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SKN LEADERS UNITE FOR GEOTHERMAL FUTURE

By Loshaun Dixon
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

In a show of unity, Premier of Nevis and Leader of the Opposition in the National Parliament, the Mark Brantley, reaffirmed the commitment of St. Kitts and Nevis to the development of geothermal energy as part of the country's wider renewable energy agenda.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) 3rd Council of Ministers: Energy, held at the St. Kitts Marriott on February 4, Brantley underscored the island's dedication to a sustainable energy future.

"There is no daylight between the Prime Minister and myself. We are 100 percent committed to this journey," Premier Brantley said, highlighting the nation's unified approach to harnessing geothermal resources on Nevis for the benefit of all citizens. "For the very first time, St. Kitts and Nevis has placed geothermal exploration and development as a national priority. This is now firmly on the national agenda."

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COURTESY PHOTO

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Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Garth Wilkin

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and

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NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 24th day of **February, 2025** at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Newton Ground, in the Parish of St. Paul, in the Island of Saint Christopher, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by lands of Cranstoun Estate occupied by Constantia Elliott, 54.89 feet; On or towards the East by lands of Cranstoun Estate occupied by Emanuel Burke, 61.24 feet; On or towards the South by lands of Cranstoun Estate occupied by Eleanor Charles, 30.09 feet; On or towards the West and South West by lands of Cranstoun Estate, 46,05 feet and 13.40 feet and containing by admeasurement 2,655.34 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **30th day of May, 2007** and registered in **Book G3 Folio 294A** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **DERRICK HANLEY** of Bradshaw Alley, Newton Ground Village, in the Parish of St. Pauls, in the Island of Saint Christopher as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC$30,283.05**

Dated the 5th day of February 2025

Registrar of the Supreme Court

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT FIAT JUSTITIA HIGH COURT

Wide-ranging road safety measures now in full effect

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis has launched a multi-faceted road safety initiative to curb reckless driving, enhance enforcement, and improve road infrastructure. The measures, introduced under the Sustainable Road Safety Project, include stronger penalties, the use of technology for enforcement, and incentives to promote responsible driving.

One of the most innovative components of the initiative is a new citizen reporting system that allows individuals to submit dashcam or video footage of reckless driving incidents. Under the newly-passed Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2025, individuals whose submissions lead to a conviction could receive a reward of up to $5,000.

Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Hon. Garth Wilkin, called the initiative a game-changer in the fight against dangerous driving. "Instead of just complaining about bad drivers, citizens now have the power to hold them accountable—and even be rewarded for it."

To encourage public participation, the government has also made dashcams duty-free, allowing more citizens to install them in their vehicles.

As part of a data-driven approach to road safety, the government analyzed traffic accident data collected between 2019 and 2024. Findings revealed that an average of 1,711 accidents occurred annually, with high-risk areas identified in Basseterre and Old Road. The Kim Collins Highway recorded an average speed of 70 mph—far exceeding the 40 mph limit—while Johnson Long Path was pinpointed as a frequent site of high-speed collisions.

In response, the government will introduce new speed bumps, improved road signage, and an updated traffic light system to reduce congestion and prevent accidents. Additionally, professional traffic engineers will assess high-risk areas to recommend further safety measures.

During a parliamentary session on January 30, 2025, Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, announced increased fines for reckless driving, dangerous speeding, and driving under the influence. The amendments include:

• Reckless and dangerous driving fines increased from $4,000 to up to

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NIA addresses growing concern of mold in government buildings

The Premier's Ministry in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) has responded to recent social media posts and images highlighting mold issues at the High Court Registry and other government facilities. In a statement, the ministry assured the public that it is actively addressing any legitimate concerns raised by staff regarding air quality and workplace safety.

The ministry confirmed that staff at the High Court Registry had been temporarily relocated while remedial work was carried out. Employees were only allowed to return after thorough testing confirmed the building was safe. Acknowledging that mold is a naturally occurring issue, the ministry has engaged professional remediation services and partnered with the Bureau of Standards on St. Kitts to conduct regular air quality assessments.

To further mitigate mold concerns, five dehumidifiers have been installed at the Registry to improve air quality. The statement reaffirmed that the health and safety of employees remain a top priority for both the ministry and the wider Nevis Island Administration.

In a proactive move, the NIA Cabinet has decided that all government offices and buildings will now undergo routine deep cleaning and mold testing. Test results will be shared with staff to ensure transparency and continued workplace safety.

The ministry reiterated its commitment to taking all necessary steps to safeguard the well-being of government employees, ensuring a healthier and more secure work environment across Nevis.

Nation sees 169% surge in CBI applications

The Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU) of Saint Kitts and Nevis has recorded an extraordinary 169 percent increase in applications during the final quarter of 2024, marking a significant resurgence in investor confidence. The surge comes in the wake of major reformative measures implemented by the government of Prime Minister Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew to modernise and enhance the nation's Citizenship by Investment (CBI) Programme.

The remarkable growth followed a pivotal restructuring of the CBI Programme, which was transitioned from a government entity to a statutory body in late 2024. This move, hailed as a transformative step, has reinforced the programme's integrity and positioned Saint Kitts and Nevis as a leader in the global investment migration industry.

The CIU, in an article dated January 31, 2025, attributed the spike in applications to Prime Minister Drew's decisive leadership and vision. "Prime Minister Drew's foresight to transition the CBI Unit to a statutory body has strengthened the programme, continuing to attract ultra-high-net-worth individuals seeking a secure and reputable second citizenship," the CIU stated.

COURTESY PHOTO

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Prime Minister Drew underscored the significance of these reforms, stating, "The CIU's transition to a statutory body was a bold step, rooted in our commitment to upholding the highest industry standards and setting a mark for others to follow. This remarkable growth reflects the transformative changes we've implemented to ensure transparency and efficiency. We remain steadfast in the vision to revolutionise the CBI industry, while driving sustainable development and economic prosperity for our nation. Our commitment to global security remains integral to maintaining the integrity and trustworthiness of our Citizenship by Investment Programme."

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Drew, the government introduced several legislative and structural changes aimed at securing the long-term viability of the CBI Programme. Among the key reforms were the passage of the Citizenship by Investment Unit Act, which formally established the CBI Unit as a corporate body, and the creation of the Continuing International Due Diligence (CIDD) Unit to conduct ongoing vetting of CBI citizens residing abroad. Additionally, legislation was enacted making it a criminal offence to undersell citizenship, further safeguarding the programme's credibility.

Investor confidence in the CBI Programme had waned due to previous mismanagement and questionable practices in the past. However, the latest figures demonstrate a renewed trust in the programme's transparency and reliability, reflecting the effectiveness of the government's proactive measures.

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis has said it remains dedicated to further strengthening the CBI Programme, ensuring its continued success as a key driver of economic growth and sustainable development.

For more information about the Citizenship by Investment Corporation, interested individuals can contact the CBI Unit or visit their official website at http://ciu.gov.kn/.

Govt. reassures nationals amid repatriation efforts

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis has reiterated its steadfast belief that its citizens are the foundation of the nation's prosperity, emphasising their right to explore global opportunities. In a statement released on Monday, the administration expressed its support for nationals who seek opportunities abroad, both near and far, and commended their contributions to the wider world.

However, the government said it remains cautious as recent developments suggest that over 1.4 million nationals from various countries are expected to be repatriated to their homelands. Among those, 68 are expected to return to Saint Kitts and Nevis. While acknowledging the situation, the government noted that the repatriation process will be contingent upon official communication from the countries involved, and it continues to await such updates.

Saint Kitts and Nevis also reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring that no citizen is left behind. "We will make every effort to resettle our people in the land of their birth," the statement read. "We believe each son and daughter of

our country possesses the skills and talents that will further contribute to the advancement of our island state."

The government highlighted that Saint Kitts and Nevis is a caring and progressive nation, one that extends unwavering support to its citizens without hesitation. "The care we offer must always be extended to our brothers and sisters, without reservation," it stated.

Saint Kitts and Nevis further pledged to continue advocating for human rights on the global stage. While working cooperatively with other nations, the Federation expressed its commitment to being a haven for its nationals, ensuring they always have a place to call home in Saint Kitts and Nevis.

