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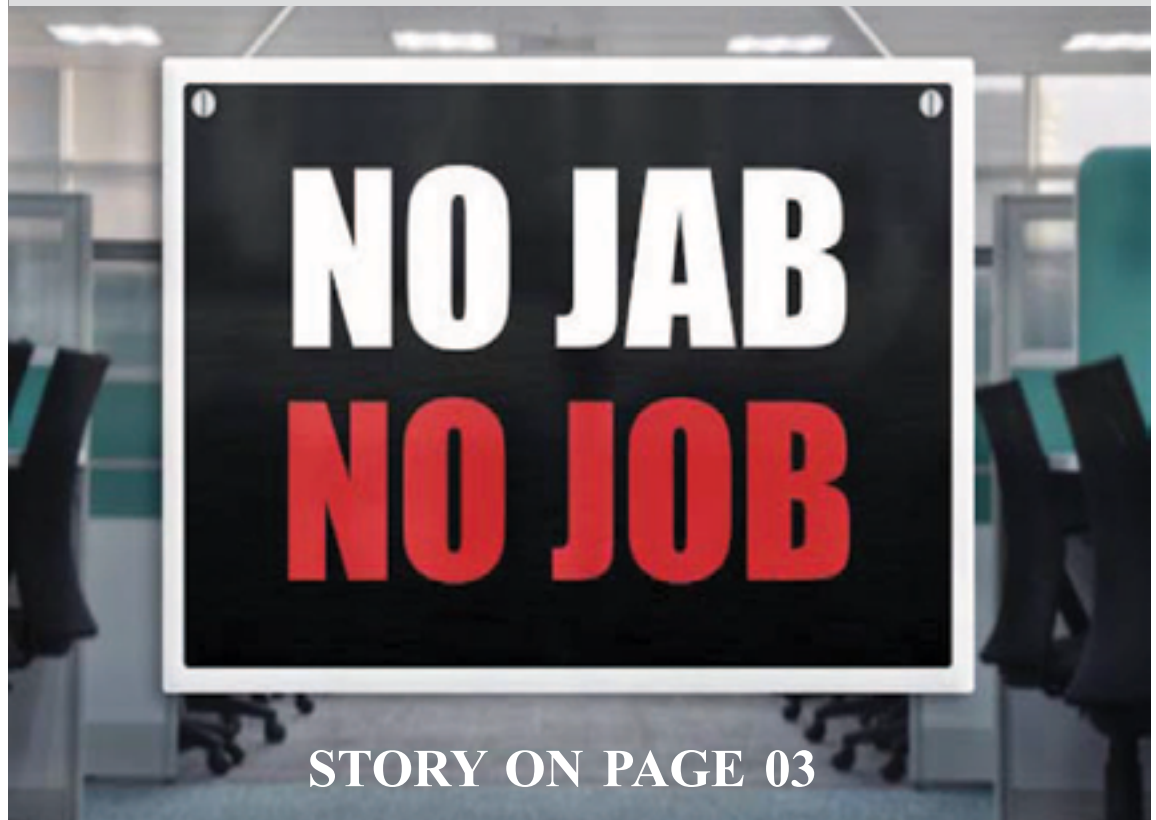
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Jadee Caines

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## Editorial

### Please Do Not Push Out People Too Far

At page 08 of this edition we are carrying an article, republished from 'The Conversation', captioned "Politicians Have "Washed Their Hands" And Blamed Others Since Jesus's Crucifixion", a practice which has led to a deep-seated mistrust of politicians in most every instance, and all through the ages.

There are those who always feel that, once they can 'get away' with such behaviour, what follows is of no consequence. They tend to ignore or avoid warnings to the effect that what you sow is what you will reap, those who sow the wind will reap the whirlwind, karma will get you, whatsoever you send forth is that which will come back to you, or when you send out the chickens in the morning, in the evening they will always come home to roost.

Our country is currently suffering from the presence in office of a regime that employed lying, misleading, all manner of falsehoods and deceptions to get into office and remain there.

Under them corruption has become the order of the day, and the people have been warned not to take their problems to the 'elected', but instead take them to the functionaries.

People everywhere are suffering from the economic and social effects of the current pandemic, and that is in addition to the naked rip-offs which have become the norm in virtually every aspect of life in our beloved homeland.

Everywhere that one turns he or she encounters some person or persons who, by their behaviour and expectations, demonstrate that they feel themselves having the right to 'dig out their eyes'.

People selling, those providing repair and maintenance services (for example, plumbers, carpenters, masons, electricians, and such like), and many others, all seem to feel themselves fully empowered to indulge in all manner of trickery, deception, and outright stealing. Their behaviours indicate that they can do such things with impunity.

Undoubtedly they carry on like that because they have looked at the actions of those in office, and thus feel themselves 'entitled' to indulge in whatever practices they can employ in order to scam their customers. "If those up there can get away with corruption why can't we who are down here, and are the ones who put them where they are in the first place?"

What all of this means is that there has been a complete loss of trust in those holding office. Far more likely is the possibility that there was NEVER any trust to begin with.

In either case this has resulted in the current situation wherein the vast majority of our people are so distrustful of those in office that they are reluctant to participate in a state controlled exercise which is of the utmost importance to their good health.

Once a people have lost trust in an administration it is almost impossible to regain it.

Such is the situation in which we, the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, now find ourselves.



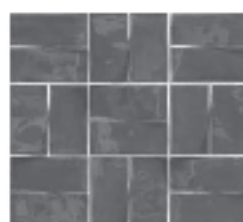
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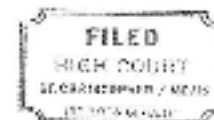
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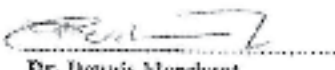
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In the Estate of LILIAN AGATHA MAYNARD  
Late of 33 Roundhay Mount, Harrogate, Leeds, LS8 4DW  
United Kingdom, (deceased).

#### ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION TO RESEAL

Notice is given that after the expiration of 3 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Letters of Administration of the estate of LILIAN AGATHA MAYNARD late of 33 Roundhay Mount, Harrogate, Leeds, LS8 4DW granted by the District Probate Registry at Leeds in the United Kingdom on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

  
Dr. Dennis Merchant  
Lawful Attorney for  
Stephen Ralph Anthony Maynard

For all of us it is rather regrettable that 'those who can't hear will feel'.

To those holding the reins of power we issue the warning that they are attempting to go about motivating our people in a manner that will prove counter-productive.

You have deceived our people in ways, and at levels, unprecedented in our history. Even though you indulge in 'washing your hands and blaming others' you will not always get away with it.

Now, you are trying to return us to the times and circumstances when the plantocracy controlled virtually every aspect of our peoples'

lives.

We and our forebears fought long and hard, made enormous sacrifices, including the supreme one in many instances, and you have the gumption to believe that you can return us to those days because your evil is catching up with you and your enablers?!?

The people of St. Kitts and Nevis are peace loving and law abiding. However, when pushed too far we react.

A word to the wise should be sufficient.

**RIGHT TO KNOW. RIGHT NOW!**

# Bank Of Nevis Marketing Officer Talks Plans To Provide Solutions During COVID-19

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 9th April 2021)**- Marketing Officer of the Bank Of Nevis (BON) Limited PhÃ©on T. Jones says the financial institution will be providing solutions to improve lives in the Federation of St.Kitts and Nevis during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I just want to say to our existing and future customers that we are the standard. Going forward we will not just be campaigning in these rather difficult times but we will be providing solutions to improve the quality of your life.”

Jones made the disclosure while speaking at an opening ceremony held on the morning of Tuesday 6th April 2021 on Fort Street in the vicinity of The Circus in Basseterre for the “historic day on the island of St.Kitts as the bank has made its debut in the market.”

He talked about BON having successfully acquired the Royal Bank of Canada and also RBTT on Nevis operations.

Jones then pointed out that simultaneously that morning an opening ceremony was being held in Nevis too.

“This means that the profits will stay within the Federation of St.Kitts and Nevis. This means that our profits will be reinvested into you the great people of St.Kitts and Nevis.”

He went on to talk about the bank having had a deep love affair with the people of Nevis over the years whilst noting that “This love affair has strengthened the very fabric of our society and economy through various initiatives.”

Initiatives include in the areas of education, culture, health tourism and sports.

He said BON has donated \$15000 to the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) in the fight against COVID-19.

“You see, we’re not just another company honoring our corporate social responsibility. I urge you to Google us; we are corporate social responsibility,” Jones stated.

According to the BON Marketing Officer: “We will implement similar initiatives in the island of St.Kitts for the people of St.Kitts. In short, we just want to let you know, we are ready to start the love affair with the people of St.Kitts.”

Speaking more about the challenging COVID times, he had this to say: “Now you understand that this has been challenging times. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the world in many ways that we are yet to understand. When we sat down and asked ourselves how will our people remember us especially during these difficult times of reduced income, unemployment and uncertainty, we want to be remembered as the bank that cares about our people so in addition yo offering moratorium to existing customers, we have decided to go a step further because we will not just be campaigning but rather we will be providing solutions.”

Jones added: “We understand that these times are difficult but we must continue to look forward to the future for hope . We are strong, resilient people and regardless of our current situation, we will make it through. That is why we at the Bank of Nevis Limited say BON Strong ...because the best is yet to come for our people.”

“To all of the persons living in St.Kitts, I say come one, come all. Come and experience the true meaning of Bon Strong,” Jones encouraged.

Meanwhile BON General Manager L. Everette Martin touched on the objective of the bank’s beginnings.

“Over 35 years ago, the first Premier of Nevis and National

# Public Debates ‘No Jab, No Job’ Following PM Harris’ Remarks

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 9th April 2021)**- “We need every employer not just to say but to insist that every employee must be vaccinated. This is where it is going to come for the protection of your business, for the protection of the peace and the health of those who are vaccinated, employers- including the government- will have to give consideration to that.”

Such were the remarks of Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris on Wednesday 7th April 2021 during a ceremony held at the R. L B. International Airport for St.Kitts and Nevisâ™ receipt of 21,600 additional doses of the Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines purchased through the COVAX facility.

Dr. Harris said his government is prepared to bring legislation to ensure that members of the public act responsibly “because the health and safety of our country must never be compromised...”

His remarks have been widely debated by members of the public who are questioning the possibility of a ‘No Jab, No Job’ policy being implemented in St.Kitts-Nevis.

Some individuals are of the view that the possibility of such a policy is sending a wrong message as it relates to the decision to get vaccinated being a personal choice and not a forced request while some think that it might be necessary in the interest of the public health.

Dr. Harris has called upon all citizens and residents of the Federation to play their part.

“This is your chance to step up and join the global fight against COVID-19. Our health professionals are encouraged by the number of people coming forward to get vaccinated. In the short period of time since we rolled out our programme on the 22nd of February 2021, just some seven weeks ago as of yesterday, our figures show that 9774 citizens and residents have now received their first dose. We have then inoculated about 30% of our target population of 33, 236. This is really a very good start.â••

He continued: “I want to warn those who are waiting that in waiting they may end up waiting in vain; escape there is no guarantee now that enough vaccines will be available in the short intervals. Whatever we have, we have to guard it as a precious jewel. Secure it and in the case of the vaccine, the sooner you move to get your jab, the better it will be for you. It is a good start for us here in St.Kitts and Nevis that we can say that we are about almost a third of the way in our target group but there is a lot more work that still has to be done and we need more people on board.”

Pointing to an example in the region concerning the compulsory workplace vaccination, he commented “We have seen it already started in St.Vincent and the Grenadines.”

PM has stated that on his ‘Leadership Matters’ programme the night before (6th April), it was

revealed that his government has âœsought the advice of constitutional experts in relation to this particular matter.”

âœ... and there is of course a balance but ultimately we are confident that our Public Health Act does provide for the compulsory vaccination of persons but certain S&ROs become necessary and so we are getting further legal advice as to how we will move and how quickly. Do we wish to get there..if it in the national interest, if it is that people are being too tardy, if it is that people are not conscious that by remaining unvaccinated for long, they are jeopardizing the health of other people in the workplace, they are jeopardizing the recovery of the country then we certainly will have to look there...”

According to PM Harris “when it comes to matters that are critical to the survival of this state the government must not take any option off the table ...”

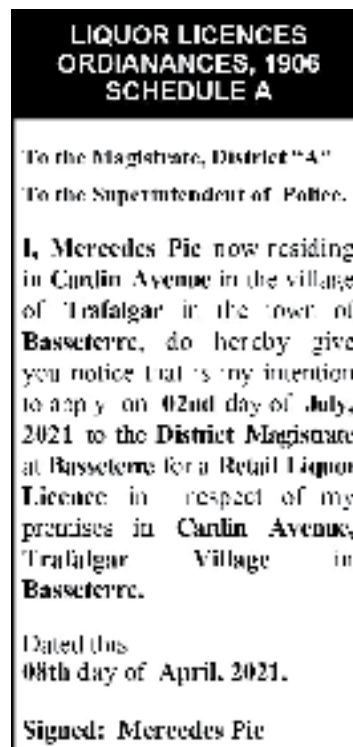
The St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union-owner of this publication- issued a press release on March 9, 2021 calling for greater attention to cooperation, dialogue and education.

The Unions’ release said in part that “the Union desires that all workers are treated with respect at all times. We consider the reluctance of workers to take the vaccine, at this time, to be an indication of

Hero, the Right Excellent Sir Simeon Daniel established the Bank of Nevis Limited. The bank was created out of a desire to improve the quality of life for the people of Nevis.”

“However, over the years, the Bank of Nevis has not only expanded to become more recognized in the Federation but as an internationally recognized institution delivering quality products and services. We stand on the shoulders of those visionaries who created this institution. And those who have gone before us who laid the foundation for us to empower our people to live their best life possible,” he added.

