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Editorial

The Struggle Continues!

A week ago today there occurred on our beloved land one of the ugliest episodes in the political history of St. Kitts and Nevis. The selling and buying of votes was so blatant that most of our people still cannot believe it.

Will someone please explain why the Development Bank was opened for business on a Bank Holiday, namely Whit Monday, 1st June 2020, five days before the general elections! And will someone also please explain why the said bank operated all day Thursday 4 June 2020, one day before the elections, and remained opened until after midnight!

What was the nature of the business which that institution had to transact at those times?

But, then again, let it be remembered that warnings had previously been given, some years ago, that under family control, the same institution had been operating as though it was the 'piggy bank' for a certain constituency.

It has now become clear that the earlier carryings-on were trial runs for 'the big event'.

Those concerned, having gotten away with their 'raping' of the institution, simply took matters to the ultimate levels.

We are now left to wonder at the future of the nation's Social Security Scheme, amongst other institutions.

The most lamentable outcome of the entire exercise is the fact that our people's monies have been used to keep us all in political and economic bondage, a scenario akin to that of using cattle-skin whips with which to lash cattle.

Let us not fool ourselves! What lies ahead will cause the great majority of our people to suffer great pain, and it is going to be very difficult to lift ourselves out of this quagmire.

There is a certain creature which, whenever it proves convenient, loves to proclaim that it came out of the very bowels of Labour, and that it believes in the philosophy of Bradshaw, Southwell, France and other giants of the movement.

It is now abundantly clear, to all those who have eyes with which to see and ears with which to hear, that same demonic creature is doing its utmost best to destroy the very same Labour Movement which it claims gave it political birth, and in which it purports to have grown up.

Beyond any shadow of a doubt, that is the most unbearable aspect of the ongoing efforts to destroy our

movement, the party and the union.

At this time our people are grieving, and understandably so. Our future under SCHEME UNITY is bleak, and, as responsible people, we MUST be concerned about our future, as well as that of our upcoming and future generations.

Our political candidates all gave outstanding accounts of themselves, and we have every right to be proud of them, it is just that the 'decks' were heavily stacked against them.

Our special thanks to our beloved Comrade Leader, Dr. The Right Honourable Denzil Llewellyn Douglas, for his truly outstanding leadership, and his enduring commitment to our cause.

We also thank our other comrade leaders, and urge them not to despair.

There is nothing about the June 2020 elections, which can be called 'free and fair, and free from fair'. The timing and very circumstances under which they were held speak volumes against any such claims to the contrary.

The exercise was most sordid in its entirety. Of particular concern has to be the all too obvious efforts which they made to dilute the voting power of the people of St. Kitts in particular, but also of the people of Nevis.

As a part of the way forward we shall have to clean up that particular mess.

But our people need to take heart, and let us patiently await the outcome of our leaders' efforts as they seek redress wherever appropriate.

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sound, meaningful, well thought out proposals, with genuine intentions to make them work for the general good and advancement of our country.

Rather unfortunately it seems as though we shall have to wait some more before we can begin to do those things.

We of The Labour Spokesman congratulate all of our people for your staunch support, for keeping the faith, and for fighting the good fight.

To all those who returned home to Labour we thank you, from the bottom of our hearts. Likewise we thank all of our brothers and sisters of PAM who voted with us, disgusted as they had become with the nastiness and corruption of some of those who pretended to represent them.

We of Labour wish to assure you that you can likewise count on us to stand with you whenever such needs arise.

Thus it is that we say, with conviction, this is also a new day in the politics of our beloved St. Kitts and Nevis.

Let us therefore continue to reach out to each other, and seek to build solid, respectful and caring relationships, which will auger well for our future.

As President Barack Obama warned us some time ago, the fight is never over - the struggle is never ended. Indeed, as the Christian faith has taught us, evil is forever seeking to overcome good.

Let us all, dear comrades, friends, supporters, brothers and sisters, continue to be of stout heart and good courage.

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES!

Douglas Holds Off Congratulating Team Unity Gov't

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 12th June 2020) - Leader of the Opposition St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) Dr. denzil Douglas has not extended words of congratulations to the Team Unity government headed by Dr. Timothy Harris on its return to office following the 2020 general elections.

In a live address to the nation on Monday 8th June, he gave the reasoning for such claiming that the election process was not fair as there were significant irregularities which the party believes affected the polling day results.

“I remain deeply disturbed that the hope, prosperity and opportunity that lay in wait under a NextGen SKN Labour Party has been hijacked in large measure by the many irregularities and anomalies that took place in our electoral and voting processes in the years, months, weeks and days leading to the general election. It is for these reasons that I cannot in good conscience concede the election as being free, fair and free from fear.”

Dr. Douglas added: “Along with the prejudicial environment that sought to give our competitors an unfair advantage, the Unity administration committed many irregularities which limited the rights of citizens in the voting process.”

According to him: “There have been serious, significant irregularities in the process which we believe have affected the results. We are collating the reports from the various polling agents of the Party and will report back in short order. In the meantime keep your chins up, your heads high and rally with your NextGen SKN team.”

The Opposition Leader stated that the will of the people is the only source of authority of government and no right-thinking person can objectively declare that Election 2020 was run based on the standards, principles and ethics of good governance.

“For these reasons, the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party cannot accept the election results. We are in the process of examining and compiling evidence with a view to taking serious action on

these matters in the future. I therefore reserve my congratulations until these matters have been duly resolved.”

The former Prime Minister gave his view that the next five year under the present government will be challenging for the Federation.

“Finally, I wish to say to my beloved people of our Federation that the next five years will not be easy as St. Kitts and Nevis, one of the smallest countries in the world by population, struggles to find its new footing in the present postCOVID-19 global environment. However, I remain confident that the invincible spirit, intelligence, resourcefulness and resilience of our people will take us through even this, our darkest hour, to brighter days.”

The SKNLP Leader has advised his comrades to hold strain saying.

“To my fellow comrades, I say ‘Hold Strain’! We have a righteous wind at our backs. Let us continue to trust that God will see us through and work everything out for our good. During these perilous times, the St. Kitts-Nevis Party stands resolute and unswerving in our commitment to doing all the good we can do, which is our sacred mission. We have every intention to continue to pursue our people empowerment agenda.

“We will continue to fight for our people’s justice. We cannot allow our election principles, processes and procedures to be compromised. True democracy must flourish in our Federation!”

Front Page Image: Opposition members Leader Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas (front) and Marcella Liburd and Konris Maynard (center) with a placard which reads in part “Perkins what instructions did your puppet master give you today?” pass Government Headquarters on Church Street in a February 2018 opposition parliamentarians protest (Spokesman Snap)

One-Legged Farmer Dies After Being Attacked With

Machete

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 12th June 2020) - Wounds sustained after being attacked with a machete led to the recent death of a 55-year-old Saddlers Village farmer named Stenneth Harvey, better known as ‘Kwondo’ and the ‘Honey Man’, who was a left-leg amputee for over 28 years following a traffic accident.

Police say an autopsy performed by Resident Pathologist Dr. Adrian Nunez on Wednesday 3rd June 2020 concluded that death was due to Hypovolemic shock (multiple traumatic wounds due to machete injuries).

Six days earlier, officers responded to a report of a murder at Saddlers Mountain on Friday 29th May 2020, sometime after 5 PM.

Upon arrival, they found Harvey’s motionless body lying on a dirt track with several lacerations.

Police are making an appeal to anyone who might have any information in relation to this incident to call the Violent Crimes Unit (VCU) at 467-1887, 662-3468 or their nearest Police Station. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.



Stenneth Harvey (Source: Facebook/Kwondo’s Conscious Farming - St. Kitts)

In 2013, there was a GoFundMe outreach to the public for financial assistance for a prosthetic leg for Harvey since the use of crutches had been overstressing his heart in regard to him engaging in agriculture activities, and he was successful in obtaining such at some point.

Harvey- a Rastafarian and the holder of a Taekwondo Black, lost his leg in a traffic accident while riding his motorcycle. Over the years, he has been well-known and respected for his physical fitness and daily energetic flow while carrying out farm work.

His life partner, Elisabeth Karamat, in a March 2013 media interview conducted by this media house’s editor while at another establishment

(SKNVibes.com), touched on how the loss of Harvey’s leg had been affecting his livelihood.

“He has been without his leg for 23 years...almost 24 years. He lost his leg in a motorcycle accident. A ‘Sugar’ jeep drove into his leg. He was a Black Belt in Taekwondo. Bee Man, farmer, everybody, the policemen and the

guys who trained with him in Taekwondo, they say to me that he was a serious athlete. St. Kitts lost an athlete with this accident. His father was completely depressed after the accident.”

It was also shared that Harvey told his father not to worry because “I’m going to get back on my foot. I’m going to get back on track”.

Karamat, also during that 2013 interview, highlighted how Harvey went to his Saddlers farm after the accident, staying there without human interaction for three months.

“After the accident, he had a serious crisis and he retreated. He retreated from the fast life...the motorcycles, parties

working the hops as a security man and the training of Taekwondo; all of that so the fast life was over and he retreated on his farm. He became a Rasta. He meditated. He knew he had another purpose in life and that is how it happened. He’s stayed without human contact for three months. Imagine that!”

