IMF Says Substantial Strides Made In St. Kitts and Nevis Economy - Post-Program Monitoring To Be Initiated

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, (CUOPM) – The Washington-based International Monetary Fund (IMF) says substantial strides have been made under St. Kitts and Nevis’ home-grown Fund-supported programme.

In a statement Tuesday, the IMF’s Deputy Managing Director and Acting Chair, Mr. Min Zhu said fiscal and debt sustainability have improved significantly, financial sector stability was preserved during a comprehensive debt restructuring exercise, and economic growth has rebounded strongly following a four-year recession.

He said as evidence of the strong turnaround, St. Kitts and Nevis repaid early a significant portion of its outstanding credit to the IMF and continues to treat the arrangement as precautionary.

Saturday’s Shooting “A Bizarre Act”, Says PM Douglas

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, (CUOPM) – St. Kitts and Nevis’ Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas has described as a “bizarre act,” last Saturday morning’s shooting incident which resulted in three persons being killed and four others injured.

“We have had almost two years of peace and tranquility in St. Kitts. The men and women of our Police and Defense

Minister Skerritt: Kittitian Hill ‘A Model For Sustainability In Caribbean Resort Development,” St. Kitts Becoming A World-Class Tourism Destination

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Cabinet Approves Action Plan, Implementation Team Set Up

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, (CUOPM) – St. Kitts and Nevis’ Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas has been providing details of discussions held with stakeholders following the U.S. Treasury Department Advisory.

Speaking at the first in a series of town hall meetings dubbed, “Conversations for
They Care Not About Our Country

Time and again we of this newspaper have sought to warn you, dear readers, and all of our people about the dangerous and highly irresponsible misdeeds of those opposite as they relentlessly seek to incite violence and disorder in our beautiful little country. Indeed, just two weeks ago we reminded you that those calls for uprisings, riots and all manner of disturbances have been going on continuously, and for a period extending over more than five years. This has been done brazenly.

Our people had always been peace loving and law abiding. Crimes were few and far apart. A house or store breaking was “big news”. As a general rule murders were committed less frequently than one in five years. So much so that whenever one occurred it sent shock waves through our communities.

But, alas, that changed in a most drastic and terrible manner when PAM came into existence. Yes, dear readers, it was the advent of that wicked, evil, terrorist organism which heralded and brought with it the death of peacefulness and respect for law and order which had so enviously characterised our country.

On one occasion, very early in their existence, their first political leader (a lawyer) was heard to say, in the registry area of the old High Court building, “I am the one who started it, that Brathwaite had the place under too much control, that it was too damn quiet, that it needed excitement, and that he was going to change all of that. And change it he and PAM most certainly did.

At the risk of seeming repetitious, dear readers, we remind you that it was PAM who introduced violence and guns into the politics of our country. They were the ones who incited the people of Anguilla to adopt the course of violence and the use of guns and explosives. They also used such devices for their own deadly, disruptive and undermining purposes.

From very early in their existence their leaders and other platform speakers mounted their rostra and shouted out to our people and the world that they (PAM) were going to “break the law”, and break the law they did, time and again. It was they who introduced politics into the civil service, who would abuse the police and the consequences of which actions plague those institutions to this very day.

When they managed to sneak into power in February, 1980 it was a very sad time, indeed, for our professional institutions in general and for the forces of law and order in particular. From day 1 it was made clear that our professional institutions in general and involving locals in a number of aspects of day-to-day operation, which is essential to the ideology of sustainable tourism.

“Kittitian Hill started with a vision that collectively, we can craft a more sustainable future for our Caribbean people; a future that celebrates our art and culture, respects our heritage, gives us a sense of who we are as people and a sense of where we’re going as a society; one that satisfies our growing economic needs and one that cares for our land, protecting it for generations to come.”

Kempadoo lauded the government for its support of this development, stating that it was an illustration of successful public and private sector partnership, referencing the Sugar Industry Diversification Fund (SIDF), which invested some $16 Million in the project.

Minister of Tourism, Hon. Richard Skerritt, called the over US$100 Million dollar development an example of creative entrepreneurship and visionary government joining hands. “We knew that the economic activity generated here would positively impact the lives of real people and give hope to those in this area that have experienced despair after sugar,” said Skerritt.

Prime Minister The Right Honourable Dr Denzil Douglas said that he was especially pleased by the proposal for Kittitian Hill because it would help to decentralize the tourism product in St. Kitts and spread opportunities more evenly across the island.

“We knew that people closer to Capisterre deserve, like others around this island, to be able to get to and from work with relative ease. And so we sought and secured the commitment of our cabinet to ensure that major investments that are attracted to St. Kitts no longer be automatically directed to the Basseterre Valley and the Frigate bay South-East Peninsula region but that all parts of our island be given the opportunity to benefit from the multiplicity of social and economic benefits that accrue from these types of developments.”

Over 500 Kittitians were hired for the construction of Kittitian Hill’s 155 buildings and were trained with new skills such as masonry and woodworking, culinary art and alternative farming methods. Belle Mont Farm, the first hotel on the site will be opened on December 12th 2014 with 112 rooms and over 300 staff members will reportedly be recruited by December of this year.

Kittitian Hill’s World Class Championship 18-hole golf course, “Irie Fields”, is the first in the world to be certified by Golf Environment Organization’s Legacy Programme and is expected to attract high profile golf matches. The development has also acquired the Golden Lemon Hotel, which they hope to restore and reopen.

Kittitian Hill Opens Its First Phase

Basseterre, St. Kitts. (SKNIS): Kittitian Hill, one of the largest developments in the tourism industry opened its first phase in St. Kitts on Thursday (July 10), unveiling its luxury restaurant “The Kitchen” and bar “Sugar Mill Bar”.

Speaking at the ceremony, held at the Irie Fields golf course, Founder, Val Kempadoo said that the development will bring an exciting new spin to the tourism sector by maintaining traditional Kittitian cultural traditions and involving locals in a number of aspects of day-to-day operation, which is essential to the ideology of sustainable tourism.

It is against that history that we must consider the recent spate of gun violence and related crime on Nevis, especially the separate “high day” hold-up and robbery of two banks, and the murder and wounding of a number of persons on St Kitts last weekend. They are occurrences which have once again been directed by the people.

To all those who have lost loved ones we extend our deep sympathies. To those who were wounded we send our best wishes for speedy and full recoveries.

We find it more than passingly strange that these outbreaks always seem to occur whenever our community is reporting that they are doing well, whenever Prime Minister Douglas and his government are lauded, and whenever improvements are being realised in our development and attract the admiration and praise of countries, institutions, and persons outside of our nation.

One does not have to be a rocket scientist in order to realise that many of those opposite are responsible for the orchestration of such devilry. We would but point out to them that those who supply the guns and ammunition, and who tell the shooters which targets are to be fired at, are far worse than those who actually pull the triggers. In courts of law they are considered to have much heavier burdens of guilt that those who actually carry out the misdeeds.

The open attacks on, and condemnation of, the police dishearten the members of that body. It saps their morale, seriously disheartens them, and reduces their will and inclination to fight against the criminals with full vigour. That is what those opposite want to accomplish, for it is crystal clear that they realise that they cannot defeat Labour under normal circumstances. They must act through the police dishearten the members of that body.

As an example we remind the public of a most egregious failing on the part of Mr. G A Dwyer Astaphan. During 2003 and 2004 The Chamber of Industry and Commerce developed and presented to government a recommendation for the establishment by law of a National Crime Commission, a mechanism that was to have encouraged and allowed for witnesses to crimes to provide information without exposing themselves to being “knocked off” by criminals. The police had been experiencing great difficulty in obtaining information vital to the investigation and prosecution of numerous, very serious crimes.

The Labour Government accepted the recommendation of The Chamber and enacted the National Crimes Commission Act in October, 2004. The Cabinet considered the matter and approved it for implementation. It was passed to the responsible member, Mr. Gerald Anthony Dwyer Astaphan, then Minister of National Security, for speedy action. It
Why All 8 Is Real!!!

By the Pointman

Recently as we came together to celebrate the 19th Anniversary of the Labour Party return to office, the Prime Minister said that it will be all 8 to Labour in the next general election. 

Besides the fact that we achieved all 8 before and so it is possible to repeat, I wish to look at 4 constituencies that will make it happen.

Let us take them in order;

Constituency #8

Here we have a PAM representative, leader, who surrendered his party to a traitor, to become 3rd Deputy Leader in the Unity Concoction.

Over the period that he has been Representative and leader he has not grown. In fact nobody takes him seriously. He behaves like a brat and has become the worst PAM Leader ever.

He was the first leader of PAM to be unemployed. The Party die hard hate him for giving up to Traitors. He was so naïve politically that he allowed Dwyer to convince him to embrace Tim and Sam. And in so doing was unable to get his party to take advantage of the split of Sam and Tim from Labour. The worst part is he had the benefit of the effect of the split on the PAM Government when Powell was dismissed.

It means Richards is not fit for Leadership, and not fit to lead St. Kitts and Nevis. But more importantly why he will lose is the fact that Sandy Pointers pride themselves as the brightest lot in the Federation.

