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**US$40 million hotel/condo project at Pirate’s Nest, Frigate Bay begins**

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, (CUOPM) – Clearing of the land for the US$40 million 246-room hotel/condo Pirate’s Nest in Frigate Bay has begun.

Project Manager Mr. Lung Ho told the Communications Unit in the Office of the Prime Minister (CUOPM) on Wednesday of this week that heavy equipment is on the site.

“We are cutting the roads and removing the debris and vegetation in preparation for the building of the foundations,” said Mr. Ho.

The development, which is expected to become a part of the vibrant tourism infrastructure coming out of the policies that the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Administration has encouraged and facilitated, will be built on a 7.1 acre site.

Forty-one condominium units will be contained in six independent buildings each with three floors.

Speaking at the ground breaking ceremony in December last year, St. Kitts and Nevis’ Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas noted that tourism is a most competitive area of endeavour and his government decided years ago to enter it with a clear and confident competitive spirit.

“The developments that continue to go up on this island is evidence that we have created a winning combination of business and other policies,” Prime Minister (cont’d on page 02)

**New CDB Chairman PM Douglas Promises To Exceed Standard set by Guyana’s Finance Minister**

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, (CUOPM) – The 27-member Barbados-based Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), has appointed the Federation’s Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas as (cont’d on page 02)

**St. Kitts and Nevis Welcomes FBI Assistance**

Basseterre, St. Kitts, (SKNIS): The expertise of agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has been welcomed in St. Kitts and Nevis as they arm local security personnel with advanced techniques in Active Shooter and Intelligence Gathering.

Head of the Anti-Crime Unit in the Office of the Prime Minister H.E. Astona Browne said the June 3 to 5 course is “timely” as it “enhances the capacity of law enforcement officers to develop the skills necessary to identify traits and behaviours in the individual, (and) is part of a proactive approach in dealing with violent and gang-related crimes.”

“We welcome the intervention of the FBI to offer this specialized training to our law enforcement officers to enable them not only to respond to active threat events but to enable them in the execution of their duties to be effective and skillful in using the evidence, the information and intelligence available from all sources in investigating and preventing violent crimes,” Mrs. Browne told the participants comprising of supervisors within the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police (cont’d on page 3)

**Dwyer Astaphan:**
“The whole of Basseterre would have have been decimated and thousands of persons killed in PAM’s June 10, 1967 attempted coup”

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Editorial

LABOUR - The Education Party

In last week’s editorial (Labour Leads) we highlighted several points concerning the IMF report on our nation’s performance over the three-year period of the Stand By Arrangement with them. We also mentioned, very briefly, some of the areas in which Labour has played a leadership role, both at home and abroad, in creating and implementing sound programmes which have led to the benefit of our people and the general advancement of St Kitts and Nevis.

Education is one of the areas in which Labour has always played a leadership role. That fact was reinforced on Wednesday, 28 May, 2014 when the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College launched two new programmes and certain enhancements to a third.

Through the Division of Health Sciences (Nursing Education Department) the college will now offer a Bachelor of Science (BSc) Degree in Nursing, and, through the Division of Teacher Education, a Post Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary). These awards will be validated and awarded by The University of The West Indies.

Additionally, the Level One (first year) offerings of several UWI bachelor’s degree programmes will be greatly improved in such areas of study as Accounting, Economics, International Relations, Management Studies, Sociology, Political Science, Public Administration, Marketing, Psychology, Mathematics, Human Resource Management, Finance and Law.

The realisation of these accomplishments is no accident. For a fact, the attainment of such milestones is due to Labour and our commitment to Science, Technology, Education and Innovation. We are determined that the post-secondary sector of education will be strengthened and its capabilities enhanced over the years to come.

We should also bear in mind that the establishment of new programmes will be greatly boosted by the training of teachers, who are the real people behind the success of our educational system.

The decade of the nineteen-seventies (1970s) was one during which, under Labour, significant gains were made. The enrolment in our schools increased from 12,541 (in 1970) to 16,356 (in 1979). In particular, the provision of care services for children aged from 6 months to 5 years. The funds had already been approved by the Board of Directors of St Kitts and Nevis.

In 1978 the Labour administration had approved the establishment of a College of Further Education based in Basseterre. That college was to comprise all of the institutions previously established for the provision of post-secondary education (including the sixth form at the Basseterre High School).

New CDB Chairman Promises To Exceed Standard set by Guyana’s Finance Minister

Going forward, the Bank will need to accelerate the pace of disbursements in respect of projects that were already approved by the Board of Directors some years ago. The disbursement rate is critical to the bottom line of the Bank and can make a real difference in the growth prospects of borrowing member states. The Bank has to be more focused on maintaining relevance to its constituencies, improve on efficiency and responsiveness.

“Further, the Bank should seize the present and emerging opportunities to expand the use of the Policy Based Loan and guarantee instruments to implement new products tailored to the needs of the clientele it serves...The Bank must enhance its status to ensure full integration of the wealth of information generated by its reports.”

Prime Minister Douglas lauded his predecessor, Dr. Singh for his valuable contributions when he served as CDB Chairman and promised to uphold, if not exceed, the standard set by Guyana’s Finance Minister.

St. Kitts and Nevis is to host the next Board of Governors Meeting in May 2015.
Green Valley Queen Pageant to be held tonight

By Drizel Hanley

Five young vibrant beauties have been named to compete in the 2014 Miss Green Valley Queen Pageant which is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, June 6th at The Sandbox – Maynard’s Park in Cayon.

The contestants who will vie for the coveted title are Zarema Pemberton, Dentricia Clarke, Ahsela Boon, Vonyea Akers and Caia Griffin.

According to Delisha Ward, Head of Queen Show Committee, the beauties would compete in Promotional Speech, Talent and African Wear after they have warmed up to the audience in the Fanfare Segment.

The Green Valley action continues tomorrow (Saturday June 7th) with the Keeping it Real music concert which will be held at the sandbox.

Headlining the concert will be I-Ritical of BV1.

The concert will also feature several local acts including I-Mark, Show Kidd, Hi-light, Afro Warrior, B-GZ and G-Side Family.

Sunday June 8th will see a Beach Bash at Keys beach starting at 3pm and later that day will be a Green Music Concert which will continue tomorrow (Saturday June 8th) with the Keeping it Real music concert which will be held at the sandbox.

The FBI is always welcome to partner with us in building capacity and making the change in mindset and procedures as we seek to deal with the new and emerging threats and lift the delivery of service in both the traditional and non-traditional criminal activities.”

The permanent secretary thanked Major Coleman, the Regional Legal Advisor for the Caribbean with the Department of Justice of the United States for his unwavering support in enhancing the capacity of local emergency personnel. Coleman has assisted in organizing training related to first responders at the scene of a crime, basic homicide, forensic investigation and strengthening the prosecutorial capabilities of the officers.

‘First ever SunFest to BRIGHTEN St. Kitts Music Festival Experience’

BASSETTERE, ST.KITTS, 30th May 2014

Both visitors and locals attending this year’s 18th annual St. Kitts Music Festival are expected to enjoy a more holistic Kittitian experience during an inaugural daytime festival suitably dubbed “SunFest”. The three-day event, which complements the nightly extravaganza, will be held in the heart of Basseterre at the historic Independence Square from June 26 – 28th from 10am until early evening daily.

With a record of six successful and carefully branded events over the past four years including the Rockaway brand of events, the marketing and event management group GMS (Gurus Maniacs & Sages) recognized a need for daytime activities during the highly anticipated three-day period of one of the Caribbean’s biggest summer festivals.

“We can’t continue to invite the world to savor a taste of the world’s best musical artistes in paradise without giving them a sweet sample of Kittitian and Nevisian culture,” said Garfield Alexander, senior partner of GMS.

SunFest will blend traditional string band music, steel pan, drums, and our brand of Soca with the delectable aromas of local cuisine. Local homemade wines with their distinguished bouquet will be available for sampling and sale, and food vendors from the Federation’s best restaurants will offer freshly prepared Creole dishes with a spectacular array of mouth-watering choices.

There will be no admission for patrons who would want to enjoy the talents of national artistes, local performers, folklore and music.

Children will not be left out of the SunFest experience as a Children’s Fun Zone will be in full effect, complete with bouncing castles and water activities. A special programme is also planned for the area with objectives of providing a learning experience in a fun and safe environment for people of all ages.

“It will be an easy and relaxing atmosphere where all can congregate to obey the buzz phrase of SunFest: “Eat, Drink, Rest, Repeat,”” Alexander said.

SunFest has so far attracted some very exclusive partnerships with Ram’s, Digicel, TDC, Carib Brewery, Kids Zone, St. Kitts-Nevis Anguilla National Bank, G Squared Arts, Kielroy Wear and title sponsors St. Kitts Music Festival, and looks forward to other individuals and companies to come on board and show their support.

For more information log on to www.facebook.com/gmsexperience or contact Garfield Alexander or Juella Gumbs at 869 764 7385.
Is There Anything I Can Do To Help Myself Deal With The Stress I Am Experiencing At Work?

In the words of George F. Burns, “If you ask what is the single most important key to longevity, I would have to say it is avoiding worry, stress and tension. And if you didn’t ask me, I’d still have to say it.”

While some workplace stress is normal, it is agreed that excessive stress can interfere with workers productivity, thereby causing an impact on their physical and emotional health, and their ability to deal with it can mean the difference between success and failure.

Workers cannot control everything in their work environment, but that doesn’t mean they are powerless, for even when they are stuck in a difficult situation they find a way to manage it.

However, finding ways to manage workplace stress isn’t about making huge changes or rethinking career ambitions, but rather about focusing on the one thing that’s always within their control: them.

As we have stated on numerous occasions, workers’ wellbeing is a very vital component to ensure the safety of employers’ organizations, however, it is also very crucial that employers understand how their workers feel about their jobs.

Moreover, employees’ attitude is also very much a part of their own perception of self, which in turn feeds into their outlook on safety.

However, for workers everywhere, the troubled economy may feel like an emotional roller coaster. In addition, “Layoffs” and “Budget Cuts” have become bywords in the workplace, thus, the result is increased fear, uncertainty, and higher level of stress.

Furthermore, since job and workplace stress increase in times of economic crisis, it’s very important to learn new and better ways of coping with the pressure, because workers emotions are contagious, and stress has a huge impact on the quality of their interactions with their co-workers.

Moreover, the better workers are at managing their own stress, the more they will positively affect their co-workers, and the less their co-workers stress will negatively affect them.

Nevertheless, in today’s article we will continue where we left off in a previous article by looking at, “Is there anything I can do to help myself deal with stress I am experiencing at work?”

It is generally accepted and agreed that in many cases, the origin of the stress is something that cannot be changed immediately, therefore, finding ways to help maintain good health is very essential.

Moreover, there are many ways to be proactive in dealing with stress. Furthermore, in the workplace, workers might try some of the following that have been suggested by numerous research personalities.

Workers have to learn to relax, take several deep breaths throughout the day, or take regular stretch breaks. Stretching is quite simple enough and helps in releasing tension, and boots your body’s resistance to illness.

