"I WANT TO KEEP THEM GUESSING"

by WILLIAM KOJAH ANTHONY

PRIME MINISTER Dr. Ralph Gonsalves is keeping the date of the next general elections a secret.

“I want to keep them guessing,” he quipped last Tuesday at Cabinet Room. He was updating the nation on his government’s response to the floods caused by heavy rains last Saturday.

“I was giving up the power to call snap elections,” the Prime Minister indicated.

The reference came as he outlined a series of projects which his government is dealing with. He alluded to the Referendum which was held in November 2009.

“I was giving up the power to call snap elections,” he declared. “It will come back to haunt them,” Dr. Gonsalves added. “I move Julian, they start to panic,” the Vincentian leader said.

That referendum was aimed at giving the ruling Unity Labour Party the authority to change the constitution. The new arrangement would have outlined a period during which general elections would be called.

The opposition New Democratic Party mounted a No campaign, and the government failed to secure the two thirds vote needed to alter the constitution.

The government came out with just under 44 percent of the votes cast, while the No campaign gathered nearly 56 percent.

The ULP, however, held on to eight seats when the general elections were called December 2010.

According to Dr. Gonsalves, floods and landslides as result of the heavy rains caused "significant damage," but not at a scale where assistance is needed from overseas.

The E. T. Joshua airport was closed until four Saturday afternoon because of flooding to the departure area. River defences were breached in several parts throughout the island, and repair works have been done in places like Buccament, Vermont, Spring Village, as well as other parts of the island.

Landslides were numerous, and three properties were destroyed in Buccament.

Restoration works are going on in the North Leeward district of Spring Village where the main road was undermined. Heavy vehicles were forbidden to use the highway, while others using it were advised to proceed with caution.

Private residences were affected, and some persons were transferred to emergency shelters.

The Prime Minister declared that relief assistance was mobilised. He admitted that, while the system was “not perfect, it was working.”

Persons were commended for cleaning up their communities. He declared that "while we must be critical, we can’t be hysterical.”

Minister of State in the Transport and Works Ministry Julian Francis was commended for his work in the rehabilitation exercise, and workers in the Ministry as well as other citizens were applauded for their actions.

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Lack of History and Literature in secondary schools unacceptable, says PM

by KENVILLE HORNE

Prime Minister, Ralph Gonsalves is disappointed with the lack of emphasis placed on the subject areas of History and English Literature on the part of most secondary schools here.

Speaking in the presence of the Chief Education Officer, Lou-Ann Gilchrist during the launching of Lawyer Cecil ‘Blazer’ Williams, Book “Memories of the Hibiscus”, Gonsalves said “We are not doing enough, in my view, in our teaching of History and English Literature”.

At the CXC exam, over 1,560 students from the twenty-six secondary schools wrote subjects; 282 took History while 361 took English Literature. From the 361 that sat English Literature, 144 were from the Girls’ High School. This, according to the Prime Minister, is unacceptable. He said that there are four or five secondary schools which do not offer Literature, and four or five that do not do History, and about three that do not offer any of these subjects.

“That is entirely unacceptable, completely unacceptable,” emphasized Gonsalves.

Gonsalves, who is also Minister of Finance, said that the flaw must be corrected. “The Chief Education Officer knows that I have been riling on this matter for years. I rile on it privately, I’ve rile on it publicly, and I have another opportunity again to rile on it publicly, and I will do it until I see some improvement, Of course I don’t run the Ministry of Education, but I believe that I have a sufficiency of influence to speak on ……. But I can’t believe we can’t deploy our staff in such a manner that we can’t have more persons doing History and Literature,” Gonsalves opined.

The Prime Minister said that, because there is an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), some schools exclude subjects like English Literature and History. “This is why am making the point, not just for STEM, but for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics).

Gonsalves stated that he is aware that it is difficult in the time table to work everything out, “and am not underestimating the challenge which is presented to the Chief Education Officer and her team, and the Honorable Minister of Education; but I believe we can do better than we are doing. Certainly, there should be no school, no secondary school in the country in which it doesn’t have History taught for CXC, or no school where Literature, is not taught,” proclaimed the PM.

“I mean the substitute of Social Studies and Principles of Business and so forth, as important as they are, don’t provide in my submission, the rigor of an analysis of History and of Literature, including a familiarity with our own Caribbean literature, our own Vincentian Literature, and there is a lot of good materials,” attested the Prime Minister.

Earlier, Gonsalves had made it clear that the fact that he has recognized weakness in the education revolution does not mean it does not have phenomenal strength, “and that we have made tremendous advances; so only those who think that we have reached the limit would do us a disfavor, because we always have to be pushing the boundaries to do better and better”.

Lack of History and Literature in secondary schools unacceptable, says PM

Prime Minister Dr. Hon. Ralph Gonsalves praised Cecil ‘Blazer’ Williams on his recent accomplishment.
**The quality of our conversation needs to change,** says Speaker

by KENVILLE HORNE

FORMER MINISTER OF CULTURE and current Speaker of the OECS Assembly, Rene Baptiste is adamant that the quality of our conversation needs to be a lot better.

Baptiste, one of the most decorated female cultural figures in SVG, said that when she listens to the expressions of many persons on the radio, she comes to the conclusion that we need to occupy ourselves with our history and culture if we are to advance.

Baptiste was at the time speaking at the launching of Cecil ‘Blazer’ Williams’ latest publication “Memories of the Hibiscus,” on Monday at Frenches House.

She singled out the age group of 18 to 25 in this regard. “We have to start to occupy ourselves; we are losing trend of the fact that we are not living in our little world called St.Vincent and the Grenadines anymore, we are living in an OECS Union,” Baptiste said.

She further said that the notion of being part of the OECS Union, “hasn’t dawn on us because the political splash was not a big splash to wet you down yet”, and she advised “we need to graduate to the historical, cultural and political background.”

Baptiste, who has been an attorney at law for over 35 years, recommended Williams’ latest book, as one which incorporates what our Vincentian society should gravitate to. According to her, the book offers a lesson on the other political thinkers. “Where did they get their grounding from to move to this stage in political maturity.”

“Quoting from the book, Baptiste queried whether any young person in the audience knew about a certain historical location. "I love the colour of her clothes, I love the market place," quoted Baptiste, "Very few of you might remember or even know where Wash-a-Guni is. Any 15-year-old can tell me where was Was-a-Guni and Carpenters Yard?" Baptiste asked, before adding “They’re right in town still, they haven’t moved.”

The former cultural minister continued quoting from Williams’ book, while busying her knowledge of Vincentian history before adding, “So this book is perfect for those who were born in the 1960s and 70s”.

Blazer launches ‘Memories of the Hibiscus’

On Monday, Williams launched his latest book entitled “Memories of The Hibiscus,” at Frenches House. Tributes and commendation came from Senator Luke Browne; former Cultural Minister and Speaker of the OECS Assembly, Rene Baptiste, and Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves, Senator Leacock, Minister Frederick Stephenson, Chief Education Officer Lou-An Gilchrist, Commissioner of Police Michael Charles, were amongst the specially invited guests gathered in the audience to show support.

Baptiste, commonly referred to as Mama Culture, said that when Williams sent her the manuscript for the book, she got stuck on the first few pages, “because I was more taken up in the joy of looking at the way he would describe the women, what they were wearing, what time of the day,” explained Baptiste, who conveyed her happiness that Williams was able to get the book out, at the beginning of the school term. The former parliamentarian expressed her hope that the book become a required reading material in the schools. She recounted a couple years ago, after her retirement from active politics, forming an organization called the Vincentian Association of Artists, Writers and Producers, with Williams and Mark Cyrus. Baptiste said the three of them would sit in her chambers and talk “for hours about the goals that they have set out for the organization, “I said, but Blazer, you have already published so many works; what could you possibly add? He said as long as he is alive, he would keep on creating, and keep on writing, and I was so happy to hear that.”

Making a strong case for the book to be utilized, Baptiste said that it is why young people should read the book, “: look at the formulation, the style of the paragraphing, the change of the subject matter as you move from chapter to chapter, and you will find an enrichment of your own style of how you express yourself; and this is why I think Blazer outdid himself in this novel,” she concluded.

Prime Minister Gonsalves joined in the praise for his personal and long time friend. “We have an extraordinary talent in our midst and we must really appreciate him. “We must not wait until he is a ripe old age to sit and say to Blazer, Thank you very much for all that you have done and that we love you very much,” said Gonsalves. He hailed Williams’ Book launch as a major event in the year 2014. Gonsalves in his review of the book said that Cecil Blazer Williams has written a splendid novel, in beautiful evocative language, off-reminiscent of a playwright. He said Williams has mopped skillfully the contours of colonial and plantocratic authority, the twin constants of class and race, personal pain and suffering, love and redemptive grace. “In the process we get more than a glimpse of the folk and the making of our Caribbean civilization and its Vincentian (Yurumei) dimension.”