They argue that Richards as leader of PAM, in the scheme of things he was the alternative to the Prime Minister. His campaign as leader, “vote for me I will be the next Prime Minister. The Prime Minister will be from Sandy Point.” Sandy Pointers had paused to contemplate. But soon after, Richards came back and said “Sorry Sandy Point, I am not a words leader. I do not have what it takes to be Prime Minister. I like Tim and he will be the leader and the next Prime Minister. The next Prime Minister will come from Tabernacle. Don’t vote for me again, Vote for Tim.”

And so Richards has given up the seat by his own actions. The people in response have said “ok, you don’t want to be Prime Minister, you have no ambition well we will support Dr. Wilson.” The political powers in Sandy Point and PAM recognize the shift taking place in Sandy Point. Ask Cindy and Hardest, he was so weak he could not even protect them at the Pam Convention.

The Prime Minister knows what he is saying and the polls do not lie, Sandy Point returns to Labour, Thanks to Richards and his Folly.

Constituency #8

Besides the poll results, the margin of Victory last election, what Tim did last elections to make sure Cedric lost, the reality on the ground speaks volumes.

This reality is reflected in the behaviour of Hamilton. The ground he is under so much pressure that he is not sure if he is coming or going.

• Point 1
He blames his party leader and 3rd Deputy Leader of the Concoction for the position he is in. He feels that if it wasn’t for the Unity Concoction with the Motion of No Confidence, there would not have been any “Spring Time” in his life. He is in the Labour Party due to Sam and Tim leaving has forced up the “Spring Time” candidates in Labour. If there was no “Spring Time” he would have had a chance to win again.

With “Spring Time” in labour it has brought Winter for He and Pam. Even Cayon young lobbyist following the “Spring Time”.

• Point 2
Hamilton feels his salvation is in the proposed new boundaries. But when he said it to Dwyer and his Party Leader, he was told that he has to run in St. Peter’s and let his other Leader (TIM) run in Cayon. Hamilton hit the roof when he recognized he lose either way, that is against Spring Time in the existing #8 or in St. Peter’s against spring time in the new Boundaries.

It was after the meeting when they told him that he has to run in St. Peters that he decided he not taking it. His first approach was to Mash up the Concoction. His insulting words at the PAM Convention against Nevis people were no accident.

It was intended to mash up the concoction as he feels he has a better chance in the existing #8 than in the new #8 in St. Peters.

Hamilton was surprised that Mark and Vance took the insult and is planning a next assault.

In the mean time he is so bruised and battered that he is continually making basic errors. He insults the people of Nevis, then he insults all Rastas, he insults all poor people, some of whom live in his constituency. In essence he has said to them go to hell I do not wish to represent you. This is the word on the street. I am calling on the loud mouth one from New York, when you come for CPL walk in the constituency and find out for yourself that old or new #8, the constituency gone back to Labour.

Next week for Sam and Tim!!!!!!!!!!
Labour All 8 is great!!

Saturday’s Shooting “A Bizarre Act”, Says PM

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Forces have worked extraordinarily hard, they have made excellent use of additional training and equipment, and they have benefited tremendously from our country’s strong relations with regional and international law enforcement agencies. This has had a very positive impact on the ground, and I wish to make it clear that my Government is determined to keep it this way. Like everyone in the Federation, I am appalled by this brazen act,” said Prime Minister Douglas in a national broadcast Saturday afternoon.

Extending concerns to those who were injured and sincere condolences to those whose loved ones lost their lives, Prime Minister Douglas reminded each and every citizen and resident that indifference to criminality is not an option.

“Accommodating any form of criminality in your communities – and particularly in your homes – can come back and hit you hard. Because revenge and retaliation are often at the base of much crime, accommodating or excusing criminal behaviour in your communities, your businesses, or your homes could result in you – or those you care about – falling victims in a cycle of action and reaction. And the only way to protect yourself and those you love is to do what the people of the Federation have been doing for the past two years now – strengthening their partnerships with law enforcement, ensuring that our children avail themselves of the youth-oriented programs organized by the police, doing their part to make our homes, our neighbourhoods, and our communities crime free zones,” Prime Minister Douglas said.

Pointing out that good, decent, and law-abiding citizens constitute the vast and overwhelming super-majority in this country, Dr. Douglas said it is the community who must and will define the fabric and texture of life in St. Kitts and Nevis.

“No-one else. Certainly no one person, intent on violence, can be given greater weight than the rest of us combined. We, as a people, have already shown, and dramatically so, that when working in partnership with our police and defense forces, the law-abiding and decent citizens of our country most assuredly prevail. We have proven this over the past two years. And this is the trajectory on which we must – and shall – remain,” said the St. Kitts and Nevis leader.

He thanked those good citizens who have already begun working with law enforcement in order to assert who and what people and a nation are.

“On this and all matters, let us all commit ourselves to this caliber of involvement, this caliber of concern, this caliber of patriotism,” said Prime Minister Douglas, who gave the public his assurance that “our country’s law enforcement is treating with the apprehension of the person responsible for this heinous act as a matter of utmost urgency.”

IMF Says Substantial Strides Made In St. Kitts And Nevis

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“The fiscal outturn for end-March 2014 was consistent with programme objectives and the government is on track to achieve its end-year targets. The temporary accumulation of small external arrears was rapidly cleared and measures to prevent their recurrence have been taken,” the IMF official said.

He added that attaining the medium-term fiscal programme objectives is consistent with achieving the ECCB debt target of 60 percent of GDP by 2020, but it will require continued fiscal prudence and the implementation of structural reforms, including strengthening of revenue administration, civil service reform, and streamlining of the social safety net.

Debt has fallen considerably, but it is still high and vulnerable to shocks. Completing the remaining debt-for-land swap is necessary to achieve the medium-term debt target.

“The government should continue with its cautious use of Citizenship-By-Investment inflows, which have been key in improving the fiscal and external macroeconomic performance. The establishment of a fund to help manage these inflows would be important to build fiscal buffers and contain associated risks,” said Mr. Zhu.

He added strengthening the institutional safeguards against misuse of the programme to ensure its longer-term viability is also key.

“The banking sector remains stable but continued vigilance is needed, including with regard to financial sector developments in the ECCU region,” Mr. Zhu said.

“Achieving the country’s medium-term growth and development objectives will require continued implementation of key structural reforms designed to further enhance external competitiveness and strengthen the business climate,” he said.

He pointed out that St. Kitts and Nevis will continue its close policy dialogue with the Fund under the Post-Programme Monitoring framework. The overall objective of the PPM is to provide for closer monitoring of the policies of members that have substantial Fund credit outstanding following the expiration of their arrangements.

Welcome to the Bradshaw Childcare Centre located in Dorset Village, Basseterre.
What Can A Union Offer Us On Things Like –

Working Conditions And Hours Of Work?

In the words of Franklin D. Roosevelt, “Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy, forget in time that men/women died to win them.”

The Trade Union Movement in the Caribbean as well as in the world has been and will continue to be one of the strongest bulwarks of all workers.

We can recall that well over seventy-five years (75) ago it was a sin to be a trade unionist, because it was felt, and it is still being felt in some quarters, that trade unionism usually only belongs to the people who cannot read, to those who have to work with their hands, like agricultural workers, dock workers, cleaners, and domestic workers, just to name a few.

However, today, it has been accepted and agreed that the need for unity of Labour has no limits of class, of particular industry, of any particular discipline of learning, of any particular profession, and furthermore, it has been found out that labour is vital to the survival and progress of woman and man in this world.

Moreover, back then the powers of repression and victimization that had opposed the emergence of labour in every country in the world where the working class people tried to organize and rise out of those conditions that exist, were no less present and vicious in this our very beautiful Federation of Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis.

However, from the very first time that the trade Union Movement started here, those who are still around, would have notice that it has survived, endured, and overcome many obstacles, and has made many sacrifices to achieve progress, so that today every worker is now benefitting from those seeds that our forebears planted well over seventy-five years (75) ago.

Furthermore, our forebears warned the working class people who felt sensitive and afraid about the Trade Union Movement, that is it, and will continue to be one of the saving factors of our country.

In addition, our forebears also informed the working class that in some countries they will find some governments and Trade Unions fighting between themselves, and the only people who suffered were the working class people.

However, history has clearly shown and even cited a case in Britain where they found out that in order to make progress with their economic program, they had to give in to the Labour activism of other industrialized and manufacturing countries of the world, it was in their best interest that the government come to terms with the trades and Labour Unions, since without their “support” and “cooperation” of the working class people, the programmes would eventually fail.

However, today’s world is very tough, and we all have agreed that they are many factors which no doubt will affect the availability of the breather and many opportunities of opportunities for decent work employment in many countries.

It is the opinion of most workers that future generations of workers are going to have a very tough time, even tougher than the present workers have it now.

Nevertheless, because of the shear sacrifice made by our forebears today’s workers now sit at the negotiating table with employers who have the highest professional resources at his/her disposal, and the workers are expected to be able to match word for word, point for point, argument for argument.

