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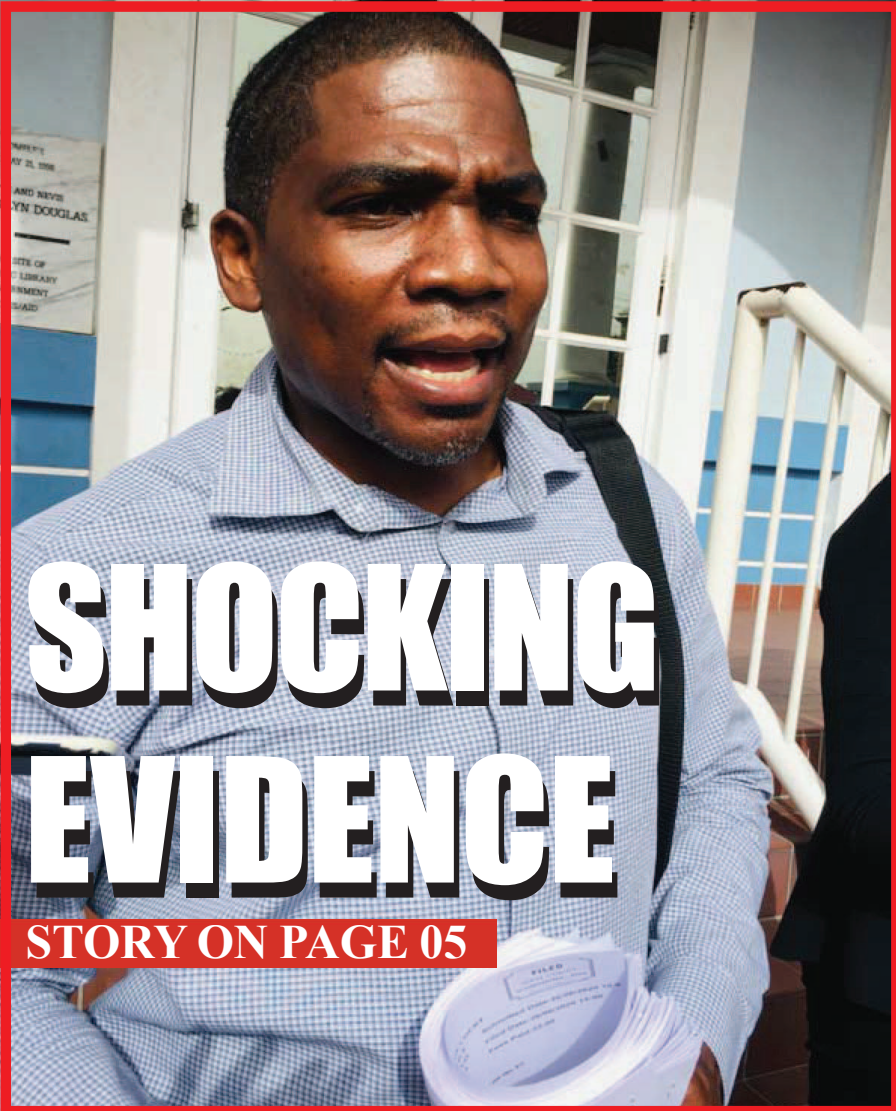
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## Editorial

*From The Editor: There are certain matters about which we should be editorialising this week. However, as they are currently sub judice (namely, before the courts), it would be somewhat inappropriate to deal with them as we normally would.*

*Consequently, and as an alternative, we have brought you the following item, which deals with what our general (and overall) approach to economics, business and development should be like, post COVID-19.*

## Coronavirus Recovery - The New Economic Thinking We Need

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is calling the coronavirus-induced economic crisis “the Great Lockdown”. The phrase mimics the Great Depression of the 1920’s and the Great Recession that followed the 2007-08 global financial crisis. But, while it is tempting to maintain linguistic consistency in naming the present crisis the Great Lockdown, this term is misleading.

The Great Lockdown suggests that the root cause of the current economic depression lies in the negative impact of the pandemic. But the extent of the economic malaise cannot be attributed solely to the coronavirus.

The record rates of unemployment and the dramatic decline in economic growth are direct outcomes of policy choices promoted by the dominant economic paradigm the world has had since the 1980s - one that says free markets are the best way to organise our economic lives. It promoted interests of the financial sector, discouraged investment, and weakened the public sector’s capacity to deal with the pandemic.

The coronavirus recovery ahead requires a new way of economic thinking - one that puts the wellbeing of society over individual success and fundamentally challenges what is valued and financially rewarded by the economy.

Today’s economic policies have their roots in the thinking of the 1980s, which blossomed in the 1990s. It is based on the idea that, in the short run, the economy is characterised by market imperfections. These imperfections may lead to crises if external shocks - like a global pandemic - hit because income, spending, and production levels in the economy unexpectedly change and many workers become suddenly laid off.

But this paradigm believes that such imperfections are easily solved by temporary government interventions. It assumes that people make mostly “rational” decisions based on a mathematical model of the economy - so a limited amount of government spending and interest rate tinkering, can bring the market back to normal. In the long term, this is meant to result in a healthy equilibrium where all people who want to work are once again able to find a job.

These ideas are the building blocks of mainstream economics and have had a decisive influence over economic policy in capitalist countries since the 1980s. Keeping inflation in check has become the top priority of economic policy in recent decades. It comes before other, arguably more important goals of policy, relating to social justice and sustainability.

Mainstream economics believes that in the long run excessive government spending, be it on healthcare, education, or on long-term projects like renewable energy, does more harm than good.

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This is because it has no influence over long-term levels of unemployment and GDP, but instead leads to inflation.

### Crisis not averted

This dominant paradigm dictates that governments only intervene in “abnormal times” - such as following the global financial crisis and now, during the coronavirus pandemic. In response to the pandemic, policymakers have injected billions into the economy through higher government spending, record-low interest rate levels, and large-scale asset purchases through quantitative easing programmes.

But based on the experience of the past decade, it’s hard to say that economic crises are truly abnormal. Heterodox economics, an approach to economics that I belong to, says economic crises are an inherent feature of capitalism.

The dominant paradigm survived the Great Recession. Some government spending was allowed to stimulate the economy after the crisis. But then, in 2010, this was replaced by a decade of austerity, which had a devastating impact on society. In the UK, for example, years of underfunding have left the NHS barely able to cope with managing the pandemic.

Just like the Great Recession in 2007, the coronavirus pandemic has exposed the contradictions of our so-called advanced economies that lead to crises. Private sector indebtedness, persistent income and wealth inequalities, dependence of the labour market on insecure forms of employment, the prevalence of oligopolies where a limited few control markets - coronavirus is not the root cause of our economic problems, merely its catalyst.

But it’s still unclear whether the pandemic will provoke a new way of economic thinking. Coronavirus seemingly fits the mainstream narrative of crises being caused by an “external shock”, which is unrelated to the structure and functioning of the economy itself.

But the underlying causes which make

this crisis so severe - like inequality, insecure employment, market concentration - are direct outcomes of the mainstream approach to economic thinking and policy. The sluggish recovery after the Great Recession in 2007, evident in persistent productivity problems, low growth rates, unresolved racial inequalities and increasing wealth disparities in many high-income countries, is a testament to the ineffectiveness of the dominant economic paradigm.

### Unique opportunity

We face a unique opportunity to fundamentally rethink the priorities of economic policy and the thinking that underpins them. Responses to the pandemic show that governments have the means to invest in healthcare, education, and research. And to support workers and small business. These policies help many people achieve financial security, which increases private spending levels and supports economic activity.

These points have long been emphasised by heterodox economists. More government spending on public investment projects and public services, as well as greater oversight of how market activity influences society, must be the focus going forward.

To build back better economies after the pandemic, we must put social and environmental wellbeing before private profit. It is therefore crucial that, as the economy recovers, the debates on how higher government spending should be financed go beyond the “there is no alternative” view of economic policy. They must seriously consider different approaches to public debt, taxation, green monetary policy, and managing inflation.

*The foregoing analysis was written by Dr Hanna Szymborska, Senior Lecturer in Economics, of Birmingham City University Business School, in The United Kingdom.*

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# New Carnival Chairperson Talks 2020 Entertainment Amidst COVID-19

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts-Nevis (Friday 10th July 2020) –She is no stranger to Sugar Mas fun and excitement-both professionally and personally- and with her return as newly appointed chairperson of the St.Kitts-Nevis National Carnival Committee, Shannon Hawley is entertaining the idea of virtual and otherwise cheerfulness for Sugar Mas 2020 as the world copes with the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic.

