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Permanent Representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the OAS,Ambassador Jacinth Henry-Martin and Rear Admiral João Batista Barbosa.

Ambassador Henry-Martin meets Brazilian delegationto boost regional security ties

Chair of the Committee on Hemispheric Security (CHS) and Permanent Representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the Organization of American States (OAS), Ambassador Jacinth Henry-Martin, recently met with Rear Admiral João Batista Barbosa, Head of the Brazilian Representation at the Inter-American Defense Board (IADB), and his delegation. The discussions focused on enhancing regional security and defence cooperation between Brazil and Saint Kitts and Nevis.

The meeting occurred ahead of the Latin America Aerospace, Defence and Security (LAAD) exhibition, scheduled for April 1-4, 2025, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The LAAD exhibition, South America's largest defence and security event, will attract defence and security authorities from across the Americas and beyond, including representatives from military and security sectors.

As CHS Chair, Ambassador Henry-Martin highlighted the critical role of multilateral collaboration in ensuring regional security, and reiterated Saint Kitts and Nevis' commitment to active participation in regional and hemispheric security matters. She emphasised the Federation's dedication to building resilient security infrastructure and promoting democracy throughout the Americas.

Natural disaster relief assistance was also on the agenda, with discussions touching on MECODEX, an annual crisis simulation exercise executed by the IADB with Peru's support in 2024. The exercise facilitates cooperation among 34 member countries and various humanitarian and civil-military organisations.

The Brazilian delegation included Mr. Marcelo Lacerda Gameiro de Moura, First Secretary/Alternate Representative to the OAS; Captain Adilson Cappucci Junior, Navy Attaché; Colonel Marcos Lehmkuhl De Souza, Army Attaché; and Colonel Gabriel Henriques De Oliveira Farias, Air Force Attaché.

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP.10.19
A. D. 2025

Claim No. **SKBLRD2025/**

In the matter of the Title by Registration Act Cap. 10.19 Section 144

AND

In the matter of the loss of a Certificate of Title Registered in Book C3 Folio 31 in the name of Winston **A. Liddie**.

NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Earl Garfield Jeffers,** of Bird Rock in the Island of Saint Christopher has applied to the Registrar of Titles for a new Certificate of Title to replace one Registered in Book C3 Folio 31 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher in his name of **Winston A. Liddie** on the basis that the said Certificate of Title has been irretrievably lost. The land contained in the said title being ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as lot H of The Bird Rock Commercial Development the Parish of Saint George in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say :- On or about the North Northwest by a Pedestrian Walkaway, 80.00 feet , On or towards the East Northeast by a Pedestrian Walkaway 80.00 feet, On or towards the East Southeast by lot G, 80.00 feet and on or towards the South Southwest by a Driveway 80.00 feet and containing by admeasurement 6,400 square feet. Unless good cause to the contrary be shown within 7 days from the publication of this Notice, the Registrar of Titles will issue a new Certificate of Title in respect of the parcel of land described above.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate of Title which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Law Firm of Butler, Butler & Butler, Solicitors, Upper Market Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Tel No. (869)465-4130.

Dated the 12th day of February 2025.

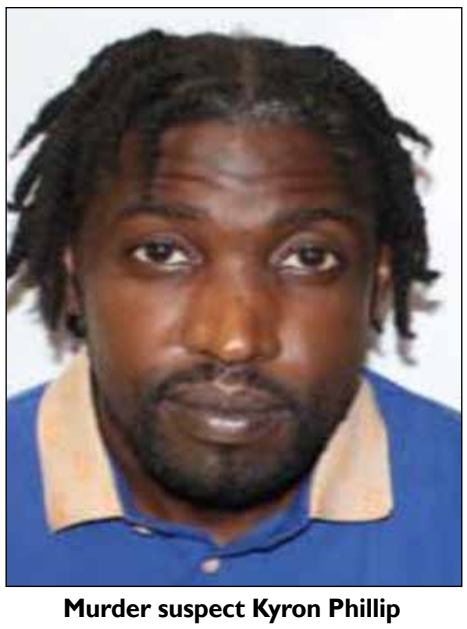
Nassibou Butler
of Butler, Butler & Butler
Attorneys- at- Law for Applicant

Significant developments made in Kyron Phillip fugitive case

Authorities in St. Kitts and Nevis are actively pursuing the extradition of murder suspect Kyron Phillip, who was detained in St. Martin late last week. Phillip, wanted for murder in St. Kitts, is currently under police investigation in Sint Maarten.

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) announced the development on Monday, stating that law enforcement officials in the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis are working closely with their Sint Maarten counterparts to determine the next steps regarding Phillip's extradition and other legal proceedings.

In a related matter, Crown Counsel Prosecutor Shantrice Dorsett remains in custody while her bail application is under consideration by the High Court. Following intelligence received by the DPP's office, a special investigation was commissioned into Ms. Dorsett's alleged involvement in the case. The charges brought against her include: Accessory After the Fact to Murder, Attempting to Pervert the Course of Justice by assisting the fugitive in evading investigations into murder, firearm possession, and an unrelated attempted murder, Misconduct in Public Office, for advising and counselling the fugitive using her prosecutorial knowledge, and Corruption, for allegedly trying to leverage her influence to have the firearm used in the murder surrendered under an amnesty program.



Murder suspect Kyron Phillip

Additionally, Mr. Bejay Tuckett, a close relative of the fugitive, has already been charged with offences related to the possession of the high-powered rifle, and awaits trial on remand.

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Brantley: 'I have not seen the report on Nevis' CBI fair share as yet'

By Loshaun Dixon
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Premier Mark Brantley revealed that he has not yet seen a report regarding Nevis' "fair share" of Citizenship by Investment (CBI) proceeds, despite ongoing discussions about the island's entitlement to funds from the lucrative programme.

"The last time I met with him (Prime Minister Dr Terrance Drew), which was about three weeks ago, he indicated to me that the report had been obtained - I think he has since said so publicly - and that he was asking his Ministry of Finance and his technocrats to do an analysis on that report.

"I have not seen the report as yet. I have said to him that I need a copy of the report, so that my team in Nevis can also do their analysis to determine what it is that this World Bank report says. But as I stand here today, I have not yet seen a copy of the report that the prime minister says is available. So it is not that I have abandoned at all the quest for Nevis to get a fair share of whatever is available, and not just money, but opportunity."

Speaking at a recent press briefing, Brantley explained that while the concept of a "fair share" stems from the Charlestown Accord, he has not received formal documentation on the matter. "I have not seen a report. Nobody has shared a report with me," Brantley said.

The Premier noted that the Charlestown Accord, which was signed by former leaders of the People's Labour Party (PLP), the Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM), and the People's Action Movement (PAM), outlined that Nevis would receive a share of CBI proceeds based on its population. However, he clarified that there was no binding agreement with the current St Kitts-Nevis Labour Party administration.

"I can't go and tell Prime Minister Drew, 'You have reneged on your commitment,' because I don't know that Prime Minister Drew has ever made any commitment," Brantley said. "I have not seen a document that says, 'Here's what Nevis should receive.'"

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> **Nevis Premier Mark Brantley**

Brantley added that under the previous administration of Dr Timothy Harris, Nevis received only interim payments of $2 million monthly, which later increased to $4 million, even as the CBI programme generated hundreds of millions annually.

The Premier also mentioned that Prime Minister Drew has shown willingness to share resources, noting that Nevis has received 25% of funds from friendly governments, totalling almost US$2 million. These funds were utilised for infrastructure projects, including improvements to Pinney's Beach and the Cultural Village.

Brantley explained that the phrase "fair share" became widely used after he popularised it, though he stressed the need to understand its original context. He pointed to the Charlestown Accord, an agreement signed by Timothy Harris (PLP), Vance Amory (then CCM leader), and Shawn Richards (PAM) when forming the Team Unity government in 2015. He noted that while he was not a signatory, he drafted the agreement, which played a critical role in Timothy Harris becoming Prime Minister, despite the PLP winning only one seat.

