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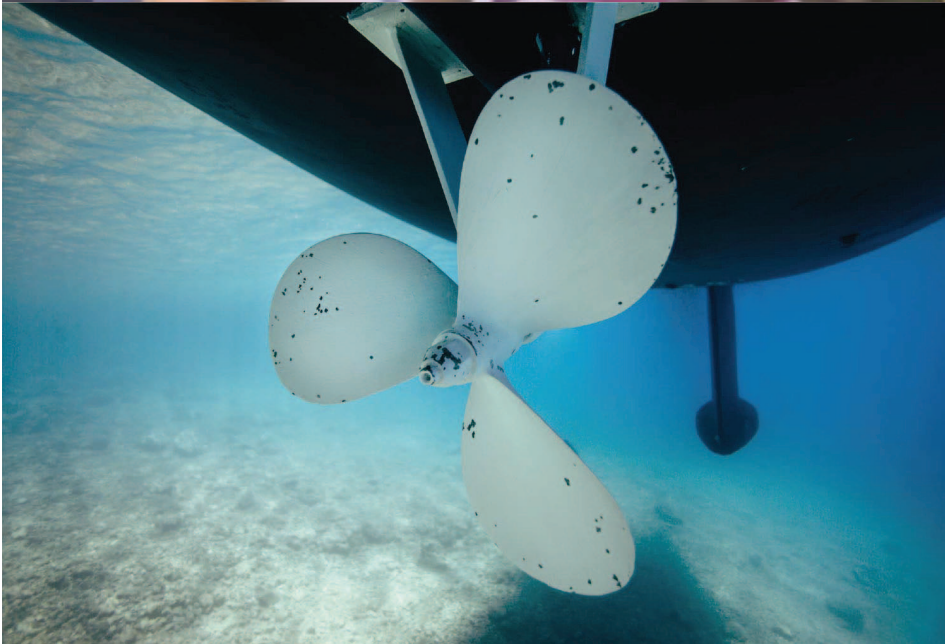
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Editorial

DOMESTIC WORKERS ARE WORKERS TOO!

The St.Kitts- Nevis Trades and Labour Union is looking forward to the upcoming International Workers' Day (Labour Day)-observed on first Monday in May- because it is a special occasion for workers all around the world including right here in the Federation of St.Kitts and Nevis.

It is a widely celebrated observation which spotlights the economic and social achievements of workers, and of course the various labour movements around the globe are recognised for having been the movers and shakers in championing the cause of the workers in fighting for the rights and well-being of workers.

Today, the fight continues. Infact, the role of working for workers is an ongoing relationship focused on seeing to the welfare and interest of all workers at all times.

In general, the SKNT&LU is encouraging workers of the Federation to join the organisation.

A special call at this time is being made to all domestic workers to join the SKNT&LU, especially those who are employed in households as caregivers providing for clients. You cook, you clean, you wash and more, and so we want to give you a helping hand in protecting your rights.

Employers, we want to talk with you too.

Simply put, a domestic worker is an individual who works in the homes of others for pay such as caregivers and cleaners. Hence, the employer is the person whom a domestic worker works for.

Instantly, many of us can bring to mind a family member or friend who fits this work category whether they are full time or part time and local or migrant. Perhaps, some of you are even employers.

Dear reader, how do you view domestic workers in general? Do you respect that domestic work is work?

In October 2022, at our annual conference, a resolution was

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

CLAIM NO: NEVHCV2009/0063

BETWEEN:

FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL
BANK (CAYMAN) LIMITED

Applicant

and

[1] RANDI HENRIKSEN

[2] ERIK KNUT HANSEN

Respondents

NOTICE OF FILING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Applicant, FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (CAYMAN) LIMITED, has on March 21, 2023 filed an Order dated March 7, 2023 and a Notice of Sale by Public Auction dated March 28, 2023.

The said Order and Notice of Sale by Public Auction can also be accessed by a formal search conducted at the Registry of the High Court, Prince William Street, Charlestown, Nevis with respect to the captioned High Court matter, opening hours being Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

passed to have a Domestic Workers section.

Earlier that month in October, SKNT&LU General Secretary Precious Mills attended a five-day conference event organised jointly by the International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF) and Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) and was hosted by the Jamaica Household Workers Union (JHWU).

'Caribbean Conference: Investing in Decent Work for Domestic Workers, Ratification and Implementation of C189 and C190' was the event theme. Notably, C190 addresses workplace violence and harassment.

Guyana, St.Lucia, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago were among the participating countries at that conference.

Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada and Guyana are among countries that ratified C189 by September 2022.

Although much debate can be had about the need to update the existing labour laws in St.Kitts-Nevis, at present our Federation has pieces of legislation which speaks to domestic

workers. For example as found in the Domestic Worker Order 2005 and Protection of Employment Act. However, this is not enough and so the St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union commits to championing the cause of domestic workers by joining other countries around the world including in the Caribbean region such as Jamaica, Antigua and Barbuda as well as Grenada in lobbying the government to have ILO (International Labour Organization) Convention 189 (The Domestic Workers' Convention) ratified. It is our Union's interest to see that C189 is not just ratified on paper as an agreement but implemented thus ensuring the government's full commitment.

Those standards which domestic workers deserve as pointed out previously are actually among the minimum standards which C189 sets out.

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Senior College Lecturer Points At Importance Of Trade Union Recognition In Region

By: Precious Mills

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 19th April 2023)- “...if we understand fundamentally that the introduction of trade unionism in the Caribbean was a battle won on the streets and a battle where blood was shed; where workers put their lives down then we must protect that right to representation, [and that right] to recognition, religiously.”

So said Senior Lecturer at the Labour Studies Department at the Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies (CCLCS) Atkins Vidal during a virtual session hosted by the college on the recognition procedure for trade unions in Trinidad and Tobago- held on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

The St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union (SKNT&LU) representatives President Syndey Bridgewater, General Secretary Precious Mills and Assistant General Secretary Gwenedene Pemberton attended the Zoom platform session which saw other representatives from various workers’ unions around the Caribbean region.

As understood from information shared by the Elma Francois Institute for Research & Debate

CCLCS: “In a 2017 judgment, Justice Margaret Mohammed of the High Court, quashed the Recognition Certificate granted to the Banking, Insurance and General Workers Union (BIGWU) for approximately 2000 RCB workers. In 2018, the Court of Appeal (Trinidad & Tobago) dismissed an appeal by the Registration, Recognition and Certification Board (RRCB) and BIGWU to challenge this judgment.

It was further stated that: “The judgment of both the Court of Appeal & the High Court earlier must be considered extremely significant, if not a landmark one, as it challenges the well-established process by which the RRCB usually grants recognition in Trinidad and Tobago. The issue of recognition procedure is fundamental to the establishment and validity of trade unions and therefore this can potentially present an impediment to a worker’s right to join a trade union.”

Vidal, in his presentation, pointing that the importance of understanding the history of recognition remarked: “There is no confusion among any of us here that trade union busting is a real thing, and every day the trade union is fighting to maintain the membership that it has and at the same time, there is a simultaneous battle to be gain recognition for new workers and and have an expanded base but if your expansion of your base, that process is [challenged] and you have a situation where workers are leaving faster than join then over a period of time without anyone doing anything to the movement, it would just disappear because you would just not be able to recruit members faster than your losing members and especially in Trinidad and Tobago we’ve had in the last 2 or 3 years, serious attacks on the movement in terms of retrenchment and layoffs which is a serious serious issue that the trade union movement I know has at the forefront of the work that they’re doing and that is why I think the turnout and registration process has been so good for this exercise because people understand how serious it is.”