But in order to do that, the burden will definitely fall upon the shoulders of those professionals and high skill workers who have gained the opportunity for higher education, and good skills because of the Union’s continued sacrifice and struggle to make sure that all workers are properly educated to take on good paying jobs so they too can make their contribution to the continued development and future progress of their country.

Nevertheless, the question that has been raised by quite a majority of professional and high skilled workers is, “What can a Union offer us on things like working conditions and hours of pay?”

History has clearly shown that Unions collective agreements usually and often provide for fair and flexible working hours, better pay for overtime and work on evenings and weekends, more paid holidays, paid family and medical leave, etc.,

Moreover, besides your collective agreement, Unions also try to influence legislations to support better industrial/labour Laws, and also support programmes to help working families.

Furthermore, Unions continue to be a major force behind the passage of many laws and continue to work very hard for further improvement and other policies on behalf of all workers.

However, with today’s Union, workers have a better chance to balance not only their family budgets, but other family schedules. In addition, balancing the demands of jobs and families is a major challenge for many workers, and today’s Unions help working women and men gain a little control over their lives.

Another question that was raised by the professional and high skill workers was, as a result of the bargaining for these skilled workers, our training has been to help solve problems – Does the collective bargaining process always has to be adversarial?

Of course NO, it doesn’t. In today’s “new global economy” both labour and management, have to devise new and better ways to improve the bargaining process.

However, with the world economy going through dynamic changes, from blue collar to white collar, from manufacturing to service sector, from low skill to high skill, from hands to brains, and the widening technological changes, the yard stick and scope of collective bargaining has also changed, and that’s why many high skill workers are increasingly demanding a louder voice at the workplace and a greater say in their future.

For example, national Unions, regional and international Unions and many other affiliations represent a vast body of wage earners in the public and private sectors in the United States, which is nothing more than a set of rules and laws that govern their members economic and other working conditions.

Moreover, their collective agreements give front line health care workers a greater voice in the competitive process.

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In addition, a formal promotion and lay off procedure with rules and regulations that will allow a stable economic future.

For example, some Unions collective agreement provide not only for annual cost of living adjustment, but also a pool of dollars for merit increases. This combination, however, assures a minimum of equality and recognition of individual achievement.

Furthermore, seniority need not be the only criterion for promotion. However, a formal procedure should be devised, which could include ratings by both supervisors and their peers.

Moreover, careful research has also shown that there should be extra credit for advanced education and training for the professional and high skilled workers.

As a result, if a Union is strong, it will be able to do its members to make the employer less competitive.

Moreover, many of the world’s largest and most successful businesses are Unionized. Also it is common knowledge that a collective agreement is nothing more than a set of rules that govern their members economic condition with management in the private sector, including government departments and corporations.

In addition, Union is far better protected in any Union is far better protected than an individual rights if we join a Union.

Conferences.
PAM Is Not Interested In Democracy; It’s A Power-Hungry Party, Full Of Lies And Deceit

A joke that is making the rounds these days is that the leaders of PAM and their propagandists are telling members of the general public that Democracy will be restored back to St. Kitts after PAM wins the next General Elections.

But one may very well ask since when is PAM concerned with keeping Democracy alive and well in St. Kitts and Nevis? How can this be so when the record shows that on June 10, 1967, PAM tried to effect a change of government by means of the bullet and not the ballot?

PAM never was, and is not now, interested in Democracy. PAM has always been interested in making and keeping St. Kitts-Nevis an oligarchic state.

The PAMites are currently making the rounds, with their mouths full of lies and deceit, telling gullible and unsuspecting persons that PAM will win the next General Elections and after that Democracy will be restored to the country.

Since its formation in 1965 PAM has always sought to destroy Democracy in St. Kitts. Members of the party travelled to Anguilla frequently to practise rifle-shooting at the rifle range at Junk’s Hole in the eastern part of the island.

Why was this necessary? St. Kitts was not at war with any other country near or far. And a party does not establish Democracy through the barrel of a gun.

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Ministries of Health and Education release CARPHA’s Report on Basseterre High School

On Tuesday of this week, 15th July, the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education published the findings of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) on the Basseterre High School (BHS).

The report, which encapsulates all previous reports, concludes that they can find no causal link between the reported medical symptoms of some teachers and pupils and the school building or neighbouring environment.

The report states:

“Based on the findings from the variety of sources used it remains difficult to identify a single cause for the health symptoms experienced by students and staff at the school.”

Hon Marcella Liburd, Minister for Health said:

“This Government believes in continuous dialogue with all stakeholders including the general public, hence the publication of all reports and recommendations by the various agencies. The reports have highlighted a number of preventative maintenance and housekeeping actions that would serve to improve the school environment. The health, safety and well being of pupils and staff remains our priority and this Government will continue work with the school management in addressing all recommendations. We look forward to CARPHA’s review findings which will be completed in August.”

Hon Minister Nigel Carty, Minister for Education added:

“As a Government, we are committed to transparency and accountability. That is why we are pleased to be able to update you with the findings of CARPHA. These and other reports are available on our website and have been delivered to all key stakeholders so they too are kept informed.

“We acted promptly and instructed the Chief Medical Officer, and CARPHA to investigate the concerns of some pupils and teachers into health and environmental issues at the school. This followed on from previous expert reviews in 2013.

“We have fully accepted the recommendations of CARPHA and we are committed to ensuring all remedial actions are implemented. We invite CARPHA back to BHS to inspect the standards of completion before the students and teachers arrive back to school in September”.

CARPHA’s main findings:

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• CARPHA has also stressed the need for implementing a system for monitoring and documenting symptoms;

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Methodology

The Government is assured of the methodology and rigour of CARPHA who alongside anonymous written feedback from students, teachers and other stakeholders has also reviewed information provided to the field team by the school Principal, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. These included access to reports of previous investigations by Dr Whittance, CARIRI, the CARIRI Report Review Committee and the assessment by the joint Ministry of Health and Bureau of Standards. Additionally, the CARPHA team had access to physician correspondence to the Ministries of Health and Education and the BHS school administration.

The team also held discussions with students, staff, parents, and those working in premises immediately adjacent to the school, which included a pest control service, a nursery school and a medical clinic.

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) was invited by the Ministry of Health, Social and Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs, St. Kitts and Nevis to conduct an environmental assessment of the Basseterre High School, Victoria Road, Basseterre in response to complaints of ill health from staff and students which related to the school environment. Staff and students complained of symptoms including rashes, headaches, itchy skin and eye irritation. As a result of these complaints, the school was closed, and staff and students were utilizing other school facilities on a rotational basis.

The contents of this report were written by the CARPHA field team, Babatunde Olowokure and Lesmond Magloire, with valuable contributions from Lisa Hansen and Lorraine Francis. Chris Cox commented on an early draft.

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SKN to be represented at Commonwealth Youth Seminar in Scotland

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The economic impact on the twin-island federation.

Minister of Tourism and International Transport, Sen. the Hon. Richard “Ricky” Skerritt said the construction of Kittitian Hill is just a cog in solidly establishing St. Kitts among the finest world-class tourism destinations globally.

He said the economic impact of the multi-million dollar Kittitian Hill project has already been impressive.

“So far it has provided jobs to more than 500 local construction workers and I am told that it has to-date paid some 75 local contractors and suppliers more than 81 million EC Dollars. And the process of recruiting 300 staff by this coming December has already begun. If all continues to go well, the hotel plant will consist of 174 rooms by the end of 2014, and will double in size to 346 rooms with a total of 500 employees by December 2015, one year later. The implications for local and international business spin-offs are tremendous,” Minister Skerritt told the soft opening ceremony, attended by St. Kitts and Nevis’ Prime

Tourism product of St. Kitts from any other,” said Minister Skerritt. He opined that the discerning traveller of the baby boomer

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The Labour Spokesman

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generation, who is still the primary demographic target market for tourists, has frequently cited history, environmental stewardship and sustainability along with the ability to experience another culture as key factors in deciding where to go on their next trip.

“However, Generation X and Millennials, who while not our primary target audience, also value unique experiences of culture, heritage and adventure. Generation X and Millennials are more likely to have short vacations after a business trip, known as “workcations,” which are becoming more important for St. Kitts as we are now seeing a growth in arrivals of corporate executives and professionals,” said Minister Skerritt.

He disclosed that the results of various market related surveys have verified that St. Kitts is on the right track as far as the market targeting is concerned.

“In fact, the results of our most recent exit survey conducted at Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport, in April of this year, indicate that we are succeeding in attracting more upscale travellers. Our survey tells us that the average household income of our visitors is US$146,500. In fact, 64% of all visitors have an average household income of more than US$100,000 and 30% have an average household income of more than US$200,000. Visitors are staying for an average of 7 days – a full week – and their average per person per day spend into our local economy is US$179, an amount which has doubled since I was appointed as Tourism Minister nine years ago. In other words, today it takes half as many visitors to spend the same money in our economy that was being spent 10 years ago,” Minister Skerritt told invited guests.

He also disclosed that exit surveys also show that visitors are leaving the St. Kitts destination having had an overall positive experience.

