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2023 CONFERENCE

*Protecting the Common
Interests of Workers*

Sunday 29th October, 2023
Time: 10:00AM

SWMC Conference Room
Taylor's Range, Basseterre (St. Kitts)



Guest Speaker
Past General Secretary,
Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL)
Mr. Asokore Beckles

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Editorial

Workers' Protection Is Everybody's Business

On the topic of protecting the common interests of workers', everyone should have some sort of view on it. Whether you are a worker or an employer, this is the type of subject that you have to pay attention to in general.

Perhaps a change in culture might be the best request to make at this time in making an appeal that everyone become invested/more invested in being educated about the rights of workers.

Here in St.Kitts-Nevis, we have the pedigree of the 1935 Buckley's Uprising which poised our nation and people in demonstrating the value and importance of safeguarding and championing the interests of workers. We should be inspired by such a historic event that is supposed to live on in generations and those unborn.

There are various pieces of legislation which gives formality in protecting workers. At this time the National Tripartite has its work cut out for in putting together a Labour Code document for St.Kitts-Nevis.

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Dear workers and employment, how many of you are familiar with the laws?

The St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union is always ready to educate our workers about their rights.

To this end, it is hoped that many

of you would attend or view/listen to the Union's upcoming 84th annual conference slated to take on Sunday 29th October 2023 under the very theme '*Protecting the Common Interests Workers*'.

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Union Guest Speaker Comments On Upcoming Conference

“I Am Excited...”

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 27th October 2023) - Past General Secretary of the Caribbean Congress of Labour, Mr. Asokore Beckles, has commented on the importance of the theme for the upcoming 84th annual conference of the St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union.

Speaking with this publication, he shared: “Why, you may ask, does this resonant call for worker protection hold such urgency in our times? The answer lies in the very essence of our shared humanity. It lies in the belief that a worker’s toil, whether on a bustling factory floor or in the quiet hum of a home office, carries an inherent worth that demands recognition and respect. I am excited to be participating in this timely conference.”

Beckles continued: “Its theme is *‘Protecting the Common Interests of Workers’*. It addresses critical issues in the 21st-century workplace, especially within the context of the Caribbean. Topics such as technological advancements, globalization, economic inequality, and climate change reflect a comprehensive

approach to understanding and addressing the challenges faced by workers in the region.”

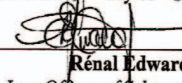
The conference is slated to take on Sunday 29th October 2023 at the Solid Waste Management Corporation (SWMC) Conference Room, located at Taylors Range in Basseterre, starting at

10am.

All attendees are asked to be seated by 9:45 am.

As customary, the two-fold event will see a public session followed by a business session(after complimentary lunch provided) that will include the election of a new union executive body.



Case Number :SKBHPB2023/0132	FILED HIGH COURT ST. CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS (ST. KITT'S CIRCUIT)
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE A. D. 2023 (PROBATE)	
SKBHPB2023/	In the Estate of STACY MELINDA BERGAN formerly known as CECIL FRANCES BERGAN and CECIL FRANCES BOATSWAIN , late of West Farm, Saint Christopher, deceased, intestate.
ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT	
TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Anthony Bergan and Shervin Bergan both of West Farm, Saint Christopher for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the Intended Administrators of the Estate of Stacy Melinda Bergan formerly known as Cecil Frances Bergan and Cecil Frances Boatswain and two of the beneficiaries of the Estate of the above-named deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 4 th day of May, 2020.	
Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.	
Dated this 26 th day of October, 2023.  Renal Edwards Law Offices of Sylvester Anthony Solicitors for the Estate of Stacy Melinda Bergan previously known as Cecil Frances Boatswain also known as Cecil Frances Bergan	
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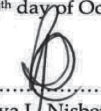
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Case Number :NEVHPB2023/0054	FILED HIGH COURT ST. CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS (NEVIS CIRCUIT)
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In the Estate of Joseph Walton Nisbett otherwise Joseph Nisbett otherwise Joseph W Nisbett late of Brick Kiln Village, St. James Parish, Nevis, deceased	
TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by DENNIS VALENTINE NESBIT of 23 Bentley Place, Reedswood, Walsall, England and ANDREW JOSEPH NISBETT of Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield, England for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the sons of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 15 th day of November, 2007	
Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants should file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.	
Dated this 20 th day of October, 2023  Belva L. Nisbett Nisbetts, Solicitors	
Filed by: Nisbetts, Solicitors, whose address for service is Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis	

Stakeholders discuss Creative Arts Centre's design with developers

BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS, October 26, 2023 (MMS-SKN) — As St. Kitts readies itself to host the best Creative Arts Centre in the Hemisphere, stakeholders in the creative industry were on Monday October 23 given the exclusive opportunity to discuss the facility's design and share their thoughts and ideas with the developers of the project.