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EDITORIAL

The courthouse in Charlestown must be a front burner issue

In recent weeks there has been a lot of chatter on the internet about the courthouse in Charlestown. The political back-and-forth and vitriol that has ultimately veered towards, and eventually landed at the Government's doorstep, is not the way to go. Bashing the administration is counterproductive to the cause. Progress can only be stymied with the persistent finger-pointing.

As a highly respected and unbiased news entity, we have a responsibility to not indulge in promoting such negativity. There is work to be done, and the solutions to the existing issues with the courthouse can only be reached through the dispassionate sharing of ideas.

The courthouse in Charlestown is one of the oldest buildings on the island. It was built from natural stones, and we often wonder whether or not it was built by the hands of slaves. This building ought to be restored. The Government should make a plan, raise the required money, and have the structure appropriately renovated.

It doesn't necessarily have to remain as the courthouse building. It could be a museum or serve some other significant purpose. Upstairs used to be the public library, but that was moved out some time ago, and now the court has to be similarly relocated.

The restoration must be carried out promptly to avoid further deterioration. Whatever is causing the leakage into the building needs to be fixed, so that it could return to its rightful state of being an edifice we could be proud of, especially given its historical importance. It is a treasured antique building.

Some years ago, under the European Union, there were monies set aside for each island in the Eastern Caribbean to erect a new courthouse. There was some talk about it when Hugh Rawlins was Chief Justice of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court between 2008 and 2012, but we haven't heard much about it in recent times. We don't know if the funds were used for something else or are still earmarked for the intended purpose, but we believe that the initiative should have been seized at the earliest possible opportunity to build modernised courthouses in both St. Kitts and Nevis.

We don't whether or not it was a situation where the European Union didn't want the governments to handle it, preferring instead for the courts to be solely responsible. Whatever the current state of affairs is, someone needs to look into it and see if those funds are still available, so that state-of-the-art courthouses could be built in Charlestown and Basseterre.

The situation as is, in the Courthouse, needs to be addressed with alacrity. The Government needs to redouble its efforts, and not wait years down the road. It is, as we have indicated, a historical building.

Maybe there can be funds that can be gotten from a reputable organization to fulfil the goal of restoring and preserving this building

We need to start cherishing these old buildings that were built hundreds of years ago, and are still standing. We know, for example, that the Bath Hotel was restored; there were some monies that came from the United States Agency for International Development, along with local funding. There are avenues.

Addressing the issues affecting the courthouse in Charlestown must be placed on the front burner.

We want to hear your opinion!

You opinion matters! Let everyone know how you feel about issues by writing a letter to the editor.

Just wait, time will take care of the trip for you

Off the Beaten Path ...

Tommy Wells
Humour columnist

In my life, I have been pretty fortunate in that I have become the Johnny Cash of newspaper writers. It's true, I have been everywhere, man. I've been to the left, and the right and many of the places in between. I've even been to the former Soviet Union, Europe and spent a week or so painting ships in Guantanamo Bay.

Unlike me, my sister-n-law (we will call her Amanda … because, well, her name is Amanda) hasn't been too many places. She hasn't been to Paris, Rome, Honolulu or even the wilderness of Alaska (which she so desperately wants to see). Her entire life, I am sad to inform you, has been spent growing up in cotton fields, or shady motorcycle bars filled with hairy tattooed dudes. OK … she hasn't been in any biker bars. I just didn't want you to think her has been entirely bleak.

When Amanda hears tales of far away and exotic places, she sighs and dreams of one day visiting those places.

I have to say, on rare occasions, I empathize with her pain. Everyone should have the opportunity to travel and see other parts of the world. You'll never truly appreciate your little place in the world until you see where all of the other folks hang out. For example, visiting Odessa (Texas) is how I figured out I would not want to live in the desert. There are sand storms in that part of the world that go on for days. I'm pretty sure, if someone moved all the sand out there, they would find Atlantis, Jimmy Hoffa and Colonel Sanders' secret chicken recipe.

As I was telling Amanda that my wife and I are planning a trip to Alaska for this summer, I could see the distant, far-away dream of travel cloud her mind. She looked as sad a puppy that just found out it was the runt. I tell you, it nearly broke my heart. I almost had to turn in my man card because small tears were forming in the corner of my eyes. I said "almost" because … well, suddenly I remembered she wasn't going with us and that means we will save money. Instantly, I was over the blues. Saving money always makes men happy.

But, to be honest, I was perplexed and troubled that Amanda has been Texas-blocked perpetually. Something, I thought to myself, had to be done.

I'm here to tell you that it was at this point that I found out something that will forever change Amanda's life. It was almost as if the hand of God had placed the information at my fingertips: The tectonic plates are shifting.

A quick search of Google confirmed the thought. The plates that form

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St. Kitts shines in global media spotlight

St. Kitts has garnered significant international media attention throughout January 2025, with a range of notable features showcasing its appeal as a top Caribbean destination. The island has been highlighted in various outlets for its stunning landscapes, rich culture, and unique offerings across adventure, romance, and luxury.

Influencer Majtravels1 took to Instagram to showcase the scenic beauty of St. Kitts and the luxurious Park Hyatt, while The Sun and The Scottish Sun highlighted the island as an affordable Caribbean escape, emphasising UK flights and 29°C winter temperatures. Viestra Magazine focused on exclusive romantic packages and activities designed for couples seeking to reconnect, further solidifying St. Kitts as a romantic getaway.

Essential Journeys featured British Airways' January Sale, encouraging travellers to explore the island's rich outdoor activities, from hiking to diving. Similarly, Style of the City magazine covered St. Kitts as part of the sale, spotlighting the island's vibrant culinary scene and breathtaking scenery.

St. Kitts' inclusion in the prestigious Virtuoso network was widely covered by various media outlets, opening new opportunities for sales and marketing within the luxury travel sector. The island also received praise from TravelPulse and MSN, which named it one of the "Best Places for Adventure Travel in the Caribbean" in their 2025 Caribbean Travel Guide. These publications highlighted the island's hot springs, hiking trails, and diving opportunities.

The Travel Market Report listed St. Kitts as one of the world's most romantic destinations, with a focus on the Romance Package and the Belle Mont Sanctuary Resort. Additionally, Charlotte Flach featured the island in Selling Travel magazine's "Bucket List Adventures for 2025."

Sustainable boutique property Sunset Reef was named in Caribbean Journal's 2025 Cool List, being recognised as one of the coolest places to stay in the Caribbean.

COURTESY PHOTO

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SKBHCV2016/0156

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

- Applicant

and

CLEMENT BOONE

-Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 27th day of **February, 2025** at 2:45 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon situate at corner of Liverpoool Row and Old Gut Market, in the town of Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the by Henrietta France, 26 feet 9 inches; On the East by Mrs. Procope, 28 feet 1 inch; On the South by Liverpool Row 29 feet and On the West by the Old Gut Market 31 feet and containing by admeasurement 823.5 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **25th day of June, 1993** and registered in **Book S2 Folio 206** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **Clement Boone** of Old Road Village, in the Parish of St. Thomas, in the Island of Saint Christopher registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC$435,515.00**

Dated the 5th day of February 2025

Registrar of the Supreme Court

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THE BANK NEVIS LIMITED
(successor to the banking business of Royal Bank of Canada in St Kitts)

Applicant

and

FITZROY CORNELIUS PAYNE

Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court, St Kitts Circuit by PUBLIC AUCTION at the High Court of Justice, Basseterre, St Kitts

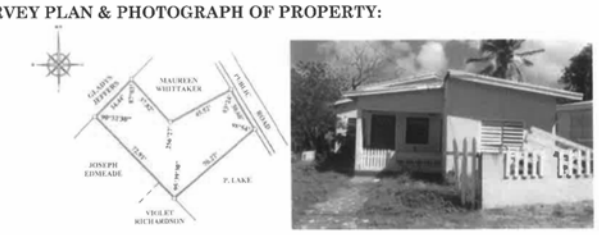
on Thursday the 27th day of March 2025, at

2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

3,894.80 square feet of land situate at **Newton Ground**, St Paul Parish, St Kitts and bounded and measuring as follows: On or towards the North by lands of Maureen Whittaker, 37.82 feet and 45.52 feet; On the North-East by a Public Road, 30.60 feet; On the South-East by lands of P. Lake, 70.27 feet; On the South-West partly by lands of Violet Richardson and partly by lands of Joseph Edmeade, 72.91 feet; and On or towards the North-West by lands of Gladys Jeffers, 34.44 feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated December 4, 2012 and registered in Book L3 Folio 686 of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher.

