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MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS

Christophe Harbour deal comes under intense scrutiny

By Loshaun Dixon
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew is facing increasing scrutiny over the Christophe Harbour marina deal, as his latest statements have done little to answer key questions surrounding tax concessions, the sale agreement, and the recovery of debts owed to public institutions.

During last week's edition of The Roundtable, Dr. Drew celebrated the sale of Christophe Harbour's marina assets to global giant Safe Harbor Marinas, LLC, touting it as a "game changer" for the country's yachting sector. He announced that EC$25 million from the sale had already been channelled into public institutions, including Social Security (EC$4.5M), Skellig (EC$2.4M), the SIDF (EC$5.7M), the National Trust (EC$2.79M), the National Bank (EC$2.7M), Inland Revenue (EC$2.9M), and in stamp duty payments (EC$3.6M).

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Old Road man charged for fatal stabbing at Port Zante

The Violent Crime Unit (VCU) of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force has formally charged 49-year-old Eugene Ezekiel Davis of Main Street, Old Road, with the offence of murder in connection with the fatal stabbing of Jason Sylvester Gilbert-Riley.

The incident occurred in the early hours of Saturday, May 31, 2025, at the Food Court in Port Zante, Basseterre. Reports indicate that Mr. Gilbert-Riley, a resident of Middle Island, was seriously injured during an altercation around 12:30 a.m. He was rushed to the Joseph N. France General Hospital for emergency treatment, but later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at approximately 7:00 a.m.

Following an intensive probe, police arrested and charged Davis on Tuesday, June 3. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force reaffirmed its commitment to delivering justice and maintaining public safety, and extended heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of Mr. Gilbert-Riley.

COURTESY PHOTO

Eugene Ezekiel Davis

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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In The Matter of The Title by Registration Act Cap 10.19 and in the Matter of a Certificate of Title registered at Book 42 Folio 301 in respect of land with dwelling house thereon being lot No. M20 situated at Prospect Estate (Malcolm Hill Estates) in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis

And

And in the Matter of an application in respect of a replacement Certificate of Title pursuant to Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of the lost Certificate of Title dated the 9th day of September, 2004 and registered in the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit at Book 42 Folio 301 in favour of CLYDELLA PENNYFEATHER AND DARWIN PENNYFEATHER both of Government Road, Charlestown, Nevis , being the Registered Proprietors of ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with dwelling house thereon being Lot No. M20 situate at Prospect Estate (Malcolm Hill Estates) in the Parish of Saint John in the island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: On or towards the North East by Lot No. M22, 96.21 feet; On or towards the South West by Lot No. M18, 96.25 feet; On or towards the North West by a Public Road, 51.28 feet and On or towards the South East by Lot No. M19, 51.28 feet and containing by admeasurement 4,932 square feet all as the same are delineated and set forth on the Plan thereof by Simeon Hill Licensed Land Surveyor of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis or Merchant Legal Chambers, Upper Prince William Street, P. O. Box 713, Charlestown, Nevis.

Dated the 28th day of May, 2025

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Shown above are the winners at the recent BVI mosquito awareness competitions.

VI youth shine light on the danger of mosquitoes with art

Karelynne Jimenez won first place in an art competition, while Aiden Thompson had the top poetry entry in the Caribbean Mosquito Awareness competition. This event was organized by the Environmental Health Division.

The goal of the contest was to get children involved in spreading the message about getting rid of places where mosquitoes can breed. This is often called "source reduction." The poetry contest was for children aged 8 to 11, and the art contest was for kids aged 12 to 17.

Acting Chief Environmental Health Officer, Ms. Henrietta Alexander, said this was the first time the division held an art and poetry contest during Caribbean Mosquito Awareness Week. She praised the creativity and understanding shown by the participants.

She added that the students focused their entries on the Aedes aegypti mosquito. These mosquitoes spread diseases, and the children showed both talent and a good understanding of the issue.

Ms. Alexander also said that they hope to do more activities like this in the future because of the strong interest and high quality of the submissions.

In the art contest, Karelynne Jimenez, a grade 7 student from Elmore Stoutt High School, took first place. Her classmate, U'Nyah Stoutt, a grade 10 student, came second.

In the poetry contest, Aiden Thompson, a grade 5 student at Alexandrina Maduro Primary School, won first place. Jeanee James, a grade 6 student from Pelican Gate, was the runner-up.

All the winners came with their parents to a small ceremony at the Environmental Health Division office. They got the chance to share their work with everyone who attended.

Police seek public's help in Trafalgar Village supermarket robbery

The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force is appealing to the public for assistance as investigations continue into a robbery at a Chinese supermarket in Trafalgar Village.

According to police, the incident occurred on Tuesday, June 3, when a masked individual entered the establishment, brandished a firearm, and made off with an undisclosed sum of cash and merchandise. The assailant fled the scene before officers arrived. No injuries were reported.

The suspect is described as a slim-built male. At the time of the robbery he was wearing a black mask, black gloves, a maroon and black jacket, and brown pants. Surveillance footage from the supermarket has been reviewed as part of the ongoing investigation.

The police are urging anyone with information that may aid in identifying or locating the suspect to come forward.

Business owners are also encouraged to regularly assess and enhance their security measures, including upgrading surveillance systems, improving lighting, and establishing clear protocols for cash handling.

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HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS

Public urged to be vigilant as hurricane season begins

As the 2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season officially begins, the Minister responsible for Disaster Management in the Nevis Island Administration, the Honourable Spencer Brand, is urging citizens to remain vigilant and proactive in the face of potentially dangerous weather conditions.

"This annual period is marked by powerful storms, unpredictable weather patterns, and significant risks to lives, communities, and economies," Minister Brand stated. "As we prepare, we must recognise the challenges ahead and reaffirm our government's commitment to public safety, collaboration, and scientific advancement."

COURTESY PHOTO
Minister responsible for Disaster Management in the NIA, Spencer Brand.

Climate change continues to play a major role in influencing hurricane activity. Warmer ocean temperatures are fuelling more intense and longer-lasting storms. The hurricane seasons of 2020 and 2024 featured some of the most powerful systems on record—highlighting the need for continued vigilance and adaptability.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season carries a 60% chance of being above normal, a 30% chance of being near normal, and only a 10% chance of being below normal.

> ***'As we enter the 2025 season, let us remain informed, alert, and united in our efforts. Together, we can reduce the impact of hurricanes and emerge stronger, no matter what challenges lie ahead.'***
>
> **Honourable Spencer Brand**
> **Minister responsible for Disaster Management in the Nevis Island Administration**

Hurricanes are among the most destructive natural disasters, often bringing catastrophic flooding, extreme winds, and the tragic loss of life. While coastal areas are especially vulnerable, inland communities are also at risk due to heavy rainfall, flash flooding, landslides, and infrastructure damage. The economic toll is substantial, with repairs to homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure often taking years, compounded by long-term psychological effects on affected populations.

Minister Brand noted that while advances in meteorological science—such as improved satellite systems and more accurate storm tracking models—have significantly improved forecasting, technology alone is not enough.

"Preparedness begins with people," he said. "We must ensure that early warning systems are backed by strong communication efforts, community engagement, and personal readiness."

