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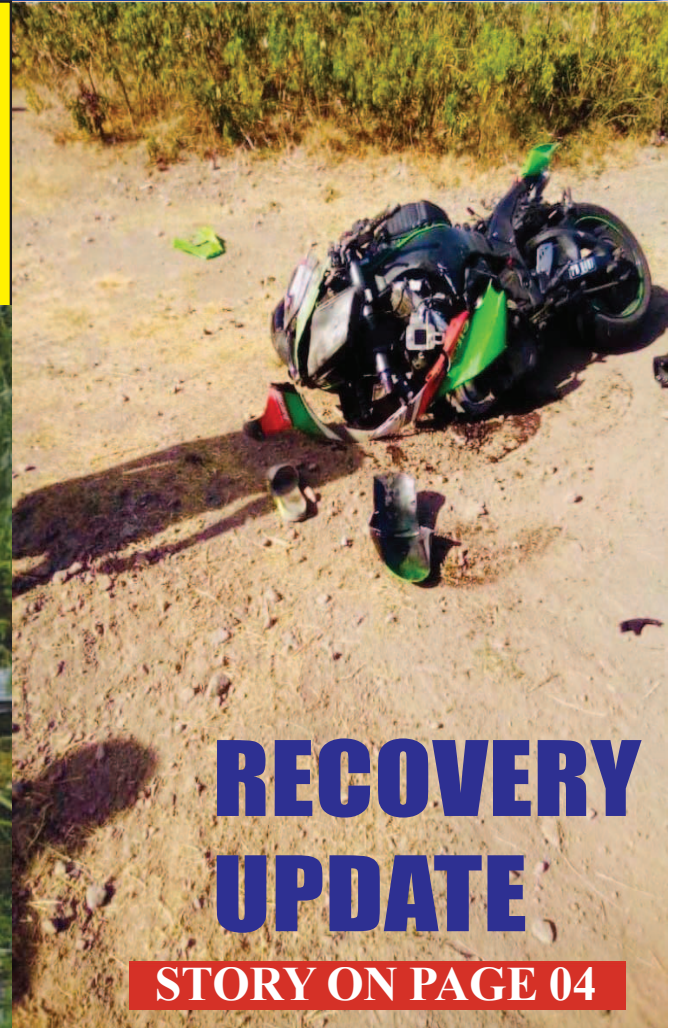
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Editorial

WE ARE IN FOR A ROUGH TIME

On Thursday 19 March, 2020, Reuters announced the results of a special poll which they had commissioned, involving more than three-quarters of economists based in the Americas and Europe.

By a large majority they had concluded that the global economy was already in recession, that the setback was due to several factors, some having been anticipated, but the effects of which had been exacerbated by the decrease in economic activity occasioned by the coronavirus pandemic as it had become more widespread.

Financial markets were in a panic mode, despite some of the biggest emergency stimulus measures ever initiated by a large number of central banks in the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

Also, back in March, Bruce Kasman, head of global economic research at investment bankers, JP Morgan, publicly acknowledged that the COVID-19 shock would produce a global recession as nearly all of the world contracted over the three months between February and April. Many other authoritative figures concurred with him, and predicted that almost all of the major economies would experience severe shocks, with those of The US and most European countries declining into negative territory.

In April The International Monetary Fund (IMF) issued a forecast warning that the global economy would experience a contraction of three percent (3%) for this year. That authoritative body described the current crisis as being "unlike anything the world has seen before".

They noted that the services industry had been more severely impacted than manufacturing, a notable change from previous crises, where a lack of investment hit manufacturing activity hardest.

On Tuesday (16 June), the Fund's chief economist, Gita Gopinath, stated that the global economy is on track for a more significant contraction than they had estimated back in April.


When European countries were in their first weeks of lockdown, the IMF said the global economy would suffer the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s. At the time, it forecast a contraction by 3% in 2020.

Now, despite some economies beginning to reopen, the Fund has warned that the decline could be even worse. In The words of the chief economist: "For the first time since the Great Depression, both advanced and emerging market economies will be in recession in 2020. The forthcoming June World Economic Outlook Update is likely to show negative growth rates even worse than previously estimated, ..."

What does this portend for us, the people of St Kitts and Nevis?

It did not take long after the change of government in February of 2015, for our people to realise what a terrible mistake had been made. In short order large numbers of our people began

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to suffer buyer's remorse, and the combined effects of the regime's incompetency and bad intentions began to hurt, and they did hurt deeply.

Having lived under that lot it was abundantly clear that our people had become totally fed up with them and wanted them out of office.

What we experienced earlier this month was the employment of persons who did not suffer the experience of living under SCHEME UNITY being smuggled into the country and used to undermine the very strong and clear desire of the people of St. Kitts and Nevis to effect a change in government.

In short, the people of St. Kitts and Nevis have been robbed of the government which they truly desired. That is a fact which can be seen by even 'a blind man looking through one eye'.

Thus, as we set out to face the ongoing and ever worsening situation, the country is doing so under a government which has absolutely NO MORAL AUTHORITY WHATSOEVER to be in charge of our affairs.

In order to face the challenges of the economy in recession we need to have confidence in our nation's leadership, as well as their individual and collective abilities. Even in that regard we are thus way down on the negative side.

Given what transpired on Friday, 5 June, 2020, can we really trust any of them?

We know about the old ones, but can any of the 'new' ones hold a candle of correction to Dr. Harris?

Is it at all likely that we can pull our country through the prevailing bad times, which we know will become far worse, knowing that we now live at a time when 'crime pays'?

Will those who effortlessly got their hands

on hundreds of thousands of other people's dollars be prepared to 'earn' and contribute to some real development?

What has become of the one hundred and twenty million dollars (\$120,000,000) stimulus package? Was that really a device intended to stimulate economic recovery, or was it an election 'gimmick'?

What is the true state of the Social Security Fund?

It is ever so painful that persons who objected to, and tried to undermine that fund from the very beginning, are today 'benefitting' hugely, even as they rip it off mercilessly.

What has become of the very healthy sovereign fund which Labour and The NRP left in The Treasury in 2015? Will we ever know what has really happened to all of that money?

Tourism is in decline globally. How does SCHEME UNITY intend to overcome that huge, debilitating setback? Are they even aware of the implications of that downturn, or are they only concerned with the loss of the cement business?

In 2008 and 2009 our country was blessed to have a loving, caring and competent leader in the person of our Comrade Leader, Dr. The Right Honourable Denzil Llewellyn Douglas, who, as prime minister and minister of finance, was the right person in the right place at the right time.

Does anyone have even the tiniest, realistic expectation that we will ever be able to say such things about Dr Harris?

Rather unfortunately, people of St. Kitts and Nevis, we are in for a truly rough time, and far more likely than not, we are going to experience those horrors for a very long time.

Our country is just not prepared for what lies ahead, and those at the helm are spectacularly unfit and unsuited to lead us through such times and circumstances.

Buckle up, everyone. We are in for a very rough and tough time, economically and otherwise.

NEMA Official: Be Mindful of COVID-19 Guidelines During Hurricane Season

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 19th June 2020) – Citizens and residents of St.Kitts-Nevis are being urged to be mindful of COVID-19 health guidelines amidst the 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season that is predicted to be above normal with at least six major storms.

The National Disaster Coordinator at the National Emergency Management Agency Abdias Samuel who is also the Chairman of the COVID-19 National Task Force, during an address to the nation expressed such sentiments in observance of the start of the hurricane season which runs from June 1st to November 30th yearly.

“As we focus our attention on the preparedness measures for the hurricane season, it remains critically important that we also remember that we are still amidst the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic. Social and physical distancing, hygiene protocols and health guidelines to keep you safe from COVID-19 must be taken into consideration and will impact your preparedness plans including what is in your go-kits, evacuation routes, shelters and

more,” he said.