Express yourself – Whether in a journal or talking to a wall, expressing yourself after a stressful day can help you gain perspective, release tension, and boots your body’s resistance to illness.

Laugh – Laughter often really is the best medicine. Even better is sharing something that makes you smile, or laugh with someone you know.

Treat yourself well – Take some “YOU” time – whether it’s cooking a good meal, having a bubble bath, or seeing a good movie, doing something that brings you joy.

As time is of the utmost importance we will stop here for today, but please keep in mind that there are many persons around you who depend on you being healthy and safe, like your co-workers, you’re immediate and extended families, your neighbours, and your close friends, so please always keep in mind SAFETY FIRST and SAFETY ALWAYS.

As I take my leave today I leave you with a quote by Dr. Philemon James, a stress poem, and a song by Johnny Cash.

“There are very few certainties that touch us all in this mortal experience, but one of the absolutes is that we will experience hardship and stress at some point.” – Dr. Philemon James.

Ain’t No Grave

Song by Johnny Cash.

There ain’t no grave can hold my body down,
And if these wings don’t fail me I will meet you anywhere,
But Gabriel don’t you blow your trumpet ‘til you hear it from me,
Well, look down yonder Gabriel put your feet on the land and see,
I see a band of angels and they’re coming after me,
Well, look down Gabriel put your feet on the land and see,
There ain’t no grave can hold my body down,
Ain’t no grave can hold my body down,
Ain’t no grave can hold my body down,
Caste those “worry” thoughts away,
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Robert Bradshaw Built the Nation of St. Kitts-Nevis

The members of the CCM/PAM cabal are rehearsing the same old Brer Annancy folk tale about our First National Hero, the Right Excellent Robert Bradshaw. That Brer Annancy folk tale is something about giving certain people “Bones in their Rice and Pepper in their Soup”.

The first time I heard that Brer Annancy folk tale, it said that Robert Bradshaw threatened to give the PAMites “Bones in their Rice and Pepper in their Soup”.

Then sometime afterwards the folk tale was changed and it said that Bradshaw threatened to give Anguillans “Bones in their Rice and Pepper in their Soup”.

So if the Brer Annancy folk tale makes any sense, or is to be believed, it would appear that Bradshaw threatened Kittitians (PAMites), then Anguillans and then Nevisians to put “ Bones in their Rice and Pepper in their Soup”.

The truth is that no one has ever been able to say honestly, truthfully and precisely when Bradshaw made the alleged threat, on what occasion and under what circumstance. All that does not matter to the members of the CCM/PAM cabal. The Brer Annancy folk tale makes great propaganda for the opponents of Dr. Denzil Douglas and the Labour Party.

Many years ago Premier Bradshaw declared that he did not want any “dirty” dollars to enter St. Kitts or Nevis. The obvious reference was to money coming here to be “laundred”. But the mischief-makers in PAM twister and distorted Bradshaw’s simple statement to make it mean that he did not want any investment of US dollars in St. Kitts or Nevis.

The story-tellers in the CCM/PAM cabal love to make the electorate. They claim always to be honest, decent, upright and just and yet they spend hour after hour reciting the story about Premier Bradshaw in connection with “Bones” and “Rice” and “Pepper” and “Soup” though there is so much that is vague, doubtful and uncertain about the story.

How can they continue, over and over again, to recite a folk-tale about Bradshaw, whose origins are doubtful, debatable and uncertain and still claim to be moral and ethical? The members of the cabal do not care. The propaganda value of the folk-tale suits their political purposes very well.

Premier Bradshaw did a number of things direct to help Nevis people but the members of the cabal like the hypocrisy and vagabonds that they are, do not speak of such things.

There was a time when the Bath House and the Bath Stream was owned by a Mr. Barbar who was a non-national. He tried to stop that people of Nevis, including those from Bath Village from bathing in the Stream on the grounds surrounding Bath House. Robert Bradshaw said “No” to that!

Bradshaw argued that the people of Nevis had been bathing in the Bath Stream for generation after generation and by custom and tradition they had a right to continue to bathe in the Bath Stream.

So Bradshaw and a group of Kittitians travelled across to Nevis and went to bathe in the Bath Stream. Mr. Barbar ordered them off his property. They refused to move and Mr. Barbar took them to Court for trespassing.

The case came against Mr. Bradshaw and the members of his group and they were ordered to pay fines for trespassing. Bradshaw and his companions paid the fines and did not receive a penny from a soul in Nevis.

Mr. Bradshaw went across to Nevis, but he did not carry any “Bones” or any “Pepper”. No! He went to Nevis to defend the traditional right to bathe in the Bath Stream.

But that is not all. After the Sugar Industry Collapsed in Nevis, Mr. Bradshaw negotiated for the Sugar Factory in St. Kitts to purchase the sugar cane grown in Nevis.

The cane was transported from Nevis to St. Kitts by sail boats known as “lighters”. There vessels were improperly maintained and were frequently over-loaded. Some of these vessels sank on the way to St. Kitts, and yet Mr. Bradshaw helped them.

Mr. Bradshaw said that he did not want any “dirty” dollars to enter Jones Bay for bathing and for any other purposes. So people from Westbury to Cotton Ground could not anchor their boats in Jones Bay.

Mr. Bradshaw declared that he did not want any investment of US dollars in St. Kitts or Nevis. He tried to stop Nevisians from using Jones Bay for bathing and for any other purposes.

Let it not be forgotten that Robert Bradshaw built the Nation of St. Kitts-Nevis and for his record of his outstanding achievements and accomplishments is emblazoned on the pages of our national history.

West Indian History records the names of Bradshaw, Bird and Bramble as the three heroes who brought their country from the slums of the post-emancipation period into the triumphs and successes of the modern day era.

So no wanna-be; pig-squeak politician should ever think that he can ever erase the name or the indelible record of Robert Bradshaw from the pages of our history books.

Minister Liburd also arranged for the location of a branch of the Curtis Mathes television assembly plant in Charlestown, in the Public Works yard just beyond the Treasury old building on Main Street, Charlestown.
The E. St. John Payne Story

By Victoria Borg O’Flaherty

Presented at the Memorial Service at the St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Sunday 25th May 2014

Your Excellency Sir Edmund Lawrence, Governor General, and Lady Lawrence, The Hon. Eustace John, Deputy Governor General, and Mrs John, Sir Cuthbert Sebastian, Rt. Hon Dr. Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister, Hon Dr. Asim Martin, Deputy Prime Minister, Ministers of government and their comrades, members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of the organising committee, Rev Daniel, Rev Vums, ladies and gentlemen,

permist me first to thank Ken Tilley in Toronto for putting me back in touch with Pearl Payne and Pearl herself for talking to me about St John and for reminiscing with me about days that were not so good but that we can now look back on with satisfaction “we survived”!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Esmond St. John Payne was born in Anguilla on the 2nd August 1937 to Isa Payne who worked as a domestic. His mother, wanting him to grow up to be a principal individual, took him often to the Salvation Army services and later to Sister Rose’ Church. He was educated at the Basseterre Boys’ School till he reached the age of 13 when he left school to look for work.

It was the search for employment that eventually took him to England in 1960, leaving behind in the care of family, his first son Trevor. But St. Kitts stayed in his soul and he kept in touch with family and friends. He also looked forward to the arrival of the Labour Spokesman in the mail with news, which by the time it was delivered to him, would no longer have news. Still it was a precious link with home.

In 1960 St. John first went, he became part of a Kittitian community where people like Jack Warrington of Basseterre looked out for newcomers and helped them deal with the ordeal of settling down in their new environment.

St. John realized that England had much to offer in the way of personal development and when he saw the chance of a higher education, he grabbed it and as a mature student continued to work at improving his intellectual abilities and the skills that were to prove an asset when he returned to St. Kitts.

He started with Social Studies at Harlech, moving on to a B.Sc in Economics and Social Studies at Swansea in 1969 and finally a course in Industrial Relations at the University of Bradford.

His academic background was ideal for the job he undertook when he returned to the State in 1970 and was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the St. Kitts Nevis Trades and Labour Union and nominated to the House of Assembly. The following year he contested the general election, a candidate for Constituency Six, which at the time stretched from Parsons to Lodge.

That year the Labour Party presented a slate of candidates that was a mix of stalwarts and academically qualified, none of whom could discredit PAM’s accusation that Labour had nothing to offer the educated people of the country.

After an intensive campaign all Labour Party candidates won their seats and St. John was appointed Minister for Labour, Housing and Labour. He won 68% of the vote in his constituency and he was able to hold over 60% of that vote in the elections of 1975 and 1980.

The Democrat later suggested that he was a “Cinderella entrance” into politics “on the coat tail of Bradowsh.” St. John would have been the first to admit that he could not have done it on his own. He won his constituency because he was part of a team that had a charismatic leader in Robert Bradshaw and that held the promise of fresh perspectives for the country.

While Fitzroy Bryant brought personality and Lee Moore brought oratory, St. John Payne brought deportability to the table.

Within weeks of returning to St. Kitts, after an absence of 10 years, he was asked by the Premier to hand in a report on the stand that Government should take towards National Bank’s first sugar lands and the Basseterre Sugar Factory in 1975 and 1976.

Young Labour had been advocating the nationalization of the sugar industry since 1969. In 1971 nationalisation became a subject in the Labour manifesto. As minister, St. John would have sat down and contemplated the burdens and risks of taking on an industry in difficulty against the possibility of employment and production.

The recommendation she submitted to Cabinet were based, not on an emotionally charged evaluation, but on the risks that would bring to the country and the people involved in the industry. He described himself at this time as “chief sugar farmer and the most powerful land owner the country had ever seen.” It was not a boast but a reality that St. John was well aware of.

His speeches during his time as minister were not sensational but hint at what he might have felt. There was a sense of satisfaction in the increased sugar production and in the establishment of the Caribbean Commonwealth Economic Area (CEMACO) that was meant to market the agricultural produce of NACO and individual farmer and increase the availability of local produce. It was all a very concrete step towards a sustainable economy. One sensed a calculated risk that the Premier of CEMACO that was meant to market the agricultural produce of NACO and individual farmer and increase the availability of local produce. It was all a very concrete step towards a sustainable economy. One sensed a calculated risk that the Premier of the vote in his constituency and people in the villages, who often depended on their electricity bills for them, as some of them worked in the industry and could not get time during the week. However, as a member of the opposition, his influence had waned and he no longer could serve his constituents as in his ministerial days.

To make ends meet and support his family, St. John tried to start a small import business during this time. It was from him that I bought my first fridge and stove. The election of 1984 made things worse for him. By this time there were a number of youths who had attended the various high schools under the new comprehensive system who were looking to have their expectations fulfilled. Their political loyalties were up for grab. When Labour lost the elections in 1984, St. John lost his seat. This meant that his parliamentary allowance was gone too.

In those days lawyers and doctors could open their own private practice but there was little demand for economists outside of Government circles. With two teenagers quickly reaching college age, he had to do more than sell (cont’d on next page)
the occasional appliance.