He stressed that disaster preparedness is a shared responsibility among government agencies, emergency services, scientists, and local leaders. Public education campaigns, resource allocation, and community collaboration are all vital components of an effective disaster response strategy.

"As we enter the 2025 season, let us remain informed, alert, and united in our efforts," Minister Brand said. "Together, we can reduce the impact of hurricanes and emerge stronger, no matter what challenges lie ahead."

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO: NEVHPB2025/

In the Estate of PATRICK DESMOND ST. CLAIR DIAS also known as PATRICK DESMOND DIAS also known as PATRICK DIAS, late of Clifton's Estate in the Parish of St. Thomas in the Island of Nevis, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION
FOR GRANT DE BONIS NON ADMINISTRATUS

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **EARL ALSTED PEMBERTON** of Cox Village in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis, Retiree and **SHEROLYN AVELLA PEMBERTON** of Church Ground in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis, Retiree, Administrators of the Estate of Aldris Senica Pemberton-Dias, the wife of the deceased herein, for a grant de bonis non administratus in the Estate of **PATRICK DESMOND ST. CLAIR DIAS** also known as **PATRICK DESMOND DIAS** also known as **PATRICK DIAS**, late of Clifton's Estate in the Parish of St. Thomas in the Island of Nevis who died on the 23rd day of September, 2016 in the Parish of St. Paul in the Island of Nevis leaving a Will which has been proved and registered in the Probate Registry of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court at Charlestown, Nevis on the 28th day of February, 2023.

Any person having an objection to the grant *de bonis non administratus* to the Applicants shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this notice.

Dated this 29th day of May, 2025.

Tyler Martin
Oral Martin Law Chambers
Attorneys-At-Law for the Applicants

Filed by: Tyler Martin of Oral Martin Law Chambers, Attorneys-At-Law, Upper Happy Hill Drive, Charlestown, Nevis, for and on behalf of the Applicants who address for service is the same. Telephone Number: 1(869) 469-1819; Email: tylermartin_3@yahoo.com

EDITORIAL

Full disclosure will erase any doubt

It cannot be deemed unfounded for a former Prime Minister to ask questions over the transparency and accountability of a current multimillion-dollar transaction of national importance.

We believe that Dr. Timothy Harris is well within his rights to call for full disclosure on the sale of The Marina at Christophe Harbour. His request, more akin to a demand, came after it was revealed by Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew that the government has secured direct payments of nearly EC$25 million from the transaction, and that the sale is a "turning point" for St. Kitts and Nevis.

The projection is that as part of the government's Sustainable Island State Agenda, the development would "boost economic activity, expand the marina by 40 percent, and bring global prestige to the island's yachting industry".

Dr. Drew disclosed that the funds were used to pay longstanding debts to institutions such as the Social Security Board, SKELEC, the Sugar Industry Diversification Fund, and the National Bank.

Dr. Harris is not satisfied with what has been made known, and has accused Dr. Drew of proclaiming openness, but refusing to reveal the terms of the purchase agreement, the identity of all beneficiaries, or the concessions extended to the new owners – promised tax breaks and incentives – and for how long.

The former Prime Minister reminded us that the original agreement signed in 2005, committed Christophe Harbour developers to generating over US$17 billion in economic activity over 20 years, including funding all infrastructure at their own expense. Dr. Harris claims that the developers instead borrowed heavily from the National Bank to finance the marina and Customs House.

He says the country has been left with incomplete development and broken promises, and claims that over EC$49 million in arrears were left unpaid to the National Bank, along with millions more owed to SKELEC and Social Security—only partially settled in the sale.

That 20-year concession period ends this year, and Dr. Harris says that the developers have not met the fundamental terms of their own agreement and "the people of this country have been left with the debt, the burden, and unanswered questions."

He has called for a full audit of the Christophe Harbour project, publication of the purchase agreement and concession terms, and repayment of all outstanding debts to national institutions. He even suggested invoking compulsory acquisition powers if necessary.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Catherine Herbert

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Mrs. Catherine Herbert, age 61, who left us on May 20, 2025, during a beautiful sunrise that mirrored her warmth and light. Known affectionately as Cathy, she was a beacon of hope and love, whose unwavering commitment to uplifting others profoundly impacted her community.

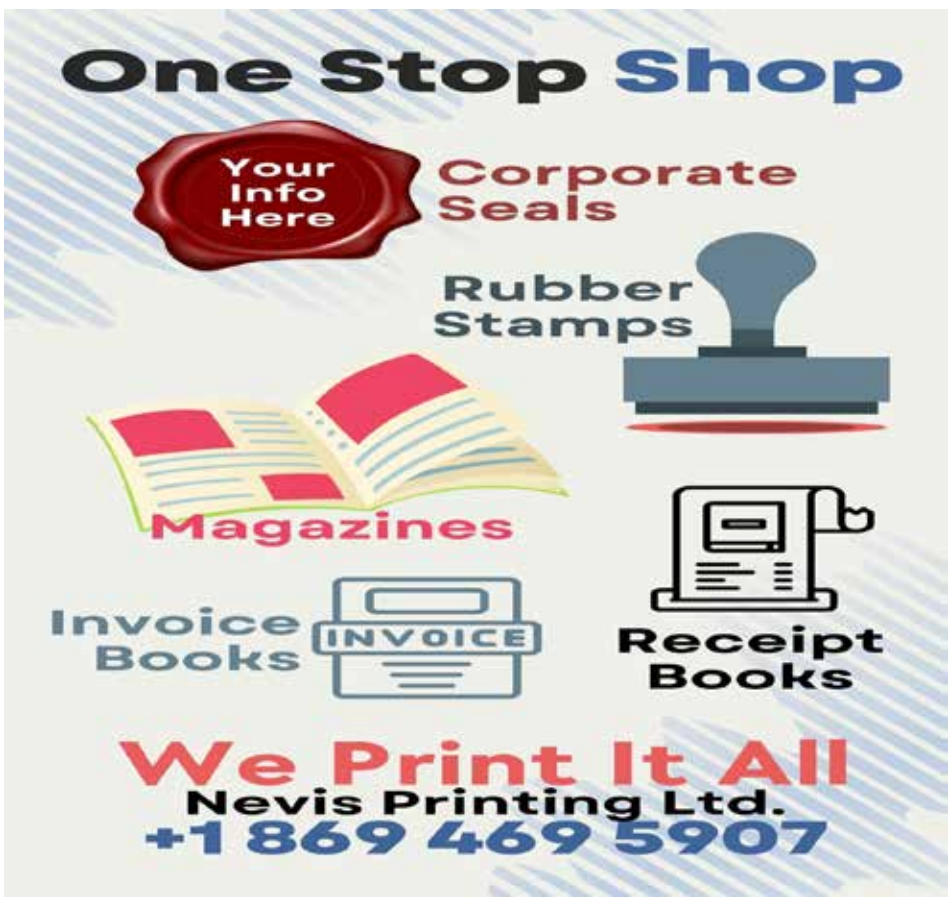
Cathy dedicated her life to humanitarian work, embodying compassion and generosity. Her tender heart was especially devoted to helping children and seniors, as she selflessly fed and clothed those in need, transforming lives with her unwavering kindness. Her acts of service were not just gestures but a reflection of her character—a tapestry woven with honesty, loyalty, and dedication.