“They rated their satisfaction with their overall visit at 4.46 out of a possible 5 points. 73% responded that they are likely or extremely likely to make a future trip here, and an impressive 93% would recommend St. Kitts to a friend. Overall, St. Kitts has much to be proud of as our tourism has been on an enviable upward trajectory that is solidly establishing our island among the finest world-class tourism destinations globally,” said Minister Skerritt.

Minister Skerritt, who is also Minister of International Trade, Industry and Consumer Affairs, described Kittitian Hill as the “model for sustainability in Caribbean resort development.”

“It exemplifies the positive impact that tourism can have on the surrounding community and environment. Its unique philosophy is anchored in a broader view of sustainability that extends beyond the environment to also encompass arts and culture, social accountability, and economic development. With a strong commitment to agro-tourism, its 400-acre fertile farmland allows for impactful levels of integration between tourism and food production,” said Minister Skerritt.

He pointed out that in addition to employment opportunities on the farm itself, Kittitians can therefore look forward to increased local food production which should positively impact the overall food supply of the St. Kitts destination.

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PM Douglas and Ambassador González cut ribbon for new Venezuelan Embassy

St. Kitts and Nevis’ Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas (right) and Venezuela’s Resident Ambassador, His Excellency Rómulo Camilo Henríquez González cutting the ribbon to open the new Embassy of Venezuela.

Venezuela’s Resident Ambassador, His Excellency Rómulo Camilo Henríquez González made the remark at a brief ceremony to open the new Embassy on Hornford Road.

Ambassador González used the opportunity to announce that discussions are taking place with Brazil to establish a language lab in St. Kitts and Nevis.

St. Kitts and Nevis’ Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas at the invitation of Ambassador González, joined him in cutting the ribbon to officially the embassy next to the Embassy of Brazil.

Among the invited guests were Premier of Nevis, the Hon. Vance Amory; Members of Parliament; Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Joseph Edmeade; Resident Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan); His Excellency Miguel Tsao and Mrs. Tsao and other members of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps.

Like solid rock we'll stay,
That's the Union way.
Workers stick together,
However tough they play,
Stand up to your bosses,
Fight for shorter hours,
Come and join the Union,
That's the Union way.

Black, white, brown and Asian,
Unite we workers say,
Come and join the Union,
That's the Union way.

Organize the workers,
Not organize today,
Workers stick together,
That's the Union way.

Come and join the Union,
We'll build a better day,
For family and nation,
That's the Union way.

In a future article when we look at, “Does being “pro-Union” means that professional and high skill workers are “anti-management?” Today I leave you with a quote by Walter Reuther, and a Union song by Julius Margolin.

“Management has no divine rights.” — Walter Reuther.

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Come And Join The Union
By: Julius Margolin.

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31st Camp Ensures Creative And Fun-Filled Development

Basseterre, St. Kitts, (SKNIS): Over 230 hundred young people between the ages of 8 to 16 are engaging in fun and educational lessons as the first week of the 31st Annual Department of Youth Empowerment Summer Residential Camp rolls on.

The campers, housed at the Beach Allen Primary School, are learning skills in basic computer, art and craft, basketry, agriculture, marching band, baking, traditional drumming and more.

Minister responsible for youth the Honourable Glenn Phillip stressed that over the years, the two week camp has provided invaluable lessons to many persons who have grown into productive citizens operating in many careers including law, education, law enforcement, medicine and others.

“Summer camp has helped many of our preteens and teenagers to blossom socially and grow into wholesome young men and women,” he stressed.

Edsu Bradshaw-Caines conducts a session in gender equality at the Summer Residential Camp.

It is imperative that we can continue to preserve our cultural heritage, especially our Folk Tradition which to extent is slowly, but surely losing its full potential.

Traditional Musical Instruments Workshop (Banjo, Quatro, Guitar, and Fife Segments Included)

The International House Museum and Edgar Challenger Library continues to come alive with the hosting of the eighth (8th) consecutive one month long Musical Instrument Workshop.

This successful Musical Workshop starts on Monday 28th July, 2014 and concludes on Saturday 23rd, August 2014, with a Graduation Ceremony to be held at a venue to be determined. The youths will be given a chance to display their talents in front of parents, friends, and families as well as distinguished invitees.

The instruments to be taught to play are: - the Fife, the Banjo, Quatro and the Guitar etc.

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The coordinator of this real cultural awakening and exposition Mr Winston ‘Zack’ Nisbett, Cultural Preservationist is appealing to all those persons who wish to participate, to pick up your registration forms from the International House of Museum located on Central Street, adjacent to Government Headquarters on or before the start of the workshop, which is Monday 28th July 2014.

Remember - Discipline is the key in this workshop.

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This year’s Summer Residential Camp runs from July 13 to 27 under the theme Summer Camp 31: Securing Our Future with Creativity and Fun.

The investment by the Government in hosting this camp surpasses $200,000.00. A number of sponsors have contributed to this year’s event including Range Development, the St. Kitts Electricity Company Ltd., the Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis, Social Security, St. Christopher Air and Sea Port Authority, the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan), NAGICO Insurance, LIME and the Solid Waste Management Corporation. A personal donation was also made by resident Omax Gardener.

Of our young people.”

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Socott Caines Welcomes Changes to CIP, says Continuous Review Necessary

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS – The University of Roehampton, Walden University and the University of Liverpool have made a variety of special offers available to persons in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis who are interested in obtaining their tertiary education in Management Studies, Health, Psychology or Education.

The announcement was made by Deborah Chambers of Laureate Education, Inc., which represents the universities. During an interview with the Department of Information on July 10, 2014, she explained that the three universities are offering various discounts to interested persons living in St. Kitts and Nevis.

“For Walden University we have 25 percent discount with our Bachelors, Masters and our Certificate programmes and for the Doctoral programmes we have a 30 percent discount. For our Roehampton degrees, there are all US$10,000 and for our Liverpool programmes we have 15 percent,” she said.

Chambers explained that in addition to the discounts offered to students from the Federation, the University of Roehampton also offers a US$10,000 scholarship for a senior civil servant or senior public officer seeking to gain a tertiary education.

“We are what we are doing is [the Masters in Public Administration] MPA…The scholarship really is for one person, one senior officer, one US$10,000 scholarship and...”

Deborah Chambers of Laureate Education, Inc., that’s where the University of Roehampton is at,” she said.

Although the scholarship would be awarded to one individual, other applicants could still benefit from other discounts the universities offer.

“If individuals are also interested in doing the MPA and they are not necessarily selected in the scholarship process we are giving individuals $500 off the first module of that degree. So you’re paying half the price: 50 percent off your first module and then depending on the number of individuals that we have, we’re looking to give a back end of another $500 off. So it’s really an incentive for individuals to tap in right now and to truly get an offer that they need,” Chambers said.

She encouraged interested applicants to contact her, through Debbie Isaac, Education Officer at the Ministry of Education in St. Kitts, to ensure that they receive the discounts offered by the universities.

“Anybody who is really interested in any of our degrees now is the best time to start applying for them because you do have to go through an application process. You do have to, as well, get your information in to us for us to assess it and make sure that you are eligible to come into our degree.

“We are challenging St. Kitts and Nevis to come on board with us and to take advantage of all these discounts that we are giving to you,” she said.

Accompanying Chambers was Kristine L. Olaes, Admissions Representative for the universities, who noted that online courses are also available through the universities’ agreement.

The online aspect is provided at all three of the programmes: Walden University, University of Roehampton and University of Liverpool. Olaes said the dynamic that online learning adds is the ability for distance learners to continue living their lives, while moving forward in their careers.

Phoenix Airways Promises Increased Flights Into The Federation For CPL And Culturama Activities

By Drizel Hanley

Phoenix Airways commenced its flight service into St. Kitts & Nevis on Wednesday of this week, July 16th.

At its launch at the St.Kitts Marriott Resort on Saturday last (July 12th), the new inter- Caribbean airline announced that it would increase flights into the Federation for the Caribbean Premier League matches here at Warner Park next month (CPL) and for Nevis Culturama activities.

St Kitts-based Phoenix Airways has a four aircraft fleet and says its prices are competitive.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Neville Gumbs, said Phoenix Airways intends providing superior service with a 15 percent less rate.

The CEO boasts that they provide on-time travel, no delays, no lost luggage, no high inflation of prices and regular giveaways and rewards.

According to Gumbs the Dominican Republic, St Martin and Antigua are expected to be three of the airline’s major markets.

Direct Flights will be offered to Aruba, Barbados, St. Maarten, Nevis, Antigua, Anguilla and Dominica from St. Kitts, with connecting services to Dominican Republic and Tortola.

Flights are now available for purchase at Kantours Travel, Trafalgar Travel and Kingdom Travel & Destiny Travel. Alternatively, flights can be booked online at www.flyphoenixair.com or via telephone, 465-2014.
Police Round-up

A juvenile was formally arrested and charged for the offence of Receiving, which was committed between 4 June 2014 and 7 July 2014. A juvenile was formally arrested and charged for the offence of House Breaking and Lacerny, which was committed on 4 June 2014. Shantar Milton of Butlers Village was formally arrested and charged for the offences of Possession of Firearm, Possession of Ammunition and Smuggling, which were committed on 7 July 2014 at Charlotte.