**Front Page Photo: Customers in line at the Bank Of Nevis (BON) on Fort Street branch in Basseterre, St.Kitts on the morning of Tuesday 6th April 2021, hours after the official opening that morning (Spokesman Snap)**



# Well-Known Community Activist To Be launched As NRP Candidate In St. Paul This weekend

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 9th April 2021)- The opposition Nevis Reformation Party (NRP) is expected to place its bid to win the hearts, minds and votes of the people of Nevis on Saturday 10th April 2021 at a launch event for its first of five candidates to contest the upcoming Nevis Island Assembly elections.

A formal ceremony to launch NRP's Jaedee Caines in Constituency 1 Nevis (St. Paul - Charlestown) is scheduled to be held at the Villa Grounds, Charlestown, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Caines, a well-known community activist, is one of a fresh slate of candidates which the NRP is expected to present to the people of Nevis for their consideration and approval. The party believes that through Caines and each soon to be launched candidate, the people of Nevis can identify with the NRP's new direction for the island.

In a conversation with the Labour Spokesman newspaper, Caines expressed that she wants her candidacy and political life to help her party to rebuild and rebrand so that it can be more in line with current Nevisian sentiments and in tune with the hopes and aspirations.

Caines said, that through her candidacy, she wants to assure the people of Nevis that the NRP continues to operate on its founding principles which



NRP's Jaedee Caines

include securing a better life for all Nevisians. As such attendees at the Saturday's launch can expect to hear her speak to her vision for Parish of St. Paul and for Nevis generally.

The organisers of the launch are mindful of potential COVID-19 threats. As a result, the event is being planned as a drive-in event to encourage physical distancing. Walk-in supporters will also be accommodated while those at home and in the diaspora would be able to follow the event live on NRP's official Facebook page.

Caines is well-known on the island of Nevis. She comes to active politics following more than fifteen (15) years of community activism, education, and working in the media. She



Political Leader of Nevis Reformation Party (NRP) Janice Daniel-Hodge

was the first runner-up contestant in the 2005 Miss Culture Pageant; was crowned Miss Hospitality in 2006 Nevis Tourism's pageant; was Chair of the 2012 Senior Pageants Sub-committee of the Culturama Festival.

At present, Miss Caines is a part-time language arts tutor for early learners (children ages 5 to 8).

As a seasoned communication specialist and journalist, she is the holder of degrees in communication and criminal justice.

When asked about the focus of her candidacy, Caines told this media house that she wants to "focus on education and skills training and boost entrepreneurship in St. Paul in particular and in Nevis in general."

Political Leader of Nevis Reformation Party, Janice Daniel-Hodge has signalled that Saturday's launch in St. Paul is the starting point on the road to a resounding victory for her party.

In an interview with this media house, Daniel-Hodge said that her party is starting out with Jaedee Caines in St. Paul to begin bringing the awareness to the people that the NRP is on the move and has sought the best candidates to work on their behalf.

"Persons would know Miss Caines to be a charismatic and hardworking woman who is focused and committed to a cause," Daniel-Hodge said. "We are certain that this is indicative of the level of hard work that the NRP will bring to the campaign and to government," she continued.

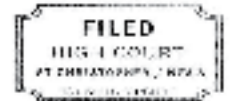
When asked about what the electorate can expect to find in the additional candidates to be launched, Daniel-Hodge said, "We are scoping to find the best candidates for all five constituencies on Nevis and we are hoping to have a complement of candidates that would deliver meaningful change that is so desperately needed in Nevis at this time."

"We hope that the people would recognise that the NRP has been rebranded and that it is reenergised. We would want the populace to recognise that the people of Nevis are our first priority. We want all persons to have equal opportunities to achieve their dreams and goals," the party leader stated.

The St. Paul seat, in the Nevis Island Assembly, is currently held by CCM's Spencer Brand, the current Minister of Labour, Public Works, Physical Planning, Posts and the Environment in the Nevis Island Administration.

Brand won the seat on December 18, 2017 after defeating then NRP Candidate Robelto Hector by a nail-biting 11 votes.

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St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands

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# FOODFORKASH ON BRUNCH, PIZZA & CARIBBEAN FLAVORS

Source: [www.bostonchefs.com](http://www.bostonchefs.com)

Communications and Marketing maven **Kashma Evelyn** brings her culinary background and love of food from the island of Nevis and her NYC-honed photography skills together to create one of the most delicious food Instas in New England — [@FoodForkKash](https://www.instagram.com/foodforkash). Even though she only started her account in 2019, she's built a following of 20,000+ food loving peeps showcasing the best Caribbean restaurants in Roxbury and Dorchester, 'gramming delectable food and views from the Seaport, and highlighting all the old world charm of the North End. She took time to chat about her photo philosophy (embrace color!), her top food Instagram accounts, and her favorite pizza joints.

**Tell us a little about yourself. How'd you end up in Boston, and what inspired you to create your Instagram account?**

I was born and raised on the Caribbean island of Nevis, which is where my love for food began. As a little girl, I spent a lot of my time observing and eventually helping my parents in the kitchen, as they created tasty dishes like Saltfish and Johnny Cakes, Goat Water or Cornmeal and Steamed Fish. My sisters and I truly enjoyed all the spices and the aroma that came from our kitchen.

In 2009, I moved from the warm tropical climate, to the concrete jungle of New York City to pursue a degree in Communications and Marketing at Baruch College, and I now work as a Marketing professional. There in New York City, I was intrigued by the diverse food offerings and often found myself snapping photos of my meals. Boston, however, was never on my radar, until I met my boyfriend Jeffrey, four years ago. Jeffrey attended Northeastern University and worked in the heart of Boston. I soon found myself commuting and now spending much of my time in Massachusetts.

Over the last 8 years, my love for food intertwined with travel. I visited places like India, Dubai, Colombia, Hong Kong, and Paris to enjoy the history, culture and, of course, food! I often returned with a camera filled with food photography, and no designated outlet to document and share my journeys. This prompted me to create my food blog [@foodforkash](https://www.instagram.com/foodforkash). Even with the encouragement from my family and friends, I was super hesitant to put myself and my photography out there in that capacity. I toyed with the idea for a few months until I took the plunge and made my first Instagram post on January 8, 2019, and the rest is history! Outside of food photography, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, or doing some cooking and baking with my niece, Ahri.

**Name the top five dishes on your Boston food bucket list.**

There are so many amazing spots that I can name, but here are my five choices:

- **Fried Chicken Wings** from [Slade's Boston](#). This was one of the first restaurants in Boston that Jeffrey introduced me to. This Black-owned establishment offers up amazing soul food options. I typically order their crispy, flavorful wings with a side of french fries. You've got to visit!
- **Black Rice and Jerk Salmon** from [ZAZ Restaurant and Catering](#). I may or may not be addicted to this food. Let's just say that I order take-out from ZAZ every week! ZAZ is another Black-owned restaurant where I enjoy the Caribbean flavors and spices of the black rice and jerk salmon dish. If you ever stop by, be sure to also try their **Cajun Hush Puppies**.
- **Hot Mess and Cheese Burger** from [Crazy Good Kitchen](#). As the name implies, this burger is the kind of mess you'll need in your life! Imagine a juicy beef patty, shaved steak, American cheese, tasty cheese sauce topped with griddled onions. Sometimes I'd get an extra side of cheese to drench over the burger — yeah, messy. I know.
- **Banana Bread French Toast** from [North Street Grille](#). I always opt for sweet over savory whenever I'm out brunching. This French toast creation offers the right amount of sweetness that will leave you satisfied.
- **Chicken Alfredo Pizza** from [AK's Takeout](#): My go-to Pizza at AK's will always be the Chicken Alfredo. The creamy sauce and delicious chicken creates an unbeatable flavor.

**What do you think is on the horizon for restaurants?**

There is so much to be said about the fate of restaurants during this current pandemic. I feel that restaurants will soon invest more in an online presence, whether that be increasing social media efforts, or expanding delivery application options. Social media has been quite the reliant marketing channel for restaurants to get the right information out to its patrons. I have seen quite a few restaurants rebrand their Instagram feed to focus more on the food offerings and delivery options, and less on the entertainment aspect that they were known for. In cases where indoor dining may or may not be an option, this has been a huge help. I know many of us have seen our favorite restaurants temporarily/permanently closed due to the effects of the pandemic, so I continue to do my part by advertising new spots plus old favorites and encourage folks to support in whatever way they can.

**Which chefs are your favorite to follow on Instagram and why?**

**Anthony Bourdain** ([@anthonybourdain](https://www.instagram.com/anthonybourdain)): despite his untimely passing, I still enjoy living vicariously through his travels and passion for food. The first time I tried escargots was at his restaurant Brasserie Les Halles in NYC.

**Carla Hall** ([@carlahall](https://www.instagram.com/carlahall)): I've followed Chef Carla since her debut on Top Chef. Her delightful personality shines through her amazing recipes. I often find myself recreating her dishes.

**Gordon Ramsay** ([@gordonramsay](https://www.instagram.com/gordonramsay)): He's not only an amazing chef but a super entertaining TV personality. I've seen just about every episode of Hell's Kitchen, which always made me crave Beef Wellington (If you're a fan of the show you'd know). I've yet to try Beef Wellington, maybe one day I'd be lucky enough to meet him!

**Beyond chefs, what are your top three favorite food Instagram accounts to follow?**

**CJ** ([@dinewithyoureyes](https://www.instagram.com/dinewithyoureyes)): CJ is easily one of my favorite foodies based in the Caribbean. CJ who lives on the island of Barbados, whips up tasty dishes while enjoying that chill and relaxing island life that we all love. One day you may find her at a quaint Bajan hotel and the next she's sampling jelly water on the roadside. I enjoy her tropical aesthetic that of course reminds me of Nevis.

**Nkechi** ([@eatwhateveryouwant](https://www.instagram.com/eatwhateveryouwant)): I absolutely adore my fellow foodie, Nkechi. On her page, you'll find the most scrumptious recipes for baked goods! Her dessert pizza, Ube ice cream and lemon poppy seed cake are some of my favorites!

**Jean** ([@jeaneatz](https://www.instagram.com/jeaneatz)): Jean always brings the heat with his motion content! He showcases some of the best food spots in and around NYC. He's the kind of foodie that isn't afraid to try new things — Jean has a handful of sandwiches named after him, now that's epic!

Recently, I have been glued to **Shweta** ([@masalaandchai](https://www.instagram.com/masalaandchai)). She creates the most indulgent sweet and savory recipes matched by her amazing food styling. Her Butter Masala Pasta recipe, is literally one of the best I have tried.

**Describe Boston's food scene in three words.**

Trendy-Modern-Charming

**Which restaurants haven't you been to but you're eager to try?**

*Saltie Girl*

*Tatte Bakery*

*Dirty Water Dough Co.*

*Source Restaurants*

*Flour Bakery+Café*

*Boston Burger Company*

**What's your food photography philosophy, and can you share your top tips for taking awesome food photos?**

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# Police Investigating Details After Old Tree Kills Young Boy

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 9th April 2021)-A Tree said to be more than 40 years old has claimed the life of a teen boy from the Sandy Point community, and police are investigating the circumstances.

Dead is 15 year old Keyon Richards of Crab



Photo: Tribute photo for deceased teen Keyon Richards courtesy Shawn Richards (Credit: www.facebook.com/HonShawnRichards)

Hill, Sandy Point whose life was lost in the aftermath of an incident which occurred on Thursday 1st April 2021.

Police responded to a report received at about 9 p.m. and visited the Sandy Point Basketball Court.

Investigations so far have revealed that the juvenile and his friends were playing a game of basketball when a large tree fell on top of him. His friends managed to escape.

He was transported via the Emergency Medical Service to the Pogson Medical Centre where he succumbed to his injuries. He was pronounced dead by the District Medical Officer.

An autopsy has been scheduled to determine the exact cause of death. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

Up to press time, no details were forthcoming.

Deputy Prime Minister and Parliamentary Representative for Constituency Five Shawn Richards issued a statement on the teenager's death saying in part: "It is with an immensely heavy heart that I express the most profound, sincere and heart felt condolences on behalf of the entire community of Sandy Point to the Family and Friends of young Keyon Richards who passed last evening in such a tragic and untimely manner . We are ALL heart broken by this tragedy but as we celebrate Easter let us not lose faith and trust in the Lord, and implore his blessings and comfort over Keyon's

family at this time of Keyon's young soul rest in tremendous sorrow. May eternal peace."

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## FOODFORKASH ON BRUNCH, PIZZA & CARIBBEAN FLAVORS

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Lighting is everything! When I first started capturing food content, I would snap a photo in the darkest bar, too afraid to use my iPhone flash, which resulted in dismal photos. I quickly discovered how crucial good lighting is and adjusted my approach to avoid shooting at night. This meant I often revisited the same restaurant during the day to take advantage of natural light. That, of course, became an expensive habit.

As I continued learning more about food photography, I worked on framing the perfect shot. Whether you're using your phone or digital camera, think of your angles, frame the photo, crop out unwanted elements.

Additionally, if you enjoy a colorful aesthetic as much as I do, I would suggest utilizing your surroundings for backdrops. For instance, whenever I am in Boston, I enjoy capturing photos against the amazing brick work, that provides the subtle pop of color to frame my shots.

**Favorite brunch spot:** *North Street Grille* and *The Paramount* – my go to spots for French toast and/or pancakes.

**Favorite place for outdoor dining:** *Deck12 at YOTEL Boston* in the Seaport District – amazing views matched with great food.

**Favorite Pizza joint:** *Galleria Umberto* – they offer the most perfect cheese slice.

**Favorite neighborhood for food:** Roxbury and Dorchester for the best Caribbean restaurants, North End for its charm, and the Seaport District, have you seen the views? Love it there!