SURVEY PLAN & PHOTOGRAPH OF PROPERTY:



UPSET PRICE:

The upset price for the above land shall be **EC$285,118.40**

GENERAL INFORMATION: The successful bidder: (1) must publicly declare on whose behalf he or she is bidding; (2) must pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth (25%) of his or her winning bid; and (3) must pay the balance within one month from the day of the public auction. The purchaser(s) shall be entitled, by law, to possession of the property after payment of the deposit. The purchaser(s) must pay Stamp Duty (statutorily 6% of the purchase price) and any Property Taxes accrued and unpaid at the time of the transfer of the property. It is recommended that the purchaser(s) instruct legal counsel to conclude the transfer process. Contact the Applicant/Mortgagee's Attorneys-at-Law, Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand (869-465-2440 or law@kwfonline.com) or the High Court Registry (869-467-1102 registryskn@gov.kn) for more details

Dated the 31st day of January 2025

BY THE COURT

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EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT FIAT JUSTITIA HIGH COURT

Businesses under scrutiny as VAT cuts begin

The Consumer Affairs Department remains vigilant in ensuring that businesses comply with the recent VAT reduction and pass on savings to consumers. In an appearance on government programme InFocus, Communications Officer Tricia Delaney emphasised the department's ongoing efforts to educate the public about their rights and responsibilities, as well as the importance of consumer involvement in maintaining market fairness.

"We continue to educate the public on their rights, and we urge consumers to report any suspicious business activities they may encounter," Delaney stated. She stressed the importance of businesses complying with the VAT reduction policy and passing on the savings to consumers, though she acknowledged that while businesses may not pass on the full reduction, they should at least contribute a portion of the savings.

According to Delaney, complaints of non-compliance from businesses have been relatively few. However, she highlighted cases where businesses have been deceptive in pricing, showing a reduced VAT rate on receipts but maintaining the same total price. This, she said, is both unfair to consumers and deceptive. "There have been complaints that businesses have not reduced their prices despite the lower VAT rate on their receipts," she explained. "In some cases, businesses have maintained the same total price, with a lower VAT rate listed, which is deceptive. We take such cases seriously, and investigations follow to ensure fairness."

Delaney urged consumers to keep their receipts and compare prices from before and after the VAT reduction, advising them to report any discrepancies rather than just sharing concerns online. "We find that many people are talking about these issues on social media, but they aren't actually reporting them to us," she said. "Consumers need to be proactive—ask questions when checking out, and if you're not satisfied with the answer, file a complaint with us."

In addition to concerns over pricing, the Consumer Affairs Department has also received a small number of reports of price increases at certain businesses. Some business owners, when questioned, attributed the increases to external factors such as supply chain costs, inflation, or increased operating expenses. Delaney assured that these claims are being investigated to determine if they are justified or if businesses are using external factors to offset the VAT reduction and pocket additional savings.

"While the VAT has been reduced, we have noticed that in a few cases businesses have increased prices. However, they are claiming that it is due to other factors, such as higher supply chain costs or inflation. We investigate those claims to ensure they are valid and not just a way to pocket the VAT savings," she explained. While the instances have been few, the department is committed to ensuring that pricing remains fair across the board.

The VAT reduction, which took effect on January 1, 2025, from 17 percent to 13 percent, is part of the government's strategy to ease financial burdens on households and increase affordability for everyday goods. A preliminary market assessment by the Consumer Affairs Department has revealed positive outcomes, with several retailers adjusting their prices to reflect the lower VAT rate. For example, standing and ceiling fans saw a price reduction of approximately 3.5 percent, while air conditioners dropped by 3.4 percent. Steel bars, a key material in construction, saw a significant 14 percent price decrease.

Despite the positive trends, the Consumer Affairs Department will continue its routine market monitoring to ensure that the benefits of the VAT reduction are being fully passed on to consumers.

Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew, who has prioritized consumer protection, expressed his satisfaction with the businesses that have proactively passed on the savings. He also encouraged other retailers to follow suit. "This VAT reduction was implemented with the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis in mind—to make everyday goods more affordable and ease the cost of living. I commend the retailers who have already passed these savings on to their customers, and I encourage all businesses to follow suit," Dr. Drew stated. "Together, we can ensure that the benefits of this policy reach every household in our Federation."

The government remains committed to policies that support affordability and consumer rights, with the Consumer Affairs Department continuing its efforts to maintain market transparency and fairness. The department urges consumers to stay vigilant, report discrepancies, and support businesses that uphold fair pricing practices.

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and

In the matter of a Certificate of Title dated the 8th day of August 2005 registered in Register Book 43 Folio 284 of the Register of Titles for the Island of Nevis.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **HOWARD ANTHONY LEWIS** and **HELEN ANN LEWIS**, both of Prospect Estate in the Parish of Saint John in the Island of Nevis, have applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of the Certificate of Title dated the 8th day of August 2005 and registered in Register Book 43 Folio 284 of the Register of Titles for the Island of Nevis, on the basis that the said duplicate Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost, the land contained in said Certificate of Title being 25,097 square feet of land situate at Brazier Estate in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows; that is to say:- On or towards the North East partly by lands of T.A. L. Hull and partly by lands of Tony Hull, 127.72 feet, On or towards the South East by lands of Brazier Estate 197.22 feet, On or towards the South West by lands of Brazier Estate 41.90 feet, On or towards the West by lands of Brazier Estate 182.93 feet and On or towards the North by lands of David Robinson and Joan Robinson 54.37 feet and 40.02 feet.

Any person who may be in possession of the said Certificate of Title or may have any information which may lead to its recovery is asked to contact the Legal Department at The Bank of Nevis Limited, Bank of Nevis Building, Charlestown, Nevis, Attorneys-at-law for the Applicant.

Dated the 29th day of January 2025

D. ASHLEIGH MAYNARD
Legal Department, The Bank of Nevis Limited
Attorneys-at-law for the Applicant

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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In the Estate of **OLIVER PEARL GLASFORD** late of Regency Park Christ Church, Barbados deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **BRONWEN GLASFORD** and **NADINE GLASFORD** of Frigate Bay St. Kitts, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named **OLIVER PEARL GLASFORD** deceased who died on the 4th day of March 2021 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 7th day February 2009 wherein the Applicants are named as Executrices.

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

Dated the 22nd day of January 2025.

Filed by Butler, Butler & Butler Attorneys-at-law for the Applicants whose address for service is upper Market Street, Basseterre St. Kitts.

[SECOND PUBLICATION]

Master mason leads first ICH Training Master Class

Master stone mason Roosevelt Devent led the inaugural Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Adult Knowledge Transfer Training Master Class, which was conducted from January 27th – February 1st, 2025, at Wingfield, Old Road, opposite Romney Manor.

With over 30 years of experience, Devent has played a key role in the restoration of Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park and is now passing on his expertise to nine trainees. The hands-on workshop focused on traditional masonry techniques, including stone selection, mortar preparation, securing cut stones, and junking the centre of a wall.

Minister of Creative Economy, Samal Duggins, visited the site, where a wall was being reconstructed, and emphasised the significance of preserving ICH skills as part of St. Kitts and Nevis' cultural heritage.

The Master Class marked the first in a series of training sessions organised by the Department of Creative Economy, Cultural Heritage, aimed at both adults and younger generations.

Following the masonry workshop, a Master Class on Coal Making commenced on February 1st and that ends on February 23rd. Master Halvor Hendrickson will be demonstrating traditional coal-making techniques while ensuring environmental protection.

COURTESY PHOTO

Master stone mason Roosevelt Devent (right) explaining to Minister of Creative Economy, Samal Duggins (left) one of the techniques he taught the trainees.