“He’s very powerful, not just physically but also in his mind...mentally,” she said.

PHOTO:

Front page: Stenneth Harvey at work in this April 2017 image with his crutches seen nearby on grass (Source: Facebook/Kwondo’s Conscious Farming - St. Kitts)



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited

having made sworn deposition that policy number 71896 on the life of Clevaughn Wyatt been lost, and having made application to the directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 12/6/2020

By Order,

Cedric Jeffers
General Manager

Elections Supervisor Releases Official Polling Day Results

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 12th June 2020) – The Supervisor of Elections, Elvin Bailey has released the official results-issued on Thursday 11th June- in document form, showing the full details of ballots cast on polling day here in St.Kitts-Nevis conducted on Friday 5th June 2020, as a follow-up to his live televised and radio periodic presentations made.

The General Elections, according to the numerical information, have seen: The People's Labour Party (PLP) headed by Dr. Timothy Harris capturing 2 out of its 3 contested seats, the opposition St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) headed by Dr. Denzil Douglas taking 2 out of a full slate 8 contested seats, the People's Action Movement (PAM) headed by Shawn Richards taking 4 out of its 5 contested seats in St. Kitts and the Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM) headed by Mark Brantley winning all 3 of the seats on Nevis.

The general breakdown of votes per candidate in all constituencies in the Federation is as follows:

Constituency One: SKNLP newcomer Dr. Geoffrey Hanley (1658), PAM Ian 'Patches' Liburd (1634)

Constituency Two: PAM Jonel Powell (1654) SKNLP Marcella Liburd (1422)

Constituency three: PLP newcomer Alkilah Byron-Nisbett (1342), SKNLP Konris Maynard (1253)

Constituency Four: PAM Deputy Leader Lindsay Grant (1284), SKNLP newcomer Steve Wrensford (934) and newcomer independent runner Jason

'Grabbament' Thomas (11).

Constituency Five: PAM Leader Shawn Richards (1296), SKNLP newcomer Kenneth 'Kenny' Douglas (821).

Constituency Six: SKNLP Leader Denzil Douglas (1553) and PLP newcomer Kevin 'Ninky Williams' (476).

Constituency Seven: PLP Leader Dr. Timothy Harris (1870), SKNLP newcomer Leon Nata –Nelson (607).

Constituency Eight: PAM Eugene Hamilton (2232), SKNLP Chairman Dr. Terrance Drew (2208)

Constituency Nine: CCM Leader Mark Brantley (1693), Nevis Reformation Party (NRP) newcomer Dr. Kelvin Daley (1155).

Constituency Ten: CCM newcomer to a federal race Eric Evelyn (710), NRP newcomer Bjorn Hanley (167).

Constituency Eleven: CCM Deputy Leader Alexis Jeffers (1107) versus NRP Patrice Nisbett (910).

Two days after polling day, on Sunday 7th June, Dr. Timothy Harris was sworn-in for a second time as Prime Minister of St.Kitts and Nevis during a ceremony held at Government House at Springfield.

In his remarks, he described the occasion as an honour.

"Today is a historic day for me. The son of a housewife, Margaret Harris born in St.Kitts and a sugar worker Mr. Godfrey Nisbett born on the island of Nevis.

Nevis. It is a signal honour and moment that I never envisaged nor had I, growing up in the petite village of Tabernacle where there were the sea, mountains, hills, and sugar lands around me."

Dr. Harris is the national political leader of the three-party Team Unity coalition government composed of PLP, PAM and CCM now in its second term in office.

Front Page Image: Ahead of the opening of a polling stations in St.Kitts, at 6:53AM a presiding officer shows voters in line that the ballot box is empty on Friday 5th June 2020 before the 7:00 AM-start (Spokesman Snap)



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited having made sworn deposition that **policy number 73933 on the life of Jennifer Francis has been lost**, and having made application to the directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 12/6/2020

By Order,

Cedric Jeffers
General Manager

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
(TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT)

Application No.
NEVHCV2018/0046

Between:

RBTT BANK (SKN) LIMITED

- Applicant

and

GEORGE DASENT

- Respondent

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Applicant, RBTT BANK (SKN) LIMITED has filed a Notice of Application to Settle the Articles of Sale, et al with Draft Articles of Sale and a Draft Order attached, 2nd Affidavit of Chad Allen, Affidavit of Spencer Brand with Exhibit "SB-1", and Affidavit of Hastings R. Daniel with Exhibit "HRD-1", on February 13, 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 **Monday June 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** the Respondent must attend the said hearing otherwise the High Court can proceed in his 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.

It is an honour for me to have the opportunity of being sworn in for a second time as the prime minister of St.Kitts and

Lindsay Grant and Jonel Powell who misappropriated US\$460,000 denied application to appeal by Court

Basseterre, St Kitts, June 11, 2020 - Lindsay Grant and Jonel Powell, who misappropriated US\$460,000 (EC\$1.2 million) belonging to a client, failed in their attempt to appeal the matter when three judges of the Eastern Caribbean Appeal Court rejected their application during a hearing on Wednesday.

Grant and Powell who were elected to the St Kitts and Nevis National Assembly on June 5 had been found liable by a High Court Judge of breach of trust and breach of fiduciary responsibility in the misappropriation of the US\$460,000 belonging to a client, Tanzania Tobin Tanzil.

Grant and Powell will now appear before a two-judge panel of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court which will determine whether they should be suspended from practicing as lawyers or debarred.

In an 11th February 2019 ruling, Justice Eddy Ventose stated: "And Upon the Court accepting the pleadings as being truthful to the fact that the Defendants breached their fiduciary duty and/or their duty of trust owed to the Claimant as his Solicitor or escrow agents and/or acted fraudulently in receiving and or misappropriated funds in using and/or failing to account for the sum of US\$460,000 which was transferred to the Defendant's bankin or about May 13 2013 for a specific purpose, namely, to purchase a condominium unit under the Citizenship By Investment Programme and secure title to the property, It is hereby ordered and directed that the defendants are to pay the Claimant damages to be assessed by the Court."

Alliance Française Takes Singing Competition Online

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 12th June 2020) - Management of the Alliance Française de St.Kitts-Nevis, like other institutions and business places locally and globally, has been adjusting business operations in a health and safety response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

In a telephone chit-chat with this media house, Director of the Alliance Française Marine Moncaut provided an update

including details on the French Singing Competition 2020-At Home Edition.

“We were about to start the French Singing Competition before the COVID-19 hit us so we have closed the Alliance Française on the 18th of March to the public, and since then we have done a transition of [French language learning] classes online but about the competition, we didn’t organise much and in the Federation and the world with the COVID-19 situation, the social and cultural activities are

very limited, especially for children and adolescents.”

On Thursday 11th June, she informed that a total of twenty-six submissions were received with a breakdown of 5 children (individuals between 4 years old and 10 years old), 11 adolescents (individuals between 10 years old and 17 years old and 10 adults (individuals from 18 years old and above).

The competition was launched on Wednesday 27th May as members of the public were asked to stay home and sing a French song, guided that they choose a song, record and submit before Wednesday 10th June.

As gathered for the two-day period of Thursday 11th and Friday 12th June, a four-member jury composed of Claudine Saunders, King Socrates, Grace Richardson and Gairy Knight will rate the 26 performances and choose 3 finalists per category.

The finale is slated to take place on Wednesday 17th June at 7:00PM via a private zoom media session, and persons interested in viewing are asked to send an email to culture.afskn@gmail.com to get access.

Moncaut talked about the reason for the addition of two

categories by way of including others to be part of the contest which initially spotlighted children in high schools.

“The adults, we can still go into town and have some contact but the adolescents and the children, they are still staying home and not really seeing their friends and so they don’t have the same interactions and social lives so we decided to still provide an event for them and we also decided to propose that option to everyone because the previous competition was focused on adolescents, children who are in high school. This time we have three categories; one category is for children, one category is for adolescents and one for adults.”

The local Alliance Française director is of the view that the at home edition of the singing competition adds to the promotion of culture and education in a fun way yet financially beneficial to participants amidst these challenging times with cash vouchers as the prizes.

“This is a way to promote culture and education as something that could lift us up in these times of uncertainty, times of stress where the families can be stressed financially and that’s why we also changed the prizes to cash voucher.”

Moncaut continued: “We hope to get a little dynamic that could provide something a little light for the families-children, adolescents for everybody only to sing a song and get some kind of voucher as a way to promote culture, education; something fun...”

For more details, individuals can visit Alliance Française social media Facebook page at www.facebook.com/afstkittsnevis or contact 1-869-667-9019.



Photo: Director of the Alliance Française Marine Moncaut (file photo-Spokesman Snap)



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Dated: 12/6/2020

By Order,

Cedric Jeffers
General Manager

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District “B”
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Resendo Morris Browne** now residing in the village of **Half Way Tree** do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **02nd day of July, 2020** to the **District Magistrate** at **Dieppe Bay** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **Verchild’s High School** in **Main Road, Verchild Village** in **St. Kitts**.

Dated this **08th day of June, 2020**.