According to him, the St.Kitts Metrological Services, who is the competent weather authority located at the RLB International Airport, has indicated that we can expect an above normal 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

“The outlook predicts a sixty per cent chance of an above normal season, a 30 per cent chance of a new normal season and only a 10 per cent chance of a below normal season.”

Samuel added: “The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from the first of June to the 30th of November. According to the forecast, it is predicted that

there is likely to be between 13 to 19 named storms of which six to ten could become hurricanes including three to six major hurricanes.

He said the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, otherwise known as NOAA, provides these ranges with a 70 percent confidence ratio.

An average hurricane season produces 12 named storms of which six are likely to become hurricanes including three major hurricanes.

Samuel told citizens and residents that given the above normal outlook for this hurricane season, it is vital that everyone in this Federation of St.Kitts and Nevis takes the precautionary measures and become prepared.

“As we enter the hurricane season, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), continues to strengthen its public education and awareness campaigns, mitigation and preparedness measures. As we embrace the mandate of the Caribbean Disaster management Agency (CEDEMA), our parent organisation, the regional intergovernmental agency for disaster management in CARICOM which is based on Barbados, we fully embrace the principles and practices of Comprehensive Disaster Management otherwise known as CDM.”

He explained that CDM is an integrated and proactive approach to disaster management and it seeks to reduce the risk and loss associated with national and technological hazards and the effects of climate change to enhance regional sustainable development.

Additionally, the NEMA official called on everyone to reflect on three past major hurricanes- Irma, Maria and Dorian.

“Let the 2017 experience of Irma and Maria and of course 2019 Dorian, an extremely powerful category 5 hurricane which devastated countries in the Caribbean region and also impacted the United States of America ... serve as a reminder of how dynamic the weather can be and predications can change, however we must be ready, and this allows us to build resilience as a people.”

“We all have a role to play in doing so, and this must be of high priority at this time. Citizens and residents, it only takes one hurricane to change lives, livelihoods and communities. According to the scientists, hurricanes are the most powerful storms with high winds and torrential rain falls that can last for several hours and up to days and have the potential to cause injury, widespread property damage and by extension, can also cause the loss of many lives,” he advised.

Front banner image: A scene in a community in St.Kitts showing the impact of Hurricane Irma (category 5) in September 2017 after the Federation of St.Kitts-Nevis was spared a direct hit (SKNIS photo)

AVAILABLE POSITION

Position: Lab Manager

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the position *Lab Manager* at the St.Kitts Biomedical Research Foundation, Lower Bourryeau Estate, St. Kitts.

Job Description

The selected applicant will be responsible for providing laboratory management and scientific equipment operation and support for studies exploring disease physiology and evaluating the pharmacokinetics, efficacy and safety of candidate therapeutics. Primary responsibilities will include:

- Establishing expertise with research instrumentation and managing application for *in vivo* studies
- Conducting quantitative analyses in support of sponsored *in vivo* research projects
- Maintenance of equipment logs and performing quality control on equipment operation and research application
- Coordinating laboratory operations with respect to facility standard operating procedures and good laboratory practices
- Maintaining infrastructure to support sample storage, handling, shipment, recordkeeping, and related communications to research and logistics counterparts
- Contributing to technical and scientific reports
- Contributing to the definition of appropriate research supplies and ensuring their availability in coordination with research and logistics colleagues
- Participation in scientific conferences and contribution to scientific and commercial publications, as needed

Education/Experience Requirements

- Requires a BS in Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry or related field and a minimum of 3-5 years of laboratory experience, or MS or PhD with 1-3 years of experience
- Ideal candidates will possess 2+ years of industry experience, preferably in a supervisory role
- Exceptionally intelligent and motivated candidates with less experience are also encouraged to apply

Additional Requirements of Successful Candidate

- Experience in preparing and following research protocols and standard operating procedures
- Computer literacy (MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint)
- Proven experience managing laboratory operations and associated teams to achieve project goals
- Demonstrated ability to establish and optimize new equipment and procedural methods is a major plus
- Prior experience working in multicultural settings considered a significant strength
- Prior experience with procurement and international shipping considered a significant strength

Applications should be sent to:

Alex Nisbett
Facility Director
St. Kitts Biomedical Research Foundation
P. O. Box 6018, Basseterre, St. Kitts

Or via Email: a_nisbett@skbrf.org

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Community Notice

Persons residing in East Basseterre, Conaree, St. Peters and other areas in the East are welcome to join the Antioch Baptist Church at the Lime Kiln Sanctuary for worship

on Sunday, June 21, 2020, at 9:30 am.

All residents celebrating a birthday, anniversary or another special occasion during the week (June 21 to 27) are specially invited as we give thanks to God. Please note that Covid-19 protocols will be observed.

Minister Brand commends Public Works Department workers on Nevis

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (June 17, 2020) — Hon. Spencer Brand, Minister of Communication and Works in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), has commended employees at the Public Works Department for the renovation work they have been engaged in on government owned buildings and facilities in and around Charlestown.

The minister complimented the workers while he visited for work sites on June 17, 2020, for a first-hand look at works already completed at the Nevis Fishermen's Marketing and Supply Cooperative Society Limited, the George Mowbray Hanley Market Complex, and ongoing at the former site of the Inland Revenue Department, located upstairs Horsford's Valu Mart, and the Department of Agriculture at Prospect.

"Today we are here at the fisheries complex in Charlestown, visiting a number of sites that the Public Works Department has ongoing, and I am indeed delighted to see the finished product that they have done..."

"For me the works here is on par with any work that you can see throughout the length and breadth of Nevis. They would have also undertaken the painting which I thought also gives a nice lift to the property. I believe the work here by the building works department of Public Works is of high quality and I want to thank the director and the manager of that department Mr. [Alister] Thompson for the high-quality work they would have exhibited here," he said.

Included in the works completed at the Nevis Fishermen's Marketing and Supply Cooperative Society Limited are the retiling of the floor, a complete refurbishing of the reception room, new furnishings and the painting of the facility.



Photo caption: The new-look reception room at the recently refurbished Nevis Fishermen's Marketing and Supply Cooperative Society Limited in Charlestown



Photo caption: Workmen from the Public Works Department constructing a cold storage facility at the Department of Agriculture's Prospect farm on June 17, 2020



Photo caption: (L-r) Ms. Melissa Allen, Manager of Nevis Fishermen's Marketing and Supply Cooperative Society Limited, welcomes Hon. Spencer Brand, Minister of Communication and Works during a visit to the newly refurbished fisheries facility on June 17, 2020

Mr. Brand noted that work was also undertaken at the public market, another area in which hygiene is critical.

"We felt that some of the areas there were less than acceptable to the general public and we went in and we have done the bathroom, changed the fixtures – the toilet, the vanity, the faucets and to ensure that we give that facility also a major lift, and to create a better hygienic condition for the general public.

"We felt that that too was a critical component for the Public Works Department to have undertaken and we are also very satisfied with their work as well," he said.

The minister continued to express satisfaction and singled out the Building Division within the Public Works Department for the good work they continue to do, to fulfill the ministry's mandate to ensure that government buildings are looked after.

Meantime, Ms. Melissa Allen, Manager of Nevis Fishermen's Marketing and Supply Cooperative Society Limited, express gratitude for the work undertaken at the facility and those who facilitated the request.

"I would like to thank the Hon. Spencer Brand, Minister of Works, Director of the Public Works Department Mr. Raoul Pemberton for responding to our requests. Without their assistance this could not have been possible, and once again I would want to say thank you.

"I am grateful for this opportunity that the Public Works have put into the fisheries complex. We, the staff of the fisheries complex, are more comfortable in our daily operations" she said.

Also present were Dr. Ernie Stapleton, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communications and Works; Mr. Raoul Pemberton, Director of the Public Works Department; Mr. Alister Thompson, Supervisor of the Building Division within the PWD; Mr. Denzil Stanley, Principal Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Communication and Works; and Mr. Lemuel Pemberton, Deputy Director, Department of Marine Resources in St. Kitts and Nevis.