Vidal went on to give historical context of the subject matter saying: “One of the challenges is that you might not think that this

recognition process is not so important. For us in the Caribbean, our experience is very different from Europe, different from North America and even Latin America in terms of recognition of trade unions.”

He added: “At the end of the period of enslavement throughout the British West Indies, there was a series of laws passed called the combination laws, and this is 1838 to 1840 which made trade unions illegal; which made any assembly of workers to organize and collaborate tier own interest; any kind of practice like that was illegal. It took one hundred years for that process, for that situation to be overturned. So, with the exception of Jamaica and Guyana and even here in Trinidad and Tobago and a few other states in the 20th century, there was some leniency if you will but that Trade union legislation of the 20th century did not trade the modern day labour movement because it still included in it prohibitions to striking which is one of the most fundamental tools of the trade union movement. So, it was not until the actions of the trade union movement in the 1930s that you have a formal acceptance by the colonial authorities that the introduction of trade unionism was inevitable that they could no

longer deny workers their rights to representation.”

The Labour Studies lecturer went on to say: “And so if we understand fundamentally that the introduction of trade unionism in the Caribbean was a battle won on the streets and a battle where blood was shed; where workers put their lives down then we must protect that right to representation, [and the right]to recognition, religiously. And so, in instances like this when we’re being attacked... where the [ruling] puts the union at a disadvantage, [focus] in addressing that must be top priority for us.”

According to him, that session is one of a few steps.

As understood, coming out of that session the college is prepared to put together a paper which would show the “comparison across the region for the mechanism of trade union recognition which we would then circulate to all members because we find that while we think Trinidad and Tobago represents a worst case scenario, there could still be lessons for other comrades to learn in terms of recognition of trade unions in the region.”

Vidal outlined that the second aspect would be an in-person session on the 4th of May, which other comrades are free to attend. He stated also that part of the paper to be presented would include bullet points that comrades would have agreed to for the policy position to put to the government for changing the legislation on the issue of recognition.

Front Page Image: Senior Lecturer at the Labour Studies Department at the Cipriani College of Labour and Co-operative Studies (CCLCS) Atkins Vidal seen while speaking a virtual session hosted by the college on the recognition procedure for trade unions in Trinidad and Tobago- held on Tuesday 18th April 2023. (Spokesman Screenshot-Youtube.com/Elma Francois Institute)



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

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Applicant

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[2] HARALD NAESS

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UN warns against 'vampiric' global water use



IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES

By Marita Moloney

BBC News

A United Nations report has warned of a looming global water crisis and an “imminent risk” of shortages due to overconsumption and climate change.

The world is “blindly travelling a dangerous path” of “vampiric overconsumption and overdevelopment”, the report says.

Its publication comes before the first major UN water summit since 1977.

Thousands of delegates will attend the three-day gathering in New York which begins on Wednesday.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres says water, “humanity’s lifeblood”, is being drained by “unsustainable water use, pollution and unchecked global warming”.

The report, published by UN Water and Unesco, warns that “scarcity is becoming endemic” because of overconsumption and pollution, while global warming will increase seasonal water shortages in both areas with abundant water and those already strained.

Richard Connor, the lead author of the report, said that about 10% of the global

population “currently lives in areas that are high or critical water stress”.

“In our report, we say that up to 3.5 billion people live under conditions of water stress at least one month a year,” he told the BBC.

According to the most recent UN climate report, published Monday by the IPCC expert panel, “roughly half of the world’s population currently experience severe water scarcity for at least part of the year”.

Mr Connor told reporters that “uncertainties are increasing” when it comes to global water supply.

“If we don’t address it, there definitely will be a global crisis,” he said.

UNDP Associate Administrator Usha Rao Monari told the BBC that resources would need to be managed more carefully in the future.

“There is enough water on the planet if we manage it more effectively than we have managed it over the last few decades,” she said.

“I think we will have to find new governance models, new finance models, new models of using water and reusing water than ever before. I think that technology and innovation will play a very large role in looking at how to manage the water sector and the use of water.”

The summit, co-hosted by the governments of Tajikistan and the Netherlands, will gather some 6,500 participants, including 100 ministers and a dozen heads of state and government.

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ISLAND OF NEVIS

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19

A.D. 2023

ACT OF SEIZURE

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MEN THAT, by virtue of powers on me conferred by ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LTD, a Company duly incorporated under the Laws of the Federation of St Christopher and Nevis and having its head office at Central Street, Basseterre, St Kitts.

I, C. John Arthurton II, Bailiff, on the 14th day of March, 2023 did proceed to the lands of CARLTON MEADE of Craddock Road, Charlestown, in the Island of Nevis, and there being at 9:40 clock on the day and date above written, did seize ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate in the parish of Saint Paul in the Island of Nevis and bounded as follows: On the North by land of Maggie Stoddart 41.5 feet; On the South by the Public Road 37.3 feet; On the East by lands of Moses Powell 167.0 feet and On the West by lands of James Smith 160.5 feet containing by admeasuring 833.1 square yards, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 7th day of January, 1964 and registered in the Register of Titles of Nevis Circuit Register Book 9 Folio 114, the said land to be held for sale in due course of law for non-payment of the sum of Four Hundred and Ninety-Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (**EC\$496,308.50**) (being \$130,275.86 as to the principal sum and \$366,032.64 as to interest thereon at the rate of 12.00 per cent per annum as at the 5th day of May 2022) plus interest accruing from the 6th day of May, 2022 until payment at the rate of 12.00% (twelve point zero percent) per annum which sum and interest are due to ST. KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED by virtue of Mortgage registered on the 18th day of July, 1997; and the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-Five Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (**EC\$370,165.38**) (being \$120,832.05 as to the principal sum and \$249,333.33 as to interest thereon at the rate of 11.50 per cent per annum as at the 5th day of May, 2022) plus interest accruing from the 6th day of May, 2022 until payment at the rate of 11.50% (eleven point five zero percent) per annum which sum and interest are due to ST. KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED by virtue of Mortgage registered on the 30th day of July, 1999.

Of which seizure I do, by this Act, give notice to you the said CARLTON MEADE, and to all concerned.

DONE by me in the Parish of St. Paul, in the Island of Nevis on the day and date above written, before and in the presence of the witness who subscribed this Act of Seizure with me.

C. John Arthurton II

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Done in the presence of:

Tulene Claxton
Senior Clerk
Registrar's Office
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Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis Receives Generous Donation from Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)



Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, April 20, 2023 (Press Secretary, PMO): The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) continues to strengthen bilateral relations with the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis through its yearly financial contributions to human development through various projects.

His Excellency Ambassador Michael Chau-Hong Lin, Resident Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to St. Kitts and Nevis, in a cheque handing over

ceremony held at the Prime Minister's Office on Thursday 20th April 2023, donated US\$1,500,000.00 (One Million, Five Hundred Thousand US Dollars) to the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew expressed his gratitude to Ambassador Lin stating, "I accept this generous donation with great

satisfaction and wish for you to convey to the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) the appreciation and the interest in continuing to unite efforts between both countries so as to further strengthen the relations of cooperation and friendship".

The donation will assist community enhancement projects, Special Olympics, the Senior's Day Care, and provide financial support for athletic projects within the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis.



