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St. Kitts & Nevis to Reopen Borders on October 31st, 2020



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HELP MY SON, PLEASE

Denise Browne goes about her duties at a fundraiser event held at the Independence Square on Friday 25th September 2020 for her son 30-year-old Jahvin Browne who is in need of a lifesaving operation (Spokesman Snap)

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Editorial

SCHEME UNITY's Time Draweth Nigh

The government is surrounded with an aura of unease. One might ask just why should that be the case, less than a mere six months after they 'won' a general election, in which they apparently increased the number of seats that they hold in parliament?

There are a number of answers, but we are certain that they will be most unwilling to admit to any explanation, other than their usual spiel of falsehoods.

Overall, there is no escaping the fact that things are bad, and that holds true country wide. Even those who are 'well off' are experiencing the negative effects. Mark you, their customary high revenues or incomes are proving barely enough to sustain their high and fanciful levels of living.

As is only to be expected, those holding the reins of political power are blaming it all on COVID-19, and there can be no doubt that the pandemic has contributed quite substantially to the downturn in the nation's economic affairs.

However, the reality is that things were bad, very bad indeed, before March 2020, and the advent of the coronavirus.

COVID-19 has simply added to what was an already bad state of affairs, and has only made matters that much worse.

For years we of this newspaper had been warning the people of St. Kitts and Nevis that SCHEME UNITY was taking us for a ride on a fast track to the bottom of the social and economic order.

Many doubted us, but eventually came to realise that we were factual all along.

From the moment that they got their grips on power in February 2015, those misfits went on a splurge, wasting the nation's reserves, squandering the peoples' money as if it was going out of style.

The sovereign debt fund which had been built up carefully, painstakingly, and with prudence, amounted to over nine hundred million dollars (\$900,000,000) when Labour demitted office.

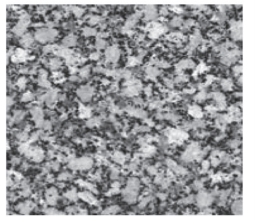
That fund has been so badly depleted that now there is nothing on which to fall back.



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Meanwhile, the people of Nevis have been left wondering why is it that they cannot receive that which they were promised.

This very sad state of affairs has been brought upon us through the combined effects of greed, incompetence, and chicanery.

SCHEME UNITY's profligate abuse of the nation's financial and other resources is, most definitely, that which has landed us in this most unhappy state of affairs. Their wanton excesses far surpass anything ever seen in the region.

Now, with business barely limping along, with the vast majority of our people barely existing on a day to day basis, and with the financial institutions exerting more and more pressure, it is only a matter of time before economic collapse sets in for thousands of our people.

As is usually the case, those who will suffer most are the ones at the bottom and middle levels of the economic strata.

We, the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, simply do not deserve this, but we are where we are now because of the insatiable

lust and greed of a handful of individuals who are very adept at using and abusing a sizeable portion of our population, even to the point of engaging persons from other countries, to work matters contrary to that which is good for us.

The government is broke, not because of COVID-19, but because of their wickedness and their evil practices. COVID has only added to an already bad situation, and we should never allow them to get away with trying to fix the blame on the coronavirus.

They know that we are on to them and their kleptocratic and other nefarious practices, and they are terrified by what they know our people can be like when pushed too far.

That is why they are surrounded by such gloominess, but it is they who put themselves there, and no one should feel sorry for them.

As much as it may seem farfetched at this juncture, SCHEME UNITY's time draweth nigh.

It will be a most blessed day for all of St Kitts and Nevis when that day arrives.

Principal, CXC Registrar Calls For Justice In Graded Results

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 2nd October 2020) - New principal of the Verchilids High School and CXC (Caribbean Examination Council) registrar Miguel Thomas is not pleased with some instances of the 2020 graded results, according to students' profiles, concerning his school and is calling for justice on the subject matter.

"...I am hopeful that upon closer scrutiny of the results ...other principals can make similar sentiments and I trust that we get some redress in these matters on CXC's part, and so once again I am grateful for this opportunity, I am grateful for the product on a national level, however, justice is what must be served, and if the students attained a particular grade then that should be reflected."

Thomas expressed such sentiments at a press conference-organized by the Ministry of Education- for the preliminary CXC results held on Monday 28th September 2020 at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (conference room) located on Burdon Street.

"I must express some dissatisfaction with the results garnered from the CSEC [Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate] from CXC. As the registrar I pride myself in looking at trends and even as a CSEC Geography teacher I've registered some dissatisfaction. For one of the strongest cohorts that I have ever entered, they returned the poorest results-all pass- but they returned the poorest results in my teaching career; that is very, very dissatisfying and it's something that needs to be looked into. I have already penned a letter. I have looked at the trends over the years and I'm displeased especially when all of your students would have gone in with a full SBA score, and it's quite dissatisfying to see the profiles that the students would have returned."

Thomas continued: "...it's one thing to examine different disciplines and recognize 100% passes but when you scrutinized the profiles, we recognize that this does not reflect the quality of students



that you would have entered and something needs to be done and so I'm going to take further action through the appropriate channels. We recorded a number of other discrepancies where students' grades are concerned."

Notably, his comments came after details were publicised about a 5% increase in the national pass rates.

According to Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education William Hodge, "Apart from Mr. Thomas, we have not received any other direct complaints from principals as yet but they are putting their queries together in terms of the number of persons whose grades they might want to query."

The CXC registrar gave instances which support his concerns.

"We had one student who did not attempt a component of an exam so the child received zero for that component. However, the child came back with a grade One and the teacher is in disbelief so that's something that must be addressed in order."

He also stated that one student recorded a grade one with one A and two Cs in the profile whilst noting "I've never seen that in the history of anything- I'm grateful again, but that is something justice must be served."

Thomas added: "We recognize, too, that two students with the lowest SBA score for a particular subject registered grade ones and the students with the highest set of scores came back with the lower grades. Those are the things we are seeing in our local context and we recognize that there are major discrepancies as it relates to the verchilids High School..."

Thomas informed that for the past three years, he served as the CXC registrar for the school which was one of his duties as a senior management member.

"As the newly instated principal of the Verchilids High School, I'm the one who deals with CXC or CSEC and CCSLC [Caribbean Certificate of Secondary Level Competence] related matters for the institution - I am proud to report that we had 69 out of 77 students sitting both English A and mathematics; that's something we pride ourselves in. Irrespective of what a pass rate might look, we always afford our students the opportunity to take CSEC English A and mathematics and those students who did not sit were either in what we know as a learning support stream or they would have sat it in a previous academic year while they were in third or fourth form but everyone else was given the opportunity irrespective."

Thomas continued: "We also noted that 13 disciplines attained 100 % pass rates but we are not so much focused on our pass rates. We are eternally grateful for our students who- and I'm certain that all of the principals can give similar sentiments for those who pass and those given the opportunities to attempt particular CSEC subjects."

Photo: Principal of the Verchilids High School and CXC registrar Miguel Thomas speaking at a press conference-organized by the Ministry of Education- for the preliminary CXC results on Monday 28th September 2020 (Spokesman Snap)

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19
NEVIS CIRCUIT
A. D. 2020

Claim No. NEVHCV2013/0002

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED - Applicant

and

YVETTE FREEMAN
and
MICHELLE FREEMAN-BURKE - Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at High Court, Prince William Street, Charlestown, Nevis, on the 22nd day of October 2020 at 1:30 o'clock in the forenoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece of parcel of land containing by admeasurement Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Three (10,703.00) square feet with building situate thereon and known as Lot No. F24C of Hard Times Estate in the Parish of Saint George in the Island of Nevis and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-East by a Public Road, 143.22 feet; On or towards the South-East by the Edge of a Ghaut, 16.63 feet; On or towards the South-West by the Edge of a Ghaut, 59.35 feet, 50.26 feet and 30.53 feet; On or towards the West by the Edge of a Ghaut, 42.71 feet; and On or towards the North-West by Lot No. F24A, 32.77 feet and Lot No. F24B, 74.75 feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 15th day of January, 2007 and registered in Book 45 Folio 10 of the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit in favour of YVETTE FREEMAN and MICHELLE FREEMAN-BURKE both formerly of Rawlins Village, Gingerland in the Island of Nevis now residing at Road Town in the Island of Tortola, British Virgin Islands as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$538,262.51**
Dated the 31st day of July 2020

Taiwan Ambassador Tells Scholarship Awardees Not To Worry About COVID-19

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 2nd October 2020) - The 2020 Taiwan scholarship recipients who are expected to depart St.Kitts-Nevis in October have been told by resident Taiwan Ambassador Tom Lee that his country continues to contain the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and not to worry about the virus.