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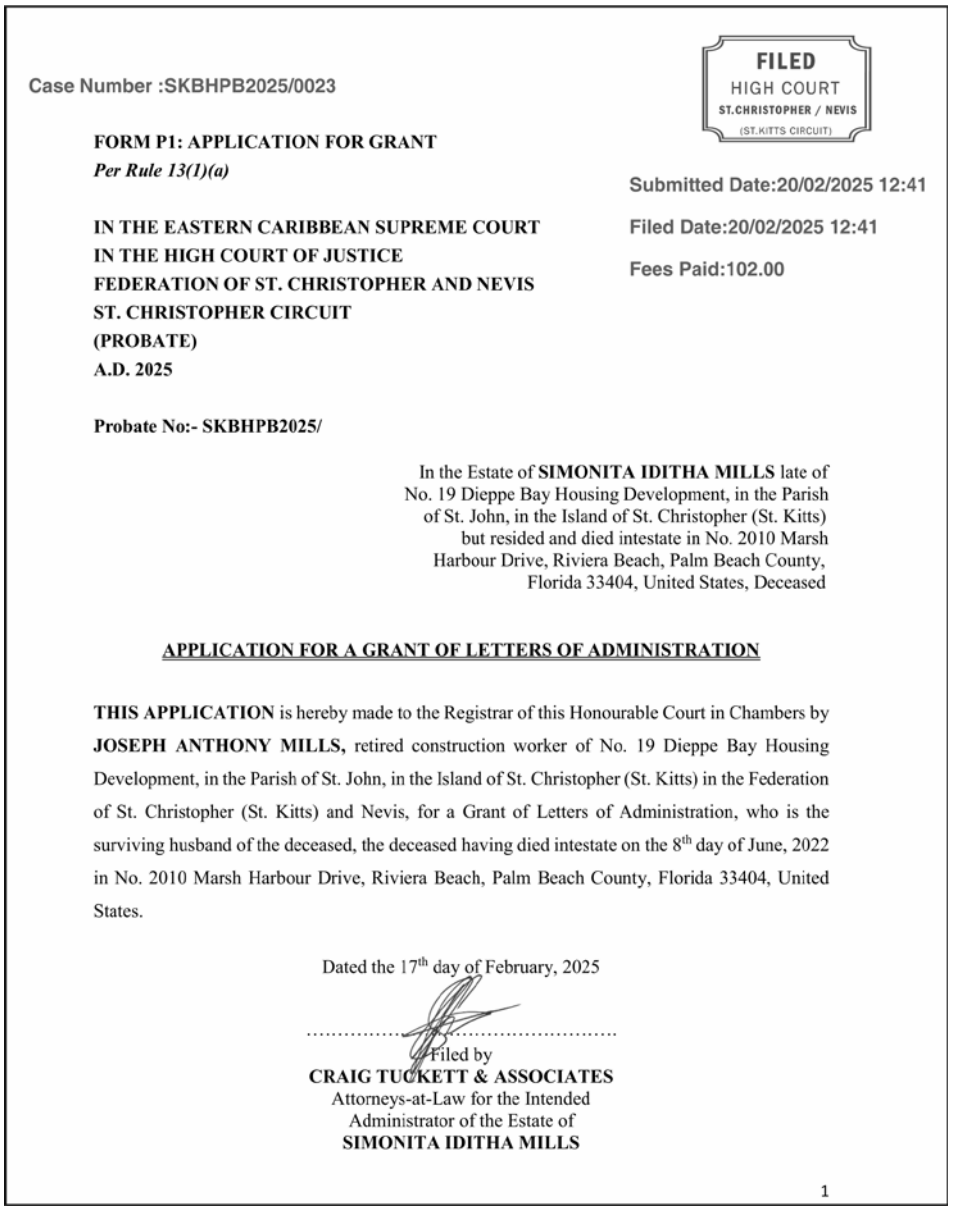
COURTESY PHOTO

Premier Mark Brantley said has not received formal documentation regarding Nevis' share of Citizenship by Investment (CBI) proceeds.



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FORM P1: APPLICATION FOR GRANT
Per Rule 13(1)(a)

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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A.D. 2025

Probate No:- SKBHPB2025/

In the Estate of **SIMONITA IDITHA MILLS** late of No. 19 Dieppe Bay Housing Development, in the Parish of St. John, in the Island of St. Christopher (St. Kitts) but resided and died intestate in No. 2010 Marsh Harbour Drive, Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida 33404, United States, Deceased

APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

THIS APPLICATION is hereby made to the Registrar of this Honourable Court in Chambers by **JOSEPH ANTHONY MILLS,** retired construction worker of No. 19 Dieppe Bay Housing Development, in the Parish of St. John, in the Island of St. Christopher (St. Kitts) in the Federation of St. Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis, for a Grant of Letters of Administration, who is the surviving husband of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 8th day of June, 2022 in No. 2010 Marsh Harbour Drive, Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida 33404, United States.

Dated the 17th day of February, 2025

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Filed by
CRAIG TUCKETT & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys-at-Law for the Intended
Administrator of the Estate of
SIMONITA IDITHA MILLS

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EDITORIAL

The 'Gold Card' proposition in the U.S. is quite interesting

"We're going to be selling a gold card. You have a green card. This is a gold card. We're going to be putting a price on that card of about $5 million and that's going to give you green card privileges, plus it's going to be a route to citizenship. And wealthy people will be coming into our country by buying this card."

This announcement on Tuesday from the Oval Office by President Donald Trump that the U.S. would sell a "gold card" to affluent foreigners, giving them the right to live and work in the U.S. and offering a path to citizenship in exchange for a $5 million fee, has a familiar ring to it.

Saint Kitts and Nevis has an extremely popular Citizenship by Investment programme, that continues to be its largest revenue-earner, and to hear the leader of the richest country on earth speak expectantly of the virtues of the card is interesting. It proves that the Federation has been on the right track all along.

It is anticipated by Trump and his advisers that it will allow foreign investors to pump money into U.S. projects that create jobs, and then apply for visas to immigrate to the U.S. He suggested that millions of such cards could be sold.

The president explained that talent can be retained from top schools who are visiting the country on student visas. U.S. companies could purchase a gold card for these students during the hiring process, allowing them the right to begin working in the country.

Trump predicted the country could likely sell one million gold cards, generating $5 trillion in revenue. He said if the country sold 10 million of these cards for a sum of $50 trillion, it could potentially erase the $35 trillion deficit.

His Commerce Secretary, who stood alongside him, said that the potential investors will "have to go through vetting, of course, to make sure they're wonderful world-class global citizens."

We hope that our leaders here in Saint Kitts and Nevis are paying keen attention to all the developments related to this gold card system in the United States. Maybe it could provide valuable ideas for even more upgrades to ours.

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COMMENTARY

Taiwan: The missing chip in the UN's global circuit

Imagine this: A country that produces the world's most advanced semiconductors, powering the devices you use every day—your smartphone, your laptop, even the servers running AI innovations. Taiwan is home to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC), the company that supplies chips to Apple, Nvidia and countless global tech giants. It is a thriving democracy, a responsible global citizen, and a key player in international supply chains. And yet, Taiwan is not part of the United Nations (UN). How does this make sense?

H.E. Michael Lin
Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis

To illustrate the consequences of this exclusion, let us look back at 2021, during the COVID-19 pandemic. At a time when global cooperation was paramount, Taiwan stepped up to share its expertise and resources with the world. It donated millions of masks and medical supplies to countries in need. Yet, despite its goodwill, Taiwan was barred from participating in the World Health Assembly (WHA), the decision-making body of the World Health Organization (WHO). The reason? The People's Republic of China (PRC) falsely claimed that UN General Assembly Resolution 2758 meant Taiwan had no right to be there.

This exclusion was not only unjust but also detrimental to global health efforts. The world needed every capable nation to contribute, and Taiwan had much to offer. However, political manipulation prevented its participation. This is just one of many examples of how Taiwan's contributions are blocked due to the PRC's misuse of Resolution 2758. Given the growing complexities of global challenges, it is time to set the record straight.

The Misuse of UNGA Resolution 2758

To fully understand the issue, we must examine the historical context.

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Here's the truth: Big George knocked me out of work

You'll have to excuse me if this story takes a bit longer to evolve as I have been on the mend. My body is slow and it hurts ... so I'm thinking slow and typing even slower. It takes time to recover from getting knocked out.