Signed: **Resendo Browne**

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
(TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT)

Application
No. NEVHCV2018/0012

Between:

REPUBLIC BANK (EC) LIMITED
(successor to the banking business
of The Bank of Nova Scotia)
- Applicant

and

THE ESTATE OF CLAYTON MILLS
- Respondent

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Applicant, **REPUBLIC BANK (EC) LIMITED** (successor to the banking business of The Bank of Nova Scotia), has filed a Notice of Application to Reduce the Upset Price and Fix New Terms of Sale with Draft Varied Articles of Sale and a Draft Order attached, a 3rd Affidavit of Calder Warner and a 2nd Affidavit of Edric Stanley with Exhibit “ES-2”, on February 13, 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 **Monday June 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** A representative of the Respondent’s Estate must attend the said hearing otherwise the High Court can proceed in his or her absence.

A representative of the Respondent’s Estate can access the Documents at the Chambers of Kelsick, Wilkin & Ferdinand, Fred Kelsick Building, Independence Square South, Basseterre, St. Kitts, during its opening hours, being Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except for public holidays.

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.





Autopsy Results Finds Donte Samuel Stabbed In Heart

By:
Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 12th June 2020)- A 26-year-old man who died after a recent fight involving other individuals in the Old Road Community was stabbed in the heart, according to details of an autopsy report.

Police have informed that Resident Pathologist Dr. Adrian Nunez following an autopsy carried out on Monday 8th June 2020 concluded that Donte Samuel's death was due to Cardiac Tamponade secondary to a single stab wound to the left anterior chest with heart injury.

According to www.healthline.com: "Cardiac tamponade is a serious medical condition in which blood or fluids fill the space between the sac that encases the heart and the heart muscle. This places extreme pressure on your heart. The pressure prevents

the heart's ventricles from expanding fully and keeps your heart from functioning properly. Your heart can't pump enough blood to the rest of your body when this happens."

Police investigations revealed that close to 4 PM on Tuesday 2nd June, an altercation between several persons took place in Old Road fatally wounding that young community resident.

Reportedly, Samuel was stabbed in the chest and 31-year-old Quezney Watson, also of Old Road, received a wound to his left eye.

Both were transported to the Joseph N France General Hospital

in private vehicles.

Samuel succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Hospital while Watson underwent surgery and was in a stable condition.

The Police are appealing to persons who might have information regarding this incident to contact the Violent Crime Unit by dialing 467-1887, 467-1888, 662-3468 or the nearest Police Station.

Photo: Deceased- Donte Samuel

RESULTS OF GENERAL ELECTION 2020 ELECTED CANDIDATES

The General Public is hereby notified in accordance with the provisions of section 94 (2) of the National Assembly Act (Cap 2.01) that the representatives of the eleven (11) Electoral Districts who were elected to serve in the National Assembly of St Kitts and Nevis as a result of the General Election held on Friday 5th June are as follows:

ST CHRISTOPHER (1) EAST BASSETERRE	GEOFFERY HANLEY ST KITTS -NEVIS LABOUR PARTY
ST CHRISTOPHER (2) CENTRAL BASSETERRE	JONEL POWELL PEOPLES ACTION MOVEMENT
ST CHRISTOPHER (3) WEST BASSETERRE	AKILAH BYRON-NISBETT PEOPLES LABOUR PARTY
ST CHRISTOPHER (4) CHALLENGERS/HALFWAY TREE	LINDSEY GRANT PEOPLES ACTION MOVEMENT
ST CHRISTOPHER (5) SANDY POINT	SHAWN RICHARDS PEOPLES ACTION MOVEMENT
ST CHRISTOPHER (6) NEWTON GROUND HARRIS	DENZIL DOUGLAS ST KITTS -NEVIS LABOUR PARTY
ST CHRISTOPHER (7) BELLE VUE - OTTLEYS	TIMOTHY HARRIS PEOPLES LABOUR PARTY
ST CHRISTOPHER (8) OTTLEYS-KITTSTODDARTS AND ST PETERS	EUGENE HAMILTON PEOPLES ACTION MOVEMENT
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NEVIS 11 ST JAMES, WINDWARD, ST THOMAS LOWLAND	ALEXIS JEFFERS CONCERNED CITIZENS MOVEMENT

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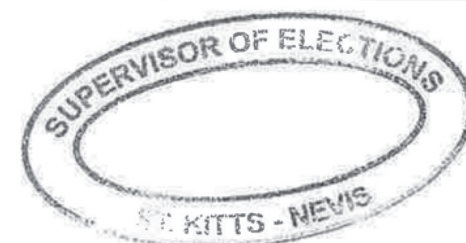


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CONSTITUENCY: St. Christopher # 1

Polling Station	Voters Allotted	Candidate: G. Hanley (SKNLP)	Candidate: I. Liburd (PAM)	Spoilt Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast
1 (PARISH CENTER)	527	126	147	0	7	280
2A (POLICE STATION)	392 A-F	122	109	0	3	234
2B (POLICE STATION)	415 G-M	124	117	0	1	242
2C (WARNER PARK)	380 N-Y	126	117	0	5	248
3A (TUCKER CLARK)	517 A-W	209	107	0	0	316
3B (KIM COLLINS)	431 A-G	103	111	1	11	226
3C (KIM COLLINS)	393 H-O	96	86	1	5	188
3D (KIM COLLINS)	381 P-Z	94	104	1	8	207
3E (KIM COLLINS)	368 A-K	84	67	0	14	165
3F (KIM COLLINS)	372 L-Z	84	100	0	11	195
4A (PWD)	383 A-F	133	131	3	5	272
4B (PWD)	481 G-O	101	159	0	8	268
4C (PWD)	385 P-W	83	123	0	6	212
5 (POLICE)	324	103	87	0	9	199
6 (HOPE CHAPEL)	253	70	69	0	5	144
TOTAL	6002	1658	1634	6	98	3390

VOTERS TURNOUT = 56.5%

**CONSTITUENCY: St. Christopher #2**

Polling Station	Voters Allotted	Candidate: M. Liburd (SKNLP)	Candidate: J.Powell (PAM)	Spoilt Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast
1A (Anglican Ch Hall)	307 A-I	92	85	0	0	177
1B (Anglican Ch Hall)	333 J-Y	91	96	0	0	187
2A (SKELEC)	385 A-I	108	115	0	2	225
2B (SKELEC)	390 J-Z	92	115	0	0	207
3A (WESLYAN)	536 A-D	140	167	0	0	307
3B (WESLYN)	471 E-I	135	160	0	1	296
3C (WESLYN)	601 J-P	154	194	0	2	350
3D (WESLYN)	502 Q-Z	124	157	3	2	286
4A (ST. BARNABAS)	456 A-J	124	143	0	1	268
4B (ST. BARNABAS)	436 K-Y	110	135	0	1	246
5A (CFBC)	286 A-L	63	99	0	3	165
5B (CFBC)	307 K-Y	71	104	0	1	176
6 (CPU BLDG)	408	118	84	0	0	202
TOTAL	5418	1422	1654	3	13	3089

VOTERS TURNOUT = 57%



CONSTITUENCY: St. Christopher #3

Polling Station	Voters Allotted	Candidate: K. Maynard (SKNLP)	Candidate: A. Byron Nisbett (PLP)	Spoilt Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast
1 (ST. JOHNSTON)	543	182	175	0	3	360
2 (OLD ANTIOCH)	271	103	57	0	4	164
3 (METH SC ROOM)	379	107	106	0	1	214
4A (APOSTOLIC CH)	449 A-I	165	137	0	2	304
4B (APOSTOLIC CH)	482 J-Y	153	158	0	0	311
5A (NEW ANTIOCH)	365 A-G	97	106	0	2	205
5B (NEW ANTIOCH)	407 H-N	129	140	0	3	272
5C (NEW ANTIOCH)	380 O-Z	105	104	0	1	210
6A (BRONTE WELSH)	399 A-J	91	195	0	2	288
6B (BRONTE WELSH)	403 K-Y	121	164	0	2	287
TOTAL	5418	1253	1342	0	20	2615

VOTERS TURNOUT = 48.3%



CONSTITUENCY: St Christopher 4: Challengers/Halfway Tree

Polling Station	Voters Allotted	Candidate: L. Grant (PAM)	Candidate: J. THOMAS (IND)	Candidate: S. Wrensford (SKNLP)	Spoilt Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast
1A (CHALLENGERS C.C)	301 A-L	119	1	61	0	6	187
1B (CHALLENGERS C.C)	279 M-W	108	1	49	0	2	160
2A (METH SC. R. OR)	391 A-J	130	0	123	0	2	255
2B (METH CH. OLD RD)	328 K-W	127	0	96	0	2	225
3A (TYRELL WILLIAMS)	366 A-J	127	1	122	0	1	251
3B (TYRELL WILLIAMS)	394 K-W	150	0	116	0	2	268
4A (GOSPEL HALL M.I)	298 A-H	112	1	89	1	1	203
4B (GOSPEL HALL M.I)	290 I-Z	94	1	84	0	1	180
5A (HALFWAY TREE C.C)	369 A-J	155	2	95	0	3	255
5B (HALFWAY TREE C.C)	384 L-Z	162	4	98	0	1	265
TOTAL	3400	1284	11	934	1	21	2249