IN THE FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19

A. D. 2023

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IN THE MATTER of section 144 of
the Title by Registration Act, Cap.
10.19

and

IN THE MATTER of the Certificate of
Title registered in **Book 8 Folio 13A**
of Condominium No. 8 in the name
of **Tropical Properties Inc**

NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Certificate of Title for **Unit 1A1** dated the 8th day of August 2005, and registered in **Book 8 Folio 13A** of Condominium No 8 in the Condominiums Index in the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **Tropical Properties Inc** with registered offices situate at #3 Church Street, Basseterre, Saint Kitts the Registered Proprietor of the said **Unit 1A1** being a portion of all that part of Frigate Bay described in Certificate of Title registered in Book P2 Folio 333 of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher and contained in the Declaration and Description of SAINT CHRISTOPHER CLUB CONDOMINIUMS registered as Condominium No. 8 in the Condominiums Index on the 25th day of April, 1989 together with an undivided interest in the common elements and appurtenant thereto has been irrecoverably lost.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the law firm of **Sookoo Bobb** at Unit C21 The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, Saint Kitts, Telephone (869) 466-2622(BOBB)/766-2622 (BOBB). E-mail sookoobobb@gmail.com.

Dated the 17th day of April, 2023

Angelina Gracy Sookoo-Bobb
Sookoo Bobb
Attorney at Law

Case Number :SKBHPB2022/0107

FILED
HIGH COURT
ST. CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS
(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
(PROBATE)
A. D. 2022

Submitted Date:01/12/2022 12:24

Filed Date:01/12/2022 12:24

Fees Paid:102.00

In the Estate of **JOSEPHINE WILKINS** late of Fig Tree in the town of Sandy Point in the Parish of St. Anne in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased

APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Application is hereby made to the Registrar by **HESKETH W. BENJAMIN** of West Independence Square Street, Basseterre in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Saint Christopher –

(a) For a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 28th day of September, 2021 without revoking a will bearing the date of 14th day of February, 2017 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

Dated the 18th day of August 2022

Filed by:

Hesketh W. Benjamin
Attorney-at-Law
Chambers
West Independence Square Street
Basseterre
St. Kitts

The Registry is at Lee L. Moore Judicial and Legal Complex, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre in the Island of St. Christopher, Telephone number (869)-467-1335, Fax (869)-465-2482.

The office is open between 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

Man Gets Deadly Hit From Passing Boat

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 20th April 2023) - A man in his late 50s has reportedly died after sustaining injuries following a day time boating accident in Nevis.

Ishmael Hanley, a 58-year old JessupsVillage resident. The RSCNPF (Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force) received the report of a boating incident occurring just off the coast of Nevis on Wednesday 19th April 2023.

Investigations have since revealed that Hanley succumbed to injuries inflicted by the propeller of a passing boat.

As indicated, the report stated that at approximately 1:45pm that day, a boat bearing the name ‘Point Proven’ belonging to the company, Islander Water Sports, was near the Nevis coast and travelling towards the Four Seasons Resort on Nevis. On board were two (2) crew members, seven (7) guests, and the captain.

Furthermore, while at an approximate distance of five minutes off shore, the boat captain reported that he felt the impact of something under the boat. Upon checking, he saw a man (later

LARCENY ALERT

The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) wishes to advise the general public that several Larceny reports have been received in recent weeks. Thefts of personal property ranging from items as small in size as cellphones to bicycles and bulk consumable items (foodstuff) have been reported at police stations across the Federation.

The general public is strongly advised to be extremely mindful of how and where they store or leave their possessions. Personal items that can be easily transported, whether in an open or concealed manner, should be properly secured as Larceny is very often a crime of opportunity. Anyone caught in the act or suspected of committing the offence of Larceny will be apprehended by law enforcement. Confirmed assailants will be prosecuted to the fullest

identified as Ishmael Hanley) in the water, waving for assistance.

Reportedly, the captain took Hanley onto the boat and transported him to Charlestown Pier where he was then transported to the Alexandra Hospital. Hanley succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead on arrival.

As expressed, the RSCNPF extends its deepest condolences to those who are impacted by Hanley’s untimely passing.

Additionally, the local authorities say further investigations into the incident are ongoing and that the general public will be updated appropriately.

Front Page Image: This Getty Images/iStockphoto image used for illustration purposes only shows the propeller of a boat. The image is not connected to the actual news article.



FOR SALE BY SEALED TENDER

The property below is offered for sale by the Mortgagee, the St. Christopher and Nevis Social Security Board:

About the property

The subject property is a two-storey building located just off the beach in Dieppe Bay and adjacent to the Golden Lemon Hotel with a 5 minute walk from Aruthur’s restaurant. Access to the property is on Station Street. Renovations to the property are incomplete and the property is being sold as is.

Legal Description

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon situate at Dieppe Bay in the Island of St. Christopher bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: On the North by lands of Golden Lemon Hotel 172.43 feet, On the South by lands of the heirs of Elizabeth Thomas 173.17 feet, On the East by lands of the heirs of Elizabeth Thomas 24.74 feet and On the West by Station Street 40.73 feet and cantaning by admeasure-ment 5,872.02 square feet.

Interested persons must submit their sealed tender/bids no later than 15th May, 2023 to:

The Director
Social Security Board
Robert Llewellyn Bradshaw Building
P.O. Box 79
Bay Road
Basseterre
St. Kitts

Re: Property at Dieppe Bay

Bids may be submitted by hard copy at any of our offices on St. Kitts or Nevis or via Email at pubinfo@socialsecurity.kn

TWO CONVICTED WITH POSSESSION OF GUN AND AMMUNITION

Sylaine Phipps and Tyrique Jones have been convicted for the Possession of Firearm and Possession of Ammunition on April 17th, 2023. Both have been sentenced to serve three (3) years in His Majesty’s Prison on each charge with their sentences set to run concurrently.

Email:
info@sknunion.com

Case Number :SKBHPB2023/0042

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FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
Rule 13

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
(PROBATE)

PROBATE NO. SKBHPB2023/

In the Matter of Section 13 of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules 2017

AND

In the estate of LAWRENCE DUGGINS also known as BASIL LAWRENCE DUGGINS, deceased, of New Road Housing Development, St Peters, St. Kitts.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by ALEXANDER DUGGINS, a Taxi Operator of New Road Housing Development, St Peters, St. Kitts for a Grant of:

(a) Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the son of LAWRENCE DUGGINS also known as BASIL LAWRENCE DUGGINS, Deceased, having died intestate on the 7th day of March 2011.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this notice.

Dated this 13th day of April 2023.

ALEXANDER DUGGINS
The Applicant

Filed By: ALEXANDER DUGGINS, the Applicant, whose address for service is New Road Housing Development, St Peters, St. Kitts. Tel: 869-663-6549.

The Registry is at East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Tel: 869-467-1335, Fax: 869-465-2482. The office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.



The Second Ordinary Meeting of the OECS Council of Ministers for Immigration successfully hosted by the Commonwealth of Dominica

OECS Media Release

Thursday, April 20, 2023 - The Second Ordinary Meeting of the OECS Council of Ministers for Immigration was held on April 13, 2023 in the Commonwealth of Dominica at the Government State House. The Meeting was convened under the chairmanship of the Honourable Rayburn Blackmoore, Minister for National Security and Legal Affairs of Dominica.

In providing the context to the meeting during his remarks at the Opening Ceremony, OECS Director General Dr. Didacus Jules highlighted the benefits derived thus far from the free movement of people regime, articulating that,



“Citizens from OECS Protocol Member States benefit from seamless travel, receive indefinite stay upon arrival, have access to available employment without the requirement of a work permit and [further benefits are to be received] as efforts toward the full implementation of contingent rights are also ongoing”.

The Director General noted further that,

“The establishment of the Council of Ministers for Immigration was necessary to allow for the political dialogue to support further advancement of the free movement of people regime”.

Honourable Blackmoore, in his brief remarks during the opening ceremony also emphasized the benefits of the OECS arrangement highlighting that

“The OECS from inception has been a symbol of regional integration and has built over the years a reputation for doing things together as a sub-region.” He noted further that “this second meeting of the Council of Ministers for Immigration is a further testament and commitment to advancing and furthering OECS integration on immigration matters”

Honourable Blackmoore also took the opportunity to emphasize to the ministerial delegation the need to address legacy issues collectively to advance free movement of people in the sub-region.