**Favorite new restaurant:** *FIYA Chicken* – I finally tried a Korean corn dog and it was amazing.

**Favorite pandemic takeout:** *Zaz Restaurant* and *Bova's Bakery* for their blueberry cheesecake.

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# Politicians Have 'Washed Their Hands' And Blamed Others Since Jesus's Crucifixion

By Dr Tony Keddie, PhD,  
University of British Columbia



Sixth-century mosaic depicting Jesus before Roman governor Pontius Pilate washing his hands, at Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna, Italy. Photo credit: Nick Thompson (Flickr). (CC BY-NC-SA).

Handwashing has gotten substantial coverage this past year during the COVID-19 pandemic, and not just for hygiene. You may have encountered some of the many accusations in both The US and Canada that a politician has “washed his hands” of pandemic responsibilities.

Sometimes the reference includes a nod to the historical figure associated with this phrase: Recently in The US a conservative commentator faulted President Joe Biden, saying, he is “like Pontius Pilate: just washes his hands and stays quiet.”

These handwashing images derive from iconic biblical scripture referring to events preceding Jesus's crucifixion.

In one of the earliest versions of these events, Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea from at least 26 to 37 CE - the only man with the power to order a crucifixion - washes his hands before a crowd. In the Gospel of Matthew, he simultaneously assents to Jesus's execution and claims no personal responsibility.

Throughout the history of Christianity, representations of Pilate's handwashing have often been used to shift blame for Jesus's death to Jews, and have been part of a toxic legacy of Christian and western antisemitism.

## The historical Pilate

In the first century CE, the Roman empire ruled the sub-province of Judea through military governors like Pilate, who were tasked with quashing any rebellions against Roman rule. Pilate was the only person in Judea with the authority to execute someone by crucifixion, a brutal form of capital punishment reserved for slaves and non-citizens deemed subversive.

Helen Bond, professor of Christian origins explains that “the execution of Jesus was in all probability a routine crucifixion of a messianic agitator” by a Roman

governor.

Jewish sources convey that Pilate was hostile toward Jews and their customs. Philo of Alexandria even lamented Pilate's “continual murders of people untried and uncondemned.”



'Pilate Washing his Hands,' by Hendrick ter Brugghen, 17th century. Credit: Shipley Art Gallery; Supplied by The Public Catalogue Foundation, Wikimedia Commons (CC BY-NC-ND).

## Exonerating Pilate

Yet, the New Testament gospels offer ambivalent portraits of the man who ordered Christ's execution. There are four different accounts of Jesus's sentencing and death, but all agree Pilate was reluctant to declare Jesus guilty.

Each gospel depicts Pilate finding Jesus blameless but acquiescing to execute him, whether due to personal weakness, to appease the crowds or to legitimate his own authority and the emperor's. Instead of impugning Pilate, the gospels shift the blame for Jesus's death to Jewish authorities.

Each of these gospels was written during the decades following the destruction of the Jerusalem temple by the Romans (70 CE), the climax of the First Jewish Revolt. This was a period of rampant anti-Judaism: imperialist media such as coins and monuments indiscriminately linked Jews from across the empire to the rebels in Judea and cast Jews as barbaric traitors. The empire punished all Jews, for instance, with a tax.

This created a challenge for those early followers of Jesus - both Jews and gentiles - who proclaimed that their Saviour was a Jew whom Rome executed as a criminal. The gospel authors stressed that Jesus opposed the Jewish authorities and was not found guilty by the Roman governor.

## Jewish and gentile Jesus followers

How to understand depictions of “Jews” in gospels written before the self-identification “Christian” became widespread in the early second century is thus immensely complicated. The Gospel of John, for



The Catholic devotional practice the Stations of the Cross sometimes shows Pilate washing his hands as Jesus is condemned to death. Here, The Shrine of Christ's Passion, St John, Indiana. Credit: Contemplative Imaging and Flickr (CC BY-NC-ND).

instance, emerged from a gentile community. It never uses the term “Christian” yet distinguishes followers of Christ from Jews through hostile rhetoric demonizing “the Jews” as children of the devil, as the New Testament scholar Adele Reinhartz has shown.

Matthew's gospel, however, was produced by a community of Christ-followers who more clearly fit within the spectrum of Jewish identities, yet were eager to distinguish themselves from Jewish leaders who had been involved in the revolt and post-war Jewish leaders (namely, the rabbis). In this case, rhetorical attacks against certain Jewish leaders reflect an inter-sectarian argument among Jews.

## Transferring guilt

The pattern of exonerating Pilate by blaming Jewish leaders is unmistakable in Matthew's gospel. It includes a “blood curse” that is the basis of a toxic formula that Christians have used to justify centuries of Christian anti-Judaism, often resulting in reprehensible acts of violence against Jews: “So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing ... he took some water and washed his hands ... saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children”!”

Matthew also writes “the chief priests and the elders” were manipulating the crowds. He often accuses Jewish leaders of such corruption as well as hypocrisy and misunderstanding the Jewish law.

Pilate's handwashing alludes to an older account from Jewish scripture. Deuteronomy 21:1-9 prescribes a ritual through which Israel can be “absolved of bloodguilt” for a murder committed by an unknown person. Because the culprit can't be prosecuted, this ritual removes “bloodguilt,” or communal liability for “innocent blood,” that would otherwise remain in the midst of the people of Israel.

The rite entails the people's elders washing their hands of bloodguilt while priests break a heifer's neck. Matthew inverts Deuteronomy's ritual, and casts the priests and elders as hypocrites who invited bloodguilt onto their kinfolk.

## Pilate's redemption and anti-Judaism

Through early Christian writers, Pilate became an even more positive figure by the time the Roman Empire adopted Christianity. Some considered Pilate a Christian, at least “in his conscience,” as the early theologian Tertullian wrote. The Coptic Church proclaimed him a saint in the sixth century. Pilate even appears in the Niceno-Constantinopolitan creed, a Christian statement of faith: Jesus was “crucified for us under Pontius Pilate.” Note the statement says “under” and not “by” Pilate.

Ancient Christian texts doubled down on the New Testament gospels' shifting of blame from Pilate to Jews, as professor of the New Testament Warren Carter has shown.

Christian authors deployed ambivalent and positive images of Pilate to show that Christianity was not a threat to Roman law and order. In doing so, they fanned the flames of anti-Judaism. Art historian Colum Hourihane has explored how these anti-Jewish interpretations eventually led to negative characterizations of Pilate himself as a Jew during the medieval period in Europe. At this time, Christians blamed Jews for plagues.

## Politics of handwashing

Some accusations of handwashing rightly seek to hold political leaders accountable, or point to the tightrope politicians walk to meet political objectives. Pope Francis declared that those who ignore suffering

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# Heart Failure And Stroke Rising In Men Under 40



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Heart failure and stroke are unusual diagnoses among younger people. But they are now clearly on the rise in men below the age of 40, according to a University of Gothenburg study. The scientists have found links to obesity and low fitness in the upper teens.

The present study, published in *Journal of Internal Medicine*, includes data on 1,258,432 men who, at an average age of 18.3 years, enlisted for military service in Sweden between 1971 and 1995.

Particulars of the men's weight, height and physical fitness on enlistment were merged with data in the National Board of Health and Welfare's National Patient Register and Cause of Death Register for the period 1991-2016. From when they enlisted, the men were thus monitored over a period exceeding 20 years.

The proportion of participants who were overweight at the time of enlistment, ie with a body mass index (BMI) of 25-30, increased from 6.6 to 11.2% between 1971 and 1995, while the proportion with obesity (BMI over 30) rose from 1.0 to 2.6%. During the same period, their fitness level at the time of enlistment also declined slightly.

## Increases in heart failure and stroke

"These factors - that is, overweight, obesity and low fitness - partly explain the

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caused by COVID-19 are "devotees of Pontius Pilate who simply wash their hands of it."

But the expression should also remind us of the dangers of vilification: As we saw under former president Donald Trump's pandemic leadership, when leaders or communities distinguish themselves through scapegoating, this facilitates a dangerous redistribution of guilt to other parties, often marginalized and racialized communities.

Like Trump, political influencers have vilified people of Asian descent, and both The US and Canada have seen a rise in anti-Asian hate crimes.

Some conspiracy theorists have falsely blamed Jews and Israel for the virus. Some politicians and commentators have divided communities directly or indirectly through blaming or singling out people living in poverty or Black, racialized and Indigenous communities.

The history of interpretations of Pilate's handwashing is stained by malicious attempts to define Christian identity through the demonization of Jewish others. Whether seeking to explain problems, to hold people accountable or to assert our own identities, let's do so in ways that don't dehumanize anyone.

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large increase in heart failure we see in the study, and the rise in stroke as well," states David Åberg. An Associate Professor at Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg, and specialist doctor at Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Åberg is the study's first author.

"It's pleasing to see, despite rising obesity, a fairly sharp fall in heart attacks among these younger men, and also their reduced mortality from cardiovascular diseases," he continues.

Heart-failure cases within 21 years of enlistment rose, according to the study, by 69% - from 0.49 per 1,000 of the men who had enlisted in the first five years (1971-75) to 0.83/1,000 of those who enlisted in the last five (1991-95).

The number of stroke cases - cerebral infarction and cerebral hemorrhage - showed a similar trend. The increase for cerebral infarction was 32%, from 0.68 for the first five-year cohort to 0.9 per 1,000 for the last. For cerebral hemorrhage the rise was 20%, from 0.45 to 0.54 per 1,000.

## Strong support for physical activity

In contrast, heart attacks within 21 years of enlistment fell by 43%, from 1.4 to 0.8 per 1,000, of the cohorts enlisting first and last respectively. The proportion of deaths from all cardiovascular disease also decreased,

by 50% - from 1.5 to 0.74 per 1,000.

The fact that the trends for cardiovascular diseases move in differing directions over time suggests that other, unknown factors are involved as well. According to the researchers, post-enlistment weight trends may be one such factor, but stress and drug use may be others. Especially for heart attacks, researchers believe that a sharp fall in smoking underlies the decline. The fact remains, however, that overweight and obesity are influential.

"We see that heart attacks would have decreased even more if it hadn't been for the rise in overweight and obesity. Our results thus provide strong support for thinking that obesity and, to some extent, low fitness by the age of 18, affect early-onset cardiovascular disease. So at societal level, it's important to try to get more physical activity, and to have already established good eating habits by adolescence, while being less sedentary," David Åberg concludes.

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TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by RHEEDA ELIZABETH ARCHIBALD of Bird Rock, Basseterre, St. Kitts for the Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1971.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

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# US Military Cites Rising Risk Of Chinese Move Against Taiwan

- By Robert Burns

WASHINGTON (AP) - The American military is warning that China is probably accelerating its timetable for capturing control of Taiwan, the island democracy that has been the chief source of tension between Washington and Beijing for decades, and is widely seen as the most likely trigger for a potentially catastrophic US-China war.

The worry about Taiwan comes as China wields new strength from years of military buildup. It has become more aggressive with Taiwan and more assertive in sovereignty disputes in The South China Sea. Beijing also has become more confrontational with Washington; senior Chinese officials traded sharp and unusually public barbs with Secretary of State Antony Blinken in talks in Alaska last month.

A military move against Taiwan, however, would be a test of US support for the island that Beijing views as a breakaway province. For the Biden administration it could present the choice of abandoning a friendly, democratic entity or risking what could become an all-out war over a cause that is not on the radar of most Americans. The United States has long pledged to help Taiwan defend itself, but it has deliberately left unclear how far it would go in

response to a Chinese attack.

This accumulation of concerns meshes with the administration's view that China is a frontline challenge for the United States and that more must be done soon - militarily, diplomatically and by other means - to deter Beijing as it seeks to supplant the United States as the predominant power in Asia. Some American military leaders see Taiwan as potentially the most immediate flashpoint.

"We have indications that the risks are actually going up," Admiral Philip Davidson, the most senior US military commander in the Asia-Pacific region, told a Senate panel last month, referring to a Chinese military move on Taiwan.

"The threat is manifest during this decade - in fact, in the next six years," Davidson said.

Days later Davidson's expected successor, Admiral John Aquilino, declined to back up the six-year timeframe but told senators at his confirmation hearing: "My opinion is, this problem is much closer to us than most think."

Biden administration officials have spoken less pointedly but stress the intention to deepen ties with Taiwan, eliciting warnings from Beijing against outsider interference in what it considers a domestic matter.

On Wednesday Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu said the military threat against his country is increasing, and while he said it was not yet "particularly alarming," the Chinese military in the last couple of years has been conducting what he called "real combat-type" exercises closer to the island.

"We are willing to defend ourselves, that's without any question," Wu told reporters. "We will fight a war if we need to fight a war, and if we need to defend ourselves to the very last day, then we will defend ourselves to the very last day."

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin calls China the "pacing threat" for The United States, and the military services are adjusting accordingly. The Marine Corps, for example, is reshaping itself with China and Russia in mind after two decades of ground-focused combat against extremists in the Middle East.

Hardly an aspect of China's military modernization has failed to rile the US military.

Admiral Charles Richard who, as head of US Strategic Command, is responsible for US nuclear forces, wrote in a recent essay that China is on track to be a "strategic peer" of The United States. He said China's nuclear weapons stockpile is expected to double "if not triple or quadruple" in the next 10 years, although that goes beyond The Pentagon's official view that the stockpile will "at least double" in that period.

Taiwan, however, is seen as the most pressing problem.

US officials have noted People's Liberation Army actions that seem designed to rattle Taiwan. For example, Chinese aerial incursions, including flying around the island, are a near-daily occurrence, serving to advertise the threat, wear down Taiwanese pilots and aircraft, and learn more about Taiwan's capabilities.