Cathy's faith was a guiding force throughout her life. For over 50 years, she was a devoted member of Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, serving with passion and commitment. Her faith illuminated her work at Rams Trading, where her colleagues admired her integrity and dedication. It was not merely her accomplishments that defined her, but her heart, strengthened by her faith.

Though she was not financially wealthy, Cathy was rich in spirit and heart. She possessed a delightful sense of humor that could light up the room, and her talents as a cook and passionate farmer allowed her to create warmth and nourishment for her family and friends. As a devoted mother, daughter, sister, wife, friend, and beloved coworker, she inspired those around her with her kindness and unwavering support.

Cathy is survived by her husband, Leonard Herbert; her children, Eloise, Yvette, and Elvis (Eliyah Israel); nine grandchildren; her mother, Agnes Moses; and her parents-in-law, Edward and Claristine Herbert. She leaves behind many beloved siblings, nieces, nephews, Godchildren, and friends who adored her dearly.

As we bid farewell to this remarkable woman, we celebrate her purpose-filled life and the countless lives she transformed through her dedication. May her memory be a blessing, inspiring us to carry forth her legacy of love and compassion in all we do. Rest in peace, dear Cathy; you will be profoundly missed. Service at the Calvary Baptist Church in Sandy Point and the interment is at Farms Meadow Cemetery, Sandy Point.



Nevis Tourism shines with international recognition, exciting upcoming events

By Rick Amburgey
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Nevis is making waves in the global tourism industry with major recognitions and exciting developments on the horizon. During his monthly press conference, Premier Hon. Mark Brantley proudly highlighted recent achievements that reflect the island's growing appeal as a premier destination.

One of the standout accolades was the TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Best of the Best Award presented to Mount Nevis Hotel.

"This award is only extended to the top 1% of hotels globally," Brantley said. "It has earned a spot among the top-rated hospitality destinations worldwide, which is a tremendous honour for Nevis."

The Premier also announced the return of one of the island's most beloved cultural events — the Nevis Mango Festival, which will take place from July 4th to July 6th.

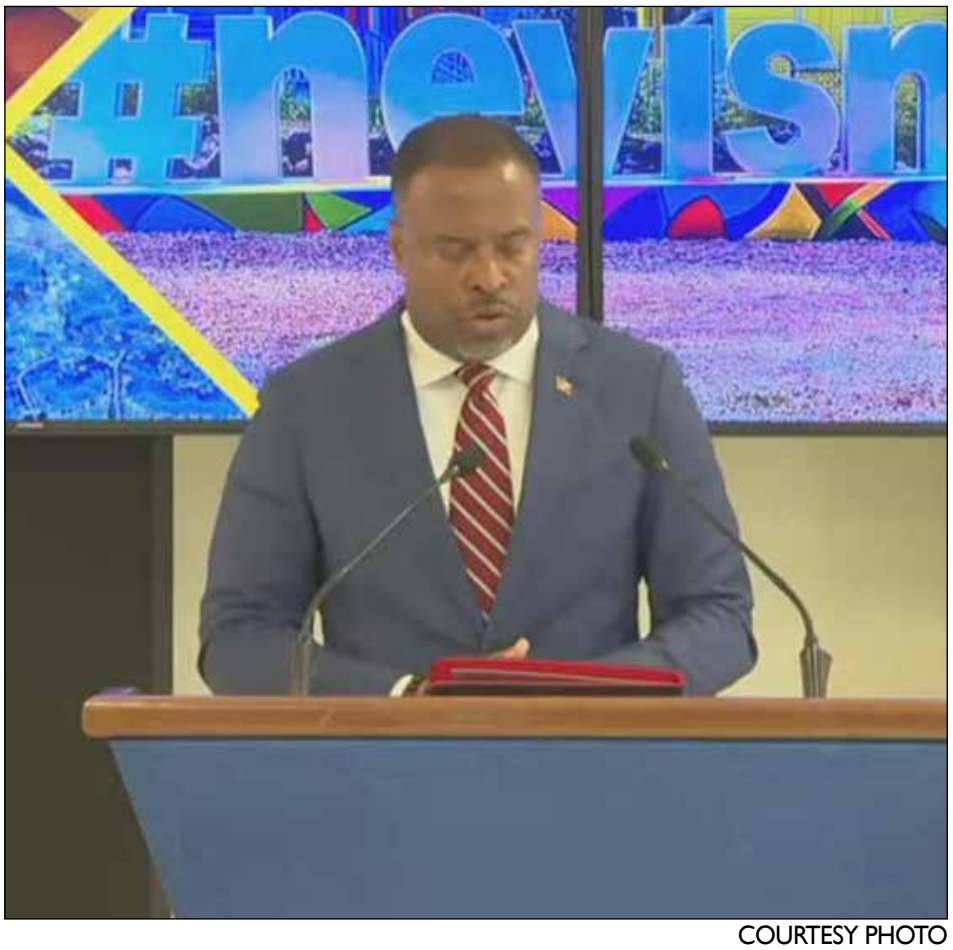
Photo "The festival will celebrate Nevis' unique mango varieties and vibrant culinary culture," Brantley explained. Festival-goers can look forward to a mango eating competition, a mango stoning competition, and many other fun, food-filled activities. Tickets are now available at the Nevis Tourism Office and online through the official Mango Festival website.

In another major update, Brantley revealed that the island is preparing to unveil a revamped tourism marketing brand.

"We're on the cusp of launching Nevis' new marketing material and brand," he said. "It has been reviewed and refreshed over the last several months. I think the public will find it quite fascinating what we've done in terms of the new look and feel for Nevis tourism."

He commended the leadership of the Nevis Tourism Authority for spearheading the effort and ensuring the island's image remains competitive and compelling.

Though tourism took centre stage, Brantley also briefly noted the international recognition of the Nevis Renewable Solar Desalination Project, which recently won Best Energy Resilience Project at the 7th Annual Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum Industry Awards in Miami.



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Premier of Nevis, Mark Brantley said people will find 'it quite fascinating what we've done in terms of the new look and feel for Nevis tourism.'

As Nevis continues to gain recognition both regionally and globally, Brantley expressed confidence in the island's direction. "These milestones reflect the strength of our tourism sector and the hardworking teams behind our success," he said.

Virgin Islands eyes Cayman blueprint for business growth

Lorna Smith, OBE, is leading a small team of three people on a visit to the Cayman Islands. Their goal is to learn how the Caymans support and grow businesses, hoping to apply some of the ideas back home in the Virgin Islands.

The team will study how the Cayman Islands built successful projects like Cayman Enterprise City (CEC), Health City, and Cayman Tech. These places have helped make it easier to do business and have brought new jobs and industries to the area.

Smith said they are looking for the best ideas that might also work in the Virgin Islands. She said the trip will benefit everyone involved by helping both places find new and smarter ways to grow their economies.

During the trip, the team will meet top government leaders, including Premier Andre Ebanks and Deputy Premier Gary Rutty. They will also speak with important officials from the Special Economic Zone Authority, Chamber of Commerce, Department of Commerce and Investment, and officers from Customs, Immigration, and Labour.

The Virgin Islands delegation includes:

Ms. Ayiesha De Coteau Sammy, Director of Investment Promotion

Dr. Lincoln Bobb, Deputy Director of Trade

Dr. Dawn Alexander-Joseph, Policy Analyst

The Ministry hopes this visit will help build stronger ties with the Cayman Islands and offer guidance for creating a more diverse and strong economy in the Virgin Islands.