Motorcyclist Seriously Injured After Pickup Crash Recovering

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 19th June 2020) - Two young men were recently left hurt after a motorcycle they were riding on crashed into the side of a pickup with the driver being the seriously injured one.

Police are investigating a traffic accident that occurred along the Island Main Road in Keys Village on Thursday 11th June 2020 at about 4:00 PM involving motor pickup PA 3632 which is owned and was being driven by Otis Stevens of

Keys Village and motorcycle PB 6487 which is owned and being driven by Leshawn Dore of Upper Cayon.

This media house notes that images of the accident scene, shows Dore with a helmet lying on a grassy area after allegedly being flung from the motorcycle which was extensively damaged.

Circumstances are that both vehicles were traveling from Basseterre towards Cayon. While Stevens was in the process of turning right at a junction in Keys Village in the vicinity of the Water Dam, the motorcycle collided with the side of the pickup.

Police said Dore sustained several injuries and was transported to the JNF General Hospital via ambulance where he was warded in critical condition at that time.

Information reaching this media house leading up to press time on Thursday 18th June indicated that the young man is in a stable condition and recovering.

Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

Photo: Image of the damage motorcycle

Observant Voters Allegedly Report On “Irregularities” During 2020 General Elections

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 19th June 2020) – Observant voters have been identified by Opposition Leader of the St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) and elected Parliamentary Representative for Constituency Six Dr. Denzil Douglas as being among those who have provided information to support the party’s allegations of unfairness that took place during the 2020 general elections in St.Kitts-Nevis.

“From what we are hearing from the workers [and] from not even those who were workers but those who were voting, who may not be affiliated with the organisation of the Labour Party, have made it absolutely clear that something went wrong during the conduct of this particular election,” he remarked while appearing on a recent edition of ‘Issues’, aired on Freedom FM on Wednesday 10th June.

Dr. Douglas echoed the party’s position about “irregularities” that happened during the 5th June polling day, indicating that such has “to be looked at very seriously.”

“Those who believe that our democracy simply is determined by what happens on Election Day, I say

very forcefully, that is not so at all. We cannot accept the mere counting of the ballots without looking at the conditions and circumstances under which those ballots were counted or circumstances under which people voted that they would be just simply ignored because there is someone named to have returned after the election would have taken place in that particular constituency.”

“We will develop a strategy to move there from having looked at the information and the data that would have been collected and inform you as to exactly what we would do,” he said during that live broadcast SKNLP-sponsored programme.

According to Dr. Douglas: “This party is too deeply entrenched in the annals of the history of this country in terms of its stance that it has taken for over eighty (80) years to ensure that our right to vote is not only sustained but that there be free and fair elections which are also free from fear.”

The former prime minister compared the handling of the February 2015 general elections compared to the most recent one saying: “We went through an election in 2015; no one could have complained that

the type of irregularities that we saw one week ago could have ever taken place under our watch, and that is why we believe that this must have been deliberate when persons who are activists can handle the ballot boxes on the morning as if they are officials of the government, officials of the electoral system, officials under the commands of the Supervisor of Elections, then we know that something must have been sinister and wrong.”

“And these are the circumstances on which we are here expressing, however our thanks to those who pursued their duties with a sense of responsibility and dedication. We therefore thank those officers who maintained security, those who conducted themselves in a way that was appropriately supportive of the continued democracy that we’re trying to strengthen by having elections and by having governments elected,” Dr. Douglas commented further.

Front banner image: Voters seen on the compound of a polling station in St.Kitts on Friday 5th June 2020 (Spokesman Snap)

IFC appoints new Regional Manager for the Caribbean

Dominican Republic, June 16, 2020 -The International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, has appointed Judith Green as the Regional Manager for the Caribbean, overseeing operations in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and the English-speaking Caribbean.

Based in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, IFC’s hub for the Caribbean, Judith Green will also manage IFC’s relationships with regional governments, donors and private sector stakeholders. She is taking over the position from Luc Grillet, previously Senior Manager for Central America and the Caribbean, who managed IFC’s operations in the region successfully for the past 5 years and recently was appointed as Chief Operations Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean based at IFC headquarters in Washington.

Judith Green, a Jamaican national, has worked as Head for the English-speaking Caribbean since 2016, expanding IFC’s operations in the sub-region. As Country Manager, she will play a critical role in building our portfolio, developing new investment and advisory opportunities for IFC and enhancing our impact in the cluster of countries. Specific focus will be provided to promoting financial inclusion for SMEs and women

entrepreneurs and working hand in hand with the private and public sector to provide solutions for the region to improve infrastructure and public services through public-private partnerships.

In announcing her appointment, Gabriel Goldschmidt, IFC’s Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, assured that “Judith brings tremendous professional experience and a deep knowledge of the Caribbean market. Through her leadership, we look forward to continuing our strong track record in the region, serving our clients and creating new markets and opportunities where they are needed most.”

As of February 2020, IFC’s committed investment portfolio in the Caribbean stood at nearly \$900 million across a broad range of sectors, including financial markets, infrastructure, information and communication technology, manufacturing and services, and education. This includes about \$200 million mobilized from partnering institutions.

“IFC’s role in the Caribbean is important now more than ever and I look forward to working with our long-term partners and forging new relationships to support the development of the region”, Green stated, adding she aims to “lead IFC’s operations to provide private sector investments that drive sustainable growth, as well as leveraging our advisory services to improve the investment climate and support regional governments capital expenditure programs through the successful structuring of public-private partnerships”.

Green previously worked with IFC from 2011 – 2013 as a Senior Investment Officer in Jamaica. From 2013 – 2016, worked with Jamaica’s Ministry of Finance and Planning, as a member of the Economic Programme Oversight Committee where she headed the Government of Jamaica’s Coordination and Implementation Unit, overseeing the successful implementation of the 2013 four-year Extended Fund Facility with the International Monetary Fund. Judith also has extensive capital markets and corporate banking experience, having held senior management positions in RBC Bank Jamaica Limited, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (New York), and Citibank N.A. Jamaica. She holds a BSc in Accounting from the University of the West Indies and is a Fellow of both the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (United Kingdom) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica.

New Federal Gov't Cabinet: 2 Females, 9 Males

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 19th June 2020) - The Team Unity Government now has a second female among its eleven-member national cabinet in its second term which features four newcomers.

The new portfolios for government ministers were on Sunday 14th June 2020 publicised during a swearing-in ceremony held at the Warner Park Cricket Stadium which saw political party supporters in attendance collectively of three-joined organisations of the Team Unity coalition- People's Labour Party (PLP), People's Action Movement (PAM) of St.Kitts and Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM) of Nevis.

Among the cabinet membership, led by new Prime Minister and PLP Leader Dr. The Hon. Timothy Harris for the second term in office, are three (3) elected CCM Nevisians namely Premier Hon. Mark Brantley and Deputy Premier Alexis Jeffers and also Eric Evelyn.

The other make-up of political seats are two (2) in total for PLP and four (4) for PAM.

Regarding the gender ratio of the new administration, first time election runner and elected



PHOTO: (Seated L-R) Hon. Akilah Byron-Nisbett, Deputy Prime Minister Shawn Richards, Prime Minister Dr. the Hon. Timothy Harris, Premier Mark Brantley and Hon. Wendy Phipps. (Standing L-R Hon. Vincent Byron Jr., Hon. Eugene Hamilton, Deputy Premier Alexis Jeffers, Hon. Lindsay Grant, Hon. Eric Evelyn and Hon. Jonel Powell.

Parliamentary Representative for Constituency Three (West Basseterre) of PLP Hon. Akilah Byron-Nisbett plus the reappointment of Senator Wendy Phipps now placed in a ministry surrounding her

experience as a former Executive Director of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce are the two females.