In the main, the meeting examined several matters of importance to allow for the effective operations of the free movement of persons regime within the Eastern Caribbean Economic Union and for ensuring safe and orderly movement of persons across the OECS region. The following are the key highlights of the issues discussed.

The Council of Ministers received a presentation on the movement towards strengthening seamless travel through the development and implementation of online ED forms. The benefits of the initiative were emphasized, and the meeting discussed the actions required by Member States to complete the full implementation of the initiative.

Also discussed was the need for national and regional efforts to strengthen data sharing across the OECS to allow for an enhancement in border security. Member States agreed to the adoption of national and regional actions that will strengthen border security and advance the realization of a Single Domestic Space within the OECS.

The Council of Ministers also received a presentation on the implementation of the OECS Policy on Contingent Rights. Ministers and other Heads of Delegation discussed the inclusion of harmonized guidelines for receiving and treating third country nationals at the points of entry in the draft OECS Contingent Rights Model Bill. Key issues associated with the seamless movement of persons were highlighted during the discussion. The Council of Ministers also mandated the need for further efforts to ensure adequate safeguards are in place to avoid abuses of the benefits of free movement.

The Council of Ministers received an update on the UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS) Joint Programme implemented in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the OECS Commission. The Council also discussed the proposed Ministerial Declaration on Environmental Migration and committed to signing the same in the coming weeks.

In bringing the meeting to closure, the Honourable Blackmoore, Chairman of the Council of Ministers for Immigration, emphasized the need for urgent collective actions to address the issues raised and to ensure the operationalization of a more robust free movement of persons regime and for the preservation of national and regional border security.

The Wealthiest Cities in the World in 2023

For immediate release: Tuesday, 18 April 2023

When it comes to the number of resident millionaires, cities in the USA and China dominate the World’s Top 10 Wealthiest Cities, while only one European city, namely London, makes it onto the 2023 list published today by international investment migration firm Henley & Partners in partnership with global wealth intelligence firm New World Wealth.

New York City wears the crown as the wealthiest in the world with 340,000 millionaires, while two other American wealth hubs - the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles - come in 3rd and 6th places, with 285,000 and 205,400 resident high-net-worth individuals, respectively (note: HNWI’s are defined as those with investable wealth of over USD 1 million and all figures are rounded off to the nearest 100).

Tokyo, which led the pack ten years ago, falls to 2nd place with 290,300 millionaires, and London, the wealthiest city in the world for many years, drops down to 4th place with 258,000 resident HNWI’s. City-state Singapore, widely regarded as the most business-friendly city in the world and one of the top destinations for migrating millionaires, sits in 5th place with 240,100 resident millionaires, while Sydney comes in 10th place with 126,900 millionaires. Home to some of the world’s most exclusive residential suburbs, Sydney has experienced especially strong wealth growth over the past 20 years and is projected to break into the global Top 5 wealthiest cities by 2040.

Asia Pacific cities gain ground over past decade

China has three cities in the Top 10, with Hong Kong (129,500 millionaires), Beijing (128,200), and Shanghai (127,200) taking 7th, 8th, and 9th places, respectively. Beijing and Shanghai have both climbed the rankings over the past decade, but Hong Kong has taken a tumble, dropping from 4th place in 2012 down to 7th place currently. Dr. Juerg Steffen, CEO of Henley & Partners, says 7 of the Top 10 wealthiest cities in the world are in countries that host formal investment migration programs and actively encourage foreign direct investment in return for residence or citizenship rights. “The right to live, work, study, and invest in leading international wealth hubs such as New York, London, Singapore, Sydney, and Hong Kong can be secured via residence by investment. Being able to relocate yourself, your family, or your business to a more favorable city or have the option to choose between multiple different residences across the world is an increasingly important aspect of international wealth and legacy planning for private clients.”

Economic rivals America and China vie for millionaire growth

The US and China also dominate the Top 10 list of fastest growing cities when it comes to resident millionaires over the past decade. One of China’s most enduringly popular holiday spots, Hangzhou, tops the charts in this respect with millionaire growth of 105% between 2012 and 2022. High-tech capital, Shenzhen, and the port city of Guangzhou also enjoyed significant HNWI

expansion over the past decade, at 98% and 86%, respectively. The three fastest growing millionaire hotspots in the US are Austin (102% growth in resident HNWI’s), West Palm Beach (90%), and Scottsdale (88%). India has two cities in the Top 10 - Bengaluru (88%) and Hyderabad (78%) - and the final two places go to the UAE’s cultural hub Sharjah (84%) and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam (82%) which is fast emerging as Asia’s next big wealth hub.

Head of Research at New World Wealth, Andrew Amoils, says traditional wealth magnets such as Monaco and Dubai have also experienced especially strong millionaire growth over the past decade. “Arguably the world’s top safe haven for the super-rich, the average wealth of a person living in Monaco exceeds USD 10 million, making it the top-ranked city on a wealth per capita basis. It is also the world’s most expensive city, with apartment prices regularly exceeding USD 35,000 per square meter. Dubai is another established international wealth centre, with its low tax rates making it a magnet for migrating millionaires from all over the world. Approximately 3,500 high-net-worth individuals moved to the city in 2022 alone.”

The World’s Wealthiest Cities Report 2023 includes HNWI population data for 97 cities across the world, as well as HNWI growth stats for the past decade (2012 to 2022) along with seasonal hotspots for centi-millionaires (those individuals with investable wealth of USD 100 million or more).

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SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Jamie Harrigan of Challengers Village, St. Kitts, having made sworn deposition that Policy No. 055403254 issued by Sagicor Life Inc and assumed by Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc. on his life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 22nd February, 2023.

By Order

Althea C. Hazzard

Corporate Secretary



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(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2022/0129

IN THE MATTER of Section 75 of the Title by Registration Act,
Cap. 10:19

and

IN THE MATTER of an Application to settle Articles of Sale of
the Respondent's property comprised in Certificate of Title dated
the 18th day of April 2011 registered in Book K3 Folio 160

BETWEEN:

ST KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED
and
DIANE FLEMMING

- Applicant
- Respondent

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The Applicant ST. KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED a limited liability company duly
incorporated under the Laws of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis having its registered office
situate at Central Street, Basseterre in the Island of Saint Christopher, applies to the Court for an Order
under Section 75 of the Title by Registration Act to settle Articles of Sale of ALL THAT lot piece or parcel
of land situate at Lot No. 11 Ocean Gardens Housing Development and containing by admeasurement
7,540.00 square feet and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: On or towards the North
East by a Development Road,75.04 feet; On or towards the South East 26.00 feet and by Lot No. 10,
74.96 feet; On or towards the South West by Camps Estate, 74.89 feet and On or towards the North
West by Lot No. 12, 100.27 feet, all as the same is described in Certificate of Title dated the 18th day of
April, 2011 and registered in Book K3 Folio 160 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint
Christopher in favour of the Respondent DIANE FLEMMING as registered proprietor, to estimate an
upset price, to fix the day of sale and to adjust the announcements of sale, and the mode of publication
thereof.

A draft of the Order sought and draft Articles of Sale in Form 17 of the Title by Registration Act are
attached.