Ross University had an opening for an Administrative/Executive Officer. St. John interviewed for it and was offered the position. This was exciting for him and he felt that this opportunity would enable him to put his experience and expertise to good use.

His wife Pearl remembers how on the Monday morning he prepared himself for work and went merrily down to Ross University to start his new job. By 9.30am he appeared at the Central Bank where she worked. She asked him if he had not gone to work. He replied that he had but was told on arrival that Ross University had received instructions from the Prime Minister not to hire him. He was very disappointed but knew that there was nothing he could do.

St. John tried a number of other options but none of them were producing the results he needed. Finally a cousin suggested a move to Canada. Disappointed that he could not stay in St. Kitts but recognizing his responsibilities to his family, he made the move. He became the Assistant Campaign Manager of the United Way of Greater Toronto, an organization that raised funds for local groups that addressed community issues. His tasks included the supervising of fund raising campaign employees, monitoring publicity and training volunteers.

Then in 1991 he became a consultant to the Public Appointments Secretariat in the office of the Premier of Ontario. This meant he was an adviser on appointments to agencies, boards and committees and received reports from them. This recognition of his abilities however did not dampen his interest in what was going on in St. Kitts. His heart remained with the Labour Party at home.

Following the 1995 Labour victory in the polls, St. John Payne was only too happy to return home to do his part in the new administration. I was in awe of his reconstruction of the scattered and missing cabinet minutes from the previous administration. I sensed an ally that I needed desperately since he understood the value of records and the stories they tell.

But he had other responsibilities for he was the Ambassador of St. Kitts-Nevis to CARICOM, the OECS and the ACS and in 2001 he was even appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

He also served on the Board of the newly created National Housing Corporation (NHC) and the Whitegate Development Corporation.

Prime Minister Douglas described him as “that oasis of calm efficiency, with an admirable enduring spirit and a deliberate haste in work and most aspects of his life.” Then his illness came and we lost a man who understood what it meant to work well and to work consistently. Our country and our world need people like St. John Payne because they do what they do not for the glory but because it has to be done.

May St. John’s life story be an inspiration to us all as we continue were he left off.

Unassuming Service:

(cont’d from last page)
St. Kitts and Nevis Leads The Caribbean In Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Per Capital

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, (CUOPM) - The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis has achieved another accolade. Caribbean Journal reports St. Kitts and Nevis easily leads the rest of the Caribbean in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) per capita.

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Caribbean Journal says.

St. Kitts and Nevis attracted US$94 million in and US$112 million in 2013, an increase of US$18 million or 19 percent over the previous year. Projects under construction during the past two years with Foreign Direct Investment include the ECS27 million Imperial Bay Golf and Beach Residences at Half Moon Bay/Conaree area, the US$180 million Koi Resorts and Residences which has begun civil works, the US$38 million (EC$103 million) Silver Reef Development at Frigate Bay, the Agro-Tourism Farm at Sir Gilles and the Private Jet Terminal at the Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport.

In an effort to find out how much foreign direct investment Caribbean countries receive last year, Caribbean Journal said it looked at data from the recently-released Foreign Direct Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean report from the United Nations’ Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

It said ECLAC released data on foreign direct investment inflows for sovereign Caribbean countries in 2013 and 2012.

The Dominican Republic took in $1.991 billion USD in FDI inflows last year, although that represented a 37 percent decrease from its FDI intake in 2012.

St. Kitts and Nevis easily led the Caribbean, with a total of $2,090 in foreign direct investment inflows per capita, the highest in the region by a wide margin.

And on a year-over-year basis, it was Grenada that saw the largest improvement in foreign investment, with a 129 percent increase in gross FDI in 2013 compared to 2012.

Overall, the Caribbean region brought in $6.052 billion in FDI, although that represented a 19 percent decrease compared to 2012.

Christophe Harbour will be a designated port of entry with streamlined Customs and Immigration services.

To compliment the marina village, a variety of real estate opportunities exist across the development which include beachfront, harbourside and hillside homesites. Sandy Bank Bay, the debut residential neighbourhood, is set along a horseshoe bay with two reefs and a natural sand bank.

The bay is a marine sanctuary which will remain free of boat moorings to ensure sea life and property views are protected.

Christophe Harbour will also include an 18-hole golf course designed by world famous architect Tom Fazio. The course is routed for play across the volcanic hills 500 feet above sea level to maximize the views and down along the harbour. Tom Fazio has designed more than 200 golf courses around the world.

Date set for Christophe Harbour Marina groundbreaking ceremony

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, JUNE 5TH 2014 (CUOPM) – Ground will be broken later this month for the marina at Christophe Harbour.

The 300 acre marina and mega yacht harbour is part of the luxury residential resort development on St. Kitts’ Southeast peninsula separating the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea.

The ceremony is planned for Friday June 20th 2014 at 4.30 P.M. at the Christophe Harbour site that is naturally protected by mountain peaks and the calm waters of the Caribbean Sea.

The marina will accommodate small craft as well as mega yachts ranging from 85 to 300 feet in length.

All vessels will be able to utilize the marina’s state-of-the-art facilities and services while yacht owners, captains and their guests will have access to a private club, a full concierge and hospitality services.

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Cuban Scholarships 2014

The Government of the Republic of Cuba is pleased to announce the availability of seven scholarships to citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis. The breakdown is as follows:

Five (5) for Medical Sciences
One (1) for Electrical Engineering
One (1) for Mechanical Engineering
One (1) for Electrical Engineering

Deadline for the submission of applications is Friday June 06, 2014. All applicants should be submitted to the Human Resource Management Department at Government Headquarters on Church Street.

Along with the application form, prospective applicants are required to submit the following documents:
1. A certified copy of their birth certificate
2. A certified copy of their CAPE transcripts and certificate
3. A certified copy of their high school transcripts and certificate
4. A certified copy of their CAPE transcripts and certificate
5. A copy of their passport information page

For more information and instructions about this scholarship opportunity and application process, kindly contact the Human Resource Management Department at 467-1323 or 467-1131.
**Kalin: “despite issues St. Kitts and Nevis’ CIP relatively well-run and a model”**

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, (CUOPM) – A leading service provider in the global Citizenship By Investment programme says the St. Kitts and Nevis’ Citizenship by Investment Programme despite issues is relatively well run and a model.

BBC News Business section in a feature on the global programme noted that the programme has recently been singled out by the US Treasury, which cautioned that Iranian nationals could be obtaining passports and then use them to travel to the US or make investments, which could violate US sanctions.

BBC News noted that St. Kitts and Nevis closed its programme to Iranians in December 2011.

However, it said that Mr. Kalin of Henley and Partners, which helped to set up the programme, says that while the programme has its issues, “St. Kitts is relatively well run – it’s in a way a model.”

Mr. Kalin adds that Caribbean locations are good for interim passports for “global citizens” who are looking to eventually establish themselves via investments in other “economic citizenship” programmes like those in Portugal or Singapore.

BBC News noted that St. Kitts and Nevis has the longest running citizenship-by-investment programme (CIP) in the world, which was founded in 1984, noting that there are two methods to obtain citizenship, with the cheapest option being a US$250,000 non-refundable donation to the St Kitts and Nevis Sugar Industry Diversification Foundation, a public charity. A second option involves a minimum $400,000 investment in real estate in the country.

Kalin in the BBC News feature estimates that every year, several thousand people spend a collective $2bn (£1.2bn; 1.5bn euros) to add a second, or even第三, passport to their collection.

“Just like you diversify an investment portfolio, you want to diversify your passport portfolio,” he says. The option has proven popular with Chinese and Russian citizens, as well as those from the Middle East.

Cash-strapped countries have taken notice. In the past year alone, new programmes have been introduced in Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Malta, the Netherlands and Spain that either allow direct citizenship by investment or offer routes to citizenship for wealthy investors.

**Minister Liburd Excited About Advancement of JNF**

Basseterre, St. Kitts, (SKNIS): Minister responsible for Health Honourable Marcella Liburd has placed on record that she is excited about recent advancements as well as those that will take place in the near future at the Joseph N. France (JNF) General Hospital.

Minister Liburd noted this at last week’s Out and About with the Prime Minister, when St. Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Denzil Douglas visited the Pogson Medical Centre in Sandy Point and the JNF Hospital in order to meet with and hear from administrators and staff.

Minister Liburd accompanied the Prime Minister during the JNF leg of his mission and stated that the soon to be upgrades would embrace Phase Three of the Hospital Improvement Project. This would include the renovation of the back and northern sections of the hospital along with improvements in the cafeteria, kitchens, central supply stores, pathology, construction of a new mortuary, and internet connectivity in patient rooms.

The Minister of Health made the point that most often the healthcare sector.

“Three of the eight Millennium Development Goals are health-related. They refer to child mortality, maternal death and HIV,” Minister Liburd relayed. “I want to inform the public that on all three counts we are more than meeting the standards for the Millennium Development Goals. We have surpassed them actually, in terms of our performance. Child mortality is extremely low. Maternal deaths are almost non-existent – I think we had something like two over a five-year period. And in terms of HIV, that has kind of leveled off and all persons living with HIV and AIDS have access to the needed services.”

It was detailed that the Government pays 78 percent of the medical costs for Persons Living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) in the Federation. The Minister also noted that the life expectancy of Kittitians and Nevisians had risen from 73 to 75 in a matter of two to three years.

Minister Liburd rejoiced in the fact that St. Kitts and Nevis was certainly ahead when it came to achieving the United Nation’s Millennium Development Goals in the continuous training of our Doctors and Nurses and other support staff to keep up to date with current realities.

Minister Liburd shared a light moment with JNF Lab Manager Candace Gumbs.

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Citizenship by Investment Program- the Economic Genius of The Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas!

By Economic and political analyst

In progressive politics we can often lose our way when we confuse ends and means. It does matter how we advance the cause – particularly when we are in government. But dogmatic devotion to outdated modes and ideas is pointess.

For example when Bill Clinton criticised the anti-globalisation movement by pointing out that globalisation is a fact not a policy – he was making the point that faced with that new fact progressive governments have to find new responses. And that is what St Kitts and Nevis’ PM Dr. the Rt. Hon. Denzil Douglas has done. Faced with the fact that the world economies were in turmoil and that our own sugar industry could no longer sustain our economy he found new and successful responses. One of those responses was the Citizenship by Investment Programme (CBI). A radical move to strengthen the country’s economy.

I have been listening to a number of people talking about our CBI Programme wallowing in the recent advisory that the United States of America issued warning the Federation to improve its ‘ lax’ checks on new citizens. I thought about countries that have similar CBI programmes. Countries like Malta, Portugal, Bulgaria, Canada, Macedonia, Antigua, Dominica, the United Kingdom and guess where else? ...the United States of America!

All of these countries know that their future is inextricably linked to the rest of the world by the bonds of telecommunications, air travel for work and leisure, the sharing of knowledge and the movement of finance. CBI programmes are a form of global financial investment where people from all corners of the world can invest in all corners of the world where there are opportunities for increased economic prosperity on all sides.