The appointed portfolios are as follows:

Dr. the Hon. Timothy Harris –Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, National Security, Sustainable Development, Constituency Empowerment, and Human Resource Management and Information

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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT**

**A.D. 2020
(PROBATE)**

**In the Estate of SELWYN MORGAN, late of
Irish Town, Basseterre, St. Kitts, deceased**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Gaston Harris of North Pelican Drive, Bird Rock, Basseterre, St. Kitts for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 14th day of January 2019 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 30th day of April 2014 wherein the applicant is the named sole executor.

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 16th day of June 2020


**JeNise Carty
GONSALVES PARRY**

Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

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.

**FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT**

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19

A.D. 2020

SKBVHCV2013/0063

THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED Applicant

AND

EVELYN LIBURD TYSON Respondent

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above captioned matter which was fixed for hearing for **Hearing of an Application** on **Tuesday 16th day of June 2020**, has been rescheduled to **Thursday 16th day of July 2020, at 9:00 am** in the forenoon, before **The Master**, at the High Court of Justice, Sir Lee Llewellyn Moore K.C.M.G. Q.C., Judicial and Legal Complex, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Please be guided and act accordingly.

Dated 18th June, 2020.

To: **Ms. Cindy Herbert**
The Bank of Nevis Limited
Main Street
Charlestown
Nevis

To: **Evelyn Liburd Tyson**
Cayon Village
St. Kitts

New Federal Gov't Cabinet

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Leader of the People's Action Movement (PAM) and Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher Five, Hon. Shawn Richards – Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Infrastructure, Utilities, Posts and Urban Development

Hon. Mark Brantley – Minister of Foreign Affairs and Civil Aviation

Hon. Alexis Jeffers (federal cabinet newcomer) – Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Marine Resources

Former PAM Leader and Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher Four Hon. Lindsay Grant – Minister of Tourism, Transport and Ports

Hon. Eugene Hamilton (Deputy PAM Leader and Parliamentary Representative for Constituency Eight) – Minister of Human Settlement, National Health Insurance, Social Security, Ecclesiastical Affairs, Social Development and Gender Affairs

Hon. Eric Evelyn (federal cabinet newcomer) – Minister of Environment and Cooperatives

Hon. Jonel Powell, first time Parliamentary Representative elect for Constituency Two (Central Basseterre) who is PAM Chairman – Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture

Hon. Akilah Byron-Nisbett – Minister of Health, Entertainment,

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Tuffida Stewart of #29 Bird Rock Ext., Basseterre, St. Kitts having made sworn deposition that Policy No. 055401855 issued by Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc on her life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 04<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

By Order

**Althea C. Hazzard**  
Corporate Secretary



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### AVAILABLE POSITION

**Position:** MRI Technologist/Radiographer

Applications are invited for the position MRI Technologist/Radiographer at SKBMRI, Lower Bourryeau Estate, St. Kitts.

**Job Description**

The selected applicant will be responsible for operating and managing of the MRI under the supervision of the MRI Director. The MRI Technologist will maintain the MRI facility and its operation in compliance with clinical and research standards. SKBMRI will provide onsite training, with a competitive salary and benefits package. Primary responsibilities will include:

- Performing MRI scans to achieve imaging objectives
- MRI Equipment, reception center, and supplies management
- Patient care and coordination of information with healthcare providers
- Working with researchers and engineers to develop and apply scanning protocols

**Education/Experience Requirements**

- Degree or diploma in Diagnostic Imaging/Radiography, or a BA or BSc. in Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry or related field
- Minimum of 2 years of experience in healthcare or research
- MSc. and PhD candidates will also be considered

**Additional Requirements of Successful Candidate**

- Computer literacy (MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint)
- Proven experience learning biomedical equipment operation
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Applications should be sent to:

Alex Nisbett  
Facility Director  
St. Kitts Biomedical Research Foundation  
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# COVID-19 SAFETY AND HEALTH



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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.

**PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS!**



# SKELEC Installs Turtle Friendly Streetlights in Keys

## For Immediate Release

Basseterre, St. Kitts (June 16th, 2020)—The St Kitts Electricity Company Limited (SKELEC) installed thirty turtle-friendly LED streetlights on the island main road in Keys on Monday June 15, 2020.

The turtle sensitive streetlights are amber in colour and are intended to discourage turtles, that typically after nesting on Keys Beach, follow the bright white light and wander onto the island main road, instead of back to the sea.

According to the St. Kitts Sea Turtle Monitoring Network (SKSTMN), the NGO which monitors the nesting of sea turtles on Keys Beach, the amber lights are beneficial to the turtles and can increase the low number of hatchlings which make it to the reproductive stage.

The installation of the environmentally sensitive turtle-friendly amber lights is a part of an island-wide streetlight change out project which began in April 2020. The street lighting project began with a changeover of lamps on the FT Williams Highway starting at the Camps Roundabout, continuing east on the island main road towards Conaree, then Keys onwards. The crew is currently

changing over streetlights in the Dieppe Bay community.

This first phase of the installation includes a changeover of 5,356 High Pressure Sodium, Mercury Vapour and Metal Halide lamps to LED lamps. SKELEC anticipates that the changeout project will be completed by the end of the year.

Financing for the project is provided through a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) to the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis totalling approximately EC\$15,638,000 (US\$5,792,000) to facilitate the retrofit of about 10,760 lamps on both St. Kitts and Nevis.

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- Animal observations
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#### Additional Requirements

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- Computer literacy (MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint)
- Must be comfortable working with live primates
- Demonstrated ability to establish and optimize new equipment and procedural methods considered a major plus
- Must have an interest in continuing education

Applicants not meeting the above requirements will not be contacted for an interview.

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# No Justice No Peace - Why Catholic Priests Are Kneeling With George Floyd Protesters

By Dr Anna L Peterson, University of Florida



Bishop Mark Seitz and priests from his diocese knelt for 8 minutes and 46 seconds to honor George Floyd. El Paso, 1 June 2020. Courtesy of Corrie Boudreaux, El Paso Matters. (CC BY-ND).

Two days after the Catholic bishop of El Paso, Mark Seitz, knelt with a dozen other priests in a silent prayer for George Floyd holding a “Black Lives Matter” sign, he received a phone call from Pope Francis.

In an earlier era Seitz, the first known Catholic bishop to join the anti-racism protests spurred by Floyd’s killing, might have expected censure from the Vatican, which is often associated with social conservatism.

Instead, Seitz told the Texas news site El Paso Matters, the pope “thanked me.”

Days earlier Pope Francis had posted a message to Americans on the Vatican’s website saying he “witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest” in the United States and calling Floyd’s death “tragic.”

“My friends,” he wrote, “we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.”

Francis is seen as a progressive pope, but these are not isolated examples of his personal values. As a scholar of religion and politics, I recognize that both Seitz’s actions and the pope’s approval reflect a distinctive commitment to social justice that has entered the Catholic mainstream over the past 50 years.



Bishop Seitz in 2019 with migrants at the US-Mexico border. Mario Tama/Getty Images.

## Changing social role

This commitment has transformed a millennia-old Catholic tradition of valuing peace over justice.

Writing in the chaos surrounding the fall of the Roman Empire, the prominent fifth-century theologian St Augustine asserted that peace was the greatest good humans can attain on Earth. While both peace and justice are valuable, Augustine believed, peace - meaning civil order - takes priority. He thought justice could not be sustained amid violence.

Many bishops, priests and theologians since Augustine have used similar arguments to criticize social changes and legitimize the status quo, insisting that the faithful should bear worldly injustices and seek their reward in heaven. This moral theology provided justification for the church to ally with economic, political and military elites, from medieval kings to Latin American dictators.

That began to change with the Second Vatican Council of 1962 to 1965, which brought together bishops from around the world to reevaluate the church’s role in modern society. The council’s final documents sided firmly with social justice.