In a sit-down interview with ZIZ TV's Chaira Flanders aired on Saturday 4th July, she (Hawley) shared that "there is hope" on the subject matter when asked about the possibility of hosting Sugar Mas 49 amidst COVID-19.

"The decision regarding Carnival and its direction will be ultimately made by the Minister of Culture, the Hon. Jonel Powell. However, what I can say is that yesterday we had our first meeting with the NEOC [National Emergency Operations Center]. We know that individuals are yearning for recreation. I mean you look at the strip on a Friday night for the past two Fridays and you realize that individuals are desperate. I mean it's about our mental health."

According to her, "the discussions were fruitful and there is hope, there is hope and of course in this time of the pandemic, of

## SKN Imports New COVID-19 Patient After Months Of No Active Cases

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts-Nevis (Friday 10th July 2020)- After more than seventy (70) days without any active case announcement, the Federation of St.Kitts-Nevis has recorded a new patient having the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) after a citizen returned home from the United States of America.

New Minister of Health Akilah Byron-Nisbett, in speaking at the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) COVID-19 Briefing held on Saturday 4th July 2020, informed about the one additional case of COVID-19 which brings to total the number of cases to 16.

She informed that the patient is a returning national who landed on 19th June 2020 from Washington DC in the USA.

"The patient has been in quarantine since arrival. Today marks the 76th time since we would have announced the fifteenth case of COVID-19. Now that conformation of COVID-19 has been received by the patient, the patient will be subjected to a compulsory isolation in order to limit the likelihood of transmission to others. The distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Federation is now as follows- 12 in St.Kitts and 4 in Nevis."

Byron-Nisbett advised that the Federal Ministry of health reminds citizens and residents of individual and collective responsibility to adhere to the COVID-19 prevention measures that include physical distancing, remaining six feet from other persons, wearing of face masks in public, hand hygiene, washing hands after touching high touched surfaces which may be contaminated and social distancing in avoiding mass gathering.

"These non-pharmaceutical measures will reduce your risk of exposure to the virus," she noted.

Individuals are also reminded that the federal ministry remains the only official source of COVID-19 relative to St.Kitts-Nevis.

course it would not be business as usual so we now have to come up with creative ways, innovative ways of maybe not a full scale carnival per say but I think we-when I say we I mean the stakeholders and the stakeholders will be hearing from us soon-, we have to come up with innovative ways in which we can hopefully host a carnival; make it just as enjoyable and exciting as it has been in the past years but of course taking into consideration the restrictions as it relates to COVID ...the social distancing, the physical distancing, ensuring sanitization etc."

Hawley addressed the curiosity of those wondering about the possibility of such.

"Now some people might say 'How on earth are we going to do this when carnival is about fete, splendor, jamming close?' but I don't think it's impossible. As I've said it's about coming

up with creative ways, innovative ways to have fun and do it in a safe environment. So the plan is that we will continue our discussions with the NEOC. then the NEOC will then make a presentation to Cabinet and the Minister of Culture, and then the Minister of Culture along with Cabinet will make a decision as to the way forward with carnival but as I said it's about out mental health and we're yearning for the recreation; we missed Music Festival,...we have six months to go to carnival. We don't know where the six months will lead us, however, we have to make the necessary arrangements whether it's going to be virtual, whether it's gonna be a carnival small scale, large scale. However it is, we have to take the nation's health first and foremost."

While the new Carnival Chairperson indicated to the interviewer that it is too early for her to share her ideas and plans to build on the successful carnival to date in general, she did, however, say "the intention is to move carnival to bigger, better international product. Of course it will not happen this year because of the restrictions with COVID but the intention is to move carnival to a bigger,better product."

The announcement of Hawley's appointment came about on Thursday 2nd July via a press release issued by the Ministry of Culture.

In 2011, for the occasion of the 40th anniversary of National Carnival, she was first appointed as chairperson and was the first female to take up the position.

**Front banner photo: New Carnival Chairperson Shannon Hawley is all smiles while in costume for 2019-2020 St.Kitts-Nevis National Carnival (Sugar Mas in early January 2020**

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THE FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
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# SKNLP Chairman Claims Court Evidence in Election Petitions Will Shock People

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts-Nevis (Friday 10th July 2020)-Chairman of the Opposition St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party Dr. Terrance Drew is of the opinion that individuals will be shocked by evidence of alleged wrongdoing that took place during the June 2020 general elections.

The first hearing of the six election petitions recently filed at the high court by the party is scheduled to take place on Friday 10th July.

“With respect to what would have taken place also in the last elections, when it came to the irregularities and to the illegalities that would have taken place, I think that people would be shocked and are going to be shocked when they understand what took place in the last elections,” commented Dr. Drew while speaking on the party-sponsored ‘Issues’ programme aired on Wednesday 8th July.

Linked to the issue, he voiced support of opposition parliamentarians’ decision not to attend the opening of the National Assembly held that day as informed via an official SKNLP press statement.

In further addressing such alleged instances of irregularities and to the illegalities, Dr. Drew, party representative for Constituency Eight said: “People saw it for themselves. When people went in to vote and they saw a plastic bin that you can easily see through and recognize that their vote could not be secret, people were appalled, and asked ‘how is this possible?’ When people saw boxes that could not be locked when they know that in the [General Elections] Act that the boxes have to be something that could be locked and the key should be secured with the returning officers and so forth, and realized that all of these things were violated.”

Additionally, he talked about the days of closure at the Electoral Office during the week of election whereby people could not go in to get their cards and verify their names on the voters’ list.

The absence of international observers was also noted by him.

“That is why we are saying as a party, we cannot accept this. This cannot be the norm. So it has nothing to do with just winning an election. It has to do with the preservation of democracy. We have to draw standards as the type of people that who can stand for the elections, and we have to have standards when we conduct our elections and not violate all



these acts and statutes that are in place in order to the preserve the integrity of the vote and hence preserve our democracy.”

“I want to ask the people of St.Kitts and Nevis: Is this the type of democracy that we must accept? Is this the type of election that we must accept?, and so this has nothing to do with losing an election or being a sore loser.” Dr. Drew remarked.

The SKNLP official and election candidate, further bashed the conduct of the 2020 general elections and touched on the filing of the election petitions.

“...that is why we are saying in the petitions that all these things will be highlighted and we’re asking the court of course on the decision ....there are much more ...in these petitions and Friday is the first hearing and we will of course bring more information to the people in St.Kitts and Nevis but the stance to boycott today I agree with because people need to know all the irregularities and illegalities that took place in the last election, and to have two parliamentarians who would have been found guilty of misappropriation of funds and are going to be sworn in as honourable men and have access to my tax payer’s money, a stance must be taken...”

Dr. Drew indicated that his comments are not a personal attack “but we’re supposed to have some minimal standards in St.Kitts and Nevis and this of course cannot be accepted.”

In a judgement handed down by the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court this week, an appeal regarding a misappropriation of client’s fund matter did not go in favour of the defendants-government ministers Lindsay Grant and Jonel Powell who are both lawyers by profession.

**Front Page Photo: Chairman of the Opposition St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party Dr. Terrance Drew seen outside the courthouse on Friday 26th June 2020 in speaking to the media after the filing of election petitions (Spokesman Snap)**

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2. To receive and consider the Report of Directors thereon.
3. To receive and consider the Report of Auditors thereon.
4. To declare a Dividend.
5. To appoint Directors in place of those retiring.
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Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020

  
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Filed on behalf of the Applicant by Ms. JeNise Carty of Gonsalves Parry, Chambers Suites C26 A&B, The Sands Complex, George Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Telephone number: (869) 466-5455, Fax number: (869) 466-5456. The Applicant’s address for service is the same.

# SKNLP Chairman Questions Silence Of Civil Society As Grant And Powell Found Liable Of Misappropriation Take Seats In Parliament

Basseterre, St Kitts, July 9, 2020 -



**Chairman of the opposition St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP), Dr. Terrance Drew** is questioning the deafening silence of civil society, on the swearing-in of two lawyers as parliamentarians, who have been found liable for misappropriation of US\$460,000 from a client.

Hon. Jonel Powell and Hon. Lindsay Grant took their seats at the formal opening of a new St. Kitts and Nevis National Assembly on Wednesday following their election in the June 5 general

elections. Their seats are among six being challenged in court by the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party.

“My heart bleeds for my country. We will be the first in any democracy in the Commonwealth Caribbean where persons found guilty of misappropriation of client’s funds and who are due to face a Disciplinary Tribunal in short order (were) sworn in as Parliamentarians,” said Dr. Drew in a statement.

“As corrupt people might think other countries are, this would never be allowed on any other modern democracy. Only in St. Christopher (and Nevis) is such blatant corruption and professional impropriety met with nonchalance as society turns a blind eye,” said Drew.