“We know that COVID-19 has turned the world upside down and a number of students cannot physically go to school and many countries are under lockdown, and I know some of the students are worried about COVID-19, and I’m very pleased to inform you that just like St.Kitts and Nevis, Taiwan also contains the virus pretty well and our people go to work normally and our students go to school physically just like here. So basically students, you don’t have to worry COVID-19 in Taiwan but some international travel has been interrupted by COVID-19, I will like to take this opportunity to assure you that our embassy cares about your safety and your safety is always our top concern. So for your safety, our embassy will find you the most direct flight to Taipei”.

Ambassador Lee made the disclosure while speaking at an awards ceremony lunch outing- organised by the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Ministry of Education of Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis-held on Wednesday, 30th September 2020, at Marshall’s Restaurant located in Frigate Bay.

Altogether, fourteen nationals of St.Kitts-Nevis have been successfully selected as the 2020 recipients of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Taiwan Scholarship and the International Cooperative and Development Fund (ICDF) Scholarship.

The nine MOFA (9) awardees are: Chris Tyson, Clilia Davis, Jacinth Hunkins, Jaleel Browne, Nigel Langley Jr., Selwyn Liburd, Kelso Clarke, Yitzak Bass and Mandisa Orquidia Z.

The five (5) ICDF awardees are: Rondell Williams, Marquan Oâ€™Loughlin, Tawanna Collins, Jahdel Danubii and Dylan Jacobs.

Ambassador Lee pointed out that the 2019 repeat number of scholarship awardees is linked to the COVID-19 outbreak.

“Last year as you can recall we sent fourteen students from St.Kitts and Nevis to Taiwan and this year our embassy did a number of promotions but due to the outbreak of COVID-19, we only managed to get the same number. So, please be rest assured we will work harder next year so that we can get more scholarships”.

Taiwan is known for its generosity and hospitality. Soon after you arrive in Taiwan, you will find Taiwan your home away from home so I would like to encourage all of the students make the most of your stay in Taiwan; study hard, enjoy our hospitality and have fun so I believe when you finish your study, you will say “Wow, I really enjoyed my study in Taiwan”.

Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture Jonel Powell expressed thanks to the government of Taiwan for the continued commitment and assistance to the people of St.Kitts and Nevis.

He described Taiwan to be a very beautiful country, full of



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ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

and

FREDERICK JONES

- Applicant

-Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at High Court, Prince William Street, Charlestown, Nevis, on the 22nd day of October 2020 at 3:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land described as Lot No. 104A on the Ramsbury Housing Development Plan situate in the Parish of St. Paul in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North by an Access Road 67.65 feet, On the South by Lot No. 103 of Ramsbury Housing Development 68.20 feet, On the East partly by Lot No. 108 and partly by Lot No. 109 – 135.65 feet and On the West by Lot No. 101A 135.25 feet and containing by admeasurement 9,200.0 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 24th day of September, 1983 and registered in Book 21 Folio 90 of the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit in favour of FREDERICK N. JONES of Camps Road, in the Island of Nevis as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$850,000.00**

Dated the 31st day of July 2020

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Assistant Registrar of the Supreme Court



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EMS Workers Phone Police After Woman Found Dead At Home

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 2nd October 2020) â€“ Police have informed that Emergency Medical Service (EMS) workers phoned the local authorities after a woman was recently found unresponsive at home with a cord wrapped about her neck.

Dead is Sandra Adams of Stonefort Heights Project.

Reportedly, she was found in her room on Saturday, 26th September, 2020.

A statement issued by the Police Public Relations Department the next day (Sunday) indicated that the police “responded to a call from Emergency Medical Service Personnel from Adams’ home in Stonefort Heights Project.”

It was stated further that: “Upon their arrival, Adams was found unresponsive in her room with a cord wrapped about her neck. The circumstances surrounding the incident are unclear and investigations into the matter are ongoing.”

Police say personnel from the Forensic Unit visited and processed the scene and that an autopsy is expected to be carried out shortly to determine the exact cause of death.

Persons who might have information regarding this incident to contact the Violent

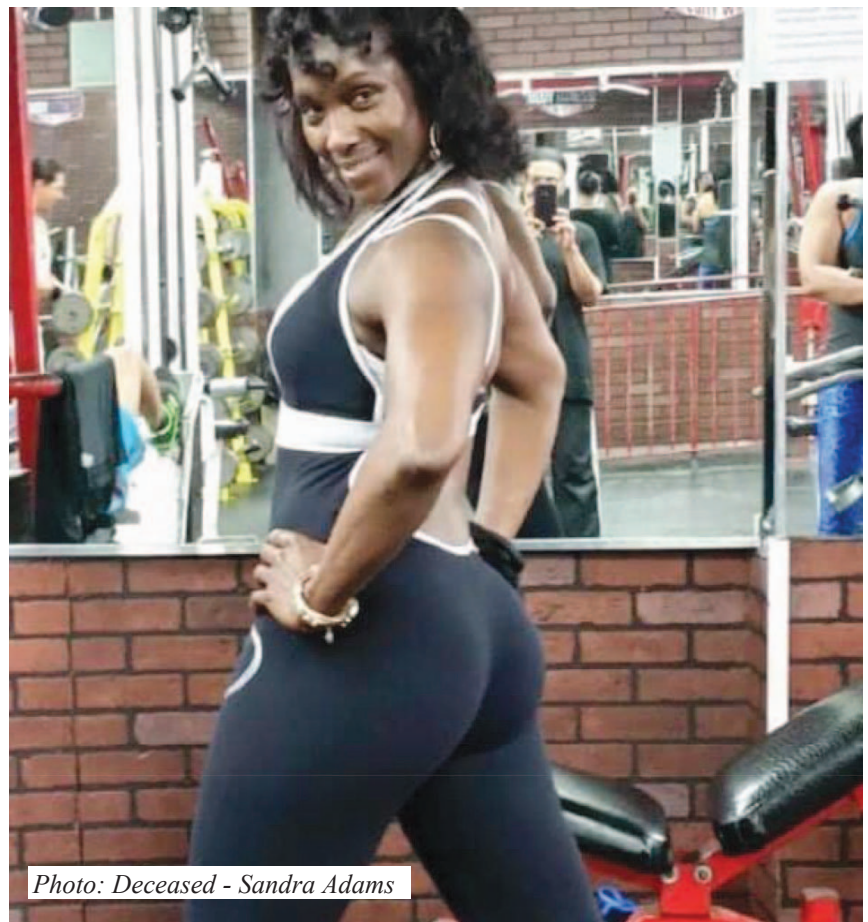


Photo: Deceased - Sandra Adams

Crime Unit by dialing 467-1887, 467-1888, 662-3468 or the nearest Police Station.

Taiwan Ambassador Tells Scholarship Awardees...

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culture, exciting and full of opportunities as he encouraged the students to take full advantage of the scholarship opportunity.

“Yes, you are going to study and we expect you to excel in your academic pursuits but at the same time we hope that you partake in the local culture, you will learn more about Taiwan, about its environs and that when you return after successful sojourning, you will come back a more complete person not just academically but culturally. We want when you come back that you assist us in learning the language, you assist us in forging further partnership that you yourself would have established, and that is really what we look for coming out of this relationship the ability for us to culturally exchange with one another and bring back degrees not just degrees; bring back friends, bring back experiences,” Powell said.

Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris, in congratulating the awardees, touched on the stability that education brings.

“I am happy to share this celebratory moment with you. Today, you are unique because while across the world, a large number of persons are wondering whether they will have an opportunity to enter a university - you know that you will be going to Taiwan. So that is some certainty that you have and it’s a good thing to start with this certainty because when we reflect on the value of education, education should at least assist in bringing some stability in our lives, stability in terms of our own thoughts about what we can become, what we want to become and what we should become”.