Inverting Augustine’s thinking, Catholic bishops asserted that peace cannot “be reduced to the maintenance of a balance of power between enemies.” The only way to achieve lasting peace, they asserted, was to address the sources of unrest.

As Pope Paul VI stated in 1972: “If you want peace, work for justice.”



Father Joseph Rahal of Washington, DC honoring George Floyd on Friday 5 June, 2020. Photo credit: Tom Williams (CQ-Roll Call, Inc via Getty Images).

## Liberation at any cost

Pope Paul’s rhetoric echoed a core principle of liberation theology, a Catholic movement that was emerging from Latin America around the same time.

Liberation theologians see violence not as an individual flaw, but as a feature of unjust social or political structures.

This “institutionalized violence,” as the Peruvian theologian Gustavo Gutiérrez termed it, is the root cause of all violence - including government repression and popular uprisings against that repression.



Liberation theology delegates at their sixth international meeting, in 1986. Photo credit: Bernard Bisson (Sygma via Getty Images).

The best way to avoid violence, as the Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador wrote in 1979, is “to

guarantee a truly democratic state, one that defends the fundamental rights of all its citizens, based on a just economic order.”

Under Romero’s leadership, large sectors of the Salvadoran Catholic Church backed the popular uprising against the country’s oppressive military regime in what became the Salvadoran Civil War. Catholic leaders and laypeople also supported opposition movements in Nicaragua, Brazil, Chile and other Latin American countries.

Romero, who was assassinated in 1980, became a Catholic saint in 2018.

## Not ‘both sides’

Liberation theologians believe that those seeking change should employ peaceful methods whenever possible. But when nonviolent protests and legislative channels prove fruitless or are met with violence, new tactics might be necessary.

“The church cannot state, in a simplistic fashion, that it condemns every kind of violence,” Romero wrote.

Romero criticized Salvadoran “moderates” who saw violence on both sides of the country’s civil war as equally wrong, implying a moral equality between those who uphold injustices and those who challenge them. The church, he insisted, must side with the victims of institutionalized violence.



Archbishop Oscar Romero in San Salvador in 1979. Photo credit: Alex Bowie (Getty Images).

This principle, known as the “preferential option for the poor,” guided Bishop Seitz’s decision to protest in El Paso.

“When religion becomes stagnant, we can forget that the Word always comes to us crucified and powerless,” Seitz told the National Catholic Reporter on 4 June to explain his silent protest.

In Christian tradition, “the Word” refers to Jesus, the word of God incarnate.

Seitz then cited the prominent midcentury theologian James Cone, who said US Christians must fight for racial justice because, “In America, the Word comes tortured, black and lynched.”

This isn’t the first time Seitz has sided with society’s most marginalized. In March 2019, he apologized to migrants for their treatment at the US-Texas border.

“To say ... that black lives matter is just another way of repeating something we in the United States seem to so often forget,” Seitz continued: “That God has a special love for the forgotten and oppressed.”

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## US Weekly Jobless Claims Remain High As Second Wave Of Layoffs Hits Industries

By Lucia Mutikani



Hundreds of people lined up outside the Kentucky Career Center,

over two hours prior to its opening, to find assistance with their unemployment claims, in Frankfort, KY on 18 June 2020. Photo credit: Bryan Woolston (Reuters).

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A second wave of layoffs amid weak demand and fractured supply chains is keeping new US applications for unemployment benefits elevated, supporting views that the economy faces a long and difficult recovery from the COVID-19 recession.

Initial claims for state unemployment benefits totaled a seasonally adjusted 1.508 million for the week ended 13 June, down from 1.566 million in the prior week, the Labor Department said on Thursday. The 11th straight weekly drop pushed claims further away from a record 6.867 million in late March.

Economists polled by

Reuters had forecast 1.3 million claims in the latest week.

The weekly jobless claims, the most timely data on the economy's health, remain incredibly high even though employers hired a record 2.5 million workers in May as businesses reopened after shuttering in mid-March to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell told lawmakers this week that "significant uncertainty remains about the timing and strength of the recovery."

The economy fell into recession in February.

"People will say claims are coming down, but for an economy that is reopening, that is a huge number," said Steven Blitz, chief US economist at TS Lombard in New York.

"The economy is losing workers and employment beyond the initial impact tied to businesses that shut down. There are a lot of industries that are getting hurt and that's starting to cascade down, that is what those numbers are showing."

From manufacturing, retail, information technology and oil and gas production, companies have announced job cuts. State and local governments, whose budgets have been shattered by the COVID-19 fight, are also cutting jobs.

Reporting By Lucia Mutikani; Editing by Andrea Ricci.



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## PM HARRIS OFFERS HIS HIGHEST COMMENDATIONS TO MR. STANLEY FRANKS, JR.

June 17th, 2020

Prime Minister Dr. the Honourable Timothy Harris offers his highest commendations to Mr. Stanley Franks, Jr. MBE, MH, JP for so expertly spearheading the planning of the large-scale inauguration ceremony held on Sunday, June 14th, 2020.

Sunday's inauguration of Prime Minister Harris' second-term Team Unity Administration was staged with remarkable success before an exuberant crowd at Warner Park – a fabled place that holds a lot of history for Kittitians and Nevisians, perhaps none more so than Mr. Stanley Franks, Jr., who was born on May 1st, 1941 at Prickly Pear Alley in Basseterre.

Mr. Stanley Franks, Jr. served on the Warner Park Committee for 35 years and as a member of the Board of Directors of Cricket World Cup St. Kitts-Nevis 2007. Mr. Franks, Jr. also holds the honour of having managed both a West Indies cricket and football team (W.I. Youth to Canada in 1989 and Caribbean Football Team to England in 1993).

Moreover, when the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis hosted the 7th Caribbean Festival of Arts in August 2000, Mr. Stanley Franks, Jr. led the planning, serving as Director-General of CARIFESTA VII, which held its opening and closing events at Warner Park.

"Stanley loves Warner Park and knows it like the palm of his hand," the Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis said today, Wednesday, June 17th, adding: "My Cabinet and I also selected Stanley to chair the inauguration planning committee because he is a consummate professional who has an innate and impressive talent for managing intricate moving parts in a seamless and stabilizing way."

Prime Minister Harris went on to note that, "From all accounts, he did not disappoint. Indeed, the country can always count on Mr. Stanley Franks, Jr., and I will continue to draw on his

considerable experience as the need arises."

The Prime Minister continued: "Stanley's helping hands extend to just about every facet of civic life in St. Kitts and Nevis. He has served as Chairman of the Independence Celebrations Committee and the National Carnival Committee, and also as Co-Chairman of the St. Kitts Music Festival Committee; President and Secretary of both the Cricket and Football Associations; General Secretary of the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union, and Deputy Chairman of the Social Security Board. In a nutshell, Stanley Franks, Jr. is a national treasure."

In 1985, Mr. Stanley Franks, Jr. received an Independence Honours Award and was awarded the nation's Medal of Honour (MH) in 1991. Five years later, the Chamber of Industry and Commerce presented him with a Certificate of Recognition for his contribution to the educational development of the youth of St. Kitts-Nevis through Teacher Professionalism. Upon retiring in 2002 from a distinguished 28-year teaching career, Mr. Stanley Franks, Jr. received the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College Award for Dedicated Years of Service to the Technical Division. He was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in Her Majesty the Queen's New Year's Honours List for 2008.

