inside the beautiful twin isle parish
BISHOP'S COLLEGE IMPROVING ITS LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Further enhancement to the communication skills of students attending Bishop's College. The school over the years attained a 75% pass rate in English A and other Languages offered at the CXC Level. Principal Rholda Quamina said the Language Lab will play an important role in the learning process.

This as the school turned the sod for the construction of a language laboratory. The lab is being constructed through funding provided by the Grenada Electricity Services Ltd (GRENLEC) to the tune of $130,000.00 towards education as a "wonderful partnership between the public and private sector'.

The Language Lab is being constructed by Bald Head Construction.
A positive start to the school term for the staff and students of Bishop's College.

Mentors at the educational institution placed second among 45 secondary schools in the Pearson Class of the Year 2011 competition - the first of its kind in the Caribbean.

The competition organized by Pearson, the world's leading learning company, sought to find an outstanding class or school, whose achievements told an inspiring story that others could learn from.

Over 250 entries were submitted from five Caribbean countries: Grenada, Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad and Barbados.

Director of the Mentorship program which was established in October 2009, Nadina Williams, is elated and said this has motivated the students to give more of themselves. The mentorship program provides successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, thus fostering a better school environment.
Known for the planning and execution of the annual Carriacou Parang Festival, the Mt. Royal Progressive Youth Movement is also playing their part in educational development.

Wallace Collins, President of the organization which was formed on March 12th, 1974, noted that is their way of contributing to the development of the nation.

The organization distributed over one thousand (1000) exercise books and pencils to the pre-primary, primary and secondary schools in the twin isle parish.

The Principals of the schools all expressed their appreciation to the voluntary organization. With some noting that the gesture is very important as from time to time students would request such items.

The Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs led by Senator George Prime applauds the Mt. Royal Progressive Youth Movement for their contribution toward the education sector.
NEW HOUSES FOR TWO IN CARRIACOU

Government continues to fulfill its promise of providing better housing to the citizens of the tri-island state.

Two (2) families in Carriacou received the keys to their new homes, by Minister for Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs Senator George Prime.

The beneficiaries are Theresa McFarlane and Junie Julien. Ms. McFarlane, a single mother who presently resides at Lauriston noted her appreciation for the construction of her new home in Dumfries.

While, Ms. Julien who lost her home to fire about a year ago also expressed gratitude to the Ministries of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs and Housing for the rebuilding of her house.

Minister Prime lauded the efforts of the staff of the Division of Housing, Patricia Patterson and Hugh Alexander; for continuing to look after the housing needs of citizens here.

Reverend Clement Francis of the Anglican Faith blessed the houses.

To continue to fulfill the housing quest of citizens, a delegation from the Ministry of Housing led by Projects Manager Joseph Noel and officials from the Chinese Embassy--- visited the island to look at the development of low income housing here.
Developing a closer working relationship with Grenadians living abroad is part of Government’s development plans.

And, as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs prepares for the Grenadian Homecoming in August 2012, officials met with returning nationals in Carriacou to inform and seek their participation in the activities.

Permanent Secretary Elizabeth Henry-Greenidge said that its government’s intention through the Office of Diaspora Affairs to build partnerships between the Diaspora communities and home.

Also present at the meeting was Consul General for New York Derrick James who noted that the Diaspora plays a critical role in nation building with over sixty (60) Grenadian groups and organizations existing in the New York area.

Senor George Prime said that the NDC administration recognizes the importance of the Diaspora and will utilize the skills, resources and experiences of nationals living abroad.

Meanwhile Consul General James presented a cheque of US$1,100 to the Parish Priest of the Hillsborough Roman Catholic Church Father Carl Haynes from the Independence Committee to assist with rehabilitation work on the church.
Steel pan music in Carriacou and Petite Martinique will now be taken on a new level.

In a presentation ceremony held at the Harvey Vale Resource Centre, PS Sylvester was elated to receive the pans from John McDonald, Branch Manager of the Grenada Electricity Services.

Getting the pans from Trinidad was no easy feat. However through Mrs. Sylvester's persistence they are now here available for teaching the steel pan program which was introduced to the primary schools, three years ago.

GRENLEC’s Branch Manager John McDonald, said the electricity company is proud to make a contribution towards the development of culture and praised Mrs. Sylvester for her efforts.

Steel pan Tutor Leroy Sylvester also offered his gratitude to GRENLEC as he recalled when the program commenced a few years ago; it was done with pans that out lived their usefulness.