He added: “What’s harder to accept is the thunderous silence from the NGOs namely the St. Kitts Christian Council, the St Kitts Evangelical Association, the St. Kitts and Nevis Bar Association and the St. Kitts and Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce.”

“Civil Society is supposed to

be the conscience of a society, where expectations and standards for integrity in public life are equally applied to all who wish to serve in high public office. The silence is deafening,” said Dr. Drew.

Stating that he has nothing personal against Powell and Grant, Dr. Drew expressed the view that “their misconduct must be condemned so as not to lower the standard at which we hold our leaders accountable.”

“As an alumnus of the BHS, I have tried to live our creed “Principia Non Homines”, “Principles Not Men”. If we are to accept this, what message does it send, especially to our young people? We would create a society where anything goes. Where there are no standards and even the vote is for sale.”

In years to come when our enlightened youths ask the question, I hope that we would have a good answer. It’s not too late to stand up and speak out. In the end we are not perfect people, but that does not mean we should not have minimal standards. For if we stand for nothing we will fall for anything and in the end all would be lost,” said Dr. Drew, who indicated his full support for the SKNLP parliamentarians, who protested by not attending the opening of the National Assembly on Wednesday.

“In the end history would show that they stood up when it counted.

Let’s defend and fight for our democracy! No one else will!”

Grant and Powell were found liable for breach of trust, breach of fiduciary duty and failing to account or misappropriation of monies belonging to a client, Tanzania Tobin Tanzil, by High Court Judge His Lordship Mr. Justice Eddy Ventose.

On Monday of this week, the Eastern Caribbean Appeal refused an application by Grant and Powell to overturn a default judgment.

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Hon Lindsay Grant (left) and Hon Jonel Powell

## Governor General Says COVID-19 Will Not Affect Development

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts-Nevis (Friday 10th July 2020)- With a section of the St.Kitts Marriott Resort in Frigate Bay transformed into a National Assembly setting, the opening of Parliament in St.Kitts-Nevis was held on Wednesday 8th July 2020 for the second term of the Team Unity Government, headed by Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris.

In delivering the Throne Speech Governor General Sir Tapley Seaton explained that the venue came amidst health measures concerning COVID-19.

“Our very own election campaigning, the conduct of our General Election on June 5, 2020, and the inauguration of the new Government were done under rather unusual conditions in compliance of COVID-19 rules and protocols. Today’s opening of the new Parliamentary Session demonstrates adherence to our

ongoing COVID-19 protocols, given the need to observe proper social distancing - which the confines of our Parliamentary Chambers cannot accommodate. Hence, the reason we are meeting here at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort,” he said.

According to him, the approach over the next five years will not be halted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“In 2020, my Government is even more committed than we were in 2015 in terms of delivering on the joint vision of “Prosperity for All”, where the impact of our growth and development is positively felt by even the most vulnerable among us. Our approach over the next five years, in constructing a stronger and safer future, is therefore intended to build on the prosperity foundation that my Government would have already started to put in place. The COVID-19 pandemic will not stop the train of development, given our commitment to resilience and adaptability in weathering and adjusting to whatever the new normal state of being calls for. We recognise it would not be “business as usual”. We also recognise that this moment in time – more than ever before – is a period that calls for innovation, creativity and resilience as we set about the task of re-opening our economy and our borders in a careful and measured manner. To do otherwise would be a foolish undertaking that threatens the achievements we would have already made in the socioeconomic, cultural and political transformation of our Country.”

He added: “My Government views our people’s needs, our health and our wellness as Priority #1, and we will not compromise public health on the altar of economic expedience. Mr. Speaker: My Government intends to maintain a people-centred approach to governance. Our citizens deserve to take up space in every area of human endeavour,

whether it be through education, skills development, good jobs, public service, entrepreneurship and attraction of investments to our Federation be they of local, foreign or joint venture origin.”

Sir Tapley addressed the significance of the Team Unity structure saying: “As we stand at the start of the 2nd term of the Team Unity Government, it is necessary to remind our citizens and residents of St. Kitts and Nevis of the vision, ethos and overarching aim of the Team Unity movement which was launched on September 26, 2013, following the agreement of the People’s Action Movement (PAM), The Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM) and the People’s Labour Party (PLP) to set aside party politics and form a coalition.

He continued: “I would have undertaken a similar exercise in the Throne Speech I would have delivered as then Governor General’s Deputy on Thursday, May 14, 2015. Now that Team Unity has retained control of the Government following the resounding victory at the polls – with an even stronger mandate by winning nine of the 11 seats – it is imperative for all to know and to understand that the Government had not, and will not, deviate from its intended plan for national development where the gains are shared by all regardless of colour, creed, gender, ethnicity, race, political opinion or socio-economic status. By holding fast to our united mission we will truly ensure that our Federation remains a preferred jurisdiction in which to live, work, do business and engage in leisure activities. Adherence to this core mandate will also guarantee that the principles and practices of democracy and good governance remain intact and respected.”

**Front page photo: Following the opening of Parliament of St.Kitts-Nevis held on Wednesday 8th July 2020 Speaker Michael Perkins is seen leaving the session following behind a security officer carrying the ceremonial maze (SKNIS photo).**

# Taiwan, SKN Team Up To Further Tackle Health Diseases Affecting Population

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts-Nevis (Friday 10th July 2020)-New minister of Health Akilah Byron-Nisbett and resident Taiwanese Ambassador Tom Lee on Tuesday 7th June 2020 affixed their signatures to documents geared towards a Capacity Building Project for the Prevention and Control of Chronic Metabolic Disease.

The signing ceremony was held at the Ministry of Health located at Bladen Commercial Development in St.Kitts, marking the start of the new project expected to span a period of four years.

Taiwan ICDF Manager Mr. Feng-Da Tsai said the project “aims at tackling health issues that are seriously affecting the people of St.Kitts and Nevis and further the health assistance of the Federation.”

Such health issues, he said, include diabetes, hypertension and chronic kidney disease.

Ambassador Lee said the Taiwan Embassy will continue to work with Taiwan ICDF and Taipei’s Veterans General Hospital and the Ministry of Health in St.Kitts and Nevis to

implement the project.

“We all know that major causes of death in St.Kitts-Nevis are chronic diseases and as a true friend and ally of St.Kitts and Nevis, Taiwan of course cares our friend’s health and want to help them improve their health and stay healthy. That’s why four years ago, our Embassy with the Ministry of health started the previous project which ended three months ago,” he commented.

He said the objective of this project is to help the government of St.Kitts and Nevis strengthen its prevention and control systems for chronic diseases noting that his government is the sole sponsor for the project while the St.Kitts-Nevis government also contributes some of the funding.

New Minister of Health Akilah Byron-Nisbett spoke about the high percentage of death in St.Kitts-Nevis regarding chronic diseases which needs to get under control.

“We have been hearing time and time again of that very high percentage 83% of our mortality rate is due to chronic diseases, and that is something that we need to get under control in St.Kitts and Nevis. It is a burden on our health system and it is something that we keep talking about as being important in order for us to be able to find ways for us to prevent and control some of the illnesses and death associated with it.”

She also talked about the recently ended project which dealt with kidney diseases in particular.

“In that project, it was found that the main cause of some of these disease are through metabolic diseases and so now this project is going to get at the root of those problems and how can we build capacity, how can we build persons’ awareness of control of these different diseases. It’s a way of controlling our obesity rates, it’s a way of controlling our hypertension rates and controlling our cardiovascular disease rates and so this is timely and necessary and as we continue to speak about controlling our NCDs

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
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Between:

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- Respondent

**NOTICE**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Applicant, RBTT BANK (SKN) LIMITED has filed a Notice of Application to Settle Scheme of Division of the Sale Price with Draft Scheme of Division of the Sale Price and Draft Order attached and 3<sup>rd</sup> Affidavit of Chad Allen on March 6, 2020 (hereinafter “the Documents”).

A hearing has been scheduled in the captioned High Court matter at the High Court situated at the Theodore L. Hobson Q.C. Court Building, Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis on **Wednesday July 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** the Respondent must attend the said hearing otherwise the High Court can proceed in her absence.

The Documents can also be accessed by a formal search conducted at the Registry of the High Court situated at the Theodore L. Hobson Q.C. Court Building, Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis with respect to the captioned High Court matter.

IN THE FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT  
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, C.A.P. 10:19  
A.D. 2020

Suit No: SKBHCV2020/0096

In the Matter section 12 (1) (a) of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10:19

And

In the Matter of an Application for first Certificate of Title by **LEROY GASKIN** and **WAYNE GASKIN** for a lot piece or parcel of land situate at Conaree Estate in the Parish of St. Peter in the Island of St Christopher.