The Ministry of Financial Services, Economic Development and Digital Transformation is responsible for overseeing banks and financial services. It also works on financial rules, keeps an eye on markets, and sets policies to help the economy grow. The Ministry supports fair access to financial services, protects consumers, and helps boost trust in the system.

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In the Estate of **BETTY BIRCH**, late of Westhill Park Care Home 1, Chataway Drive, Kettering NN15 7FF, United Kingdom, deceased.

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NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of **BETTY BIRCH** late of Westhill Park Care Home 1, Chataway Drive, Kettering NN15 7FF, United Kingdom granted the by the High Court of Justice England and Wales, Principal Registry of the Family Division, MCTS Probate at Harlow in the United Kingdom on the 16th day of December, 2024.

Dated: June 5, 2025.

D. Victor C. Elliott-Hamilton
ELLIOTT-HAMILTON LAW
Attorneys-at-law for the Propounder

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Horsford Finance sponsors road safety upgrades

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis has secured a significant sponsorship from S.L. Horsford Finance Company Limited, acting as agents for Guardian Group, to support national road safety improvements

At a brief handover ceremony, an EC$16,000 cheque was delivered to Attorney-General and Sustainable Road Safety Project (SRSP) Chairperson, the Honourable Garth Wilkin, by Mrs Kasia Walters, Insurance Manager of S.L. Horsford Finance Company.

The sponsorship will fund the design, production, and installation of high-visibility traffic signage and road markings at the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) Roundabout—a major intersection connecting Frigate Bay Road, Kim Collins Highway, Pond Road, and Bird Rock Road.

This high-traffic junction has been designated by the SRSP as a model site for national road signage modernisation. The initiative forms part of a broader campaign to improve road user awareness, reduce accidents, and enhance traffic efficiency across the island.

In addition to the physical upgrades, the sponsorship will support the production of a public education video series aimed at raising awareness of traffic laws, responsible driving habits, and the importance of road safety signage.

COURTESY PHOTO

Mrs. Kasia Walters, Insurance Manager of S.L. Horsford Finance Company presents the EC$16,000 cheque to Attorney-General and Sustainable Road Safety Project (SRSP) Chairperson, Garth Wilkin

These efforts align with the SRSP's mission to eliminate road fatalities and serious injuries in Saint Kitts and Nevis by 2030. The Attorney General has called on the wider private sector to follow this example and join in partnership with the SRSP to advance national road safety goals.

Members of the public are encouraged to stay informed about SRSP activities and to actively contribute to safer roads by obeying traffic laws, respecting speed limits, and driving responsibly.

The Sustainable Road Safety Project is a multi-agency initiative led by the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis, focused on reducing traffic incidents through infrastructure upgrades, technology, legislative reform, and public education.

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In the Estate of EDITH ALEXANDRIA HUNKINS also known as EDITH PONTAPHLET HUNKINS of the island of Nevis but who resided at Cannegieter Street, #123 Phillipsburg, St. Maarten "the Deceased"

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **BABY ESPERINA PANTOPHLET** of Cannegieter Street, #123 Phillipsburg, St. Maarten **for** an order that a Grant of Letters of Administration with the Will annexed of the above named Deceased who died on 9th February 2017 without revoking a Will bearing date 14th July, 2008 wherein the applicant is a devisee.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration with the Will annexed to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this notice.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2025

Krysta Liburd-Clarke
LIBURDLAW
Attorneys-at-Law

Filed by Krysta Liburd-Clarke of LiburdLaw, Foundation House, Government Road, Charlestown, Nevis, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant whose address for service is that of her Attorneys-at-Law

Bahamas shooting for the stars with deal with SpaceX

The Bahamas is making big moves toward a new future in space tourism.

On February 18, 2025, the country made history by hosting its first SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket landing. This took place off the coast of the Exuma islands, where the rocket booster safely landed on a ship in the ocean. This event shows that The Bahamas is serious about becoming part of the global space industry.

This success came from a partnership between The Bahamas and SpaceX, helped by aerospace engineer Aisha Bowe. She used to work at NASA and is now the CEO of STEMBoard. She played an important role in creating space rules for the country. Her work also shows how important international teamwork is for building the space industry and encouraging young people to study science and engineering.

SpaceX has also promised to support education in The Bahamas. They will give quarterly seminars in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), and they have donated $1 million to the University of The Bahamas to help students interested in these fields.

The Bahamian government wants to make sure space activities are safe and environmentally friendly. To help with this, the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas signed an agreement with the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. This sets up rules for managing rocket launches and landings.

In March 2025, a SpaceX Starship had an accident and some debris ended up in Bahamian waters. Because of this, the government put a pause on more rocket landings until an environmental study is done. This shows that The Bahamas is being careful and wants to protect its natural surroundings.

Space tourism could bring many benefits to The Bahamas. Deputy Prime Minister I. Chester Cooper said this project will help bring visitors, create jobs, grow the economy, and inspire young people.

Nevis showcases climate finance success for geothermal project

Premier of Nevis and Minister of Finance and Energy in the Nevis Island Administration, Hon. Mark Brantley, has highlighted Nevis' innovative approach to climate finance during the inaugural Forum on Climate Finance for Subnational Island Jurisdictions and Overseas Territories.

The event, held at the Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park on May 30, brought together island leaders, climate finance experts, and energy stakeholders from across the region. Brantley announced that St. Kitts and Nevis secured full financing for its landmark geothermal energy project earlier this year, calling it one of the most successful climate finance mobilisation efforts by a subnational island jurisdiction to date.

"The solutions developed in Nevis can serve as a global blueprint," Brantley stated, describing the island as a "living laboratory for innovative climate finance." He noted Nevis' success in navigating barriers commonly faced by small island territories—such as limited access to aid, geographic isolation, and rigid international financing systems.

The geothermal project is being financed through a blend of international sources, including US$51.6 million from the Green Climate Fund via the Caribbean Development Bank and Inter-American Development Bank, and US$20 million from the Saudi Fund for Development. Nevis is also pursuing further support from the Green Climate Fund, the CARICOM Development Fund, and other partners for additional phases.

Brantley said Nevis' clean energy strategy extends beyond geothermal to include wind power, utility-scale solar with battery storage, and energy efficiency upgrades across public infrastructure. He credited robust policy frameworks and strong intergovernmental cooperation for the island's progress.

St. Kitts and Nevis is now entering the second phase of energy efficiency projects, focusing on integrating distributed renewable energy across all government facilities.

Nevis' bold leadership and integrated approach to climate finance continue to earn international recognition, offering a compelling model for other island communities facing the challenges of climate change.

COURTESY PHOTO

Premier of Nevis and Minister of Finance and Energy in the NIA, Hon. Mark Brantley.

Murder of 17-year-old TikTok star leaves Pakistan in shock

A 22-year-old man in Pakistan has confessed to killing 17-year-old social media influencer Sana Yousaf, according to police.

The suspect, Umar Hayat, is said to have murdered Sana at her home in Islamabad after she rejected his "offers of friendship." He had apparently tried many times to meet her but failed. Police believe he broke into her house, shot her twice, stole her phone, and ran away.