VACANCY

Montpelier NEVIS

Montpelier Plantation and Beach is looking for a skilled Pastry Chef to join our team.

Requirement and skills:

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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In the Estate of **STEADROY JOHN TECHEIRA** late of King Street, Basseterre, in the Parish of St. George, St. Kitts, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE than an application has been filed by **ENID MARIA LACTETIA DORE** of Ponds Extension, Basseterre, St. George, St. Kitts, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the mother of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 15th day of February, 2017.

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 30th day of January, 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.

SECOND PUBLICATION

COURTESY PHOTO

Ryan Bachoo, left, poses for a photo with Climate Analytics Caribbean director, Rueanna Haynes at the book launch.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED
- Applicant

and

NIGEL DORSET
and
FRANCES DORSET
-Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 27th day of February **2025** at 9:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Tabernacle Village, in the Parish of Saint John in the Island of Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) with building thereon bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-West by Stone Castle Estate, 123.56 feet; On or towards the North East by land bordering an Estate Road, 80.11 feet; On or towards the South-East by Stone Castle Estate, 104.44 feet; and On or towards the South by Stone Castle Estate, 92.54 feet and containing by admeasurement 9,656.17 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **25th day of July, 2008** and registered **in Book H3 Folio 290** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **NIGEL DORSET and FRANCES DORSET** of Stone Castle, Tabernacle, in the Island of Saint Christopher as registered proprietors thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC$191,220.00**.

Dated the 17th day of January 2025

Registrar of the Supreme Court (Ag)

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT FIAT JUSTITIA HIGH

An Unending Search explores race, class and Caribbean identity

Award-winning writer Ryan Bachoo has launched his latest novel, An Unending Search, a story set in rural South Trinidad in the late 1970s. The novel follows the journey of a young East Indian boy working in the sugarcane fields as he grapples with the realities of systemic racism, class struggles, and the enduring dream of seeking a better life abroad.

The protagonist, forced to leave school at the age of 10, finds himself under the mentorship of an elder named Uncle Sundar, who exerts an "outsized influence" on the boy. Sundar, reflecting the views held by many at the time, tells him that "the Williams government is racist" and that there is "systemic racism in Trinidad." He insists that the only way to escape these struggles is to "find a way to travel to New York or London and stay there illegally" because, as Bachoo explains, "back then, and still is in many ways for Caribbean people, New York and London are the promised land."

The book, while a story of migration, also serves as a deeply personal journey of self-discovery for the young protagonist. "The book takes the reader on a journey of this young man trying to find his way to New York or London," Bachoo said. "It confronts the themes of racism and classism along the way. It's also a journey of self-discovery as he tries to find both himself, his purpose, as well as his place in this world."

Bachoo, deeply influenced by renowned West Indian literary figures such as Derek Walcott, George Lamming, and V.S. Naipaul, sees his novel as part of the rich tradition of Caribbean storytelling. "I grew up reading West Indian literature—men like Derek Walcott, George Lamming, and Sam Selvon. I saw parallels between their stories and my own village, my own town, my own country, my own Caribbean," he said. "The Caribbean is so rich with literary content. The villages we grew up in are filled with unique characters, and I wanted to put that richness into a book."

Despite his love for the genre, Bachoo acknowledges that interest in West

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COURTESY PHOTO

Ryan Bachoo, middle, presents his mother, Polly, and his father, Sonnylal, with copies the book, An Unending Search, which is dedicated to them.

BOOK

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Indian literature has declined, or at least shifted. "There has been a shift in interest to different genres—suspense, non-fiction, and other types of fiction. There was a shift in consciousness in the Caribbean, perhaps because of the digital age. But that doesn't mean we should stop writing West Indian literature. Somebody has to tell our stories. Nobody's going to come from America or England to write them. We are in the best position to do it."

Bachoo hopes that An Unending Search will reignite an appreciation for West Indian literature. "It would be a dream come true to have this book on school bookshelves," he said. "That would mean that future generations will be reading it. I also hope that when people pick up this book, they will see themselves in it. Even though it's set in rural South Trinidad, it's just like Castries, Bridgetown, Kingston, or any other Caribbean village. Life isn't too different in a small village in Trinidad than it is in St. Vincent or Guyana. We all have the same big dreams and aspirations, and we all look outward to places like New York, London, India, and South Africa."

Bachoo also identified St. Kitts and Nevis as an important market for the book. "With its history of literary excellence, St. Kitts and Nevis is an important market for any West Indian literature. It's bursting with book lovers and book readers, and I think it's really important for me to try to enter that space."

COURTESY PHOTO

Ryan Bachoo, left, signs a copy of his debut novel, *An Unending Search*, for Roman Catholic Vicar General, Father Martin Sirju during a signing event to launch the publication.

The response to the book has been overwhelmingly positive. "It's been a really, really good response so far," Bachoo shared. "I've been overwhelmed by the responses that I've gotten, by the stories that have been written. The response has been phenomenal. It's already doing what I hoped—getting people reading West Indian literature again."

Currently available in bookstores across Trinidad and Tobago, An Unending Search is set to be released on Amazon and Kindle in the near future.

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We are inviting applications from suitable and qualified professionals who are nationals of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member States and Associate Members to fill the undermentioned positions:

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DUTY STATION – GUYANA

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Full details of these positions may be obtained by accessing the following websites – https://caricom.org/; www.oecs.org and www.caribbeanjobsonline.com

Applications in English Language with full curriculum vitae details, must be addressed to:

Adviser
Human Resource Management
Caribbean Community Secretariat
Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana

and sent via email to recruitment@caricom.org - The title of the vacancy should be clearly identified in the subject line of the email.

The deadline for the submission of applications is **Friday, 14 February 2025.**

*ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED

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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A.D. 2025

(PROBATE)

SKBHPB2025/0014

In the Estate of **PAUL ERNEST DUQUETTE,** late of 50 Mill Pond Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852, United States of America, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by DANIELLE J. DUQUETTE OF 188 parkway North, New London, Connecticut 06320, United States of America for a Grant of Probate of the above-mentioned deceased who died on the 22nd day of July 2011 without revoking a will bearing the date 27th August 2008 wherein the applicant is named as Executor.

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

Dated 4th February 2025

Filed by Shawna Lake, Law Offices of Shawna Lake Chambers, Suite 200, Bayview Commercial Complex, Frigate Bay, St. Kitts. Email: shawnalake@sknalaw.com Attorney at Law for the Applicant.

Charlestown preschool reopens after major upgrades

The Nevis Island Administration (NIA) has completed a major refurbishment of Charlestown Preschool, marking a significant step in enhancing early childhood education on the island. The extensive renovations, aimed at creating a safer and more functional learning environment, included a complete roof replacement, expanded kitchen, upgraded bathrooms and offices, and additional storage space.

Minister of Education, the Honourable Senator Troy Liburd, lauded the NIA Cabinet for approving the much-needed upgrades, highlighting the administration's commitment to strengthening educational infrastructure.

"This investment underscores our dedication to providing a high-quality learning environment for our youngest students," said Minister Liburd.

The Honourable Spencer Brand, Minister of Public Works and Parliamentary Representative for St. Paul's Parish, praised the school's enduring legacy and its vital role in shaping the island's future generations. Supervisor Samika Warner extended gratitude to all contributors and thanked the NIA for supporting the teachers, students, parents, and guardians throughout the renovation process.

COURTESY PHOTO

Premier Mark Brantley talks to a group of preschoolers during the reopening ceremony.

At the reopening ceremony, Education Officer Mrs. Dawny Lanns commended the NIA for its continued investment in early childhood education, ensuring future generations have access to quality learning facilities. Attendees toured the upgraded facility, interacted with staff and students, and witnessed firsthand the improvements made.

A symbolic ribbon-cutting was performed by Deputy Governor-General Her Honour Hyleeta Liburd, Early Childhood Development Coordinator and former Charlestown Preschool Supervisor Brenda Smithen-Williams,

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **MURIEL AGATHA WELCOME** formerly of Christ Church, St. Kitts but resided in Sint Maarten, Deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **CHERRIL WELCOME** of Tabernacle Village, St. Kitts, the daughter of the deceased, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant, the deceased having died intestate on the 10th day of August 2022.