Also attending the presentation ceremony were Minister...
for Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs Senator the Hon. George Prime, Acting Permanent Secretary Javon Williams, Senior Culture Officer David 'Peck' Edwards and officials of GRENLEC.

It is hoped that very soon Carriacou will produce a steel pan orchestra to participate in the National Panorama Championship in Grenada.

**UNESCO SUPPORTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

The support and input of citizens is important, in ensuring the successful implementation of local government in Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

Therefore, the Local Government Office led by Permanent Secretary Bernadette Lendore- Sylvester, through funding provided by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) conducted a five (5) month training in Civics and Local Government Administration.

At the closing ceremony PS Sylvester expressed profound thanks to UNESCO and said the training was conducted in several communities in Carriacou and Petite Martinique and involved local facilitators.

This she added should strengthen the community involvement in fulfilling their constitutional right.

Showing support for the training, Minister for Carriacou and Petite

He further reiterated that local government cuts across party lines and involves cooperating to achieve goals.
FARMERS IN CARRIACOU GETTING ASSISTANCE

Twenty (20) farmers in Carriacou and Petite Martinique will be receiving assistance from a World Bank project funded by the Japanese Government.

The project is geared towards assisting them to cope with weather fluctuations, the global financial crisis and food shortage.

Project Manager Rawle Charles said that they will be given assistance in three (3) areas; harvesting and storing rain water for livestock, improvement of pastures and fencing.

The water aspect of the project commenced; with the construction of a Ferro cement water tank on the property of farmer Adella Joseph.

Livestock Consultant Pweil Mwasha and officers from the Ministry of Agriculture were on the island to oversee the commencement of the project.

Head of the Agriculture Division Benson Patrice noted that this intervention will aid in the positive development of agriculture on the island.

Just about a month ago, the Agriculture Division embarked on a livestock census which is intended will assist in the proper planning and execution of extension services.
PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE TO FOOD SECURITY

Primary school students in the twin-isle parish of Carriacou and Petite Martinique are contributing to the agriculture sector through their 4H clubs. Planting a variety of fruits and vegetables such as tomatoes, cassava, banana and watermelon, they have proven that they can till the soil and reap benefits and they also understand the importance of agriculture to the nation’s economy.

The schools participated in the 4H Gardening Competition received support from the Division of Agriculture within the Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs. Head of the Agriculture Division Benson Patrice who were part of the team visiting the gardens noted how impressed he was with the level of farming done by the students and said that his Division will continue to support them.

According to Acting 4H Coordinator Jennifer Duncan, through the garden initiative, the fruits and vegetables support the schools’ feeding programme, keeping in line with the vision of the Grenada Food and Nutrition Council of eating what you grow and growing what you eat.

The Mt. Pleasant Government School was awarded the prize for the best school garden in the tri-island state.
Building a good road network in the twin isle parish of Carriacou and Petite Martinique is one of Government's top priorities.

Therefore, work continues on the 2nd phase of the Belair- Belvedere road project. The 2188ft of road is part of the Public Works Division projects which commenced in 2011.

Road Officer Anthony Modeste, visited the project site along with Permanent Secretary Bernadette Lendore-Sylvester. He said he is very satisfied; to see the progress made on the project, which is being done by Neil Patrice Construction Firm.

The Belair- Belvedere road is of paramount importance to the villagers of the Northern District and residents of Petite Martinique; as it connects them to the Princess Royal Hospital.

Meanwhile, in continuing government's quest to improve the island road, the Agriculture Division in the process of clearing the Sabazan/ Kendance road.
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Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs completed 300ft of concrete pavement and drains in the Belle Vue South area.

Community Development Officer Roxanne Cox said the work was done by Julien Calliste Construction Firm and the Division is pleased to continue with road development on the island.

The Bellevue South road is one of the roads that lead to the tri-village of Belle vue South, Belmont and Harvey Vale.
The deteriorating condition of the Hillsborough Jetty was brought to the fore by officials of the Grenada Ports Authority. General Manager Ambrose Phillip along with other port officials met with stakeholders in Carriacou, highlighting the present state of the main port on the island and the need for its replacement. Showing pictures of eroding piles and cracks on the structure, Port Manager Ian Evans said that they are now looking at their options; whether to replace the one in Hillsborough or develop new port facilities in Tyrell Bay.