Baldwin Campbell of Chapel Alley was formally arrested and charged for the offence of Unlawful Possession, which was committed on 8 July 2014.

Francisco Reyes of Basseterre was formally arrested and charged for the offence of Building Breaking and Lacerny, which was between the 26 and 27 June 2014 at La Guerite.

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The Police are currently investigating an incident that occurred in the wee hours of the morning that resulted in the injury of four persons and the death of three persons and would like to inform the general public that they are using all available resources to pursue the perpetrator.

Navigating “Island” Parenting

Navigating “Island” Parenting is a submission of insights, quotes, tips and parenting advice that I have gathered over the years as a source of inspiration and as tools to deal with the daily challenges of parenting. This week’s issue: A Child’s Right to Respect. The hope is that this submission would cause you to reflect on your parenting skills and also make the journey of parenting a bit easier or brighter.

My first son will be starting kindergarten this year, so we have been visiting schools. As we walked away after one of the visits, the lady who conducted the tour called after me. She whispered, “Oh I forgot to mention one thing. You are going to have to cut his hair. It is the school’s policy.” As I tucked him into bed that evening, he looked me in the eye and said, “Mommy, I am not going to that school. I really do not want to cut my hair. I like my hair. Why does that lady want me to cut my hair?”

I must note that I was quite impressed with the school, and I had taken the decision that this was my first school of choice. He appeared to like the school as well. I now had a dilemma as he is very attached to his braided hair.

In relaying my conundrum to a friend she posed the following question, “What exactly is the dilemma?” She continued, “The situation is quite simple, if they say you have to cut his hair, cut his hair. You are his mother. It is your way or the high way. You are in charge. You cannot let that little fellow make you do what he thinks is best.”

Another friend piped at me a few days ago, “Why does it matter what he wants to do? You are his parent. You give orders. He follows. You do not need to consult with him. You do not need to bargain or negotiate or reason with him. Just cut it!”

The situation and conversation sent me thinking about our ‘children’s rights’ and I am not alluding to the UN’s Declaration of the Rights of the Child which recognizes that “mankind owes to the Child the best that it has to give, declare and accept it as their duty that, beyond and above all else, the parent. You give orders. He follows. You do not need to consult with him. You do not need to bargain or negotiate or reason with him. Just cut it!”

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I am referring to the rights that a child has within his or her own home. I am referring to his or her right to respect. I can just visualize the alarm, the palpitating hearts and hear the responses. “You got to be drunk! You seriously making sport now man! What kind of craziness is this? What right does the child really have? How many and which bill in this house does the child pay? When he or she starts to pay a bill then we can talk about rights and choices.”

I actually wondered how many parents allowed their children to actively participate in decision making, especially when the decisions would impact that child’s life. Are the child’s feelings respected? Do the child’s wishes influence the decisions that are taken or is it a matter of, “I am the parent and I know best. I pay the bills, so what I say goes?” As parents do we even give thought to whether we show respect to our children?

Parental Respect: You are the example! You are the standard!

I often hear parents chastise their children about the issue of respect, bellowing that they ought to have some pride and respect in themselves. I ask, how are these children going to learn how to respect themselves as if they are not shown, and I stress shown rather than taught, respect at home. Again, I am not alluding to as one parent told me once, “I teach my children respect. I respect my children. I do not swear at them and I do not ill treat them. I make sure I respect myself around them.” I am not referring to this. I am referring to the parent’s respecting the child as he or she would respect any other human being or even stranger. I am referring to respecting a child’s right to a choice. I am referring to respecting a child’s right to an opinion. I am referring to respecting the child as a human being and not a mere possession.

In a conversation with a parent of a former student, she complained about the crowd that her daughter was hanging around. She went on to say that these young girls had no respect and that she didn’t like the way in which they treated and spoke to her daughter. I sat, blank faced, as I had witnessed similar interactions with my student and her mom. The similarities were stark. The young lady saw nothing wrong with the way in which her friends treated or addressed her because she saw it as the norm. This is exactly how her mother related to her, and the uncanny thing is the mother was quick to identify this in her daughter’s relationship with a different group of friends, yet she couldn’t see any parallels in her own relationship with her daughter.

It was Markita Reed who said, “One of the best ways to teach your child respect is to be respectful with them, and to those around you. By showing respect to your child, you are setting an example for them. You are teaching them how to treat themselves and others. You are also teaching your child self-esteem and how they should be treated by others when you treat them with dignity.” Parents often implore, “Respect yourselves and then others will respect you.” Again, I must note if your own parents do not show you respect then why should you expect respect from anyone else.

I have not taken a decision on the issue with my son and his hair, but before doing so I will sit with him and allow him to present an argument for why he does not want to cut his hair. I owe him the respect.

Ways to Show Your Child Respect

• Always make time for your child.
• Listen to your child.
• Give your child your undivided attention.
• Look him in the eye when speaking to him.
• Use a respectful tone when speaking to your child.
• Be kind and mannerly to your child.
• Realize that your child has a right to his opinion/feelings.
• Keep an open mind. Realize that the answer to every question should not be a resounding NO.
• Ask him how he feels on issues especially those that would have a direct impact on his well-being.

Quotes

“Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home - so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world ... Such are the places where every man, woman and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere.” Eleanor Roosevelt

“In the past, children were all too often viewed more as property than people.” Robert Alan Silverstein

“It used to be believed that the parent had unlimited claims on the child and rights over him. In a truer view of the matter, we are coming to see that the rights are on the side of the child and the duties on the side of the parent.” William G. Sumner, 1840-1910

“A child, like all other human beings, has inalienable rights.” Lucretia Mott
Spread Out Your Burden
Before The Lord

Scripture is filled with persons or groups who intimated the prophets and other members of God's family. In the early part of Israel's life at the peak of this nation's prosperity in Egypt a new King came to power over Egypt and placed God's people in intense bondage (see Exodus 1:7-22). Goliath promised to annihilate the nation of Israel (see 1 Samuel 17:1-11). The Amalekites bestraddled the Israelites on their way from Egypt (see 15:1). King Saul humiliated David (see Chapters 18-26); and Sennacherib King of Assyria mortified King Hezekiah of Judah (2 Kings 18 – 20:11). All Israel and her prophets and godly Kings were successful because during their reign they commanded situations and kept their people and themselves under God. We are reminded that Hezekiah, "Trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the Kings of Judah. He stood out as the best King of all those before and after him" (2 Kings 18:2-5).

What were Hezekiah's outstanding qualities? He fasted to stay on course with the Lord. This road he travelled until his death. Total obedience caused Hezekiah to keep the commands the Lord gave to Moses, and as such, the Lord did not leave his side. This gave Hezekiah impetus to be bold in his ministry for God (see 2 Kings 18: 6-7).

Hezekiah spread his burden before the Lord in prayer when he received Sennacherib's letter of promised destruction for the nation of Israel. This King took his burden to the Lord in the Temple. Hezekiah spread the letter with its treating words on the altar. His words of prayer penetrated the walls of the atmosphere and reached the throne of the King of kings, who alone is king over all earth. This earthly King's plea was for the heavenly King to act on His nation's behalf sending a clear message to all other earthly kingdoms that He is supreme (see 1 Kings 19:14-19). For Hezekiah the truth of this was revealed to him that had been his burden and his type.

Light Up Rotary – Rotary Club Of Liamuiga Installs New Officers

Basseseterre, St. Kitts – A new group of leaders has taken the helm of The Rotary Club of Liamuiga (RCL). The new officers were installed at the RCL Annual Installation Banquet held on Saturday July 5, 2014 in partnership with RCL's sister club, the Rotary Club of St. Kitts, at the Marriott Hotel here.

The evening’s theme was, ‘Light Up Rotary.’

RCL is part of a worldwide association of Rotary clubs whose mission is to provide service to others, promote high ethical standards among its own members and members of our society at large, and advance world understanding of goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. The work of RCL is coordinated by a board of dedicated officers who serve a one-year term.

The following Rotarians were installed as the new officers and Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 Rotary year:

- President – Marcus Natta
- Vice President – Lester Hanley
- Immediate Past President – Valentine Hodge
- President-elect – Tuffida Stewart
- Secretary – Natasha St. Juste
- Treasurer – Kaili Mills
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Steve Farrier
- Directors – Agnes Beachman, Maritza Bowry, Chérisse Gardner, Adrian Scantlebury, Chris English and Eustace Warner

Rotarians work together to create positive lasting change in our communities. True to that mission, incoming Rotary President Marcus Natta shared his vision for a year of ‘impact’ and promoting a positive ‘image’.

“IMAGE AND IMPACT: This is my personal theme for this Rotary year. My goal is to enhance the Rotary Club of Liamuiga’s IMAGE in our communities, our District and beyond to ensure the positive reverberations of our Club’s work are loud and are echoed with every activity or project for full IMPACT. Over the next few months, I will reach out to each of my fellow Rotarians to help me achieve this goal. I know that along the way I will make some mistakes as all new leaders do but I hope the Rotarian of the Year' and Constables Danny Isles and Kyle Dunrod as ‘Police Officers of the Year’. These awardees distinguished themselves in the call of duty and earned the admiration of their colleagues and the appreciation of the people they served.