Sana's father, Syed Yousaf Hassan, told the BBC that she was his only daughter and a "very brave" girl. The family gathered in Chitral, where she was buried. He said Sana had never mentioned anything about Hayat or threats from him. Her aunt was at home during the attack and said Hayat threatened her too before fleeing. Sana died before reaching the hospital.

Police say the killing shocked people across the country, and there was strong pressure to catch the murderer. They searched many places in Islamabad and Punjab, using video from 113 CCTV cameras. They have found the gun and Sana's phone.

Sana was already popular online, with 500,000 Instagram followers before she died. Her TikTok account gained even more attention after the murder, now with over a million followers. Her last Instagram video showed her celebrating her birthday with balloons and a cake.

Her death has spread quickly in the news and on social media. It has also started a strong debate in Pakistan about women on social media.

While many are mourning her death, others have criticized her for being an influencer. The group Bolo Bhi, which defends digital rights, says most of this backlash has come from men, some using religion to blame her. Some even say her family should remove her social media pages to reduce her "sins."

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By Eric Mackenzie Lamb
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Located in the southeast of Switzerland, St. Moritz is famous not only for its amazing scenery, but also its historic architecture and unique buildings. And that's not to mention its attraction for skiers, mountain trail hikers, and visitors who want to find a sophisticated environment.

St. Moritz is also renowned for its luxurious five star hotels, which include the Kulm hotel, hotel Waldhaus Sils, Grand Hotel des bains Kempinski, Badrutta Palace hotel,and the Carlton, just to name a few.

Known for its mineral springs for more than 300 years, pilgrims often traveled to the Church of the Springs, where they would drink from the blessed bubbling waters in the hope of being healed. In 1519, Pope Leo X promised full absolution to anyone making a pilgrimage to the Church of the Springs. In the 16th century, the first scientific observations about the health benefits of St. Moritz's mineral

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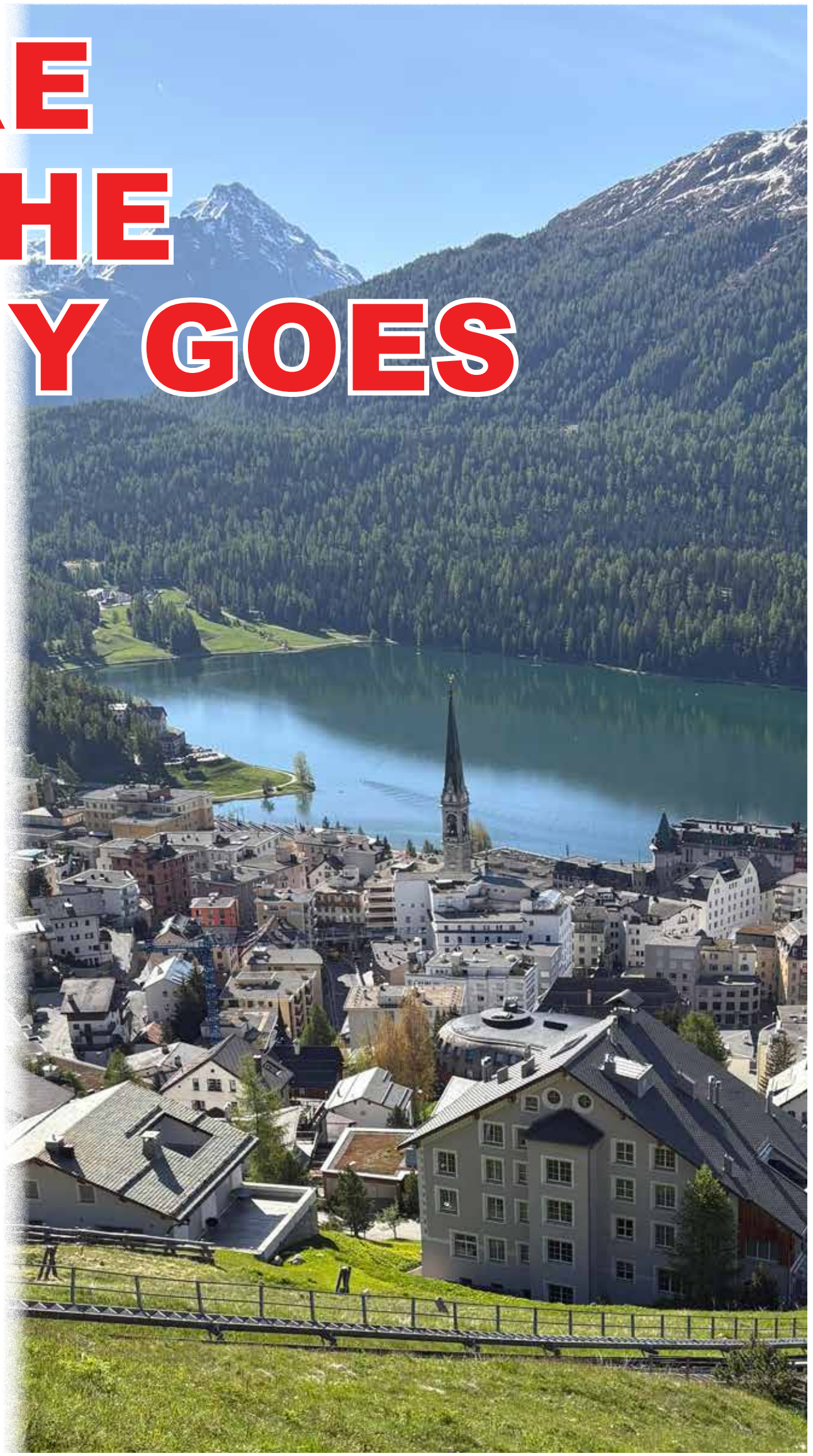
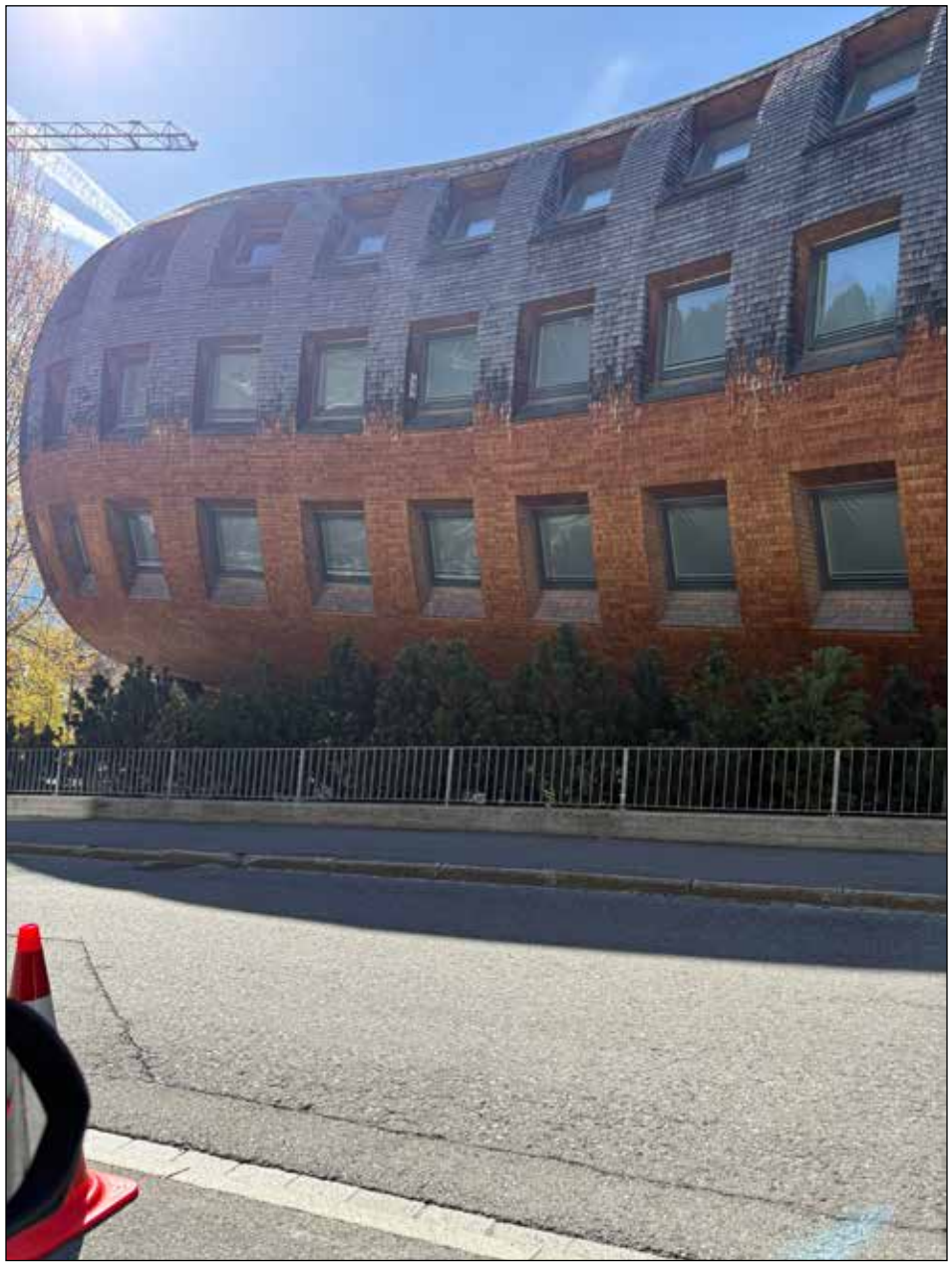
St. Moritz has drawn the attention of movie makers, and millionaires, for years. Some of the world's richest people, including Giorgio Armani, have call the Swiss town home.