Chinese officials have scoffed at Davidson's Taiwan comments. A Ministry of Defense spokesman, Colonel Ren Guoqi, urged Washington to "abandon zero-peace thinking" and do more to build mutual trust and stability. He said that "attempts by outside forces to use Taiwan to seek to restrain China, or the use by Taiwan independence forces to use military means to achieve independence, are all dead ends."

The implications of a Chinese military move against Taiwan and its 23 million people are so profound and potentially grave that Beijing and Washington have long managed a fragile middle ground - Taiwanese political autonomy that precludes control by Beijing, but stops short of formal independence.

Predictions of when China might decide to try to compel Taiwan to reunite with the mainland have long varied, and there is no uniform view in the United States. Larry Diamond, a senior fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, said last week he doubts Chinese leaders are ready to force the issue.

"I don't think it's coming soon," he said.

The Trump administration made a series of moves to demonstrate a stronger commitment to Taiwan, including sending a Cabinet member to Taipei last year, making him the highest-level US official to visit the island since formal diplomatic relations were severed in 1979 in deference to China. The Biden administration says it wants to cooperate with China where possible but has voiced its objections to a wide range of Chinese actions.

Last week the US ambassador to the Pacific island nation of Palau, John Hennessey-Niland, became the first serving US ambassador to visit Taiwan since Washington cut ties with Taipei in favor of Beijing.

China is a frequent target of criticism in Congress. Concerns about countering its growing military might are reflected in passage of the Pacific Deterrence Initiative, funded at \$2.2 billion for 2021. Davidson wants it to support, among other initiatives, establishing a better air defense system to protect the US territory of Guam from Chinese missiles and preserving US military dominance in the region.

Representative Adam Smith, a Washington Democrat and chairman of The House Armed Services Committee, is skeptical of the military's fixation on dominance.

"Given the way the world works now, having one country be dominant is just hopelessly unrealistic," he said in a recent online forum sponsored by Meridian, a nonpartisan diplomacy center. He said the US military can maintain sufficient strength, in partnership with allies, to send the message: "China, don't invade Taiwan because the price you're going to pay for that isn't worth it."

*Associated Press writer Ken Moritsugu in Beijing, AP writer Huizhong Wu in Taipei, Taiwan, and AP Diplomatic Writer Matthew Lee in Washington contributed to this report.*



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## Taiwan Says May Shoot Down Chinese Drones In South China Sea

- By Yimou Lee

TAIPEI (Reuters) - Taiwan has spotted Chinese drones circling the Taipei-controlled Pratas Islands in the South China Sea and may shoot them down if they stray too close, a government minister said on Wednesday, a move that could dramatically

increase tensions with Beijing.

Speaking at parliament, Lee Chung-wei, who heads the Ocean Affairs Council under whose purview the Coast Guard falls, said that they had recently spotted Chinese drones circling the Pratas, though they have not flown over the islands.

"They have never entered our restricted waters and airspace, they've just flown around them at a certain

distance," Lee said.

While China recognises no Taiwanese claims of sovereignty, its aircraft and ships generally stay outside Taiwan's restricted zone, which extends 6 km from its coast.

Asked how the Coast Guard would react if a Chinese drone entered that restricted zone, Lee said they had rules of engagement.

"After it enters it will be

handled under the rules. If we need to open fire, we open fire."

The Pratas lie at the top end of the disputed waterway, and have become a relatively new source of intrigue between Chinese-claimed Taiwan and Beijing.

In recent months Taiwan has complained of repeated Chinese air force activity near the islands, which Taiwan's Coast Guard only lightly defends though there are periodic deployments of marines. There is no permanent civilian population, only occasional visiting scientists.

In October, Hong Kong air traffic controllers warned off a Taiwanese civilian flight flying to the Pratas on a routine weekly supply run, forcing it to turn back.

The Pratas, the closest Taiwan-controlled territory to Hong Kong, have also taken on extra significance since anti-government protests began in the Chinese-run city.

Taiwan has intercepted at least one boat close to the Pratas carrying people fleeing from Hong Kong trying to make their

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# Collective CARICOM voice for recovery at IMF-World Bank meetings

Thursday 1 April 2021



By: Sir Ronald Saunders

The response by policymakers of the International Financial Institutions (IFIs) to the depth of COVID-19's effects on Caribbean economies needs to be urgently reviewed, particularly regarding debt.

An unduly optimistic assessment of the extent of damage to economies and an overly confident expectation of how long the effects will last, have resulted in inadequate instruments to help Caribbean countries get out of the hole into which they have been sunk through no fault of their own. Caribbean countries did not create the pandemic and they have been among the most successful in containing it at great cost to their Treasuries.

The staff of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank Group (WBG) and the directors on the boards, representing CARICOM countries, deserve credit for advancing the region's interests. The inadequacy of the IFIs response is not their fault; it is entirely due to board directors of some larger countries who remain stuck to mistaken policy positions whose failures have enlarged the harmful effects of the pandemic.

One of these continuing unhelpful policy positions is the application of per capita income as a criterion to deny high-income Caribbean countries access to concessionary loans, even though these countries are subject to the same vulnerabilities as lower-income countries.

Something of a breakthrough might have occurred. The World Bank board has approved the preparation of loan documents of \$100 million each for The Bahamas and Barbados - two of the countries with the highest per capita incomes in CARICOM - "due to their heavy reliance on tourism". This is an admission that the board of the bank has accepted vulnerability as a criterion, that is superior to high income, as a qualification for concessionary loans. It is to be assumed, therefore, that, if these loans are

approved by the board in the coming weeks, this criterion can now be applied to other high-income CARICOM countries such as Antigua and Barbuda and St Kitts-Nevis. CARICOM finance ministers at the Spring meetings of the bank and fund should raise this issue collectively.

Doing so, is especially relevant since countries that might have been "high income", according to IMF/WBG measurements, in 2019, are certainly not so today. High unemployment, resulting from the pandemic, has shaved as much as 30 percent from per capita income in some countries and is likely to reduce it even more as unemployment increases and poverty expands.

Amid all this, the IFIs response to high and crippling debt in many CARICOM countries that has spiralled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, has increased their debt service burdens. While the Bank and Fund have explicitly stated that debt levels were, for some, more than 100 percent of GDP prior to the pandemic, the debt instruments that they have provided are burdensome.

As an example, the IMF's Debt Service Suspension Initiative is only temporary. It is also applicable only to the poorest countries. Therefore only 5 CARICOM countries qualified. The initiative is supposedly to help them cope with the economic and fiscal constraints caused by the COVID-19 crisis. But it gives only a one-year grace with repayment having to be made over five years. Clearly, there will be an increase in the debt service burdens of these countries.

The duration of the pandemic's effects on CARICOM economies and its severe impact, will be longer than anticipated. Countries, such as Guyana and Suriname, with their oil and gas resources will be better placed, but post-COVID, many CARICOM countries will have much-reduced economies, high debt, diminished revenues, and little capacity to recover. The UN has already said that the Caribbean will face 'a lost decade' with economies and per capita income declining to 2010 levels.

They will need access to low-cost financing and grants from both IFI's and donor governments. Immediately, they need debt relief in the forms of write-offs and deferral of repayments on easier terms.

If these initiatives are not taken, Caribbean economies will be caught in a poverty trap from which they will not emerge for a generation and, even then, only if they experience no disasters such as hurricanes, prolonged droughts, or flooding - all of which have a high probability of occurring.

The governments of CARICOM countries are struggling to keep their economies afloat with policy initiatives either to revive dormant activities, such as agricultural and fisheries production, or to encourage new technology-based endeavours. These will help with economic diversification over time, but they will not be immediate large contributors to economic growth or replacements for industries such as tourism.

The Spring meetings of the bank and fund are an opportunity for robust presentations of the plight of CARICOM countries, always recalling they did not originate or spread COVID-19. They are in their current situation because of their vulnerability to their trading partners which, without exception, enjoy relatively large trade surpluses with the region. Some of these same trading partners are among the most vociferous in the continued application of mistaken criteria that disqualify many CARICOM countries from concessionary financing and debt relief.

At this month's meetings of the IMF/WBG, Caribbean representatives have an opportunity to advance proposals for support. One of the points that should be made is that, since the huge balance of trade surplus that rich countries enjoy with CARICOM states runs into billions of dollars perennially, giving them revenues and employment, they should regard debt forgiveness and rescheduling, as well as concessional financing, as investments in CARICOM countries from which they derive considerable benefits annually.

If the economies of CARICOM countries are not helped to recover, there will be a corresponding contraction in their ability to continue to buy goods and services from the rich.

Efforts must be made to create a framework that integrates debt sustainability, growth investment, and building resilience for CARICOM countries. Such a framework must also take full account of the region's vulnerability to destructive forces they do not create, such as Climate Change.

CARICOM countries should speak with a collective voice in proposing such a framework to the IMF/WBG meetings, omitting no country.

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way to Taiwan.

Taiwan's other main South China Sea island is Itu Aba, also known as Taiping Island, which is part of the Spratly archipelago.

Lee said they have not spotted Chinese drones there.

Apart from China and Taiwan, Brunei, Malaysia, The Philippines and Vietnam also have competing claims for islands and features in the South China Sea.

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# AUTOPSY PERFORMED ON THE BODY OF KEON FYFIELD

Basseterre, St. Kitts, April 03, 2021 (RSCNPF): An autopsy was performed on the body of 38-year-old Keon Fyfield of Newtown on March 29, 2021, by Resident Pathologist, Dr. Adrian Nunez.

Dr. Nunz concluded that death was a result of pulmonary

embolism due to prolonged bed rest as a consequence of severe head trauma with cerebral concussion. The Police are investigating the matter.

Persons with information regarding this matter are urged to contact the Violent Crime Unit by dialing 467-1887, 467-1888, 662-3468, their nearest

Police Station or the Crime Hotline at 707 where information can be given anonymously.

## Police Investigating Details After Old Tree Kills Young Boy

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 9th April 2021)-A Tree said to be more than 40 years old has claimed the life of a teen boy from the Sandy Point community, and police are investigating the circumstances.

Dead is 15 year old Keyon Richards of Crab Hill, Sandy Point whose life was lost in the aftermath of an incident which occurred on Thursday 1st April 2021.

Police responded to a report received at about 9 p.m. and

visited the Sandy Point Basketball Court.

Investigations so far have revealed that the juvenile and his friends were playing a game of basketball when a large tree fell on top of him. His friends managed to escape.

He was transported via the Emergency Medical Service to the Pogson Medical Centre where he succumbed to his injuries. He was pronounced dead by the District Medical Officer.

An autopsy has been scheduled to determine the exact cause of death. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

Up to press time, no details were forthcoming.

Deputy Prime Minister and Parliamentary Representative for Constituency Five Shawn Richards issued a statement on the teenager's death saying in part: "It is with an immensely heavy heart that I express the most profound, sincere and heart felt condolences on behalf of the entire community of Sandy Point to the Family and Friends of young Keyon Richards who passed last evening in such a tragic and untimely manner. We are ALL heart



Tribute photo for deceased teen Keyon Richards courtesy Shawn Richards (Credit: [www.facebook.com/HonShawnRichards](http://www.facebook.com/HonShawnRichards))

broken by this tragedy but as we celebrate Easter let us not lose faith and trust in the Lord, and implore his blessings and comfort over Keyon's family at

this time of tremendous sorrow. May Keyon's young soul rest in eternal peace."

## Police Investigating Single Deadly Gunshot Incident

By: Spokesman Newsroom



Deceased: Leon Phillip

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 9th April 2021) - Police on St. Kitts are investigating the circumstances that left a young man in his 30s dead from a single gunshot wound about his upper body following an incident in the Newtown community on Wednesday 31st April 2021.

Police say an autopsy was performed on the body of 34-year-old Leon Phillip of La Guerite, St. Kitts, on April 07, 2021, by Resident Pathologist, Dr. Adrian Nunez who concluded that death was due to

hypovolemic shock due to massive hemothorax as a consequence of a single gunshot wound to the thorax."€

This media house understands that the thorax is the chest region between the neck and the abdomen

On the day of the incident, police responded to a report of a shooting incident in Newtown sometime after 6 p.m.

Upon arrival, they met Phillip's motionless body Phillip laying on the ground with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the chest.

The District Medical Officer visited the scene and pronounced him dead. Personnel from the Forensic Services Unit processed the scene and collected items of evidential value.

Persons with information regarding this matter are urged to contact the Violent Crime Unit by dialing 467-1887, 467-1888, 662-3468, their nearest Police Station or the Crime Hotline at 707 where information can be given anonymously.

## Police Update: Deceased Guest House Visitor, Woman Reported Missing

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Sunday 4th April 2021) -A source at the police Public Relations Department has provided updates regarding a woman recently reported missing as well as a woman who died at guest house in Basseterre.

Credible information gathered by this media house indicates that a female resident of Cayon-said to be in her late 30s- was reported missing by her family and that she was found in Nevis on Saturday 3rd April 2021.

"Given the nature of her situation, no release will be forthcoming. No criminal offences are suspected in the matter," an official police source said on this incident.

In relation to the guest house visitor found dead on Sunday 28th March, it was later revealed on Saturday 3rd April, that based on the findings of an autopsy performed "no foul play is suspected."

According to police details, the woman who was staying at the "guest house in Basseterre took ill and the Emergency Medical Service was called. When they arrived she was unresponsive."

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# VOLCANO ERUPTION ACTIVITY IN ST. VINCENT

**By: Spokesman Newsroom** Information gleaned from BASSETERRE, St. Kitts www.theguardian.com on (Friday 9th April 2021)- Thursday 8th April 2021,

indicated that the island of St Vincent has declared a red alert and issued an evacuation

order after seismologists warned that the La Soufrière volcano shows signs of an

imminent eruption. It was reported that Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves issued the order that day after several days of increased seismic activity.