The RCL ‘Rotarian of the Year Award’ was presented to Ms. Carol Phillips who demonstrated a high level of industry, dedication and commitment in performing her Rotarian duties.

The evening’s ambiance was enhanced by soothing sounds of trumpet Enoté Inanga who provided a splendid musical selection. Rotary Neil Owen of the Rotary Club of St. Kitts served as Master of Ceremonies providing smooth transitions throughout the program. Attendees were also treated to a moment of humour during the ‘Lighter Side of Rotary’ led by Sergeant-at-Arms Charles Wilkin QC of the Rotary Club of St. Kitts. Sarge Wilkin quizzed the audience on the FIFA world ranking of the St. Kitts and Nevis men’s football team and threatened to fine members for the incorrect answer. The evening drew to a close with thanks and acknowledgements given by President-elect Tuffida Stewart.

The Rotary Club of Liamuiga thanks all sponsors and participants of its events during the last Rotary year. Membership in RCL is open to any St. Kitts-Nevis resident. Meetings are held each Wednesday between 7:30 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. at the Royal St. Kitts Golf Club House.
TDC donates EC$80,000 Toyota Yaris for Senior Kaiso Competition winner

Ernie France, Managing Director of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Trading and Development Company (TDC Nevis Ltd.) officially handed over the keys to a red Toyota Yaris, valued at EC$80,000, to Culturama 40 Central Committee Chair Deborah Tyrell at a Culturama press briefing held at the Rivière House on Government Road on July 09, 2014. The car is a prize to be awarded to the winner of the 2014 Senior Kaiso Competition.

The winner of the 2014 Senior Kaiso Competition will be awarded a red Toyota Yaris valued at EC$80,000 sponsored by the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Trading and Development Company (TDC) Ltd.

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Chairperson of Culturama 2014 Deborah Tyrell

Culturama 40 commemorative magazine launched; efforts lauded by Nevis Culture Minister

CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (JULY 17, 2014) – The 2014 Senior Kaiso Monarch competition winner will receive a 2014 fire engine red Toyota Yaris valued at EC$80,000 courtesy of the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Trading and Development Company (TDC) Ltd., said Managing Director Ernie France. France was at the time delivering remarks at a Culturama press briefing on July 09, 2014, at the Rivière House on Government Road on where he expressed the company’s commitment to the summer festival and revealed the prize for the winner of the Senior Kaiso Competition.

“We are, of course this year as we have been over the years, very pleased to be associated with this unique summer festival. We have been associated with this event for almost as long as it has been in existence, providing support in one form or another...By our sponsorship of this event, we see it as an opportunity to ensure that a show of the highest and most professional standard is brought to all patrons. Our sponsorship also assists in ensuring that this very important art form is preserved for the benefit of our children and their children’s.”

“This year our sponsorship will go towards the purchase of a brand new 2014 Toyota Yaris which will be the winning prize for the top calypsonian...I think it’s the first time, to the best of my recollection, that a motor car will be available to the winning calypsonian and we are really delighted to be a part of that,” he said.

Meantime, Deputy Premier and Minister of Culture in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) Hon. Mark Brantley announced that as part of the package, Malvern “Mallie” Browne of Brown Hill had offered to give free driving lessons to the winners of the Senior Kaiso Competition and the Miss Culture Queen Pageant if they do not already hold drivers’ licenses.

Executive Director of the Culturama Secretariat Antonio Liburd and Culturama 40 Central Committee Chair Deborah Tyrell also addressed the press briefing, which was chaired by Press Secretary to the Nevis Island Administration Mervin Hanley.

Chairperson of Culturama 2014 Deborah Tyrell

The Publishers Ms. Salisha Khan and her team of writers, Garry Steckles, Earl “Pancho” Morton, Esther Brookes and Tafari Ayinde. Of Mr. Hanzel Manners, Ms. Mickia Mills, Ms. Merv-Ann Thompson. Individual writers in the magazine as you go through you will see Clair Yearwood, Earl “Pancho” Morton, Esther Brookes and Tafari Ayinde. The Publishers Ms. Salisha Khan and her team of writers, Garry Steckles, Ms. [Suzanne] Gordon of Nevis Houses and Wendy Steckles for her work on the advertisements...

“In addition, I would also like to acknowledge two local writers here with us because they wrote short stories and their stories are also in the magazine: Ms. Monique Washington and Mr. Regis Wiltshire,” she said.

Ms. Tyrell also acknowledged the support of the businesses who advertised in the magazine, the assistance of Executive Director of the Culturama Festival Antonio Liburd and his team at the Culturama Secretariat.
Part 2

Then there is the Hon. Shaun Richards, the so-called leader of PAM, who became the leader by a casting vote. A man whom PAM was never created to have as its leader, he being of working class origin. A qualified worker who had to be sacked from his job at TDC because of his inability and his inefficiency.

He possesses no leadership qualities whatsoever. He makes no impression whatsoever. Perhaps, it is because the lack of these skills were so evident why the owners of PAM could so easily agree for an ex-Labour man to come on board and take over the reign of the party in order to present some vestige of hope. Is Shaun Richards’s good material to be used in the building of any new structure? We come to the young Jonel Powell, heir to the family political party. We know that he has arrived on the scene to protect the family’s interest. He possesses no particular assets or skills which can be used in the construction of the new entity. He adds nothing new in the construction material of the new entity. Born in Mc Knight, but never associated with the people of Mc Knight. He was not and could never associated with the working class element of the society. Always presents himself as an ODD FELLOW whenever he tries to mix. We have to remind ourselves and bear in mind that the sins of the uncle and the grandfather visit upon the children, down to the third and the fourth generation. We should all be fully aware that the organization called CUM is a cursed organization.

For 18 years, Timothy Harris has been the Labour representative for Constituency #7 and has been affiliated with the PAM supporters, despite the pleadings of his Labour Constituents to include them into the scheme of things. His reply to such requests was, “Not a damn” He is over ambitious and believes that it is time for him to be the leader of Labour without challenging the leadership of Denzil Douglas whom the people want, so he decided to sell out and go over on the side of those who have been his political foe for all those years.

He self-appointed himself as the leader of a party he nicknamed the People’s Labour Party. This party was later to join up with PAM and CCM to be called a unity mirage. Now, dear reader, if I am united in anything, we are united; we therefore merge into one identity.

We are supposed to be represented by one leader, one symbol, one purpose. There is no more PAM, CCM, and PLP. Old things have passed away and everything has now changed and become new. It is like a marriage. Everyone is now bonded and this bonding gives us that new identity. There is now a new birth, new strength, new loyalty, new vision, new purpose, great love and respect. We are ushering a new concept of identity. There is now a new birth, new strength, new loyalty, new vision, marriage. Everyone is now bonded and this bonding gives us that new purpose. There is no more PAM, CCM, and PLP. Old things have passed away and everything has now changed and become new. It is like a marriage. Everyone is now bonded and this bonding gives us that new identity. There is now a new birth, new strength, new loyalty, new vision, new purpose, great love and respect. We are ushering a new concept of identity. There is now a new birth, new strength, new loyalty, new vision, marriage. Everyone is now bonded and this bonding gives us that new purpose. There is no more PAM, CCM, and PLP. Old things have passed away and everything has now changed and become new. It is like a marriage. Everyone is now bonded and this bonding gives us that new identity. There is now a new birth, new strength, new loyalty, new vision, new purpose, great love and respect. We are ushering a new concept of identity. There is now a new birth, new strength, new loyalty, new vision, marriage. Everyone is now bonded and this bonding gives us that new purpose.

St. Kitts will be for all persons. Have we begun to witness any changes in the political landscape of our country? The only change we have witnessed so far, is that we must verify, crucify and say the dirtiest and nastiest things about our country. We must call it down. We must must it up, we must pull it down. We must boycott any event which is held here as long as that event will magnify St. Kitts in a positive light.

We must view all visitors who praise up the country as being paid to say such positive things. All that we have to do is hate ourselves, hate Dr. Douglas and hate our country and hate anything LABOUR. What kind of material can we obtain from a man who could so brazenly endorse Lindsay F. Grant as a candidate for any organization?

A man who has been lying about the institution of learning he attended to further his education? A man who only possesses the organs of a man but functions in the capacity of a little school boy? Tell me dear reader, what type of building material can be garnered from such a soul? We now come to the Honourable Mark Brantley, Deputy Leader of the CCM political party in Nevis and Leader of Her Majesty’s Opposition. A man who is pompous; a man who gives off vibrations of being anti-ordinary people. A man who hates the guts of every Kittitian with a passion, A man who has spent countless holidays with a man who is a scion of class at heart. A man, who is a part of the unity mirage, yet wants to divide the people of St. Kitts and Nevis.

This man is talking unity whilst practising DIVISION and discrimination. What convincing sermon can he preach to promote his unity mirage? He could have all the say in St. Kitts Affairs, but Kittitians must never participate in anything NEVIS.