The Hon Samal Duggins (centre) addressing the Creative Arts Centre Consultation and Mixer at the CUNA Conference Centre in Fortlands. On the left is Mr Faron Lawrence and on the right is Ms Marcia Jeffers.

“Today we are here to set a permanent residence - we are here to put a foundation that our creatives can look at and say, ‘that is my home’,” Federal Minister of Sports and The Creative Economy, the Hon Samal Duggins, told creatives who had assembled at the CUNA Conference Centre in Fortlands, West Basseterre, for the Creative Arts Centre Consultation and Mixer.

Referring to his background as an entertainment promoter through his company Island Expressions, he pointed out that for years he had to go through the struggles of finding places to host events. He therefore felt honoured, as the Minister of The



Another view of the proposed Creative Arts Centre on the Conaree-Half Moon Hills, overlooking the Central Bank.



A view of the proposed Creative Arts Centre on the Conaree-Half Moon Hills, overlooking the Central Bank.

Creative Economy, to be delivering the Creative Arts Centre.

“For years we had to struggle with venue operators and owners, trying to

negotiate a space that we could have - some sort of a place that we could express ourselves and showcase our talents,” recalled Hon Duggins. “I struggled with that for nearly fifteen years, month after month.”

Referring to what is now on offer, a multi-storied edifice in the shape of a wave nestled on the hillside of Conaree-Half Moon Hills, he told the creatives: “That belongs to us. And not just because we are getting a home, but it will be the best home in the entire hemisphere.”

The Creative Arts Centre is one of the projects being undertaken courtesy of the Citizenship by Investment Programme, and introducing the developers was Mr Faron Lawrence, Owner and Manager of Lawrence Associates, who has been in the financial services in St. Kitts and Nevis for over 20 years. The company is an Authorised Service Provider under the St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Programme.

“My duty is to let you know who the developers are behind this project,” said Mr Lawrence. “The first one is a gentleman by the name of Dr Sirous Motevessel, he lives in Dubai. He is a



Giving their views, clockwise from top: Mrs Kesha Isaac-Adams (holding the mike); Mr Derrione Flemming (holding the mike); on the screen, Dr Sirous Motevessel (left), and Mr Abbas Fahim (right); Ms Karissa ‘Miss Independent’ Willett (holding the mike).

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lawyer by training who holds a PhD in International Investment Law. The other gentleman is Mr Abbas Fahim; he is an engineer by training, and he has done many major projects in Dubai and most parts of the world."

The two developers, who appeared virtually, became citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis through the Citizenship by Investment Programme, and according to Mr Lawrence, they immediately felt it was not enough for them just to have the St. Kitts and Nevis passport. They started looking to see what they could do for the country, and how they could make a difference.

"The project you are going to hear about is one that can be very similar to one that they have done in Dubai this year," pointed out Mr Lawrence. "The Minister (Hon Duggins) went to Dubai to look at that facility. You are talking about a facility, it is a major facility too, and they have created it. They designed it, constructed it and are actually operating it. It has large spaces for events, games, and restaurants - similar to what they are proposing to do here."

Mr Lawrence advised that the initial design was presented to Cabinet, and was approved in principle. He however noted that the Cabinet instructed that it would also want the input of all the stakeholders, and hence the holding of the consultations.

He observed that the Cabinet directive worked well with the developers, as they too also wanted the input of the stakeholders because their attitude was that they were building it for the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, and must therefore reflect what the people of St. Kitts and Nevis need.

Evening's activities were chaired by Dance Specialist in the Department of Creative Economy, Ms Marcia Jeffers. She was in the company of Drumming Specialist in her Department, Mr Royd Phipps, who sat at the back and

followed the proceedings with that look of satisfaction that appeared to say: "Thank God we have a home!"

Present included Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Sports and The Creative Economy, Ms Valencia Syder; Director of the Creative Economy, Ms Robertine Webbe; Director of Intangible Cultural Heritage within the Department of Creative Economy, Mr Pierre Liburd; and Hon Duggins' wife, Mrs Ermelin Sebastian-Duggins.

Giving their views, were among others, the reigning Calypso Monarch, Ms Karissa 'Miss Independent' Willett; Director of Nubian Arts, Mrs Kesha Isaac-Adams; Architect, Mr Derrione Flemming; Registrar, Intellectual Property (IP) Office of St. Kitts and Nevis, Mrs Jihan Williams-Knight, in her capacity as a poet; and artisan, and owner of The Porter's House Art Gallery and

Studio, Ms Carla Astaphan.