VOTERS TURNOUT = 66.14%



CONSTITUENCY: St. Christopher #5

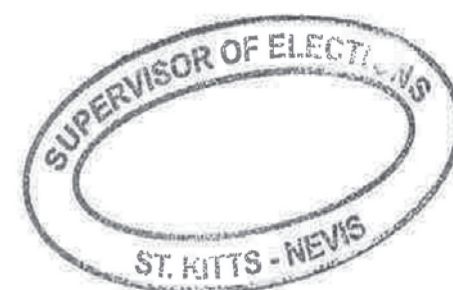
Polling Station	Voters Allotted	Candidate: K. DOUGLAS (SKNLP)	Candidate: S. Richards (PAM)	Spoilt Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast
1A (CLUB HSE)	401 A-G	105	156	0	2	263
1B (NEW PLAYFIELD)	378 H-Q	87	170	0	3	260
1C (REC. GROUND)	401 R-Z	86	183	0	2	271
2 (SP PRESCHOOL)	373	171	166	0	2	339
3A (APOSTOLIC F.CH)	279 A-I	81	108	0	1	190
3B (APOSTOLIC F.CH)	296 J-Z	69	120	0	0	189
4 (I.M. SCHOOL RM)	357	59	167	0	0	226
5A (N. GOSPEL HALL)	204 A-W	68	45	0	2	115
5B (S.P COM.CTR)	174 A-W	41	64	0	0	105
6 (WESLYAN)	261	54	117	0	0	171
TOTAL	3124	821	1296	0	12	2129

VOTERS TURNOUT = 68.14%

**CONSTITUENCY: St. Christopher #6**

Polling Station	Voters Allotted	Candidate: D. DOUGLAS (SKNLP)	Candidate: K. WILLIAMS (PLP)	Spoilt Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast
1A (N.G. PRIMARY)	325 A-J	141	71	0	0	212
1B (N.G. PRIMARY)	278 L-Z	128	38	1	0	167
2 (ST. PAULS C. CTR)	459	268	41	0	0	309
3A (ST. PAULS PRM)	348 A-F	213	32	0	0	245
3B (ST. PAULS PRM)	300 G-W	169	29	0	0	198
4 (D.B. PRIMARY)	389	152	67	0	0	219
5 (PARSONS C. CTR)	296	150	54	1	0	205
6 (SADDLERS PRM)	471	184	97	1	0	282
7 (SCHOOL)	339	148	47	2	1	198
TOTAL	3205	1553	476	5	1	2030

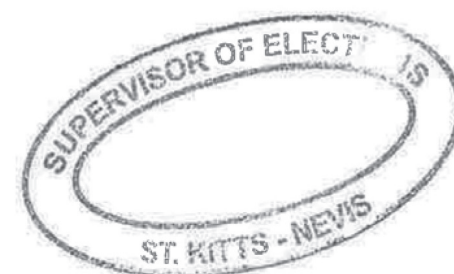
VOTERS TURNOUT = 63.33%



CONSTITUENCY: St. Christopher #7

Polling Station	Voters Allotted	Candidate: T. HARRIS (PLP)	Candidate: I. Natta- Nelson (SKNLP)	Spoilt Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast
1 (TABERNACLE C.C)	520	262	70	0	1	333
2 (E.T.M PRIMARY)	497	302	45	0	1	348
3 (E. PRIMARY)	342	136	80	0	2	218
4 (COVENANT O.CH)	377	208	74	0	0	282
5 (JOSHUA O. PRM)	537	252	97	0	2	351
6 (MOLINEAUX H.C)	445	220	73	0	0	293
7 (MT. CARMEL C.C)	307	152	59	2	2	215
8A (VIOLET P. PRM)	387 A-M	180	54	0	2	236
8B (VIOLET P. PRM)	310 N-Y	158	55	0	0	213
TOTAL	3722	1870	607	2	10	2487

VOTERS TURNOUT = 66.81%

**CONSTITUENCY: St. Christopher # 8: Ottleys-Kittstoddarts and St Peters**

Polling Station	Voters Allotted	Candidate: T. Drew (SKNLP)	Candidate: E. Hamilton (PAM)	Spoilt Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast
1A (CAYON D.CARE)	355 A-J	76	147	0	0	223
1B (CAYON D.CARE)	350 K-Y	60	165	2	0	227
2A (CAYON C.O.G)	462 A-H	74	212	0	2	288
2B (ANGLICAN C.H)	454 I-Y	88	187	0	1	276
3A (CAYON PRM)	444 A-J	105	186	0	3	294
3B (CAYON PRM)	384 K-Z	73	134	1	0	208
4A (ST.PETERS C.C)	307 A-H	114	90	0	0	204
4B (ST. PETERS C.C)	288 I-W	112	70	0	1	183
4C (ST. PETERS ANG)	456 A-Y	183	109	0	0	292
4D (CONAREE C.C)	359 A-G	97	112	0	0	209
4E (CONAREE C.C)	381 H-M	138	116	0	0	254
4F (CONAREE PRSCH)	373 N-Z	89	139	1	0	229
5A (ST.PETERS PRM)	414 A-C	189	102	0	0	291
5B (ST.PETERS PRM)	326 D-G	142	71	1	0	214
5C (ST.PETERS PRM)	402 H-L	175	80	0	0	255
5D (ST.PETERS PRM)	373 M-Q	178	73	0	1	252
5E (ST.PETERS PRM)	403 R-Y	167	107	0	1	275
6 KEYS C. CTR)	417	148	132	0	1	281
TOTAL	6948	2208	2232	5	10	4450

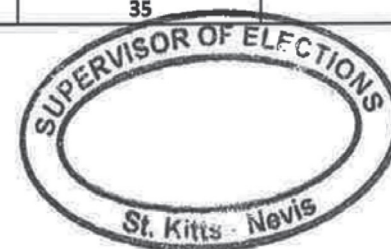
VOTERS TURNOUT = 64%



CONSTITUENCY: Nevis #9: St John, Fig Tree, St Pauls and Charlestown

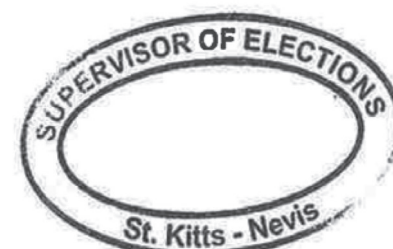
Polling Station	Voters Allotted	Candidate: M. Brantley (CCM)	Candidate: Dr. K. Daly (NRP)	Spoilt Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast
1 (COGOP COX)	466	105	98	0	4	207
2A (EPPS)	338 A-K	79	56	0	4	139
2B (SJPB ANN)	327 L-W	85	51	0	2	138
3A (IWPS)	391 A-D	132	70	0	0	202
3B (IWPS)	321 E-L	96	50	0	0	146
3C (IWPS)	352 M-R	83	84	0	3	170
3D (CILELY B. INT)	295 S-Z	75	55	0	0	130
4A (EDU. DEPT.)	282 A-G	92	46	0	4	142
4B (EDU. DEPT.)	292 H-M	101	44	0	2	147
4C (U. PENTICOSTAL)	456 N-X	105	45	0	0	150
5A (ALBERTHA P.)	394 A-J	116	80	0	3	199
5B (ALBERTHA P.)	407 K-W	128	55	0	3	186
6A (METH CONF. CTR)	374 A-L	66	79	0	1	146
6B (METH CONF. CTR)	344 M-Z	62	89	0	0	151
7 (MAG. COURT)	423	102	71	0	0	173
8A (CDS)	433 A-K	128	68	0	4	200
8B (CDS)	463 L-Y	111	90	0	3	204
9 (COURTHOUSE)	139	27	24	0	2	53
TOTAL	6497	1693	1155	0	35	2883

VOTERS TURNOUT = 44.4%

**CONSTITUENCY: Nevis #10: St Georges, Gingerland**

Polling Station	Voters Allotted	Candidate: E. EVELYN (CCM)	Candidate: B. Hanley (NRP)	Spoilt Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast
1 (NR METH CH.)	194	86	15	0	0	101
2 (GING. PRESCHOOL)	226	87	24	0	1	112
3 (HANLEYS ROAD)	327	128	35	0	2	165
4 (COM. CTR)	142	66	15	0	0	81
5 (HARDTIMES)	543	219	36	1	0	256
6 (GHS)	342	124	42	0	0	166
TOTAL	1774	710	167	1	3	881

VOTERS TURNOUT = 49.7%



CONSTITUENCY: Nevis #11: St James, Windward, St Thomas Lowland

Polling Station	Voters Allotted	Candidate: A. Jeffers (CCM)	Candidate: P. Nisbett (NRP)	Spoilt Ballots	Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast
1 (NEPAC)	303	85	81	0	0	166
2A (JESSUPS)	332 A-K	88	113	0	4	205
2B (COMMUNITY CTR)	342 L-Z	78	120	2	2	202
3 (C.G.C.C)	587	169	186	0	2	357
4A (VOJN)	347 A-K	111	44	0	2	157
4B (VOJN)	383 L-W	114	65	2	0	181
5 (TRINITY)	453	106	101	0	2	209
6 (FBBC)	387	102	57	0	0	159
7A (GOG BUTLERS)	460 A-Y	134	78	0	0	212
7B (BUTLERS)	411 A-Y	120	65	0	3	188
TOTAL	3205	1107	910	4	15	2032

VOTERS TURNOUT = 63.4%



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Guyana Presidential Election Data Shows Opposition Leader Ali Wins Recount

- By Neil Marks



Irfaan Ali, presidential candidate for Guyana's opposition People's Progressive Party, as he met with supporters ahead of the 2 March 2020 presidential election, in Georgetown, Guyana. Photo credit: Luc Cohen (Reuters file).