As you may know, yours truly was a former Golden Gloves pugilist with a knack for not losing too many fights. It is no stretch of the truth to tell you that I lost just once in my career as a youngster, so let me assure you, I know a thing or two about something. I'm not really sure what it is I know, but I'm sure She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad will tell me what I'm allowed to know soon enough. I'm married ... everyone knows married men lose the ability to do anything reasonable (or how to drive) as soon as we say 'I do.' I'll be honest, I'm not sure how I managed to park a car or anything before marriage. I can't seem to do it now!

Off the Beaten Path ...
Tommy Wells
Humour columnist

But I digress. We're talking about being hit harder than I remember in the past. I blame it all on my fellow Texan (and my biggest boxing idol), Big George Foreman.

When I woke up on Saturday my head ached. My legs were wobbly. My ribs screamed as I gasped for air. To be sure, my get-up-and-go was on vacation. I only know that because I couldn't get up and go.

Having a career in boxing let me know for sure that only a proper knockout could have left me in this condition.

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Legal community faces turmoil amid attorney arrests

The legal fraternity in St. Kitts and Nevis has been rocked by a recent wave of arrests and criminal charges against prominent attorneys, raising concerns about the ethical standards within the profession. The St. Kitts-Nevis Bar Association has issued a statement acknowledging the seriousness of the situation, while emphasising the importance of due process.

On 21st February 2025, Vaughan Henderson, an attorney-at-law of Saddler's Village, and Andre Williams, also known as Andre Mills, of Newton Ground, were both arrested and charged for offences including Perverting the Course of Justice and Money Laundering. Henderson faces six charges of Money Laundering and two charges of Perverting the Course of Justice, while Williams is charged with four counts of Money Laundering and two counts of Perverting the Course of Justice. The arrests occurred at the White Collar Crime Unit's office in Basseterre.

Three days earlier, on 18th February 2025, Craig Tuckett, a practising lawyer of Bird Rock, St. Kitts, was arrested and charged with three counts of Perverting the Course of Justice. The alleged offences took place between 10th and 30th June 2024, at Rosemary Lane, Basseterre.

In a statement, Kurlyn D. V. Merchant, President of the St. Kitts-Nevis Bar Association, said, "We take these matters with the utmost seriousness. While all individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty, the legal process must be allowed to unfold with fairness and efficiency. We encourage the public to maintain trust in the judicial system and avoid undue speculation."

Craig Tuckett

Adding to the legal turmoil, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) confirmed in January that Crown Counsel prosecutor Ms. Shantrice Dorset had been charged in connection with the murder of Mr. Akeem Archibald. The charges against Ms. Dorset include Accessory After the Fact to Murder, Attempting to Pervert the Course of Justice, Misconduct in Public Office, and Corruption. She has been denied bail and remains in

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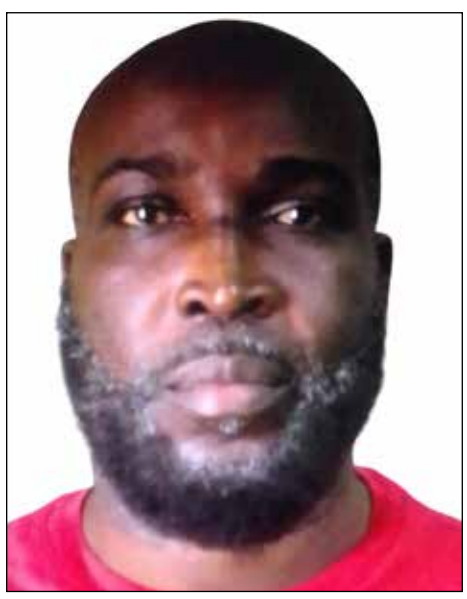
Vaughan Henderson



Andre Williams

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Crown Counsel Prosecutor, Shantrice Dorset, was charged in connection with the murder of Akeem Archibald. She has been denied bail and remains in custody.

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In the Estate of **VERNICE WATTLEY WILLIAMS also known as VERNICE WATTLEY** late of Lodge Village, St. Mary, St. Kitts, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE than an application has been filed by **DERON MICHEAL WATTLEY** of Lodge Village, St. Mary, St. Kitts, **TREVIS RICHARD WATTLEY** of Lodge Village, St. Mary, St. Kitts and **GUINEVERE DELICIEA WHITE** of Lodge Village, St. Mary, St. Kitts, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who is the children of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 7th day of April, 2024.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2025.

Filed by: DUBLIN & O'BRIEN LAW FIRM, Attorneys-at-Law, whose address for service is Suite C18 The Sands, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

FIRST PUBLICATION

MOE donates fire extinguishers for Safe School Programme

The Ministry of Education (MOE) in St. Kitts is taking significant steps towards ensuring the safety of students and staff with the distribution of fire extinguishers to various schools. This initiative is part of the Model Safe School Programme, funded by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).

Dr. Tricia Esdaille, the Focal Point for the Safe School Programme, highlighted the importance of fostering safe educational environments in St. Kitts during the handover ceremony. "Having safe schools is vital for the well-being of our students and staff, and we are committed to strengthening safety measures across our schools," she said.

The first phase of the programme includes nine pilot schools, with the Ministry of Education providing fire extinguishers to these institutions. In addition to the fire extinguishers, training will be provided to all schools in the programme to ensure staff and students are equipped to handle fire-related emergencies.

Looking ahead, the next phase of the project will focus on a comprehensive approach to school safety. This will include the development of school safety plans, the implementation of school safety drills, and enhanced community connections to support preparedness. The Ministry also plans to build the capacity of staff and students to respond effectively to incidents.

COURTESY PHOTO

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Principals of the participating schools expressed their gratitude for the provision of fire extinguishers, with many committing to securely mount the equipment in their respective schools. The Ministry of Education stressed that it remains dedicated to reinforcing emergency preparedness, with this initiative serving as a key component in the overall goal of creating safer learning environments for all students.

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In the Estate of **MARIE MARGUERITE HERBERT** late of Ottleys, in the Parish of St. Mary, St. Kitts, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE than an application has been filed by **OLETTE VIDA THOMAS** of Harbour View, Bird Rock, in the Parish of St. George, in the Island of Saint Christopher, in the Federation of Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased, **MARIE MARGUERITE HERBERT,** who died on the 30th day of December, 2024 without revoking a will bearing the date of the 6th day of October, 2023 wherein the applicant is named as the Sole Executrix.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2025.

Filed by: DUBLIN & O'BRIEN LAW FIRM, Attorneys-at-Law, whose address for service is Suite C18 The Sands, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

FIRST PUBLICATION

Justice Winston Anderson is selected as incoming CJJ president

The Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) has been selected as the next President of the CCJ to replace outgoing President, the Honourable Mr Justice Adrian Saunders, who will officially retire from office on 3 July 2025.

Mr Justice Anderson is a citizen of Jamaica and Barbados. He obtained his Bachelor of Laws in 1983 from The University of the West Indies (The UWI). In 1984, he proceeded on the Commonwealth and Chevening Scholarships to Cambridge University, England and graduated in 1988 with a Doctorate in Philosophy majoring in International and Environmental Law. Also, in 1988, he was called to the Bar of England and Wales, as a Barrister of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn and was called to the Bar of Barbados in 1989. Mr. Justice Anderson rejoined The UWI's Faculty of Law as a lecturer in 1988 until 2003. During his tenure he served as Deputy Dean, Head of the Teaching Department of Law, and UWI Senior Lecturer in Law.