After listening to the questions and suggestions made from the floor, developers Mr Abbas Fahim and Dr Sirous Motevessel, observed that the comments were very good and that they took notes and will revise the design according to those recommendations.

"I want to thank all the players involved," said Hon Duggins, who is also the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Marine Resources and Cooperatives; and Small Business and Entrepreneurship. "I want to thank Faron and the team of developers that would have worked diligently on this project. I want to thank the Prime Minister and the rest of my Cabinet colleagues, where I just had to leave the Cabinet to be here, for their support in this endeavour."

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

Construction of Roads and Drains at:

- 1) Boyds View, Trinity
- 2) Palmetto Point/Sunset Reef Road, Trinity
- 3) Shadwell East/Shadwell West, Basseterre

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday October 02, 2023 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$500.00 each for Trinity Roads and non-refundable fee of \$1500.00 each for Shadwell East/West.

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

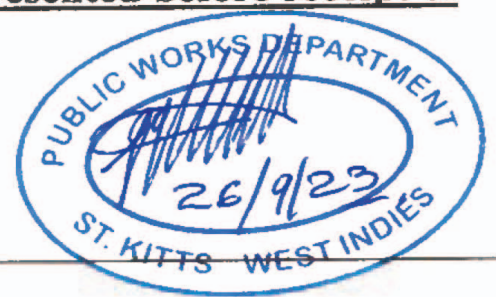
**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Friday 10th November, 2023**

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



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Bank of Nevis Ltd was incorporated on August 29th, 1985 under the laws of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis and opened its doors for business to the public on December 9th, 1985. It was created out of a desire to provide banking services to the local community with the hope that this would assist with the development of the island's economy. It is for this reason that the Bank adopted the motto **'Improving the Quality of Life'**. We offer comprehensive services including a variety of deposit accounts with attractive rates of interest, credit and debit cards and loans. Other services include ATM services, online banking, brokerage services, merchant services and foreign exchange purchases and sales.

In December 2019, BON as part of a consortium group of indigenous banks in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU), entered into an agreement with Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) to purchase regional businesses operating under RBC Royal Bank Holdings (EC) Limited in Nevis, St. Kitts, Antigua, Montserrat, St. Lucia, Dominica, Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The acquisition was completed on 1 April 2021 with BON acquiring the RBC/RBTT operations in St. Kitts and Nevis. Accordingly, BON now operates from three locations in St. Kitts and Nevis and also maintains the former RBTT Bank in Nevis as a subsidiary under the name BON Bank Ltd.

The Bank of Nevis Limited invites applications from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of:

Marketing Manager

Position Summary

The Marketing Manager will report to the Chief Operations & Customer Support Officer and is responsible for creating and driving the marketing strategy of the Bank as well as overseeing the Marketing department's initiatives and activities, staff management, tracking & reporting, and interdepartmental and intercompany collaboration efforts. The incumbent will manage the Bank's digital and social media presence, website content, advertising, communications, event management and brand standards.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Develop and execute an annual strategic marketing plan and budget that will expand the Bank's brand awareness, growth and service.
- Establish positioning, identify target audiences, and develop marketing plans with specific objectives across different channels and segments.
- Lead the execution of marketing programs from start to finish, leveraging internal support and driving collaboration.
- Analyze customer insights, consumer trends, market analysis, and marketing best practices to build successful strategies.
- Create, maintain, and conduct analytics reporting across multiple platforms and extract key insights for future campaign development and go-to-market strategies.
- Work in partnership with creative parties, develop creative briefs and guide creative direction to meet objectives for all advertising and public-facing communications, including print, digital, and video assets.
- Conceptualize and execute on multi-channel campaigns across the prospect and customer lifecycle, ensuring the alignment of communications and messaging across all channels.
- Manage content and updates for customer and internal touch points, establishing budget guidelines, participating in events, documenting business processes, and providing additional sales support.
- Gather customer and market insights to inform outreach strategies, increase customer conversions, and generate more qualified leads.
- Identify effectiveness and impact of current marketing initiatives with tracking and analysis and optimize accordingly.
- Present ideas and final deliverables to internal and external teams, and communicate with senior leaders about marketing programs, strategies, and budgets.
- Collaborate with senior management, internal departments and third-party vendors to execute marketing and promotional activities.
- Plan and execute events for the Bank to drive an increase in customers and awareness.
- Review sponsorship opportunities as they arise and determine if they are a fit for the Bank.
- Perform any other duties as assigned from time to time.