Front page photo: 2020 Taiwanese scholarship recipient and past St.Kitts-Nevis National Carnival Queen (2018-2019) Tawanna Collins seen with resident Taiwan Ambassador Tom Lee in accepting her award document (*SKNIS photo*)

Accompanying Photo: 2020 Taiwan scholarship awardees standing (L to R)- Jahdel Danubii, Dylan Jacobs, Jacinth Hunkins, Selwyn Liburd, Tawanna Collins, Yitzak Bass, Jaleel Browne, Chris Tyson, Rondell Williams, Marquan O’Loughlin, Kelso Clarke, Clilia Davis, Nigel Langley Jr. and Mandisa Orquidia Z seen with officials resident Taiwan Ambassador Tom Lee and Mrs. Lee; Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture Jonel Powell (end right); Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris (third from left) as well as St.Kitts-Nevis first Prime Minister and only the living National Hero Sir Dr. Kennedy Simmonds and Lady Simmonds all posing for a group photo (*Spokesman Snap*)

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- b) 10+ years of experience in teaching at the graduate/professional level
- c) Experience in human simulations or case-based/problem-based learning
- d) Research and peer-reviewed publications a plus

Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Letter of interest and CV to be sent by 12 October, 2020 to

**Dr. Donald Roberts
Dean of Basic Sciences
University of Medicine and Health Sciences
P. O. Box 1218
Basseterre
St. Kitts**

Fundraiser Event Held For Young Man In Need Of Lifesaving Operation

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 2nd October 2020)- Fundraising efforts are still ongoing in seeking to cover the medical expenses for 30-year-old Jahvin Browne, a physically challenged father of two, who is in need of a lifesaving operation to be done overseas.

September 2020, a fundraiser event was held at the Independence Square which saw breakfast and lunch on sale.

Entertainment included appearances by well-known media personality and DJ Sweet Sister Sensia and also well-known artiste Footsy.

This media house paid a visit to the event that day and observed Jahvin's mother Denise Browne in busy mode tending to supporters and well-wishers. She had a brief chit-chat with this reporter but was unable to do an interview at the time.

Details gleaned from his Jahvin's medical profile, found on [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com), informs that he is a 30- year-

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Regional News

OECS Announces Winners of Business Model Competition

Jody White, Trevaun Solomon, and Alex Straun excel at OECS-Republic Bank regional pitch competition

Three (3) entrepreneurs have emerged as the winners of the inaugural OECS-Republic Bank Business Model Competition - a strategic initiative of the OECS Sustainable Development Movement designed to strengthen entrepreneurship in the Caribbean through capacity building, access to investors and leveraging opportunities.

The much-anticipated final of the Business Model Competition was a Pitch Battle with Star of ABC's Shark Tank & CEO of the Shark Group, Daymond John, featuring the top eight (8) entrepreneurs.

Jody White of Slimdown360, Trinidad and Tobago, claimed the top spot taking home the first place prize of US\$20,000; Trevaun Solomon of Project Jaguar: The Home of The Teacherpreneur, Antigua and Barbuda, took home the second place prize of US\$10,000; and Alex Straun of Genesis Payment Solutions, St. Kitts and



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Claim No.: SKBHCV2020/0020

In the Matter of Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap. 10.19

and


In the Matter of an Application on behalf of SYLVESTER LEADER AND MARILYN LEADER, for a Replacement of a Lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register Book C3 Folio 386 of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of Lost Certificate of Title dated the 23rd day of July, 2003 and recorded in Register Book C3 Folio 386 of the Register of Titles for St. Christopher Circuit in favour of SYLVESTER LEADER AND MARILYN LEADER both of the Island of Saint Christopher but residing at 8 Well House Drive, Gledhow, Leeds LS8 4BX, England the land contained in said Certificate of title being of All THAT Lot piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 56 of Bird Rock Extension Phase Two in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: On or towards the North by Lot No. 55 and Lot No. 54- 116.03 feet; On or towards the East by part of Lot No. 52 and part of Lot No. 51- 60.25 feet; On or towards the South by Lot No. 57-110.68 feet and On or towards the West by a verge and Sparrow Crescent 60.00 feet; and containing by admeasurement 6,802.60 square feet.

Any person or persons knowing the whereabouts or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate of Title which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, Judicial and Legal Complex, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Dated the 28th day of July, 2020


Dennis Merchant
Merchant & Associates
Solicitors for the Applicant

Nevis took home the third place prize of US\$5,000.

Of the thirty (30) Caribbean entrepreneurs that embarked on the eight-week journey of capacity building and networking via integration into the Business Model Competition's virtual network of business development support, nineteen (19) entrepreneurs advanced to the semifinal phase of the competition and eight (8) entrepreneurs were selected to participate in the final pitch competition with Daymond John.

ABOUT THE WINNERS

Jody White - 1st Place Winner

Slimdown360

Jody White from Trinidad and Tobago is the CEO of Slimdown360, a company investing in various types of root crop pasta, flours and ready to eat frozen meals.

Based in Trinidad, the company turns fresh sweet potatoes and cassava into gluten-free pasta, gluten-free flours and prepared meals. Satisfying a need for grain-free, gluten-free pasta "a category in which few products exist.

Root crops are generally inexpensive and Slimdown360 has found a way to create a scalable, value-added product, operating in a specialty, higher-value market, out of them.

Slimdown360 fulfills the needs of a large, untapped consumer segment while supporting regional agriculture. The company interacts with the entire value chain, from the farm to the final product.

Slimdown360's customers are largely overseas. The company's products were recently selected as Amazon's Choice in the Paleo category of the Amazon website.

Slimdown 360 Website

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Statement from the OECS Heads of Government on the Imperative of Airport Testing of Travellers

Media Release

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 - The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Heads of Government have seen the remarks made by the Head of the London Heathrow Airport today 29th September, 2020 warning that the UK Aviation could suffer the same

fate as London Docks if air travel cannot resume in volume before a COVID vaccine is found.

Mr. John Holland-Kaye, London Heathrow Chief Executive Officer, in a conversation with Travel Weekly warned of a catastrophe for UK Aviation, including the potential demise of British Airways, if air travel is not

OECS Announces Winners of Business...

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Trevaun Solomon from Antigua and Barbuda is the Co-Founder and CEO of Project Jaguar:

Home of the Teacherpreneur, an online two-sided marketplace that enables educators to create, go-to-market, and teach guided online courses as teacherpreneurs.

Project Jaguar is a community and suite of services for teacherpreneurs around the Caribbean. It is designed for teachers to run an online course and grow it into an online teaching business. The service gives teachers the tools and training needed to progress towards entrepreneurship to stimulate the education industry.

It takes 1 minute to set-up the first course and is 100% free. Join the community, and create a team of teachers to teach groups of students, and grow your online teaching business. Access online courses on Android, iOS, Windows 10, or Mac.

Project Jaguar Website

Alex Straun from St. Kitts and Nevis is the CEO of Genesis Payment Systems Inc.,

- a company that fosters community empowerment through Financial Technology (FinTech). The company seeks the security and inclusion of all law-abiding citizens into the financial system while enhancing efficiency and reducing costs.

A few years ago, Genesis Payment Systems Inc. noticed some unsettling trends: Cash-related robberies were on the rise, fees at financial institutions were spiraling upwards and small business innovation was stagnant. The management of Genesis Payment Systems Inc. decided to build a solution that could provide a secure, affordable way to store, transfer money and digitise business processes regardless of banking status. The result is JAD: the region's first e-money solution combined with a commerce platform. In a matter of seconds, customers can send and receive cash, sell their products online, pay employees, track sales, register event guests, fundraise and more.

The JAD solution:



Mr. John Holland-Kaye, London Heathrow Chief Executive Officer

solution are for the consideration of testing at the UK airports to ensure that all travelers are COVID free and to allow such persons freedom to travel.

While the OECS Authority is concerned about the prediction, we are heartened by the call which strengthens our own efforts internationally in seeking the establishment of PCR testing facilities at airports to ensure that every traveler is tested, and only persons who are deemed to be COVID-free will be allowed to board and travel. We have been lobbying the governments of our major tourism source markets as well as the major airlines with flights to the Caribbean to work with us in the establishment of a rigorous testing regime to facilitate the reopening of safe air travel to the Caribbean.

allowed to board and remove the need for quarantine on arrival. We are seeking to move quickly to facilitate safer travel for the tourism high season in October. The Anglophone Caribbean has had a strong record of effective management of the pandemic to date with among the lowest infection rates in the world and are seeking to address the severe economic contraction in our tourism-dependent economies while ensuring the protection of our people as well as our visitors.

The Heads of Government of the OECS are, therefore, issuing an urgent call to the governments and other stakeholders of the tourism source markets to work with us in putting this solution in place and to demonstrate the viability of this approach to the safe restoration of the travel and tourism industry.

Case Number :SKBHPB2020/0061



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Dated this 4th day of September, 2020

Sophia Lawrence
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Tuesday 30 September 2020

David Attenborough Leads Call For World To Invest 500 Billion Dollars A Year To Protect Nature

By Matthew Green



Broadcaster and film maker David Attenborough as he attended the premiere of Blue Planet II at the British Film Institute in London. (Reuters file photo).