No nation involved in CBI is seeking to attract people of dubious character, criminals or money launderers. Where’s the advantage in that. No matter how rigorous the system criminals become more and more smart and occasionally one may break through. This is true for all nations, not just St Kitts and Nevis.

Following its inception in 1984, under the Peoples Action Movement (PAM) Administration, the CBI, under the Prime Minister, Denzil Douglas’ St. Kitts- Nevis Labour Party led Administration, has developed into a more sophisticated and effective programme. A programme that others around the region are seeking to replicate. A programme that others around the world want to learn from. A programme that is a huge success.

The CBI has allowed the Government to attack growth from several directions. Just look around: the Peoples Employment Programme (PEP), support for small businesses, large scale development projects bringing employment and training in new skills. All of this funded by our CBI.

Interestingly Germany has a training programme similar to the PEP which allowed them to avoid the worst excesses of the recent global recession. Even the UK and the United States are developing similar programmes. Seems like St Kitts and Nevis is leading the charge again!

The IMF has praised St. Kitts on its programmes and being number one economically in the OECS and number three in the Caribbean. Our employment record, infrastructural development and growth of tourism industry would be nothing without CBI.

The people of the Federation must appreciate how Prime Minister Douglas has tackled the unemployment and economic problems.

The next five years can be very exciting, once we build on the platform which has been so skillfully constructed!

A View From Abroad

By: Joel O’Loughlin
London

Patience is a virtue. We all learnt that from our mothers and fathers. Yet the people of St Kitts and Nevis are right when they tell me that they can’t wait forever for that better day. I know that we all want a brighter day, not just for our children, but also for ourselves. And we’d like that day to be here sooner rather than later.

However, St Kitts and Nevis knows that in the 21st century world, the worst thing that they could do is to fall for the quick and easy answer to their shared problems. The people of St Kitts and Nevis tell me every day that they want a change that lasts, not some flash-in-the-pan promise that they know will disappear faster than an ice cream in hot sun.

Of course, the snake-oil salesmen are out there ready to offer any promise just to pick up a vote here or there, with no regard to the future of the nation. I hear them talking in the streets every day:

“Tough times at home? Blame the Labour government – but try to forget that I used to profess loyalty to that administration.”

“Worried about your job prospects? Vote for me, I’ve got one just for you, here in my pocket.”

“Anxious about the health of your children? Check this special six-for-nine oil that will cure every ill.”

Luckily, nobody’s buying it.

At the end of the 1980s, St Kitts and Nevis was just a tiny island state, hanging on by its fingertips to a declining sugar industry, slowly being squeezed to extinction by foreign competitors and plummeting world prices. Today, our income per head is the highest in the OECS and third highest in the Caribbean. Unemployment is down below 10% and falling. Our enormous financial debt to the rest of the world is half what it used to be.

That maybe is why, today, I, as a member of the Diaspora am proud that – little St Kitts and Nevis – has been chosen by the fifty-five nations of the Commonwealth to lead the negotiations with the world’s leading economies on behalf of small states. St Kitts and Nevis has become a small island with a big voice.

True, there is still a lot to do. Times are still difficult for many families even though they work hard every day. Young people can’t be sure that they will get the jobs their effort at school deserves. And the sacrifices that our people have made to recover from the bad old days have left scars that aren’t yet healed. But at least we know that we are on the right path. What we can’t afford is to allow all our people’s sacrifice to be squandered on the altar of personal ambition.

The task before us is a mighty one. Politics is tough work. It’s not work for flip floppers. And it will take determination and strength to stay the course, whatever the bumps in the road. St Kitts and Nevis needs a leadership that won’t change its mind when things don’t go its way, or when the going gets tough.

In the end, politics is not about individuals. Politics is about the future of all our people. The Government has already made great differences in our nation. There is more to do – and they will do it. And above all we need the politics of patriotism to prevail over the politics of personality.

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d) AHA instructor certification in First Aid, First Responder CPR and Advanced Emergency CPR
e) Experience and demonstrated knowledge in conducting outreach health screening and assessments in the Federation
f) Knowledge of and ability to teach evidence-based study skills and test-taking strategies

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S.L. Horfords St. Pauls United Wins 2014 SKNFA Championship Cup

By Drizel Hanley

The S. L. Horsford St. Pauls United defeated the Rams Village Superstars 2-1 in game 2 of the Best of 3 Finals on Sunday night last, June 1st, to capture the 2013-2014 St. Kitts-Nevis Football Athletic Association (SKNFA) Premier Division Championship.

The game which was played at the Warner Park Football Stadium was a very competitive one as the RAMs Village Superstars fought valiantly to force a deciding game 3 match, however at the end of the game it was the S. L. Horsford St. Pauls United who emerged victorious.

Scoring for S. L. Horsford St. Pauls United were Terrence Ward in the 30th minute and Attis Hughes 42nd minute.

Scoring for Rams Village Superstars was Travis Rogers in the 81st minute.

In the first match of the Best of 3 Finals which was played on Thursday May 29th at the same venue the St. Pauls team also defeated Village 2 goals to 1 in extra time (30 minutes) after the game was tied 1-1 at the end of regulation time of 90 minutes.

Scoring for S.L. Horsfords St. Paul’s was Josh Leader in the 34th and 101st minute from a penalty.

Scoring for RAMs Village Superstars was Javin Matthew in the 78th minute from a penalty.

The other teams that participated in Final Four were Hobson Enterprises which came in 3rd and Harris Paint Saint Peters which came 4th.

At the end of the match on Sunday night the awards ceremony took place.

St. Pauls’ Josh Leader won the M.V. P. of the Final Four award.

The Coach of the year award went to Anthony “Nets” Isaac (Harris Paint St. Peters); Rookie of the Year went to Salas Cannonier (Harris Paint St. Peters); Fair Play Award (Final Four) went to Harris Paint St. Peters and Golden Boots of the Season: was awarded to Kirland Harris (Harris Paint St. Peters).

Following the much anticipated and well deserved win for the St. Pauls team was a massive motorcade which travelled easterly to the Warner Park and ended in St. Pauls with a street jam.

Sunday’s win made the 3rd time that the S.L. Horsfords St. Paul’s team won the Final Four Competition since its inception. They last won the championship some six years ago.

US$40 million hotel/condo project at Pirate’s Nest, Frigate Bay begins

Douglas said.

“Mindful of the striking topography of St. Kitts, the attractiveness of this particular part of the island, the pro-business, pro-public policies and programmes that this government has put in place, T-Loft Development has decided to join Ross University, Golden Rock Commercial Park, Christophe Harbour, Imperial Bay, Koi Resorts, Oceans Edge, Silver Reef, Marriott Residences, the Park Hyatt and so many others who have decided that St. Kitts is a place in which the skills exist to transform their development dreams into reality, in which the business environment facilitates a positive return on one’s investment, in which the social, economic, and political realities found here reward the decision to invest,” Dr. Douglas said.

The St. Kitts and Nevis leader noted that construction represents an important economic stimulus the world over.

“It employs nationals who possess a vast range of skills. It generates new revenue streams for the local corporations that provide the materials without which major construction projects would not be possible. And it generates valuable business opportunities for those who provide the services on which projects such as this depend,” Dr. Douglas said.

He pointed out that once the construction phase of T-Loft Property Development has been completed, the 246-room condominium project will require an entirely new range of employees and service providers.

“It will continue to depend on the products that are provided by this country’s large corporations. And the individuals and families who will become homeowners in this development will most assuredly patronize our car dealerships, our car rental agencies, our taxi-drivers, our landscapers, our artists, our accountants, our lawyers, our restaurants, our supermarkets, plant nurseries and the list is really quite extensive,” said Prime Minister Douglas.

He affirmed that the policies of his government, the atmosphere of the island, the skills of the people, and that distinctively quality that makes St. Kitts unique continue to attract more and more visitors to the Federation.

The Prime Minister said he is satisfied that visitors that continue to come to St. Kitts and Nevis by ship and by plane “are compelling evidence that St. Kitts is, indeed, registering, and registering at a very high level, in the global tourism market.”

He disclosed that T-Loft Property Development has applied for, and has been approved as, a participant in the country’s Citizenship By Investment Programme.
Fallen Officers Remembered at Solemn Ceremony

Basseterre, St. Kitts, (SKNIS): Emotions ran high on Thursday evening last week (May 29th) as members of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) congregated in the Police Parking Lot on Cayon Street for a memorial service commemorating officers who died in the line of duty.

The families and friends of Superintendent Jude Matthew 1956-1994, No. 212 Sergeant Clive Benjamin 1967-2006, No. 144 Corporal George Robinson, 1939-1986, and No. 755 Constable Franklyn Williams, 1964-1989 were clearly moved as tributes were paid to each officer by a number of speakers.

“All have given some, but some have given all. These men [whose pictures] are on the wall behind me have given all,” expressed Commissioner of Police Calvin G. Walwyn. He urged the men and women under his charge to be safe when carrying out their duties and said “never forget those that went before you, doing the job that you are doing in service to this country.”

“To the families, thank you very much for providing your family members to this police force and we thank you for the service they provided. We respect and honour their passing in the line of duty,” Walwyn concluded.

His remarks were followed by the reading of profiles of the four honourees. Superintendent Cromwell Henry recounted Supt. Matthew’s integrity in the pursuit of justice. Inspector Diana Mills was teary eyed as was much of the audience, as she highlighted Supt. Benjamin’s sincerity and upstanding character. She recalled how he often chased down suspects on foot, a clear sign of his determination to uphold the law. Cpl. Robinson and Constable Williams were remembered for their achievements and commitment to the force.

A memorial plaque was presented to each of the family representatives that attended the ceremony.

Sgt. Benjamin’s wife Mrs. Terrence Benjamin credited the organizers for holding this inaugural event. “It was very good,” she said, admitting that while it served as a reminder of the day her husband died, it was a comfort to know that he is being remembered in this way.

Permanent Secretary in the Anti Crime Unit H.E. Aston Browne praised the police for the “invaluable role they play in the community” and noted that when

Ret. Inspector Alfred Lescott receives plaque on behalf of Matthew family
Wife Terrence Benjamin receives plaque on behalf of her family.
Wife Violet Robinson receives plaque on behalf of her family.
Brother Eugene Hyliger receives plaque on behalf of Williams’ family.
Persons attending the memorial service

Police Route March

ROUTE MARCH

As part of its ongoing Public Awareness and Public Relations Mandate, The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force will be having a Commissioner’s Parade and Route March throughout the streets of Basseterre starting at the Springfield Cemetery opposite Greenlands, at 16:30 hours on Wednesday 11th June 2014.

A Commissioner’s Parade and Route March will be also held in Nevis on Tuesday 17th June 2014, in the afternoon, through streets of Charlestown.

The general public is therefore being notified of these events, and motorists are asked to be mindful of the use of the roads by the contingent of Police Officers during the marches.

Embracing The Philosophy of Community Policing

In keeping with the community policing initiatives of Commissioner CG Walwyn and the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force, the Nevis Division of The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force conducted a community walkthrough. This walkthrough was organised to meet and greet members of the communities they serve. The walkthroughs were first conducted in St. Kitts by Inspector Rosemarie Roberts in Stapleton Village and then on to Division B in St. Kitts by Superintendents Vaughn Henderson and Andre Mitchell.