Any person having an objection to the application for the Grant of letters of Administration shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this notice.

Dated this 4th day of November 2024

Hasani J. McDonald

GREY'S LEGAL CHAMBERS

FILED BY Hasani J. McDonald of Grey's Legal Chambers, Attorney-at- Law for the Administracies whose address for service is Pond Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts; email: hasanimc42@gmail.com; Tel: (869) 466-9839, Fax: (869) 466-9649.

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NEVIS CIRCUIT

A.D. 2025

CLAIM NO. NEVHCV2025

IN THE MATTER of section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap. 10.19.

AND

IN THE MATTER of a Certificate of Title registered in the Register of Titles Book 27 Folio 171 in the name of Alford Liburd.

AND

IN THE MATTER of an Application by Mildred Millicent Liburd and Teresa Liburd-Andrews, the Administrators for the estate of the late Alford Liburd, for the issuance of a new Certificate of Title in place of the lost Duplicate Certificate of Title registered in Book 27 Folio 171 of the Register of Titles for the Nevis Circuit.

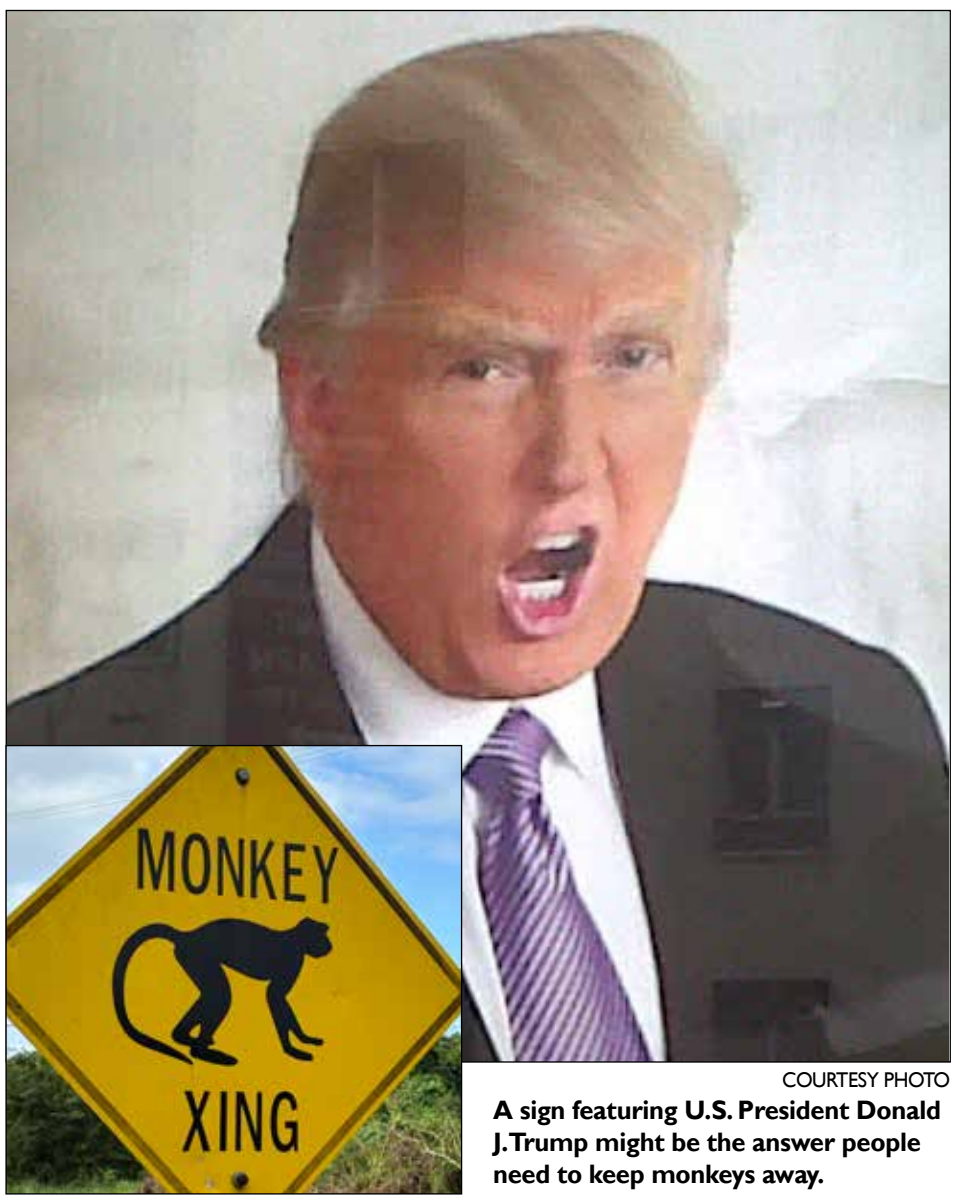
NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MILDRED MILLICENT LIBURD AND TERESA LIBURD-ANDREWS of 6603 NW 3rd Ave, Miami, Florida 33150 in the United States of America and TERESA LIBURD-ANDREWS of 20601 NW 34th CT, Miami Gardens, Florida 33056 in the United States of America, in their capacity as Administrators of the estate of the late Alford Liburd have applied through their Solicitors MALONEY & CO. to the Registrar of Titles under section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap. 10.19 for the issuance of a replacement Certificate of Title in the name of Alford Liburd in respect of land contained in the Certificate of Title registered in his name dated 30th June 1989 and registered in Book 27 Folio 171 of the Register of Titles for the Nevis Circuit on the basis that the said Certificate of Title has been irretrievably lost by misadventure. The land contained therein being ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land being Lot B-33 situate at Hard Times Estate in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Nevis and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- **On or towards the North East by Lot B-34A, 80.02 feet, On or towards the South East by Lot B-34, 122.98 feet; On or towards the South West by Rawlins Road, 54.74 feet and On or towards the North West by a Public Road, 13.88 feet and 125.33 feet and containing by admeasurement 9,202 square feet.**

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the aforesaid Certificate of Title which may lead to its recovery is asked to contact Shemica Maloney, Attorney-at-law of MALONEY & CO. Unit 1, The Key Complex, Cedar Trees, Charlestown, Nevis, Telephone No: 1-869-469-6529, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants OR the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, Theodore L. Hobson Court Building, Prince William Street, Charlestown, Nevis, Telephone No. (869) 469-7140.

Dated the 20th day of January 2025

Shemica Maloney
MALONEY & CO.
Attorneys-at-law for the Applicants



COURTESY PHOTO

A sign featuring U.S. President Donald J. Trump might be the answer people need to keep monkeys away.

TRAVEL

The Caribbean island that is home to more monkeys than people

By Eric Mackenzie Lamb
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Only a few mammal species exist in St. Kitts and Nevis, most of which were introduced by French sailors over 300 years ago as pets. Today, it's estimated that the monkey population exceeds 60,000, almost double the human population. Seeing them is a quintessential experience for many visitors. A few tourists have even spotted a man in Nevis walking along the side of the road with a monkey sitting on his shoulders - virtually the same position as a father with his baby.

Then I had an idea which I presented to the Nevis tourism board: A monkey crossing road sign. They erected the signs at various points around the island, including next to Four Seasons.

Soon after, I saw the same signs in neighboring St. Kitts, which puzzled me as I had never sent any there. I mentioned this to Mark Brantley, the Premier of Nevis. "Not surprising", he told me. "Just think about it this way: imitation is the best form of flattery."

In some Asian countries, especially those which practice Buddhism, monkeys are considered holy and it's forbidden to disturb them.

When I first moved to Nevis, I soon learned that the animals were very aggressive. They would pluck and eat my flowers, especially hibiscus, and cause a lot of damage to my garden. And that's without mentioning the fecal droppings they'd leave on outdoor furniture.

That's when I got an idea: I enlarged an image of Donald Trump, along with a warning "DO NOT TRESPASS," and attached it to the boundary fence. After that, no monkeys came around for months.