LONDON (Reuters) - British broadcaster David Attenborough on Wednesday, led a campaign by conservation groups for the world to invest \$500 billion a year to halt the destruction of nature, saying the future of the planet was in "grave jeopardy".

Attenborough, whose new film "A Life on Our Planet" documents the dangers posed by climate change and the extinction of species, made his statement as the United Nations convened a one-day summit aimed at galvanising action to protect wildlife.

"Our natural world is under greater pressure now than at any time in human history, and the future of the entire planet - on which every single one of us depends - is in grave jeopardy," Attenborough, 94, said in a news release.

"We still have an opportunity to reverse catastrophic biodiversity loss, but time is running out."

Opening the summit in New York, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said a million species were at risk of extinction and that climate change and the loss of biodiversity were "destroying Earth's web of life".

"Humanity is waging war on nature, we need to change our relationship with it," Guterres said.

The push to redirect financing away from fossil fuels and other polluting industries and into locally led conservation was launched by environmental group Fauna & Flora International and backed by more than 130 organisations.

"UN member states must take the lead in getting ahead of this crisis and putting funding into the hands of those who are best placed to use it - local conservation organisations," Mark Rose, chief executive of Fauna & Flora International, said.

The world spends an estimated \$80-\$90 billion on conservation each year, but studies show that hundreds of billions of dollars may be needed to save ecosystems from collapse.

Britain, Canada and others joined the European Union on Monday in pledging to protect 30% of their land and seas by 2030. UN officials hope to secure broad agreement on that target at talks to forge a new global biodiversity pact due to take place in China in 2021.

Addressing the summit in a video message, Chinese President Xi Jinping urged global cooperation on the environment, saying countries were "passengers in the same boat".

"The loss of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystems pose a major risk to human survival and development," he said. "It falls to all of us to act together, and urgently turn the Earth into a beautiful homeland for all creatures to live in harmony."



Margaret Ferrier spoke in the coronavirus debate in the House of Commons on Monday

Covid-positive MP Margaret Ferrier apologises for Parliament visit

BBC NEWS - 01 OCTOBER 2020



An SNP MP has apologised for travelling to Westminster despite experiencing Covid symptoms - and travelling home after getting a positive result.

Margaret Ferrier, the MP for Rutherglen and Hamilton West, said there was "no excuse for my actions".

She said she took a test on Saturday - but travelled to Westminster on Monday because she was feeling "much better".

Ms Ferrier received a positive test result that same day, then took a train back to Scotland on Tuesday.

The MP said she had informed the police and that she deeply regretted her actions.

Ms Ferrier said she took a test on Saturday afternoon after experiencing "mild symptoms", but travelled to London by train on Monday.

She spoke in the coronavirus debate in the House of Commons on Monday, and said she received her positive test result that evening.

"I travelled home by train on Tuesday morning without seeking advice. This was also wrong and I am sorry," she said.

"I have been self-isolating at home ever since."

The SNP is not removing the whip from Ms Ferrier, and is waiting for the police to investigate.

It is understood the leadership spoke to her earlier today and it was made clear

Additional reporting by Kate Abnett in Brussels; Editing by Alistair Bell and Barbara Lewis.

she had "let herself down".

Labour MP Ian Murray said Ms Ferrier should face disciplinary action for her "astonishing recklessness".

"She has put passengers, rail staff, fellow MPs, Commons staff and many others at unacceptable risk," he said.

"To breach the rules twice is simply unforgivable, and has undermined all the sacrifices made by her constituents."

Train drivers union Aslef described her actions as "both dangerous and disgraceful".

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Mr. Dennis Zulu appointed as the New Director of the ILO Caribbean Office

News | 01 September 2020

Port of Spain (ILO News) - Mr Guy Ryder, the Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO), has appointed Mr. Dennis Zulu, a Zambian national, as the new Director of ILO Decent Work Team and Office for the Caribbean with effect from 01 September 2020.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Zulu worked as Director for the ILO Country Office, Abuja with responsibility for Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Representative to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).



Mr. Dennis Zulu - new Director of ILO Decent Work Team

Mr Zulu brings extensive experience and knowledge of key issues related to the work of the ILO Caribbean Office. As Director of ILO-Abuja, he led development projects and activities on employment creation, entrepreneurship development, microfinance and social dialogue.

Before joining the ILO in 2003, Mr Zulu worked in academia and the private sector in his home country. In the ILO, he has worked in various positions including Programme Officer in the ILO Office in Zambia, ILO Coordinator for the UN pilot 'Delivering As One' Programmes in Mozambique, and the UN Adviser on Youth Employment and Empowerment to the Liberian Government.

"I feel deeply honoured and privileged to have been afforded the opportunity to lead the ILO support towards the promotion of decent work in the region. I therefore look forward to working with all the tripartite constituents in the region towards achieving decent work for all in the Caribbean," says Mr. Zulu.

Mr. Zulu holds a degree in Economics and Public Administration from the University of Zambia; a Post Graduate Diploma from Stellenbosch University, South Africa; and a Master's Degree in Business Administration (Corporate Finance and Strategic Planning) from Mzumbe University, Tanzania.

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ESSENCE OF HOPE LAUNCHES MAMMOGRAM CAMPAIGN

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts: On the eve of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Essence of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation has launched its mammogram campaign. As part of this campaign, a billboard has been erected at the roundabout leading to St. Peter's. The billboard encourages women, that "Feel a lump", to schedule a mammogram through their physician.

"From our inception in 2009, Essence of Hope has been continuously and strongly encouraging women to do breast self-examinations and if they feel a lump,



Ms Pam Hendrickson

to get a mammogram," said Ms Pam Hendrickson, Chair of Essence of Hope. "Sadly, we are still seeing many women diagnosed with breast cancer between the ages of 40-75+ years old who have never had one mammogram prior to their diagnosis."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a mammogram is an X-ray image of your breasts used to screen for breast cancer. Mammograms play a key role in early breast cancer detection and help decrease breast cancer deaths. Regular mammograms are the best tests doctors have to find breast cancer early, sometimes up to three years before it can be felt. Many women begin mammograms at age 40 and have them every one to two years.

According to Essence of Hope's public relations officer, Dr. Marcus L. Natta, the billboard forms only part of a larger media campaign. Ads will also be erected at bus stops, through a collaboration with Adopt-a-Stop SKN. Additionally, Essence of Hope will utilise its social media platforms to bolster the mammogram campaign.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, marked in

Backyard Garden Competition

BASSETERRE (29TH Sept. 2020): The Department of Agriculture in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism are organizing the 2020 Backyard Garden Competition, which aims to spread awareness on food security and healthy eating practices to the residents of St. Kitts.

Registration for the competition opened on Monday, 28th September and will continue until midnight on Saturday 31st October, 2020. The official launch for the Backyard Competition will be held on Saturday 10th October, 2020. The competition will be judged on the following

three areas of interest:

* **Vegetable Gardener:** any individual with a vegetable garden within a space less than 10,00 square feet of land without the use of hired labour.

* **Ornamental Gardener:** any individual with an ornamental garden within a space less than 10,000 square feet of land without the use of hired labour.

* **Professional Landscaping:** any individual, group or institution with an ornamental garden with the use of hired labour.

Entries into any category can include the residential front, side, back or entire property once it is less than 10,000 square feet.

All interested persons must complete and sign the registration form acknowledging their full participation and respect for the guidelines/rules and regulations of this competition. The registration form and guidelines of the competition available at St. Kitts Tourism Authority, Pelican Mall, Basseterre.

All registration forms must be submitted to the Department of Agriculture or the Ministry of Tourism before midnight on Saturday 31st October, 2020. An Inspection will be done on your garden and feedback provided on your eligibility within two (2) days of registration.

Judging periods for the competition will be held in February and March 2021.

Additionally, the Department of Agriculture will be hosting a compost workshop for backyard gardeners at 8:30 am on Thursday 8th October, 2020 at the department of Agriculture.

The ALCAS Community group will be providing organic mulch to backyard gardeners and institutions at a reduced rate during the entire competition. Also, Argimato indicated that all backyard seed packets will be sold at a reduced rate for the remainder of the year.

Dept. of Statistics on Nevis urging public to participate in contests ahead of SKN 2021 census

NEVIS (September 28, 2020) — The Department of Statistics in Nevis has launched three competitions ahead of the national census carded to take place in St. Kitts and Nevis in 2021, and is urging members of the public to participate.