On 15 June 2010, Mr. Justice Anderson was sworn in as Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice and is very active in the fields of judicial education and judicial reform. He is currently Chairman of the CCJ Academy for Law.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Winston Anderson

The decision to appoint Mr Justice Anderson was made at the 48th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM held in Barbados from 19-21 February 2025 with the Heads accepting

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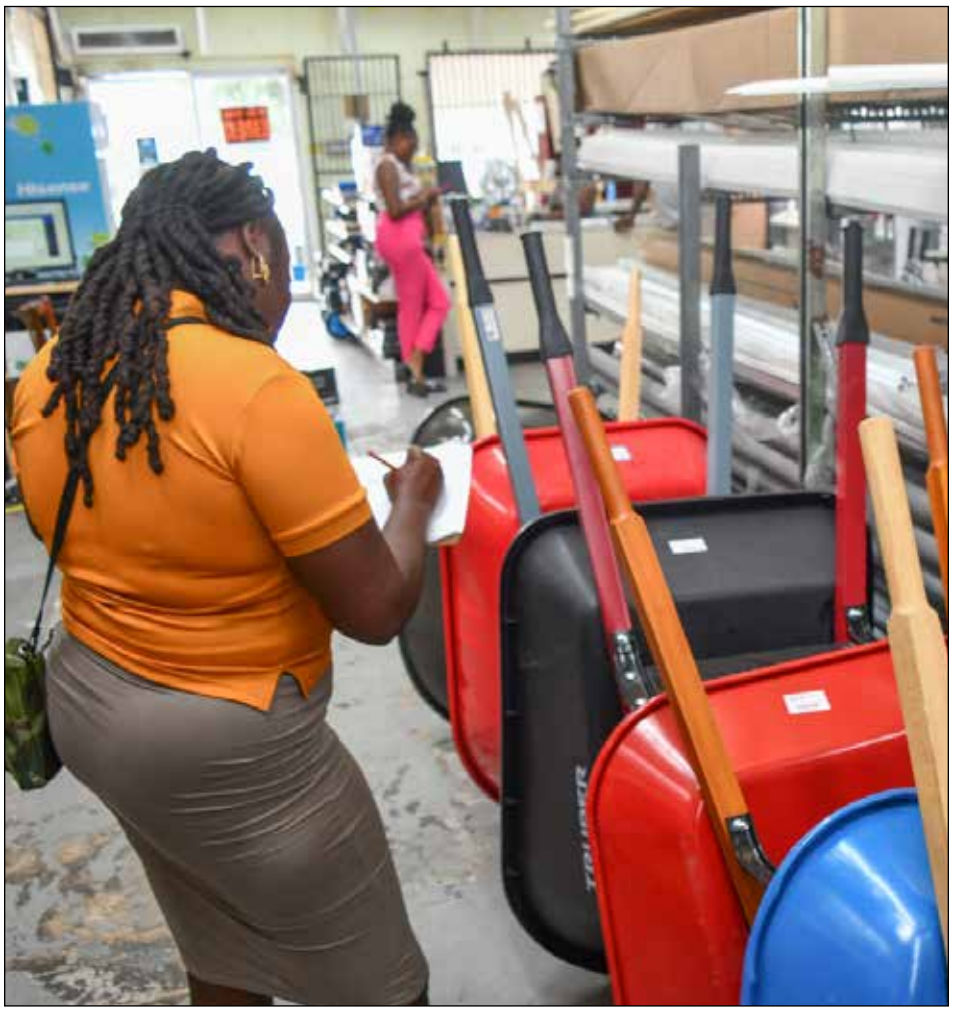

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Among the 15 businesses inspected, all were found to be in compliance.

Consumer Affairs reports full compliance with VAT reduction

The Department of Consumer Affairs has reported full compliance with price adjustments following its latest market surveillance exercises conducted from February 10-14, 2025.

The department said its ongoing monitoring efforts focus on ensuring that consumers benefit from the Value Added Tax (VAT) Relief Holiday, implemented by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis. This temporary policy, running from January to June 2025, reduces the VAT rate from 17 to 13 percent in an effort to alleviate financial burdens and stimulate economic growth.

> ***'In most instances, officers observed reductions in shelf prices due to pricing tags reflecting the adjusted amounts calculated within Point of Sale (POS) systems."***
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> **Consumer Affairs report**

During its most recent exercise, officers from the Department of Consumer Affairs collected and analysed invoices and sales receipts to verify that the reduced VAT rate was applied at checkout. Among the 15 businesses inspected, all were found to be in compliance.

"In most instances, officers observed reductions in shelf prices due to pricing tags reflecting the adjusted amounts calculated within Point of Sale (POS) systems. This further indicates that businesses have passed the reduced VAT rate savings along to consumers. The initiative has resulted in notable price reductions across various sectors, including household appliances and furniture from major retailers, as well as utility bills and professional services such as legal fees," the report stated.

The Department of Consumer Affairs is committed to conducting monthly market surveillance exercises to track price movements, engage with businesses, and uphold transparency and compliance, ensuring that consumers fully benefit from the VAT reduction initiative.

Consumers are encouraged to remain vigilant and report any instances where VAT reductions have not been applied. Reports can be made to the Consumer Affairs Department via phone at 467-1550 or email at consumeraffairs@gov.kn.

IMF projects growth boost for St. Kitts and Nevis amid fiscal challenges

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) expects economic growth in St. Kitts and Nevis to improve to 2 percent in 2025, up from 1.5 percent in 2024, driven by a strong performance in the tourism sector. However, fiscal challenges persist as the country grapples with a widening current account deficit (CAD) and rising public debt.

According to the preliminary findings of the IMF's 2025 Article IV Mission, the CAD expanded to 15 percent of GDP in 2024, up from 12 percent in 2023, and remains significantly above pre-pandemic levels. This increase is attributed to declining Citizenship by Investment (CBI) inflows and growing fiscal deficits.

The IMF projects that public debt will climb to 61 percent of GDP in 2025, with the fiscal deficit expected to be around 9 percent of GDP this year, driven by reduced CBI revenue, a higher wage bill, and a temporary reduction in Value Added Tax (VAT). The IMF advised that immediate and steady fiscal consolidation is necessary to maintain public debt below the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union's 60 percent ceiling.

COURTESY PHOTO

A recent IMF report predicts a 2 percent growth in the St. Kitts and Nevis economy in 2025.

Amid these fiscal challenges, progress in the renewable energy sector offers a silver lining. The geothermal project is nearing the drilling phase with secured funding, which could bolster economic growth and fiscal stability in the medium term. The IMF also

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In the matter of an application by Carlton Williams formerly of Zion Village, St. George's Parish, Nevis but presently residing at 39 Aldersville, Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI for a First Certificate of Title to 0.4624 acre of land situate at Zion Village, Gingerland, Nevis pursuant to Section 12 (1) (a) of the Title by Registration Act, Cap 10.19.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificates of Title, notings thereon and caveats for the week ending the 28th day of February, 2025.

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Document
5th December 2024	**CARLTON WILLIAMS** of Zion Village, St. George Parish in the island of Nevis by his Attorney-at-Law, Krysta Liburd-Clarke of Foundation House, Government Road, Charlestown, Nevis.	Request for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to 0.4624 acre of land situate at Zion Village in the Parish of St. George in the island of Nevis.

The parcel of land above referred to is bounded and measures as follows: On the North East by a Public Road 116.35 feet; On the South East by land of Shirley Tyson Cunningham 111.14 feet and by land of D. Forbes 90.5 feet and 4.25 feet; On the South West by land of Rose Palmer 83.55 feet and On the North West by land of Pearlene Manners 196.95 feet and containing by admeasurement 0.4624 acre.

Dated the 19th day of February 2025

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Students in Nevis have enjoyed a rich cultural exchange with the Tring Park School of Performing Arts from the United Kingdom.

Nevis students benefit from cultural exchange with UK's Tring Park School

Students in Nevis have enjoyed a rich cultural exchange with the Tring Park School of Performing Arts from the United Kingdom, participating in workshops and performances aimed at enhancing artistic collaboration and cultural understanding.

The initiative, which engaged both primary and secondary students, was warmly welcomed by Deputy Premier Eric Evelyn, Minister of Culture in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA). Evelyn expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, hoping it would lead to further exchanges between St. Kitts and Nevis and England, boosting the performing arts.

Led by Mr. Edward Applewhite, Director of Acting at Tring Park School, the visiting delegation spent two weeks in the Federation. Their visit included a variety of activities designed to share expertise and immerse in local culture. On February 17, workshops at the Nevis Performing Arts Centre (NEPAC) provided hands-on training in dance, drama, and theatrical performance.