GEORGETOWN (Reuters) - Preliminary data published by Guyana's elections commission shows that opposition candidate Irfaan Ali has won a recount of votes in March's presidential

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election following accusations the tally was manipulated.

President David Granger had claimed victory despite observer groups and diplomats from the United States and the European Union saying there were irregularities in the count.

While Guyana's election commission has yet to officially declare results, initial data shows Ali's opposition PPP party secured enough votes to win 33 seats in the 65-seat legislature.

Granger's APNU+AFC

party secured enough votes to take 31 seats.

The 40-year-old Ali is expected to be sworn in as president.

The opposition had said the results from the largest voting district had been inflated to put Granger ahead of Ali. Guyana's top court found the district's electoral head had not counted votes in accordance with electoral laws, eventually leading to a country-wide recount.

The disputed vote may fuel long-simmering tensions between two groups, Afro-Guyanese and those of Indian descent, each of which has grown suspicious that the other is seeking control over revenues from oil production.

Guyana, which has a population of less than 800,000, is expected to become a major oil producer in the coming years as a consortium of companies taps into 8 billion barrels of oil and gas off its coast.

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conspiracy had been anything but silent.

Foreign murderers landing at Half Way Tree to join local murderers in an effort to blow up Springfield Camp, Fry's Village, parts of Greenlands (including the area where Grant's inlaws live), Government House, parts of Springfield Cemetery, and La Guerite (thank goodness the wire connected to the explosives was severed the day before by a passing locomotive); setting fire to the Bulk Fuel Depot at Pond Pasture (an act that would have burned Basseterre to the ground and killed most of its inhabitants; including many of those for whom PAM can do nothing wrong, and their children); shooting up the police station in Basseterre and killing as many police officers as they needed to kill to get their devilish job done; sabotaging the Power Plant at Needsmost (as was tried only last year during the run-up to the general elections of October 25, 2004); killing a number of officials; taking Bradshaw and Southwell to Anguilla as hostages; taking over the country; and inserting Billy Herbert as the new premier.

There were Defence Force volunteers at Springfield Camp that night. They were stranded and in desperate need of weapons and ammunition, but the armory was locked and the only man who had the key, a man named Irving Howell (now deceased), was not at the Camp, not at his home and, most conveniently that night, nowhere to be found in little St. Kitts.

Of course, he was part of the genocidal conspiracy.

For all he cared, men like Wingrove Archibald, Arthur Williams, Manny Martin and the other volunteers at the Camp could have died that night, shot down like dogs at the hands of the murderers.

For all he cared, the whole country could have been flattened that night, just so long as his boy Billy Herbert and PAM could be installed as the new government.

Billy Herbert, a son of relative privilege, and living under a father whose heart and mind were as white as his skin was dark (and his skin was very dark), had just contested his first election the year before, and, of course, he had lost.

he was, and having absolutely no respect for the democratic process, or for the people of this land, he conspired with Ronald Webster and others in Anguilla and elsewhere to overthrow the then Labour Government, because he was in a hurry to be the boss of this country.

He had to have his way, and as far as he was concerned, to hell with everybody else. If the people would not give him the leadership of this country through the ballot, he would take it from them through the bullet, and take life, indeed, commit genocide, in order to achieve his goal.

Billy had already orchestrated a full-page advert in the New York Times newspaper in that same year, 1967, urging investors not to bring their money to St. Kitts & Nevis.

He did not give a damn about this country and its ordinary and regular folks.

To add insult to injury, those same ordinary folks had the rudeness to reject him at the polls.

He would fix them. He would get his way.

So he set about this attempted coup d'etat with his friends.

The coup attempt failed, as did Billy's future efforts to be elected by the people. And this only further embittered him.

It so happens that some thirteen years later, PAM found itself in a coalition government in this country with the NRP of Nevis.

Billy, of course, did not contest a seat and so could not be premier. He had already given up on that. But he clung hard and fast to his obsession to rule this country, and rule it he did.

He was chairman of PAM, and although Kennedy Simmonds became premier and later prime minister, it was always Billy Herbert who ran this country from February 1980 until Fathers Day June 19th, 1994 when he disappeared.

By that time he had already established his notoriety by being the number one money launderer for the Cali Cocaine Cartel in Colombia, and by being associated with the sale of guns to the Irish Republican Army (some of whose operatives assassinated a man called Mountbatten, the uncle of Queen Elizabeth of England).

For those among us who continue to play ostrich and deny the facts, I invite their reference to the Colville Petty/Nat Hodge book which I have mentioned countless times over the years, and also to Ronald Webster's book.

It wouldn't hurt if they also referred to issues of the Democrat leading up to June 10th, 1967.

The rhetoric and the intentions were obvious. And the very last issue of the Democrat before June 10th, 1967, (I think it came out on Friday June 9th, 1967), contained an item declaring that "Monday is Freedom Day".

The message was, therefore, quite clear. We'll have the coup d'etat on June 10th (that's the Saturday), June 12th would be the Sunday, and June 11th, the Monday would be "Freedom Day".

Celebration time for PAM while thousands of people will have lost their lives, their loved ones, their homes, their jobs, their hope and everything else.

That was the message of June 10th, 1967, and that was vintage PAM.

It is only because Robert Bradshaw was such a tolerant, law-abiding and peace-loving man that Billy Herbert and some other gangsters who associated with him survived June 10th, 1967.

Like Billy, Grant is a son of privilege, a very, very spoilt brat, a man who is deeply bitter and vexed with God because he is so vertically and vocally challenged, so he seems to have set himself to go on a personal and desperate rampage also.

Last year, in or about the month of March, even before he had contested his first election, some of his supporters were involved in bringing in guns and ammunition to this country to prepare for a war which they seemed, and still seem, eager to start.

At least history say that Billy waited to hear the rejecting voice of the people before going to the guns. It is left to be seen what history will say about Grant.

Leading up to the said election, however, Grant engaged in a variety of activities which can be interpreted as likely or intended to stir up instability, unrest, and public disorder.

In every instance, he demonstrated a callousness, disrespect and immaturity, and a disturbing disregard for the danger which his behaviour might pose to other persons.

Cases are to be heard so I will not go into these matters, although if you are one of the 80 or so persons who frequent his

party's public meetings, you might hear him say that the cases are not being heard because people are afraid of him.

What he should be saying is that the cases have not yet been heard, but they will be.

What type of fool goes on a public platform, seeking not just any public office, but the highest public office in the land, and tells his 80 supporters that those cases against him aren't going to be tried because "they 'fraid me"?

Which person possessed of the slightest intelligence would utter such rash and politically suicidal statements, all the more so in public?

And who is afraid of Grant? Maybe Chesley Hamilton and Dr. Warner. Maybe Eugene Hamilton and Roy Fleming. Maybe Lorna Callender and Glenroy Blanchette who, for the moment, both eat out of Grant's hand. Maybe our friends from last week, Schwarzy and Doggie are afraid of Grant.

Maybe his buddies in the corporate community who tout him as "our next Prime Minister".

And maybe they want us to be afraid of him. Maybe they even think that we are.

Maybe the conspirators are looking to stage a 2005 sequel of that treasonous act of June 10th, 1967, perpetrated against peace, law and order, and against the people of this land.

The conspirators must not mistake forbearance for fear. Nor must they take forbearance for granted. To do either would be a grave mistake.

For as long as I live, I will speak about June 10th, 1967. That moment of ugliness must never be forgotten. It must resound eternally in the hearts and souls of patriots and peacemakers in this nation.

I am taking the notice in the Democrat of last week seriously. And I know that a number of other people are as well.

If Grant's mouthpiece is telling me to keep that day open, and having personally experienced what PAM did on June 10th, 1967, as well as what Grant and his boys have been saying and doing over the past two years or so, I will certainly keep that day open.

Maybe not in their way, but open nevertheless.

Open to the people of this country, particularly the younger ones who need to know their history.

And open to myself as an individual and as this country's Minister of National Security, Justice, Immigration and Labour.

Until Next Time,
And in memory of June 10th, 1967.

Plenty Peace.

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SYMPTOMS

- The most common symptoms are fever, tiredness, and dry cough.
- Others are aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat and/or diarrhea.
- Symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually.
- It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear.

TRANSMISSION

- Droplets from nose or mouth when infected people cough and exhale.
- Standing within one meter of an infected person.
- Touching contaminated surfaces or objects and then touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Ageing and underlying diseases (e.g. diabetes, heart disease) increase risk.