The grounds for the application are:-

1. On the 30th day of October 2022 the Applicant, ST. KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK
LIMITED served by way of substituted service DIANE FLEMMING, formerly of Apt C2 Leeward
Cove, Frigate Bay, Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher, NOTICE TO PAY OFF under
Section 71 of the Title by Registration Act, the sum of \$606,912.35 (being as to \$274,254.23 as to
the principal sum and \$332,658.12 as to interest thereon at the rate of 8.50 per centum per
annum as at 21st day of July, 2022) plus interest at the said rate of 8.50 per centum per annum
from the 22nd day of July, 2022 until payment in full, due to the said Applicant by virtue of a
Mortgage duly noted with effect from the 18th day of April, 2011 upon the Certificate of Title of the
said land registered in Book K3 Folio 160 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit.

2. On the 13th day of January 2023 the Bailiff of this Honourable Court, JARRED COTTON seized
the lands of DIANE FLEMMING comprised in the Certificate of Title dated the 18th day of April,
2011 and registered in Book K3 Folio 160 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit
for non payment of the mortgage debt referred to in the said Notice to Pay Off.

3. The said debt remains unpaid and thirty days have passed since the date of seizure.

An Affidavit in support accompanies this application.

Dated the 23rd day of March 2023.



Natika M. Rawlins
Solicitor for the Applicant

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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BETWEEN:

ST KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED
and
DIANE FLEMMING

- Applicant
- Respondent

TAKE NOTICE that the applicant has filed the attached proceedings on The Eastern Caribbean
Supreme Court Electronic Litigation Portal. The authorization code to access these proceedings
is mK2wrf.

These proceedings can only be accessed through the Electronic Litigation Portal. If you do not
have an attorney-at-Law and need assistance in accessing the Electronic Litigation Portal please
contact the Service Bureau at the High Court office.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT KITTS
CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2022/0129
BETWEEN:

ST.KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED
and
DIANE FLEMMING

Claimant
Defendant

NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that this matter has been scheduled for Application to Settle Articles of Sale at the
High Court, Masters Chamber (St. Kitts) via Zoom on 03rd day of May 2023 at 09:00 AM.

DATED: this 13th day of April 2023



CASE MANAGER OF THE HIGH COURT

Cause of grey hair may be 'stuck' cells, say scientists

Published BBC Health



IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES - Woman checking for grey -

By Michelle Roberts
Digital health editor

US scientists believe they may have uncovered why hair turns grey as we age, citing pigment-making cells which lose the ability to mature.

The arrested development impacts immature cells which would otherwise have developed into melanocytes which give hair its natural colour or shade.

The team from New York

University (NYU) studied the process in mice, which have identical cells for fur colour.

They say the work could provide a basis for reversing the greying process.

According to the British Association of Dermatologists (BAD), work on melanocytes might also help our understanding and treatment of certain cancers and other medical conditions too.

How does hair turn grey?

We grow and shed hair all the time - it's a normal cycle

that happens throughout life.

New hair grows from hair follicles, found in the skin, where the pigment-producing melanocytes also reside.

Melanocytes continuously decay and renew too. New ones are made from stem cells and it's these cells that the researchers believe become "stuck" in limbo in people whose hair has turned grey.

NYU Langone Health team used special scans and lab techniques to study the cell-aging process.

As hair ages, sheds and then repeatedly grows back, increasing numbers of the melanocyte stem cells become sluggish at their job.

The stem cells stop roaming around the follicle and become fixed, thereby failing to mature into fully-fledged melanocytes. With no pigment being produced, the hair turns grey, white or silver.

"Our study adds to our basic understanding of how melanocyte stem cells work to colour hair," study lead investigator Dr Qi Sun, a post-doctoral fellow at NYU Langone Health, told Nature journal.

"The newfound mechanisms raise the possibility that the same fixed-positioning of melanocyte stem cells may exist in humans. If so, it presents a potential pathway for reversing or preventing the greying."

It is not the first time scientists have suggested that greying hair might be a partially reversible process.

Poor nutrition is one possible, treatable cause of premature greying.

Some researchers claim stress might contribute to human hair turning white, and have suggested removing anxiety might restore the pigmentation process - at least for a while.

Other research suggests genetics, or our DNA, partly determines when we go grey.

While some prefer to hide grey hair with dye, others embrace it. Some even choose to get ahead of nature, and prematurely colour hair silver, white or grey.

According to Glamour Magazine, silver hair is "the spring hair colour trend that the cool girls are rocking".

"We've spotted one shade, in particular, taking off. Oyster



The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Tenderers to Bid on the following Projects:

1) Renovation of Public Bathrooms at the Pelican Shopping Mall, Basseterre (non-refundable fee of \$500.00)

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday 24th April, 2023

Completed Tender shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Wednesday 8th June 2023**

Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Tenderers be locally registered in the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis. Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



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Dalai Lama defended over tongue-sucking remark



Dalai Lama - IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES

Penpa Tsering has said that the Dalai Lama's actions have been misinterpreted

By Cherylann Mollan

BBC News, Mumbai

A top Tibetan leader has defended the Dalai Lama over a video that showed him asking a child to suck his tongue.

Penpa Tsering, head of Tibet's government-in-exile, has called the spiritual leader's actions "innocent" and said it demonstrated his "affectionate behaviour".

The video sparked outrage after it went viral on social media, with users calling his actions inappropriate.

The Dalai Lama's office has apologised over the incident.

On Thursday, Mr Tsering said the Dalai Lama's actions had been misinterpreted and that the controversy had hurt the sentiments of his followers.

He also said that the Dalai Lama has always lived in "sanctity and celibacy" and that his years of spiritual practice had taken him "beyond the sensorial pleasures".

Mr Tsering also claimed that investigations suggested "pro-Chinese sources" were behind

making the video go viral on social media. He gave no evidence for the claim. He added that the "political angle of this incident cannot be ignored."

Though the incident appears to have taken place at the Dalai Lama's temple in Dharamshala on 28 February, the controversial video went viral on social media earlier this month. It has been viewed over a million times on Twitter.

In the video, the Dalai Lama can be heard asking the boy to kiss him on his cheek and then his lips after the boy asks if he can give him a hug.

The leader then put his forehead to that of the boy's, before sticking out his tongue, saying "and suck my tongue".

The video sparked international criticism with some right's activists saying that the spiritual leader's actions amount to child abuse.

In a statement issued by his office, the Dalai Lama said he wanted to apologise to the child and his family "for the hurt his words may have caused".

"His Holiness often teases people he meets in an innocent and playful way, even in public and before cameras. He regrets the incident," his office said.

The Dalai Lama has been living in exile in India since fleeing Tibet in 1959, following an uprising against Chinese rule there.

He courted controversy once before in 2019, when in an interview with the BBC he said that any future female Dalai Lama should be "attractive". His office later apologised for his remarks.

Cause of grey hair may be 'stuck' cells, say scientists

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IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES Model with silver hair

grey is the fresh, breezy, pearlescent colour trend that's cropping up all over Instagram," the article says.

One hairstylist, Luke Hersheson, recently told British Vogue: "At one point it was a big no-no to have grey hair, but now we don't equate grey hair with being 'old' - so many people are doing it.

"Post-lockdown, there is a feeling of liberty - many got into a grey hair rut because they couldn't see their colourists, but

came out of the other side and actually enjoyed the change."

Experts advise against plucking out 'rogue' grey hairs. It won't stop the next one that grows from the same follicle from being grey. If you damage the hair follicle, it may be hard for new hair to grow, meaning you could be left with less hair or even bald patches.

Dr Leila Asfour from the British Association of Dermatologists told the BBC work on hair colour was big business: "The global hair colour market is projected to attain a value of \$33.7bn by 2030. Clearly there's a demand.

"The obvious implication of this research, when it comes to the general public, is that it

means being one step closer to finding a way to reverse our grey hairs.

"But this study's results help the medical field understand better other conditions where these stem cells may have a role - for example, understand the underlying nature of the deadliest skin cancer we treat called melanoma."