He noted that while Hillsborough is near to the centre of activities and allows easy navigational approach, there is no room for expansion. Therefore, the Tyrell Bay area is the best site for a future port as it affords the opportunity for future economic expansion. Minister for Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs Senator George Prime also attended the meeting which was held at Hotel Laurena. He said government supports the development of new port facilities on the island; as this would aid in business development. The construction of new port facilities is expected to cost approximately US$2.6m.
Though, only 3 or 4 years of age, students of the pre-primary schools in Carriacou showed that they have athletic skills. They participated in the 1st ever inter-pre-primary sports meet at the Hillsborough Recreation Ground.

At the end of the fun filled day, the athletes in green and white of the Hillsborough Pre-Primary School reigned supreme, copping the first position.
The athletes of Hillsborough Government School overwhelmed their opponents for yet another year at the Inter-primary sports meet.

The athletes in green and white were a force to reckon with on the tracks, dominating most of the races in the meet which was held at the Lauriston mini-stadium.

The Carriacou Ribena sponsored GUT Inter-primary sports meet saw participation from all six (6) primary schools on the island, including Petite Martinique, who was absent for a number of years.
SPORTS

Mt. Pleasant Government

Harvey Vale Government

Races in action & Medal presentation
The coming together of two islands to showcase their athletic talents, has been highly commended by Minister for Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs Senator the Hon. George Prime.

His statement was made at the 2nd inter-island secondary schools games held at the Lauriston.

The games saw participation from Hillsborough Secondary, Bishop's College and Union Island Secondary.

At the end, although Bishop's College won the march past of athletes, they had to settle for second place as Hillsborough Secondary athletes gave them keen competition both in the field and track events. Union Island Sec placed 3rd.

Some of the outstanding athletes were Jeremy Warrick, Mickel Joseph, Joylyn Enoe and Denzel Adams.
2012 IN PICTURES
Prime Minister's Independence Best Village 2012

WINDWARD
SOUTH SIDE - L'ESTERRE/BBH
INDEPENDENCE
AND THE WINNER OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S
BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION

PETITE MARTINIQUE
INDEPENDENCE

SOUTH SIDE- L'ESTERRE/ BBH
INDEPENDENCE

BEAUSEJOUR
2012 INDEPENDENCE ROAD RACE A SUCCESS

In a show of patriotism, athletes from the secondary and primary schools in Carriacou and Petite Martinique participated in the 2012 Independence Road Race.

The activity which was organized by the Sports Division of the Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs saw the return of the Petite Martinique Roman Catholic School, who did not participate for the last two years.

This year saw a change in the route, in years gone by the race started in the south of the island; however this
year's activity saw athletes commencing the race in the town of Hillsborough went through Belair, Top Hill and back to Hillsborough.

At the end of the race; Cora Peters of the L’Esterre RC School took the first position in the primary girls' division. Peters was also last year's winner. However, Hillsborough Government School athletes Krystelle George and Samisha Thomas captured the second and third position respectively.

In the primary boys division, Deon Williams of Hillsborough Government School placed first while Josh Edmund of the L’Esterre RC School second and Trevon Modeste of Mt. Pleasant Government School third.

The secondary girls division saw athletes from Hillsborough Secondary School dominating, capturing the first, second and third positions in the persons of Briana Joseph, Karita Roseman and Kizzy Stewart.
YOUTH ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR 2012

YOUTH ON THE BLOCK
Venue: Windward, Carriacou
Date: 21st June, 2012
Coordinators: Nazim Gay & Joshin Nimrod

YOUTH REVIVAL
Venue: Tennis Court
Date: 2nd June 2012
Coordinators: Tiffany DeRoche & Georgina Ray

YOUTH DEBATE
Venue:
Date: 4th July-3rd October, 2012
Coordinators: Sherwin Plenty & Gloria Fortune

FOOD FEST
Venue: Hillsborough Market Grounds
Date: 17th June 2012
Coordinators: Charisse Bristol & Norrissa Simon

YOUTH EXPLOSION
Venue: Hillsborough Recreation Grounds
Date: 2nd-6th July, 2012
Coordinators: Tiffany DeRoche & Georgina Ray

SUMMER PROGRAMME
Venue:
Date: 9th – 27th July 2012
Coordinators: Youth Staff

GARDEN FAIR
Venue: Botanical Gardens
Date: 31st August 2012
Coordinators: Norrissa Simon & Sherwin Plenty

YOUTH PARLIAMENT
Venue:
Date: 15th November, 2012
Coordinators: Gloria fortune, Georgina Ray

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