The Vincentian Prime Minister further declared that Memories of the Hibiscus is a masterful piece of creative writing lodged in real history. “That’s my honest view of Blazer’s novel” declared Gonsalves.

“We need to put Blazer’s works in the context of writing in the creative imagination in our own country,” said Gonsalves. He said the novel contains themes very particular to a period in our history, when St. Vincent celebrated 35 years of our 20th century, “but there are several universal impulses which are contained in these pages and reflected in the personalities”.

Senator Browne said that Williams is one of the inspirational figures on the literacy landscape of SVG, “so am happy to draw from him, even as I continue with my own pursuit along those lines,” said Browne. He described Williams as a prolific writer, who has already released a book called Esperanza! Hope! Esperanza! “So prolific is his writing that I have decided that in my own library at home, I cannot keep just a few spaces for his work, but I might have to add a separate bookshelf for the work of Blazer Williams” said Browne, in tribute to Williams.

Williams in his reply, told the audience that he started the novel in the 1970s and continued last year, and he described it as a historical novel. Williams revealed that he has already started writing another novel. In order to produce the book, he first had to do a lot of research. The renowned author commended those who assisted in making the book a reality.

“I want to keep them guessing”

The Vincentian leader detailed projects which will be dealt with. These included Vigie Highway rehabilitation from Belmont to Crick Corner. That is slated to start in October and will cost $3.9M. With restorative efforts from the December Floods still taking place, Prime Minister Dr. Gonsalves echoed measures to continue with the rehabilitation process.

If things work out the way he plans, a pitch (cricket) will be put in at the Cumberland Playing Field, and two basic changing rooms will be built. Pavilions to be erected later.

“Let us get the playing field in order,” Dr. Gonsalves suggested. He mentioned funding for a number of projects.

The Calliaqua Town Hall Vermont Francois Bridge will be fixed, as well as the South Leeward Highway. Studies are being done for works at Sandy Bay and Dark View coasts.

The Vincentian leader wants to see a drive towards “educational tourism,” and the idea of making money from teaching English to Ecuadorian students is being promoted. “We spend a lot in the education revolution. Why not make back some money?” he asked.

The Prime Minister noted that the economy was changing from goods to services, and that: “if we do not adapt, we will not survive and we will not thrive.”

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Lawyer raises objections in gun case

Stories by: HAYDN HUGGINS

SENIOR PROSECUTOR ADOLPHUS Delpeche is expected to respond today (Friday) to Defence lawyer Kay Bacchus-Browne’s submissions in a voir dire (trial within a trial) to determine the admissibility of a video interview the police conducted with the accused Alaskie ‘Beaver’ Samuel.

Samuel, of Redemption Sharpes, is charged with possession of a firearm with intent to aid in the commission of an offence, possession of a firearm and ammunition possession.

The lawyer objected on the grounds it was not held out to the defendant to discuss the matter with counsel.

Romando Andrews, 22, is charged with having one round of 20 guage ammunition without licence. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded to the Kingstown Magistrate’s Court for further hearing.

Bernard Gloster, 26, and Randy Pompey, 27, both of Glen, are charged with entering the dwelling house of Julia Antoine of Glen as trespassers, and at the time had a weapon of offence to wit a gun. They are also charged with possession of a firearm with intent to cause injury to Darcy Nicholas of Glen, unlawfully discharging a firearm at Darcy Nicholas, and assaulting Darcy Nicholas causing actual bodily harm.

The lawyer argued that the police were investigating other matters and the defendants may assist with those investigations, and the firearm allegedly used in the commission of the offences was not.

The defence argued that the interview was voluntary.

Lawyer raises objections in gun case

ONE WEEK AFTER ISO Lynch appeared at the Kingstown Magistrate’s Court charged with deception, the Layou resident was before the same court on a similar charge.

Lynch, 33, is accused of dishonestly obtaining by deception the sum of ECS$300 in cash from Fitzroy Baptiste of Argyle with the intention of permanently depriving him of it at Argyle on August 27. He pleaded not guilty when he stood before Magistrate Rechanne Browne-Matthias on Tuesday, September 9.

When Lynch initially appeared in Court last week, he pleaded not guilty to dishonestly obtaining by deception ECS$400 in cash from Andrew French of Arnos Vale with the intention of permanently depriving him of it. He was remanded until last Tuesday for bail review after Prosecutor Constable Shamrock Pierre objected to bail at that stage. But when Lynch returned to court on Tuesday, Prosecutor ASP Glenford Gregg indicated that the prosecution was no longer objecting to bail. He, however, requested suitable sureties.

Lynch was offered bail on both charges in the sum of ECS$3,000 with one surety on condition that he report to the Layou Police Station Mondays and Thursdays between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., and not have any contact with the virtual complainant.

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SUSPECTED DRUG MONEY FOUND IN TESTAMENT

BETWEEN THE LEAVES of The New Testament was found $71, comprising a $50 bill, two $10 bills and a one dollar, was found between separate leaves of the holy book when police on mobile patrol conducted a search on the person of the 24-year-old Calliaqua man around 4:15 a.m. last Saturday in that community. The Testament with the money was found in one of his back pants pockets, while 23 small foil wrappings containing cocaine were found in a mint can in his front left pants pocket.

When weighed, the cocaine amounted to eight grams. As a result, Smart was arrested and charged with possession of the drug with intent to supply. He pleaded guilty when he appeared before Magistrate Rechanne Browne-Matthias on Monday, and was fined $1,500 forthwith or six months. He paid the fine.

Browne-Matthias allowed an application by prosecutor Constable Shamrock Pierre for the $71 to be forfeited, on the grounds that it was believed to have been obtained from drug sales.
RBTT BANK CARIBBEAN Limited continues to demonstrate its commitment to the educational development of St Vincent and the Grenadines. This year, as part of this thrust, the Bank has once again granted a scholarship to Miss Amacada Graham of Lauders for her secondary education at the GHS. The Bank has been granting such scholarships for a number of years, and extends such scholarships to the children of staff members also.

For a second year also, the staff of RBTT, through their Soul to Sole programme, have provided fifty-two primary school students with a pair of shoes for the beginning of the new school year. Last year, they provided students of the secondary schools with shoes for back to school. RBTT wishes to thank all those who would have assisted them in making this venture possible.

Flashflood damage not sufficient to warrant outside help

Chief Engineer at BRAGSA, Brent Bailey.

He said that whenever there are roads blocked for any period of time “or we have a challenge on any of the roadways that it becomes significant. It doesn’t have to be overwhelmingly so, but you’d appreciate that again, in a small economy, small society like ours, where inconveniences occur on the road, that they can be seen as significant, but not in a manner which would undermine the movement of peoples in a way which is dramatic”.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Finance gave an overview of the damage caused by the extreme weather.

He said the main E.T. Joshua Airport was severely flooded, with water levels in excess of three feet in the departure section. There was also damage in the VIP Lounge, the baggage scanner was damaged, the circulation roads were impacted with mud and other debris deposited by the floods, and a section of the perimeter fence was also breached. The rivers in Vermont and Spring Village encroached on properties and affected some residences. There were also landslides at Dorsetshire Hill, four slides on the Vigie Highway and some damage to CWSA lines in that area.

There were also landslides in Belair, and the Belmont area. At Morne Garu in North Leeward, a 50-feet section of the lower embankment collapsed and compromised the road. The upper embankment was being cut to enable the flow of traffic, and designs for retaining systems were being prepared to stabilize the road, Gonsalves said.

He also told journalists that the individual families affected have been taken care of, and he has received the reports from NEMO and Godfred Pompey, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security. According to the Prime Minister, there was an incident at Largo Height, where a retaining wall collapsed on the residence of a couple. The female was injured and is hospitalized, while the gentleman, an amputee, is being housed at the Rillan Hill Community Centre, where some persons affected by the floods and landslides in December 2013 are also being housed.

The Prime Minister also reported that there are vertical cracks appearing along a 70-foot section of the retaining wall near the Belmont Primary School. He said that the Chief Engineer at BRAGSA, Brent Bailey, was very concerned that the retaining wall was showing signs of unsettlement. Gonsalves said that Bailey has assured him that there is a solution to cut out parts of the wall and put in some reinforcements. The flashflood formed part of an adverse weather pattern that has hit SVG in recent times.

L-R: RBTT Country Manager, Fleur Nichols with Amacada and her mom Cassandra Daniel.

NOTICE OF MEETING

All members of the Kingstown Co-operative Credit Union Limited are hereby invited to a Special General Meeting scheduled for 22nd September 2014 at the Peace Memorial Hall, Kingstown.

The meeting will be to vote on a resolution for the amalgamation of Kingstown Co-operative Credit Union Limited and Marionquia Co-operative Credit Union Limited, and will convene at 4:30 pm.

All members should make an extra effort to attend.

Sgd.