Has he now become like the other pieces of building materials which have been brought in from the political landfall to help in the construction? Isn’t it quite strange that no one is willing to supply PAM with any new materials to stock up its hardware? And so they all present worm eaten pieces of lumber affected with corruption, hatred, envy, greed, personal ambition, traitors to the country and its people.

The Labour Party of St. Kitts-Nevis and the NRP of Nevis have been blessed and highly favoured by God who has chosen them to lead his flock. No weapons formed against them shall ever prevail. Were it not for Divine Intervention in 1967 and 2012, the Labour Movement would have been no more. Today, the oligarchs are telling us that 1967 means nothing to them because that happened nearly fifty years ago.

These same people celebrate Good Friday and Easter Sunday, events which transpired over two thousand years ago. The oligarchs are telling us that they prefer the unity mirage, for, when they are elected, they would hold their feet to the fire so that they will walk the straight and narrow way, but, how could you change worm infested wood from the political land fill and recycle them into brand new reusable lumber? How can you un-corrupt the incorruptible? (Not subject to be corrected or reformed) If any person or persons plan to have these worms eaten, full of corruption pieces of landfill material to build a new society, then, those oligarchs, those so-called decent and respectable elements in our society are just as corrupt and are just as beyond repair. May Heaven Help Us And The Future Generations Of Our Beloved Twin Island Federation Of St. Kitts-Nevis?

PM Douglas Thanks Orange County Sheriff For Assistance

Basseterre, St. Kitts. The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis has expressed appreciation to the Orange County Sheriff’s Office (OCSO) in Orlando, Florida, for its ongoing support in enhancing the programmes and the skills of the men and women in the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF).

In a letter to Sheriff Jerry Demings, Prime Minister the Right Honourable Dr. Denzil Douglas thanked the OCSO for providing officers to conduct training and allowing the establishment of programmes such as the Mentoring, Advising, Guiding and Instructing Children (MAGIC) initiative which teaches primary school students about the dangers of drugs, gangs, bullying, guns and others.

The letter was presented to Sheriff Demings by Commissioner Kelvin G. Walwyn as well as a picture of the 374 graduates from 15 primary school students in St. Kitts. Sheriff Demings in turn presented a t-shirt used in the OCSO’s programme to be handed over to Prime Minister Douglas. MAGIC was implemented locally in October 2012 and has been credited in reducing antisocial behaviour among the school population.
Mary Charles To Be Upgraded
In Next Fiscal Year

Basseterre, St. Kitts, (SKNIS): Prime Minister the Right Honourable Dr. Denzil Douglas has assured that plans to upgrade the Mary Charles Hospital in Molineux, into a tertiary-level health institution, will come to fruition in the very near future.

“The physical outlay of this facility has to be improved and will be improved,” Prime Minister Douglas emphasized. “We need to extend the services to include radiological services as well and be able to do limited blood works as part of the diagnostic batch of tests that we provide from this facility.”

Prime Minister Douglas made these remarks during his Out and About series, when he dialogues with the staff of various establishments. On this occasion he took the opportunity to meet with the three patients at the Mary Charles Hospital.

It was further emphasized that as an integrated health care structure, Mary Charles would be scaled up to provide tertiary-level health care, similar to what takes place at the Pogson Medical Centre. Mention was also made of the professionalism of the doctors who service the hospital, specifically Dr. Bassey Udo, Dr. Garfield Alexander and Dr. Vance Gilbert.

Minister of Health Honourable Marcella Liburd further noted that improving one’s surroundings was an important aspect of maintaining one’s health.

“We have to remember it will also have the environmental aspect of it, in terms of the integration,” Minister Liburd stressed. “This is so that we have a one-stop-shop in terms of the treatment, in terms of the primary care that the health centre usually provides for the surrounding communities from Keys to Saddlers and also the environmental aspect of it which is extremely important. As we always say, the state of our environment, really in large measure determines the state of our health.”

Details as to the exact changes were outlined by Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health Andrew Skerritt. He also confirmed that the renovations to Mary Charles would commence in the 2015 fiscal year while mentioning another key aspect of a healthy environment.

“We will put our Environmental Health Office right under this facility, so that we can help to inform, educate and reduce incidents of vector-borne diseases,” Mr. Skerritt revealed. “There’s a lot of talk about chikungunya out there, of course this is endemic right now in the Caribbean Region. I would like to advocate that source reduction is important, so persons would have to be responsible for ensuring that containers that can be filled with water, and breed mosquitoes are not on their property.

“The Ministry will continue to do its work, carrying out fogging and of course education and promotion with respect to reducing incidents of chikungunya.”

Minister Liburd gave an update on the National Health Insurance Scheme noting that the next phase was to ensure that persons who receive minimum wage were covered.

During the question and answer period support and auxiliary staff raised matters such as the dispensing of medication to the elderly, at-home follow-up care of the mentally disabled and the desire for more training. Mr. Skerritt also took the opportunity to update on the proposed Mental Health Day-Treatment Centre. He explained that the facility would provide such services as counseling, group therapy and occupational therapy as well as encourage adherence to one’s medication schedule.

Cardin Home To Receive Makeover

Basseterre, St. Kitts, (SKNIS): The Government constantly monitors the quality of care and the infrastructure of the home and works to refurbish the facility are fast approaching, revealed Minister of Health the Hon. Marcella Liburd at the recent Out and About with the Prime Minister visits.

“At this current moment, the kitchen, the bathroom, especially on the male side, the roof is all in for repairs almost immediately,” Minister Liburd noted. “The materials to do those repairs are already on hand. So, it is something that we’ve been preparing for.”

She added that the facility will also be repainted.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health Adrew Skerritt stated that the Ministry not only focuses on upgrading the facility but also focuses on the well being of the residents.

“Not only do we do physical repairs to the physical plant, we also repair the spirits of the residents here and we do so by commissioning fun days, beach picnics and movie nights,” Mr. Skerritt revealed.

The Minister commended the staff of the Cardin Home for their hard work as it is not easy to organise such events.

“There are 72 residents to be cared for, 31 males and 41 females. So it is a mammoth task to run this facility.”

The Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas also thanked the healthcare providers for their hard work and dedication and noted that irrespective of why the residents are there, they have to be cared for.

“They have to be cared for with dignity. We have to ensure their self respect and self-esteem are in fact maintained,” the Prime Minister said. “We expect them to be treated not just as human beings but as persons who have a soul, who have needs, who have their own emotional challenges from time to time and thus have to be responded to and cared for. It is with that background I want to thank you who are providing the care for them here.”

The Cardin Home is one of the Government owned healthcare facilities and has been in existence for 87 years. SKNIS Photo: Cardin Home
Two Kittitian Cricketers Selected on The Leeward Islands U-19 Cricket Team

By Javon Alford

Jeremiah Louis and Jael Clarke of St Kitts have both been selected to represent the Leeward Islands in the Regional under 19 cricket tournament held from July 10th to August 10th, 2014 in Guyana.

The selection came after a cricket competition between the various islands in the Leewards from the 10th to the 13th of July, in which both players performed exceptionally well.

The regional cricket competition will feature seven (7) teams including: Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, Windward Islands and the ICC Americas.

The other members of the leeward team are as follows: Ross Powell-Captain (Nevis), Shaquille Martina (St Maarten), Saeed Williams (Nevis), Dion West (Montserrat), Asharn Hodge (Anguilla), Alzari Joseph- Vice captain (Antigua), Collin Archibald (Nevis), Mrinal Wadwha (St Maarten), Therone Bassue (Nevis), Mohit-Hingorani (St Maarten) Kenrick Scott (Antigua) and Kacey Carty (Anguilla).

Four awarded TDC Michael L. King Honorary Scholarship Grant

By Drizel Hanley

Four young persons from the Federation are the beneficiaries of the Michael L. King Honorary Scholarship Grant, sponsored by the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Trading and Development Company Ltd. (TDC).

At an awards ceremony held on Wednesday morning of this week (July 16th) at the TDC Training Room Camech Emanuel, the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Scholarship Grant, sponsored by an organization like the TDC group of companies to reward four deserving students in the Federation is indeed testament to commitment of human resource capital, “he said.

The one time grant is being offered to applicants who are citizens of the Federation to pursue studies in the areas of Business Administration, Law, Medicine, Economics, Computer Science, Accounting, Sociology, Industrial Labour Relations and Early Childhood Education.

The scholarship grant was introduced in August of 2008 to provide citizens of the Federation who intend to return home after completing their studies with financial assistance to pursue their educational goals. They should also have a Grade Point Average of 3.0.

Multipurpose park project in St Pauls to be completed soon

By Javon Alford

The Young Coalition of Leaders (YCL) project to create a park out of the empty lot next to the ATM machine in St Pauls has been progressing smoothly and is soon to be completed.

The project, which initially started last year (2013), is aimed at turning the empty lot into a multipurpose park that could be used for recreational purposes and community activities.

Phase 1 of the project featured the clearing of the area followed by the fencing, which has recently been finished.

In an interview with the Project Coordinator, Mashaq Alford, he stated that the feedback from the village and supporters of the project is the fuel behind the smooth work on the site.