## Public Debates ‘No Jab, No Job’ Following PM....

(cont'd from page 03)

unawareness and wariness on the part of the worker. We contend that where worker hesitation has been identified, it needs to be addressed with protocols of adequate information and not with authoritative insistence.”

The Union stated its pro-vaccine stance while at the same time, it calls for a sensitive and sensible public policy position. As such the Union continues to “call for an immediate end to the inhumane practice of threatening workers’ rights and livelihoods. We invite workers, in all sectors, to report all incidences of workplace threats. The Union is committed to robustly represent your cause for decency in the workplace.”

**Front Page Image for illustration purposes only (credit: elitebusinessmagazine.co.uk)**



**Photo: A photo highlight of the arrival of the vaccine doses at the R L Bradshaw International Airport on Wednesday 7th April 2021 (SKNIS photo)**



| SYMPTOMS   | TRANSMISSION   |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The most common symptoms are fever, tiredness, and dry cough.</li> <li>• Others are aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat and/or diarrhea.</li> <li>• Symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually.</li> <li>• It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Droplets from nose or mouth when infected people cough and exhale.</li> <li>• Standing within one meter of an infected person.</li> <li>• Touching contaminated surfaces or objects and then touching eyes, nose or mouth.</li> <li>• Ageing and underlying diseases (e.g. diabetes, heart disease) increase risk.</li> </ul> |

## WORKPLACE PREVENTION MEASURES

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Dedicated to Mr. Stanford Lewis and all my other beloved Geography Teachers<sup>11</sup>

Inspired by bible book Jude<sup>1</sup>.

Contributed by Perryette Peets.

## Quantum Phenomics

Island Thyme is a kitchen located at Port Zante Food, Medicine and Music Court.

As the name suggests, Island Thyme specialises in dishes that are prepared and presented at the high standard to which you are accustomed at home. Home being St. Kitts or Nevis or any Caribbean Island for that matter. Quipped Mrs. Duggings, Chef and Proprietor.

Yes, she continued, the quality of presentation of food is to a high degree determined by the timeliness of delivery from garden to stove-top to table-top. So Island Thyme dishes are tasty and on time. All those times. It is all in the name. Get it? She quizzed caringly.

She is a deep mind. Take astounding. Let's fathom her. Pointing to the clock on the wall, I teased. I hope Island Thyme is not brazenly defrauding<sup>14</sup> me like that clock.

Oh Christ NO! She chuckled. That clock is not local. It was made all the way in China.

So it tells Chinese time. I probed.

Time is how you see it. Time is personal to the beholder. She beamed.<sup>15</sup>

Island time is not Chinese. I replied resolutely. Our time was made in heaven by the Almighty One and passed on to us via the Sun or the Son depending on the religion to which one is beholden. So Island time is Christian time.

Explain that to me. She entreated. Is Christmas time you talk'n bout? You do not celebrate Christmas. She jabbed.

You are right on the time. I do not confuse Saturnalia, the death and re-birth of the sun, with birth of the son – the Christ child. I am talking Christian time. Not Christmas time. **On the face of it, that clock is heretic. It denigrates the Almighty One from Pole position.<sup>P1+P2</sup> From the top to the side. From 1 to 0.00001. From inside to outside.** Common sense tells me that Almighty One and Son respectively occupy Pole and second positions. 1 and 2<sup>16</sup>. Initiator and Propitiator. So, to my face, that clock grossly disrespects my God, Jehovah, Almighty One. That clock is not telling authentic Island time.

She was intrigued. Expand your logic. She encouraged.

We live in a world of delusion. Only by holding fast to our common sense conviction, that God is the most high over all the earth, Ps<sup>83:18</sup> will we break free from the delusional forces that shackle and enslave our minds and bodies.<sup>19</sup>

Consider another common, diabolical example of how we are bound and burdened with fictitious time and counterfeit money.

$4/1 = 4$  and  $400/100 = 4$  However;

$4 \times 1 = 4$  but  $400 \times 100 = 40,000$  Why not 68 or 500 or 1600 or 2000? <sup>4</sup> They too are legitimate options.

To answer that question we will consider a cricket analogy<sup>4</sup> against a backdrop of relevant Biblical allegories to canvas the rationalisation that present day mathematical operations are deficient, demagogic<sup>5</sup> and at discord with Ecology. Consequently, all concepts and precepts that are based on, or derived of mathematics including science and technology, Law and politics, money and finance are deficient and are discordant with the <sup>6</sup>Democratic ideals of Christian Theology. Our deliberation will conclusively demonstrate that harmonised Christian rhetoric, numeracy and dynamics is the core Democratic, Legal, Institutional and Policy framework for resolving the ubiquitous, insidious, Demagogic<sup>10</sup> numerical conundrum highlighted above.

<sup>2</sup>How is that?! Is the fielders' spontaneous, resounding appeal. You are caught! You are out! They plead. But the self-indulgent batters couldn't care less. They are not playing cricket. They are not cricketers. They are a gang of genocidal mercenaries. Soldiers of lawlessness and vice. Excess is their bible. Cannibalism is their religion. Pillage is their mission. Loot is their god and adulation. Their clerics are frocked in fraud. Versed in rigging scales and hijacking wages. They martyred John the Baptist and Jesus Christ for exposing their heinous crimes. They will set fire to your property. Martyr you and massacre your family and neighbours.

Recall Moses law - the moral heights respecting wages, debt-repayment and interest charges. Yes? So, can we stitch Moses' Sabbath-year pardon and Christ's death – of - High Priest acquittal into one universal everlasting absolution? One three layered, comprehensive, universal reprieve. Now! We ought not to wait for St. Kitts-Nevis Jubilee celebration of National Bacchanal 2021. <sup>3</sup>Because I can afford the \$40 for the ball o corn and steamed pot-fish. But I cannot ever afford \$40,000 for foreign time.

That's ok with me. Like everyone else, God offered me everlasting life legitimised by the death and resurrection of the son- the Christ. So I have all the time in the world to share with my customers. Mr. Peets, pay Island Thyme \$40. My time is free. Chimed Mrs. Duggings.

That's it! That's the spirit that Christ modelled and imbue in Christians. It is fundamental logic that flows like this. If you are challenged <sup>18-10</sup> how to compute and evaluate time, better to defer to higher authority.<sup>D20:13,21</sup> And the highest authority is God. His position is that you cannot err on the side of mercy,. God takes no delight in sacrifice. He desires mercy. So, you are right on the currency. It is a better bargain all around for the seller to set conscionable prices and the shopper to spend what is affordable, now; than to pay propitiation later. Seller and Buyer beware.

I get it Mrs. Duggings. I meekly conciliated. You are spiritually well reasoned, seasoned, certified and assured. Island Thyme is genuine, authentic business established on 21<sup>st</sup> Century St. Kitts and Nevis, where life, health and self-sufficiency are comprehensively assured. You have acted shrewdly, by doggedly embracing the free offer of a priceless, legally certified, triple indemnity assurance policy.

Mollified, she signed off in sweet medicinal calypso. Lord Perry, you profound and you preachy.

Lady Alex, I am deeply indebted to your graciousness. And earnestly pray you a sanctified, machine-proofed, universal clock. Showing Almighty One stitched fast and secure, right on top.

Wow! When stitching times at Island Thyme one fathoms a little further than nine. Like from first to Tenth, from eleventh to Teenth (or Twentieth). And like from primordial vulnerability to demagoguery, to Twenty First Century cognitive maturity. It literally depends on how you see times. In other words your level of comprehension skill depends on your paradigm of civility. Like from ape-man to Elon Musk<sup>3</sup>, from Eden to Heaven, from Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained, from Slavery to Reparation, to Promised land. Etc.

### FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup> My beloved Geography Teachers include the following. Mr. Tony Burton, British Volunteer Servant Overseas 1974 - 76

Mr. Dennis (Freddie) Knight 1973-74

Mr. Hagel, Canadian Volunteer Servant Overseas 1972-73

Ms, Prudence France 1972-73

Mr. Stanford Lewis 1971-72

Mr. Desmond Jones 1970-71

Mr. Carl Walwyn Snr. 1968 -70

<sup>14</sup> and <sup>15</sup>The Labour Spokesman Newspaper (Gospel According To Glasford-Mathematics Language of God) and The Labour Spokesman (The Original Sin- The Primordial Cognitive Misstep)

<sup>4</sup> Kittitians Defend Your Dignity (Labour Spokesman Newspaper)

<sup>11</sup> Never Again Be Defrauded Of Time ( The Labour Spokesman Newspaper)

<sup>5</sup>Demagoguery is defined by google as political activity or practices that seek support by appealing to the desires and argument.

The demagoguery of political opportunists.

<sup>6</sup>Democracy is defined by Google as the practice or principle of social equality. Independence, self-sufficiency.

<sup>1</sup> Jude 1:1-25 | The New World Translation (Study Edition) | NWT Study Bible (jw.org)

<sup>P2</sup>Geographic North Pole, according to Google, is the point in the Northern Hemisphere where the Earth's axis of rotation meets its surface.

<sup>P2</sup>Pole position in motor racing, according to Google, is the position at the inside of the front row, in front of all the other cars at the start of a racing event.

<sup>R7:4</sup>Revelation 7 NWT - New World Translation of The Holy Scriptures (bibliatodo.com)

<sup>R14:1</sup>Revelation 14 NWT - New World Translation of The Holy Scriptures (bibliatodo.com)

<sup>M</sup>Website Search | JW.ORG

<sup>AC</sup>Website Search | JW.ORG

<sup>D</sup>Daniel 12: End-Time Events (lifehopeandtruth.com)



## Covid-19 linked to depression and dementia, study suggests

By Rachel Schraer

Health reporter

Source: [www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com)

Wednesday 7th April 2021

People diagnosed with Covid-19 in the previous six months were more likely to develop depression, dementia, psychosis and stroke, researchers have found.

A third of those with a previous Covid infection went on to develop or have a relapse of a psychological or neurological condition.

But those admitted to hospital or in intensive care had an even higher risk.

The study authors pointed to both the effects of stress, and the virus having a direct impact on the brain.

UK scientists looked at the electronic medical records of more than half a million patients in the US, and their chances of developing one of 14 common psychological or neurological conditions, including:

- brain haemorrhage
- stroke
- Parkinson's
- Guillain-Barre syndrome
- dementia
- psychosis
- mood disorders
- anxiety disorders

Anxiety and mood disorders were the most common diagnosis among those with Covid, and these were more likely to be down to the stress of the experience of being very ill or taken to hospital, the researchers explained.

Conditions like stroke and dementia were more likely to be down to the biological impacts of the virus itself, or of the body's reaction to infection in general.

Covid-19 was not associated with an increased risk of Parkinson's or Guillain-Barre syndrome (a risk from flu).

### Cause and effect

The study, published in the *Lancet Psychiatry* journal, was observational. So the researchers couldn't say whether Covid had caused any of the diagnoses - and some people would have had a stroke or depression in the next six months regardless.

But by comparing a group of people who had had Covid-19 with two groups - with flu and with other respiratory infections respectively - the researchers at the University of Oxford concluded Covid was associated with more subsequent brain conditions than other respiratory illnesses.

The participants were matched by age, sex, ethnicity and health conditions, to make them as comparable as possible.

Sufferers were 16% more likely to develop a psychological or neurological disorder after Covid than after other respiratory infections, and 44% more likely than people recovering from flu.

## One robber killed, another injured after police chase

07 APRIL 2021



MADAME ESTATE— One robber was killed and another was injured on Wednesday morning after a high-speed chase ended with their scooter crashing into a police vehicle on Arch Road and officers shooting both suspects.

The two robbers are suspected to have knocked off Pavillion Jewelers on Front Street around 11:00am Wednesday. After taking an undisclosed amount of merchandise, the robbers fled the scene on a scooter. Police suspect that one or more suspects may have been involved in the robbery.

On top of this, the more severely ill with Covid the patient had been, the more likely they were to receive a subsequent mental health or brain disorder diagnosis.

Mood, anxiety or psychotic disorders affected 24% of all patients but this rose to 25% in those admitted to hospital, 28% in people who were in intensive care and 36% in people who experienced delirium while ill.

Strokes affected 2% of all Covid patients, rising to 7% of those admitted to ICU and 9% of those who had delirium.

And dementia was diagnosed in 0.7% of all Covid patients, but 5% of those who'd experienced delirium as a symptom.

Dr Sara Imarisio, head of research at Alzheimer's Research UK, said: "Previous studies have highlighted that people with dementia are at higher risk of developing severe Covid-19. This new study

Abu Ghazi Shawarma. The scooter crashed into the blockading police vehicle, knocking off the rider and passenger.

Officers had also fired shots at the robbers, hitting both. One was killed, but it is still unclear whether he died from the impact of the crash or from the gunshot wounds. Ambulance Department personnel treated the other man at the scene, and later rushed him to St. Maarten Medical Center (SMMC) in critical condition.

Police then immediately began its forensic investigation. By this time, a crowd of about 100 bystanders had gathered, drawn in by the drama of the mid-morning action.

Detectives were observed marking off and collecting scattered gold rings and chains that had fallen into the street. They also photographed the debris left in the wake of the crash.

Two firearms have been recovered, confirmed police officials early Wednesday afternoon.

Anyone with information about this armed robbery are asked to contact police at tel. 1-721-542-2222 or the anonymous and free-of-charge tip line at tel. 9300.

(Photo: Detectives conducting the forensic investigation on Wednesday morning.)

investigates whether this relationship may also hold in the other direction.

"The study doesn't focus on the cause of this relationship and it is important that researchers get to the bottom of what underlies these findings."