Experience and Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, Mass Communication, Business Administration, or a related field.
- A minimum of 7 years' work experience in a Marketing role.
- Proven experience developing marketing plans and campaigns.
- Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite programs and Analytics software.
- Experience with Marketing Automation and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) tools.
- Experience placing and analyzing social media advertisements.
- Comfortable using all major social media platforms including Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram.
- Proficiency with online marketing and social media strategy

The following would prove to be an asset:

- Proven experience designing interactive applications and networking platforms
- Prior experience in a banking environment.
- Membership in a professional marketing organization
- Established press and media contacts

Skills and Attributes

- Demonstration of strong project management skills, multitasking, and decision-making skills.
- Strong leadership skills with emphasis on collaboration, team building, continuous improvement, and support of culture development.
- Exceptional writing and editorial skills to effectively communicate messages to a wide variety of audiences.
- Exceptional interpersonal, oral communication, and listening skills to effectively interact with staff, clients, strategic partners, and the public.
- Strong analytical and mathematical skills required to understand and communicate complex financial and economic data and concepts to a broad audience.
- Results driven, goal and service oriented, self-motivated and able to work independently and as part of a team.
- A professional demeanor, positive attitude and the willingness to advance.

All applications should be submitted with detailed Curriculum Vitae and the Bank's application form which is available on the bank's website www.thebankofnevis.com. Applications should be submitted no later than 3rd November 2023 to:

The Senior Manager, Human Resources & Administration
The Bank of Nevis Limited
P. O. Box 450, Main Street
Charlestown, Nevis

Tel: 869-469-5564
Fax: 869-469-1039

Email: recruitment@thebankofnevis.com and copied to info@thebankofnevis.com.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will receive an acknowledgement.



OECS to Launch Ministerial Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change

OECS Media Release

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 - A new OECS high-level Ministerial Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change will be launched on October 25, 2023, at the Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week (LACC) in Panama.

Member States of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) signed off on a ministerial declaration which was presented at the OECS second Immigration Council of Ministers Meeting held on April 13, 2023, in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Eastern Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are recurrently exposed to climate related hazards the impact of which is increasing, resulting in both internal and cross border displacement. These impacts threaten the human security of at-risk populations in the region limiting efforts to enable vulnerable people to live free from fear, free from want and the opportunity to live in dignity.

The Ministerial Declaration demonstrates OECS Member States and Associate Members commitment to take action to mitigate climate change impact as well as to address human mobility relating to environmental degradation.

Director General of the OECS Commission, Dr Didacus Jules, in support of the Declaration said, "This is a true reflection of the collective commitment among the leaders of the OECS to take action against the climate change phenomenon that threatens the very survival of our region."



Project Coordinator, Viola Pascal, noted, "Leveraging the multistakeholder, comprehensive and people-centered principles central to the human security approach in realizing this high-level Ministerial Declaration, is very timely to strengthen advocacy by OECS SIDS towards political and socioeconomic support to protect at-risk population."

The Ministerial Declaration is a significant achievement under a joint human security programme implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in collaboration with the OECS Commission, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) under the guidance of the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean.

Press information on the OECS Ministerial Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change launch will be available via the OECS online pressroom.



For Immediate Release October 24th 2023

40 Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs Awarded Small Business Booster Grants through the Ministry's 40-40 Initiative, Commemorating the Federation's 40th Anniversary of Independence

Basseterre — The Ministry of Small Business & Entrepreneurship is thrilled to announce the successful recipients of the Small Business Booster Grant as part of the innovative 40-40 Initiative, a program launched to commemorate the Federation's 40th Anniversary of Independence, celebrated in September 2023. Forty outstanding small business owners and entrepreneurs were chosen from a pool of over 200 applicants to receive individual grants of XCD\$5,000 each to

strengthen their businesses. The XCD\$5,000 grants, which will be disbursed to the recipients, are made possible through the generous donation of a philanthropic donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

To ensure the success and sustainability of these businesses, recipients were required to participate in a mandatory training session on fundamental aspects of business management. This session covered critical topics, including the importance of proper business planning, effective marketing and branding, sound business organization and structure, and financial

projections. By equipping these entrepreneurs with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in today's competitive business landscape, the Ministry is laying a solid foundation for their future growth.

In addition to the financial support and training, recipients have committed to participating in the Ministry's ongoing monitoring and evaluation program. This initiative will enable the Ministry to meticulously document and measure the positive impact that the grants have on the supported businesses. Furthermore, it will offer continuous guidance and support to the recipients as they navigate their entrepreneurial journeys.