Phyllis Allen-James
Secretary

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ST. VINCENT ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED

VACANCY FACILITIES ENGINEER

St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited (VINLEC) generates, transmits and distributes electricity to over forty thousand customers. VINLEC’s operations are carried out at various locations, including nine Power Station compounds, four Sub Stations and multiple buildings. The Company is seeking to recruit a Facilities Engineer who will have responsibility for ensuring that VINLEC’s building facilities are constructed and maintained in a timely and cost effective manner. This individual should be highly motivated and organised and have the ability to identify, analyse and solve problems.

PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will manage the Facilities Section that is responsible for maintaining the Company’s buildings and structures. He/she will be required to prepare civil engineering design, when required, for maintenance of building facilities or for new construction. The successful candidate will also prepare engineering estimates for civil works, prepare and negotiate contracts for civil engineering and construction services, review contractor’s design, drawings and calculations for compliance with specifications/standards and monitor contractor’s performance on civil works. He/she will also prepare annual budgets and perform any other duty, compatible with the level of the post that may be assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The successful candidate should have at least a first Degree in Civil Engineering. At least two years of relevant experience will be an advantage.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

The candidate should possess excellent management and organizational skills, strong oral, written communication and interpersonal skills and should be computer literate with knowledge of AutoCAD applications.

Interested applicants should submit up-to-date Curriculum Vitae no later than Friday 26th September, 2014 to:

Manager, Human Resources and Administration
St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited
P.O. Box 856
Kingstown, St. VINCENT
Email: personnel@vinlec.com
DANCEHALL SUPER STARS, Popcaan and Konshens are billed as the major acts to perform at the Solidarity Inc Car Park on Thursday, September 25th, Arthur Guinness Day (AGD).

Last Wednesday, Operations Commercial Manager at the St. Vincent Brewery Limited Shafia London-Williams announced during a press conference at the Brewery in Campden Park, that the world will once again pay homage to the founder of the world’s number one Stout, with a grand music celebration, featuring some of Popcaan and Konshens to celebrate AGD in SVG.

“Locally, AGD will once again be celebrated with a live simulcast of the AGD concert in Jamaica, but this time around, it will be coupled with St.Vincent’s own local celebrations which includes performances from ‘Popcaan’ and ‘Konshens’,” said London-Williams.

In addition to the Jamaican artist and the live simulcast, the local event will see performances from the likes of ‘Royale’ and ‘First Lady,’ while disc jockeys like Sound Definition, Simple Sounds Family, DJ Ksl of Predominant Sounds and Hypa-active Sounds will provide music.

Entertainment will also be provided by stilt walkers and a number of regional dancers.

London-Williams said that patrons can get into the venue for the price of EC$20.

Defending the cost to enter the event, London-Williams said “This is $20 for two of the biggest names in dancehall at the moment. One of the artists is for the young people, while one is for the more mature crowd. We will cater for people who enjoy different types of music.”

Meanwhile, the simulcast will feature some of the Caribbean’s best artistes from Reggae, Soca and Dancehall. The AGD Jamaica concert will be held at the National Indoor Sports Centre, and this year will see performances from singers including ‘Lady Saw,’ ‘Bugle,’ ‘Mr. Killa,’ ‘Assassin’ and Vincentian ‘Skinny Fabulous.’

Marketing Coordinator at the Brewery Lamont Medica, commenting on the local concert, said, “As the tagline says, Guinness is made of more, so we always want to give more.” He said that throughout the month of September, Guinness drinkers are being given the opportunity to win prizes when they purchase Guinness.

Medica revealed that one lucky person can be the winner of a trip for two to Jamaica, where they will celebrate AGD in the Very Important Persons (VIP) section of the AGD concert. In order to win, persons must submit six Guinness crowns in an envelope with their contact details, and as a result be entered in a raffle that will be drawn on Friday, September 19th.

As a part of the promotion, leading up to the AGD, persons purchasing a six pack of Guinness will get a special edition Guinness glass, while others can partake in the Guinness Spin the Wheel promotions that will see them winning t-shirts, flash drives, Guinness glasses and other items.

“Guinness has always sought to look after their consumers, giving them even more in value, and in keeping with that tradition, we have implemented several trade activations. These activations will give consumers the opportunity to walk away with amazing Guinness prizes”, said Medica, adding further “In addition, throughout the month of September, consumers can enjoy Guinness 2 for $8 specials at their favourite bars, and be on the lookout for the glamorous Guinness girls, and win great prizes.”

by KENVILLE HORNE

L-R: Marketing Coordinator at the Brewery Lamont Medica and Operations Commercial Manager Shafia London-Williams.
ON THE 5TH SEPTEMBER 2014, Latin Passion SVG (LPSVG) celebrated its 1st Anniversary with a series of events including parties and complimentary classes for beginners.

LPSVG currently hosts 3 dance classes per week, and participates in 2 Latin party events weekly.

During the past year, LPSVG has hosted a number of visiting regional and international guest instructors from the UK, Ghana, Barbados & St Lucia, and sent a 5 member team to Trinidad for T&T Salsa Fiesta, an event, made up of intensive workshops and parties, that hosts over 300 dancers from the host country, the region and internationally.

LPSVG also hosted some 30 St Lucians from Club Expose’ St Lucia for SVG’s first Latin Fiesta Weekend in June 2014, at the Prospect Racquet Club, that climaxed with a extravagant All-White Party at Flow Wine Bar.

The main classes and workshops LPSVG offers are Salsa, Bachata, Kizomba and Cha Cha, with more to come as the organization grows.

Non-profit, LPSVG is run by a Team of passionate Latin dancers: Anton Jardine (President & Founder), Cuthbert Tucker (Vice President), Chris Pierre (Secretary), Lori Francis (Treasurer), Kimya Glasgow (PRO) and Keon Murray (Director).

The Mission of LPSVG is to provide quality, professional instructional Latin dance classes to the Public by teaching the proper techniques, practices and respect involved in Latin dancing in a social setting.

LPSVG offers Latin dance classes and workshops that focus on building technique to enhance the ability to dance with confidence, with anyone, anywhere in the world on the Latin Dance floor! (Even if they think they have two left feet!)

The dream of improving Latin Dancing in St. Vincent has become a reality.

EIGHTY something-year-old Bernadine Stowe was reading her bible app on her LIME 4G ready smart phone, when she was interrupted by a phone call- from LIME.

Stowe’s call from LIME’s Senior Marketing and Corporate Communications Executive Nikala Williams, was to inform her that she was the first grand prize winner of the LIME Head to Toe Makeover, which would see winners receiving hair and makeup from Barnet Fair Hair Fashions, a full body massage, pedicure and manicure from Oasis Spa, and a shopping spree from Amneeja Fashions or the Trend stores.

The two other grand prize winners in the six-week summer promotions are Lasana Ellis for week two, and Hazleann Foster for week three.

So far, a total of 13 LIME customers have won prizes in the promotions. Winners of pedicures and manicures include Keisha Thomas, Sabrina Richards, Okarrol Dasilva, Aphine Simmons, and Recardo Dover, while Claudette Pope was the winner of a shopping spree; Veitha Tittle won herself a pedicure; Rachel Bailey, a hairstyle; Rochelle Jacobs won a full body massage, and Kevron Kozia received a haircut and grooming.

To become eligible to win a prize in the promotion, customers are encouraged to take advantage of LIME summer offers, which include new postpaid mobile or broadband activation, also by activating a one-week or more data package.

The winners all expressed their gratitude to LIME, saying that they were happy to be LIME customers, and be a part of the LIME 4G experience to win prizes and be pampered. One customer expressed “I am so happy for this little pampering. I use my phone to watch movies every night so I can’t do without my LIME 4G data.”

Another 15 winners are expected to be drawn in the upcoming three weeks.
Responding to Renwick Rose

History of the past 40 years

I TOTALLY AGREE with Renwick’s opening line in Part 2 of his message. “Making the connection with our history is closely related and had their manifest origin in the 1960s, the era to which Renwick devotes much of his narrative.”

President Gordon莽 got the best of us. At the beginning of the 1970s, we had a leader in Thomas holographic, who was the first to call for a series of “People’s Meetings” and who called for the need for a “New Party” to replace the旧有的 political order.

On the part of the public too, there is not always sufficient appreciation of the hard work and sacrifice of those involved in administering the various programmes. Each disaster calls for the right and timely approach and this is where an emphasis on the political aspects of recovery can sometimes be misplaced.

In the same way in which we pounce on shortcomings, we must be equally magnanimous in our commendation and praise for hard work and dedication. Sure, there are weaknesses, and these must be recognised, but the emphasis on the political must not be to the detriment of the national effort and deserving victims.

In the period under review, there were few “progressive” lawyers around, and I had a busy time defending Calder Williams of the NRM, based in Chateaubelair, and Solomon Butler of Arreabased in Diamond Village and I think, Junior Bacchus. And in a defence for “Patches” Knights for his “disloyal” behaviour, a case which had its own complexities. The defence of Patches himself had stoutly defended in a classic speech in the Magistrate’s Court.

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The N word?