WORKPLACE PREVENTION MEASURES

- Undertake risk assessments and implement controls.
- Explore alternative work methods.
- Share information and establish communication plans.
- Wash hands frequently and adopt good hygiene practices.
- Avoid sharing objects that could transmit the virus.
- Use personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Beware of wide-spreading droplets (breath in and cough out).
- Keep workplaces and objects clean and disinfected.
- Protect clients and end users.
- Workers should stay at home if sick.
- Seek advice from the Department of Labour and health authorities.

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IICA Launches Virtual Forums to Engage Rural Youth in the Americas in Post-Covid-19 Agricultural Rebuilding Efforts

Youth from the hemisphere will engage in various IICA online forums, designed to give them a voice, increase their influence and break down obstacles to their development.

San Jose, 11 June 2020 (IICA). Enhancing the involvement of Latin American and Caribbean rural youth in the political, economic and productive spheres, in efforts to rebuild in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, is the aim of a series of virtual forums, organized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), beginning on June 12.

The forums will engage youth throughout the region, as part of IICA's actions to assist in toppling barriers that are restricting this sector's access to education, technology, employment, production resources, land ownerships and health services, to name a few.

The first session will be broadcast this Friday at 9 a. m. (Costa Rica time) from IICA's Virtual Conference Room, and on Facebook Live and the Institute's YouTube channel.

Director General of the Institute, Manuel Otero, remarked that, "IICA is placing rural youth at the forefront of the new agriculture sector. We are promoting the idea that their skills, leadership and renewed vision should play a leading role in shaping a more equitable and inclusive "new normal".

The forums will bring together youth leaders from the Andean, Caribbean, Central, Northern and Southern regions of the Americas, who are involved in entrepreneurship, coffee cultivation, the environment and diverse areas of study.

The virtual meetings will address concerns about agriculture in the aftermath of the pandemic, discussing how to create a more inclusive and equitable agriculture sector, and will also focus on matters related to productivity; local and international trade; associative enterprises and climate change.

This Friday's forum will connect rural youth throughout the hemisphere. The following events will be held: on 30 June, which will compile the vision of rural youth in the Caribbean and Northern regions; on 14 July, which will focus on experiences, perspectives and recommendations for the Southern Region; on 30 July, targeting the Andean region; and finally on 6 August, which will focus on the situation in Mesoamerica.

The online series will end on 12 August, when IICA will present a virtual platform to facilitate interaction among rural youth, allowing them to brainstorm and define a new agriculture sector in the aftermath of the health crisis.

About IICA

IICA is the specialized agency for agriculture in the Inter-American system, with a mission to encourage, promote and support its 34 Member States in their efforts to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being through international technical cooperation of excellence.

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Mexico's Susana Harp joins the IICA campaign in tribute to food chain workers

Harp—a senator and one of the most recognized voices on the Mexican popular music scene—is joining IICA in its tribute to heighten political and social awareness about the agriculture sector and rurality during Covid-19.

Originally from Oaxaca, Harp is a well-known singer of traditional music in indigenous languages such as Zapotec, Mixtec, Náhuatl and Mayan, among others. Photograph taken from her official Facebook page.

Mexico City, 11 June 2020 (IICA). Mexican singer and senator Susana Harp has joined the campaign of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) to salute farmers and food chain workers whose daily efforts are ensuring the production, transportation, marketing and supply of food during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Originally from Oaxaca, Harp is a well-known singer of traditional music in indigenous languages such as Zapotec, Mixtec, Náhuatl and Mayan, among others. She also performs songs by other Mexican composers that fuse the traditional with the modern.

She has recorded pieces with musicians such as the tenor, Fernando de la Mora; flautist, Horacio Franco; pianist, Héctor Infañón, saxophonist, Miguel Ángel Samperio; and the harpist, Andrés Alfonso Vergara, who have assisted her to raise funds to provide quality education for Oaxacan children and adolescents, to discourage them from leaving their communities at an early age.

IICA's campaign has brought together renowned artists from different countries in the hemisphere, who are selflessly participating in the POPULAR MUSIC TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO WORK DAY TO DAY TO PUT FOOD ON OUR TABLES.

Gustavo Santaolalla, João Bosco, Gilberto Gil, León Gieco, Carlinhos Brown, Luis Enrique Mejía Godoy, Mart'nália, Maria Luiza Jobim, Teresa Parodi, Soledad Villamil, Víctor Heredia, Hilda Lizarazu, Paulo Miklos, Lidia Borda, La Charo (Tonolec), Willy Píancoli (Los Tipitos), Agustín Ronconi (Arbolito), Alejandro Davio (Mundo Alas), Anabella Zoch, Peteco Carabajal, Dolores Solá, Acho Estol (La Chicana), Guadalupe Urbina, Lila Downs, Los Folkloristas, Nano Stern, Ana Prada & Pata Kramer, Adrián Goizueta and Larbanois & Carrero are just some of the performers who have selflessly and generously joined the IICA campaign.

Watch Susana Harp's performance here:

Several organizations in different countries have taken part in the tribute organized by IICA. In Argentina, it has received the backing of the country's Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries; the Ministry of Culture of the Nation; the Ministry of Social Development; the anti-hunger program – Plan Argentina contra el Hambre; the Secretariat of Media and Public Communication; the public broadcast entity, Contenidos Públicos Sociedad del Estado and the arts foundation, Fondo Nacional de las Artes.

Meanwhile, in Brazil, UNESCO Brazil and the Brazilian Association of Supermarkets (ABRAS) have both endorsed and become a part of this campaign.

The concert by the Argentinian performers who have joined this campaign can be accessed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DT1CxNALDus>. The songs contributed by the rest of the artists are also available on IICA's Youtube channel.

IICA will continue to publish the contributions of the artists participating in the campaign on all its digital platforms and on those of its partners in this initiative, using the following hashtags on social media:

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About IICA

IICA is the specialized agency for agriculture in the Inter-American system, with a mission to encourage, promote and support its 34 Member States in their efforts to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being through international technical cooperation of excellence.

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Cuba's Clean Rivers Show The Benefits Of Reducing Nutrient Pollution

By Dr Paul Bierman, *University of Vermont* and Dr Amanda H Schmidt, *Oberlin College and Conservatory*



Aniel Arruebarena, a team member from the Centro de Estudios Ambientales de Cienfuegos, prepares to collect flow measurements. Photo credit: Joshua Brown, University of Vermont. (CC BY-ND).

For most of the past 60 years, the United States and Cuba have had very limited diplomatic ties. President Barack Obama started the process of normalizing US-Cuba relations, but the Trump administration reversed this policy, sharply reducing interactions between the two countries.

Scientific cooperation is a bright spot in this difficult history. Since the 19th century, US institutions like the Smithsonian and the National Academy of Sciences have worked with Cuban counterparts to understand topics such as vector-borne disease transmission. Although political friction has often made such partnerships challenging, many scientists on both sides believe their countries stand to gain by tackling health and environmental challenges together.

We are geoscientists who study how landscapes change through processes such as erosion. For the past two and a half years, we and our team of US scientists have been working with Cuban geoscientists to understand the environmental and water quality effects of progressive agricultural policies in Cuba.

In a recently published study, we show that Cuban rivers are cleaner than the mighty Mississippi. Why? Because Cuban farmers practice organic farming and conservation agriculture to reduce soil erosion and nutrient loss. In sum, Cuba is doing a better job than The US at keeping farming from hurting its rivers, and its results offer useful lessons.

Cuba's organic farming system has gained attention from many other parts of the world.

A test case in sustainable farming

Cuban rivers run from the mountains to the ocean through cow-filled pastures, fields of sugar cane and rice paddies, forests, wetlands and mangroves. Along the way, groundwater seeps into river channels from below. When heavy thunderstorms strike, water pours off the land.

These flows carry soil and dissolved material into streams, which deliver this load to the coast. Cuba's coastlines have abundant mangrove thickets,

underwater seagrass beds and some of the Caribbean's best-preserved coral reefs.

We became interested in teaming with Cuban scientists because of their nation's country-wide experiment in organic agriculture dating back to the late 1980s. When the Soviet Union, Cuba's former trading partner, broke apart, Cuban farmers lost access to fertilizers, pesticides and heavy equipment, and had to adopt a more ecologically based approach.

Could their experience provide a blueprint for more sustainable approaches to feeding the world?

We used the ResearchGate network to find Cuban collaborators. Supported by the US National Science Foundation and the Centro de Estudios Ambientales de Cienfuegos, the research we are doing in Cuba builds on measurements we have done all over the world.

Less fertilizer runoff in Cuba



Cuban scientists Aniel Arruebarena and Victor Perez filter sediment from river water in western Cuba so that elements dissolved in the water can be analyzed accurately. Photo credit: Paul Bierman (CC BY-ND).

For this study we analyzed water samples from each of 25 rivers in central Cuba, looking for elements from across the periodic table and for bacteria.

Our first results show that Cuba's sustainable agricultural practices minimize the impact of agriculture on river water quality by reducing the amount of nitrogen fertilizer that washes off from fields into local waters.