It might help with a medical condition called alopecia areata too, where the immune system attacks the hair and causes it to fall out. Sometimes the hair grows back white in these patients, she explained.

And it could give more clues about vitiligo - a skin condition where patients develop white skin patches. Scientists have tried surgically placing hair follicles in the affected areas to help regenerate the colour from the pigment found in the hair follicle.

"More research is needed," Dr Asfour says.

Dr Yusur Al-Nuaimi from the British Hair and Nail Society said scalp health was important for supporting good head hair growth, especially as we age.

"The recent study in mice adds to our understanding of the hair follicle and how the pigment-producing cells function. We are already discovering more about the potential of stem cell therapies for conditions including hair loss and studies such as this one, with new findings about the colour-producing cells, may lead to an array of future treatment options for our patients."



St Kitts ~ Nevis Customs & Excise Department

"To Protect and Collect"

In accordance with Section 196 of the Customs Act CAP 20.04 of 2017 of the revised Laws of St. Christopher and Nevis, the Comptroller of Customs wishes to advise the general public of a PUBLIC AUCTION to be held on Saturday 22nd April, 2023 at 10:00hrs, for vehicles not cleared on or before 30th June 2022, and on Saturday 29th April 2023, at 09:00hrs, for goods not cleared on or before June 30th 2022. These sales would be respectively held at the Customs Headquarters Bird Rock.

SpaceX Starship: Elon Musk’s big rocket explodes on test flig



By Jonathan Amos
BBC Science Correspondent
@BBCAmos

Elon Musk’s SpaceX company’s mammoth new rocket, Starship, has exploded on its maiden flight.

No-one was hurt in the uncrewed test that lifted off from Texas’ east coast on Thursday morning local time.

After two or three minutes into the flight, the rocket - the biggest ever developed - started to tumble out of control and was then destroyed, most probably by onboard charges.

Mr Musk has said his company will try again in a couple of months. SpaceX engineers still class Thursday’s mission as a success. They like to “test early and often” and are not afraid to break things. They will have gathered a mass of data to work towards the next flight. A second Starship is almost ready to take flight. “Congrats @SpaceX team on an exciting test launch of Starship! Learned a lot for next test launch in a few months,” Mr Musk tweeted.



IMAGE SOURCE,REUTERS
Thousands of people had gathered on local beaches to watch the launch

The entrepreneur had tried to temper expectations before the launch. Just getting the vehicle off the ground and not destroying the launch pad infrastructure would be considered “a win”, he said. His wish was granted. Starship cleared its launch complex on the US-Mexico border and picked up pace as it headed out over the Gulf of Mexico. But it was evident within a minute or so that not everything was going to plan.



IMAGE SOURCE,SPACEX
Elon Musk (front centre) watched the launch from the Texas control room

As the rocket climbed higher and higher, it could be seen that six of the 33 engines at the base of the vehicle had been shut down or had flamed out. And three minutes into the flight, it was pretty obvious the end was near. When the two halves of the vehicle should have been separating, they were in fact still connected - and veering off course. At launch-plus-four-minutes, a large explosion ripped across the blue sky, presumably the result of computers, or someone on the ground, triggering Starship’s Flight Termination System.



IMAGE SOURCE,SPACEX
The top segment of Starship, also known as the ship, had taken flight previously on short hops, but this was the first time it had launched with its lower-stage. This immense booster, called simply Super Heavy, was fired while clamped to its launch mount in February. However, its cluster of engines on that occasion were throttled back to half their capability. If, as promised, SpaceX went for 90% thrust on Thursday, the stage should have delivered something close to 70 meganewtons. That’s double the thrust put out by the Saturn V rocket that famously sent men to the Moon in the 1960s and 70s.

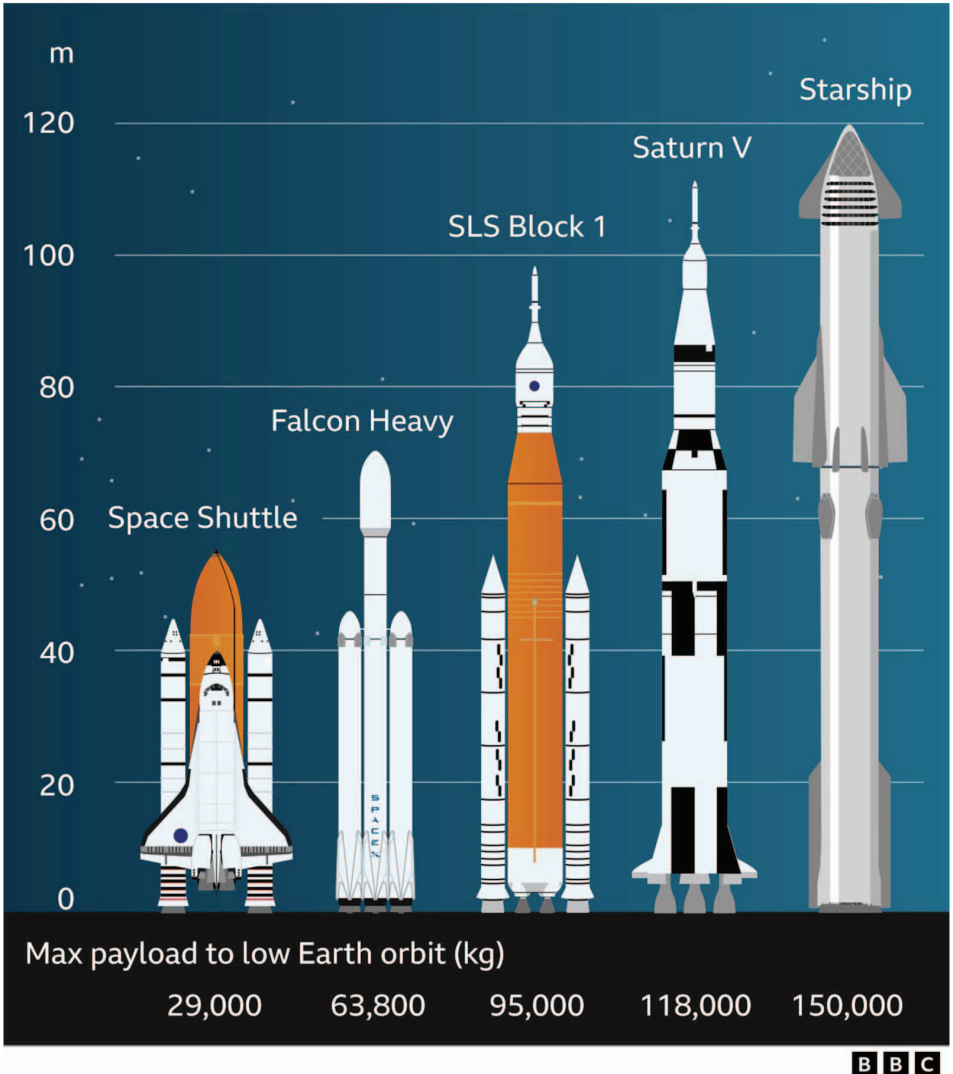


IMAGE SOURCE,SPACEX
Artwork: Nasa has given SpaceX \$3bn for a Human Landing System based on Starship

More people could have hidden bowel condition

Published BBC HEALTH



Victoria’s condition went undiagnosed for more than a decade

By **Smitha Mundasad**
Health reporter

Many people may be suffering from an undiagnosed and misunderstood bowel condition, according to the charity Guts UK.

Microscopic colitis is an inflammation of the large bowel and causes frequent watery diarrhoea, stomach pain, faecal incontinence, fatigue and weight loss.