I WAS SHOCKED and dismayed to see the N-word used with such flagrant abandon in a weekly column of one of the leading newspapers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. It was printed in the August 26th issue. The use of such language is offensive and disrespectful and cannot be used to abbreviate the offensive word.

This word is an affront to black people. It is an offensive and contemptuous expression, designed to disparage and demean African Americans. It cannot be justified in any context that would render it less disturbing and insulting.

The author went on to describe John Wilson as ignorant, a cunununu, ignoramus, dog, rat, liar, racist, scum, sleazebag, toad, rabble rouser, propagandist, Marxist scumbag, internet crazie. Is this really journalism?

Andy Prince

Clued in or clueless?

IT HAPPENS all the time, in every society, in every age. Criminal elements target each other in turf wars, with the gruesome results splashed on our newspapers and talked about from rum shops to the largest population. For those desirous, criminals become younger and smarter, the criminalized, die young and childless, thereby removing another generation of violent men, and in some cases women. However, this hardly happens. In time, violence becomes widespread. The crime element spreads, and the innocent get caught in the crossfire until they become the target (the list of friends who have suffered at the hands of criminals is growing). The security forces respond with greater force and other offenders are drawn to them instead of being deterred. Policy makers create harsher penalties, and fear sits like a slow moving fog on the land. To arrest this seemingly inevitable slide, I have a few suggestions.

1. Law-abiding citizens should seek to be armed, and trained in using firearms. With these licensed, armed and trained citizens, the capacity to deter and possibly remove the environment that breeds criminals, and yes, being criminalized is partly the result of our environment.

2. Those that choose a life of crime are in a minority. The majority of men (most crimes are done by men, but not all) are not thugs or criminals. Everyone should be made to prevent men from filling the ranks of those who choose to be criminals. At the macro level, they should be given every opportunity to engage in productive, non-enabling activity. And though this may seem overly optimistic, I believe that many men want to work, live at peace and enjoy the fruit of their labours. In other words, do whatever it takes to remove the environment that breeds criminals, and yes, being criminalized is partly the result of our environment.

3. Strengthen by emphasizing the values and cultural norms that when practised will aid in promoting these values.

4. Community engagement should be proactive rather than reactive. Evidence shows that the presence of outlaws in our communities, that all men that live there to incorrectly think that they are fated to become criminals.

We need to get the intelligence of the crime. This be the critical test? Is this really journalism?

Maurice John

Gated communities, armed citizens and close friends

I WISH to support John Wilson in demanding that our national newspapers rid themselves of the numerous amounts of expletives used in columns. No matter how ingenious their disguise, dirty words are unacceptable, and no self-respecting journalist should use them.

What kind of example are we setting for our children and young people when we pursue this type of language? It has become ubiquitous in our society, and now it has infiltrated our newspapers. This is distasteful, and must be addressed by our community leaders and the reading public.

We never find this kind of language used by Dr. Kenneth John, Jomo Thomas, Dr. Adrian Fraser, Blazer Williams, Dr. Jules Ferdinand, Renrick Rose or Bassy. These are people of the highest calibre, who understand the need to conduct themselves in a respectable manner. Why do not our newspaper editors keep our newspapers clean?

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Dirty language

K.S.E. Lewis

IN AN ARTICLE on 30th August, 2014 in the English language journals, the jury system in the Caribbean was located.

The main ideas of the article are as follows:

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b) Belize in 2011 abolished juries for murder trials. Other small states have done the same. This is a drive to abolish jury trials. That is what many jurors believe. When it came to light, they reported a guilty verdict “unanimous,” and the jury foreman said that there were 12 guilty votes.

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IN 2005, the Unity Labour Party (ULP) implemented universal access to secondary education as part of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) AID Project, which was co-financed by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the European Union (EU), the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Government of Canada, and the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Universal access to secondary education was also introduced in Dominica the same year.

The ULP government has mobilized resources, including through the innovative use of the ULP government’s Economic Cost of the UWI. Since the ULP gained power, there has been only two innovations to the schools and the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has been referred to universal access as the “deregulated access to education”.

Over the years, most Vincentians have been wondering whether the term, “universal access to education”, will be translated into meaningful action. Despite the ULP’s slogan of “Universal access to Universal education”, since the ULP gained power, there has been only two innovations to the schools and the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has been referred to universal access as the “deregulated access to education”.

For instance, there has been discussion about the increased number of students who are currently studying at the University of the West Indies (UWI). But it was the New Democratic Party (NDP) that has led the discussion and created the opportunities for more students to pursue studies at the University of the West Indies (UWI).

While the ULP regime continues to boast about its ‘Education Revolution’, it is clear that the number of students enrolled has decreased. One such problem is the high dropout rate among students of secondary schools. The table below shows the number of dropouts for the given period.

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The number of dropouts is high, and we call on the government to develop and implement programmes to stem the flow of dropouts.

The NDP will improve the quality of primary and secondary education, with a greater emphasis on the allocation of resources to primary education. To accomplish this, they will implement the following measures:

- Improve the quality of teaching and learning in primary and secondary schools.
- Establish a framework on numeracy and literacy.
- Provide access to quality education and training to people to enhance income generation capacities to stem the flow of dropouts.
- Establish a policy that includes all those who are in need, provide direct funding to the poor and students from rural areas to enable them to easily access quality education and to take advantage of the programmes and opportunities that all children have access to learning resources such as text books, computers and the like.
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The NDP’s education programme will definitely unlock the potential of our people and create what we call an education-based economy.
Reputation

by Poh Fang Chia

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (1564-1616), writing in his famous play Othello (Act 3, Scene 3), noted the now popular words, “Who steals my purse steals trash;...” But he that steals from me my good name, robs me of that which enriches him, and makes me poor indeed.” Powerful words, written over four hundred years ago, but still hold true today. And reflect on the fact that there will be individuals who will seek to steal from us as we go through life.

Some will focus on stealing our material possessions, others will venture to steal our ideas (intellectual property), and there are still others who will venture to steal our good name. In doing the last named, they may engage in character assassination. Their motives may be many and varied. Some will seek to do so for personal gain, others for revenge. Others may engage in such activities, wrongly assuming that, as they seek to pull others down, they automatically elevate themselves. They mistakenly conclude that, by seeking to depress an individual’s name or reputation, it automatically results in cleaning their own image. But this is so far from the truth.

Reputation is the God-inspired writer of the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes reminds us of the importance of creating and maintaining a good name (good reputation). There we read, “A good name is better than precious ointment” (Ecclesiastes 7:1). The imagery presented here is really quite powerful. The ancient civilizations valued their “precious ointment” very highly. Usually a good name is considered to be of greater significance; greater value. We should therefore not take it lightly when persons in our homes, workplaces, or in the wider community, attempt to discredit or devalue our reputations. And we must certainly must make a concerted effort to develop characters (reputations) that are noble.

The Apostle Peter, writing in the fourth chapter of his first epistle, cautioned believers to make sure that their reputations are kept intact (my good name). That reflects purity, decency, and righteousness. We are cautioned to make sure that we avoid those situations that would result in us being accused or identified as “evil doers.” The bottom line is that reputations matter. However, the Apostle Peter notes that there are likely to be times when we will be engaging in behaviours or activities that are right and just, but that there will be others who will speak evil of those activities. We are encouraged not to be unduly concerned. The important thing here is to make sure that our lives are reflecting righteousness; that we are living right with our God. And if in doing so there emerge individuals who will seek to tarnish the reputations of individuals, we are to be encouraged (not discouraged) appreciating that a reputation that reflects light, will dispel the forces of darkness. So we are challenged to advance the causes of purity and righteousness. Our reputations should also revolve around love for our fellow men. We are to champion causes that will aid in the development of those around us. This focus on building others may demand that we sacrifice time, effort, energy, and money to ease the burden of others. What a reputation to create such a scenario! What a legacy to leave behind!

Many readers will agree with Poh Fang Chia’s comment that “Reputation is fragile; once it’s damaged, it’s hard to restore. It is not uncommon to secateurs a good reputation on the altar of power, prestige, or profit.”

Architecture in St. Vincent and the Grenadines

THOUGH ARCHITECTURE has inspired and created great civilizations the profession itself and importance it deserves in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and it is now the common misconception that anyone and everyone who draw a set of plans is likened to or referred to as an architect. Architecture is one of the most prestigious professions (by monopoly) and it paints a very daunting picture for the future of architecture as a profession in St. Vincent and the Grenadines based on this current misconception.

As an Architect I would like to share some information that will correct this misconception and enlighten the general public about the profession of an architect and the use of the title ‘Architect’.

The word architect is derived from the Greek word, ‘architecton’ - ‘archi’ meaning ‘chief’ and ‘tekton’ meaning ‘builder’. As the name implies, he is the ‘chief or head-master, the leader of the team which constitutes the building industry.