Ms. Zahnela Claxton, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, praised the programme for its positive impact on young aspiring performers. She highlighted the unique approach of Tring Park School, where students balance academic studies with specialised vocational training in dance, acting, musical theatre, and commercial music.

During their stay, Tring Park students delivered two captivating performances. The first, tailored to the primary school science curriculum, used storytelling, music, dance, and audience participation to make learning dynamic and engaging. The second, "The Roses of Eam," was a historical drama set in 17th-century England, showcasing high-quality theatre to the Nevisian community.

Mr. Applewhite emphasised that drama education extends beyond performance, contributing to confidence building, teamwork, and transferable life skills. The exchange programme is expected to be the start of an ongoing relationship, offering students valuable experiences that blend education, creativity, and cultural exchange.

TRAVEL

COURTESY PHOTO

The city of Graz in Austria has been home to many celebrities, including Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Hollywood movie star who would become Governor of California.

Home Graz, Home!

The Austrian town that is home to many international celebrities

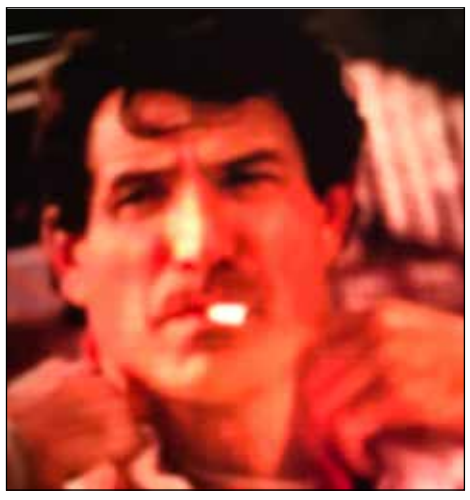
By Eric Mackenzie Lamb
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

A few years ago, I drove to Graz, Austria, to visit a long time friend, Bernard Humboldt. We both had the same career, that of a model and actor in commercials. In fact, we had both become famous in the industry.

But we weren't the only ones. Graz was also home to many people who were celebrities. Just to name a few: Arnold Schwarzenegger, the movie star who would become Governor of California; Hedy Lammar, the actress; Gustav Klimt, the artist; Sigmund Freud.

Franz Ferdinand, a member of the Austrian Royalty whose assassination by Bosnians led to World War I; and, last but not least, the legendary composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Graz is also a UNESCO World Heritage site and has over a million visitors each year. The old part of the town is filled with shops selling colorful local handicrafts and there are also many restaurants serving unique local dishes.



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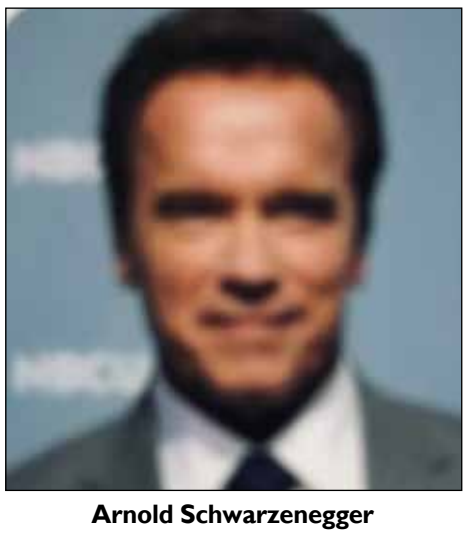

Arnold Schwarzenegger

Definitely a memorable experience.

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF TDC Insurance Company Ltd TO OF THE LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS OF TDC Insurance Company Ltd TO NAGICO Life Insurance N.V (St. Kitts)

TDC Insurance Company Ltd a company duly incorporated under the laws of St. Kitts and Nevis whose registered office is at Fort Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts and NAGICO Life Insurance N.V (St. Kitts), a company with limited liability incorporated under the laws of St. Maarten, Netherland Antilles and registered as an eternal company under the Companies Act Cap 21.03 with office at Lot 3A Bladen Commercial Development, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE

That they have made an application to the Registrar of Insurance to obtain the confirmation of the Registrar of Insurance for TDC Insurance Company Ltd to transfer its Life Insurance Business (Life Portfolio) to NAGICO Life Insurance N.V. St. Kitts in accordance with a Scheme of Transfer pursuant to the provisions of sections 169-172 of the Insurance Act, Cap 21.11 of the Revised Edition of the laws of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE

That the Agreement under which the Scheme is proposed to be effected, and the Scheme, shall be open to the inspection by the shareholders and policyholders of TDC Insurance Company Ltd for a period of fifteen (15) days after the publication of this notice in the Gazette and a local newspaper of wide circulation in Saint Kitts and Nevis at the offices of:

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By:
TDC Insurance Company Ltd
Per: Maritza Bowry, Executive Director and Nicolas Menon, Executive Director

NAGICO Life Insurance N.V. (St. Kitts)
Per: Kyria Ali, Group CEO, Daine Baker, Manager Director and Mashanda Woodley Principal Representative

COURTESY PHOTO

Barbados' Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley emphasised unity as key to addressing various challenges, ranging from geopolitical changes to the climate crisis and disease at a recent CARICOM meeting.

CARICOM heads focus on unity, freedom of movement, and transport

Rick Amburgey
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Barbados' Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley, who also chairs the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), opened the closing press conference of the Heads of Government meeting by thanking all heads of state and government. She lightheartedly joked that due to the long hours spent in meetings, they may have been reported to the Minister of Labour for Unsociable Conditions.

"It is fair to say we had a very good and constructive meeting," Mottley said, adding that the group was not deterred by the challenges ahead but was instead approaching them with calm confidence. She emphasised that unity is key to addressing various challenges, ranging from geopolitical changes to the climate crisis and diseases such as bird flu.

As a community, Mottley said, they must continue to grow. "We had the honour of welcoming, through the signature of France and Martinique, the possibility of Martinique becoming our newest associate member. It is still subject to the ratification of the French parliament, but our engagement with them has been strong…"

One of the significant topics discussed at the meeting was freedom of movement within CARICOM. "One of the major decisions of the conference is that we will settle the arrangements that will allow smaller numbers of members of the community to act if they so desire, rather than requiring unanimity before action," Mottley explained. She added that, if fully ratified by the end of March, this decision would enable several countries to introduce freedom of movement for CARICOM nationals starting June 1.

Another key issue addressed was the urgent need for improved maritime and air transport. Mottley noted the ongoing discussions and negotiations surrounding ferry transport. "We invited the private sector to look at other opportunities with respect to how this can be facilitated with access to specific charter services, rather than governments assuming responsibility for purchasing equipment," she explained.

In addition, Mottley announced the formation of an intergovernmental working group, which will be chaired by Trinidad and Tobago's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Honourable Amery Browne. This group, including ministers from Barbados, Jamaica, Antigua, Guyana, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, will aim to develop a work program over the next six weeks. The goal is to facilitate the mutual recognition of drivers' licences, insurance coverage, and policies to dismantle 57 non-tariff barriers identified by the Caribbean Private Sector Organization, which currently hinder the smooth movement of goods across the region.

"To be more specific, we aim to dismantle these barriers, which are affecting the smooth movement of goods, in particular across the region," Mottley said.

Additionally, Mottley shared that CARICOM had engaged with the executive director of Sandals Tourism Group, agreeing on various initiatives that would help improve regional tourism and enhance competitiveness.

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In the Estate of CLYDELLA PENNYFEATHER late of Prospect Estate (Malcolm Hill Housing Estate) in the Parish of St. John's in the Island of Nevis, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **ERNESTINE MILLS** of Cox Village in the Parish of St. John's in the Island of Nevis for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the mother of the deceased, Clydella Pennyfeather late of Prospect Estate (Malcolm Hill Housing Estate) in the Parish of St. John's in the Island of Nevis having died intestate on the 11th day of November, 2021 in the Parish of St. Paul in the Island of Nevis.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the Publication of this Notice.

Dated this 11th day of February ,2025

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Filed by: Merchant Legal Chambers, Legal Practitioners for Ernestine Mills who's address for service is Upper Prince William Street, Charlestown, Nevis 1-869-469-6652(p) 1-869-469-1969 (f), Email: merchant@merchantlc.com .