About 17,000 people are diagnosed each year in the UK, but experts say the real number is likely to be higher.

Some standard tests for inflammatory bowel conditions do not spot it. But despite misdiagnoses, cases have risen in the UK in recent years.

Biopsy samples

Victoria Rennison, 33, from South London, was diagnosed with microscopic colitis last year, after more than a decade of symptoms.

She saw a number of specialists but was told she had irritable bowel syndrome and “was left to get on with it”.

When the condition was at its worst she would spend the entire day and many nights on the toilet, or running urgently to the bathroom.

“The diarrhoea would come on suddenly and would be profuse and watery and the pain was like intense cramps,” said Victoria.

“There were even times my infant son had to sit on a bouncer in the bathroom with me for hours.”

She told BBC News: “I used to be sociable and outgoing but I found it harder and harder to go out.

“I didn’t want to leave the house. I had to make a map of every toilet to do so.”

Victoria was finally diagnosed after a gut specialist did a colonoscopy (camera test of her bowel) and - crucially - took biopsy samples of the inflamed bowel.

On previous visits to doctors she had had colonoscopies, but no biopsy samples had been taken and the condition - which can be seen clearly when samples are put under a microscope - was missed.

She says it was a huge relief to get a diagnosis and be given treatment.

“It was not possible to keep living like that with a small child. I feel like I’ve finally regained some semblance of normality.”

Julie Harrington, CEO of Guts UK, said it was crucial to provide training for healthcare providers, and continue to raise awareness, and invest in research.

She added: “It is terribly sad that thousands of people are suffering with the debilitating symptoms of microscopic colitis.

“Most people with the condition can be easily treated with a course of gut-specific steroids or with symptom-relieving medicines, but getting a diagnosis is the first, essential step.”

Prof Chris Probert, at the University of Liverpool, said: “It is not clear why cases of the condition are on the increase, but it is likely to be due to a mixture of increased awareness of symptoms leading to more diagnoses, and environmental factors.

“The good news is that effective treatments are available, so people experiencing symptoms could benefit enormously by talking with their GP.”

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Starship may not have destroyed its launch pad but later pictures indicated the forceful departure had done a fair amount of damage to concrete surfaces.

Rocket comparison graphic

The plan for the mission had been to send the ship on one near-complete revolution of the Earth, ending with a splashdown in the Pacific, a couple of hundred km north of Hawaii.

There was no expectation that the ship or Super Heavy would be recovered. However, long term, this is the plan. The idea is to land both halves, refuel them and launch again - time and time again.

If this can be achieved, it will be transformative.

Starship has a prospective payload performance to orbit of more than 100 tonnes per flight. When this is allied to the low cost of operation - principally, just the cost of fuel - it should open the door to an exciting future.

“We’ve got an arduous two or three years ahead of us with, probably, you know, many bumps on the road, but at the end of that, we should have something that enables a base on the Moon and a base on Mars,” Mr Musk said this week.

The entrepreneur will initially use Starship to launch thousands more satellites for his broadband internet constellation in the sky - Starlink.

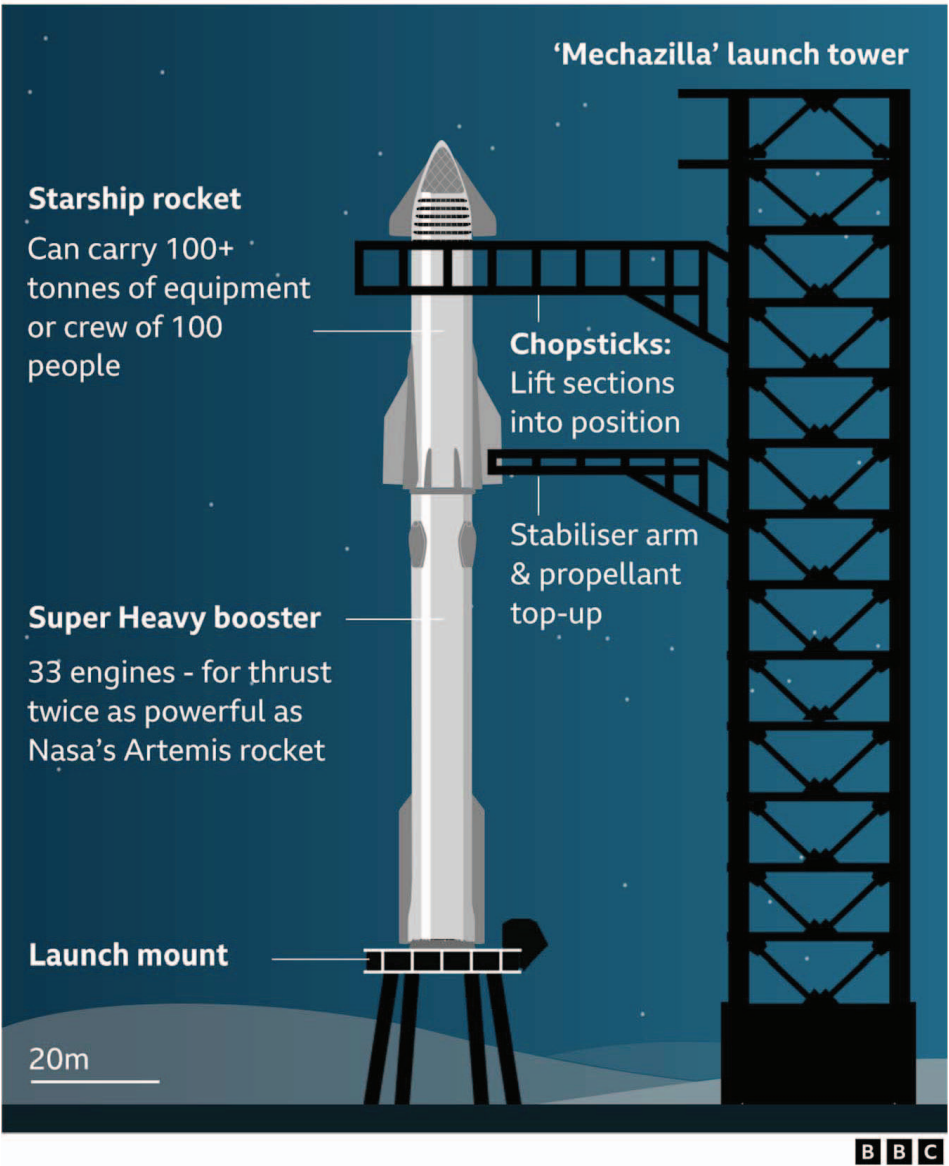
Only when engineers are confident in the vehicle’s reliability will they permit people to fly on the rocket.

The first mission has already been lined up. It will be commanded by billionaire US businessman and fast-jet pilot Jared Isaacman. He’s already flown to space in a SpaceX Dragon capsule.

The first flight around the Moon will be conducted by Japanese retail fashion billionaire Yusaku Maezawa. He will take eight artists with him as part of his DearMoon project.

The US space agency, Nasa, wants to use a version of Starship to land its astronauts on the Moon’s surface.

SpaceX’s Starship rocket system



Rocket launch mount graphic
Human spaceflight
Hawaii

Organisers Pack ‘Jump Up’ Night

By:Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 20th April 2023)-

The line-up for the upcoming three nightly concert of the St.Kitts Music Festival has been revealed with the most acts- of the 29 collectively-

appearing on this first night, locally dubbed ‘Jump Up’ night since it has been nown over the years to dominantly feature soca flavour.