The department's Director Mrs. Dorriel Tross-Phillip made the appeal in an interview with the Department of Information on September 17, 2020.

"The Statistics Department also has three prize-winning competitions that we are going to be doing shortly and they are the Primary School Population and Housing Census Tagline Competition and these are for ages 9-12 or Grades 4-6. We also have the Secondary and Tertiary Schools Population and Housing Census Slogan Competition and it's open to all secondary and tertiary students, and then we have the Population and Housing Census Logo Competition that is open to the general public and that's [for] persons of all ages.

"The tagline is specific to the primary schools. The slogan is for secondary and tertiary and then the logo is for the entire population, and so we are encouraging persons to participate...For the students, you get a prize for yourself and also for the school. So we are asking the schools and the headmasters to encourage the children to enter," she said.

countries across the world every October, helps to increase attention and support for the awareness, early detection and treatment as well as palliative care of this disease.



Mrs. Dorriel Tross-Phillip

Persons interested in entering the competitions can access the relevant information on how to do so by visiting Nevis Statistics Department Facebook page and the Nevis Island Administration's webpage at www.nia.gov.kn/statistics. They can also visit the Statistics Department which is located upstairs of ValuMart. Entries may be submitted via email at statsdeptnevis@gmail.com or they can be dropped off the office. The deadline for submission is October 07, 2020.

The winners of all three competitions will be announced on Caribbean Statistics Day, October 15.

On the heels of the slogan competition, a Jingle contest will be launched.

"We need a slogan. From that slogan we will be having a jingle competition coming in October. So the jingle competition will come after the slogan because the slogan dictates the jingle," Mrs. Tross-Phillip said.

RLB Airport Undergoes COVID-19 Fix-Up Ahead Of Borders Opening

By: Precious Mills

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 2nd October 2020) - A welcome centre on the ramp in front of the Arrivals area at the Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport, converting the VIP Lounge into the medical screening area and constructing sneeze guards on the counters have been listed as part of the works, for passenger movement, to be carried out as St.Kitts-Nevis gets ready to reopen its borders come Saturday 31st October 2020 after being closed in March, guided by the advice of health officials.

Speaking at his monthly press conference held on Thursday 1st October, Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Timothy Harris made the announcement of the exact opening date with other details surrounding the works expected to take place.

"I can report that our borders will be fully opened on October 31st, 2020. We open our borders not just for tourists or hoteliers."

He added: "We do this to allow our nationals and residents abroad the opportunity to return home to their families, their jobs and their communities in a more regular and predictable way. Additionally, we allow for hotels to open up again to visitors and other guests, and for the resumption of work for our people."

He told that he is advised by the Tourism Authority that, so far, 3,458 workers in hotel, hospitality and transport sectors have been exposed to training as to the new norms for living and working safely in a COVID-19 environment while Chairman of the St. Christopher Air and Sea Ports Authority (SCASPA), Damion Hobson has advised that works at our main airport the RLB International started on Monday, 28th September.

Dr. Harris went on to say that contractor Baley Project Management has advised SCASPA that work will be completed not later than October 26th, 2020 noting that "The first phase of the work addresses the Welcome Centre on the ramp in front of the Arrivals area, converting the VIP Lounge into the Medical Screening area and constructing sneeze guards on the counters."

Additionally, he pointed out that he has consulted health experts.

"They have been working with SCASPA on plans to retrofit the airport for passenger movement in a manner that minimizes risk of COVID-19 infection by our Frontline Workers at the airport, including our Immigration Officers, Customs Officers and Taxi Operators. Having consulted with our critical stakeholders regarding their readiness, and taking into account the level of national preparedness and awareness of the risks of COVID-19, we will open our borders to the rest of the world but we will never drop our guard. Lives must be protected at all costs."

PM Harris remarked that St. Kitts and Nevis has come a long way in its successful management of the COVID-19 cases.

"We are designated by the U.S. based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a very low-risk destination. We are one of the countries approved to be a part of the CARICOM bubble. These gains should never be frittered away with selfish and irresponsible behaviours by citizens, residents and visitors."

He highlighted the importance of residents complying with the health protocols in controlling the spread of the virus.

"Accordingly, in preparation for the imminent opening of our borders, we have insisted that our citizens and residents comply with all health protocols, especially the wearing of masks in public, frequent hand-washing, physical and social distancing (avoiding large crowds and congestion). These practices have to become second nature to us as we work to protect ourselves, our families,

Presidential debate: Rules to change after Trump-Biden spat

1 October 2020 - BBC NEWS



TV ratings show far fewer people watched the debate than expected

The commission that oversees US presidential debates says it will change the format to ensure the remaining two encounters between Donald Trump and Joe Biden are more orderly.

One new measure could be to cut the microphones if the candidates try to interrupt each other, US media report.

The announcement follows Tuesday's ill-tempered debate that descended into squabbling, bickering and insults.

President Trump's team has already criticised the commission's plans.

The tone and tactics of the first presidential debate were criticised across the US and around the world.

The fallout, however, has also been dominated by Mr Trump's refusal in the debate to explicitly condemn a far-right group called the Proud Boys.

What are the plans for the next debates?

In Tuesday's debate, the candidates were given two minutes to answer moderator

our friends and loved ones. Given that all our cases of COVID-19 were travel-related or imported cases, strict compliance with the health protocols is the only way to contain the spread of the virus, minimizing any strain on our small health system and loss of employment and productivity due to quarantine, isolation or hospitalization."

Front Page Photo: Image highlight of a SCASPA staff meeting with Board of Directors and Minister with responsibility for SCASPA Lindsay Grant held on Thursday 24th September 2020 at the Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport (facebook.com/scaspa)

questions, before being allowed to address each other's response.

However, President Trump constantly interrupted Democratic candidate Joe Biden leading to a series of chaotic exchanges in which both men talked over each other.

The Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) - a nonpartisan body that has organised presidential debates since 1988 - said it would soon announce new measures to help

moderators "maintain order" in the remaining two debates.

It said the first debate had "made clear that additional structure should be added to the format of the remaining debates to ensure a more orderly discussion of the issues".

CBS News, citing an informed source, said the commission would spend the next 48 hours drawing up new guidelines and rules for the second debate on 15 October in Miami, Florida.

QUICK RESPONSES BY PATROLS LEAD TO INTRUDER BEING CAUGHT INSIDE HOUSE

Basseterre, St. Kitts, September 29, 2020 (RSCNPF): The Police were able to apprehend an intruder while inside a house in Fortlands, Basseterre after patrols responded quickly to a report of a robbery.

The Police received the report from a resident in the area sometime after 4 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020. Several units responded and, upon arrival, the Police met the intruder inside the house. He was arrested and taken into custody. Investigations so far have revealed that the owner of the premises currently resides overseas and the caretaker of the house was interviewed.

Personnel from the Forensic Department visited and processed the scene. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

If anyone has information about this incident, if you saw, heard or know something, you are urged to contact the Criminal Investigation Department at 465-2241 or the nearest Police Station.

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Depression And Dementia In The Age Of COVID-19 - Two Sides One Coin

By Professor Donald Weaver, University of Toronto

More than half of patients with dementia also suffer from depression. If the depression remains untreated, the associated memory and cognitive problems worsen. Conversely, a significant history of depression seems to be a risk factor for dementia.

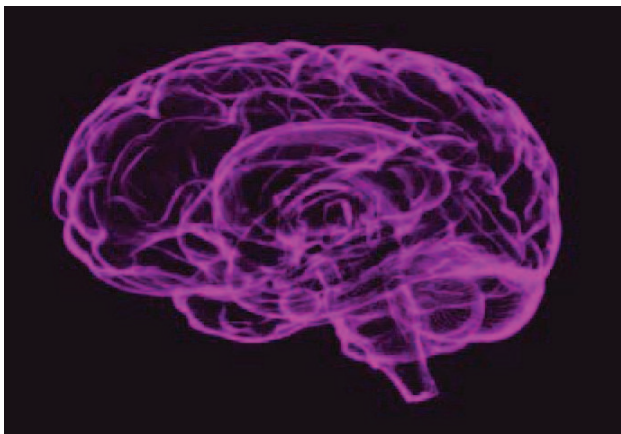


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Every seven seconds, someone in the world is diagnosed with dementia. A typical case that I often see in my practice is as follows: A 76-year-old woman has a two-year history of progressive worsening of short-term memory and cognitive decline. She can't recall the names of her grandchildren and is devastated by her deteriorating abilities.