Cuban farmers use about half as much fertilizer for each acre of farmland than their US counterparts (3 versus 6 tons per square kilometer per year in 2016). As a result, rivers in central Cuba contain much lower concentrations of dissolved nitrogen than the Mississippi River, which drains more than 1 million square miles of America's agricultural heartland.

On average, the Cuban rivers we analyzed contained 0.76 milligrams of nitrogen per liter of water, compared to 1.3 milligrams per liter in the Mississippi River from 2012-2019.

American crop yields per acre are higher than Cuba's, thanks partly to fertilizer use, but the trade-off is stark. Nutrients that pour off US farm fields and flow down the Mississippi River create the Gulf of Mexico dead zone, a patch of ocean where oxygen levels are so low that almost no marine life survives.

The dead zone forms every summer, fed by spring rainfall, and has covered an average of 6,000 square miles in recent years.



Organopónico El Alba, an organic urban garden in Cienfuegos, Cuba. Photo credit: Paul Bierman (CC BY-ND).

Cuba's rivers do contain other pollutants. We found high levels of bacteria and sediment in most of the rivers we sampled. DNA analysis suggests that at least some of these bacteria were from the guts of cows. We saw many cows during our field work in central Cuba, and those animals had free access to local streams. Simple solutions, like fencing river banks, could greatly lower bacteria levels in surface waters.

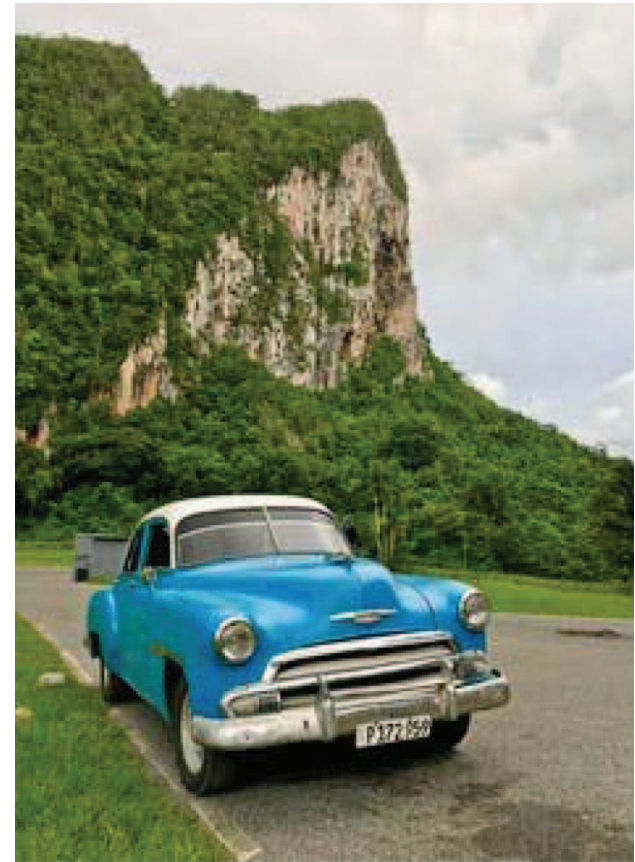
We also found naturally high levels of calcium, sodium and magnesium in Cuban river water. These materials come from rocks that are naturally dissolved by rainwater. None of them are hazardous to humans, although they might leave scale in tea kettles and alter the water's taste.

Enabling more scientific co-operation

Although we've done field work on Greenland's ice sheet and in rice paddies of southwest China, this work in Cuba has been a uniquely valuable experience for us, both professionally and personally.

We found Cuban culture to be warm and welcoming, even to Americans whose leaders for the most part have shunned the Cuban people for decades.

Sharing and teamwork are key parts of Cuban culture. When we brought out American snacks during our first visit to Cuba, our collaborators insisted these gifts must be shared with the entire lab staff. In the tropical January sunshine, scientists, technicians, secretaries and directors gathered outside to eat Vermont maple candies and blueberry jam.



Limestone cliffs in the Vinales Valley, western Cuba, dissolve in abundant warm rain and add calcium to river water. Photo credit: Paul Bierman, University of Vermont.

We view this project as science diplomacy in action. But our Cuban partners cannot visit us until the United

States agrees to grant visas to Cuban scientists.

The Trump administration is going in the opposite direction: It has suspended commercial and public charter flights to Cuba from The US and imposed sanctions that are designed to deny

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Mozart May Reduce Seizure Frequency In People With Epilepsy

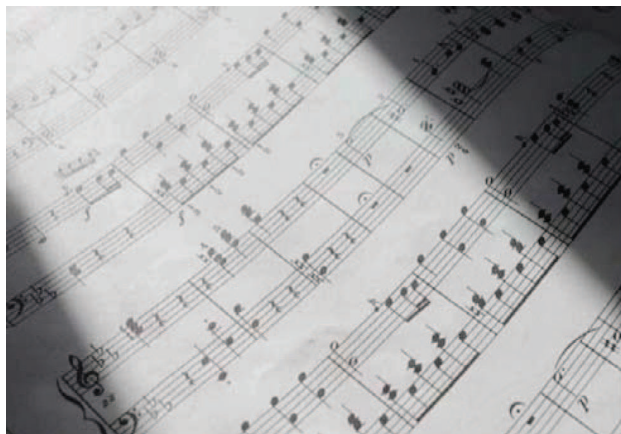


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A new clinical research study by Dr Marjan Rafiee and Dr Taufik Valiante of the Krembil Brain Institute at Toronto Western Hospital, part of University Health Network, has found that a Mozart composition may reduce seizure frequency in patients with epilepsy.

The results of the research study, "The Rhyme and Rhythm of Music in Epilepsy," was recently published in the international journal *Epilepsia Open*. It looks at the effects of the Mozart melody, "Sonata for Two Pianos in D Major, K448" on reducing seizures, as compared to another auditory stimulus - a scrambled version of the original Mozart composition, with similar mathematical features, but shuffled randomly and lacking any rhythmicity.

"In the past 15 to 20 years, we have learned a lot about how listening to one of Mozart's compositions in individuals with epilepsy appears to demonstrate a reduction in seizure frequency," says Dr Marjan Rafiee, lead author on the study. "But, one of the questions that still needed to be answered was whether individuals would show a similar reduction in seizure frequency by listening to another auditory stimulus - a control piece - as compared to Mozart."

The researchers recruited 13 patients to participate in the novel, year-long study. After three months of a baseline period, half of the patients listened to Mozart's Sonata once daily for three months, then switched to the scrambled version for three months. The others started the intervention by listening to the scrambled version for three months, then switched to daily listening of Mozart.

Patients kept "seizure diaries" to document their seizure frequency during the intervention. Their medications were kept unchanged during the course of the study.

"Our results showed daily listening to the first movement of Mozart K448 was associated with reducing seizure frequency in adult individuals with epilepsy," says Dr Rafiee. "This suggests that daily Mozart listening may be considered as a supplemental therapeutic option to reduce seizures in individuals with epilepsy."

Epilepsy is the most common serious neurological disorder in the world, affecting approximately 300,000 Canadians and 50 million people worldwide.

Many experience debilitating seizures. The treatment is often one or more anti-seizure medications. But for 30 per cent of patients, the medications are not effective in controlling their seizures.

"As a surgeon, I have the pleasure of seeing individuals benefit from surgery, however I also know well those individuals for whom surgery is not an

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option, or those who have not benefitted from surgery, so, we are always looking for ways to improve symptom control, and improve quality of life for those with epilepsy," says Dr Taufik Valiante, senior author of the study, Director of the Surgical Epilepsy Program at Krembil Brain Institute at UHN, and co-Director of CRANIA.

"Like all research, ours raises a lot of questions that we are excited to continue to answer with further research and support from the epilepsy community."

While these results are promising, the next step is to conduct larger studies with more patients, over a longer period of time.

More information: Marjan Rafiee et al, Daily listening to Mozart reduces seizures in individuals with epilepsy: A randomized control study, *Epilepsia Open* (2020). DOI: 10.1002/epi4.12400

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Cuba access to hard currency.

As the COVID-19 pandemic sweeps around the world, scientific cooperation is more important than ever.

To us, it doesn't make sense to increase sanctions against a country that has more doctors per capita than any country on Earth, and has responded more successfully than many nations to COVID-19.

We believe that science in The US would gain from reopening communication with Cuba and sharing knowledge that could help heal the global community.

About the authors:

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Bierman has a broad, interdisciplinary interests in both research and teaching, and has been at The University of Vermont since 1993, where he oversees the NSF/UVM Community Cosmogenic Nuclide Laboratory, and the UVM Landscape Change Program. Along with his students he has published more than 160 refereed papers, and presented more than 300 abstracts on research, ranging from the erosion of Africa to teaching hydrology via service learning. The central theme of their research has been erosion. In the arctic they have examined the influence of ice temperature on glacial erosion in Baffin Island and Greenland, and in the deserts of Australia they have demonstrated that rock surfaces remain nearly unchanged over millions of years. In Vermont they have used lake cores, alluvial fan trenches, and the historic image record to document how 10,000 years of mega storms and 200 years of human impact have changed the face of our landscape. Professor Bierman joined The Conversation on 6 February 2020.