Registry of Titles

St. Christopher Circuit

**SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS**

For certificates of title, and notings thereon, and caveats, for the week ending the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

Date of Request	Person presenting	Nature of Request for Certificate of Title.
29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020	<b>LEROY GASKIN</b> by his Attorney-at-Law, S.A.M Legal Services of Berkley Street, Shadwell Housing, Basseterre, St. Kitts	Certificate of Title for the land of Conaree Estate, in the Parish of St. Peter, in the Island of St. Christopher, that is to say:- On or towards the North-East by Estate Road, 88 feet; <b>On or towards the South-East by lands of Frank Maloney, 125 feet; On or towards the South-West by Lots 49 and 50, 88 feet; On or towards the North-West by lands of Vernal Maynard, 125 feet and containing by admeasurement 11,000 square feet.</b>

Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020

*[Signature]*  
Registrar of Titles

(Non-Communicable Diseases), this comes at a time where that’s going to be important for us to be able to meet these objectives.”



Photo: New minister of Health Akilah Byron-Nisbett (left) and resident Taiwanese Ambassador Tom Lee seen in conversation before signing documents for a Capacity Building Project for the Prevention and Control of Chronic Metabolic Disease on Tuesday 7th July 2020 at the Ministry of Health (Spokesman Snap)

## FLASHBACK FRIDAY

Beach bar owner John Francis showcasing his concern over ocean pollution, he wore various plastic items about his body including bags, bottles, cups and Styrofoam plates during a Plastic Free SKN march in August 2019. A calendar of events in observance of Plastic Free July is currently be hosted by the Ministry of Tourism and Sustainable Destination Council (Spokesman Snap)



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105318	ISLAND IN THE SUN	C/O EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	
105339	PROFESSIONAL DAY	C/O EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	
102310	CARMEN PEMBERTON	MARISOLE PEMBERTON	
139054	GSS FOOD & NUTRITION DEPT		GINGERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL
102779	EARL SARGEANT		RAMSBURY SITE
133321	ANTHONY EUCLIN EVELYN	YVONNE EVELYN	
138683	DAVID DE COSTA		RAMSBURY SITE
140229	BALRAM SINGH		CRADDOCK ROAD
135302	BRENT MITCHELL		PARADISE ESTATE
138667	KERVIN PATRICE WILKIN		P.O. BOX 434
140264	MURIEL WEBBE	MONICA WEBBE	RAMSBURY SITE
122498	CORDELLA YEARWOOD		PARSONS ROAD
127797	KEITH BARTLETTE	REGINALD BARTLETTE (BENE)	STONE GROVE
134539	THORAINE SHIV		CRADDOCK ROAD
115998	ELRIC SMITHEN		COOK'S GROUND VILLAGE
139103	NATHAN MAYCOCK		PROSPECT ESTATE
136702	CARLOS F. BETHEL		C/O TDC SHIPPING
123898	DELROY JARVIS		WESTBURY VILLAGE
8102564	JALEN STAPLETON	GERALDINE MONSAZ	FRY VILLAGE
102219	PAITFIELD HILL	RUTHLYN HILL	
140761	THEODORE O. LAWRENCE	LAURETTA P LAWRENCE	539 BARREN SPOT
195987	ROBERT F DUDEK	MINERVA MANNING	DOS MARINAS II, APT 1406,FARJARDO
135617	VERONICA PARRIS	JANET PARRIS	CRADDOCK ROAD
140250	BRENT SEATON		VICTORIA'S ROAD
8103537	JUVANIQUE HANLEY	ELLERINE HANLEY	RAWLINS VILLAGE
123702	SELMA J P WALWYN		P.O. BOX 597
139684	KEITH RODERIQUEZ		CRADDOCK RD
122225	LEROY FREEMAN		VICTORIA RD
139369	BISSOONDAI SAMAROO		LOW STREET
137878	IMRAN KHAN	BISSOONDAI SAMAROO	LOW STREET
150254	RAWLINS MASQUERADES C/O	LIVINGSTON LIBURD, R ELLIOTT	RAWLINS VILLAGE
139712	CHRISTOPHER STURDY		WEAVERS. GOLDFORD
133986	CURTIS SMITHEN		CRADDOCK ROAD
135799	KARENE PAUL	JACINTH PAUL	COTTON GROUND
129358	ALTHER HARVEY		CRADDOCK RD
133006	ST.JOHN'S DOMINO ASSOCIATION		C/O OSCAR BROWNE
137927	CINDY ATHENA MARCUS		COTTON GROUND VILLAGE
137549	PATRICIA WESCOTT		P.O. BOX 1292, 148 PONDS EXTENSION
137150	EUREKA WILLIAMS FOR	JERMAINE WILLIAMS	BATH VILLAGE
132921	MARGERY FREEDMAN		P.O.BOX 639
134189	FRANCISCO E DORSET	JUANA GUMBS	STONE GROVE
121287	BUTLERS CRICKET CLUB	C/O SHERRILL SUTTON	BUTLERS
130361	GLASFORD A CORBETT		ST JOHN'S
136212	THE EXETRIX OF THE ESTATE	WILLIAM CHADDERTON	CAYON STREET
139327	PATRICIA ANGELA NELSON		BATH PLAINS
8103887	SKEI SWANSTON	CLINTON SWANSTON	CEDAR TREES
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150090	BRAINERD MAYNARD	BRENDA MAYNARD (BENEFICIARY)	ZION VILLAGE
106823	ROSETTA ARTHURTON FOR	EUGENE ARTHURTON	OLD HOSPITAL ROAD,
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141904	DETTA GOULBOURNE		HAMILTON ESTATE
135680	DORIS MAYNARD	ELROY POWELL	CRADDOCK ROAD
130612	MERITE WEEKES	MARY WEEKES &/OR	GOV'T RD
127069	DARWIN AUSTIN		BATH VILLAGE
141747	MAGELLAN INTERNATIONAL INC		#10 SOLOMONS ARCADE,
122911	ALFONSO HENDRICKSON		WEBBES GROUND
140306	LAUREL PRENTICE		HARDTIMES ESTATE
139964	KEVIN CHARLES		CEDAR TREES
130710	SIMONE M S ROBINS for	CATIESHA ADAMS (MINOR)	BATH VILLAGE
140292	VERONICA DIAZ		CRADDOCK ROAD
141089	VERNICE ORETHA MAYNARD		LIBURD HILL
107044	MAGELLAN INTERNATIONAL INC		#10 SOLOMONS ARCADE



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122071	THOMAS TALBOT		P O BOX 551
135820	LEROY WILLET	CLAIRE LAKE	HAMILTON
8104351	HERBERT POLLARD	SUSAN POLLARD	RAMSBURY SITE
140782	KREMOUR MOLONEY		BATH ROAD
132789	NEVIS ALLSTARS SOFTBALL		STONE GROVE
109793	TESSON HAMILTON		
118970	LILLIAN WARD-JOHNSON	ADELAIDE WARD-WYLLIE	5724 N.W. 87TH AVENUE
139831	P. OLIVIA EDGECOMBE HOWE	JOYANNE M HOWELL	LAMPA HEIGHTS
141043	GAVIN GRIFFIN		MORNING STAR
195487	JOHN GUILBERT		BROWN PASTURE
130843	ALEJONDRINA MILLARD DE PEREZ	EBELIN PALMER	BATH VILLAGE
122351	DIANAH JEFFERS	MAURICIA JEFFERS	
138382	CLARA SOLOMON DBA	PEMBERTONS BUSINESS SERVICES	MT. LILY VILLAGE
137899	GARNET SMITHEN		BATH VILLAGE
142659	KEITH PARIS	TERRENCE WYATT	NEWCASTLE VILLAGE
134833	NEWCASTLE WESLYAN HOLINE		SHAWS ROAD
141862	MISS BIBI AREEFA ALLY	MS HAMEEDA HOOSAIN	BATH VILLAGE
103689	EUSTACE NISBETT JR.		
135722	ANTONIO A JEFFERS		RAMSBURY SITE
141411	WENDY SAUNDERS		RICES VILLAGE
131816	GANGADAI MANGRU		NISBETT SETTLEMENT
130535	KEITH EVELYN	ERMINE EVELYN	P. O. BOX 708
140907	DENISE ANDREA LEE		RAMSBURY SITE,
134000	AUSTA L BARNES	LINROY SYLVESTER BARNES	HANLEYS ROAD
8102998	ZHARIAH ARCHIBALD	RHANDA PARRIS	RAWLINS VILLAGE
139873	JOUANNY PUJOLS		HAMILTON ESTATE
136912	UNIQUEKA ESTRIDGE FUND	C/O ERNEST FLEMMING	ST. PAULS RECTORY
100518	THEOPHILUS BRANDY	ALICE MILLS	
141180	VINCENT R HERBERT		COLE HILL
135932	MILLICENT JAMES		BUTLERS VILLAGE
208822	JOHN W WIGLEY		THE COURTYARD, BANK OF NEVIS PREMISES
209082	YVON MURET UNSWORTH		F O5000 GAP
210429	CHANELLE PINNEY-MYERS		COX VILLAGE
217397	COX & BEAUMONT COMMUNITY		COX VILLAGE
9200042	DAVID MAURICE ISAAC		JOHN ENGLAND PROJECT
9200084	LYNELL LORIS NOLAN		MOUNT LILY VILLAGE
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## SCIENCE

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# Playtime With Dad May Improve Children's Self-control

Children whose fathers make time to play with them from a very young age may find it easier to control their behaviour and emotions as they grow up, research suggests.