I had to ask myself: Did they know something we don't?

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IN THE ESTATE OF Andy Ianson Mills late of Farms Estate, in the Parish of St. John, in the Island of Nevis, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **PHILMORE ANTONIO MILLS** of Farms Estate, in the Parish of St. John, in the Island of Nevis but currently residing in 56N La Grande Princesse 00821 Christiansted, United States Virgin Islands (USVI), for a **Grant of Letters of Administration** to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 30th day of January 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 17th day of January, 2025

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Kris Liburd
Attorney-at-Law

Filed on behalf of the Applicant by Kris Liburd, Attorney-at-Law of **JHT Law Firm** whose address for service is Suite #1 JHT Executive Suites, Main Road, Stoney Grove, St. John's Parish, Nevis.
Tel: (869) 469-7292/7293 Email: info@jhtlawfirm.com

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IN THE MATTER of an Application for the Issue of a Replacement Certificate of Title pursuant to Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act CAP. 10.19

AND

IN THE MATTER of an Application by Frances Jones for the issuance of a new Certificate of title to replace the lost Duplicate Certificate of Title registered in Book P2 Folio 15 of the Register of Titles in the St Christopher Circuit

APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

AN APPLICATION will be made to the registrar of Titles for the St. Christopher Circuit at the Land Registry, North Independence Square Street, Basseterre, Saint Christopher on the ..... day of 2024 at 9 o' clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as Counsel for the Applicant can be heard for an Order that the Certificate of Title issued in favour of **JOHNNY E. CAINES** of the Island of Saint Christopher but at present residing at Paradise Mill, Fredericksted, St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, AND **FRANCES JONES** his mother of the same address, the Registered Proprietor dated 23rd day of January 1990 and registered in Book P2 Folio 15 of the Register of Titles for the St. Christopher Circuit be deemed to be irrecoverably lost and cancelled and that a new Certificate be issued in favour of the said **Johnny E. Caines and Frances Jones** in place thereof.

Dated the 10th day September 2024

.....
Hasani J. Mc Donald
GREY'S LEGAL CHAMBERS
Attorneys-at-Law

This document was filed on behalf of the Applicant by GREY's LEGAL CHAMBERS, Pond Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts. (Tel.:869-669- 0226)

Sports

Warner Park to host T20I action as CWI unveils 2025 schedule

St. Kitts is set to take centre stage in the 2025 cricket calendar, with Warner Park gearing up to host the final three T20 International (T20I) matches of the highly-anticipated West Indies Men's team series against Australia. The matches, scheduled for July 25, 26, and 28, will be a highlight of the year's cricketing action, bringing top-tier international cricket to the Federation's shores.

This exciting series forms part of an action-packed year for the West Indies, as Cricket West Indies (CWI) unveils the full 2025 schedule for both the Men's and Women's senior teams.

The Men's team will embark on a jam-packed international season, starting with a series of ODIs and T20Is in the United Kingdom. Their campaign will culminate in the thrilling five-match T20I series against Australia, with Warner Park hosting the final three fixtures in what promises to be an unforgettable series. With the stands expected to be packed, fans in St. Kitts are in for a treat, as the Men in Maroon battle the Australians in what could be some of the most exhilarating cricket of the year.

Beyond St. Kitts, the Men's team will face a series of challenges, including Test series against Australia in Barbados, Grenada, and Jamaica, and a full tour to India, Bangladesh, and New Zealand later in the year. These international tours will play a critical role in preparing the team for the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2027.

For the Women's team, the year kicks off with the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifiers in Pakistan. Following this, they will also be touring England for a series of white-ball matches, before hosting South Africa in a historic series at the 3Ws Oval in Barbados.

This year's schedule is a testament to the continued passion for cricket in the Caribbean, and fans in St. Kitts can expect an unforgettable summer of world-class cricket on their doorstep.

With the Men's team battling Australia and other global cricketing giants, and the Women's team making strides in key international competitions, 2025 will be a year to remember for Caribbean cricket. And for St. Kitts, the final T20I matches against Australia at Warner Park will be a highlight, offering fans a rare opportunity to see some of the world's best cricketers in action.

COURTESY PHOTO

Warner Park will host the final three T20 International (T20I) matches of the highly-anticipated West Indies Men's team series against Australia.

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SUIT SKBHPB2024/

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

In the Estate of **PATRICK ANTHONY PEREIRA,** late formerly of New Road Housing Project, in the parish of Saint Peter's in the island of Saint Christopher in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis but resided at 110 Orient Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, United States, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JACQUELINE LOUISA ELLIOTT** of 38 Logan Way Apartment 793, South Boston, Massachusetts for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above -named deceased who died on the 18th day of April 2024 without revoking a will bearing the date of the 17th day of November 2016 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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 23rd day of January 2025

Mr. Azard Gumbs
Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant.

Filed by Mr. Azard Gumbs , Attorney-at-Law whose address for service is C11, OOJJ's Commercial Complex, Camps, Saint Kitts.

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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ISLAND OF NEVIS

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ST CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **JOSEPH MORRIS** formerly of Budgeon Estate in the parish of St. John in the island of Nevis but presently residing at St Thomas USVI by his Solicitors, **Hector & Nisbett** of Chambers, North Memorial Square Street, Charlestown, Nevis has applied to the Registrar of Deeds for a Vesting Deed in favour of himself in respect of an area of land situate at Budgeon Estate, St. John Parish in the island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North West by an Estate Road, 74.13; On or towards the North East by lands of Anthony Browne, 10.45 feet and 175.19 feet; On or towards the South East by a Public Road 67.34 feet and On or towards the South West by lands of Irene Wilkinson, 92.40 feet, 86.63 feet and 12.39 feet and containing by admeasurement 13,344.3842 square feet.

Dated the 11th day of December, 2024

Registrar

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☐ Vacancies

Vacancy
AP Woodwork on Craddock Road, Nevis
is Searching for 4 Masoners
Contact : (869) 668-1514
For More Information

VACANCY
Best Buy Supermarket is searching for
two cashiers and one storeroom attendant
Contact: (869) 469-0817 or
Email: jdwallace@costpro.com

Vacancy - Caribbean Smiles
Seeking for a Dentist Specializing in
Implantology & Oral Maxillofacial Surgery
Email: angelojj3@yahoo.com
Tel: +1 (869) 662-6336

☐ Vacancies

VACANCY
Casino Bar "Roll & Win" is looking for
One Bartender and one Server,
(one male and one female.)
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Vacancy
Greys Barbershop looking for
Two people to work as hairdressers.
Contact joselgrey248@gmail.com
For More Information

Vacancy
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Contact: (869) 662-8544
For More Information

☐ Vacancies

Vacancy - Tropic Engineering Is Searching for: General Maintenance Technician, Masons, Carpenters & Painters
Please write to Tropic Engineering P.O.Box 1072, Horsfords Complex, Nevis W.I.

VACANCY
We are currently looking to hire an office lady to handle our daily work load. Successful candidate will have to meet the following guidelines:
1. With a minimum degree in O.M is required (Accounting is a plus)
2. Proficiency working with MS Office
3. Proficient and have strong knowledge with retail edge POS system
4. With good customer service skills.

If you meet the above requirements, please email us your resume at comfortairco@yahoo.com for the consideration of this job opening.

Thanks for reading the St. Kitts & Nevis Observer

Join Our Team

at A.S. Bryden & Sons (Antigua) Ltd.

A.S. Bryden & Sons (Antigua) Ltd lays claim to being one of the largest distributors serving Antigua & Barbuda. We are a reputable and established distribution company specializing in the distribution of beer, wine and spirits portfolios.

The Position: Brand Manager

- Proven experience in brand management or a related field, with a strong track record of achieving sales targets.
- Degree in Marketing, Business Administration, or Sales is preferred.
- Minimum of 5+ years' experience working in brand management, preferably in beverage (beer/wine/spirits) distribution.
- Proven track record of growing premium beverage brands in the local market.
- Excellent negotiation communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to build and maintain strong relationships with clients worldwide.
- Strong negotiation and presentation abilities.
- Ability to be self-directed; thrives in a dynamic, fast-paced environment.
- Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings, weekends, and public holidays is required.
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation.