This is the second of a series of planned walkthroughs which are planned and lead by Assistant Commissioner of Police Robert Liburd who leads the Nevis Division. Superintendent Hilroy Brandy, Inspector Franklyn Belgrove, Inspector Conrad Bertie, and other officers of the Division, along with K-9 Lorry and its handler, visited the communities of Ramsbury, Craddock Road and other nearby residential areas, in the Charlestown area.

Those familiarised themselves with the officers who worked in their communities and voiced their concerns about public safety with the leadership. Assistant Commissioner Robert Liburd personally addressed a number of their concerns. Many residents were pleased with this step taken by Assistant Commissioner Liburd and his team. Some residents stated that they saw this walkthrough as a positive step in enhancing the relationship between the police force and residents in the areas patrolled.

House Fire at Molyneux

Services extinguished the flames preventing further loss of property.
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Ecclesiastical matters have to do largely with anything that takes place within the context of a religious body called the Christian Church. The name Church comes from the Greek word ekklesia. It means any assembly, or local body of believers or the universal body of all believers. The ekklesia has a hierarchy that does not involve any Member of Parliament of Government. This body is solely responsible for running the affairs of the church and it is free of any encumbrances of Government once it conducts its affairs within the laws of the land. The ekklesia has its own Canon Laws, Constitution and Regulations by which it conducts its affairs on a day to day basis. Breaches of these rules by any member is not by discipline either by the hierarchy or by its ecclesiastical Court (see the Constitutions and Canons of The Church in the Province of the West Indies Canons 20 – 26 and The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church 1984, Part X Judiciary Chapters 1 – 9).

This body is responsible for the proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the world. Its mandate is commissioned by Jesus Christ Himself; “Go then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20).”

Crimes that contravene the law of the land are also dealt with by the Courts of the land. The Apostle Paul has given instruction to Christians that, “Rulers are not to be feared by those who do good, but by those who do evil…. Because he is God’s servant working for your own good. …… He is God’s servant and carries out God’s punishment on those who do evil (Romans 13:3 – 4). Absolutely no one is above either of both of these jurisprudence.

The office of ecclesiastical affairs was created since 1916 in Denmark when the post Kultus Minister was split up to the posts of Education Minister and Minister for Ecclesiastical Affairs. It is said that, “The Ecclesiastical Affairs Department is one of the oldest and most respected Departments of the State. The Department controls the external affairs of the Monasteries, Mandirs and all other religious institutions in the State. The Department does not interfere in the internal affairs/functioning of religious institutions and organizations, particularly matters on relating to religious protocols and ritual traditions.”

Since there is a Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs, that Department should have the following officers: a Permanent Secretary and a Director. These officers will be responsible to see that Religious Knowledge is taught in schools, organizations and groups. The Department will be responsible for the curriculum of the Education Department and to set examination from Kindergarten up to Sixth Form level.

The goal is to inculcate in all young people (whom the Church cannot reach, because they do not attend Church or Sunday school), values and principles that only the Word of God is able to impart by virtue of its presence in our Lord’s foundation our world. This youth will possess the capacity to cope with life’s challenges in a manner that will enhance their development and the well being of their families and their country.

Humbly Submitted by
Afon B H Percival (Rev Canon Dr)
Chair
Nevis Regional Council

CDC Warns People Get Measles Vaccine In Light of Record Number of Cases

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The Federation records a very high rate of vaccine coverage at over 95% due also to the understanding and cooperation of the vast majority of parents and guardians who readily take their children to Community Health Centers for their vaccines.

In addition to protecting against measles (a cause of pneumonia), vaccines on the national schedule cover Tuberculosis (a cause of lung and other infections); Mumps (a cause of sterility in males); Rubella (a cause of birth defects); Hepatitis B (a cause of liver cancer); Polio (a cause of paralysis); Hemophilus Influenza (a cause of meningitis); Diphtheria (a cause of airway obstruction); Pertussis (the cause of whooping cough); and Tetanus (a lack of jaw). In the pre-vaccine era, many infants and children became ill and died. A century ago, the infant death toll in St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla was at least 100 per 1,000 babies. Infant death rate is a sensitive measure of the quality of a national health system. In 2012, there were 6 infant deaths - the lowest number in recorded history. Contributing factors include the delivery of piped, potable water to homes; improved housing, waste management, and drainage; improved nutrition; improved personal hygiene; and universal vaccination.

The Ministry of Health salutes past and present management and staff of the Community Health Centers for dedication to duty and unrivaled contributions to health progress in the Federation.

The General Public is asked to continue ensuring that all children are completely vaccinated according to the national schedule.

Patrick Martin MD
Chief Medical Officer
Ministry of Health

Presentation about the Status of Women In SKN

Basseterre, St Kitts (31 May 2014): Dr. Christine Walwyn representing the National Council of Women and Business & Professional Women Association presented a few remarks at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Liamuiga (RCL) in which she highlighted the following:

1. Medical costs – the main medical services are free of charge to women in the Federation of St Kitts & Nevis (SKN). Project Viola also assists teenage mothers.

2. Violence against women – SKN is lagging behind in this area. This is mainly discussed by poorer women. The Council sees this as a pertinent issue and is working with the private sector to develop a safe house for women and girls. This is something that has been talked about for years, however, construction plans are in place at the moment but details are not yet available.

3. Protection of employment – maternity leave is available to women and, since 2013, paternity leave is also available. Consultancy is ongoing in order to make this available to domestic workers.

4. Protection of the child custody is now available to either father or mother since 2013. A man can now sue a woman for child support, if the man takes care of the child.

5. Women in leadership training – over the past five (5) years there have been thirty (30) women trained in leadership (political leadership).

Response to questions raised by the Members of the RCL, Dr. Walwyn confirmed the following additional information:

1. Medical costs – the main medical services are free of charge to women and, since 2013, paternity leave is also available. Consultancy is ongoing in order to make this available to domestic workers.

2. There is a lot of secrecy in relation to men who are in the situation where they are beaten by their women as they are often afraid to talk about this.

3. The Marriage Act still says man “owns” woman or woman is property of man. A member who is part of the legal fraternity advised that there is a bill in the making in the national parliament to develop a safe house for women and girls. This is something that has been talked about for years, however, construction plans are in place at the moment but details are not yet available.

4. It was noted by a member that there were many single mothers in the Federation. Dr. Walwyn advised that there is a bill in the making in the national parliament to develop a safe house for women and girls. This is something that has been talked about for years, however, construction plans are in place at the moment but details are not yet available.

5. Women are not out-pacing men in institutions, schools, etc. The National Council of Women and Business & Professional Women Association advanced the argument that women were being examined.

6. There have been changes in gay and lesbian rights at the international level, however in the SKN situation this has to be looked at in relation to what is acceptable to be tolerated in the local society. Discussion on this area has been placed on the backburner for now.

7. Equal pay for men and women was being examined. Presently, what a man earns in one week is equal to what a woman earns in three months to earn. One of the reasons is that women usually accept salary given while men tend to negotiate for higher pay. This is an international situation. There is a claim that maternity leave is not being given to women while men have to work all the time and work their way up that is an argument being put forward against equal pay.

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10. Although the legislation for the promotion of the status of women, the police are not certain about the situation and the National Council of Women and Business & Professional Women Association is working closely with all the stakeholders to change the mind-set of the police and the public.

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In addition to protecting against measles (a cause of pneumonia), vaccines on the national schedule cover Tuberculosis (a cause of lung and other infections); Mumps (a cause of sterility in males); Rubella (a cause of birth defects); Hepatitis B (a cause of liver cancer); Polio (a cause of paralysis); Hemophilus Influenza (a cause of meningitis); Diphtheria (a cause of airway obstruction); Pertussis (the cause of whooping cough); and Tetanus (a lack of jaw). In the pre-vaccine era, many infants and children became ill and died. A century ago, the infant death toll in St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla was at least 100 per 1,000 babies. Infant death rate is a sensitive measure of the quality of a national health system. In 2012, there were 6 infant deaths - the lowest number in recorded history. Contributing factors include the delivery of piped, potable water to homes; improved housing, waste management, and drainage; improved nutrition; improved personal hygiene; and universal vaccination.

The Ministry of Health salutes past and present management and staff of the Community Health Centers for dedication to duty and unrivaled contributions to health progress in the Federation.

The General Public is asked to continue ensuring that all children are completely vaccinated according to the national schedule.

Patrick Martin MD
Chief Medical Officer
Ministry of Health
We have talent in our country

I believe that most of us already know that we have an abundance of talent in our country. I have been privileged to attend over the last two weekends three functions, where talent was exhibited in various genres.

My first encounter was with the St Kitts Rising Stars. Acapella Boys, who performed at the Requiem Service held in the Parish of St. Pauls at the Anglican Church.

They were a joy to listen to. As I listened to their performance, I thought to myself, ‘all is not lost’. These boys it seems to me, are between the ages of 10 – 13 years. I congratulate them for their renditions and the blending of their voices is something to look forward to when they next perform.

On Sunday June 1, again I was fortunate to attend another wonderful performance which was at the Wesley Methodist Church, on Seaton Street, in Basseterre. This time it was the ‘Sunbeam Children’s Choir’. Their concert was divided into three segments – Hymns, Negro Spirituals and Caribbean/Gospel Songs.

These children are between the ages of 5 – 13 years. Again, I felt good at the conclusion of their performance. I believe these children reminded me of the days when my children took part in church and school functions. These children are our future leaders, entertainers, and who knows what they will become? We just have to lift them up in prayer and support their efforts. We also have to congratulate those leaders who train our young people. We should also lift them up in prayer, so that the Lord may give them the wisdom and patience to teach the children.

The last, but not least of the functions I attended was at the St George’s Anglican Church on Monday night where our very own Mr Ian Hodge was in concert with the St George’s Anglican Choir. That too was a lovely, concert. If you missed it – you missed a lot. It was so good.

Mr Hodge did a fantastic job. Other persons taking part that evening were Ms Pauline Herbert, and Mrs Pearl Elm Elmes soprano singers and the choir of the St George’s Anglican Church.

The talent displayed by the accompanists, Rev Jeremy Francis, Dr Caroline Lawrence, Dr Louisa Lawrence, Mr Christian Nathaniel and Lady Hulda Lawrence was beautiful. What a night, it was talent all around. So tell me, don’t you think that they all deserve our congratulations, to all who made these events the success that it was? I think so and accordingly they deserve another round of applause.

I feel blessed to have been present at these performances and would say to each and everyone Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Arrest Made In Domestic Shooting Incident

Following the investigation into the shooting of Shawn “Fisherman” Chatram of Stoney Grove, which occurred on Wednesday 28th May 2014, the Violent Crime Unit (VCU) in Nevis has formally arrested a charged an 18-year-old son, Kunnarkar Chatram of Stoney Grove of the victim for the offence of Attempted Murder.