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SKN, UAE reinforce diplomatic relationship

Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Denzil Douglas, representing the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, met with Omar Shehadeh, the United Arab Emirates' Envoy to the Caribbean and Pacific States, on 24 February 2025. The meeting reinforced the diplomatic relationship between the two nations, with the UAE being a longstanding supporter of Saint Kitts and Nevis' sustainable development ambitions.

During the discussions, Dr. Douglas and the UAE delegation explored opportunities for collaboration in agriculture, trade, and investment. They also considered broader multilateral strategies to enhance sustainable development efforts. The visit was seen as a valuable platform to align mutual interests, particularly under the Sustainable Island State Agenda, which emphasises resilience and sustainable progress.

The UAE's co-hosting of the 2026 United Nations Water Conference underscores its commitment to global environmental leadership. Saint Kitts and Nevis anticipates further deepening its partnership with the UAE, working together to advance shared objectives in sustainability and development.

COURTESY PHOTO

Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Denzil Douglas (left) and Omar Shehadeh, the United Arab Emirates' Envoy to the Caribbean and Pacific States.

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REGISTRY OF TITLES **NEVIS CIRCUIT**

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificates of Title, noting's thereon and Caveats for week ending the 28th day of February 2025

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Request
23rd JANUARY 2025	**LATOYA NATASHA KELLY and KERRICIA FRANCIS** of Maddens Estate (Sunrise Housing Development) in the Parish of Saint James in the Island of Nevis, by their Legal Representatives, **MORTON ROBINSON, L.P.**	For the issuance of a First Certificate of Title to 4,674.85 square feet (or 0.11 Acre) of land situate at Liburd Hill in the Parish of Saint James in the Island of Nevis

On or towards North by the Island Main Road, 31.10 feet, 14.25 feet, 22.71 feet and 43.83 feet; On or towards the East by the Estate of Ewart Maynard, 55.53 feet; On or towards the South by the Estate of William Jeffers, 71.15 feet; On or towards South-West by the Estate of William Jeffers, 42.35 feet; On or towards the West by the Island Main Road Disused, 18.46 feet and containing by admeasurement **4,674.85 square feet (or 0.11 Acre)**,

Dated the 24th day of February 2025.

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TRUTH

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"What's the matter with you?" SWMNBMM asked as I rolled over to greet the morning with a audible moan.

"I think Big George snuck in the house last night and punched me repeatedly in the head and ribs. I'm pretty sure he thought I was Ali trying that Rope-A-Dope thing and he wasn't going to give up."

SWMNBMM gave me a blank stare. She does that mostly when I speak, or breathe.

"In my entire career as a boxer I have never hurt like this," I whispered. "You really should lock the doors at night."

She stared at me again.

"Babe, first of all, we live in the middle of nowhere, USA. No one is coming out here to punch you," she said. "And secondly, I'm not sure you are an expert on how boxers feel when they have been through a 15-round championship match."

I blinked, and tried to understand the logic coming from her mouth. I simply couldn't understand her words. Heck, I didn't even know SWMNBMM could speak a foreign language.

"No blabba yabba dabba yeow," I said.

"What?" she snapped.

"I was just trying to talk to you in whatever language you are using. I know my significant other wouldn't be telling me I wasn't the greatest featherweight boxer to ever come out of Eastland County. I have never been knocked out," I mused.

Of course, she had to bring up the minor detail that I only had two fights before retiring. I've told her repeatedly over the years, I accomplished everything I need early in my career and decided to find another challenge. But she won't budge off that small detail.

"You feel weak?" she asked.

I nodded weakly.

"Your ribs hurt?"

I nodded with a look of pain that would have earned me an Academy Award.

"You want me to call your boss and tell her you can't come to work today?"

"I would be ever so thankful to you if you would do that," I whispered as if it was my last breath.

She stared a bit longer.

"Too bad. I'm not going to do it," she stated. "You have a cold ... Get up, grow up and go to work. Remember, there are people out there who would like to have a job and can't get one.

"But ..."

"If you are too sick to go to work, you call her and tell her," she said.

In vain, I tried to inform her that it would be unbelievable for me to call because of my genetic disposition. I explained it was a scientific fact that, in general, men are stronger and faster than their female counterparts. And, with that fact in mind, it therefore must also be true that our immune systems must also be stronger.

"I hardly think anyone would believe that I am ill," I said, adding that a recent survey of my friends proved that all illnesses striking males is far worse than any incurred by their female counterparts.

She tossed a finger. Not to shush me, but to direct me to the door. "Go!"

"I'll call her," I said. "But can I at least tell my boss that George Foreman knocked me out last night? I think it is way more believable."

She rolled her eyes like that little girl in The Exorcist.

"You aren't very fun anymore," I mumbled under my breathe.

To make a long story short, I did get out of going to work. But I'm going to have to update my boxing record. Whoever dreamed SWMNBMM could run so fast and knock out people like George.

I said I was a boxer ... not smart.

Tommy Wells is a humour columnist living on the edge of the desert on Texas. Everything in this column is true, except for the parts that are made up, fabricated or are just plain old lies.

ARRESTS

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custody.

Premier of Nevis Mark Brantley, himself a lawyer, expressed deep concern over the arrests of multiple members of the Bar. "Whilst everyone is presumed innocent until proven guilty, I am wondering about the current ethical underpinnings of this once noble profession," he said. "Being a lawyer is not just about passing exams; it is about maintaining the highest ethical standards. I urge the Bar Association to thoroughly examine these incidents and take necessary actions to restore public confidence."

The Bar Association has pledged to uphold the highest standards of legal practice and ethics, monitoring developments closely and acting within its regulatory framework to maintain the profession's integrity.

As these cases unfold, the public is being urged to respect the judicial process and avoid sharing unverified information that could hinder justice or lead to legal repercussions.

Director of Public Prosecutions sheds light on alleged judicial interference

Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Adlai Smith has highlighted the severity of alleged judicial interference following the recent charges laid against attorney-at-law Vaughan Henderson and an unnamed police officer of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force.

According to the DPP, the police officer, who is currently before the High Court on a charge of indecent assault, allegedly attempted to interfere with a case involving a vulnerable victim—a 12-year-old girl who reported an indecent assault incident on 28th June 2023. The officer allegedly offered the minor money in exchange for her silence.

Smith revealed that the Commissioner of Police sought legal advice in December 2023 regarding charges against the officer. After reviewing the evidence, the DPP advised that the officer be charged, leading to formal charges being laid in January 2024. However, intelligence suggesting potential external interference prompted a separate investigation into the minor's mother.

The investigation deepened, and on 7th February 2025, a search warrant was executed at Henderson's law offices, resulting in charges of Attempting to Pervert the Course of Justice and Money Laundering against both Henderson and the police officer.

Smith emphasised that the charges are merely allegations, and all accused individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty. He also indicated that further charges against the mother are expected.

Expressing grave concern, Smith said, "The justice system has a fundamental duty to protect children from exploitation and abuse, and any efforts to manipulate the legal process to obstruct justice will be met with the full force of the law."

The DPP also condemned the practice of witness interference and the acceptance of financial compensation by mothers to avoid prosecuting perpetrators of sexual offences against their children. He described the trend as a betrayal of trust and a direct affront to the justice system.

Smith reiterated his warning against inappropriate social media commentary on active cases and expressed gratitude for the preservation of critical evidence in the lengthy investigation.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED
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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED** will be held at the Royal St. Kitts Hotel, Frigate Bay on Thursday 20th March 2025 at 5:00 p.m. for the following purposes: -

1. To read and confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 27th December 2023.
2. To consider matters arising from the Minutes.
3. To receive the Directors' Report.
4. To receive the Auditor's Report.
5. To receive and consider the Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2024.
6. To declare a Dividend.
7. To elect Directors
8. To confirm the appointment of Auditors for year ending 30th June 2025 and to authorize the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.
9. To discuss any other business for which notice in writing is delivered to the Company's Secretary three (3) clear banking days prior to the meeting.

By Order of the Board

Stephen O. A. Hector
Corporate Secretary

SHAREHOLDERS OF RECORD

All shareholders of record as at 30th November 2024 will be entitled to receive a dividend in respect of the financial year ended 30th June 2024.