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St. Moritz is famous for its architectural designs.

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springs were published.

Mentioned in the 1964 James Bond film, "Goldfinger," as well as "For Your Eyes Only" in 1981, the skiing scenes in other Bond movies, "The Spy WHo Loved Me" and "A View To Kill" were also filmed in St. Moritz.

St. Moritz was also featured in the opening scenes of "The Man Who Knew Too Much," a 1984 thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

The surrounding countryside also provides magnificent views. And some unusual buildings.

This castle is actually a private home.

Not surprisingly, St. Moritz is also home to some prominent property owners, including Gunter Sachs, Herbert Von Karajan, Lakshmi Mittal, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Maurizio Gucci, and Giorgio Armani.

The best, and easiest, way to get to St. Moritz is by train. And the countryside it passes through on the way is also magnificent.

COURTESY PHOTO

The countryside surrounding St. Moritz offers visitors a magnificent view.

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Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, delivered the opening address at the second annual Investment Gateway Summit.

SKN's global leadership in CBI showcased at Gateway Summit

Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, officially opened the second annual Investment Gateway Summit on Sunday, June 2, positioning the Federation as a dynamic platform for global partnerships, sustainable growth, and shared prosperity.

The Summit represents a significant milestone for the nation's investment sector and reaffirms its status as a leader in the global investment migration industry.

In his address, Prime Minister Drew reflected on Saint Kitts and Nevis' pioneering role as the birthplace of the Citizenship by Investment (CBI) industry more than 40 years ago. He emphasised the country's evolution into a global standard-bearer for integrity, transparency, and innovation in the sector.

Drew also commended the Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU) for its recent reforms, technological upgrades, and enhanced regulatory oversight, which he said have positioned the Federation as a model for responsible investment migration.

At the core of the Prime Minister's message was a call for genuine partnership—one where investment not only delivers financial returns but also fuels national development, creates jobs, and empowers the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

The Investment Gateway Summit continued throughout the week, bringing together international stakeholders, policymakers, and investors for high-level discussions on the future of investment migration, economic diversification, and global collaboration.

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Dated this 4th day of June 2025

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Minister Marsha Henderson (centre) receives the 2025 CTO Tourism Award.

Minister Henderson honoured with 2025 CTO Tourism Award

The St. Kitts Tourism Authority has announced that Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation and International Transport, the Hon. Marsha T. Henderson, has been named the recipient of the 2025 Minister of Tourism Award at the Caribbean Women's Leadership Awards.

Hosted by the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) and its Secretary-General Dona Regis-Prosper, the awards celebrate the achievements of women shaping the future of Caribbean tourism.

Minister Henderson was selected by her regional counterparts for her visionary leadership, innovation in destination marketing, and commitment to sustainable tourism development. Her efforts have been credited with transformative contributions to St. Kitts' tourism sector.

Under her stewardship, the island has seen significant growth in airlift, increased community engagement, and the expansion of experiential tourism offerings—positioning St. Kitts as a premier destination for authentic Caribbean travel.

The ceremony also marked the official launch of the CTO's *From the Sea Suite* magazine, a new platform dedicated to showcasing female leadership in Caribbean tourism.

Greaux, Gumbs named as PAM candidates for upcoming 2027 elections

The People's Action Movement (PAM) has officially announced its candidates for Constituencies Two and Four ahead of the 2027 General Elections, unveiling Nubian Greaux and Azard Gumbs as the party's standard-bearers during a press conference held on Monday, June 2 at the Solid Waste Conference Room.

Greaux, who will contest in Central Basseterre (Constituency Two), and Gumbs, the candidate for Constituency Four, were formally introduced at PAM's National Convention on Sunday, June 1. The duo brings renewed energy and a people-centred focus to the party's political slate, with both pledging to tackle long-standing issues in their respective communities.

Nubian Greaux, a lifelong resident of Central Basseterre and a passionate advocate for youth development and community upliftment, outlined a comprehensive vision aimed at transforming the constituency. He pointed to chronic underemployment and youth disengagement as critical challenges, questioning why many young men were confined to street cleaning and landscaping rather than being equipped for industries like agriculture, technology, or entrepreneurship.

Greaux proposed offering scholarships for talents in areas such as football and other disciplines to create new avenues for national representation. He also addressed the ongoing housing crisis in the area, advocating for vertical developments and apartment complexes as solutions to the limited land space. Additionally, he called for reforms and enhancements to the Peace Programme, which he credited with reducing crime under the former Team Unity Government. Greaux was a general elections candidate for the People's Labour Party (PLP) in 2022.

"Crime has fragmented many of our communities and deeply affected the lives of our people," he said, stressing the need for a safer and more inclusive Central Basseterre.