The study, by academics at the Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge and the LEGO Foundation, pulled together fragmentary evidence from the past 40 years to understand more about how fathers play with their children when they are very young (ages 0 to 3). The researchers wanted to find out whether father-child play differs from the way children play with their mothers, and its impact on children's development.

Although there are many similarities between fathers and mothers overall, the findings suggest that fathers engage in more physical play even with the youngest children, opting for activities such as tickling, chasing, and piggy-back rides.

This seems to help children learn to control their feelings. It may also make them better at regulating their own behaviour later on, as they enter settings where those skills are important - especially school.

Paul Ramchandani, Professor of Play in Education, Development and Learning at the University of Cambridge, said: "It's important not to overstate the impact of father-child play as

there are limits to what the research can tell us, but it does seem that children who get a reasonable amount of playtime with their father benefit as a group."

Dr Ciara Laverty, from the LEGO Foundation, said: "At a policy level, this suggests we need structures that give fathers, as well as mothers, time and space to play with their children during those critical early years. Even today, it's not unusual for fathers who take their child to a parent-toddler group, for example, to find that they are the only father there. A culture shift is beginning to happen, but it needs to happen more."

Parent-child play in the first years of life is known to support essential social, cognitive and communication skills, but most research focuses on mothers and infants. Studies which investigate father-child play are often small, or do so incidentally. "Our research pulled together everything we could find on the subject, to see if we could draw any lessons,"

Ramchandani said.

The Cambridge review used data from 78 studies, undertaken between 1977 and 2017 - most of them in Europe or North America. The researchers analysed the combined information for patterns about how often fathers and children play together, the nature of that play, and any possible links with children's development.

On average, they found that most fathers play with their child every day. Even with the smallest children, however, father-child play tends to be more physical. With babies, that may simply mean picking them up or helping them to gently raise their limbs and exert their strength; with toddlers, fathers typically opt for boisterous, rough-and-tumble play, like chasing games.

In almost all the studies surveyed, there was a consistent correlation between father-child play and children's subsequent ability to control their feelings. Children who enjoyed high-quality playtime with their fathers were less likely to exhibit hyperactivity, or emotional and behavioural problems. They also appeared to be better at controlling their aggression, and less prone to lash out at other children during disagreements at school.

The reason for this may be that the physical play fathers prefer is particularly well-suited for developing these skills.

"Physical play creates fun, exciting situations in which children have to apply self-regulation," Ramchandani said. "You might have to control your strength, learn when things have gone too far - or maybe your father steps on your toe by accident and you feel cross!"

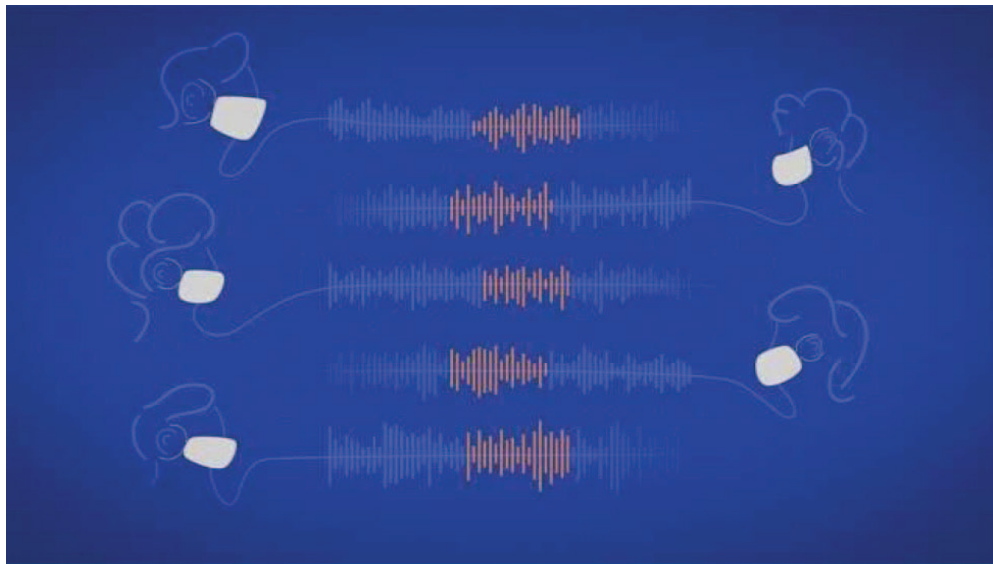
"It's a safe environment in which children can practise how to respond. If they react the wrong way, they might get told off, but it's not the end of the world - and next time they might remember

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Medical X Press - Diseases, Conditions, Syndromes - Biomedical Technology - 9 July 2020

# Signs Of COVID-19 May Be Hidden In Speech Signals

- By Kylie Foy, MIT



Lincoln Laboratory staff are looking for vocal biomarkers of Covid-19 by analyzing speech signals of asymptomatic people. Image credit: Bryan Mastergeorge.

It's often easy to tell when colleagues are struggling with a cold - they sound sick. Maybe their voices are lower or have a nasally tone. Infections change the quality of our voices in various ways.

But MIT Lincoln Laboratory researchers are detecting these changes in COVID-19 patients even when these changes are too subtle for people to hear or even notice in themselves.

By processing speech recordings of people infected with COVID-19 but not yet showing symptoms, these researchers found evidence of vocal biomarkers, or measurable indicators, of the disease. These biomarkers stem from disruptions the infection causes in the movement of muscles across the respiratory, laryngeal, and articulatory systems. A technology letter describing this research was recently published in IEEE Open Journal of Engineering in Medicine and Biology.

While this research is still in its early stages, the initial findings lay a framework for studying these vocal changes in greater detail. This work may also hold promise for using mobile apps to screen people for the disease, particularly those who are asymptomatic.

## Talking heads

"I had this 'aha' moment while I was watching the news," says Thomas Quatieri, a senior staff member in the laboratory's Human Health and Performance Systems Group. Quatieri has been leading the group's research in vocal biomarkers for the past decade; their focus has been on discovering vocal biomarkers of neurological disorders such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and Parkinson's disease. These diseases, and many others, change the brain's ability to turn thoughts into words, and those changes can be detected by processing speech signals.

He and his team wondered whether vocal biomarkers might also exist for COVID-19. The symptoms led them to think so. When symptoms manifest, a person typically has difficulty breathing. Inflammation in the respiratory system affects the intensity with which air is exhaled when a person talks. This air interacts with hundreds of other potentially inflamed muscles on its journey to speech production. These interactions impact the loudness, pitch, steadiness, and resonance of the voice - measurable qualities that form the basis of their biomarkers.

While watching the news, Quatieri realized there were speech samples in front of him of people who had tested positive for COVID-19. He and his colleagues combed YouTube for clips of celebrities or TV hosts who had given interviews while they were COVID-19 positive but asymptomatic.

They identified five subjects. Then, they downloaded interviews of those people from before they had COVID-19, matching audio conditions as best they could.

They then used algorithms to extract features from the vocal signals in each audio sample. "These vocal features serve as proxies for the underlying movements of the speech production systems," says Tanya Talkar, a PhD candidate in the Speech and Hearing Bioscience and Technology program at Harvard University.