Why Join Us?

- Professional growth opportunities
- A dynamic and rewarding work environment
- Competitive compensation package with excellent benefits.

Send your Resume and Cover letter to:

hr@brydensantigua.com

Subject: "Brand Manager Application"

Apply Before Feb 7th

We appreciate all applications, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

RAM'S

Ram's Trading Ltd is seeking hardworking, dedicated Supermarket Assistant Managers to oversee the daily operations of the Supermarket.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Oversee the daily operations of the Supermarket.
- Evaluate Employee performance and training needs.
- Communicate with Customers and evaluate their needs and handle complaints.
- Ensure Employees adhere to Company policies and guidelines.
- Supervise and motivate Employees to perform their best.
- Knowledge in procuring products for the Supermarket.
- Ensure proper inventory Management.
- Create reports, analyze and interpret retail data, revenues, expenses and competition.
- Monitor retail operating costs, budgets and resources.
- Conduct regular audits to ensure the store is functional and presentable.
- Promote a safe hazard free environment for shopping.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's Degree in Business or a related field.
- At least 5 years' experience as a Supermarket Manager or a related Senior Management position.
- Strong Customer Service attitude to communicate directly with Customers.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Capable of working collectively as a team.

Applicants must apply to Ram's Trading Ltd P.O. Box 78, Basseterre, St. Kitts or Email: ramshr@ramstrading.com

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INTERIOR DESIGN INSTALLER

- MUST HAVE 10+ YEARS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH A DESIGNER
- MUST HAVE OWN TRUCK TO MAKE DELIVERIES
- MUST HAVE WIDE COMPLEMENT OF OWN TOOLS TO PUT FURNITURE TOGETHER
- ABILITY TO HANG VALUABLE ARTWORK
- ABLE TO LIFT 90 POUNDS
- NOT FULL OR PART TIME BUT AVAILABLE WITH 24 HOURS NOTICE TO WORK

APPLY BY TEXTING 663-0452 TO SET UP AN INTERVIEW

NOBLE Jewelers
ST. KITTS • ALASKA

VACANCY

FOR THE POST OF SALES/OFFICE MANAGEMENT

- Minimum 5 years experience in Fine Jewelry & Inventory Control
- Should be fluent in English Language and control the inventory Department

Please submit your CV in person to the below address:
Unit 3/23, Port Zante, Basseterre, St. Kitts, W.I.
Tel: 869-466-2849 Hours: 10a.m to 5p.m.

☐ Property For Sale

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Consisting of Land and Buildings, located at #23A, C A P Southwell Industrial Estate, Basseterre, St. Kitts, currently occupied by an automotive business operated as Wheels and Brakes.

Only submissions of 'Intent to Purchase' Or 'Agreement of Purchase and Sale' emailed to liamuiga.skb@gmail.com on or before 28th February 2025 will be considered.

For further information, contact Sam Franks at (869) 661-5313 or email: liamuiga.skb@gmail.com

☐ Property For Sale

Land For Sale

Plot of land for sale at
Prospect Estate, Nevis
In the parish of Saint John
Area 11,188 Square feet
125,000 EC negotiable
Contact 469-1819 for further details

PROPERTY FOR SALE

COLQUHOUNS ESTATE
1,700 SQ. FT.
US$475,000
CALL: 469-1120
contactus@nevisstylerealty.com

PROPERTY FOR SALE

MONTPELIER ESTATE
1.0 Acre
US$1,550,000
CALL: 469-1120
contactus@nevisstylerealty.com

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Cliffdwellers, Jones Estate,
St. Thomas Parish, Nevis
1,900 square feet
US$500,000.00
Contact: (869) 469-1015
Email: rowe@josephrowelaw.com

☐ Public Notice

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCE, 1906

SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate District "C"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Maria Angel - James dba/ Family Bar/Snacket

Now residing in Prospect Street in the town or

Village of St. John's Parish, Nevis do hereby give you notice

That it is my intention to apply on 18th

Day of February 2025 next to the District Magistrate

At Charlestown for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my

Premises in Prospect Street in St. John's Parish, Nevis

Dated this 23 day of January, 2025

Signed: Maria Angel James

ADVERTISE IN THE ST. KITTS & NEVIS OBSERVER
(869) 469-5907

COURTESY PHOTO

Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Dr. Terrance Drew announced increased fines for reckless driving, dangerous speeding, and driving under the influence.

SAFETY

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$8,000

• Repeat offenders facing penalties of up to $20,000

• Fines for driving under the influence raised to a maximum of $10,000 for first-time offenders and $20,000 for repeat offences

• Causing death by dangerous driving now carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison

Additionally, red-light cameras and automated ticketing systems will be introduced at key intersections, ensuring that traffic violations are swiftly penalized.

The government is also making child car seats duty-free to promote the safety of young passengers. Parents will be required to demonstrate proper car seat usage before being discharged from the hospital with a newborn, integrating car seat education into postnatal care.

Prime Minister Drew urged all citizens to take responsibility for road safety, stating, "By making these critical safety items more accessible and enforcing responsible driving behavior, we are taking another step toward reducing road fatalities and injuries."

SCHOOL

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and current Supervisor Samika Warner. Pastor Wayne Maynard delivered a prayer of blessing, honouring the school's over 40 years of service to the community.

Premier of Nevis and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Mark Brantley, emphasised the significance of investing in early education, stating that the new environment lays a strong foundation for the future.

"Early childhood education is critical to nation-building, and these improvements will ensure that our young learners have the best possible start," Premier Brantley noted.

With the successful completion of these major upgrades, Charlestown Preschool is now better equipped to provide a nurturing and enriching educational experience.

TRAVEL

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the crust of the world we live on are indeed shifting. Not that they haven't been shifting in the past. They have been moving since the dawn of this little blue marble we call home. They've moved so much that they have created, uncreated and created again continents and oceans. I'm pretty sure they are the reason Johnny Cash was able to go everywhere.

Armed with the knowledge that the platers were moving, I patted Amanda on the back and said luck was in her corner. All she had to do, as the old adage says, was wait.

She gave me a puzzled look.

I explained that current studies showed that the tectonic plane that sits below the Hawaiian Islands was slowly moving toward Alaska. In a few billion years, she would be able to walk from Hawaii to Alaska.

I'm so happy right now. I helped her find a way to Alaska and it didn't cost me a thing.

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.

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Vacancy
Gregory Pereira is looking for a
a housekeeper (Wigley Avenue, Fortlands)
Contact: (869) 662-6002
For More Information

Vacancy
Mohan Landscaping Services
is looking for ONE experienced Landscaper
Contact: (869) 660-5500
For More Information

KITTS & NEVIS OBSERVER

Purchase an ad in our newspaper to put your business in the spotlight.

Contact us in St. Kitts or Nevis:

St. Kitts Office
Basseterre, St Kitts, W.I.
Tel: (869) 466 4994
Fax: (869) 466 4995
observnv@gmail.com
theobserverskn.marketing@gmail.com
thestkittsnevisobserver.com

Nevis Office
Hamilton, Nevis, W.I.
Tel: (869) 469-5907
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EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE Filed / Lodged FEB 03 2025 @12:45pm ST. CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2015/0194

BETWEEN:

CIBC CARIBBEAN BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED (formerly FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited)

Applicant

and

VANICIA A. COOPER
GARY CEDRIC GEORGE COOPER

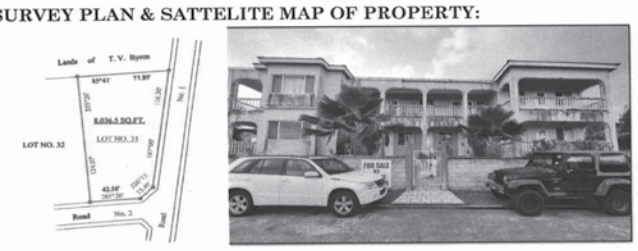
Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court, St Kitts Circuit by PUBLIC AUCTION at the High Court of Justice, Basseterre, St Kitts on Thursday the 27th day of March 2025, at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 31 situate at Cedar Grove Housing Development together with dwelling house thereon in the Parish of St. Peter in the Island of St Kitts bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by lands of T. V. Byron, 77.89 feet; On or towards the East by Road No. 1, 116.30 feet; On or towards the South-East by the junction of Road No. 1 and Road No. 2, 15.49 feet; On or towards the South by Road No. 2, 42.58 feet; and On or towards the West by Lot No. 32, 124.07 feet; and containing by admeasurement 8,036.50 square feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated November 8, 2010 and registered in Book J3 Folio 461 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher.