An architect is a design professional with a broad-based education, with a highly developed sense of design, they are the driving force behind the creative and technical components of the building industry. When you hire an Architect we will

ARCHITECT ADVANTAGE #1

Evaluating the completed project

- Undertaking feasibility studies and preparing development proposals
- Preparing detailed designs, working drawings and specifications for use by the builders in constructing the project

ARCHITECT ADVANTAGE #2

- In St. Vincent and the Grenadines if the professional qualification is from this country, the applicant possesses a professional qualification in architecture or not, and if the professional qualification is from an accredited course or not.

Architects Services

The range of tasks that an architect performs may include:

- Advising clients on building needs and requirements including layout and maintenance, site selections and regulations.
- Assisting clients in the development of brief requirements for projects.
- Undertaking feasibility studies and interpreting client needs.
- Preparing design and coordinating cost estimates.
- Evaluating alternative options.
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- Overseeing the award of building permits and approval by building regulatory authorities (planning, construction, fire, health, etc.).

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Presently, Yank’s bakery is leased and is managed by iconic businessman Orniston Ken Boyea. The bread and pastries carry the brand name ‘Yank’. Ill-health has afflicted Mr. Browne in recent years, but with God on his side and a loving and caring wife in Mrs Lillian Browne, ‘Yank’, in the evening of his years, is enjoying halcyon times.

The attempted construction of the Argyle airport is a colossal act of economic madness. It has been a billion dollar white elephant. It will take SVG decades to overcome the opportunity cost of the money wasted on this project. It is unacceptable that the needs of tourists have been put before the needs of Vincentians.

The ULP regime’s economic incompetence has resulted in high food prices, and risks the stability of the nation. In Haiti, there were food riots some years ago, as the price of food had risen beyond the reach of poor households. The rising cost of commodities threatens to deepen instability. The ULP regime has failed to respond to the basic needs of poor households.

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SVG joins CARICOM in addressing sustainable use of marine biodiversity

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ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES has joined other members of the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CARICOM) in supporting an agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to address the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction.

"Such an implementing agreement to protect the ocean and create an enhanced form of oceans governance for the integrated and sustainable development of the oceans and seas, as well as regulation of new and emerging activities," UN Ambassador I. Rhonda King told a side event last week on the margins of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in Apia, Samoa.

Against this background, King said she was "pleased to share" that, in May, she participated in a workshop hosted by the Government of Jamaica in Kingston, for CARICOM countries to consider the potential of such an agreement for the region.

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King said that marine genetic resources of the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction should benefit all, stating that an implementing agreement is as much about realizing opportunities as confronting challenges.

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"The theme of the conference focuses on "durable partnerships." She said that SIDS have struggled to access ABNJ because "we do not have access to the capacity and technology needed to reach them," adding that scientific research and the transfer of marine technology will be "the foundation for sustainable use of resources in areas beyond national jurisdiction."

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- The envoy said genetic resources found in ABNJ form part of the last global commons, belonging to all states in equal measure. Yet, she said SIDS, and developing countries in general, lag far behind their developed country counterparts in realizing their benefits.

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VincyCares holds successful school supplies drive

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THE INTERNET-BASED group, VincyCares, has expressed great satisfaction with its recent fundraising drive to provide school supplies for primary school children in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Vincent and the Grenadines. “VincyCares’ dream is to make sure that school supplies do not come between a child and his/her education, thus leveling the playing field for more equal opportunity for a proper education,” VincyCares President Franklyn “Supadex” Richards told THE VINCENTIAN after the group staged its latest drive on Labor Day, Saturday, August 30, at Standard Shippers in Brooklyn, New York. The shipping company is owned by Biabou native Gideon “Pessy” Yorke. Richards, who hails from Calder, said the purpose of the annual drive, named after VincyCares’ late board member Taswsya Cambridge, is aimed at providing school supplies to every needy child in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

“This year’s event was much bigger and better than previous years, which adds to the trend of a growing support from the Vincentian and non-Vincentian community in the Diaspora,” said Richards about the fifth annual event.

“This year also saw a wider variety of local dishes – blackfish, roast breadfruit, bakes, saltfish, tri tri cake, conch, pelau, crab and callaloo, bread and cassava pudding, corn soup and bread nut,” he added about the mouthwatering delicacies.

Richards said most of the food was contributed by supporters, and well wishers and members of VincyCares. Additionally, he said the sound system was supplied, free of charge, by Nolan Bulze, of the Brooklyn-based Vincentian band Solid, with DJs SupaEyes, Kemmy, Yung Hova, Bajan King and Blondie, and announcer Atiba Williams.

“IT was a festive mood that saw Vincentians from as far as California coming to Brooklyn to support a worthy cause,” said Richards, adding soca artistes Luta and Fireman were also on hand in giving the crowd a mini performance leading up to the show that Saturday night at Café Omar in Brooklyn.

He said VincyCares has successfully distributed school supplies to every primary school in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, “and is continuing the trend to supply school supplies where they are needed.”

In addition to school supplies, he said VincyCares has distributed nine scholarships to students throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines, “and will continue to provide scholarships as long as the general public continues to support our cause.

“We have seen firsthand the impact the scholarships have on the students’ overall performance, which further strengthen our determination to help those we can to better their lives, hence their future,” Richards said.

“The best part of this whole experience is to see how hard the Board of Directors and members came together and worked tirelessly and unselfishly for the future of the children of St. Vincent and the Grenadines,” he added.
Taiwan Youth Ambassadors to stage cultural extravaganza

A DELEGATION OF YOUTH AMBASSADORS from the Republic of China (Taiwan) will be staging a music and dance extravaganza at the Lecture Theater of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College at Glen on September 16, 2014 at 2:30 pm. The 90-minute presentation of Chinese music, traditional and contemporary dance and Chinese opera, is a unique demonstration of the culture and the beauty of Taiwan. The students of the Community College will also join the event in performing music and dances to showcase Vincentian culture. The admission to the event is free.

The Delegation comprises 17 youth ambassadors with majors in art, music, dance and some other fields from prestigious universities in Taiwan. They underwent rigorous training for 45 days before embarking on a 3-week tour of San Francisco, Los Angeles, St. Kitts and the Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. They are scheduled to visit St. Vincent on September 14 through 18.

The Government of Taiwan has conducted the International Youth Ambassadors Exchange Program since 2009. This year, Taiwan is organizing eight delegations of youth ambassadors, made up of 128 students in total, to tour 36 cities in 32 countries. Each delegation visits four or five nations in such areas as Africa, Asia-Pacific, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, North America and West Asia. They will conduct meetings, attend seminars, and stage performances that combine dance, music and Mandarin language themes, so as to introduce Taiwan to local audiences. The Youth Ambassadors Program is aimed to forge lasting friendships with people from different cultural backgrounds, who will in turn gain a better appreciation of all that Taiwan has to offer.
Opinion

Cain offers a better political deal

PLEASE ALLOW ME A LITTLE SPACE TO answer some critics, to thank those who supported me; and to provide some food for thought for all, after offering myself as one of the contestants in Marriaquá at a time such as this.

I have taught French, Spanish, Geography and Economics at three institutions, to hundreds of students over the years. I hold a BA in Economics, and a MSc. in Financial Economics. My political life dates back to 1993, the closing days of MNU, when I was the caretaker in Marriaquá. I was eclipsed by Sir. Girlyn Miguel. I harbour no hard feelings toward her. She is a wonderful and decent lady. I soldered on in the shadows. When it appeared that the chips were down for the Party following the fiasco that was the Referendum in 2009, I set up a working party group at my house, and rallied a handful of faithful comrades to bolster ULP’s standing in the community to beat off NDP convincingly in 2010 general elections. This comrade held the fort.

I take this opportunity to answer the critics who believe “no one takes him seriously,” and provide some food for thought. Marriaquá has 16 polling stations, 6 of which are in Richland Park/Hopewell, and a whopping 54% of the votes in Marriaquá. He who knows the electoral arithmetic in Marriaquá, knows that whoever wins Richland Park convincingly, wins the constituency. I live in Richland Park. This fact redounds to a homeboy’s advantage, at a time when the folks of Richland Park are saying that, this time, they want their representatives from Richland Park and living there with them. Also, the rest of Marriaquá takes it as their cue from what the majority in Richland Park are saying. Ask yourself which of the three of us: Jimmy Prince, Kirk Da Silva and Godson Cain, is likely to get the most votes, given the people’s expressed desire to have their representative this time from Richland Park.

Some people want to believe that I am not known outside of my home base. This is a serious understatement, and one designed to sow seeds of doubt in the minds of everybody in Marriaquá and everybody does not know me; but I am working my way to them. I do not want them only to know my name, face, but crucially what I am offering is a programme of economic, political and social development. In order to engender a better deal... one backed by a high level of development and financial economics and planning. Folks in Marriaquá, I am doing it for you. Take a chance on me. Together, we can beat the odds. Therefore, it is not so much a matter of who or what I am; it is a matter of what I can bring to the table to deal with the real-estate and butter issues that confront our community and, by extension, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

As I move around the various communities, I talk to people, especially the unemployed youths with a number of CSEC passes or A levels, and of late, a growing number of our university graduates, are getting fed up and are increasingly asking themselves why did they bother to study. In a few words, they want jobs, they want action. They are becoming more cynical and dismissive of the people and articulate environment, domestic, regional and international, does not offer hope. The media inform us that things are hard everywhere, and this is only a desperado (despair, which, if not alleviated, feeds into a psychology of hopelessness), and is often mouthed, “all ah yah the same and I ain’t voting”. Some feel betrayed.

