Dey say he love de talk shows like how hog love mud and is nothing but a talk show bully; but he fraid Dougie like how fowl fraid water.

* De fellow is so obsessed with the Prime Minister and afraid of him, that even running from him in he sleep and calling up Dougie name, talking all sorts of stupidness in he sleep.

* And, dey say when he better half enquired from him what's wrong wid him and why he's so restless, he remarked: "Dougie .... Dougie ... Dougie.... Dougie in de house, Dougie in de house".

* De word out of Nevis is that he keeps complaining to his political mentor and head of "De Rescue Crew" in St. Kitts, who tell him "boy I have de same problem too ... No matter how much candle ah bun ah can't keep him (Dougie) away".

* Dey say he tell de Sheriff he even got "a strong bath" from one of "de fellows" in Nevis and nothing ah wuk. Dougie really ten man in one.

* Dey say Uncle Vanee, Sleeping Hammy, Shawn and de Juicy Senator pleaded with him hard, begging him to join them in de House to tek on Dougie, but de Sheriff tell them he staying in he lane.

* He say he not going down there to face Dougie and embarrass himself again. So he went into hiding for two whole days to get away for Dougie, because he claim Dougie was cooping him.

* Just as PAM used the Anguillans in 1967 to do their dirty political wuk in their failed attempt to get rid of the Bradshaw and Labour Government, is just so PAM and their associates in Nevis and the Rescue Crew are using elements in the Police Force in Nevis to stir up trouble and confusion in de Force (do their dirty job), with the help of the Nevis newspaper.

* After the newspaper article and the editorial last weekend, one Police Officer, in Nevis, let the cat out de bag, revealing that part of the plan is to frustrate the Commissioner for him to pack up and go.

* Dey say de Officer say if the Commissioner goes, things will get back to normal in the Force and country; and it will make it easier for the conspirators in PAM, CCM and the Rescue Crew to get rid of Douglas and Labour and Parry and the NRP Governments. So they planning a muting in Nevis.

* One big CCM fanatic is so versed with the diabolic plans of the plotters that he called in to the radio talk show in Nevis on Tuesday night – calling for "the removal" of the two governments. And he was adamant that that was the only way to get rid of Labour and NRP.

* One of the heavy weights on the talk show programme openly attacked the Commissioner in keeping with their plans.

* People want to know what is the real interest the CCM and the Nevis newspaper have in the robbery case of the US Supreme Judge. Does the accused young man have a secret holding for someone?

The high priest of the Rescue Crew is very disappointed with the turnout at the public meeting last week, after all the widespread publicity given to it and the pleadings with people to come out in their numbers for the meeting will not be broadcast live on the radio.

* Dey say far less than the 500 they anticipated showed up and those in attendance say it was a real PAM meeting with Oliver Spencer, Massa Caines and Licky Bird speaking from their prepared PAM script to get PAM back in government.

St. Kitts and Nevis represented at'Preventing crimes among youths meeting'

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Christopher and Nevis Police Force.

The meeting in Antigua is being convened by the CARICOM Secretariat with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), will take place under the theme: Building effective and sustainable partnerships for crime prevention.

It will bring together representatives from the public and private sectors and civil society of CARICOM and the Dominican Republic as well as representatives from the United States State Department, USAID and International Partners to share experiences and best practices of government, private sector and civil society partnerships to reduce youth crime and violence.

It is anticipated that at the end of the meeting all partners would go away with sound ideas on how they can forge partnerships and engage stakeholders in implementing crime prevention strategies and projects. The meeting will also initiate dialogue with international partners, with a view to developing a harmonized coordinating mechanism for crime and violence initiatives targeting at-risk youth.

The first meeting of the Technical Working Group for Preventing Crime by Focusing on Vulnerable Youth and at-Risk Populations was convened by the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Barbados in April of last year.

St. Kitts and Nevis launches debt exchange....

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primary surpluses—the very highest in the region. The terms of our exchange offer have therefore been designed to resolve the country's debt overhang and place our public finances on a sustainable footing, along with the debt relief being provided by other creditors and the important contribution from our economic reforms."

"I am very pleased to be able to report that our consultations with creditors have been constructive and helped us to better understand their views on how best to deal with our debt burden," said Dr. Douglas, adding: "Although we have been operating under very tight constraints, in finalizing the terms of the exchange offer we have endeavored to incorporate creditors' preferences to the extent possible."

Dr. Douglas also voiced his appreciation for the CDB's explicit support for the Government's efforts to achieve debt sustainability.

The Ministry of Finance indicated that the majority of creditors voiced a preference for shorter repayment terms with a reduction of principal. Others however were of the view that it would be important to include a par option. In order to demonstrate maximum flexibility and to maintain a spirit of cooperation that has characterized the negotiations throughout, a decision was made to enable creditors to choose their preferred method of delivering debt relief. The Ministry sought to find ways to improve the terms of the new bonds and to increase the size of the goodwill payment up to the limit that was feasible on the basis of the Government's medium-term macroeconomic framework and current cash position.

Tenders by holders of Eligible Claims are due no later than 14 March 2012. The settlement of the transaction is expected to take place during the fourth week of March 2012.

The Ministry of Finance made it clear that Treasury Bills are excluded from this exchange offer and from the scope of the general debt restructuring announced by the Government in June 2011.

Information concerning the offer may be obtained by holders of Eligible Claims from St Kitts and Nevis's Exchange Agent, Citibank, N.A., Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB, United Kingdom; exchange.gats@citi.com

Holders may also contact the Government's financial advisor, White Oak Advisory LLP, 54 Baker Street, London W1U 7BU, United Kingdom; Tel. +44 20 7299 2630; skn@whiteoakadvisory.com

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