Dr Amanda H Schmidt is Associate Professor of Geology at Oberlin College and Conservatory. In 2002 she graduated BSE (Civil and Environmental Engineering) from Princeton University, and in 2010 she graduated PhD (Geological Sciences) from The University of Washington. Her research is aimed at trying to understand what controls erosion in different parts of the world and over different timescales, and she is also interested in understanding how natural and human processes affect the assumptions underlying various tools used to measure erosion. In their research

Dr Schmidt and her students use a variety of tools, including short-lived radionuclides (processed at Oberlin), cosmogenic radionuclides, field work, GIS and remote-sensing based landscape analysis, and Chinese sediment data. She has collaborated closely with colleagues at a number of universities in geology, geography, anthropology, urban planning, and forest resources departments. Dr Schmidt joined The Conversation on 10 April 2020.

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England v West Indies: Jason Holder says tourists feel safe on England tour

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From the section Cricket



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“After we spoke about the possibilities of it coming off, everybody was comfortable and here we are now.”

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While there have been some cases and deaths in the Caribbean, the virus’ impact has been much less than in the UK where more than 40,000 people have died.

“It is not about money for us - we want safety and want to make sure we are treated fairly and we just get on with it,” Holder said.

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the measures for their arrival.

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This is a time for people to educate themselves - Holder on racism

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By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

I would be lying if I said that I was not absolutely disappointed with the elections results.

Labour was winning and everybody knew it and that is why millions of dollars had to be pumped into the constituencies. Every single one of them. Even in number six.

And that is why Joseph N. France lost. And that is why two young men were singled out for the role they played in ensuring that our third national hero lost.

I understand that many of us are broke and broken since the arrival of King Corona. But when we sell out our principles for thirty pieces of silver, we must remember that all of our actions have consequences.

I don't have any money to give anyone in need. So if a politician or his or her agent is exchanging money for a vote, who am I to say not to take it?

I am in the real world. We still have to wear masks. Our borders are still closed. Some businesses have not done any business since King Corona came here. Some people have not worked since King Corona landed.

So I understand.

Some people are getting \$500.00. Some are getting \$1000.00. Some are on the Peace Programme. I really don't know how much anyone on this programme is making. I only hear figures.

I am glad that our young Black men are not killing one another. But I would be lying if I said I am happy that my tax dollars have to pay them not to kill their own.

But I digress. Or have I?

I am hearing that many parents were not just happy that their sons were not being gunned down, but that so much money is being paid that parents no longer have to work.

I am hearing that under a Labour

government it looked like the young men would have had to do some real work for the money.

I am also hearing that the young men were being told that Labour would stop the programme. That is obviously why those on the programme were hailed for making some impossible victories happen.

Then we have the Dominicans. The Spanish as we call them.

I understand that people working in SKNIS spent months on end in Santo Domingo recruiting and registering these non-nationals to vote in our 2020 elections. Not registering them when they came to St. Kitts-Nevis. But registering them there and then in Santo Domingo.

I have nothing against foreigners who live here. God knows how many of our nationals live in other people's countries. But just as people are opposed to our overseas voters determining our fate during elections, so too, I am opposed to hundreds of non-nationals being recruited and brought here just for the purpose of voting in our elections.

I understand why in these hard times people would take a fish. It is a quick fix. And learning to fish is hard work and too many of us prefer to wait by a politician's office for a sprat instead of learning to fish for hind and snapper.

When people choose a sprat over real programmes and policies and saddle us with a government that couldn't perform when they met a billion dollars in the Treasury, I am looking to see how they will do when "no money nuh dey" in this post Covid era.

I love my federation. I want nothing but the best for my country. I hope those in charge want the same thing too.

I guess I will have to wait and see.



By Vigilante

- Dey say dat is four times de fallen angel spend a whole month in Mingo looking for people to register and give passport to. But dey say dat FBI looking for him because he meddle a underage Merican boy when he did in Mingo one a de time.

- Dey say dat is Humpty Dumpty who mek him go Mingo. Dey say dat de fallen angel never did want go. But through Humpty Dumpty hush up de case wid de officer because de fallen angel is one a dem who use to meddle de boy since he underage, he had was to go Mingo and do all kinda illegal ting for Humpty Dumpty.

- De Marriott man and he other half in de closet say dat dey not tekking on no tribunal. Dey in government and who want tribune could tribune till dey dead. Dey could tribune till dey drop for dey on top.

- De 56 million dollars dat Humpty Dumpty say he spend last year is what dey use in de 2020 election. Dey say people get money to buy truck couple days before de election. People get money to pay for land. People get money to pay people to vote. And all de money barking was in US.

- All kinda government vehicle did in de motorcade. And when somebody point it out to Humpty Dumpty he tell dem to call de police if dey tink dey bad.

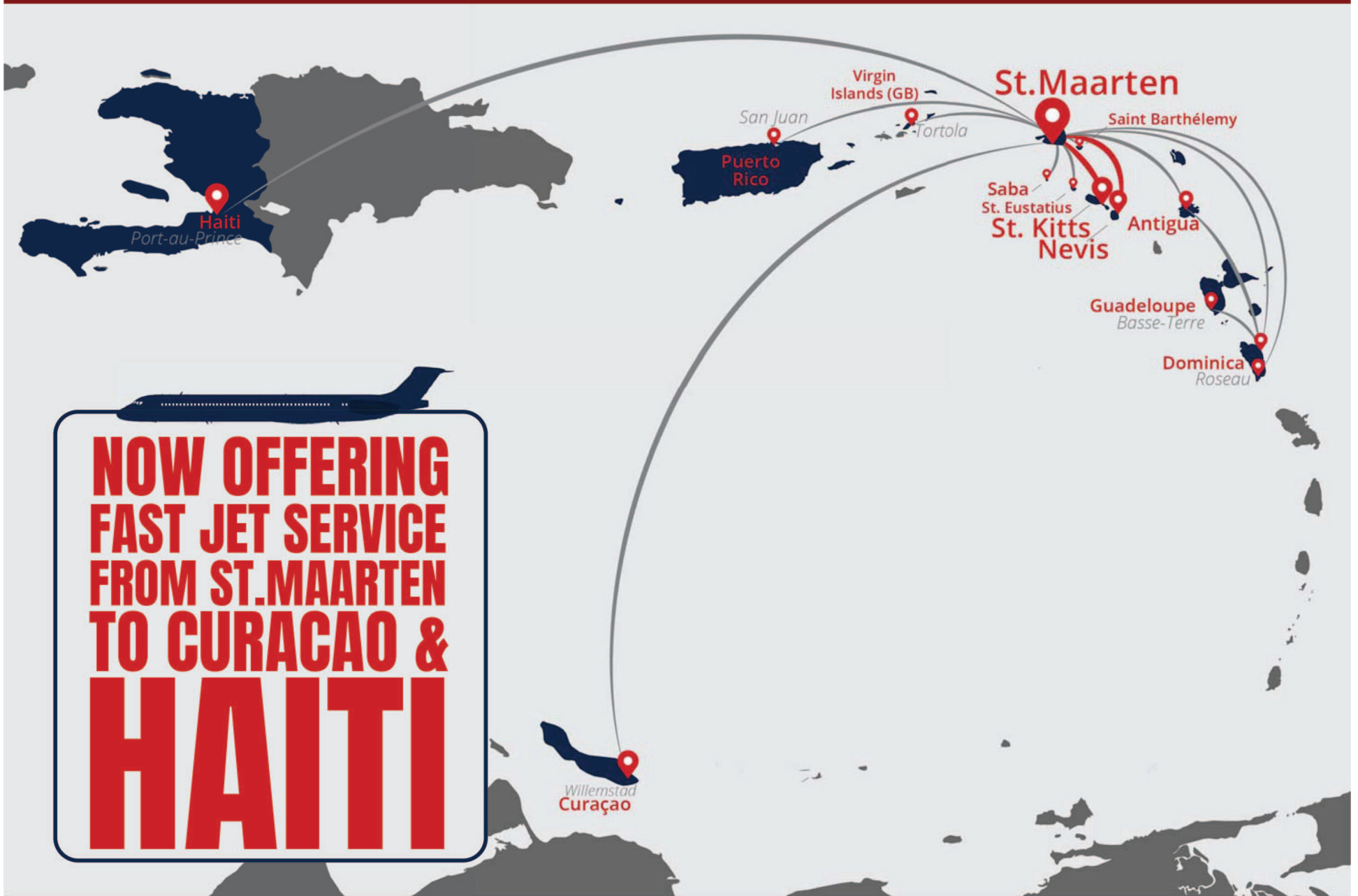
- A certain politician had was to get undercover army man for protection so dat dey coulda come outta dey house. Through dat dey stop answer dey phone because people who dey get to do tings for dem ain't please wid how much money dey get pay.

- Humpty Dumpty want back he A-Dree. But de other people in St. Kitts want a offspring a de owner dem to get de big wuk. And dey say dat dey want to give uncle in law de bigger wuk in de White House because he done had practice as de deputy.

- Dey say off de mark say dat he is de biggest loser. It come like dey want give him gender affair and de environment for true. He say dat he gon just lap he tail and tek what dey give him because dey don't have to give none a dem anyting.

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