There is evidence the virus does enter the brain and cause direct damage, neurology professor Masud Husain at the University of Oxford, explained.

It can have other indirect effects, for example by affecting blood clotting which can lead to strokes. And the general inflammation which happens in the body as it responds to infection can affect the brain.

For just over a third of people developing one or more of these conditions, it was their first diagnosis.

But even where it was a recurrence of a pre-existing problem, researchers said this did not rule out the possibility that Covid had caused the episode of illness.

Prof Dame Til Wykes, at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, King's College London, said: "The study confirms our suspicions that a Covid-19 diagnosis is not just related to respiratory symptoms, it is also related to psychiatric and neurological problems.

"Looking over six months after diagnosis has demonstrated that the "after-effects" can appear much later than expected - something that is no surprise to those suffering from Long Covid.

"Although as expected, the outcomes are more serious in those admitted to hospital, the study does point out that serious effects are also evident in those who had not been admitted to hospital."

Officers spotted the getaway scooter shortly afterward, but the robbers led police on a high-speed chase toward Sucker Garden, later turning onto Arch Road.

While one police vehicle chased the scooter toward Madame Estate, another set up a roadblock on Arch Road near

# ECCB Launches World's First Digital Cash

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Sunday 4th April 2021)**- The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank has launched its digital cash version of the EC Dollar.

At a virtual ceremony and media session held on Wednesday 31st March 2021 details were shared about the digital currency, called DCash.

It is the first of its kind and is expected to raise the profile of doing business and cash transfers in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union.

The launch is a pilot of the online application in four of the eight ECCU territories - Antigua & Barbuda, Grenada, St Kitts and Nevis, and St Lucia - but the Central Bank Governor, Timothy Antoine anticipates a full roll out in all member states by September, 2021.

The central bank has partnered with Bitt, a Barbados-based financial technology company, to pioneer the development of a cashless platform to virtually shop and share money across the islands. The digital currency is expected to form an integral part in building out a digital economy sub-region.

Governor Antoine, in his presentation at the media launch, spoke to the pioneering effort the bank undertook to develop DCash.

He outlined that when the project started, the idea of a digital currency was considered to be extreme. However, "the extreme is fast becoming mainstream" as there are 9 other central banks now pursuing the concept of digital currencies.

The governor presented DCash as being "safer, faster, and cheaper" method of doing business that will redound to the benefit of businesses and



consumers alike.

He described DCash as being safe because unlike physical cash, it cannot be stolen; it is a contact-less method of payment during the COVID-19 new normal; and it is embedded with anti-money laundering and combatting the financing of terrorism protocols in its design. The use of DCash also allows for data privacy.

DCash transactions are settled in as few as three seconds. The near instantaneous transaction time was demonstrated during the media event to show funds moving among intended recipients in the different islands where the platform is being piloted and back to the initial sender.

There are no hidden user charges to operate on the DCash platform, plus this reduces the cost associated with transporting physical at the close of the business day. DCash intends to make it more affordable to do business.

DCash wallets are of two types. These are value-based and register-based wallets. A value-based wallet allows DCash users to operate without using a bank account. The register-based wallet allows users to operate in connection with their banks accounts and allows for transfers of funds from account to wallet and reverse.

The first group of participating financial institutions across the ECCU are Communal Co-operative Credit Union Ltd. (Grenada), G U T Co-operative Credit Union Ltd. (Grenada), Republic Bank (Grenada) Ltd., 1st National Bank St. Lucia Ltd., Bank of Saint Lucia Ltd, JANNOU Credit Union (St. Lucia), Caribbean Union Bank (Antigua and Barbuda), Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank Ltd. (Antigua and Barbuda), and St. Kitts Co-operative Credit Union Ltd.

Merchants who are already accepting DCash payments include Stuart A. Lockhart Legal Services (Antigua and Barbuda), One Coor Mining (Antigua and Barbuda), Solange and Sunny (Antigua and Barbuda), Packed Grocery Delivery (Antigua and Barbuda), 268 Buggies (Antigua and Barbuda), Stanhope Shepherd (Antigua and Barbuda), Huggins Foodland (Grenada), Abstract Decor (Grenada), File and Style 'em Nails (Grenada), Ramdhanny's True Value (Grenada), Gr8 Taste (Grenada), KFC Grenada, Grenada Laundry Services Ltd, Eastern Caribbean Rum (Grenada), True Blue Bay Resort (Grenada), Creative House (Grenada), Grenadian Optical Laboratories Ltd, KeyLargo Italian (St. Lucia), True Value Building and Hardware Supplies Ltd. (St. Lucia), J's Wrap Citi (St. Lucia), KJ's Delightful Treats (St. Lucia), Tastee Tinges (St. Lucia), Operative Car Rental (St. Lucia), Fred's Lumber and Supplies Ltd. (St. Lucia), Wizo Ltd. (St. Lucia), EcoCarib (St. Lucia), Computer and Business Services (St. Lucia), Nature's Best (St. Lucia), Bass Bakery and Bargain Superette (St. Kitts and Nevis), Schools Apex Cooperative (St. Kitts and Nevis), Innovative Education and Training

## POLITICAL NEWS

# SKN Spotlighted To Turn Around Fortunes Of Swiss Energy Firm

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Monday 5th April 2021)** - Leclanche, a Swiss-based provider of energy storage solutions, has declared a loss in its 2020 financial statements, and partnership with the government of St.Kitts and Nevis is debatably expected to improve the company's monetary records.

Notably, the company has declared losses of an average of CHF 31 million (Swiss Francs) each year from 2012 to 2019; 2019 was the highest year with losses of CHF 83.4 million while its half year reporting to June 2020 was a loss of CHF 37.4 million.

In December 2020, the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis announced that it was entering in a partnership with Leclanche to build out a "fully integrated solar photovoltaic generation and lithium-ion battery energy storage system, will displace 30-35% of the islands' diesel-generated baseload power." This relationship would see Swiss partner owning more than 50% of the arrangement.

Leclanche is on the record blaming delays in this arrangement for its financial malaise in 2020. The Swiss firm had had expectations of turning its financial fortunes and a decade of losses around by doing business in the federation.

UK-based editor and reporter of Energy Storage News reported, "One of the reasons for its balance sheet difficulties in 2020 was delays to activities due to COVID-19, with the

(St. Kitts and Nevis), Luxury Interiors (St. Kitts and Nevis), Dahlia



slowing of progress on a project to build a 35.6MW solar PV farm with 44.2MWh of battery storage in St. Kitts and Nevis in the Caribbean among the main factors."

The delays in St.Kitts and Nevis may now come to an end as the company secured CHF59.6 million of financing from equity and asset fund investors. Before this, the company had been strapped for cash and was unable to start work in the federation.

In a March 30, 2021 press release, Leclanche projected, "In the Stationary Storage Business, continuing delivery of the St. Kitts and Nevis project and additional new stationary projects in fast EV charging applications will deliver turnover growth and positive margin."

At the sod-turning event in December 2020, Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris described the arrangement with Leclanche as a "visionary project will help secure our energy independence, provide long-term price stability and reduce our reliance on diesel fuel."

As gathered, the energy independent outlook of the prime minister will come at the expense of repatriation of millions of local dollars to shore up the Swiss company and economy.

Deputy Prime Minister Richards praised the arrangement as having economic benefits "without having to make a costly up-front investment."

Speaking in confidence with this publication, a local educator and economic analyst said, "Richards needs to read Jamaican economist George Beckford and learn that what he is promoting is the perpetuation of the plantation economy where businesses operate in our country for the financial benefit of some other developed economy".

"To be proud to say that we have not spent any money on the investment of transforming our energy independence is to say that we prefer to provide economic opportunities for others before we consider how we can empower our people in this or any other venture," the economic analyst concluded.

The arrangement between the St.Kitts-Nevis government and Leclanche is expected to give the Swiss company the opportunity to become profitable while local energy company, SKELEC through a 20-year power purchase agreement, will be a profit-making client of Leclanche.

Architectural and Construction (St. Kitts and Nevis), eCaribbean (St. Kitts and Nevis), and F&H Frisco (St. Kitts and Nevis).



## ECCB to host 5th Growth and Resilience Dialogue with Social Partners

Register to participate in the FREE virtual event!

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021** - The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), in collaboration with the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission, The World Bank, and the University of the West Indies (UWI), will host the 5th Growth and Resilience Dialogue with Social Partners on 14-15 April 2021 as a virtual event.

The annual Growth and Resilience Dialogue is designed to address issues that affect the lives of the people within the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU). The forum provides a unique opportunity for civil and social partners to interact with the ECCB Monetary Council on multiple

matters including growth, competitiveness and employment.

This year, the 5th Growth and Resilience Dialogue brings together leading experts in the fields of Digital Technology and Food and Nutrition Security to engage attendees on solutions to address national and regional economic challenges and opportunities. Participants will be immersed in discussions on the innovative technology and the digital skills and jobs that can empower the region to be more competitive and resilient. They will also be invited to help advance the region's food and nutrition security.

It is envisaged that the Dialogue will lead to several initiatives including the establishment of a pilot programme for an OECS/ECCU Knowledge and Innovation Hub as well as research collaboration on key issues related to Digital Transformation and Food and Nutrition Security.

The target audiences for the Dialogue include: parliamentarians; social partners, CEOs; entrepreneurs and business owners; public and private sector officials; financial service providers; high school, college and university students; teachers and lecturers; innovators and thought leaders; youth and community leaders.

For more information and to register for the FREE virtual event, please visit: <https://eccb-GRD.vfairs.com>

APRIL 1, 2021

## CDB supports sweet potato value chain project

Enhancing food security and agricultural productivity are at the root of a new project, which seeks to improve the production, processing and marketing of sweet potato in the Caribbean Region.

A US\$600,000-grant from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) to the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) will fund the research and capacity building initiative. With the estimated total cost of the project set to be US\$810,000 CDB's funding will cover 74% of that amount with CARDI providing counterpart funding for the remainder.

The project involves market research, including value chain analysis to gauge levels of consumer demand, potential areas for investment and defining the existing gaps in the market. Field research will validate climate-resilient varieties and genotypes, including strains that are high yielding, drought tolerant, disease resistant, and suitable for processing.

Videos and infographics will be made available on the market and value chain and field research. Targeting farmers and other stakeholders along the sweet potato value chain, these aids will demonstrate best practices in sweet potato cultivation, processing and value-added product development. In addition, an integral

component of the project is the provision of training new technology for farmers, agro-processors, and other stakeholders.

Director of Projects at CDB, Daniel Best said the project would help to break new ground for the sweet potato industry in the Caribbean.

"The goal is to help identify emerging or potential opportunities for market development, expansion and enhancement of the regional sweet potato industry. The planned research, particularly the business case development, will serve as a catalyst for more strategic investment in the industry while the technology transfer will accelerate its modernisation," said Best.

He noted that with food import bills more than doubling in CDB's Borrowing Member Countries over the past two decades, the project was a valuable part of wider efforts



## Cricket Biennial General Meeting Postponed

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Monday 5th April 2021)**- The Executive Committee of the St. Kitts Cricket Association has notified its membership that the biennial general meeting of the body which was originally scheduled for Tuesday 6th April 2021 has been postponed.

The governing body of the SKCA issued a release on April 2nd stating that it had passed a resolution the day prior to delay the meeting by seven days.

The Resolution read, in part, **"BE it resolved that a meeting of the St. Kitts Cricket Association Executive Body held on Thursday 1st April 2021, members requested that the Biennial General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 6th April 2021, be extended by one week."**

The highest decision-making body (the General meeting) of cricket St. Kitts is now set to meet on Tuesday 14th April, 2021.

The April 13 agenda will remain unchanged. The gathering will receive the president's report and a secretary's report along with a report on the financial accounts of the association in accordance with the provisions of the association's constitution.

Members present will also receive and deliberate on draft plans for the continued development of the association. These plans are expected to include presentations on the upcoming cricket calendar, the management of local facilities, rebuilding the status of local cricket, and ensuring there is effective stakeholder involvement.

The resolution was carried with the support of three-quarters of the members of the Executive Committee.



to increase food security.

"Increased production of local alternatives to traditional imports and value addition to provide healthy convenient options for consumers, can assist in reversing public health challenges and reduce the regional food import bill. Roots and tubers, particularly sweet potato and cassava, have been identified as areas of focus," he noted.

The project is in line with CDB's strategic priorities of supporting sustainable agriculture and rural development, as well as increasing food production in the Caribbean. It is also aligned with the Bank's regional objectives, which include promoting sustainable agricultural production; supporting the processing and consumption of safe, affordable, nutritious, high-quality Caribbean food; improving the efficiency and competitiveness of targeted value chains; and promoting greater investments in the agri-food sector.

# G. A. Dwyer Astaphan, Commentary

7 April, 2021

## Greetings:



### I'm Dwyer Astaphan in St. Kitts with this week's commentary.

Some weeks ago, I raised the matter of the Solar Energy Plant that is proposed for Needsmust, close to the present Government-owned Power Plant. The Solar Plant is to be owned and operated by a Swiss Company named Leclanche.

In relation to this project, we were told as follows:

- (i) that the solar plant would be located on about 102 acres of land to be leased to Leclanche by the Government;
- (ii) that Leclanche would operate the project for 20 years with an option for a 5-year extension;
- (iii) that the plant's capacity would be about 36 megawatts;
- (iv) that an Environmental Impact Assessment and a Geotechnical Analysis had been done in 2019;
- (v) that Leclanche would store the electricity generated (Leclanche is really a storage company) and sell electricity to the Government, and the Government would, in turn, sell it to you and me; and
- (vi) that the cost of the project was US\$70 million, but there would be no cost to the Government.

We were further told that the full capitalization of the project, in a combination of debt and equity, would be provided by Leclanche and that it would cover the project's capital costs and financing.