This matter is one of serious concern to Commissioner C G Walton and other members of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force, and all the law abiding and civic minded persons in our community. Therefore, Commissioner C G Walton takes this opportunity to encourage both juvenile and adult children living with their parents to humble themselves and respect the authority of their parents, and also to encourage parents to be good role models to their children and give them the proper nurturing and training that are required to harness in the minds of the children that they ought to be law abiding citizens and have respect for themselves and to be good and productive citizens of the country.
What A 2014 Party Conference?

Dear Reader, May 5th, 2014, dawned with the sun in all its fiery glory as if it was daring us to come out and march to really show our solidarity with the Labour Movement.

In daring to us to march, it was as if it was compelling us to send a special message to our detractors that we have FULL CONFIDENCE in our Party and its Leaders, who, with our support, defied the odds and survived a horrid 2013.

To march in such hot sun was testimony to the fact that we were faithful disciples of Labour and that no weapon formed against us shall ever prevail; that no treachery, no deception, no selling of their souls in ordnance over his ability, capability, organization will ever be successful, for we who know we are, we know from whence we came, and that we are not afraid and ashamed of our social history. A history that is filled with struggle and sacrifice.

Bearing all these historical social factors in mind, 2014 witnessed the most massive Labour Day march ever demonstrated in the history of the Labour Movement, since the inception of that event in 1955.

It was a first in many respects. It was the very first time that we had full participation by our sisters and brothers from the Sister Isle of Nevis.

It was the very first time that we laid wreaths on the tomb of Comrade Charles Mills, who represented the Party in Constituency #6. It was the very first time that the March started out with so many supporters. It was the very first time that so many young people showed their connection to the party and the Labour Movement.

It was the very first time that so many supporters redded (my word) up the place like that. It was the very first time that we had young bicycle riders sporting their red shirts, leading the march.

It was the very first time that we witnessed so many persons on the side of the road expressing their solidarity by decking themselves in red outfits cheering us on as we marched. It was the very first time that we saw little children whose parents were afraid to wear their red because of where they worked in downtown Basseterre, holding on to their hands, decked out in their red outfits. It was the very first time that we had so many bands in the March.

The organizers must have felt the pulse of the supporters for them to provide that kind of entertainment. THE DETRACTORS TRIED TO DELUTE THE SHOCK WAVES OF THE IMPACT OF THE MARCH, SAYING THAT IT WAS MORE OF A CARNIVAL THAN A MARCH WHY SHOULD OUR MARCH REPRESENT A DEAD EVENT? IT'S CELEBRATION AND IT MUST BE CELEBRATED WEST INDIAN STYLE.

People are leaving the traditional churches because the service is too dead, so, why should we subject our young and energetic supporters to any dead event, oh, dear reader?

It was cause for rejoicing because IT IS A WORKERS' DAY TO CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTION WE HAVE MADE TO THE DEBT EQUITY EXCHANGE IN THE ECONOMY.

IT WAS CAUSE FOR REJOICING BECAUSE WE OVERCAME THE GREATEST THREAT TO THE SURVIVAL OF OUR GREAT LABOUR ORGANIZATION, TSUNAMI TIMOTHY HARRIS AND SAM CONDOR.

It was the very first time that supporters presented themselves in troupeaux, gaily decked out in the colour RED. It was the first time that we witnessed such a hamboccuco, (so, no, I have to look for a more decent word) enormous horde of people marching together with so much enthusiasm.

It was as if these people came out to send a message to some person or persons. There are those detractors, who claim that the march was predominantly made up of little children, but little children have parents and, the year is flying by so rapidly that, before you snap your fingers, those same children would become eligible to vote. But little children have parents and, the year is flying by so rapidly that, before you snap your fingers, those same children would become eligible to vote.

It also shows that Labour would never go under because it has a base. It will always have off shoots. The same cannot be said about those who are trying to oppose Labour. One can easily say that Labour has promise. Labour has a bright future ahead of it especially with the discovery of the Springtime Crew.

Any leader who has that kind of support shown to him, has demonstrated the ability to be able to appeal, cunning, competence and FULL CONFIDENCE in his people and they in him.

If this march was so powerfully displayed for the detractors to witness, it would be left to the imagination to visualize the support that would be given to the 82nd Conference of the party. Over ten thousand enthusiastic supporters participating in the march plus six or seven thousand who lined the sidewalks, Greenswards pasture and the Springfield Cemetery decked in their bright red blending and their support.

But, Dear Reader, The Marriott Hotel cannot accommodate the amount of persons in the march, but it did accommodate over one thousand persons, which is another record and oh, what an impressive Conference it was?

I attended the Conference and was unaware of some of my friends who attended. The place was crammed and the attendees were filled with purpose. You could feel the pulse of the people. They are really ready.

The early session saw the attendees glued to their seats as speaker after speaker came to the podium and brought their fraternal greetings.

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Paul Southwell’s son came and gave his remarks, rebuking the detachment of the people. He ended his presentation with a little song which some of us knew very well and readily joined in.

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Vance Gilbert whose presentation was based on the Moto of the Party, “For the good that we can do.” He started with a story which related to his theme, pointing out that when you do good you cannot go wrong. The aftermath of your good deeds cannot itself down the road or at sometime and the reason why Labour would always be alive and strong at all times is because it has always provided golden opportunities for people who had no chance whatsoever of achieving anything that they could ever achieve their lifelong ambitions, their lifelong dreams bearing fruit or being realized. Labour gives everyone a chance to be whatever they want to be in life. Only Labour could provide such an environment.

Two wonderful and praiseworthy presentations which went down very well and were applauded greatly by the supporters in the hall, but there is some kind of magical current which people feel enthused. The Party is strong, the membership has grown tremendously, and the young people have been streaming aboard the Labour ship in droves.

Over 50% (fifty percent) of the delegates were young people. If this trend continues, soon, there will be no room for supporters like me, but I will feel very good rocking in my chair, knowing that the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party is in safe, competent, capable and loyal hands.

Dear Reader, if my grandmother was alive, she would have pointed out that nothing bad ever happens in life. Because of the treachery of Sam and Timothy, the Labour Party is stronger, bigger, more united and ready than at any time in its 82 YEAR OLD HISTORY.

Because of the treachery of Sam and Timothy, she would also have pointed out that “The death of a whale (whiskies) is the promotion of a bottle.” When we eat a whiskel, we throw away the shell. That shell now becomes the home of the soldier crab.

If Timothy and Sam did not show their true colours, we would not have discovered the GREAT NATURAL TALENTS OF THE SPRINGTIME CREW. We now have three loyal and dedicated young men who will not betray us.

These are young men who cannot be bought or sold and who will stand for the cause, though...
Development Bank Staff Hold Successful Fun Day

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTSS — Curtains came down spectacularly for Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis' 33rd Anniversary celebrations with a fun day for staff, their families and friends, that was held on Saturday May 31 on the green pasture at Frigate Bay in Basseterre.

As Ms Danienne Brin, the bank’s Manager for Human Resource, Marketing and Product Development had predicted, it was a full-house event where staff members, their families and friends mingled with each other; there was plenty of food and drinks; there was music and there were games where they played real hard.

The members of staff including those from the Nevis branch office were divided into four houses; Green, Red, Orange, and Blue.

However missing was the tug of war which proved to be the highlight of the last fun day that was held in 2010. Present were a sprinkling of proud parents (of staff members), siblings and children of staff members, including at least three babies under age one.

Cocktail was the game of choice having been played at various levels from as early as 11 am to as late as 7 pm, where a former national cricketer and presently the General Manager of the Bank Mr Lenworth Harris had a whale of a time. He also excelled at dominos.

In the early stages a group of expatriates was using the same field to play baseball and as a result cricket was restricted to a ‘net’ session training with two crates of drinks acting as the wicket. It was quite an interesting exercise and most of the staff and their friends took part.

When the expatriates vacated the field, a proper seven a side five overs competition ensued with two teams, one captained by Ms Ercelle Bernier that had Mr Lenworth Harris, Ms Jasmin Primus, Ms Natasha Sutton, Ms Demella Dalton and guests, faced the team captained by Ms Sasha Liburd that had Mrs Jean Alecendor-Browne, Ms Nadia Francis, Mr Cloville Morton, Mr Tyrone Jeffers, Mr Clyde Williams and guests.

The Sasha Liburd team batted first and were out all for 39. Chasing 40 runs to win, the Ercelle Bernier team only lost two wickets and therefore convincingly won by five wickets. After the tournament, Mr David Fox was back on the field with a group of youngsters and they played until it was dark.

Football did not inspire those that were present, and ended up being an all female affair. With only one ball at hand, Security Officer, Ms Tishari Hobson had a great time with her daughter and a friend of her daughter as they dodged the boys who attempted to take the ball from them.

The next competitive game was the Mississippi that attracted a large section of women employees and their friends. It was indeed quite competitive and at one time left the energetic Ms Jasmin Primus flat on her back. It was Ms Natasha Sutton who reached the furthest stage to be adjudged the winner.

In dominos the pair of Mr Lenworth Harris and Ms Ercelle Bernier licked the opposition hands down. They floored the teams of Mr Laurinston Matthew and Ms Tamara Herbert; Ms Roviane Taylor and Mr Patrice Ward; and Ms Kenisha Davis and Mr Robert Haynes (a guest).

Focus turned to the track with the first line-up in the lime and spoon competition with Ms Veronica Boddie as the starter. In the competition were Ms Zi Joseph (a guest), Ms Kristyl Bristol, Ms Laprisca Liburd, Ms Tiffany Saunders and Ms Jasmin Primus. Some arrived at the finish line without the lime. It was won by Ms Zi Joseph.

The second round of lime and spoon race had Ms Jamela Warner as the starter, and taking part were Ms Kimberly Phipps (a guest), Ms Veronica Boddie, Ms Roviane Taylor, Ms Ingrid Phipps and Ms Laprisca Liburd. The winner was Ms Veronica Boddie.

An entertaining three-legged race that was flagged off by Ms Veronica Boddie saw in action the pairs of Ms Kenja Morton-Davis and Ms Gizelle Williams (Blue House), Ms Kristyl Bristol and Ms Jamela Warner (Orange House), Ms Tiffany Saunders and Ms Jasmin Primus (Green House), Ms Laprisca Liburd and Ms Destiny Williams (Red House), and guests Miss Brittany Esdaile and Miss Tia Thomas. It was won by Red House.

The last event and the most hotly contested was a three stage relay which went for nearly a 100 meters stretch. In place of batons they used empty water bottles.

With four houses in action, Blue House was represented by Ms Kenja Morton-Davis, Miss Janique Queeley (a guest) and Ms Gizelle Williams running the anchor leg. Green House was represented by Ms Tiffany Saunders, Ms Nadia Francis, and Ms Jasmin Primus who ran the anchor leg.

There was however confusion because at the end of the race, Red House team of Ms Destiny Williams, Miss Tia Thomas (guest) and anchor leg runner Ms Laprisca Liburd claimed victory. As if that was not enough, the Orange House team of Ms Kristyl Bristol, Ms Veronica Boddie and anchor leg runner Ms Jamela Warner also claimed victory.