However, this is not the first time in her life that she has had feelings of loss and despair. Over the past 30 years, she has intermittently struggled with depression and anxiety. Her family has many questions: Does she have dementia or Alzheimer's? Could her depression have led to a dementia diagnosis? Is it only depression and not dementia? These are all good questions and the collective answer to them is "yes."

Dementia and depression

Dementia and depression are the two dreaded "D" diagnoses that are increasingly robbing our aging population of health and happiness as both disorders approach near epidemic proportions, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, the prevalence of depression in people with dementia has been reported to exceed 60 per cent.

Despite their obvious differences, it is becoming ever more apparent that depression and dementia may be two sides of the same coin. People with dementia often have depression; if the depression remains untreated, the associated memory and cognitive problems worsen. Conversely, a significant history of depression seems to be a risk factor for dementia; the two disorders may thus co-exist in a vicious self-sustaining cycle.

In the age of COVID-19, these connections become even more stark - and highlight an even more dire scenario. If loneliness and isolation are already noted risk factors for both depression and dementia, then the

lockdowns preventing family and caregivers from interacting with their loved ones in long-term care served to hasten the decline. We are only just beginning to observe the grim consequences of this imposed isolation - a necessary step, taken with the goal of saving lives, but which, in the end, may cause even more destruction/despair in the lives of those living with dementia and Alzheimer's.

Complex connection

Clearly, the connection between dementia and depression is deep, multi-faceted and a growing area of scientific and public health interest.



People with a history of depression often develop dementia. Photo credit: Pixabay.

More than half of patients with dementia also suffer from depression. In the early stages of dementia, the afflicted individual realizes that they are not the same person they once were - cognition is slowed, memory is not as sharp, words don't queue up in the brain as fast as they used to. This serves to further compromise cognitive reserve and to allow the symptoms of dementia to be manifested earlier and with greater severity. To further complicate the relationship, many people with dementia may not be able to recognize that they are, in fact, depressed.

As well, it appears that people with a past history of depression have double the risk of developing dementia. This is true even if the depression occurred more than a decade before the onset of dementia.

There are clear mechanisms for this increased risk. Prolonged damage to a part of the brain called the hippocampus, a finding linked to depression, has been proposed to underlie this causative relationship. This is further confirmed by studies that demonstrate increased hippocampal deposits of plaques and tangles in people with Alzheimer's (the pathological hallmarks of the disease) with lifetime histories of depression. In addition, other researchers speculate that brain inflammation that often occurs when a person is depressed may be a long-term triggering factor for dementia. These explanations further demonstrate the societal need to recognize and treat depression.

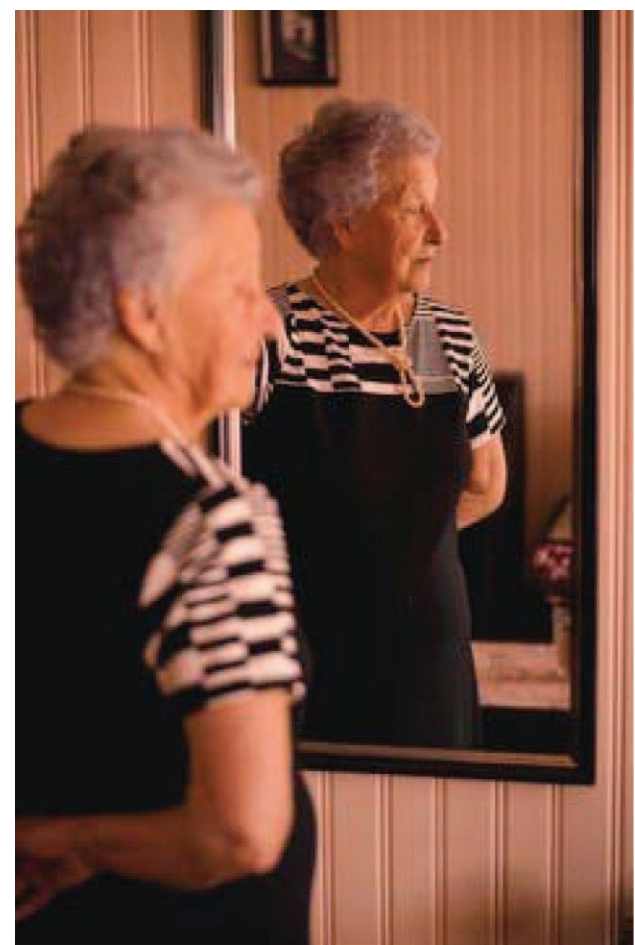
Progression of a single disease?

Depression is not only a risk factor for dementia, it may also be the start of the dementia. Depression may be the early manifestation of an underlying neurodegenerative disease.

For such people, the treatment of depression would be of particular importance. However, in other people, the treatment for depression may paradoxically worsen the symptoms of dementia. Cognitive impairment in depressed elderly can be exacerbated by the use of antidepressants, though with the use of modern SSRI-type antidepressants, this should become less likely.

Overlapping symptoms

Finally, the symptoms of dementia and depression can mimic each other, which means people with dementia may be mistakenly diagnosed with depression and vice versa. Early dementia symptoms include memory problems (particularly remembering recent



In some people, depression and dementia may not be cause and effect, but two stages of the same single-disease process. Photo credit: Pigsels.

events), increasing confusion, behaviour changes, apathy, social withdrawal and inability to do everyday tasks.

Many of these symptoms are shared with depression, in which patients experience sleep disturbances, lack of energy (so even small tasks take extra effort), anxiety, restlessness and problems with thinking, concentrating, making decisions and remembering things.

Obviously, the relationship between dementia and depression is complex, with the two disorders being easily confused with each other as well as being risk factors for each other. Both are devastating, both are increasing in prevalence in our aging population and both may be significantly affected by the stresses of COVID-19.

However, there is one major difference separating the two: there are no effective therapies for dementia, whereas there are a number of potentially effective agents for depression. Efforts should always be made to detect the presence of depression, and if present, to treat it, thereby eliminating one of the faces of this two-faced dementia-depression coin.

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US And Taiwan To Team Up On Infrastructure In Pushback Against China

- By Ben Blanchard



Taipei News conference about infrastructure cooperation between Taiwan and The United States.

TAIPEI (Reuters) - The United States and Taiwan will work together on infrastructure projects in the Indo-Pacific region and Latin America, officials said on Wednesday, in an implicit pushback for China's own massive regional investment plans.

Washington is deeply suspicious of Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative to build roads, railways and other facilities to link China to Europe, Asia and beyond, viewing it as a plan to entrap countries into China's orbit with debt diplomacy.

China denies this.

The de facto US embassy in Taipei said the new plan would support "quality infrastructure in emerging markets", while Taiwan Foreign Minister Joseph Wu said it dovetailed the US Indo-Pacific strategy with Taiwan's own New Southbound Policy.

The latter effort aims to boost economic ties with southeast and south Asia, to cut the island's reliance on China.

"The Taiwan-US cooperative partnership relationship has gone up another level," Wu added.

There were no immediate details of the volume of funding or investment projects, however.

The plan sets up a working group led by the US Treasury Department and Taiwan's Finance Ministry to identify and promote public and private sector collaboration in infrastructure investment.

Brent Christensen, the top US official in Taiwan, said the pact, known as the Framework to Strengthen Infrastructure Finance and Market Building Cooperation, would offer a platform to promote more resilient supply chains in the Indo-Pacific.

The working group is due to hold its first meeting this autumn, he added.

Depression And Dementia...

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disease, he is designing brain penetrant compounds that bind to beta-amyloid, preventing its aggregation into neurotoxic oligomers. To date his laboratory has devised three novel drug design molecular platforms as putative anti-aggregants. In epilepsy, his laboratory is evaluating beta-alanine as an inhibitory neurotransmitter around which to design anticonvulsant agents. In addition to the design and development of drug molecules Dr Weaver is also interested in medical device development,

specifically as related to the evaluation and measurement of human consciousness. For example, he has worked to develop a 'consciousness scanner' device that can be used to clinically evaluate concussions and to determine the depth of a coma. In all of his research Dr Weaver is focused on both basic science and translational science. He has pioneered the concept of 'micropharma', and his work emphasizes the importance of hospital and university-based biotech companies to address the growing need for new innovative therapeutics for a wide variety of human brain disorders. Professor Weaver joined The Conversation on 2 October 2018.