Meanwhile, Azard Gumbs, who will contest Constituency Four, voiced serious concern over the lack of basic infrastructure in several communities. He highlighted that areas such as Conyers still do not have paved roads, with heavy rainfall routinely cutting off access to homes and businesses. Gumbs revealed that he had personally documented these deteriorating conditions and submitted them to the relevant authorities.

He also pointed to the neglected state of sporting facilities, calling them unfit for use and detrimental to youth development. Like Greaux, Gumbs identified housing and unemployment as critical issues, citing the government's failure to deliver on its promise of 600 homes per year.

"That promise has turned into a housing hoax under the watch of Deputy Prime Minister (Geoffrey) Hanley," Gumbs charged, adding that education and scholarship opportunities must also be prioritised for the youth.

Both candidates expressed confidence in PAM's capacity to deliver meaningful change. When asked about his decision to switch political affiliations from PLP to PAM, Greaux stated that the latter's philosophy was the deciding factor.

"Political shifts are not uncommon. The real question is: Why PAM? And the answer is simple — PAM is people-focused, progressive, and visionary," he said.

PAM's Political Leader, Mrs. Natasha Grey-Brookes, formally introduced the candidates, praising their leadership potential and commitment to service.

"Nubian Greaux represents the future of leadership in this country — honest, committed, and rooted in the people. Azard Gumbs has shown he is ready to tackle the real issues affecting our citizens head-on," she said.

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Azard Gumbs (left) and Nubian Greaux have officially announced as candidates for Constituencies Two and Four ahead of the 2027 General Elections.

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TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19
A.D. 2025

In the Matter of s. 144 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19 of the Laws of St. Christopher and Nevis

And

In the Matter of an Application for the issuance of a new Certificate of Title to replace the lost duplicate Certificate of Title dated the 25th day of July 1989 and registered in Book F2 Folio 196 of the Register of Titles for the St. Christopher Circuit in favour of Samuel Benjamin Daniel and Frances Ann Daniel

NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

TAKE NOTICE that an Application will be made to the Registrar of Titles under section 144 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19 of the Laws of St. Christopher and Nevis, for the issuance of a replacement duplicate Certificate of Title with respect to Certificate of Title dated 25th July 1989 and registered in Book F2 Folio 196 of the Register of Titles for the St. Christopher Circuit, issued in favour of Samuel Benjamin Daniel and Frances Ann Daniel formerly of the town of Basseterre in the island of St. Christopher but presently residing in Miami, Florida, in the U.S.A., as Joint Tenants, in respect of 5,520 square feet of land known as Lot No. 75 of the Greenlands Housing Development situate in the town of Basseterre in the Island of St. Christopher, on the basis that the duplicate Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost by misadventure.

Any person with knowledge or information as to the whereabouts of the said duplicate Certificate of Title is kindly asked to notify Mrs. Talibah Byron-Chiverton at Byron & Byron Attorneys-at-law, O'Loughlin House, Fort Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Telephone: (869) 465-2055, Email: Talibah.Byron@byronlawchambers.com no later than 16th June 2025.

Talibah V. O. Byron-Chiverton
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Attorneys-at-law

Dated 26th May 2025.

Construction begins on state-owned aquatic facility in Saint Lucia

Construction of a state-owned aquatic facility has taken a major step forward, with steelwork underway on the foundation for the main stand, a crucial phase in the island's bid to establish itself as a premier destination for competitive swimming.

The aquatic facility, set to feature a 50-meter competition pool and a 25-meter pool, will be instrumental in Saint Lucia's preparations to host the 40th edition of the CARIFTA Swimming Championship in 2027. This milestone marks a historic moment for the country, as it gears up to welcome top-tier talent from across the Caribbean to an event that has long been a springboard for future Olympians.

Officials overseeing the project highlight the significance of this steel foundation, not just for the structural integrity of the venue, but for the long-term development of swimming in Saint Lucia. Beyond serving as an elite competition site, the facility is expected to enhance training opportunities for local athletes, offering them world-class conditions to refine their skills.

"The work we're doing now will shape Saint Lucia's future in swimming. This isn't just about hosting a championship. It's about creating an environment where local swimmers can develop and compete at the highest levels," one official noted.

The facility seeks to ensure that Saint Lucia remains a key player in regional and international swimming.

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In the Estate of **JOSEPH ROSS** late of Upper Malone Avenue, Basseterre St. Kitts deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **Urban Herbert** of Upper Malone Avenue, Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher but presently residing in Bendals Village, St Mary in the Island of Antigua, a Mechanic for a Grant of Letters of Administration with the Will annexed of the above named deceased who died on the 26th day of July 2018 without revoking a Will bearing the date 14th day of April 2005 wherein the Applicationis the specific and residuary devisee and legatee under the said Will.

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

Dated the 26thday of May2025.

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

[SECONDPUBLICATION]

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The Bank of Asia in the BVI has been shut down.

Red Flags and Empty Books: Why BVI Closed Bank of Asia

The British Virgin Islands government has started closing down Bank of Asia (BVI) Limited. This comes after the bank failed to provide financial records for several years and its main owners went bankrupt.

The BVI Financial Services Commission (FSC) and the Virgin Islands Deposit Insurance Corporation (VIDIC) announced the decision. They say it's necessary to protect people who have money in the bank and to keep the financial system strong.

Lisa Violet, head of VIDIC, said, "We are following the law to make sure depositors are safe and the banking sector stays stable."

The bank had not submitted audited accounts for many years, which raised concerns about whether it was following the rules. In January 2025, its owners—Hong Kong businessman Carson Wen and his wife Julia Yuet Shan Fung—filed for bankruptcy. They are now under a worldwide asset freeze because of a legal fight with a former business partner, Chad Holm.

Kenneth Baker, who leads the FSC, said, "This step is necessary. We must make sure all banks in the territory are open and honest about their activities."

As of April 30, 2025, the BVI government had more than $5 million in Bank of Asia. Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley said that the money may not be recovered until the investigation ends.

Bank of Asia began in 2017 as a digital bank focused on international business. But critics say it failed to grow and didn't win the trust of customers. This comes as the BVI faces pressure to improve financial transparency.

VIDIC will oversee the bank's closure in stages. A liquidator may be appointed to help return money to depositors and creditors. People with accounts are being told to wait for official updates.

This case has renewed calls for stronger financial oversight in the BVI—especially as new banks use digital tools that may not be fully covered by current laws.

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QUESTIONS

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However, when The Observer raised questions originally posed by former Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris — including what tax breaks were promised to the new owners and for how long — Dr. Drew deflected.

"So listen to the question you asked. I know somebody sent that question because it's heavily loaded," the Prime Minister responded, suggesting the queries had political motivations. Instead of offering clear answers, Dr. Drew stated that the existing tax concessions stem from an agreement predating his administration and remained in place under Dr. Harris's leadership. "That is the agreement that governs the tax breaks and the concessions and so forth," he said, without detailing whether any new terms were added or renegotiated as part of the recent sale.

Former PM Harris had raised specific concerns over the lack of transparency surrounding the sale, questioning why the public remains in the dark about what Safe Harbor Marinas was promised. He noted that under a 2005 agreement with the original developers, Christophe Harbour had been granted sweeping concessions — including stamp duty and consumption tax exemptions, fuel waivers, and drastically reduced property tax rates on multimillion-dollar real estate — in exchange for infrastructure promises that were never fulfilled. Instead, Harris alleged, the developers borrowed millions from the National Bank, leaving over EC$49 million in arrears.