With neither judges nor a camera at the end of the race, the results of that race which came to an end at 6:30 pm still hang in the balance.

Jason “Peewee” Liddie captured

There was a warrant in existence for the arrest of Jason Liddie alias “Peewee” of Haynes Smith Village, West Basseterre for house breaking and larceny, which was committed on 26th, May 2014. He turned himself in to the Basseterre Police Station on Wednesday, 4th June 2014 about 12:30pm. The 23 year old young man was accompanied by his girlfriend.
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS TO PILOT REGIONAL YOUTH SECURITY PROGRAMME

Basseterre, St. Kitts, June 05, 2014 (SKNIS): An eighteen month programme which targets the safety of youth in schools and communities is a new initiative between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis.

At a recently held National Consultation and Launch of the CARICOM – Spain Citizen Security Project, Ionie Liburd-Willet, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Information, welcomed the initiative and spoke on the issue of youth violence.

“We are aware of the fact that predisposing factors for crime and violence among youth includes alienation, social exclusion, unemployment, poverty, marginalization, school drop outs and at risk families,” she said. “All of these are associated with the increasing potential for children and young people to be recruited by or in some cases voluntarily join violent youth gangs.”

Willet stressed that having such a programme in place is vital.

“This National Consultation is important to everyone, as youth on youth violence is a subject of top priority for us in the Federation,” she explained. “The project will provide requisite research findings to improve our knowledge of the effects and impact of life skills and entrepreneurial programmes.”

Beverly Reynolds, Programme Manager for Human and Social Development at the CARICOM Secretariat, also praised the initiative, stating that it would help to advance the development and well-being of the young people in St. Kitts and Nevis.

She further stated what CARICOM has done so far where youths are concerned. “We (CARICOM) have over the past four years, under the Caribbean Social Development Crime Prevention Action Plan worked closely with the Ministry of National Security, The Ministry of Social Development, (Culture and Gender Affairs) and Non-Governmental Organizations in initiatives to build character and resilience in at risk skills,” she said. “We have also facilitated good practices for dealing with youth gangs and supported life skills development for youths who are desirous of exiting a life of crime.”

Gary Da Silva, Spanish Representative uttered remarks of praise and stressed that “this could not come at a better time as this year marks the 15th anniversary of the relations between Spain and CARICOM.”

“It is an excellent opportunity to highlight the long standing commitment of Spain to St. Kitts and Nevis and the region,” he said. “I am glad to share with you that the commitment of Spain with different spheres of the development of St. Kitts and Nevis and this region is strong and will continue over the years.

Through the CARICOM - paid joint fund agreement approximately US$436 million was made available to pilot this project and would be funded by the Government of Spain. Other countries undertaking this project includes Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago.

The project targets at risk youth 10-29 years old and is expected to contribute to a reduction in the incidence of youth on youth violence in selected schools and communities in which it will be piloted.
Dwyer Astaphan: “The whole of Basseterre would have have been decimated and thousands of persons killed in PAM’s June 10, 1967 attempted coup.”

BASSETTERE, ST. KITTS, JUNE 4TH 2014 (CUOPM) – As the 47th Anniversary of the failed attempt by the People’s Action Movement (PAM) approaches, it must be noted that if the dynamites had exploded at Camp Springfield on June 10, 1967, everybody in Fry’s Village, half of the people in Greenslands would have been killed.

Mr. Dwyer Astaphan, then Minister of National Security in 2005, noted that La Guerite and St. Johnston Village would have disappeared “and if these people had gotten their way, not one police officer in Basseterre would have been alive that morning.”

He also stated that with the exploding of the Shell bulk tanks, the whole of Basseterre would have been decimated as most of the homes in 1967 were made of wood.

Speaking in the National Assembly on June 9th 2005, Mr. Astaphan called on the people of the Federation to be “on their guard” on the eve of the 38th anniversary of the armed invasion of St. Kitts and the failed attempt to overthrow the lawfully elected Labour Party Administration of Premier the Hon. Robert L. Bradshaw on June 10, 1967.

Mr. Astaphan pointed out that the People’s Action Movement, formed in 1965, was involved in the conspiracy to overthrow the Labour Government several months after its defeat in the General Election on July 25th 1966.


Mr. Astaphan told the nation that the plot which involved the People’s Action Movement, which implicated the People’s Action Movement in the failed coup attempt. He also referred to another book by the Anguilla rebel leader and former Chief Minister, Mr. Ronald Webster.


“On Saturday the 10th of June 1967, a party of armed men from Anguilla landed in St. Kitts. They had two principle objectives which were inter related. Firstly, the defense of the Anguilla Revolution. Secondly, the overthrow of the Government of Premier Robert Bradshaw and the installation of a government sympathetic to the Anguilla cause,” he quoted from the first paragraph.

The second paragraph read: ‘The notion of attacking St. Kitts was the brainchild of Ronald Webster and a prominent Kittitian. Atlin Harrigan, one of the leaders of the Anguilla Revolution advised Webster that he was making a mistake but Webster strongly believed that Bradshaw’s Government could have been toppled by armed force. He was misled by political personalities in St. Kitts into believing that a majority of Kittitians were prepared to take up arms the Government. This illusion compelled him to join forces with Bradshaw’s political enemy in St. Kitts in an effort tooust Bradshaw.’

Another paragraph read: ‘The plan for toppling the Government included the destruction of the Defense Force Camp, the capture of Police Headquarters and the destruction of the Power Station, all located in the St. Kitts capital of Basseterre. In addition, the Revenue Cutter (Customs Launch) was to be captured and the men taken prisoner. A crucial aspect of the plan called for the destruction of the island’s fuel depot situated in Eastern Basseterre. The intention was to set the gasoline tanks on fire and cause the police, the Fire Brigade and the people of Basseterre to concentrate all their efforts and resources on preventing a major catastrophe. The situation it was felt would have left Basseterre unprotected thus making it easier for the Anguillians to occupy and control it. Premier Bradshaw was to be captured alive and brought back to Anguilla and Reuben Gumbs, better known as Rubie was to go on the government owned Radio Station ZIZ in St. Kitts and announce that a prominent Kittitian was the new Premier.’

Dwyer Astaphan read another excerpt from the book which indicated that the boat which left Anguilla for St. Kitts on June 9th 1967 had on board ‘two machine guns, two submachine guns, four M1 rifles, four pistols, 300 rounds of ammunition, 200 rounds of Smeye’s arms was bleeding.’

He also referred to another paragraph that the People’s Action Movement collaborators in St. Kitts gave the impression, ‘we were going to meet half of St. Kitts there waiting on us to help them fight, but nothing like that took place. The mission, the objective, the aim was to have half of Springfield and if we failed it was because we did not come as we were going to go and when we got to St. Kitts, there was no evidence of local support.’

The attackers at the Defense Force camp hurriedly make for its destruction when one of the leaders of the coup, a Kittitian, who transported the men to the camp, on loading the battery for igniting the dynamite, exclaimed, ‘Lord too many innocent souls going dead. This angered one of the American mercenaries who wanted to shoot him for waiting until the plan attack had been underway to express such sentiments.’

‘Exploding gun shots tripped out four electrical circuits and plunged the whole of western Basseterre into darkness. The explosives had awakened Neville Hancock, the assistant Engineer, who lived in a house next to the power station. Hancock became alarmed when he noticed that the light on his verandah was off. Then he discovered that the power station was in darkness and took out his flashlight and went inside to investigate. Once he reached inside the building, he headed towards the switch board, where a shot was fired at him. Thinking that was it was a Defense Force guard, he shouted, ‘don’t shoot. It’s me Hancock.’ A second shot caused Hancock to take to heel and on the dash to his house, he met the Defense Force guard, Smeye, who ran with him. One of Smeye’s arms was bleeding.’

Dwyer Astaphan told the nation that the plot which involved the People’s Action Movement was to shoot down the country, not just Bradshaw’s Government.

“The explosives at Camp Springfield would have killed everybody in Fry’s Village, half of the people in Greenslands including the home where the present leader of PAM in laws live; Government House would have been blown up, half of Springfield would have been desecrated, La Guerite and St. John Town Village would have been decimated and thousands of people had gotten their way, not one police officer in Basseterre would have been alive that morning,” said Astaphan, who added that by exploding the Shell bulk the whole of Basseterre would have been decimated as most of the home in 1967 were made of wood.

“Pond’s Pasture, Pond’s Extension, New Town, Irish Town, Mc Knight, all of Basseterre would have been flattened and 90 percent of the people killed,” pointed out Minister Astaphan.

“They decided that if the people are not going to give him power by the ballot, he will take power by the bullet. Madam Speaker, I am speaking about people and an organisation, who and which have utter contempt and disregard for law and propriety, utter disregard and contempt for democracy and for people and humanity and for God,” said Mr. Astaphan.

He asked the National Assembly to “remember and never forget the 10th of June 1967.” Coincidently the Democrat, mouthpiece of the People’s Action Movement is also asking its readers not to forget that date.
Development Bank Supports Leeward Islands Masters Cricket Tournament in Nevis

CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS — Chasing for the Leeward Islands Masters Cricket Tournament trophy, St. Kitts team is travelling to sister island, Nevis, on Thursday June 5 determined to wrestle the championship that was snatched by Nevis when the tournament was held in St. Kitts last year.

Nevis who would have won the tournament more times than St. Kitts in the past are all out to retain it and are not welcoming any threats from their perennial competitor in sister island St. Kitts, but have promised that the duel will be the most friendly, because at the end of the day when all the visiting teams have gone back, they will be left in the Federation as one people.

The tournament, which received a cash sponsorship from the Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis, is being supported by the Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis and is scheduled for June 6 to Sunday June 8 at the E.T. Warner Park stadium.

Mr. Franklyn Daniel, President of Nevis Masters Cricket Club (left) receives sponsorship cheque from Mrs. Jean Alcendor-Browne, the Bank’s Credit Risk Management Officer in the Nevis Branch. Looking on is Mr. Leroy ‘Blackman’ Liburd, Member Management Committee.

CRICKET-WIS/NZL-SCORE-BOARD
Jamaica Select XI vs New Zealand – 3rd day, Tour Match

FLORENCE HALL, Jamaica – Scoreboard from the final day of the three-day, tour match between the Jamaica Select XI and the New Zealanders on Wednesday at the Trelawny Multiplex here:

NEW ZEALANDERS 1st Innings
203 for nine declared

JAMAICA SELECT XI 1st Innings
122 for nine declared

NEW ZEALANDERS 2nd Innings
(overnight 65 for seven)
*P. Fulton lbw b Gordon 2

JAMAICA SELECT XI 2nd Innings (target: 214)

T. Latham lbw b Powell 8
H. Rutherford c G. Brown b Powell 10
C. Anderson c wkpr Miller b Gordon 0
L. Ronchi c and b Green 11
K. Williamson c Powell b Green 11
+B.J. Watling c Powell b Williamson 11
R. Taylor not out 55
M. Craig c Lewis b Green 11
N. Wagner b Green 0
T. Boult not out 0
Extras (b6, w4, nb2) 12
TOTAL (all out, 32.5 overs) 90
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-2, 3-3, 4-20, 5-20, 6-20, 7-29, 8-43, 9-78
Bowling: Bowls; Gordon 15-3-34-2 (w3); Powell 11-4-29-2; Green 9-1-41-5 (nb2); G. Brown 3-0-12-0 (w1); Jacobs 2-3-10-0

NEW ZEALANDERS 1st Innings
21

Gordon 15-3-34-2 (w3); Powell 11-4-29-2; Green 9-1-41-5 (nb2); G. Brown 3-0-12-0 (w1); Jacobs 2-3-10-0

CARIBBEAN PREMIER LEAGUE T20 to be seen in the UK and Ireland

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, (CUOPM) - Cricket fans in the United Kingdom and Ireland will be able to catch up on the latest Caribbean Premier League T20 action on BT Sport.