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Judge Blocks Big Fee Hikes For Citizenship And Other Benefits

- By Elliot Spagat

SAN DIEGO (AP) - A federal judge on Tuesday halted major fee increases for citizenship and other immigration benefits three days before they were to take effect, saying the last two chiefs of the Homeland Security Department were likely appointed illegally.

US District Judge Jeffrey White found Kevin McAleenan improperly leapfrogged to acting secretary when Kirstjen Nielsen resigned in April 2019. The judge said McAleenan, as Customs and Border Protection commissioner, was seventh in line to assume the acting role under rules of succession at the time.

Chad Wolf, who became acting secretary after McAleenan resigned in November, was also promoted out of order from his position as under secretary for strategy, policy and plans, said White, ruling in Oakland,

Like most countries, the United States has no formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan, which China claims as its own. But the United States is Taiwan's most important international backer and main source of arms, to Beijing's anger.

This month the United States and Taiwan said they were seeking "like-minded" democracies to join a shift in global supply chains during the coronavirus pandemic, as Washington looks to ease its economic reliance on China.

Taiwan has also been keen to wean its economy off China, especially as Beijing steps up efforts at military intimidation against the island.

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Mr Chad Wolf, acting Secretary of Homeland Security, as he was sworn by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs committee during his confirmation hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC on Wednesday 23 September 2020. Photo credit: Shawn Thew (Pool Photo via AP, file).

California.

White, who was appointed by President George W Bush, also blocked the fee hikes on grounds that the Trump administration likely failed to adequately consider the impact of the changes as required under federal rule-making, including their effect on low-income applicants.

The Homeland Security and Justice departments did not immediately respond to requests for comment Tuesday night. US Citizenship and Immigration Services, the agency with Homeland Security that awards citizenship, green cards and temporary work permits, said it was reviewing the decision.

Homeland Security strongly disagreed with a finding in August by the Government Accountability Office, a congressional investigative agency, that McAleenan, Wolf and Ken Cuccinelli, the department's second-highest ranking official, were appointed illegally.

President Donald Trump nominated Wolf to be secretary on 10 September - exactly 17 months after Nielsen stepped down as the last Senate-confirmed leader of the department. The Senate has not yet acted on Wolf's appointment.

Fees were set to increase by an average of 20% on Friday. Changes were to include a first-ever fee for applying for asylum of \$50. Asylum-seekers would also have to pay \$550 if they sought work authorization and \$30 for collecting biometrics.

The fee to become a naturalized citizen was set to jump to \$1,170 from \$640. Fee waivers were to be largely eliminated for people who cannot afford to apply.

Eight advocacy groups sued the administration in August after Homeland Security published a final version of the fee hikes, incorporating public feedback. McAleenan initially proposed the hikes in November in one of his last acts as acting secretary.

"The injunction will ensure that millions of low income immigrants, applicants for naturalization, asylum seekers, survivors of domestic violence and survivors of human trafficking will be able to affordably apply for the immigration benefits they are eligible for," said Melissa Rodgers, director of programs for the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, one of the plaintiffs.

The Migration Policy Institute recently catalogued more than 400 actions under Trump to reshape immigration policy, including border enforcement, asylum eligibility and vetting for visas. Many are being challenged in court.

Lawyers suing the administration are increasingly questioning the legitimacy of actions taken by McAleenan, Wolf and Cuccinelli but it is unclear how often those arguments will prevail.

A federal judge in Maryland said this month that the appointments of McAleenan and Wolf were invalid because they didn't follow the order of succession, ruling in a case over a new one-year waiting period for asylum-seekers to apply for work permits.

Dr. Kennedy Alponse Simmonds, Dr. Denzil Llewellyn Douglas, Dr. Timothy Sylvester Harris, Prime Ministers: PART FIVE

“When a leader who depends on the Electorate to elect him into office, he is totally unaware of who actually voted for him. In assuming office, he must ensure that every citizen is entitled to exist in the land of his birth or adoption. To wantonly dismiss those, whom he suspects of not voting for him. will bring curses upon that Leader. What about the cries of the tormented, hungry children, crying themselves to sleep on empty, hungry, growling bellies?”

- Kennedy Earle Clarke:

Dear reader, I am presenting Chapter or Series (5) today of my continuing Articles which are intended to awaken the consciousness of the Working-Class and those who hope to run for Elections in the Federation, or elsewhere. Sometimes in life, we observe all kind of evil befalling the offspring of some people and you wonder, “How could he end up in prison like that, or, how could he become such a wretched soul, because he was brought up so decently?” It is because of the iniquity of the father, Numbers 14:18, Exodus 20: 5-6 and 34:6-9. why the son is suffering now. It therefore beholds us to do good unto others, for the evil we inflict upon them, does not go unpaid, unpunished, or unrewarded. Somebody has to pay for the sufferings we heaped on others, especially little children on whom we brought untold sufferings, them going to bed, tossing agonizing on empty, growling, hungry bellies?

And the churches stayed SILENT when all these atrocities were taking place under the PAM Administration! When PAM entered office in 1980, an avalanche of victimization, discrimination, corruption, terror, was launched on St. Kitts, the likes of which has never been witnessed before. Known Labour supporters were targeted; some had to migrate to St. Thomas, St. Maarten, the USA and helped to build up the number of Labour overseas voters of which Dr. Timothy Harris is so mortally afraid? Dr. Kennedy Alponse Simmonds fired (dismissed) from drain sweeper to Governor, such was his reign of terror, which earned him the nickname, “JUDGE DREAD!”

His dismissals included, but is not limited to the list presented below, **Miss Enid Adams**, mother of Terry Adams, who cleaned the Electricity office, **Miss Lucy**, who cleaned the drains, **Timothy Harris and Earle Clarke** who worked at Social Security, Probyn Inniss who was Governor in 1980, **Polita Liburd** who cleaned



By: Earle Clarke

the Public Market, Michael Oliver Powell (Parliamentarian and PAM Representative for Constituency # 1, East Basseterre). He transferred the Commissioner of Police (Mr. Francis) to the Agricultural Department, The Deputy Commissioner (Hubert to another Department and the Superintendent of Prisons (Captain Val Morris) to teach music in the schools. PAM supporters who committed offences were not to be prosecuted. To affect this non prosecution of PAM supporters, our BEST DETECTIVE - Ivan Hanley, father of Dr. Jeffery Hanley was transferred to the Police Training School, up at Ponds Pasture.

A Police Officer, who had retired from the Police Force and was living and working in Canada was brought home and placed in the Office of the Commissioner. As an honest historian who gives Jack his

jacket, there is one good thing I can say about this move; it produced the Police Credit Union, which was not willingly accepted by the Officers at that time, but has emerged a leading financial institution today. The removal of Superintendent Ivan Hanley from the CID Department, totally destroyed a network of information gathering, resulting in the escalation of crime, which has not satisfactorily abated up to today? No one has ever been able to rebuild that net-work of information gathering that Supt. Hanley had concocted over the years, for he was a born and bred cop. He protected the identity of his informants with his life! This is how a Good Police Officer should act.

I keep harping back to the year 1980, but this is when the island started its immoral and political decline. Richard Caines and Michael Oliver Powell became Ministers in the PAM government. Michael O. Powell became the Minister of Tourism and Richard Caines became the Junior Minister of Finance, who delivered all the Budget Speeches instead of Simeon Daniel who was the Senior Minister of Finance. Richard Caines and Michael Oliver Powell, owned SPARE PARTS Businesses before they were elected to office, but never relinquished their hold on them; allegations are, they used them to enrich themselves. It is also alleged that the Sugar factory could not purchase spare parts from any other spare parts business unless these two Ministers did not stock it.

These two Ministers stocked rental vehicles which they hired to Government for officials when they visited the island. It is believed that renting was exacted until the vehicles were returned to their bases, If an official used a rental for three days and left it at the airport, or at the Fire Brigade for two or three days, those two or three days had to be paid for, even though the Official left three days hence. You see dear reader; the vehicle was not returned to its base. Many a time, these Minister when they should be manning their Ministries, could be seen the better part of the day sometimes, in their business establishments, but this was the order of the day and who did not like it, could lump it!