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# Study Reveals A Fair Reward Ensures A Good Memory

By The University of Geneva

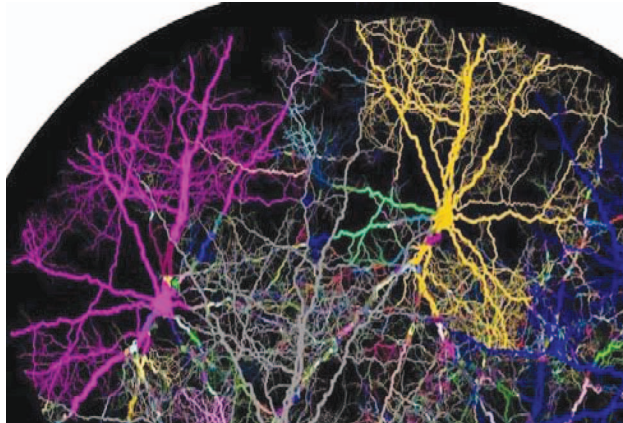


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How does our memory work, and how can we optimize its mechanisms on a daily basis? These questions are at the heart of many neuroscience research projects.

Among the brain structures examined to better understand memory mechanisms, the reward system is now at the center of investigations.

Through the examination of brain activity in healthy human subjects, scientists from The University of Geneva (UNIGE) have highlighted the lasting positive effect of a reward - monetary, in this case - on the ability of individuals to retain a variety of information.

Moreover, and much more surprisingly, the research team demonstrated that the average accumulation of reward should be neither too small nor too large. By ensuring an effective neural dialog between the reward

circuit and the memory circuit, this delicate balance allows the proper encoding of memories in our brain. These results can be read in Nature Communications.

Empirically, it seems quite logical that obtaining a reward can improve the memories associated with it. But what are the brain mechanisms at work, and how can we exploit them to optimize our memory capacity?

“The positive influence of a reward on memory is a well-known phenomenon,” says Sophie Schwartz, full professor in the Department of Basic Neurosciences at the UNIGE Faculty of Medicine, who led this work. “However, our experiment aimed to take a further step in understanding this mechanism by looking at two important aspects: does the effect last over time and what role does the accumulation of reward play?”

## A measured challenge to motivate the brain

To answer these questions, the scientists have developed an experiment using functional magnetic resonance imaging, an imaging technique that allows real-time observation of the brain in action. About 30 healthy subjects were asked to remember associations between objects and people; each correct answer was associated with points gained, and each incorrect answer with points lost (the points were then converted into money). Twenty minutes later, the subjects were asked to retrieve these associations to earn additional points. Critically, the average number of points that could be gained varied over the course of the experiment.

“Contrary to what one might have thought, the best results were not associated with the highest accumulation of rewards, the point where subjects should have been the most motivated,” says Kristoffer Aberg, a researcher now at the Weizmann Institute of Science and the first author of this work.

The most effective? Somewhere between the highest and lowest accumulated rewards. “Our brain needs rewards to motivate us, but also challenges,” explains Sophie Schwartz. “If the task is too easy,

motivation decreases as quickly as if it is too difficult, and that affects our ability to encode information. Imagine picking berries in the forest: if they are everywhere, you do not have to remember where to find them. If there are only a few, the effort required to pick them is too great in relation to the possible gain - a few berries will not feed us. Now, if clusters of berries are scattered throughout the forest, remembering their exact location will allow us to pick more in a short time.”

## A dialog between brain areas

In the brain, memory is primarily managed by the hippocampus, a region of the brain responsible for encoding and storing memories. When a reward is involved, however, another region is activated, the ventral tegmental area, which is involved in the reward system and responsible for the release of dopamine related to the satisfaction of obtaining a reward. “It is the dialog between these two brain areas that helps maintain motivation, improve learning, and consolidate memories, even over time,” explains Kristoffer Aberg.

This experiment shows the importance of motivation in memory and learning, but also the subtle, and probably individual-specific, balance that should be instituted. These lessons are particularly useful in the school environment, with the idea of creating learning contexts that would foster this motivation according to the needs of children.

Explore further: Like a treasure map, brain region emphasizes reward location

**More information:** Kristoffer Carl Aberg et al. Interplay between midbrain and dorsal anterior cingulate regions arbitrates lingering reward effects on memory encoding, Nature Communications (2020). DOI: 10.1038/s41467-020-15542-z

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# Face Masks Critical In Preventing Spread Of COVID-19



A crowd of people wearing medical masks. Image credit: Pavlo Vakhrušev (stock.adobe.com).

A study by a team of researchers led by a Texas A&M University professor has found that not wearing a face mask dramatically increases a person's chances of being infected by the COVID-19 virus.

Dr Renyi Zhang, Texas A&M Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Sciences and the Harold J Haynes Chair in the College of Geosciences, and colleagues from the University of Texas, the University

of California-San Diego and the California Institute of Technology have had their work published in the current issue of PNAS (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences).

The team examined the chances of COVID-19 infection and how the virus is easily passed from person to person. From trends and mitigation procedures in China, Italy and New York City, the researchers found that using a face mask reduced the number of infections by more than 78,000 in Italy from 6 April to 9 May, and by over 66,000 in New York City from 17 April to 9 May.

“Our results clearly show that airborne transmission via respiratory aerosols represents the dominant route for the spread of COVID-19,” Zhang said. “By analyzing the pandemic trends without face-covering using the statistical method and by projecting the trend, we calculated that over 66,000 infections were prevented by using a face mask in little over a month in New York City. We conclude that wearing a face mask in public corresponds to the most effective means to prevent inter-human transmission.

“This inexpensive practice, in conjunction with

social distancing and other procedures, is the most likely opportunity to stop the COVID-19 pandemic. Our work also highlights that sound science is essential in decision-making for the current and future public health pandemics.”

One of the paper's co-authors, Dr Mario Molina, is a professor at the University of California-San Diego and a co-recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his role in understanding the threat to the Earth's ozone layer of human-made halocarbon gases.

“Our study establishes very clearly that using a face mask is not only useful to prevent infected coughing droplets from reaching uninfected persons, but is also crucial for these uninfected persons to avoid breathing the minute atmospheric particles (aerosols) that infected people emit when talking and that can remain in the atmosphere tens of minutes and can travel tens of feet,” Molina said.

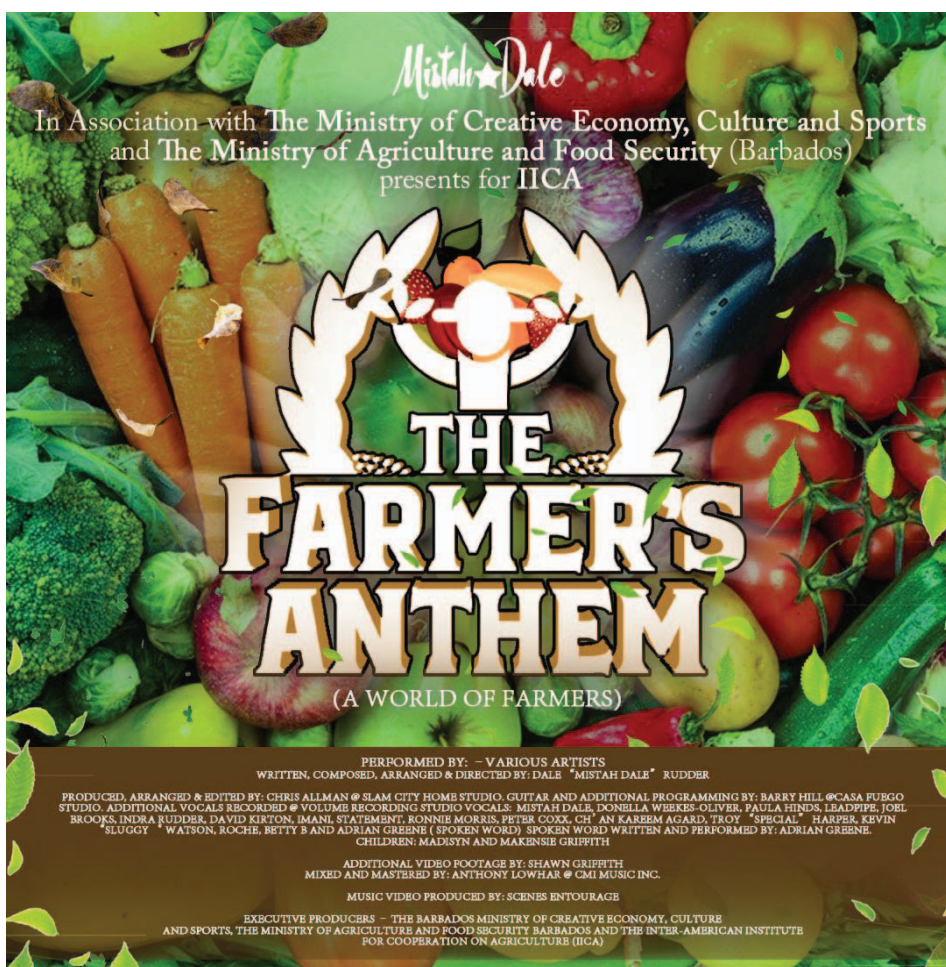
Zhang said that many people in China have worn face masks for years, mainly because of the bad air quality of the country.