SURVEY PLAN & SATTELITE MAP OF PROPERTY:



UPSET PRICE: The upset price for the above land shall be **EC$970,000.00**

GENERAL INFORMATION: The successful bidder: (1) must publicly declare on whose behalf he or she is bidding; (2) must pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth (25%) of his or her winning bid; and (3) must pay the balance within one month from the day of the public auction. The purchaser(s) shall be entitled, by law, to possession of the property after payment of the deposit. The purchaser(s) must pay Stamp Duty (statutorily 6% of the purchase price) and any Property Taxes accrued and unpaid at the time of the transfer of the property. It is recommended that the purchaser(s) instruct legal counsel to conclude the transfer process. Contact the Applicant/Mortgagee's Attorneys-at-Law, Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand (869-465-2440 or law@kwfonline.com) or the High Court Registry (869-467-1102 registryskn@gov.kn) for more details

Dated the 5th day of February 2025

REGISTRAR
OF THE HIGH COURT

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT FIAT JUSTITIA HIGH COURT

COURTESY PHOTO

Delegates at the OECS Energy Ministers Meeting.The third OECS Energy Ministers Meeting comes at a time when the region is focused on establishing a roadmap for sustainable energy development.

LEADERS

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Brantley, who also serves as the Minister of Public Utilities and Energy in the Nevis Island Administration, emphasized the urgency of transitioning to renewable energy in light of rising fossil fuel costs and the global climate crisis. He noted that the region suffers from some of the highest electricity prices globally, a situation that has been compounded by the devastating effects of climate change.

"The transition to renewable energy is critical," Brantley said. "By embracing geothermal and other renewable sources, we can reduce our carbon footprint, enhance energy security, and create economic opportunities."

He acknowledged the technical, financial, and regulatory hurdles faced in advancing geothermal energy development but reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment to overcoming these challenges. Regional collaboration, he stated, will play a pivotal role in accelerating progress.

"The sharing of knowledge, best practices, and technological advancements across the OECS will ensure that no country is left behind. Together, we can overcome these challenges and accelerate the renewable energy transition."

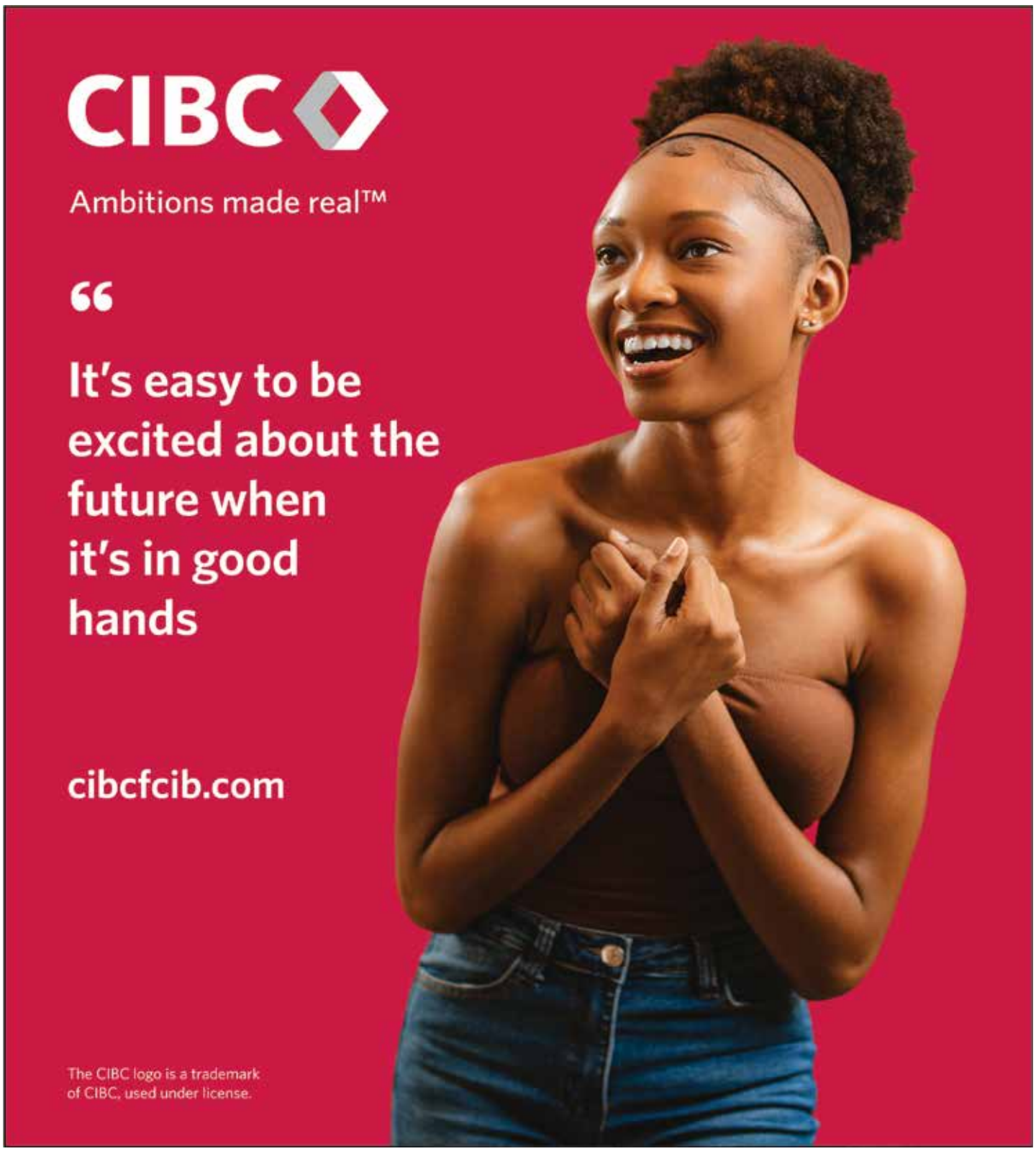
Brantley also highlighted the transformative potential of geothermal energy, both in terms of environmental benefits and economic impact. Nevis' geothermal resource has the potential to generate more than 400 megawatts of power, far exceeding the local demand of 50 megawatts. This surplus could potentially be exported to neighboring territories, providing significant revenue.

"This resource is not just about meeting our local energy needs," he said. "It is about creating jobs, stimulating the economy, attracting investment, and ultimately becoming a leader in renewable energy exports."

Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew who also spoke at the ceremony reinforced Brantley's message, emphasizing the need for bold, decisive action to secure energy independence for the region. Dr. Drew called for increased access to financing, such as concessional funding, public-private partnerships, and innovative mechanisms like green bonds to facilitate the implementation of renewable energy projects.

"This meeting must not be just another conversation—it must be a platform for action," Dr. Drew declared. "The citizens of the OECS are looking to us to deliver on the promise of a sustainable energy future."

The third OECS Energy Ministers Meeting comes at a time when the region is focused on establishing a roadmap for sustainable energy development. The goal is to achieve significant renewable energy penetration by 2030, with a strong emphasis on geothermal and solar energy, which could drastically reduce the region's dependence on imported fossil fuels.

OECS Director General Dr. Didacus Jules echoed the urgency of the region's transition to renewable energy, emphasizing that clean energy initiatives are not only environmental but economic imperatives. "By investing in renewable energy, we can shift the millions spent on fossil fuel imports into investments that will create jobs, stimulate growth, and build resilient economies," he said.

As the OECS ministers continue their discussions, all eyes are on the commitment to achieving energy independence and regional integration, with a clear focus on sustainable energy solutions that will shape the region's future.