The signal's amplitude, or loudness, was extracted as a proxy for movement in the respiratory system. For studying movements in the larynx, they measured pitch and the steadiness of pitch, two indicators of how stable the vocal cords are. As a proxy for articulator movements - like those of the tongue, lips, jaw, and more - they extracted speech formants. Speech formants are frequency measurements that correspond to how the mouth shapes sound waves to create a sequence of phonemes (vowels and consonants) and to contribute to a certain vocal quality (nasally versus warm, for

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
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A.D. 2020

Claim No. SKBHCV2016/0028

IN THE MATTER of Section 81 of the Title by  
Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

AND

IN THE MATTER of an Application to Settle the  
Scheme of Division of the sale price of land described  
in Certificate of Title dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September  
2006 recorded in Book F3 Folio 519 of the Register of  
Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit

BETWEEN:

**ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED**  
Applicant

AND

**RICARDO FRANCIS**  
Respondent

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
TO SETTLE SCHEME OF DIVISION**

LET ALL PARTIES APPEAR before the Honourable *Master Tamara Gill* in  
Chambers at the High Court of Justice, Sir Lee Llewellyn Moore Judicial and Legal  
Services Complex, East Independence Square, Basseterre, St. Kitts on the *16<sup>th</sup>* day  
of *July* 2020 at *9:00* o'clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as  
Counsel can be heard on the hearing on an application by the Applicant, ST. KITTS  
NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED of Central Street, Basseterre in the  
Island of Saint Christopher for Orders -

1. That the Registrar grant certificate of title in favour of **SHOBHA CHANDIRAMANI** a citizen of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis being the purchaser of the property described in Certificate of Title dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006 and registered in Book F3 Folio 519 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit; and
2. That the Scheme of Division herein be settled.

Dated the *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *May* 2020

*Natika M. Rawlins*  
Natika M. Rawlins  
Solicitor for the Applicant

**NOTICE**

This application will be heard by the Honourable *Master Tamara Gill* in  
Chambers on the *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *July* 2020 at 9:00 o'clock in the  
forenoon.

**If you do not attend this hearing an order may be made in your absence.**

The Court Office is at East Independence Square, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Tel: 467-1336 Fax: 465-2482. The office is open between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

To: RICARDO FRANCIS

This Application is filed on behalf of the Applicant by Natika M. Rawlins, National Bank Legal Unit, Central Street, Basseterre, Solicitor for the Applicant.

example).

They hypothesized that COVID-19 inflammation causes muscles across these systems to become overly coupled, resulting in a less complex movement. "Picture these speech subsystems as if they are the wrist and fingers of a skilled pianist; normally, the movements are independent and highly complex," Quatieri says. Now, picture if the wrist and finger movements were to become stuck together, moving as one. This coupling would force the pianist to play a much simpler tune.

The researchers looked for evidence of coupling in their features, measuring how each feature changed in relation to another in 10 millisecond increments as the subject spoke. These values were then plotted on an eigenspectrum; the shape of this eigenspectrum plot indicates the complexity of the signals. "If the eigenspace of the values forms a sphere, the signals are complex. If there is less complexity, it might look more like a flat oval," Talkar says.

In the end, they found a decreased complexity of movement in the COVID-19 interviews as compared to the pre-COVID-19 interviews. "The coupling was less prominent between larynx and articulator motion, but we're seeing a

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to behave differently.”

The study also found some evidence that father-child play gradually increases through early childhood, then decreases during ‘middle childhood’ (ages 6 to 12). This, again, may be because physical play is particularly important for helping younger children to negotiate the challenges they encounter when they start to explore the world beyond their own home, in particular at school.

Despite the benefits of father-child play, the authors stress that children who only live with their mother need not be at a disadvantage.

“One of the things that our research points to time and again is the need to vary the types of play children have access to, and mothers can, of course, support physical play with young children as well,” Ramchandani added. “Different parents may have slightly different inclinations when it comes to playing with children, but part of being a parent is stepping outside your comfort zone. Children are likely to benefit most if they are given different ways to play and interact.”

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Note: Content may be edited for style and length.

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#### Responsibilities:

- Responsible for the overall management of the RUSVM Department of Safety and Security to ensure the safety and well-being of members of the RUSVM community, RUSVM property, systems and information.
- Direct emergency response and crisis management operations to appropriately support the VP, Operations/ Incident Commander in times of crisis and/or emergency. Representing RUSVM, build partnerships, liaise and collaborate with the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force, Military and other local and regional security/emergency response agencies as appropriate.
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#### Qualifications:

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Minimum of 10 years law enforcement or professional security experience, with at least five (5) years of experience at the management level. International experience, including experience in the Caribbean or in developing nations would be an advantage. Experience with higher education institutions would provide an advantage.

- Bachelor's degree in management, public or business administration or a related field. A Master's degree would provide an advantage.
- The ability to communicate effectively in English and possess outstanding communication and interpersonal skills.
- Excellent organization, analytical time management skills are required. Demonstrated ability to maintain confidentiality in all matters.
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# Insights From Young Nigerians On How Online And Offline Worlds Find One Another

By Dr Emmanuel Adebayo - University of Ibadan



Young Nigerians build stronger bonds from offline interactions and more bridges from online interactions. Photo credit: Anthony Asael (Getty Images).

Relationships and interactions are important aspects of how we define ourselves as human beings. Physical interactions and connections are a big part of forming these bonds.

But many people around the world have been forced to limit their physical contact and communication as part of the efforts against the COVID-19 pandemic.

For some, this period may build better communication and interaction within nuclear families. But there are also concerns about its influence on people's relationships and interactions - their normal social functioning.

Similar concerns were raised when the internet first made its appearance in people's lives.

Research conducted within the first decade of internet use mostly focused on its negative effects on people. For example, some research found that the internet increased users' depression and loneliness. It was described as an 'isolating medium'.

Added to these concerns has been the increasing rate of problematic internet use among young people. A study showed that young people can be so absorbed by social media that they do not connect physically and socially with the people around them.

Social distancing has also increased the use of the internet worldwide. Nigeria is no different. This could add to people's worries about normal social bonds being broken.

One of the benefits produced by these bonds is "social capital". This has been defined as "goodwill, fellowship, sympathy, and social intercourse among the individuals and families who make up a social unit".

Another definition is "the links, shared values, social connectedness and understandings in the society that

enables individuals and groups to trust each other and work together".

Some social capital has to do with bonding - having a sense of common identity. Other social capital is about bridging - creating links beyond common identity. Bonding is about deep connections, or quality, and bridging is about wide connections, or quantity.

Nigeria is one of the countries where the rapid rate of urbanisation and proliferation of internet use among adolescents and young people has already raised questions among researchers about the influence of internet use on their social relationships. One hypothesis is that participation in online interaction can displace physical interactions.

With social distancing and greater internet use for pandemic communication, will young people build less

social capital? And what would the consequences be?

As part of my PhD thesis, I did a study on how young adolescents in Ibadan, Nigeria's third largest city, measure social capital across family, friends, school and neighbourhood domains, both online and offline.

The results showed that these young Nigerians built stronger bonds from offline interactions and more bridges from online interactions. But the online and offline worlds were connected to each other in important ways.

## Social capital in Ibadan

My research involved a study among 1,200 adolescents in Ibadan.

Social capital was measured from both offline and online interactions. For offline interactions, the benefits of interactions within the family, peers, school and neighbourhood were measured. The benefits of interacting

with family, peers, peers at school and being a part of an online group or community through social media platforms were measured for online interactions.

About 54% reported that they have the same friends offline and online. They rarely meet new people online. These individuals had significantly higher social capital scores than others who did not have the same friends online as offline. This shows the interdependence of the online and offline interaction among adolescents.

Adolescents who had high social capital scores from their offline relationships were more likely to enjoy a deep sense of social support (that is emotional support, access to limited resources, and connection to people with similar beliefs). Adolescents who had high scores from their online relationships were likely to feel more connected to a broad range of people, view themselves as being part of a broader community, and be more outward looking.

Being a part of an online community in itself comes with great benefits. Studies have shown that adolescents who participate in social media were most likely to be influenced into participating in civic and political activities, giving them a broader sense of belonging. Because online participation has the potential of providing an individual with a broader community and an opportunity to continue offline interactions, it does not necessarily replace offline interactions - it fosters them.

Adolescents who reported having similar friends online and offline enjoy the best of both worlds.

Other studies have shown that with the proliferation of internet use, the initial effects of isolation that were seen in earlier research have been lost, possibly because friends and families have all joined in communicating online.

So, online interactions do not necessarily replace or negate offline interactions. They complement each other.

## Social interaction during COVID-19

There are more ways to have social relationships and generate social capital than simply by being together physically. I believe that social media is one of them.

The internet and social media have changed our communication styles and even language, but they haven't reduced our communication. As my study suggests, online interaction can strengthen offline connections.

This stay-at-home period will surely prove the importance of the internet not just as an information tool, but as an essential part of our communication system in this new age. The earlier we embrace online interaction, the sooner we can reap the benefits it has for our

relationships and development.