PROXY

A member of the Company who is entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to vote in his/her stead. No person shall be appointed a proxy who is not entitled to vote at the meeting for which the proxy is given. The proxy form must be delivered to the Company's Secretary not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

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Passed in 1971, UNGA Resolution 2758 merely resolved the issue of who would hold the "China" seat at the UN—it did not, in any way, address the representation of Taiwan, nor did it state that Taiwan is part of the PRC. Yet, for decades, the Chinese government has used this resolution as a tool to systematically block Taiwan's meaningful participation in the UN system. The UN Secretariat, under pressure from Beijing, has echoed this false narrative, barring Taiwanese officials, experts, and even journalists from setting foot on UN premises.

This manipulation of history is not only a disservice to Taiwan but also a direct challenge to the fundamental principles of the UN itself—peace, cooperation, and inclusivity. The UN should serve as a beacon of unity, not a stage for political exclusion.

A Threat to Peace and Stability

The consequences of Taiwan's exclusion are far-reaching. The Indo-Pacific region is increasingly marked by geopolitical tensions, and the PRC's attempts to alter the status quo through coercion—military exercises, economic pressure, and diplomatic bullying—are a direct result of its distorted interpretation of Resolution 2758. If left unchallenged, this misuse of international norms will not only undermine Taiwan's security but also weaken global stability.

The world has witnessed similar stories before: when certain voices are silenced and a false narrative is repeated long enough, the truth becomes difficult to distinguish. Yet, history also teaches us that silence is never a sustainable solution. Ignoring Taiwan does not erase its existence; rather, it only magnifies the growing contradiction between reality and rhetoric. Therefore, it is imperative that the international community addresses this issue with clarity and resolve.

A Call for Fairness and Inclusion

To uphold the integrity of international institutions, the UN must correct course. First, it must acknowledge that Resolution 2758 does not preclude Taiwan's meaningful participation in the UN system. Taiwan is already an active member of the international community, contributing to global health initiatives, climate change mitigation, and humanitarian aid efforts. To deny Taiwan a seat at the table is to weaken the very institutions designed to promote global cooperation.

Second, the UN Secretariat must maintain strict neutrality and cease its erroneous interpretation of Resolution 2758. It must also stop barring Taiwanese nationals and journalists from accessing UN premises for meetings and reporting. The UN cannot claim to be an institution for all while actively excluding 23 million people.

Global Voices in Support of Taiwan

Taiwan is blessed to have enjoyed the strong and continued support of St. Kitts and Nevis for its international participation. Over the past 42 years, our diplomatic ties have grown ever stronger, rooted in shared values of democracy, human rights, and mutual prosperity. We extend our deepest gratitude to Prime Minister Terrance Drew for his unwavering support of Taiwan's international recognition. Beyond the Caribbean, Taiwan is also backed by like-minded nations including the United Kingdom, Canada, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Australia, and the Marshall Islands as well as the international organizations like the European Parliament and the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC). They have also voiced their support through official statements and resolutions, clarifying that Resolution 2758 did not establish PRC sovereignty over Taiwan and advocating for Taiwan's inclusion in international organizations.

In addition, on September 18, 2024, the US Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell, speaking before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, publicly stated for the first time that "China is using Resolution 2758 as a tool to undermine Taiwan's status." More recently, on December 13, 2024, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)—one of the largest organizations of state legislators in the US—passed a resolution condemning the PRC's weaponization of Resolution 2758 and opposing its misuse to diminish Taiwan's international standing.

At a time when the world is facing unprecedented challenges—climate change, pandemics, food insecurity—global cooperation has never been more crucial. Taiwan has proven time and again that it is ready and willing to contribute. The only question that remains is whether the United Nations will live up to its own ideals.

Taiwan's exclusion from the WHA during a global pandemic was a stark reminder that political maneuvering should never override humanitarian needs. The world cannot afford to ignore Taiwan any longer. It is time for the international community to recognize Taiwan's rightful place and take meaningful action.

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Wednesday 12th February, 2025

Request for Quotations to Purchase & Install One (1) New Asphalt Plant

The Public Works Department is seeking quotations for the cost to procure and install **one (1) New Asphalt Plant**, to outfit the Roads Division, Public Works Department at Canada Estate St Kitts West Indies.

1. **Parameters:**
   - The Asphalt Plant must be fitted with the following:
     i. Portable SPL 110 Drum Mixer with wet scrubber.
     ii. Hinged SPL Drag Conveyor with Truck Loading Batcher
     iii. Portable 4CFB Bin Aggregate System
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2. **Additional Services:**
   i. Price must include for service and start up.
   ii. Shipping to St Kitts (CIF)

3. **Warranty and Spare Parts**
   i. A warranty of at least one (1) year must be included in the accepted quotation.
   ii. Sufficient Spare Parts to be included for the servicing of the Asphalt Plant over the course of the first operational year.

4. **Evaluation and acceptance:**
   i. Quotations will only be accepted from established businesses with proof of registration and a track record of supplying/sales of large equipment.
   ii. Quotations will be evaluated by senior personnel from the Ministry of Public Works with recommendations to be submitted to the Procurement Board.
   iii. Quotations must be submitted by **Wednesday 2nd April, 2025**.

5. **Quotations must include the following:**
   a. Technical specifications and operational manual for the Asphalt Plant.
   b. We are proposing the following payment terms and conditions including a payment structure of:
      i. 40% deposit upon approval,
      ii. 40% prior to shipping and
      iii. 20% once the Asphalt Plant is landed and commissioned on St. Kitts or any other structure agreed to by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis.
   c. Setup and training for use and maintenance of the Asphalt Plant.
   d. Shipment timeline from purchase to landing at the cargo port Basseterre, St Kitts.
   e. Company background and eligibility to participate in this quotation.
   f. Vendors must be able to hold the price for at least three (3) months pending purchase evaluations by the procurement board.

Please submit all quotations to the Ministry of Public Works, attention Public Works Department, Roads Division via email to secretary.adminpwd@gov.kn and to zekey.hazel@gov.kn or by hardcopy to Mr. George Gilbert, Director of Public Works or Mr. Zekey Hazel, Roads Manager no later than **Wednesday 2nd April, 2025**.

Winning bidders will be notified thereafter.

Please note that, solicitations, receipt and consideration of cost quotations **DO NOT** constitute a binding agreement to purchase equipment from any responding party or company.