“So people there are sort of used to this,” he said. “Mandated face-covering helped China in containing the COVID-19 outbreak.”

Zhang said the results should send a clear message to people worldwide - wearing a face mask is essential in fighting the virus.

“Our work suggests that the failure in containing the propagation of COVID-19 pandemic worldwide is largely attributed to the unrecognized importance of

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## Barbadian Artistes join IICA's tribute with Farmers' Anthem - "We've Got the Earth in our Hands"

Bridgetown, 17 June 2020 (IICA).-Eighteen young Barbadian artistes have added their voices to the campaign initiated by IICA to pay tribute to all of those persons who provide us with food, especially during this COVID-19 pandemic.

The song, written, composed, arranged and coordinated by Dale R. Rudder (Mistah Dale), features vocals by Mistah Dale, Donella Oliver, Paula Hinds, Leadpipe, Joel Brooks, Indra Rudder, David Kirton, Imani, Statement, Ronnie Morris, Peter Coxx, Ch'An, Kareem Agard, Troy "Special" Harper, Kevin "Sluggo" Watson, Roche, Betty B and Adrian Greene, with spoken word written and performed by Adrian Greene."

Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Indar Weir, indicated that the Ministry has been working closely with the farming community to boost food production long before the coronavirus outbreak began, and that a further increase was being pushed in light of the impact the novel coronavirus could have on the world's food supply chain. In commenting on the powerful message from the Artistes that "We will be stronger, live longer when we eat what we grow we will prosper", he

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airborne virus transmission," he said. "Social-distancing and washing our hands must continue, but that's not sufficient enough protection. Wearing a face mask as well as practicing good hand hygiene and social distancing will greatly reduce the chances of anyone contracting the COVID-19 virus."

The study was funded by the Robert A Welch Foundation.

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reiterated the Ministry's commitment to repositioning the Agriculture Sector as a major driver for the economy of Barbados, and for Food and Nutrition Security.

The Artistes' Collective was organized by Barbados' Minister of Creative Economy, Culture & Sport, John King MP, himself an experienced cultural practitioner who has travelled the world promoting Barbados as an entertainer. Both Minister Indar Weir and Minister John King readily welcomed the opportunity to collaborate with IICA to honour the farmers, the earth and our local foods.

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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#HEROESYHEROINAS  
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Violence and harassment is unacceptable anywhere and at any time, whether in times of prosperity or of crisis. The risk of violence and harassment is even higher in crises, including during the current COVID-19 outbreak.

To mark the first anniversary of the adoption of the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190) and its supplementing Recommendation (No. 206), the ILO will organize a virtual high-level event to discuss the relevance of such instruments in the current COVID-19 pandemic. The event will bring together key experts and officials who played a crucial role in the standard-setting discussions on Convention No. 190 and Recommendation No. 206 at the International Labour Conference in 2019.

Hearing from the voices of those who crafted the texts of the instruments will help shed light on how their provisions can help prevent and address the many forms of work-related violence and harassment that have been reported across countries in the context of COVID-19. The event will also offer an opportunity for Governments', employers' and workers' representatives to share knowledge on lessons learned and difficulties towards the ratification of Convention No. 190 and the implementation of both the Convention and its Recommendation.

The main objectives of the event are:

- Raise awareness on Convention No. 190 and Recommendation No. 206 and their relevance in the context of the COVID-19 crisis
- A call to action to leverage the instruments as a practical framework to build a better normal world of work free from violence and harassment while responding to the present crisis and ensuring resilience in the face of future crises
- Exchange about lessons learned and difficulties towards ratification of Convention No. 190 and implementation of Convention No. 190 and Recommendation No. 206, one year after their adoption
- Provide policy elements and relevant resources on Convention No. 190 and Recommendation No. 206 based on recent ILO publications, and identify further tools needed

# England v West Indies: 'No friendships' with Jofra Archer during series - Kemar Roach

By Matthew Henry

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From the section Cricket



Archer took three wickets against West Indies at the 2019 World Cup but has not faced the Caribbean side in Tests

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There will be "no friendships" between the West Indies players and England's Jofra Archer during the sides' upcoming Test series, says bowler Kemar Roach.

Barbados-born bowler Archer, 25, played three times for West Indies Under-19s before opting to play for England.

He played against West Indies at the 2019 World Cup but this summer's series, starting on 8 July, would be the first time he had faced them Tests.

"It is all about winning and playing hard cricket," fellow Bajan Roach said.

"Jofra has made his decision and is doing a fantastic job for his career.

# Justin Langer: Telling Graeme Hick about job loss like facing Ambrose & Walsh

From the section Cricket



Travis Head and Graeme Hick - Hick (right) averaged 31.32 in Tests for England

Australia coach Justin Langer says telling batting coach Graeme Hick he was being made redundant was like facing former West Indies fast bowlers Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh "without a helmet and a box on".

Ex-England batsman Hick, who has worked with Australia since 2016, was among 40 redundancies as part of cost-cutting because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"He's become a really good mate - a work ethic second to none," Langer said. "His experience and his integrity - you couldn't meet a nicer person."

"There is no friendships with this series."

Archer has friends in the West Indies' 30-man touring party, notably batsman Shai Hope and bowler Chemar Holder, and played alongside bowlers Alzarri Joseph and Preston McSween for West Indies Under-19s.

Asked whether there would be extra words for Archer on the field during the Test series, Roach said: "We will see when

that comes around. We will definitely see."

The three-match series will be played at bio-secure venues in Southampton and Manchester without spectators, something Roach said could help West Indies as the hosts will be without their usual vocal support.

Roach expects the tourists to employ the same aggressive, hostile bowling methods used when his side beat England 2-1 in the Caribbean last year.

"I don't think our mode of attack will change much," he said.

"We saw [England's batsmen] in the Caribbean and it is pretty fresh in our minds.

"Once we get stuck into them we stand a great chance of beating England."

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### 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**

### LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"  
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Mirtha Irish** now residing in **Beach Street, Ponds Pasture** in the town of **Basseterre** do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **02nd** day of **July, 2020** to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **Maribel Bar** in **Beach Street, Ponds Pasture, New Town** in **Basseterre**.

Dated this  
**18th** day of **June, 2020**.

Signed: **Mirtha Irish**

### LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate, District "A"  
To the Superintendent of Police.

I, **Edris Garnette** now residing in **New Road** in the village of **St. Peters** do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on **02nd** day of **July, 2020** to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **College Street Ghaut,** in **Basseterre**.

Dated this  
**18th** day of **June, 2020**.

Signed: **Edris Garnette**

# CARROTS. FISH AND FAMALAAAYYY!!!

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

I am fed up of having to wear a mask everyday and everywhere I go. I am fed up because I believe that I am making myself sick when I breathe in the carbon dioxide that I breathe out. I am fed up because I cannot enter a bank to get my money without a mask, but if I had gone to the swearing in last Sunday, not a soul, not a police would have denied me entry for not wearing a mask.