Dr. Drew acknowledged that his government negotiated a new deal with Safe Harbor that recovered EC$25 million, but he failed to clarify how much of the outstanding debt remains unpaid or what exact terms Safe Harbor received in return.

Critics say the Prime Minister's continued references to the shortcomings of his predecessor — without providing full disclosure of the current arrangement — leave citizens with more questions than answers.

"There is a troubling lack of transparency," one political analyst noted. "If this deal is as beneficial as the Prime Minister says, then the full terms should be made public. What was promised to Safe Harbor? What legal or financial obligations remain? Who is truly accountable for the shortfalls in the original agreement?"

While the Prime Minister credited Harvard-educated envoy Hadia Claxton for helping to broker the deal and praised the move as an entry into a global yachting elite, the public's attention remains fixed on the unanswered questions about governance, oversight, and long-term national benefit.

Even as Dr. Drew emphasised that the government retains a 30% ownership stake in the marina, and that the country is poised to benefit from job creation and increased international exposure, his failure to provide direct answers on concessions and deal terms continues to fuel speculation and concern.

With the original Christophe Harbour development agreement set to expire in 2025, the pressure is mounting for the government to provide clarity on what the new deal entails — and what lessons have been learned from nearly two decades of unmet expectations.

ASTAPHAN CHIMES IN

Former government minister Dwyer Astaphan too is calling out Prime Minister Drew for what he describes as a lack of transparency and substance in the government's handling of the Christophe Harbour marina sale, arguing that recent payments do not amount to the "closure and clarity" the Prime Minister has claimed.

On his weekly commentary programme, Astaphan dissected the details of the Prime Minister's announcement that EC$25 million from the sale of Christophe Harbour assets had been used to settle various debts to public institutions. But instead of offering reassurance, the outspoken former minister says Drew's statements raise even more serious questions.

"Closure and clarity have not reached me," Astaphan said bluntly. "There are questions which need to be answered."

He began by questioning whether the EC$4.5 million payment to Social Security was the full amount owed by the Christophe Harbour developers. "Why was the company allowed to run up this debt for all of these years and not prosecuted?" he asked. "Was it being protected? And if so, by whom?"

He warned that failing to expose those who allowed such debts to accumulate amounts to protecting acts that are "reprehensible," especially when employees' social security contributions are at stake. "Social Security is the backbone of our economy and society," he said, questioning whether more money is still owed and how the remainder will be recovered.

Astaphan then turned his attention to other payments announced by the Prime Minister — including EC$2.9 million toward tax arrears and EC$5.7 million to the Sugar Industry Diversification Foundation (SIDF).

He took issue with the language used, particularly the term "towards" when referencing tax payments. "For me, 'towards' means payment in part, not payment in full," he said. "If I'm correct, then how much do they still owe in taxes? And why have they been allowed to owe so much and for so long?"

On the SIDF matter, Astaphan recalled a US$16 million loan the foundation granted in 2013 to a company linked to Christophe Harbour — a loan he said was governed by U.S. federal arbitration law, not local law. He criticised the terms as dangerously one-sided and questioned whether the recent EC$5.7 million payment to the SIDF was a repayment or the foundation's share in the proceeds of the marina sale.

"It gets worse," he continued, outlining how the SIDF loan was passed through multiple corporate entities and used to pay off a mortgage with Bank of America. "Can you think of anything more outrageous and disrespectful to the people of this country than a setup like that?"

He also demanded clarity on a payment of EC$2.79 million to the National Trust, noting that the Trust owns the SIDF and deserves full disclosure on whether additional sums are owed.

Astaphan reserved some of his sharpest criticism for the government's handling of stamp duty and the actual valuation of the marina assets sold to Safe Harbor Marinas. "Did the government engage an independent expert to do the valuation?" he asked. "Did they accept the buyer's declared price without proper scrutiny? Did we lose out on stamp duty?"

He argued that "confidentiality" cannot be used as an excuse to withhold vital information from the public, especially given the massive scale and national significance of the transaction. "We need clarity. Clarity comes before closure."

Astaphan also raised concerns about outstanding debts owed by the developers to private sector businesses, which he said were excluded from government consideration and may now be forced to pursue expensive legal action to recover their losses. "Think of the loss to the entire economy," he said.

He urged the government to come clean about the total value of the sale, the remaining debts, and whether any new concessions were granted to Safe Harbor Marinas. He warned that this is an "inflection moment" for Dr. Drew and his administration to either rebuild trust or risk repeating the failures of past leadership.

"This is too vital a matter for the people of this country to be kept in the dark," Astaphan insisted. "No clarity, no closure. We need to hear more."

He ended with a call to action, urging citizens and the media to demand answers and reject complacency: "We've been far too easily pleased and fooled, far too easily distracted and scared. And this has allowed bad leadership to prevail with bad outcomes for us."

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Barbados launches regional disaster hub ahead of season

As the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season approaches, Barbados has opened a new Caribbean Regional Logistics Hub and Centre of Excellence to help prepare for disasters and deliver emergency aid quickly across the region.

Elizabeth Riley, head of the Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), said the hub turns a long-standing goal into reality. She explained that the new center will help countries respond faster to emergencies and train people to handle complex disasters better.

The hub will store emergency supplies and also train disaster workers through simulations and shared practices. It is part of a larger program run by CDEMA and the World Food Programme to improve how relief supplies are managed and tracked across the region.

Ms. Riley thanked several partners for supporting the hub, including the World Food Programme, the governments of Barbados, Canada, the US, and the EU, as well as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She stressed the importance of working together to keep the hub financially supported.

Lola Castro, the World Food Programme's Regional Director, said the Caribbean is being hit harder by climate-related disasters. She praised regional governments for making smart investments in disaster response and emphasized how vital it is to get help to people quickly—especially women and children—after a storm or earthquake.

Ms. Castro said the new center will reduce the long delays that used to follow disasters. She urged all partners to keep the hub fully stocked and well-funded, so that supplies are always ready when disaster strikes.

COURTESY PHOTO

Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley (second from left) launches the Caribbean Regional Logistics Hub and Centre of Excellence while (from left to right) Regional Director of Latin America and the Caribbean, World Food Programme, Lola Castro; Representative of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Elder Claude Gamiett; and Executive Director of the Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Management Agency, Elizabeth Riley, look on.

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"We must never allow foreign developers to walk away with our resources while failing to fulfil their promises," he said. "This is not just a breach of a contract. It is a blatant breach of the public trust."

All things considered, Dr. Harris as a former Prime Minister would obviously be au fait with previous shortcomings. It would be helpful if Dr. Drew would acquiesce to the request for full disclosure and erase any doubt about the new agreement.

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In the Estate of **JOHN ANTHONY HARDY,** late of #309 Horizon Villas, Frigate Bay, in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **DENISE MARY HARDY** of #309 Horizon Villas, Frigate Bay, on the Island of Saint Christopher retired and **PAUL HARDY**, of Alberta, Canada, a semi-retired business owner, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to them the Applicants who are the lawful widow and son of the above named deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 15th day of May 2000, leaving surviving him, his lawful widow and son **DENISE MARY HARDY** and **PAUL HARDY.**

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

Dated the 24th day of May 2025.

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