We have to take stock of what are the felt needs and aspirations of our people, and articulate programmes to engender hope. Sometimes, I ask myself how are the hitherto prosperous farmers and their dependents making out in a time such as this when their farms have been ravaged by plant disease, hard on the heels of poorly maintained and unfriendly competition in external markets in Europe, that were once their safe haven. How are they making out living on extremely discouraging prices? I ask myself, a nine-member group? Who are we contemplating doing for them to lift their spirit? The agriculture sector, the lifeline in Marriaquá, is underinvested, needing scientific guidance in terms of what to plant, when to plant, how to plant and crucially, poor people into bigger businesses. We have the highest concentration of educated folks outside of Kingstown. Some of the top civil servants in our administration hail from Marriaquá, yet we get the smallest slice of public sector investment. Charity really doesn’t begin at home. In closing, a number of pressing bread and butter issues are confronting our folks, and let us not be sidetracked by our faces, frequency at bars, on television, or sponsorship of this or that; but let us regularly engage the hearts and minds of our people so that they share our vision, and fall in line, in our quest to deliver a better deal for the folks living in the breadbasket, and save it from becoming a basket case. Therefore, I am calling on the other two contenders to let us rumble in the Valley in the full glare of our folks. We can put our vision and aspirations before them and feel questions from them. I am ready to rumble. I am calling for the debate.

Godwin Cain

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Splectron to host Party Monarch

by KENVILLE HORNE

BUSINESSMAN, Regis
Splectron is once again setting his eyes on putting on another major event, after a four-year dormancy. Known for organizing popular boat excursions, video production and television entertainment shows, Splectron has become synonymous with entertainment here, and on October 4th, he will be hosting a major Party Monarch.

The event will showcase upcoming, unknown and established artistes here, who would be competing for a crown and prize monies. According to Splectron, the artistes who will be performing would not have to worry about props, as, according to Splectron, “the only prop they will all have a mike (Microphone)”. He further explained that crowd response will determine the winner.

Explaining the reason behind the show, Splectron said that, for the last seven to eight years, the soca monarch crown has either gone to Delroy “Fire Man” Hooper or Gamal “Skinny Fabulous” Doyle, and he is of the view that this trend might continue for another 6 years. “The show is to give another artiste a chance to wear a crown,” said Splectron.

Amongst the artistes that would be competing in the Party Monarch are Sizz Crazy, Vincy Marshall, DJ 20, Demus, Rusty, Keith Currency, Wiz Kid, Johnny Rebel, Elegance, Mylo, Recker, Fresh Kid, Madskull and Mr. Blues. There will also be a Mad Soca party segment featuring Hyper 4000, a back in time party with 2Kool Kris, a big party with Alston “Becket” Cyrus, and a celebrity game show, similar to that of popular American game show Family Feud. Afton Splectron is promising a Kings of Calypso clash, featuring Ipa, Abijah, Skarpyon, and 2014 calypso monarch Man Zangie, while Robert “Patches” King is promising to assist artistes with recording their songs for the 2016 carnival season, along with producing music videos. “A lot of artistes want to do music videos, but because of the price, they have to rely on friends and family,” explained Splectron. He disclosed that he has already produced two free music videos for the soca artistes Rusty and Skarpyon. He is looking at business firms to sponsor artistes, so that they can have their music remixed, to provide much needed airplay leading up to the show. The concept is also looking at forming an organization called the Association for Soca Artists (ASA) that would help assist soca artistes by providing much needed airplay leading up to the show. For persons who would not be attending the show, they can view it through VC3 pay per view channel.

A press conference is expected sometime soon at the CDC office, but Splectron is already appealing to the public for their support.

Blame it on Bongo Iley

THERE IS A NEW MUSICAL production on the market. It is called Stoppalus. The person behind the venture is Giles Francois, known in the entertainment industry as Ras Bongo Iley.

There are six songs on the album: Who’s gonna rock, Use what you got, Winner, Good things, Celebrate, and Blame it. It was recorded at Ice Kid’s Prographixx Studio.

Giles ‘Ras Bongo Iley’ Francois

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STOPPALUS RELEASES VIDEO

Popular businessman Regis
Splectron.

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by WILLIAM ‘KOJAH’ ANTHONY

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Sir D’ plans a comeback

by HAYDN HUGGINS

AFTER ABOUT 20 YEARS’ absence, veteran calypsonian Francis Mayers who sings under the sobriquet ‘Sir D’, is thinking about returning to the stage for Vincy Mas 2015.

The 70-year-old, who penned and sang the 1992 hit ‘Woman Gone, Woman Dey’, says the recent singing over of the song by popular young Vincentian artiste Orande ‘Bomani’ Charles, has led to the revival of his interest in the artform.

‘Sir D’ admitted that ‘Bomani’ had injected new life in to the calypso, and that ‘Bomani’s’ covering of the song resulted in him (‘Sir D’) becoming more aware of his moral and economic rights as a writer and calypsonian.

“I think it is a blessing in disguise, because it inspired me to continue writing and singing calypso”, ‘Sir D’ told THE VINCENTIAN on Monday.

In July this year, through a back page story in THE VINCENTIAN newspaper, ‘Sir D’ sent out a warning that he was contemplating seeking legal advice if whoever was responsible for the covering of the song, without his permission, did not contact him within a reasonable space of time.

‘Bomani’ had sent a warning that the song was released as a promotional cover. “No CD’s were done by the recording studio, it is not available for sale, it was done strictly for promotion”, ‘Bomani’ added that efforts were made to reach ‘Sir D’, but he could not be located, so the song was done so that people could hear and appreciate it. “Absolutely no disrespect was intended”. The matter was amicably resolved on August 19, resulting in ‘Sir D’ becoming a member of the Eastern Caribbean Collective Organisation for Music Rights (ECCO), and the registering of the song, ‘Woman gone woman Dey’. This was done through the assistance of distinguished Vincentian musician Joffre Venner, who is also local director on ECCO’s board, and secretary of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Music Professional (SVGAMP), of which ‘Bomani’ is president. ‘Sir D’ can now collect royalties from the air play of the song, regardless of who sings it. He has indicated his satisfaction with the amicable resolution of the matter, and that he has no intention of taking it further.

‘Sir D’ said that before this development, he had no knowledge of what ECCO was, and the benefits to be derived from becoming a member and from writers having their songs registered.

‘Sir D’ said returning to the calypso arena would not be difficult for him, because he has new material, and he is hoping to sing with a calypso tent next year.

‘Woman Gone Woman Dey’, arranged by Olson ‘Pete’ Peters, took ‘Sir D’ to the finals of the 1992 National Calypso Monarch Competition. It didn’t win him a place in the top three positions, but it was undoubtedly one of the most popular calypsos that year. ‘Sir D’ was at the time a member of the Graduates Calypso Tent. His last performance was in 1994 with the Old Brigades Calypso Tent. He did not make it to the National Semi-finals that year, and was not seen or heard of in the calypso field since.

‘Sir D’, at age 70, is very active and looks much younger than his age. He is originally from Sion Hill, but currently resides at Georgetown.
Dear George,

I have a big problem, and I need help before I go mad. My husband nags me, and nothing I do seems to make him happy. As soon as I come home from work, he expects me to do house chores without even letting me rest for a five minutes. Note very well, he can’t do anything to help, but complains. The Bible says in sickness and in health; but this verbal torture is driving me crazy. If I leave, society will say it is because he is sick and he is not bringing in money. He finds time to text his girlfriend, but can’t text me to find out how I am doing at work. Chikungunya affected me, but he still expects me to do the same amount of work that I am accustomed doing daily in the house; yet when it affected him, I did everything for him, since he could not help himself. Do you think he needs to see a psychologist, or should I leave him and not care what society or my church says? It is only who is in the kitchen that feels the heat. I do everything to make him happy, but somehow his countenance does not show gratefulness. We are a young couple, so I desperately need your advice.

Depressed

Dear Depressed,

It must be first understood that if your husband was not a happy man at the time of your marriage to him or when you met him, then it is not your responsibility to make him happy. You cannot and should not spend your time trying to make him happy. He needs to find the source of what makes him so unhappy, and yes, engaging the services of a psychologist would definitely help. To continue like this without seeing a professional to help you sort things out, will only bring frustration, and can cause you to make improper decisions.

The first option in responding to a problem in the marriage should not be divorce, and seeing that you are a young couple, you can certainly benefit from sound, professional advice.