If the Virus was still around in the federation, somebody would have caught it and spread it by now. Even though we are not doing any tests, everybody who contracted the virus would not be asymptomatic. And everybody spreading it would not be asymptomatic.

I refuse to believe that anyone in authority thinks that the Virus is lurking somewhere in the federation, just waiting for another motorcade or another swearing in ceremony where neither masks will be worn nor social distancing will be maintained to pounce on us and start to spread again.

In addition, the police are not consistent with how they enforce this Covid-19 regulation. In fact, I happened to be driving past St. George's Anglican Church on Thursday, around noon, when a newly elected minister was speaking with two senior police officers. Not one of them had on a mask. Not one of them was practicing social distancing. And not one of them contracted nor spread the Corona Virus.

In other words, the police and the government ministers have recognized that there is no Covid-19 in the federation.

So why are we still under a State of Emergency?

Prior to 5th June, 2020, it was necessary to keep the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour and the Nevis Reformation Party under total police control. The incumbents needed to be able to move freely with full knowledge that the opposition was locked down and locked in.

They needed free rein and total access to the Electoral Office where anything and everything they did would go undetected and unchallenged until it was too late.

So I understand why it was necessary for us to be prisoners until the elections.

But what is the reason for the continued imprisonment?

What is yet to be done?

Who is concerned about suspicions being raised if the SOE is ended? What is there to find out once the SOE ends?

I believe that by now everyone understands all that happened had to happen if the government was to have any chance of winning.

Once the federation was locked down unnecessarily and people couldn't work, bills couldn't be paid and people needed to eat, the government did what it does best and dangled plenty carrots and gave away plenty fish.

They took advantage of a situation that they exaggerated and by cunningly employing the muscle of some persons known to law enforcement, the result was easy to forecast.

So again I ask, why are we still in lock down? Why do I still have to wear a mask?

You in government, you got what you wanted.

I need to breathe in oxygen. Not carbon dioxide.



By Vigilante

- De frilly mout deputy send tell de BRC dat when he come tek up he new post, he, de BRC, better not be dere. Dey say de BRC say dat he gon go. But anytime he ain't get another big wuk, he gon write and leak de letter like how he had was to do de last time to get he big wuk.

- After tequila say dat she ain't want de lady who no man want, de frilly mout deputy say dat he gon tek her. But when he tell her dat she gon have to stop wear dem jungle sale clothes on de wuk, she get wex and start to transfer left, right and center, all who does dress better dan her.

- Dey say dat de lady who no man want done mek it clear dat anybody who brighter dan her and ain't afraid to disagree wid her, not going to wuk wid her. She nutten to do wid who vote mek her get wuk or who cut whip to cut dey arse.

- Dey did planning to run home Ole Mother Hubbard like how she soon 85. But through dey still owe her nearly a million dollars, dey had was to keep her on to keep her quiet.

- Dey did planning to run home de juicy A-dree and give de lady from de royal family even though she sick. Den dey did planning to give it to de young lawyer from Newtown. But Humpty Dumpty looking for people who loyal to him. So he mek noise till dey had was to keep de juicy A-dree.

- Is over a million dollars dey spend on de stage for de swearing een. But dey say is five million dat Humpty Dumpty budget. So people want to know what happen to de rest three and a half million.

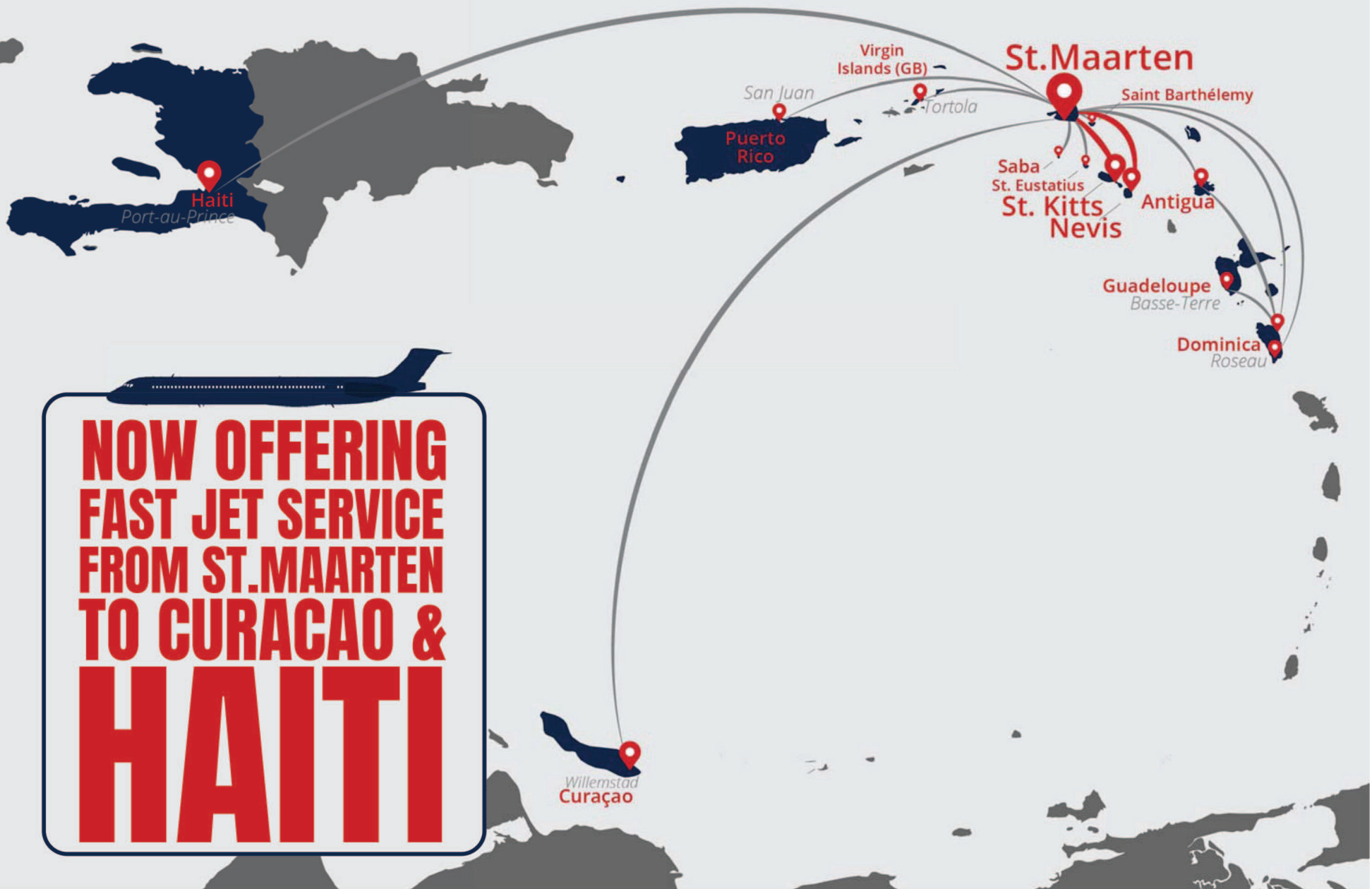
- Certain people get to come back home because dey say dat dey come visit dey famalay who sick. And dey ain't had to go in no quarantine because people see dem in de line de next day waiting to vote.

- Dey say is Humpty Dumpty and he famalay dat buy de place dat dey using as de government quarantine. And dey say like how it looking like de virus not leaving Merica no time soon, he gon mek a killing anytime anybody come here from a hotspot.

- Dey say dat is all kinda people who tek money to vote gainst Labour coming go beg Labour people for care package. Dey say dat one woman who got thousand dollars done say dat is a good ting she Labour neighbour is a Christian otherwise is roast breadfruit and sweet oil she woulda be eating morning, noon and night.

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