What people are experiencing under COVID-19 restrictions is not "social distancing" but "physical distancing". We can enjoy the benefits of relationships in this period as we could when we were able to meet physically.

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# Opposition Protest Alleged Election Unfairness With No-Show At National Assembly Opening

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts-Nevis (Friday 10th July 2020)- On Wednesday 8th July for the scheduled opening of Parliament in St.Kitts-Nevis, the opposition St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) was a no-show with reason given in protest of the alleged unfairness of the 5th June 2020 General Elections.

Hence, elected parliamentarians- Opposition Leader Dr. Denzil Douglas of St. Christopher Six and newcomer Dr. Geoffrey Hanley of Constituency One (East Basseterre) were not present.

Via press release that day received by this media house at 7:31 AM, the party informed that "As people of conscience, the leadership of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party has taken the decision not to attend the official Opening of the National Assembly that is set to take place at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 8, 2020."

It was further stated that: "This decision was taken after thoughtful and careful deliberation based on the assessment of the massive malpractices that tarnished the political environment of the June 5, 2020 General Election, which in our view, was neither free, fair nor just. However, the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party remains unwaveringly committed to representing the people's concerns, desires and aspirations throughout the Federation. The elected Representatives of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party refuse to be complicit in sanctioning a system of apparent election-rigging and voter suppression that has been established, promoted and protected by the illegitimate Harris-led coalition regime. In the face of the rampant corruption, massive fraud, widespread irregularities and allegations of bribery, the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party intends to send a strong message that "Democracy Matters" and we will not stand by and allow such practices to become the norm in our voting and election processes here in St. Kitts and Nevis."

It was highlighted that Party Leader Dr. Douglas, following an audience with Governor General Sir Tapley Seaton, is still awaiting the settling of certain outstanding matters relating to the effective operations of the Office of the Leader of the Opposition.

"These matters were not resolved during the last Parliamentary Session and must be addressed and corrected if the Office of the Leader of the Opposition is to function effectively. The St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party, as a single Party, with a clear vision, still commands the majority of votes vis-à-vis other political parties and, as such, must ensure that the people's representation is not compromised. In order to adequately and successfully represent the interests of the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, the Parliamentary Opposition must be furnished with a well-financed and functional Office of the Leader of the Opposition," the release read.

The opening of Parliament was labelled as one that will "mark the beginning of the reign of an oppressive and illegitimate regime."

A commitment has been given that "The SKNLP will not rest until the will of the people prevails and democracy is restored to our blessed Federation. We guarantee this!"

## Signs Of COVID-19 May Be Hidden In Speech Signals

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reduction in complexity between respiratory and larynx motion," Talkar says.

### Early detections

These preliminary results hint that biomarkers derived from vocal system coordination can indicate the presence of COVID-19. However, the researchers note that it's still early to draw conclusions, and more data are needed to validate their findings. They're working now with a publicly released dataset from Carnegie Mellon University that contains audio samples from individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19.

Beyond collecting more data to fuel this research, the team is looking at using mobile appsto implement it. A partnership is underway with Satra Ghosh at the MIT McGovern Institute for Brain Research to integrate vocal screening for COVID-19 into its VoiceUp app, which was initially developed to study the link between voice and depression. A follow-on effort could add this vocal screening into the How We Feel app. This app asks users questions about their daily health status and demographics, with the aim to use these data to pinpoint hotspots and predict the percentage of people who have

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the disease in different regions of the country. Asking users to also submit a daily voice memo to screen for biomarkers of COVID-19 could potentially help scientists catch on to an outbreak.

"A sensing system integrated into a mobile app could pick up on infections early, before people feel sick or, especially, for these subsets of people who don't ever feel sick or show symptoms," says Jeffrey Palmer, who leads the research group. "This is also something The US Army is interested in as part of a holistic COVID-19 monitoring system." Even after a diagnosis, this sensing ability could help doctors remotely monitor their patients' progress or monitor the effects of a vaccine or drug treatment.

As the team continues their research, they plan to do more to address potential confounders that could cause inaccuracies in their results, such as different recording environments, the emotional status of the subjects, or other illnesses causing vocal changes. They're also supporting similar research. The Mass General Brigham Center for COVID Innovation has connected them to international scientists who are following the team's framework to analyze coughs.

"There are a lot of other interesting areas to look at. Here, we looked at the physiological impacts on the vocal tract. We're also looking to expand our biomarkers to consider neurophysiological impacts linked to COVID-19, like the loss of taste and smell," Quatieri says. "Those symptoms can affect speaking, too."

**More information:** Thomas Quatieri et al. A Framework for Biomarkers of COVID-19 Based on Coordination of Speech-Production Subsystems, IEEE Open Journal of Engineering in Medicine and Biology (2020). DOI: 10.1109/OJEMB.2020.2998051

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# England v West Indies: Jason Holder takes 6-42 as hosts 204 all out

By Stephan Shemilt *BBC Sport in Southampton*  
From the section Cricket

**First Test, day two, Ageas Bowl**  
**England 204: Stokes 43, Holder 6-42, Gabriel 4-62**  
**West Indies 57-1**  
**West Indies trail by 147**

England were dismissed for 204 thanks to West Indies' captain Jason Holder's superb 6-42 on day two of the first Test at an empty Southampton.

Holder, who at one stage took 3-1 in 14 deliveries, was backed up by 4-62 from the pacy Shannon Gabriel.

On a pitch offering plenty for the bowlers, England's batsmen showed obvious signs of rustiness in their first Test since the coronavirus lockdown.

Captain Ben Stokes was dropped twice in his 43, wicketkeeper Jos Buttler briefly impressed for 35, and it needed a last-wicket stand of 30 between Dom Bess, who made 31 not out, and James Anderson to carry England past 200.

England were then not at their best with the ball, with West Indies moving to 57-1, 147 behind.

On a grey, murky day, the floodlights were on throughout, and bad light forced the close with 26.3 overs still remaining.

The weather is forecast to improve on Friday, meaning the tourists could get the best batting conditions.

However, with the surface already showing signs of uneven bounce, they also face the disadvantage of having to bat last.

**Impressive Windies land first blow**

The circumstances in which this match is being played mean neither side have had ideal preparations - England's training camp involved one internal practice match and West Indies' two.

In conditions that should have suited England - cool, damp and the ball holding the upper hand over bat - West Indies had much the better day, displaying all the discipline, application and organisation that helped them take the series when these two sides met in the Caribbean 18 months ago.

They bowled a fuller length than England, then suffered only one setback in an evening session that could have posed a real danger to their batsmen.

West Indies' intelligent use of the review system also helped them overturn five decisions during the day.

England still have the opportunity to fight their way back into the contest, especially if they make early inroads on Friday.

However, the performance of tall seamer Holder has only enhanced the suspicion that the omitted Stuart Broad would have been a real asset to England this surface.

**'The breakthrough the Windies wanted' Stokes out for 43**

One subplot of the series is the contest between Holder and Stokes, ranked one and two respectively among Test all-rounders and the captains in this match.

While at one stage it looked like Stokes would hold England's batting together, he became the first victim of a Holder burst that ripped the guts from the middle order.

Holder had earlier trapped Zak Crawley lbw and got Ollie Pope to poke behind, and returned to end a sixth-wicket partnership of 67 between Stokes and Buttler.

Finding seam movement and bounce from a full length, Holder got Stokes to push at one, resulting in a nick, then produced a beauty to take the edge of Buttler, with wicketkeeper Shane Dowrich taking an excellent one-handed diving catch.

When Holder overturned an unsuccessful lbw shout against Jofra Archer, it completed an England slide from 154-5 to 157-8.

The combative Bess played some punchy strokes but was left stranded when Gabriel, who took the first three wickets, returned to splatter the stumps of last man Anderson.

England fail to find their stride

England's disappointment will be compounded by the fact that several players made starts but did not go on to make telling contributions.

The lack of match practice is perhaps one reason for that, but that excuse will look thin if West Indies post any sort of total on Friday.

After England resumed on 35-1, Rory Burns made 30 before getting too far across to Gabriel, while the battle between Joe Denly and Crawley had two losers as Denly was bowled by Gabriel for 18 and Crawley played across the line to depart for 10.

Pope looked fluent before a loose stroke and Stokes was dropped on 14 and 32, the second of which, by Shamarh Brooks at cover, was as simple a chance as you will see at this level.

Overall, England looked a little flat, not matching West Indies' energy in the field or busyness between the wickets.

The returning Anderson plugged away to have John Campbell lbw after seeing two decisions overturned. Mark Wood bowled at speeds of 95mph, but Archer too often was too short.