George

Dear George,

I MET MY BOYFRIEND with a small bottle of gramoxone in his hand, ready to consume it, and I knocked it away from him. I asked him why was he thinking of taking his life, and he said that he cannot bear the pressure that he is under. He has lost his job a while back, and has to depend on me while back, and has to depend on me to consume it, and I knocked it away from him. I asked him why was he thinking of taking his life, and he said that he cannot bear the pressure that he is under. He has lost his job a while back, and has to depend on me. His father has also died many years ago. I thought that my love for him would have been enough, but I now found out that it is not. I feel so helpless right now, and I am afraid that he will try this again. George, I love this man dearly and cannot afford to lose him. Please tell me what to do, George! I want to marry this man and have his children.

Desperate

Dear Desperate,

Your boyfriend leaving you had nothing to do with the virus you have in your body, be it Chikungunya or whatever else. He wanted an excuse to leave, and took this opportunity at the expense of appearing ignorant. If he was interested in you and truly loved you, he would have remained with you and helped you investigate the reason for your illness, with the hope of finding the relevant cure. There is enough information branded about pertaining to the Chikungunya virus for him not to know that it comes with a rash on the body, among other things. One thing you now know, and that is he was not the quality man you were looking for. Use this opportunity to move on.

George

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George

Dear George,

YOU HAVE TO HEAR THIS ONE! My boyfriend was bold enough to tell me that the reason why he is leaving me is because I have contracted the HIV virus. George, he pointed to the rash on my skin and started carrying on like some crazy man. I tried to tell him that it is the Chikungunya I have and not HIV; but he refused to listen, and started listing the men whom he claims slept with me in the past and still sleeping with. I have not heard from him for a few days now, so I take it that he is gone. I feel so hurt right now, George, and to see that he has made all those promises to me of never leaving me, and look now, he is gone. Men like him are dogs, and I hope he dies like one.

Upset

Dear Upset,

I want to marry this man and have his children.

Desperate

Dear Desperate,

It is very important that you encourage your boyfriend to get help. You can begin by going to the Marion House. There they will recommend further help for him if it is necessary. He needs to be able to talk about his issues, and for someone to help him reorganize his thoughts. The people who want to take their own life most times do not really wish to die, but only want the pain to stop. He needs to be given other options than taking his life and that’s why you should immediately accompany him to see someone. It would not be a good thing to leave him alone at the time. Continue to emotionally support him as best you can until he gets the professional help he needs.

George

How can he take Chikungunya for HIV?

Dear George,

In sickness and health, not so sure

Dear George,

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St Vincent & the Grenadines

Deadline for submission of application: Tuesday, September 16th, 2014

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Chikungunya

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George
Be an individual. It's the person you are that people love. Being stubborn with a loved one could back fire. Work toward win-win outcomes. An opportunity at work promises to be positive. If indulging in retail therapy, ensure the bank account.

Love is intense! Get ready to embrace change. You could be making–up or breaking–up. Think before you speak – it will happen with the time is right!

Leisure

GOVERNMENT OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project (RDVRP)
Request for Expressions of Interest – Individual Consultant
Senior Quantity Surveyor

Background
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) has received financing from the International Development Association (World Bank) towards the costs of the RDVRP. To support activities financed under the project, the Government of SVG wishes to engage the services of a Senior Quantity Surveyor (SQS). The SQS will be assigned to the Ministry of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government (MoTW) to work on the RDVRP with the Public Sector Investment Program Management Unit (PSIPMU) within the Ministry of Finance Economic Planning.

Scope
The position of SQS is a contracted fulltime position. (S)He will work in the office of the MoTW. The SQS will provide support to the Chief Engineer in managing and implementing the technical functions relating to the infrastructure portfolio of the RDVRP as well as other projects in need of technical support – planning, design, implementation and overall management.

The SQS will coordinate with the procurement officers within the PSIPMU and will liaise closely with the World Bank project team and the MoTW under the direct supervision of the Chief Engineer. The SQS shall also be responsible for ensuring project activities are conducted in accordance with the Government of SVG and World Bank procurement policy and procedures.

The detailed Terms of Reference may be viewed at the Expressions of Interest Link on the Web Classified page, and under the Procurement listing on the project’s homepage at www.gov.vw

Applications must be accompanied by detailed curriculum vitae and should be addressed to:

The Director of Planning
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Applications must reach the Director of Planning no later than Friday, 26th September, 2014.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

COMPANY Digicel made sure that students enrolled at the School for Children with Special Needs were not left out of the cricket action when the two-test series between the West Indies and Bangladesh began at Arnos Vale last Friday, September 5th. Digicel treated over 44 kids and a number of teachers from the Fernside based institution to a day of cricket at Arnos Vale. The kids were chauffeured to the event by Digicel, while the company also provided tickets and lunch for the group. A former student and now teacher at the school, Terence Davis, described the outing as “exciting”.

“It is exciting for them to be here, and for a lot of them this is the first time seeing the West Indies play. It is good to see Digicel doing this, and we hope that they will continue to support the school”, said Davis who added, “this is really a nice outing for the kids, where they can get together in a relaxing setting”.

This was the second dose of West Indies cricket for the students, as on Wednesday, September 3rd, four West Indies cricketers, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Jermaine Blackwood, Shane Shillingford and Kirk Edwards, visited the school along with Marketing Manager at Digicel Juno DeRoche and Marketing Executive Danielle Cupid. The cricketers interacted with the students during that visit. Commenting on Friday’s activity, DeRoche said that Digicel always tries to brighten the lives of these kids. She said that whenever there is cricket at Arnos Vale, they try to get the kids to attend.

“We love working with these kids, and we will continue to support them in whatever way we can”, said DeRoche.

The Girls’ High School’s CSEC Performance 2014

AT THIS YEAR’S May/June sitting of CXC’s CSEC examinations, one hundred and forty-five (145) students of the St. Vincent Girls’ High School were examined in a combination of twenty-five (25) subjects. Ninety (90) students registered for more than nine subjects: (this represents 62.07% of the total number of students registered) the maximum number of subjects offered by the school.

The school recorded an overall pass rate of 97.09 %. We deem as significant the 100% passes in thirteen (13) subject areas. The pass rate for the other subjects ranged from 87.04 % to 99.91%.

Worthy of particular note is the 97.91 % pass rate in Mathematics, an increase of 11.91% over last year’s results. Individual student performances range from twelve (12) to four (4) subject passes. Three of fourteen students who sat twelve subjects obtained all grade ones. These students are Rhea Cain, Kyra Matthias and this year’s Valedictorian, Jodi Porter. Twenty-three (23) students passed eleven (11) subjects, while forty-five (45) passed ten subjects. Sixty-four (64) students gained from four (4) to nine (9) passes. We congratulate all of our girls, and wish them well in their pursuit of excellence. We also commend our teachers for their unswerving commitment to preparing our students for success. The invaluable contribution of parents must also be applauded. Their prayers, coaching and support all redound to the success of the students.
**West Indies achieved first Test win at Arnos Vale**

Opener Kraigg Brathwaite plays forward on the final day

**Stories by E. GLENFORD PRESCOTT**

**THE WEST INDIES recorded their first Test win at the Arnos Vale Playing Field on Tuesday when they beat Bangladesh by ten wickets in the first Dhaka Bank Test series.**

Prior to this, the West Indies had played two Test matches at the Arnos Vale Playing Field, the first in 1997 against Sri Lanka which ended in a draw, and the second in 2009 against Bangladesh which the visitors won against an under strength West Indies team.

This time around, a full strength West Indies team, led by Denesh Ramdin, easily outplayed Bangladesh, and were it not for a number of drop catches, could have registered a more comprehensive victory.

The West Indies, which saw ten of the eleven players making their Test debut at the ground, were asked to bat first and reached 484/7, on the back of a maiden Test double century from opener Kraigg Brathwaite, and half centuries from Shivnarine Chanderpaul (85*), Chris Gayle (64) and Darren Bravo (62).

Brathwaite featured in century stands of 116 for the first wicket with Gayle, 128 for the third wicket with Bravo and 146 with Chanderpaul for the fourth wicket. Debutant left-arm spinner Taijul Islam (5/135) led the Bangladeshi bowling.

Bangladesh, too, put in one of their new customary batting performances, to be skittled out for 182, with captain Mushfiqur Rahim (48) the only light.

This notwithstanding the exploits of Darren Bravo, who snared six catches, could have registered a more comprehensive victory.

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**Ramdin unhappy with team’s catching**

Skipper Ramdin wants better catching

THE NUMBER OF CATCHES put down by the West Indies, and easy ones in particular, is of some concern to captain Denesh Ramdin.

Speaking at a post-match media conference at which THE VINCENTIAN was the only local media house present, the West Indies skipper was full of praise for the bowling and batting, but bemoaned the shabby work by his men in the outfield and close to the bat, and has asked his charges to improve ahead of this weekend’s second Test in St. Lucia.