When asked about when the project is likely to finish, he said that it depends on the rate of support the project continues to get but estimated it to be over the next few months.

According to Mr Alford, the next step for the project is for the necessary infrastructure to be installed in the park including: benches, chairs, pipes, swings and see saws etc.

Work continues on the project over the weekends and all those who desire to help in anyway are asked to turn up.

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Citizenship by Investment Programme restructured over the years

BASSETTERE, ST. KITTS, JULY 17TH 2014 (CUOPM) – St. Kitts and Nevis’ Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas has been outlining some of the changes made by his St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party administration to the Citizenship by Investment Programme since it took office in July 1995.

The changes include allowing more lawyers in the Federation to participate as service providers, establishing the Sugar Industry Diversification Foundation (SIDF) and increasing the value of investment in property.

Speaking at the first in the series of “Conversation for Progress” meetings, Prime Minister Douglas noted that when the programme was first established by the PAM Administration “it was specifically designed to benefit financially, only those who owned the real estate that they wanted to sell to the foreign citizens and also it was designed to benefit one private lawyer (Dr. William V. Herbert Jr.) who was of great influence within the then Government that was led by Dr. Kennedy Simmonds.”

“In fact, I emphasize that there was no Citizenship by Investment Unit. There was no Processing Unit as we have established today. There was only a private law office which handled all of the processing of applications and they were not held in any Government office. In fact let me take us back in 1995. We did not find any files in the Government offices that we would not get into the private office of that private law firm and so we were basically at a lost, except what the Treasury held which were those who had invested in bonds for ten (10) years,” Dr. Douglas said.

Dr. Douglas said it was important to emphasize where the programme was in 1995 and where it is now in restructuring the Citizenship by Investment Programme.

Firstly, that all lawyers not just one, all lawyers in St. Kitts and Nevis who wanted to participate in the programme would participate. Secondly, we wanted to make sure that all financial service providers, accountants, etc., would be part of the drop of persons processing applications for citizenship. We abandoned in particular the investment in bonds because we were being advised then, that this was one of the vehicles through which money laundering was taking place in our country and remember that we had attracted the Imperial (St. Kitts) under construction description of ‘Devil’s Island’ during that period of the PAM Administration, so we had to change that,” said Prime Minister.

Dr. Douglas also made sure that our new citizens who were being invited to invest in our country and being given citizenship, that they were not only asked to invest in real estate, but we created back in 2006, the new option of investing in the Sugar Industry Diversification Foundation (SIDF), which we did because we wanted to make sure that as we transition out of sugar on the closing of the Sugar Industry in 2005; that we would have had capital, enough money to do a number of things such as provide new opportunities for training for our people, to fund new projects, to ensure that we would develop and finance interest in businesses, we would also have the opportunities to finance individuals and Government agencies all through the entire Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis,” the St. Kitts and Nevis leader said.

He pointed out that on September 15th 2011, the programme was revisited when a number of regulations were amended to emphasize that it was an investment programme.

“This was not any programme of selling passports, this was a programme of investment and after successfully investing and doing the due diligence checks and persons were found to be clean, then we invited them to become citizens. Citizenship was not automatic. You invested, you were proven to be clean and then you were invited to become a citizen of St. Kitts and Nevis. We also during 2011 in revising and amending the regulations increased the investment amount. We realized that the value of property has increased dramatically and so we moved from US$200,000 for investment to where it is today which is now US$400,000.

We increased as well the amount that you would invest in the Sugar Industry Diversification Foundation and we also increased the fees which the government was charging for processing the applications of those who wanted to invest in our country through the Citizenship by Investment Programme. We also wanted to make sure in 2011, that we would make the programme much more robust as we wanted to preserve the integrity of the programme so that it would not just be another programme involving immigration and investment like what we have in Canada, in the United States of America, in England, in several countries in Europe, and in Asia. We wanted it to be the top programme around the world and we were succeeding in doing that.”

Several projects have been completed or under construction including Silver Reef Resort and Residences (St. Kitts); Ocean Edge (St. Kitts), Imperial (St. Kitts), Kittitian Hill (St. Kitts), Tamarind Cove Nevis, Koi Resorts and Residences (St. Kitts), Pirate’s Nest (St. Kitts), Golden Rock Commercial Development (St. Kitts), Manor by The Sea (St. Kitts), Park Hyatt (St. Kitts), Homes at Christophe Harbour (St. Kitts)

BASSETTERE, ST. KITTS, (CUOPM) – St. Kitts’ pictured South East Peninsula is being used by Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) to advertise its Norwegian Getaway Eastern Caribbean Cruise.

Although it was not immediately known whether St. Kitts’ Port Zante is on the ship’s itinerary, for the upcoming 2014/2015 or 2015/2016 cruise ship seasons, tourism industry officials see it as a plus for St. Kitts as a thriving cruise destination.

Several Norwegian Cruise Line ships have visited St. Kitts in the past. They included Norwegian Star, Norwegian Jewel, Norwegian Spirit and Norwegian Dawn. The latest were the 4,100-passenger Norwegian Epic and the 4,941-passenger Norwegian Breakaway.

The Norwegian Breakaway was built by Meyer Werft in Papenburg, Germany, and was received by Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. on January 10, 2014. At the time of its christening it was the world’s ninth largest cruise ship with a passenger capacity of 3,969 and a crew of 1,640.

Amenity on board the ship includes restaurants by chef Geoffrey Zakarian, an entertainment venue devoted to magic and illusion performances. It also includes a 30 feet (9.1 m) high video dome in the middle of the performance area. The water park has five slides, including a freefall drop and two twister slides located side by side in a spiral.

It began sailing from Miami later in February 2014, with cruises to Philipsburg, Saint Martin; Charlotte Amalie, United States Virgin Islands; and Nassau, Bahamas.

In 2015, the ship will take over the Norwegian Epic’s Western Caribbean run, stopping at Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; George Town, Grand Cayman; and Cozumel, Mexico.

3 dead, 4 injured in shooting incident at Frigate Bay Strip

By Drizel Hanley

St. Kitts was sent into shock and mourning over the past weekend when three (3) young men lost their lives in a tragic shooting incident on the Frigate Bay Strip which left at least 4 others injured.

Dead are Cecil Charles of Monkey Hill, 21-year-old Glenville Hendrickson and 19-year-old Tavis Francis, both of Old Road.

According to an official police report at approximately 3:00am Sunday July 13th an unknown assailant opened fire in the area, injuring some four individuals while killing three.

It is reported that at least one female is among the wounded.

Several hours prior to that incident Shawn Rogers alias “5 Pac” of Conaree was shot and is still warded there.

The incident occurred in the vicinity of Mrs. Ferdinand’s Shop in Conaree around 7:45pm.

He was transported to the Joseph N. France General Hospital for treatment and is still warded there.

In another shooting incident here earlier in the week, a young man’s arm was reportedly broken when he was shot in Cayon on Thursday.

“No one has been charged as yet for those incidents however, we are vigorously pursuing these matters and we are requesting the members of the public who may have information pertaining to these heinous crimes to make the police a call, and also can share that information as well with Crime Stoppers,” Public Relations Officer, Inspector Lyndon David said.
By Fair Play

A genuine Unity Government has occurred in times of severe disaster facing a nation. This has resulted in ALL parties sending members of their respective parties in an attempt to stabilize the country.

From a glance you would realize that the ingredients of a genuine unity government is not present in PAM, PLP and CCM.

Firstly, there is no disaster facing the country.

Secondly all of the political parties are not in the proposed government. They have excluded, NRP, NIP and Labour. And to explain this further they have excluded the majority party in the Federation.

So how can there be unity without the majority party? Who will look after the majority? Unity have to be crazy.

Furthermore there is no PNP!
The party has never faced an election, the PLP has never had an election/Convention to elect officers. The press in St. Kitts is real Bias. PLP is a fraud and PAM FM, MIYVUE, PAM VIBES, All accept the Fraud. How many party members in PLP?

Another point that has prevented Unity from being accepted put the other way, why Unity is a Fraud! PAM has not changed. That is PAM and PAM has not changed.
PAM team up with the two traitors because it was at its weakest ever, under it worst Leader ever!

The Unity Concoction was an attempt to grab Government by PAM, Dwyer, SAM, Tim and Mark. It was not a genuine attempt to bring all the parties together.

Dwyer convinced them the Motion of No Confidence would have been called and Labour would have been out of office by next December. That failed so they come up with their concept of Unity.

Now you know that unit is a Fraud!!!!!!
If you have any doubt listen them each time they speak, all they do is blabber about the Cookie jar and the missing Cookie.

• Why “Unity” is a Fraud!

We of this newspaper call on all of our people to remain peace loving and law abiding. It is and has always been the kind of people that we are. Please remain resolute and determine to help our police with their efforts at seeking our and bringing to justice the criminals in our midst.

We further urge you to ignore those opposite, their evil machinations, their false propaganda, and their trickery. They are deceivers. Their history shows that. Do not be fooled by their DISRESPECT and DECEPTION.

Their only care and concern is with taking your Labour government away from you and reversing the many gains which our nation has chalked up over the past nine years.

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