Mr. Zekey Hazel
Roads Manager
Public Works Department

Mr. George Gilbert
Director
Public Works Department

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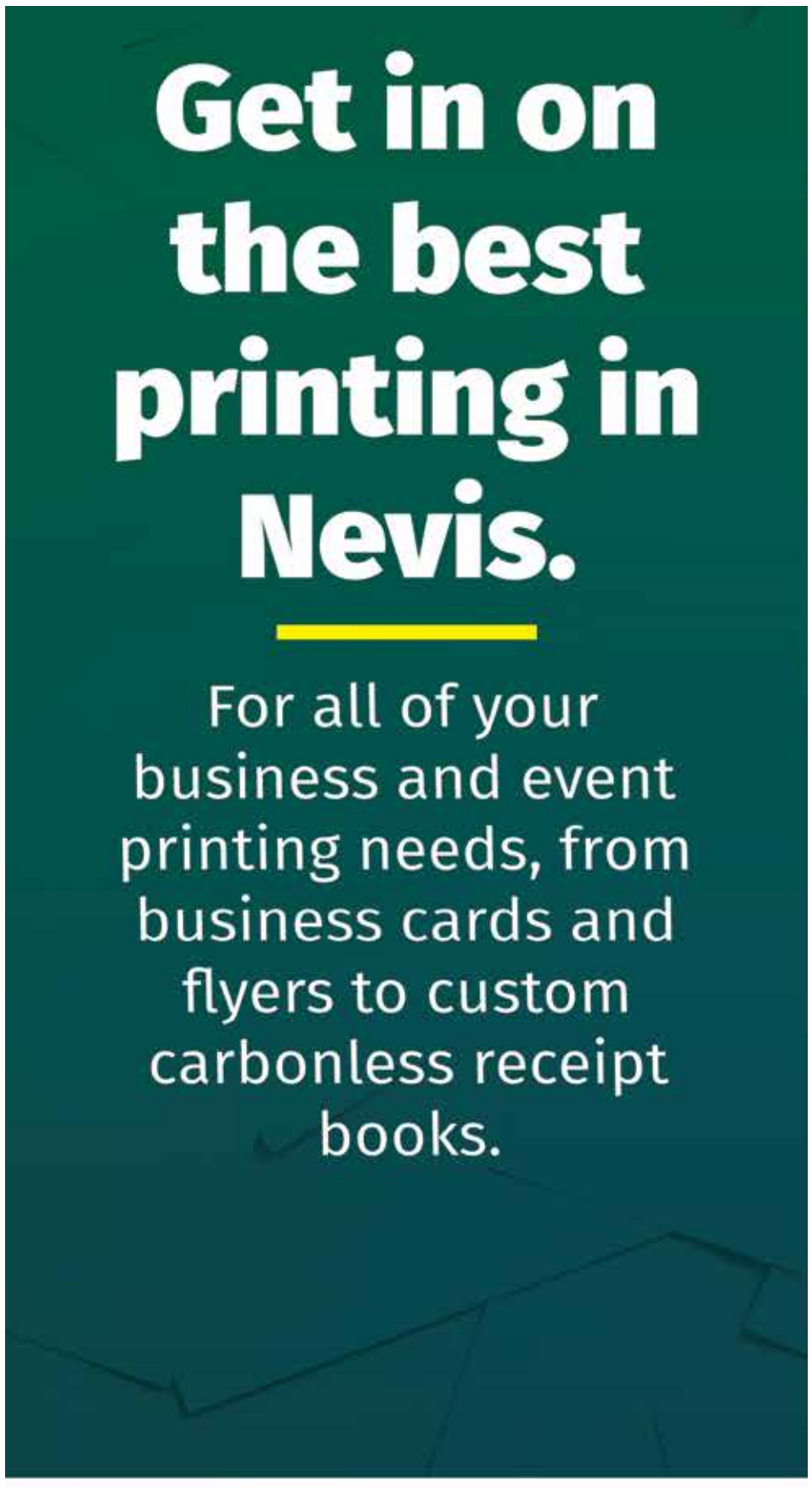

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noted that near-term risks are tilted to the downside, citing potential declines in CBI revenue, volatility in commodity prices, and the nation's vulnerability to natural disasters.

To address fiscal imbalances, the IMF recommends tax reforms, including VAT harmonisation, increasing excise duties on alcohol, tobacco, and fossil fuels, and updating property tax assessments. The proposed establishment of a Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) was welcomed, with the fund expected to absorb surplus CBI revenue, reduce budget volatility, and build fiscal buffers.

The IMF also called for transparency in the CBI programme, suggesting the publication of comprehensive annual reports, including external audit findings and statistics on applications and financial accounts.

In the financial sector, the IMF acknowledged progress in reducing non-performing loans (NPLs) and boosting profitability in the banking sector. However, vulnerabilities persist, particularly at the Development Bank, which is facing high NPLs and weak profits. The IMF advised reforms to improve accountability and financial performance at the institution.

Structural reforms to enhance productivity, improve access to finance, and better align labour skills with market demands were also recommended. The IMF highlighted the importance of accelerating the energy transition to enhance economic competitiveness and resilience.

The IMF thanked the St. Kitts and Nevis authorities for their collaboration and constructive policy dialogue. A final report, subject to IMF management approval, will be presented to the IMF Executive Board for discussion and decision.

This assessment provides a roadmap for the government as it navigates fiscal consolidation while pursuing sustainable economic growth and stability.

CASE

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The DPP's office has emphasised that Ms. Dorsett, like any other accused, is presumed innocent until proven guilty. The public has been urged to refrain from engaging in speculation or sharing unverified information on social media or public platforms, as such actions could prejudice the case or result in legal consequences. The DPP has vowed to take firm action against anyone who undermines the judicial process, including law enforcement officers found leaking sensitive information.

Following a bail application at the Magistrate's Court, Ms. Dorsett was denied bail, and has been remanded at His Majesty's Prison.

CBI

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Brantley criticised Harris for later disregarding the agreement. He drew a parallel to Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, suggesting Harris turned his back on those who helped him rise to power.

Brantley reaffirmed his commitment to pursuing not just financial equity, but also opportunities for Nevisians on the national stage. "It's not just about money but about ensuring Nevisians have opportunities, including key international representation."

PRESIDENT

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the recommendation submitted by the Regional and Judicial Legal Services Commission (RJLSC). The RJLSC is an independent body responsible for the hiring, disciplining, and setting of employment terms and conditions for Court staff and Judges. In terms of the President of the Court, it submits a recommendation to the Heads of Government who then vote to select the President. A successful candidate must receive three-quarters majority vote.

Mr Justice Anderson was selected after a competitive process in which applications were received from six males and one female candidate from various Commonwealth states including Barbados, Botswana, Jamaica/ Barbados, Nigeria, and Sri Lanka.

Speaking of the selection, President Saunders congratulated Mr Justice Anderson stating, "Justice Anderson's wealth of experience, intellectual rigour, and dedication to the rule of law have significantly contributed to the development of the Court's jurisprudence. His leadership will undoubtedly strengthen the CCJ's commitment to delivering justice of the highest standard and furthering its mission to serve the region with independence, fairness, and integrity."

It is anticipated that Mr Justice Anderson will be sworn in as CCJ President on 6 July 2025 in Jamaica.

SKN could hit No. 9 among geothermal countries

Kenneth Williams
Editor-in-Chief

St. Kitts and Nevis could take the number 9 position, just below Italy, but replacing Iceland in the list of the 10 leading geothermal countries in the world, based on installed power generation capacity. Iceland would fall to number 10. This could happen if Nevis is successful in its bid to tap into geothermal resources known to exist beneath the island.

According to a study done by the United States Department of Energy and the Organization of American States, it is estimated that the geothermal resource available on Nevis exceeds the potential of a more than 900 Megawatts (MW) plant.

Currently St. Kitts consumes 27 megawatts of electricity at peak period daily, and Nevis approximately 10 megawatts – a total of only 37 megawatts. This leaves availability of at least 863 megawatts of electric power available for sale to neighboring islands, if the aforementioned estimate is accurate.

In 2024, Nevis spent $43,839,417 on fuel to run generators, while St. Kitts spent more than $100,000,000. According to the EPA, burning one gallon of diesel generates 0.01018 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO_2), therefore St. Kitts and Nevis essentially pumps millions of metric tons (mt) of carbon dioxide into the environment each year.

With the coming of geothermal, electricity rates are expected to see massive decreases. Electrical power will be produced by tapping into naturally-occurring underground reservoirs of hot water or steam - this is pumped to the surface by wells, and the heat from that water turns into steam which drives a turbine to produce electricity through a generator. It is the earth's internal heat that is converted into usable energy.

Not having to pay for Petro carbons and expenses associated with storing or managing it, the price of electricity to the user could become more affordable.

With electricity available at lower prices, St. Kitts and Nevis could see an uptick of available technology jobs, as artificial intelligence centers could setup here, and data centers could move their operations to St. Kitts and Nevis due to the enormous amount of energy that is needed to power dedicated servers.

A World Bank study of the 12 volcanic and geothermal areas in Iceland indicates that the annual amount of CO_2 discharged ranges widely between 0.01 to 1000 mt per year. Clearly, CO_2 emissions from geothermal plants vary depending on various factors, yet in every situation, geothermal produces less emission than plants powered by fossil fuel.

Top 10 Geothermal Countries

ThinkGeoEnergy, the leading information services provider for the global geothermal energy sector, in its overview based on installed geothermal power generation capacity as of year-end 2024 has listed the Top 10 Geothermal Countries as follows:

No. Nation	Megawatts
1. United States	3,937 MW
2. Indonesia	2,653 MW
3. Philippines	1,984 MW
4. Türkiye	1,734 MW
5. New Zealand	1,207 MW
6. Kenya	985 MW
7. Mexico	976 MW
8. Italy	916 MW
9. Iceland	786 MW
10. Japan	601 MW

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