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Players doing mandatory greetings at the end of the match

**Bangladesh captain Mushfiqur Rahim drives**

**Jerome Taylor to the cover boundary**
TEAM SVG (Vincy Heat) have booked their place into the semi-final round in the Caribbean Cup, following a comfortable 4-nil trashing to below par Anguilla in the CFU qualifying round at the Antigua Recreation Ground last weekend.

SVG secured their spot with their second victory, despite one game to play in their round against host Antigua. They beat the Dominican Republic 1-nil in their opening game in the 72nd, while Zinhno Solomon was straightened with strikes from the attacking forward Myron Samuel wearing the famous number 10 jersey which earned the local boys a spot in the semi finals.

The 4-nil victory over Anguilla which earned the local boys a spot in the semi finals was inspired by the ever impressive youngster Oalex “Bounty”Anderson who captivate the hearts of Antiguans and other visitors, wearing the famous number 10 jersey and scoring the first two goals in the 36th and 38th minutes. The score line was straightened with strikes from the attacking forward Myron Samuel in the 72nd, while Zinhno Solomon completed the victory with a 75th minute strike.

Dubbed as the finals of the Caribbean Cup, with the final match between SVG and Antigua team, Vincy Heat deservedly went ahead with a well taken one on one by Nazir “Naz” Mc Burnette in the 45th minute. But the determined Antiguans finally equalized in the 82nd minute from a looping header. The final stronghold came in the last 2 minutes of extra time, when Antigua broke away with only Tallman to beat, and the substitute player finished smartly inside the near post to break the Vincy Heat heart.

Antigua eventually topped the group with 9 points ahead of Team SVG with 6 points, as the two top teams to advance. Both teams will now head to Guadeloupe, along with Curacao and Martinique for the semi final group stage in October 2014.

FOLLOWING HIS DOMINANCE on the local and regional scene, with his impeccable talent and ability in the middle distance running, Brandon Parris, one of this country’s stalwarts, has earned himself athletic scholarships in the United States, and is settling well since.

Parris, who is now at the Caflin University in South Carolina, has been since getting the feel of University life, and is looking forward to the challenge ahead. “With the different surroundings being a new experience for me I was a little skeptical about what I was coming here to meet,” Parris said. “However, my first week of University and campus life went smoothly”, he disclosed. “It’s a great atmosphere, and the people here are family-oriented, so they made me comfortable,” the former Thomas Saunders student commented. “As I said in a previous interview, it’s definitely a great feeling to know that the hard work I put out is rewarded,” the top runner said.

Parris, who represents the TT-DAT Athletics Club here, said his aim for this first year of study is to become an Honor Student during his four-year stint at the University, “and to achieve that, I must attain a GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.50. I entered this institution with an average of 3.33, so my goal isn’t too far ahead, but in time, with my commitment during this period, things should improve,” Parris pointed out.
Arnos Vale praised

THE ARNOS VALE Playing Field, opened in April 1972, and upgraded substantially to accommodate the staging of the International Cricket Council World Cup in 2007, has been praised for its drainage system.

Commentators were generous in their commendations and Prime Minister Dr Ralph Gonsalves was modest in his acknowledgement of the kudos extended.

He referred to remarks from Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Governor Sir Dwight Venner about the efficiency of the drainage system as made by the commentators.

Venner, a Vincentian based at the ECCB headquarters in St. Kitts, must have been proud of the appreciation his country received. For, with a near disaster having taken place as a result of the rain, play proceeded at Arnos Vale, once the sky cleared.

The West Indies went on to secure their first Test victory at that venue, after three matches.

Dr. Gonsalves echoed the figures spent to upgrade the venues at Arnos Vale, Stubbs, and Sion Hill, on which $54M was spent.

The playing area dried out quickly, even with little sunshine that Saturday, and when the sun came out days after, Bangladesh enjoyed remarkable conditions and extended the game into a fifth day.

Persons were delighted with the performance of the home team for their lack of positive intent on the second day. But that might be a harsh criticism, given that victory was achieved before lunch on the fifth day.

One reason for the level of disappointment was the number of catches that the West Indies put down, which enabled the Bangladeshis to stage a fight back.

Captain Denesh Ramdin was also at the receiving end of some criticism for his decisions, but these may have been harsh. Captains can’t be blamed when catches are spilled.

Commentators have their role, and their remarks are made on the spur of the moment. When they reflect, they realise that some statements are better not being aired.

The Vincentian Cricket Association must be praised for their handling of the situation. It was a new executive, and the exercise must have been a test for President Kishore Shallow. He had some experienced members to assist him, and for them, it was routine.

However, there could have been hiccups. Vincentians are keen to put on a good show, and the Bangladeshis arrival on this occasion was not as controversial as 2009.

At that time, there was uncertainty over the composition of the team the morning on which the match was played. It is a relief that the feud between the Board and Players Association has ended. It was a matter of action on the field.

The team responded, and West Indian supporters will be happy. The perfectionists will ponder on the lapses, but those can and will occur under any circumstance.

What may be of concern is the dominance of overseas experts in the running of affairs at Arnos Vale.

There is a feeling that local persons are not allowed to play a role in the unveiling of the stadium which carries an element of Vincentian productivity.

With the incursion of the foreign element, there is the risk that some wrong messages could be sent out.

West Indies Cricket appears to have succumbed to the outside influence, and it is when things have gone out of control that efforts are made to restore them.

There is a danger that we are allowing that situation to fester on us. We have to be careful to avoid it.

Super40 sees increase in teams, prize monies

AN INCREASE IN PRICE monies and an increase in the number of teams are among initiatives taken by the SVG Cricket Association for the second edition of the Super40 which bowled off this weekend, according to a release from the Association.

The dates for the tournament as per the release are 13th, 14th, 20th & 21st September 2014.

The changes, three in total, see an expansion to five teams; preliminary matches being played at the main Arnos Vale Playing Field and the Sion Hill Playing Field, and the September 21st final expected to feature two West Indies international players.

According to the release, the qualifying teams are: First Division champions, IShallz Byam’s Physical Therapy; Premier Division champions, Team Rivals; second place team Guardian General Saints; third place finishers LIME Radcliffe and fourth place victors One.

Four teams, three from the Premier Division, and the winners of the First Division, contested last year’s tournament.

The First Division team is allowed to draft in four new players, while the Premier Division teams are allowed two.

Second vice-president of the SVG Cricket Association Denis Byam said.

Prize monies have doubled from last year, with the winners’ cheque increasing from EC$2,900 to EC$4,000. Runners up get EC$1,500, 3rd place EC$700, and 4th place EC$300. Additionally, each Man of the Match would be receiving a bat, compliments Veira’s Courtsey Sports, the release stated.

Byam said that, coming out of the Super40, the Association will be looking to publish a magazine for distribution in early 2015.

Team Rivals won the inaugural competition last year, when they defeated Guardian General Saints in the final at Park Hill.

Tournament Fixtures:
- Match 3: Sunday 14th Sept 2014: IShallz Byam’s Physical Therapy vs Winner Match 1 (Sion Hill)
- Match 4: Saturday 20th Sept 2014: Loser Match 2 vs Loser Match 3 (Park Hill)
- Match 5: Sunday 21st Sept 2014: Winner Match 2 vs Winner Match 3 (Park Hill)
REGISTRATION FOR NEW NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS

Registering Officers and Photographer employed by the Electoral Office will be at the under-mentioned venues at the times listed to register persons who are eligible to receive the new National Identity Card and to distribute completed Identity Cards.

Persons wishing to be registered MUST bring their birth certificates and where applicable, marriage certificates and citizenship certificates, and any other documents required to complete the process.

Where a change of residence is being requested, the individual must provide proof of his/her residence over the last six (6) months.

Eligible Vincentians nationals who are visiting at this time are especially encouraged to renew their registration while in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The co-operation of the public will be greatly appreciated.

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FLASHFLOOD DAMAGE NOT SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT OUTSIDE HELP

by KENVILLE HORNE

DESpite FLASHFLOODS on Saturday which caused landslides, damage to infrastructure and homes, Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves is of the view that the damage was not sufficient to require outside assistance.

Last Saturday, rain poured down in an aggressive manner, so much so that many Vincentians were wondering if they were about to experience a similar occurrence of the Christmas Disaster, when torrential rainfall caused havoc across the country. But no life was lost, as in the case of the Christmas Disaster, neither was there as much damage. However, a few infrastructure, homes and business places sustained damage due to landslides or flooding.

The ET Joshua airport was flooded, while its barriers were breached; some business places in Kingstown were also impacted, and as the day got clear, many persons could be seen in Kingstown, cleaning and conducting repair works.

At a Press conference hosted by Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves on Tuesday, the declaration was that the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has the resources to respond to the damage left by the flashfloods on Saturday. "... the floods which we had and landslides caused significant damage to the infrastructure and to homes, but not at a scale which approaches anywhere where we need to seek any assistance from any entity outside of St. Vincent and the Grenadines," said Gonsalves.

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