Anderson finally removes Campbell as Windies unsuccessfully review

**'I still watch England from behind the curtains' - what they said**

England bowler Mark Wood on BBC Test Match Special: "We haven't had the best day so there is plenty to do.

"They bowled well and you have got to give them credit, but 204 wasn't on the radar. We'd have liked 250 or 300."

Former England captain Michael Vaughan: "A great day for the West Indies. I would suggest England are 70-100 runs light.

"When the ball moves around, I still watch this England team from behind the curtains when they bat. Let's

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be honest - from the cricket we have seen, the West Indies have played with more discipline."

"It wasn't easy. There were some good balls but once again England have allowed the opposing team well into the game with a few weak dismissals."

West Indies limited-overs all-rounder Carlos Brathwaite: "Jason Holder challenged both the stumps and outside edge. He bowled with immaculate consistency, with length and skill, as well as swinging it both ways."

# DONKEYS. HORSES AND HOLY MEN

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

I don't know why we always want to act surprised when the elitist inclinations of PAM and its coalition partners are pushed front and centre in our faces.

Lest we forget, PAM was never formed to benefit ordinary people. They, however, understood the need to use ordinary people to accomplish their objectives because they recognized from early, that there would never be enough of them, to give them the political power to complete them. But outside of that, PAM never did and never will have much use and regard for us.

But some people don't want to believe that this is what is driving their choices of board members and permanent secretaries, for example. They know that something is amiss. But they don't want to admit that their usefulness ends every Election Day.

Take for instance these permanent secretaries. I hear husband replacing wife, making the brother-in-law the permanent secretary.

But wait. Where's the degree? At least the one who is being sent on indefinite vacation had a degree.

But wait. They say it's fake.

I hear that he is asking if it was just determined to be fake. I hear he wants to know if it was fake back in 2015.

Apparently some people still owe for their house and cannot be out of work. And since some locks were changed so they can't re-enter the building, alternative employment had to be

sought and provided soonest.

So Mrs. Hubbard is going to her cupboard. VH1 is replacing her. Madea is replacing VH1 and Prince Charlie is replacing Madea.

The holy man who used the children as pawns to ensure the victory is up in limbo. Which is exactly my point.

The holy man has been getting "knockout" since 17th February, 2015. Despite all that he did, he had to kick and scream to get the school. When it was determined that his forte was protesting and not "principaling", he had to be writing, leaking and threatening to avoid being sent packing.

Again, and because donkey ain't got no call in horse race, it was determined that his forte was protesting and not "PS"ing, and so there are rumours that he may soon be working from home.

So suitable employment had to be found for certain people who are more equal than other people, who don't understand their place at the table of these people.

These people only see us worth a \$50 food voucher or a paper for land for which three persons were already allocated as we stand in the line to vote. And some of us get so excited to think that we are their company, we throw every principle we ever learnt in the garbage.

Then we see the composition of the boards and we act surprised.



By Vigilante

- People in de know say dat de puppy is one a Humpty Dumpty people dem. Dey say dat is he dat give Humpty Dumpty he new shoes and watch to wear to de swearing een ceremony.

- Dey say das why Humpty Dumpty use to go Dubai so fast. He use to meet Woody and de puppy dere. And is Humpty Dumpty who tell him what to do to get he passport without any trouble.

- Ole Mother Hubbard say dat Humpty Dumpty know dat de money what de puppy give him was money dat he tief from de Indian dem in America. De money was to buy dey necessaries for de Virus. And Humpty Dumpty still tek it.

- Dey say dat Walla Walla was one a de puppy people dem too. Dey say dat dey did done have a lady for Walla Walla to married and he woulda get a ton rate a money, give some to Humpty Dumpty and de lady was gon get she passport quick too.

- Dey had a lady for de fallen angel and he was to get married de 4th a July. And he was gon get a ton rate a money to give some to Humpty Dumpty and build he house so he could stop pay rent. But through de puppy and Woody get lock up, he might have to married a Spanish.

- De FBI and de Interpol done come to talk to Humpty Dumpty bout de money dat he get from de puppy and dey say Humpty Dumpty sing like a bird. Das how come de FBI and Interpol ain't gone wid him yet.

- De member dem on de board get de shock a dey life when de Marriott tief tell dem dat dey have to resign. He don't want dem. Dey say dat de light a de moon say dat he not moving. Dey will have to talk to he lawyer. But de Marriott tief ain't study him and just put on who he want on de board.

- Dey say is de frilly mout deputy dat button up de mop jacket. Dey say he willfully do it so dat dey coulda laugh after him. Dey say dat dey want to run him because he mekking more money dan dem. And dey want people to know dat he ain't of sound mind and body.

- A certain person from dung by de Marriott tief area start one scatterflam when dey neither hear nor see dey name on a certain board. Dey say dey tired buse but de Marriott tief not answering dey phone call dem.

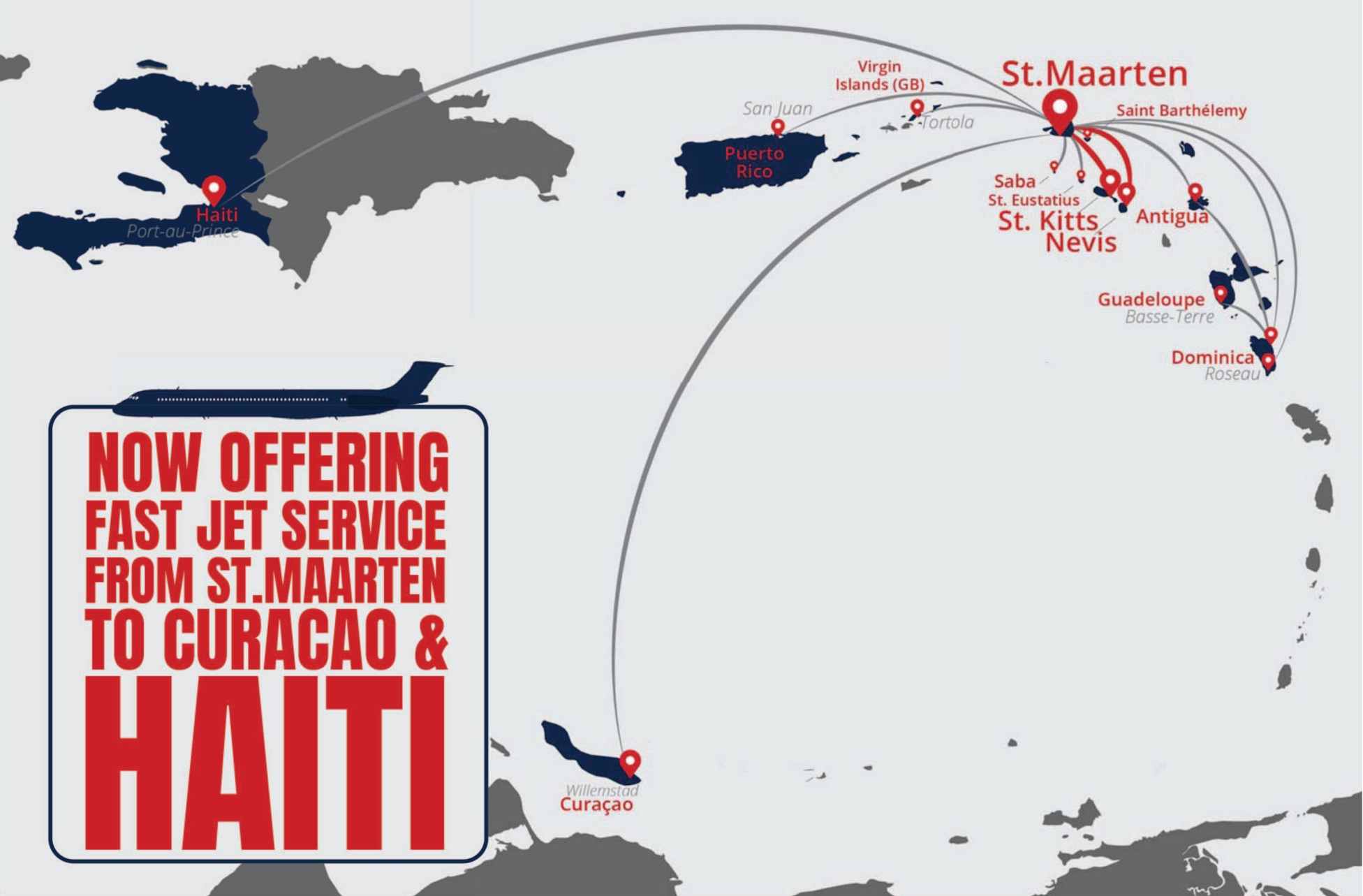
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