We were also told by Leclanche that they don't disclose their costs or operating margins, which means that the taxpayers, the citizens and residents, the voters of this country must not know how much Leclanche is making out of St. Kitts- although, however, we do know that it is expected to be a lot according to what Leclanche's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Anil Srivastava says.

Can you imagine the audacity of any company, worse so a foreign company, being invited with open arms to be part of our utility industry, an industry which, in the public interest, especially as a monopoly, needs to be regulated, and telling us that we have no business in their costs or margins. Even worse so yet, a company which needs St. Kitts to survive! We don't need them; they need us.

Arrogance and audacity at its colonialist, imperialist worst!

We, as the general public, were not given a breakdown of the US\$70 million cost valuation for the project. Research indicates that building out a solar energy plant of this scale could cost about US\$1 million per megawatt, so, using that yardstick, a 36-megawatt project would cost about US\$36 million, which is a lot less than US\$70 million. In fact, it's just over half of US\$70 million. So we must be given a breakdown of

the costs. How did it get to US\$70 million?

I'm not accusing, just asking.

And I'll come back to that US\$70 million a bit later in this commentary.

We were also not told what was in the Environmental Impact Assessment or in the Geotechnical Analysis. Don't we have the right to know? But we have fallen asleep to the issues that matter, while we allow ourselves to be distracted from these life issues by less important things, mentally and physically managed and manipulated as we are.

We were also not told how much rent Leclanche would pay for the 102 acres.

Further, we were not told, that after 20-25 years, much of the plant would have to be replaced, although a little research would reveal that to us. So after, say, 25 years, the deal is over, Leclanche walk away with their pockets filled with profits made from us, and we have to start all over again with no money in our hands.

It's like paying rent. After 25 years, you walk away, owning nothing.

We were also not told what concessions Leclanche will be getting in addition to what may be a very gentle land rental. So for all we know, Leclanche may be in a position of great comfort and assurance that the high profits that they are predicting for the St. Kitts project will be tax free.

So we are giving these people from Switzerland and Canada and elsewhere the opportunity to make big profits out of us, as our Government puts poor SKELEC in as the middleman, and so jack up costs to us more than we should be paying. We are giving them a free pass to continue the colonial game plan which is to control the resources of our homeland.

I wonder what Robert Bradshaw, or Marcus Garvey, or Bob Marley or Washington Archibald would say about this.

What is the Chamber of Industry & Commerce saying? Don't they have an opinion? Wouldn't their members be keen to invest in this project, and collect annual dividends? What about the other stakeholders? What's happening here, has the cat got their tongues?

Leclanche are looking to us, the people of little St. Kitts to take them out of the red. And while they turn from 'debt red' to 'dollar green' off our backs, we stay stuck on amber, like the street lights which are cropping up in town just hundreds of yards away from each other. We are kept out of the board room. We are kept away from receiving dividends from a solar energy enterprise on our land, soaking up the rays of our sun.

For me it's an ugly picture, and if allowed to stand, it will be etched forever in history as a blemish on those who govern today and on those of us who choose to remain silent about it.

I must say that I've been listening to SKELEC workers; and all who have spoken with me have said that they are against this move, and that they want the business to be locally owned with them and other citizens and residents of St. Kitts & Nevis being able to buy shares in it. I've gotten similar feedback from other public sector employees. And also from private sector workers. And also from some business owners. But people are afraid of being victimized.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: If this deal goes through, the project needs to be nationalized, then corporatized for the people of this country to own shares in it along with the Government. And that will happen, one way or the other. It has to! Because this is wrong!

Isn't it odd that while our people advocate and fight for reparation from Europe, our decision makers are busy bailing out business people from the same Europe from where reparation is demanded, at our expense.

**History in reverse!**

This is not energy independence for our people, Mr. Prime Minister. And it is certainly no partnership, Mr. Srivastava.

Pretty soon, folks will need to consider demanding reparation from our leaders as well, because it's not Leclanche making this decision that will block and deprive us for at least the next 20-25 years; it's our leaders.

Come to think about it, ultimately, it's not our leaders: It's us! If we allow it, we are to blame. Those of us who are around 20-25 years from now, how will you justify your lack of action to your children and grandchildren?

Meanwhile, why were we not told, even before Leclanche came into the picture, that the Government was contemplating turning to renewable energy (which is a good thing), and why were we not given the opportunity, as citizens-human, corporate and institutional- to invest in this new source of energy, which, after all, is a vital national security asset on which the stability and sustainability of our economy and society depend?

Now some research into Leclanche shows that in 2015, they incurred an operating loss of about US\$38 million; in 2016, they lost about US\$40 million; in 2017, they lost about US\$41 million; in 2018, they lost about US\$55 million; and in 2019, they lost about US\$89 million. So for five straight years they operated in the red, below the line, incurring heavy losses, totalling about US\$263 million, and over US\$300 million since 2012. That's just about the entire budget of the Government of this Federation. And more debt than the national debt of this country.

In 2019, Leclanche's cash reserve was about US\$1.6 million, which is less cash than some of you have in your private bank accounts.

So why did the Government bypass the people of this country, and our institutions, and open the colonial door to entrepreneurs from Switzerland and Mississauga, Ontario, Canada? And as if that's not enough cause for concern, did our Government do its research before signing an agreement with Leclanche?

So let's now deal with the US\$70 million. Apart from the need for this sum to be broken down and explained, we are now being told that Leclanche have received funding for several matters, one of which is the St. Kitts Solar Plant.

One of the problems with this funding is that while we are told that the project is a US\$70 million project, the funding that Leclanche is getting is only US\$63 million in total, and only some of that is to be allocated to the St. Kitts project. So suppose, for example, US\$40 million is for the St. Kitts project, where what appears to be a relatively impecunious Leclanche get the remaining US\$30 million to complete the project?

We already see projects undertaken since 2015 that have had cost overruns and some haven't even been completed. I don't need to name them. You all know them. And we've been given no explanations as to the over runs and failure to complete on schedule. So it is difficult to imagine any further explanations being forthcoming on this Solar project.

This means that it is you, the people, who have to use your power to get the information that you need so that you can influence the decisions taken by your leaders.

A good example of voter and consumer power is being played out in the USA right now. In some States, officials are pushing to make it harder for people to vote.

So what are people doing? They are telling the corporations such as Coca Cola, Delta Airlines, Home Depot, IBM, etc., massive corporations and not-so-

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**DR. KENNEDY ALPHONSE  
SIMMONDS, DR. DENZIL  
LLEWELLYN DOUGLAS, DR.  
TIMOTHY SYLVESTER HARRIS,  
PRIME MINISTERS: PART (23)**



**By: Earle Clarke**

*“Every trustworthy Leader’s word, is supposed to be his bond, but, when that Leader has lost the trust, the confidence and the respect of the people whom he Leads, his word becomes like chaff in the wind, worthless, weightless and of no repute!” Kennedy Earle Clarke:*

**Dear Reader**, my departed grandmother used to say, *“A leopard never changes its spots. Were it to do so, it would never be a leopard? Once a person has betrayed all those who have assisted him on his journey through life, that person is a TRAITOR and no one befriending him could ever believe that they would be the exception to the rule and would not be BETRAYED as well, because a TRAITOR IS A TRAITOR, IS A TRAITOR and will forever be a TRAITOR! It is in their DNA and they cannot help being who and what they are. Just like how a leopard cannot change its spots, so it is with them. Anything that they do or say, would have to be taken with a grain of salt.”*

Life is really strange and full of surprises; when Dr. Denzil Douglas the Leader of the LABOUR PARTY in office, defied his Cabinet Colleagues and allowed Dr. Timothy Harris to travel abroad to complete his Doctoral Degree with FULL MINISTERIAL PAY, PAM and its supporters howled at the actions taken by the Leader. They were asking why with FULL PAY, when Civil Servants on study leave receive 3/4ths pay? It is interestingly surprising now that the same PAM and their supporters who balked (resisted) the idea, are now hand in gloves with the same Dr. Timothy Harris. Is it because, through his Treachery, they have been rescued from the political wilderness where they were languishing (growing weak) for nigh some 20 live long years?

It is often times said that a drowning man grasp at a straw to save his life and did PAM had to swallow its vomit (its attack on Dr. Harris the Labour man) and cling firmly for green death unto the same Labour man for saving them from a life time in the same political wilderness? When you are frantic eh and, when all hope seems to be gone, the drifting straw floating on the currents of the ocean, is grasp at and becomes a life-saver. The world we live in today, is chock-full (overflowing) with surprises and we should not allow our blood pressure to be raised, when we see certain events unfolding. SWORN ENEMIES YESTERDAY, BOSOM FRIENDS AND PALS TODAY! My granny would simply have said, ‘The longer you live, the more you see!’

Those of us who heard the GUEST SPEAKER from Trinidad at the PLP Convention on Saturday 27th March, has to conclude that she either had to be given (spoon fed, tutored that speech by

Dr. Harris who wanted to back-track on his TWO-TERM PROMISE for any Leader of the Federation.

Was Dr. Timothy Harris going to tender his resignation as the representative for Constituency #7 after serving his TWO-TERMS as Leader of the PLP and the Government, to allow Brother Shawn Richards to take over the Leadership of the Federation? Could anyone envisage (expect) Dr. Timothy Harris stepping down as Leader of the country and running again, after winning his seat, to become a “SMALL BOY, ORDINARY MINISTER” under Prime Minister Brother Shawn Richards? Is this why it is being shoo-shooed (spoken silently, in hushed tones), that the reason why he brought this particular Guest Speaker who referred to Dr. Denzil Douglas as A GALLOPING DICTATOR, was to subtly introduce the THIRD TERM CONCEPT (IDEA)? His intention was to TEST the Political waves to see if they would become rough, unacceptable and unmanageable?

If what I have stated is the case (and could somebody please to correct me after analyzing and parsing the situation), it goes to show that the man’s word is not his bond. That he cannot be trusted. That he is a professional user of people to gain prominence (the state of being important or

famous) and that he would back, back(retreat) from any promise made to anyone, once it does not favour him. Yes! Dr. Harris knows that he is riddled with Scandal after Scandal, since taking Office as Leader of the Federation, but “NOT ONE OF THEM DARE TO RAISE A CANDLE OF CORRECTION UP TO HIM,” for ALL have sinned and come woefully short of the Glory!

EVERY ONE OF THEM is TARRED with the BRUSH of CORRUPTION! Dr. Harris knows that he has them staked out where he wants them and not one of them dare to pull up that stake. What a sordid plight the Federation is in today? Did you hear what the Guest Speaker say, “ALL of them are equal.” That there is no senior party in the mirage? That ALL are on the same level? In as much as some of them detested that statement, there is not one thing that they can do about it, for they would be terribly stupid and foolish to rock the boat. Dear reader, we have a professional, pathological Liar in charge of the Federation whose word cannot be accepted locally, regionally, internationally. Our Federation’s Reputation is being dragged in the dust. Nobody respects us!

You hear our Prime Minister voicing to the world that Dr. Denzil Douglas led the country into DEBT as if it is a disgrace to be in DEBT? If you the reader find yourself in a crisis and you need to conquer or overcome that crisis, don’t you or won’t you borrow monies from a Bank, from Courts, from TDC Financial Service. Don’t we hear over the airwaves or watch on TV advertisements from those Financial Institutions encouraging you to come and borrow monies to build, to go on vacation, to do anything you want to do readily? In 1995 when Dr. Douglas had taken over the Federation from the PAM ADMINISTRATION which left some DEBT after the 1989 Hurricane Hugo visit to the Federation.

As if to TEST the New Leader’s IMPREGNABLE METTLE, St. Kitts was visited by FIVE HURRICANES - Iris, Luis, Marilyn, Opal, Roxanne, in 1998, there was Hurricane Georges (category 5) then, as if Dr. Douglas was not TESTED enough, Anti-Man Hurricane Lennie visited in 1999, flooding out The Social Security Building and causing great devastation to the whole of Basseterre as that Hurricane came from the WEST. The Country had to be rebuilt, because Anti-Man Lennie came in the midst of the TOURIST SEASON (November) and the country had to be readied to welcome the Tourists!

When the Damage from these Hurricanes was assessed, PAM Leaders urged International Funding Agencies not to respect the ASSESSMENTS made by the New Labour Government. Was this not HIGH TREASON, hitting a person below the belt when he was unable to defend himself? LABOUR did not do the same when the island was devastated by the 1989 Hurricane Hugo visit? The USA is INDEBTED (OWE) to Hong Kong \$142.7 billion: Belgium 143.7 billion: Luxemburg 144.7 billion: Russia 162.9 billion: Switzerland 172.7 billion: Taiwan 196.6 billion: Brazil 252.4 billion: Japan 1.12 trillion: China 1.26 trillion: It isn’t St. Kitts alone which owed money. By the way, wasn’t Dr. Timothy Harris a part of the LABOUR PARTY, when those monies were borrowed? HYPOCRITE!!!!

**G. A. Dwyer Astaphan,  
Commentary**

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massive ones, that if the corporations do not take a stand against this move by government officials to suppress voting, the voters will boycott those corporations.

And guess what is happening. The corporations are responding to the voters and speaking out against the actions of these government officials. The corporations don’t want to

lose business.

That is real pushback, and it is noble and correct action that’s being taken by the voters and consumers.

Do we have the backbone to use our power, as the people of this country, to guide the governance of our affairs in the right direction insofar as our collective interests are concerned? Or are we going to continue being weak hearts,

grumblers and mumblers?

This move to solar power is the right move. But it is being done the wrong way. It is going against the grain of history. It is feeding and empowering those from whom reparations are being sought, and marginalizing and depriving those who seek and deserve reparations, compliments of an Administration that is supposed to defend, protect and promote the best interests of the victims, not the perpetrators.