As I stated in another Article, the Bradshaw Administration acquired the Frigate Estate from the Wigleys in 1955, to turn it into a Tourist Area. Some PAM Ministers who owned land in Sandy Point wanted the PAM Government to swap Land in the Frigate Bay Area for those lands. Look at it again, dear reader. When the Labour Government of the day acquired the Land at Frigate Bay, it encouraged the locals to invest land over there which was selling at E.C. \$2.00 per square foot, for a whole year. The VISIONARY Labour Government was encouraging the Working Class to invest in land, but the DEMOCRAT NEWSPAPER, discouraged the ordinary folks from doing so and do you know why? They HATED to see these ordinary folks EMPOWER THEMSELVES. In 2020, land over at frigate Bay, is selling at U.S.C. \$20.00 per square foot

Some time after taking Office in 1980, its Mouthpiece, the Democrat Newspaper, met a fire which destroyed its building and printing equipment. I MUST POINT OUT, that at no time, was the Democrat Printer ever insured with The National Insurance Company, yet, to get it back on its feet (PAM was in power), the National Insurance Company, headed by Eugene Hamilton, paid out huge sums of monies to it. When Labour won the General Elections in 1995 and launched a Commission of Inquiry into the way PAM, as a Government ran things 1980-1995, It is in Black and White in the Commissioner’s Report, that he DEEMED the Eugene Hamilton, UNFIT to hold Public Office. If you, as the Manager of an Insurance Company, could pay out monies to an entity which was not insured with the Company, then, Most Correctly, you had to be DEEMED UNFIT to ever hold Public Office. If I forgot to pay my insurance on time and a hurricane passed and destroyed my house, dog would have eaten my supper. But you see, dear reader, “When you are LARGE, you are Large!”

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, Livingstone Carey now residing in Johnson Road in the village of Tabernacle, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of October, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Dieppe Bay for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Johnson Road in Tabernacle.

Dated this
14th day of August, 2020.

Signed: Livingstone Carey

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, Rawle Richards now residing in Iva Battice, New Town in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of October, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Carty Alley in New Town.

Dated this
7th day of August, 2020.

Signed: Rawle Richard

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

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

I, St. Claire Pemberton now residing in Main Street in the village of Keys, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of October, 2020 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Main Street in Keys Village.

Dated this
6th day of September, 2020.

Signed: S. Pemberton

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BORDERS, SURPLUS AND SOCIAL SECURITY

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

I struggle with having unwavering faith in God. The kind of faith that could move mountains, I don't have that at all.

I have to admit that most times I am like a reed shaking violently in the wind. And because I know of my failings, I have to be constantly asking God for the strength to keep the faith, and to help me to celebrate even the tiniest of miracles.

For God has been so good to us in this federation that oftentimes it is so easy to take the blessings for granted or heap all the credit on the politicians for all the goodness that we are enjoying.

Take for instance the Covid-19 pandemic/plandemic. Of the near twenty persons who tested positive for the Virus, none of the afflicted became seriously ill and only one, I hear, had to be hospitalized. For that I thank God.

When a hurricane is coming straight to us, we all turn to God in prayer. When the hurricane changes direction and we are spared, we thank God.

And so with the borders opening FULLY at the end of the month, I have to ask God to continue to keep us safe and to give guidance to all who are tasked with these weighty decisions.

People are nervous and understandably so because the Virus is still raging. There is still no known cure. But no government, don't care how much surplus it has, can continue to pay

a stimulus package ad infinitum.

That is why the aim of the criteria for qualifying for the September stimulus was to ensure that as few persons as possible met the requirements. And that is why the borders are opening FULLY.

Whosoever will may come.

Timothy really didn't have much choice with opening the borders. It was costing him too much to keep them closed. He has to look some fast money, some fast cash to pay back into Social Security and the reserves at the Central Bank.

These two entities knew that the bottom was dropping out of the bucket and it was only a matter of time before the bottom fell out. But Timothy didn't want to open the borders and he is still uneasy with the decision.

For opening the borders with no cure in sight might lead people to believe that there was not an abundance of surplus money as was his boast and he runs the risk of losing his Covid free status as was also his boast.

But God is good, and we are a resilient people because we are a praying people. And if God can hear us when the hurricane is coming, He will hear us when the borders are open.



By Vigilante

* People want to know how come de holy PS never know bout de ting what went poof. School chirren say is everywhere he go, de ting does go poof.

* Dey say dat is all kinda bobol did going on dere. Das what mek no money never did dere to pay de hotel people and such like dey money.

* Is all kinda bank account dey had all over de place in all kinda people name. Dey say dat dey even had account in St. Martin like dey boss Humpty Dumpty.

* Through all he did studying was de carnival, de poor school chirren carn go school for long because no toilet nuh dey. And what dere, nar wuk.

* Dey say in a school by him, de chirren dem still have to stand up because no desk nor no chair nuh dey.

* Dey say dat de teacher dem had was to tek dey own money to buy sanitizer because it only had two bottle for de whole school and one thermometer to test all de chirren dem.

* Humpty Dumpty tek so long to open de border fully because he was waiting on he own ventilator for he house. He say he got hypertension, lowpertension, sugar and gout. He never opening no border till he house suit out like a hospital.

* Humpty Dumpty say dat de mount a money he gon mek from de quarantine gon hut head now de border dem open. And he say by time he fix up de hotel nearby dat he buy, he gon own de bank in St. Martin.

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West Indies Legend Courtney Walsh named new Head Coach of the West Indies Women's Team

"This is indeed an honour to be named as the new Head Coach. It's an exciting challenge and I've always wanted to give back in any way I can and help with the development of the game in the West Indies"

ST JOHN'S, Antigua - Cricket West Indies (CWI) today named Courtney Walsh as the new Head Coach of the West Indies Women's team. The West Indies cricket legend will lead the preparation and development of the Women's Team at least up until the end of 2022, including competing in the next International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Cricket World Cup (50 overs) and ICC Women's T20 World Cup.

The former world-renowned fast bowler has served as an assistant coach with the Bangladesh Men's team, and subsequently worked on a short term contract with the West Indies Women's team, including at the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2020 held in Australia earlier this year.

Walsh is the leading wicket-taker in West Indies Test history with 519 wickets in 132 Test matches. A former Jamaica and West Indies captain, he took 227 wickets in One-Day Internationals, and also took 1807 wickets in 429 first-class matches. The 57-year-old is a member of the ICC Hall of Fame.

Speaking on his appointment Walsh said: "This is indeed an honour to be named as the new Head Coach. It's an exciting challenge and I've always wanted to give back in any way I can and help with the development of the game in the West Indies. The experience I have, my knowledge of the game, and my overall organisational skills will be key aspects as we try to develop a winning team culture. I worked with the team at the Women's T20 World Cup earlier this year in Australia and in the series against India in the Caribbean last year, so I have a very good understanding of what is required. The ability and the talent are there, we have some fantastic players in the West Indies, and it will be my duty and focus to help the women to develop their talents and achieve the goals we are going to be setting together."

Jimmy Adams, CWI's Director of Cricket said: "I am delighted to have Courtney leading our international women's programme having successfully come through CWI's recruitment process. He will be overseeing the programme initially until the end of the next two ICC Women's World Cups in 2022 and he will be pivotal in working with CWI's High Performance Team to move our whole women's

programme forward, as part of our wider strategic plan which has Women's cricket as a key priority."

Since retiring from the game, Walsh has held several posts within CWI cricket set-up. He was a member of West Indies' senior selection panel from 2013 to 2016 and was part of the panel which selected the squad that won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in India. He has also been Team Manager for the West Indies Under-19 and Under-15 teams and has served as a Director of the Jamaica Cricket Association. He has also been a Bowling Mentor for the Jamaica Tallawahs and Bowling Coach for St Kitts & Nevis Patriots in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL).

Fundraiser Event Held For Young Man In Need Of Lifesaving Operation

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old amputee father of two young children, Kirow and Jahtisha, "who is in desperate need of funds for surgery as soon as possible for the endovascular repair of his iliac aneurysm before it ruptures to prevent a premature and unnecessary death."

It is shared that "without this surgery the natural course of an iliac artery aneurysm (IAA) consists of progressive expansion with eventual rupture, which is associated with EXCEEDINGLY high mortality rates."

As understood, the surgical fees and hospital costs total TT\$246,000.00 (US\$ 36,356.92).

"The reason the costs are in TT Dollars is that the nearest island with adequate hospital facilities and surgeons qualified to perform the endovascular repair of Jahvin's iliac aneurysm is Trinidad.

Jahvin is unemployed due to his condition and neither Jahvin or his family have the money to cover his medical expenses and are desperately worried that his Aneurysm will rupture before the funds for his surgery can be raised resulting in his death and leaving his 2 young children fatherless," the website information outlines.

Interested donors can visit the following link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/gkt6e-life-saving-operation> or search 'Jahvin Browne' via [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com).



Photo: Fundraisers flyer of a recently held event