According to media reports, cricket fans will be able to tune in to BT Sport for all the action at the 2014 Caribbean Premier League T20 tournament, after the channel secured exclusive TV rights for the event in the UK and Ireland.

Former England off-spinner Ashley Swann are set to form part of the commentary team for the event, which is considered one of the most exciting T20 tournaments in the world.

Fans of the sport will be able to stay up to date with the latest goings on at the sporting event, where they can watch fellow ex-England international Kevin Pietersen play for the St. Lucia Zouks, as well as Kieron Pollard, Dwayne Bravo and Chris Gayle, who will also compete.

Live coverage on BT Sport 2 will commence on 11 July at 19:00 BST, where the opening clash between Amazon Warriors and Hawksbills in Grenada will be shown.

The tournament sees six teams from eight Caribbean countries go head-to-head in eight venues across Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Kitts, Trinidad, Guyana, Barbados, Antigua and Grenada.

Grant Best, Senior Executive Channel Producer at BT Sport, said: “We are delighted to continue enhancing and expanding our multi-sport line-up by bringing fans not only one of the most exciting cricket tournaments globally, but also the eagerly awaited return to the crease of Kevin Pietersen.”

J. McCarthy b Craig 5
+P. Palmer lbw b Wagner 52
C. Burton lbw b Craig 0
B. King c Rutherford b Craig 0
D. Green b Craig 1
J. Merchant c Sodhi b Williamson 6
+H. Miller c Anderson b Williamson 14
J.D. Campbell not out 1
Extras (b4, lb3, nb2) 9
TOTAL (all out, 32.5 overs) 90
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-2, 3-3, 4-20, 5-20, 6-20, 7-29, 8-43, 9-78
Bowling: Bowls; Gordon 15-3-34-2 (w3); Powell 11-4-29-2; Green 9-1-41-5 (nb2); G. Brown 3-0-12-0 (w1); Jacobs 2-3-10-0

Reserve umpire: R. Samuels

Match referee: D. Hayles

J. Campbell c Rutherford b Boult 2
K. Lewis lbw b Boult 0
A. McCarthy b Craig 5
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Bowling: Bowls; Gordon 15-3-34-2 (w3); Powell 11-4-29-2; Green 9-1-41-5 (nb2); G. Brown 3-0-12-0 (w1); Jacobs 2-3-10-0
Reserve umpire: R. Samuels

Players-a-side: Jamaica 13, New Zealand 14 (11 bat, 11 field)

Umpires: V. Smith, C. Taylor
Match referee: D. Hayles
Reserve umpire: R. Samuels (ENDS)
FBI, CBI and the 10th of June

By Scrutineer

All of a sudden, because the Douglas-led government received high marks from the IMF, all of a sudden the same Douglas-led administration returned US$40 million to the same IMF, all of a sudden because the National Treasury is full of money, all of a sudden because the National Debt really gone ‘poof’, FBI is here, freezing local people’s million dollar bank accounts. People who are close to the Prime Minister will soon be extradited to the USA by the FBI to stand trial for money laundering and a ton rate of other international crimes and to quote a prominent doctor who quoted a former politician “some people will have to answer some hard questions soon”. And some of these people work with the IMF.

The learned doctor asks, “Were they (the IMF) part of a bigger scheme of mirage and subterfuge to provide cover for some nefarious happenings in the global sphere, while propping up our political elements (I suppose he means the government) for being willing players in their schemes”? You see what tough questions this prominent doctor is putting to the IMF? You all read those words? “Scheme of mirage”. “Subterfuge”. “Nefarious”. “Some people will have to answers some questions”. What are they getting away with?

The same Citizenship by Investment Programme that is allowing so many persons to be employed on PEP; the same Citizenship by Investment Programme that paid Double Salaries last Christmas; the same Citizenship by Investment Programme that is providing the funds for local business places to renovate and build new premises; the same Citizenship by Investment Programme that is subsidizing our electricity bills; the same Citizenship by Investment Programme that has made certain present and former PAM candidates multi-millionaires is largely responsible for this phenomenal growth in the economy.

The Pre-School programme is celebrating 30 years. Ours is the model for the OECs. Our national relay team placed second to Jamaica in the 4x200m men’s relay, almost three times a week, a big cruise ship docks at our port, and this is the off season. Civil servants that are entitled to retirement pensions are paid in full and on time every month.

But Dwyer can’t have that. Great things are happening in spite of all everything that he has tried. He has to try to change the conversation. This man spends his waking and sleeping hours plotting all sorts of things to destroy the S.I.D.F. and bring down the lawfully elected and tried. He has to try to change the conversation.

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The exercise will provide realistic simulated disaster events to test the Antigua and Barbuda National Office of Disaster Services (NODS) as well as the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).

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St. Kitts and Nevis Military Participates in Tradewinds 2014

BASSETTERE, ST. KITTS, (CUOMP) – Law Enforcement officers from the St. Kitts-Nevis Defence Force are among military and security forces from around the Caribbean who have joined the United States and Canada for maritime security and disaster response training.

Commanding Officer of the St. Kitts-Nevis Defence Force, Lt. Col. Patrick Wallace said 10 officers from the Infantry and 8 from the Coast Guard Unit are participating in this year’s exercise.

Tradewinds 2014 is conducted in two main phases: Phase I, the maritime phase, which will be held in Antigua and Barbuda June 1 through June 10, and Phase II, the land portion, which will be held in the in the Dominican Republic June 16-25.

The exercise supports the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI), a regional security partnership between CARICOM member states, the Dominican Republic, and the United States of America.

Taking part in maritime training are units from the host nation, Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force (ABDF), as well as national police, and coast guard units from The Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Some of the participating vessels are interceptors and patrol boats provided to partner nations as part of CBSI’s “Secure Seas” programme.

The crews of these vessels will train alongside members of the United States Coast Guard and the Royal Canadian Navy, which is also providing a fleet diving team and the Kingston-class maritime patrol vessel, HMCS Summerside.

The training during Phase I will focus primarily on maritime security and countering transnational organized criminal groups on the high seas, as well as training to improve the ability to respond to natural disasters and provide humanitarian relief.

Readers, don’t you see what is happening? The 10th of June is coming. Dwyer knows that his famous 40th Anniversary interview will be replayed, and now that he is in bed with PAM, he must try to change the conversation. This man spends his waking and sleeping hours plotting all sorts of things to destroy the S.I.D.F. and bring down the lawfully elected and tried. He has to try to change the conversation.

This 40th Anniversary interview is something he wishes he can take back.

The 10th June must pass without any fanfare, and at any cost. Dwyer knows that the graphic details repeated by those who were there, like the horrors of African enslavement, is an episode in our lives that rehashes the lengths to which the evil mind would go to ensure dominance of one people over another.

Only wicked people could have planned the 10th of June. Only power-hungry people could have planned the 10th of June. But these people are his bosom buddies now so he is in a spot of bother.
By Vigilante

- De selection of De Sherriff as de guest speaker at de PAM Convention, over de rearbin hog, has caused a major fall-out between he (de rearbin hog) and de PAM leadership.
- Dey say de rearbin hog so vex and hurt dat he called a special meeting of he gang in de constituency and bussa bell outa Shawn and Gene, complaining angrily dat dey didn’t have de decency to invite him to bring fraternal greetings as leader of his party.
- Dey say he say now dat Simmonds is back in charge, de Marriott man and De Anointed One got more say in de party (PAM) than Shawn and Gene. And how Simmonds tell dem no Labour traitor or anyone from CCM (that turn dey back on him in 1993) going call de shots for he party. And that’s why he refused to publicly acknowledge he and de other Labour Traitor when he addressed de Convention and walked out on De Sherriff.
- But according to our reliable sources in PAM de real fall out came when de PAM misleaders find out for deyself dat de rearbin hog was a man all for heself- greedy and selfish. He want all de meeting dem in he constituency and he want all de campaign money. He move like a hog, he talk like a hog and he act like a hog; a real rearbin hog.
- De rearbin hog and de moomoo hog get to find out dat de big pappy PAM dem wine and dine de Sherriff down Old Road, round de Fort den over de Strip de Saturday before dey convention. People who was nearby nutten but de best de Sherriff was eating and drinking.
- When de rearbin hog confront de Marriott man about it telling him dat he is de Unitief leader and shoulda be dere, de Marriott man tell him dat when he contribute one ha’penny to de party he mus come and tell him. Tell din, is he money and he will spen it as he feel.
- Dey say de Marriott man buse him and tell him he got a conscience like a mongoose. All de years he wid Douglas and Labour he never spend a red cent to pay party dues and for any election campaign. He could wuk trick pon de octogenarian who say he got more money dan God, and giving him all de rentals dem and free gasoline to do de campaign and personal wuk.
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Editorial

It was to have been supervised by The University of The West Indies and The University of Guyana, both of which institutions were to have provided external review and monitoring of the examinations the validation of its awards. The Government of The United Kingdom had analysed the plans and programmes and committed to the provision of finance for the capital costs and equipment.

As we stated last week, Labour has always played a leadership role in the development of our people, our institutions, and our country as a whole. From February, 1980 to July, 1995 St Kitts and Nevis reverted to being a “follower-up”. It was only upon our return to office in July, 1995 that our nation once again became a leader in the regions development. The announcements made last week by the CFB College are, in a manner of speaking, a culmination of Labour’s efforts as mentioned above. We encourage all of our people to take note and avail themselves of these additional education opportunities being made possible by your party, LABOUR!

We compliment our Prime Minister and our Labour Government for this achievement, and make special mention of our incumbent Minister for Education, Senator the Honourable Nigel Carty. Our special thanks and compliments go out to the Education Secretariat and the Faculty of the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College. We could not possibly name all of those who have contributed over the years, because you number in the thousands, and to do so would require several editions of this newspaper. Please be assured, however, that our thanks and appreciation, and those of the nation, are just as genuine, sincere and heartfelt.

We have taken the trouble not only to set the record straight, but also, once again, to call on all of our people to have due regard to these and the many other accomplishments of Labour. Always remember that, with Labour, it is all about you, the people of St Kitts and Nevis. Once again we caution that you guard against being badly influenced. Do not allow yourselves to be misled and conned into throwing it all away.

Always remember that YOU ARE LABOUR, and LABOUR IS YOU.
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