In short, this deal is bad for you, but good for Leclanche.

**LIQUOR LICENCES  
ORDIANANCES, 1906  
SCHEDULE A**

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

I, Jamesy Greenaway now residing in the George Street, New Town in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of July, 2021 to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in North Independence Square Street in Basseterre in St. Kitts.

Dated this  
16th day of March, 2021.  
Signed: Jamesy Greenaway

**LIQUOR LICENCES  
ORDIANANCES, 1906  
SCHEDULE A**

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

I, Shervin Bergan (B’s Bar) now residing in West Farm Project in the village of West Farm in the town of Basseterre, do hereby give you notice that is my intention to apply on 02nd day of July, 2021 to the District Magistrate at Dieppe Bay for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in West Farm Project, in West Farm.

Dated this  
06th day of April, 2021.  
Signed: S. Bergan

# HIGHPOINT

## Bring Back Sports Season!

Submitted: 6th April 2021

Sports is an integral part of our culture in St. Kitts and Nevis. The comradery, the excitement, the bragging rights, fills the atmosphere from February-April. The sports season came to an end in March 2020; since then, it has yet to be resumed.

Parents are crying out.

Athletes are crying out.

Coaches & officials are crying out.

Everyone is asking, "What happen to sports... What happen to sports?"

There has been no logical explanation to the people of St.

Kitts and Nevis why the sports season is at a standstill to this day. This pandemic is robbing the children of their youthful days and memories in school. The children in their first and last year of school aren't being allowed to experience the thrill of representing their colour house and showcasing their talent in hope that they would go further and represent their school.

Why is it that permission is being granted for other activities that involve people from different households mixing and mingling, but inter-school, inter-primary and the regular sports day activities cannot be hosted? The silly reason being given that it's for the children's safety does not make sense to the common man, when the very parents of these children are mixing and mingling daily. The very teachers of these children are mixing and mingling, so why is it that they fear hosting a sports day or interschool would risk the spreading of the virus? What virus? - is what many individuals are asking. How can we spread something that is not present in our communities, in our country? People are allowed to party so why can't we have our regular sporting activities?

It leaves one to wonder if the risk of community spread is only relative to certain events and activities. Is it not possible for a community spread during a convention or a party hosted by one of the "elites"? Why must the children suffer at the hands of individuals who are abusing their power and using the pandemic as a mechanism to control the populace?

Some of these children see sports as their way to advance themselves and secure an opportunity for a scholarship overseas. How would they be able to run at their full capacity if they are not competing? How would they be recognized if they are not on the track competing? The Ministry of Sports has failed the children miserably and something must be done.

In the same light, some of the vendors that usually sell at these sporting events were unable to generate any income. How is that you complain about the economy failing because of tourism and persons losing their jobs because of the pandemic, but you fail to realize that you are also the cause of locals losing revenue? It may not be hundreds of thousands of dollars, but the income generated from the sporting events is beneficial to the vendor, the deejay, the graphic designer, the trophy makers. The schools have also suffered from the lack of sporting activities as sports day is usually one of the biggest fundraisers.

So, while the government campaigns for citizens to be vaccinated because the tourism industry cannot sustain itself in the current conditions, they must also remember that they are the ones imposing strict restrictions on individuals in a country that is "covid-free". Thus, creating confusion in the minds of the sensible-thinking citizens. The children need their fair share, and they need it now. Bring back the sports season!

## SPORTS

# Local Track Development Continues Despite COVID-Related Challenges

By: Spokesman Newsroom



President of St. Kitts and Nevis Athletics (SKNA) Delwayne Delaney

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 9th April 2021)- President of St. Kitts and Nevis Athletics (SKNA), Delwayne Delaney, in an interview with this media house, has outlined that track and field continues to find ways to thrive and survive during these new and uncertain times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

February to April is traditionally track and field season in St Kitts and Nevis. Our schools would have started heats and cross-country running in February ahead of their sports days. This is customarily followed by primary schools' championships and the high schools' interschool track and field championships along with the selection of a national team to participate in annual the CARIFTA Games.

2021 has not been a normal year for many including St. Kitts and Nevis Athletics, the national co-ordinating body of track and field in the federation.

Delaney spoke to the setbacks his association currently faces

in the organisation of the sport. He said that as a result of COVID-19 related setbacks, "local track and field lovers have not been able to experience the glory of sport displayed by our athletes."

He went out to recount how gate receipts and sponsorship assistance from the annual meets have not been available to the association and as such, there has been a significant decline in revenue. However, the SKNA continues unwaveringly to pursue the development of national track and field athletes.

Delaney outlined that all is not lost for the annual CARIFTA Games. The organisers of the regions premiere track and field event are looking forward to hosting the games in Bermuda this August.

When asked if there would be any scheduling or other conflicts with the delayed Olympic Games which as set for summer 2021, he gave assurance that the August window would be the best option and there would no conflicts.

Delaney outlined that the SKNA has started hosting a number of Challenge Series for the development of athletes.

The challenge series, he said, "are improvements on the traditional development meets. Through the Challenge Series, athletes compete on a regular basis for points. We have seen great turnout to these events with average participation ranging between 80 and 100 athletes."

The local athletics chief administrator went on to outline how the different challenge series, which were held in January and March 2021, have built enthusiasm in athletes despite the times. He said, "All track clubs participate in the Challenge Series. Each of the clubs are actively working with their athletes."

He went on to disclose that another Challenge Series event is on the cards for Sunday 11th April at the National Kim Collins Stadium.

According to him, the association is also feverishly planning to correct the situation where currently track fans are missing out on seeing our local athletes perform.

"In May and June, we will be hosting our premiere national junior and national senior events. We want these events to be streamed live that the fans can enjoy local track and field," Delaney said. He disclosed that the national senior event is already slated for Sunday 13th June.

Delaney believes that the SKNA has what it takes to become a more robust and resilient organisation. He also holds the view that with the participation, support and overall understanding of the general public, local track and field will continue to rise.

"Times are unnormal yes but we continue to solicit the continued support of the public, as we work together for the benefit of track and field in Saint Kitts and Nevis."

The SKNA is an association of ten local track and field clubs. Six clubs (the Outer Limits Track Club, the Extreme Velocity Track Club, the Pacesetters Track Club, the Fast Twitch Track Club, the Etonics Track Club, and the Trailblazers Track Club) are based on Saint Kitts. Three clubs (the A-1 Titans Track Club, the Gladiators Track Club, and the Over-the-Top Track Club) are based on Nevis. One club (the Elite Performance Track Club) represents national athlete normally residing abroad.

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TRADES & LABOUR UNION**

# QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND BRAGGING RIGHTS

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

From the time the Labour Party was invited to be a part of the COVID-19 Task Force, we all knew that the vaccine rollout was not rolling out as all the boasting was suggesting. And if that invitation did not convince us, this threat to pass the mandatory COVID-19 vaccine law should be all the proof we need.

After bragging about having the best rollout in the Caribbean, we are now hearing that the government is prepared to follow the lead of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, a country that has vaccinated 10.6% of its population and enact legislation forcing everyone to take the COVID-19 vaccine.

For how the government spokesperson was talking, no one would have ever had reason to think that help would have been needed from the opposition. Even more unbelievable would have been the idea that legislation would have had to be enacted to get people to take the COVID-19 vaccine.

All this chest beating, all this boasting that we have the best everything has come back to bite us in the arse. We had the best stimulus package. We had the best vaccine rollout. We were the best at keeping out the virus. All anyone was hearing about SKN in relation to COVID-19 was that we were the best.

But "ordinary" people knew differently. The stimulus package was nothing but an election package. It was such a struggle to qualify for the \$1000.00 stimulus and an even bigger struggle to actually collect a stimulus check.

We are on the ground. We knew that we, the "ordinary" people were not lining up to take the vaccine. A

certain set of people recognized that too and that they alone would never be enough to achieve the herd immunity and began plotting ways in which we would be forced to get vaccinated.

Anybody who has been following the utterances and the social media posts of a certain set of people should not be surprised at the recent pronouncements of the "O" man.

It is obvious that this certain set of people have told him that they gave him a second chance and he has to deliver for them. They are struggling. Their lifestyles have had to change drastically and the vaccine is the answer.

They, like the rest of us have concluded that either the surplus after surplus after surplus is being put up for a special occasion or money nuh dey.

We all know that we have to open up for the tourists to come. But we know the "O" man. He beat COVID-19. No deaths. Very few hospitalizations. The best quarantine system. The "O" man is not ready to lose those bragging rights.

But which tourist is coming here to spend two weeks in quarantine? Especially if they were only coming for a week. And if it's Carnival these people want to keep in order to sell all the 50th anniversary memorabilia that they already invested heavily in, or to have those fancy events that ordinary people like us like to attend, again, to them, the vaccine is the answer.

But with all the pushback that this latest threat is getting, how will herd immunity be achieved is the million dollar question? Or is it the \$800,000.00 question?



By Vigilante

\* De GM a de business people dem tell Humpty Dumpty dat he is de biggest big stone dey ever meet. And dey giving him one month to get de rollout to roll out otherwise he gon see how barley grow.

\* Dey say dat Humpty Dumpty get he sibling in de money place to tell de worker dem dat if dey ain't tek de ting, dey will go home until further notice.

\* He tell de board in de other money place dat dey must tell de worker dem dat if dey ain't tek de ting dey gon run dem home.

Mable other half on de war part since de young man gone go live wid de baby mama. Through dat, she mek all who ain't appointed tek de ting and who ain't tek it, she get dem transfer.

\* Is two young man get kill since de witch from dung south say how she get all de gun dem from off de road. People want to know if is she who bring dem.

\* People want to know if peace on and all de gun dem off de road, what all dem police was doing wid all dem long gun by de holy place.

\* Dey say dat de frilly mout deputy say dat he not idling wid de wicked witch and who ever it is dat bring her. He got he shirt dem and enough money so dey will see who got de "O".

\* Humpty Dumpty say dat anybody who say dat de injection money in de mansion, de same lawyer dem he talking to now is de same lawyer dem gon represent him.

\* People want to know how dey ain't fix de health place roof when dey did fixing people roof dat never need fixing. Dey say through de nurse dem had to running up and dung looking for bucket and mop, dey say all 12 o'clock de patient dem ain't get breakfast yet.

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A look of Bank Of Nevis Limited branch located on Fort Street in the vicinity of The Circus ahead of the official ribbon-cutting (SKNIS photo)

# Bank of Nevis Comes to Basseterre

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 7th April 2021)-With a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on Tuesday 6th April 2021, after 35 years of operation, The Bank of Nevis officially showcased establishing its first branch in St.Kitts' capital of Basseterre at premises once owned by Royal Bank of Canada on Fort Street in the vicinity of The Circus.

That morning's opening ceremony was highlighted with remarks by Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris, Premier Mark Brantley, Central Bank Governor Timothy Antoine and Bank of Nevis's Board Chairman Laurie Lawrence among others.

Each speaker in his own way extolled the humble beginnings of the bank and its starting share capital of \$250,000 (XCD) and that the bank is a symbol of the economic independence of the federation.

In an interview with this media house, Premier Brantley described the Bank of Nevis as "A quintessential Nevisian institution" which has grown in leaps and bounds. He commented on Tuesday's



Officials pose for a photo following the ribbon-cutting (SKNIS photo)



Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Dr. Timothy Harris (Left) seen with Sheila Daniel (widow of the late Premier of Nevis and National Hero Sir Simeon Daniel who was the brainchild of the Bank of Nevis) seen following the ribbon cutting (SKNIS Photo)



Opposition Leader and former Prime Minister Dr. Denzil L. Douglas share a moment with Sheila Daniel (widow of the late Premier of Nevis and National Hero Sir Simeon Daniel who was the brainchild of the Bank of Nevis) seen following the ribbon cutting (SKNIS Photo)

opening to have been "the culmination of a long-held dream of the late great Simeon Daniel who saw great things happening."

The Premier spoke glowingly of the bank's expansion from only five ( 5) employees at the start in 1985 to its present complement over 140 staff members and an asset base growth to now over \$1.5 billion (XCD).

"This expansion should be commended and I wish the institution every success," Premier Brantley concluded.

On hand to cut the ribbon at Tuesday's opening ceremony was Lady Sheila Daniel, widow of the late Premier Daniel. The visibly elated Lady Sheila present to see another facet of her husband's social and economic vision blossom and bring fruit.

The Bank of Nevis offers a full range of banking services which include ATM services, online banking, brokerage services, merchant services and foreign exchange purchases and sales.

The bank is guided by the motto, "Improving the Quality of Life."

Before Tuesday's opening, the Bank of Nevis offered a comprehensive range of banking services primarily to Nevis-based clientele.

The bank's work on Nevis helped to promote the vision of the island's first premier, Simeon Daniel, who rallied others to incorporate the bank on August 29, 1985.

## Police Investigating Incident In Which Two Men Were Injured

Basseterre, St. Kitts, April 05, 2021 (RSCNPF): The Police are investigating an incident in which two men were injured.

Vincent Francis and Darren Caines, both of whom are from St. Paul's, were taken to the Pogson Medical Centre after being involved in an altercation in their village.

The Police responded to a report of a wounding sometime after 11 a.m. on April 02, 2021. Preliminary investigations so far have revealed that Caines

wounded Francis to his head with what appeared to be a knife. Francis then injured Caines on his hand and foot with a machete. Caines was treated and discharged at the Pogson Medical Centre. Francis was transferred to the J.N.F. General Hospital for further medical attention where he was kept for observation.

He has since been discharged. Police investigations into the matter are ongoing.

Persons with information regarding this incident are asked to contact the Criminal Investigation Department in District "B" by dialling 465-7261.

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