Via the official St.Kitts Music Festival Page on Thursday 20th April 2023, organisers released such details using a poster as follows wit 15 acts on night one, 7 acts on night two and also 7 acts on night three:

Thursday 22nd June - Mr.Bagnall, Nicha B, Stadics, AkaiiUSweet, Small Axe Band, Grand Masters Band, Kollision Band, Nu Vybes Band International, Kes the Band,Patrice Roberts,Skinny Fabulous,Nailah Blackman,Ricardo Drue, Preedy and Dexta Daps

Friday 23rd June - 313 Family,Byron

Messia,Govana,Skilibeng,Chronixx, Koffee and Anthony B.

Saturday 24th June - Romain Virgo, Erica Edwards, Valiant,Air Supply, Burna Boy, Teejay and Gramps Morgan.

Critics voiced their concerns via social media that day with complaints about the placement of some of the entertainers with some saying, for example, that Jamaican dancehall artiste Dexta Daps does not fit the Thursday night mood. However, as understood, the artiste’s availability is the factor.

The nightly extravaganza will be held at the Warner Park in Basseterre and is scheduled for 7:00pm.

Admission is EC\$135 or US\$50.

Front Page Image: Patrons enjoying themselves during a past St.Kitts Music Festival concert (credit: Facebook/St.KittsMusicFestival)

CANNABIS ACT NOW FULLY ACTIVATED

BASSETERRE, SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS, April 20, 2023 (Press Secretary, PMO) - The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis has approved the full activation of the Cannabis Act on 4/20, the internationally recognised celebration of cannabis. By the Cannabis Act (Parts III to VII) (Appointed) Day Order, published in the Gazette today, the Government has signalled its intent to clarify a responsible cannabis use and cannabis derivatives regulation regime within the Federation.

The Cannabis Act, passed in 2020, sought to establish the Medicinal Cannabis Authority to provide for the lawful access to medicinal cannabis as an alternative treatment for persons who are suffering from a qualifying medical condition and for a comprehensive licensing scheme to regulate the cultivation, supply, possession, production, and use of medicinal cannabis. However,

until today, only Parts I and II of the Act, setting out preliminary matters related to the establishment of the Medical Cannabis Authority, were activated.

“This is a significant step in the Government’s plan to develop a responsible, professional and sustainable medical cannabis industry,” said Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Samal Duggins. “Our goal is to ensure that the laws with respect to cannabis use are clear for all to understand and can allow budding entrepreneurs to thrive in this new industry. We will prioritize Rastafari groups and traditional growers and seek to support the development of small

businesses to take advantage of this fast-growing industry. Today starts our journey to become a 4/20 friendly society.”

April 20, or 4/20 (four-twenty) in its calendar denotation, is a holiday based on the celebration and consumption of cannabis.

On July 28, 2022, the Cannabis (Medicinal Cannabis Licensing) Regulations were published; however, there was no power for the Minister at that time to do so, given that Part VIII of the Cannabis Act was not in force.

With the new Order, the Medical Cannabis Authority will have the legal authority to implement responsible regulation policies to kickstart the medical cannabis industry in the Federation. The Minister with responsibility for the Medical Cannabis Authority, Hon. Samal Duggins, can issue Regulations to guide the industry.

Prime Minister Hon. Dr Terrance Drew stated that “the diversification of our economy involves exploring avenues like the medical cannabis industry, which can provide a sustainable income for our people. However, the Government is also serious about tackling substance abuse and its impact on the society. That is why the Ministry of National Security is finalizing the National Substance Abuse Plan 2023-2028. We are a responsible Government and will always act in the best interest of our people’s economic growth and physical health.”



The OECS Business Council and The CARICOM Private Sector Organization formalizes relationship with MOU Signing

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(OBC) and the Caricom Private Sector Organization (CPSO) have entered into a new cooperation agreement in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU signing formalizes the mutual interaction and strengthens the existing relationship between the OBC and the CPSO at the strategic and working level to foster trade, business growth, job creation, and economic and social empowerment of the people of the OECS and CARICOM.

OBC was established in 2016 and is currently undergoing revitalization to strengthen the sub-regional private sector’s voice and effectively address the developmental issues specific to the OECS business environment.

CPSO is an associate institution of the Caribbean Community. It is mandated to support the full integration of the CARICOM single market and economy and to be a representative organization of large and small corporations throughout CARICOM.

OBC Chairman, Mr. Gordon Charles, commended the CPSO for its very strong balance at ensuring that the concerns of all of its members are taken into consideration and stated that the OECS Business Council is intended to be a mirror organization of the CPSO.

“It is supposed to champion the voice of the private sector for the OECS region and one of our goals, like the CPSO, is to become an associate institution of the OECS at some governance level so that we have a voice at the decision-making level.”

In his introductory remarks, Dr. Patrick Antoine, Head of the CPSO Secretariat, stressed that the MOU was not merely a symbolic instrument, but a catalyst for private sector growth and market expansion in that it now provided a formal framework for cooperation with Guadeloupe, Martinique, Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands through the OECS’ agreements with these states, and

“essentially forms a platform for cooperation which is above and beyond the formal platform that we have within the CARICOM framework, so that really, what we do have today, is what we’ve always wanted in CARICOM and is, in fact, a manifestation of our search for scale”

The OBC benefits from the OECS Commission’s ongoing support under the European Union funded 11th EDF Regional Integration Through Growth Harmonisation and Technology (RIGHT) Project, which includes the provision of technical support to the Council to represent the collective interest of the Member States by continuously advocating, negotiating, and where possible, strengthening the private sector in the region.

The OBC and the CPSO have a shared objective of serving the public interest. This MOU provides for the continued strengthening of future cooperation between the OBC and the CPSO in achieving common goals that will increase collaboration and growth in the Caribbean Community as a whole.

LIV Golf considering women's tour, says Greg Norman

From the section **Golf BBC**



Greg Norman had 88 professional wins as a golfer

LIV Golf is considering creating a women's circuit and has approached American and European players, says chief executive Greg Norman.

The Saudi Arabia-backed LIV men's tour began in 2022 with the first event held in June near London.

High-profile players, such as 2020 US Open champion Bryson DeChambeau, left the PGA Tour to join LIV.

"[A women's tour] is a discussion we have internally on a regular basis," Norman said.

"I have personally had discussions with individual LPGA Tour players, LET Tour players, Ladies European Tour. They love what our product is showcasing. They ask all the time, 'How can we get involved?' We'd love to see a LIV ladies series."

Norman was speaking in Adelaide, where LIV is hosting its first event in Australia, which starts on Friday.

The first women's major of the year - the Chevron Championship - begins in Texas on Thursday.

LIV Golf future in focus

Men's Open champion Cameron Smith, 2021 US PGA Championship winner Phil Mickelson and four-time major winner Brooks Koepka are among the players who have joined LIV Golf.

LIV players have been suspended indefinitely from the US-based PGA Tour while an arbitration panel ruled this month that the DP World Tour was entitled to sanction players who took part

in LIV events without permission.

LIV players such as Ian Poulter and Lee Westwood may now face bans from the Europe-based DP World Tour and the Ryder Cup.

Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) is the majority shareholder in LIV and the gulf kingdom has been accused of investing in sport to 'sportswash' its reputation in other parts of the world,

The PIF has Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as its chairman. A declassified US intelligence report released in February 2021 asserted that Bin Salman was complicit in the killing of dissident Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi - an allegation Bin Salman has denied.

When asked if he has questioned the Saudi leadership about human rights, Norman said he had not and added: "Why not? Because I am the chairman and CEO of LIV Golf Investments, and that's where I focus, I focus on golf, I stay focused on golf."

"My job is to build out LIV and the product and the platform we have on the global front."

"Golf is a force for good. I've built golf courses in third world countries, in communist countries. So golf is a force for good, it goes everywhere with the right platform."

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