The Ministry of Small Business & Entrepreneurship takes pride in its unwavering commitment to fostering a thriving small business sector in our community. The 40-40 Initiative and the Small Business Booster Grants are emblematic of the Ministry's dedication to empowering small business owners and entrepreneurs, making their dreams a reality, and driving economic growth in our region.

About the Ministry of Small Business & Entrepreneurship:

The Ministry of Small Business & Entrepreneurship is dedicated to supporting and nurturing the growth of small businesses and entrepreneurs in our community. By providing essential resources such as training, capacity development and consultations, the Ministry aims to create a vibrant ecosystem where small businesses can thrive and contribute to the economic prosperity of our region.

Case Number :SKBHCV2022/0070

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2022/0070

BETWEEN:

FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL
BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED

Applicant

and

MELISA ARIANA BENJAMIN

Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court, St Kitts Circuit by PUBLIC AUCTION at the High Court of Justice, Basseterre, St Kitts

on Thursday the 23rd day of November 2023, at

2:30pm o'clock in the afternoon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 20 situate at Buckleys Park Housing Development in the Parish of St George in the Island of Saint Christopher containing by admeasurement 4,439.15 square feet and which said lot piece or parcel of land is bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: On or towards the North by Buckleys Estate, 39.21 feet and 10.06 feet; On or towards the East by Lot No. 21, 80.00 feet; On or towards the South by a Public Road, 16.28 feet and 45.43 feet and On or towards the West by Lot No. 19, 80.00 feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated January 9, 2012 and registered in Book L3 Folio 7 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher.

SURVEY PLAN & SATELLITE MAP OF PROPERTY:



UPSET PRICE: The upset price for the above land shall be EC\$54,700.00

GENERAL INFORMATION: The successful bidder: (1) must publicly declare on whose behalf he or she is bidding; (2) must pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth (25%) of his or her winning bid; and (3) must pay the balance within one month from the day of the public auction. The purchaser(s) shall be entitled, by law, to possession of the property after payment of the deposit. The purchaser(s) must pay Stamp Duty (statutorily 6% of the purchase price) and any Property Taxes accrued and unpaid at the time of the transfer of the property. It is recommended that the purchaser(s) instruct legal counsel to conclude the transfer process. Contact the Applicant/Mortgagee's Attorneys-at-Law, Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand (869-465-2440 or law@kwfonline.com) or the High Court Registry (869-467-1102 registryskn@gov.kn) for more details

Dated the 19th day of October 2023

REGISTRAR
OF THE HIGH COURT



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ST. CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS

(ST. KITT'S CIRCUIT)

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Filed Date:17/10/2023 10:07

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Case Number :SKBHPB2023/0129

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

In the Estate of PEARLINE AMABELL
MATTHEW, late of 114-3040 Constitution Blvd,
Mississauga, Ontario, L4Y 3X7, Canada, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MARK ANTHONY WILKIN of Sea Breeze Crescent, Frigate Bay, in the Island of St Kitts, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased PEARLINE AMABELL MATTHEW who died on May 23, 2014 without revoking a Will bearing the date of April 27, 1998 wherein the Applicant is named Executor.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 18th day of October 2023.

M. Elizabeth A. Kelsick
M. Elizabeth A. Kelsick, Partner
KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by: KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants, whose address for service is Fred Kelsick Building, Independence Square South, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Tel: +1.869.465.2645; Fax: +1.869.466.7808; Email: Law@kwfonline.com

Former Miss Culture Queen wins Culturama 50 slogan contest

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (October 25, 2023) - Nevis’ Culturama Festival will celebrate its 50th anniversary from July 25th to August 6th, 2024, with the winning slogan **“Celebrating Culture, Embracing History, It’s Culturama 50!”**

Ms. Carmel Allen, who resides in Prospect, St. John’s Parish, penned the captivating slogan for the festival’s fiftieth anniversary in 2024.

Her slogan was chosen from 292

entries that were accepted between July 27 and September 30, 2023. Ms Allen is no stranger to Culturama as she was crowned Ms. Culture Queen in 1980.

Ms. Allen will receive a cash prize of \$500.00, two sets of complimentary tickets to all Culturama 50 activities, and a plaque.

The Nevis Culturama Committee congratulates Ms. Carmel Allen for winning the Culturama 50 slogan competition. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all other

participants.



Ms. Carmel Allen, winner of the Culturama 50 slogan contest

Case Number :SKBHCV2023/0127

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2023/0127

BETWEEN:

[1] THE BANK NEVIS LIMITED
(successor to the banking business
of Royal Bank of Canada in St Kitts)

and

[1] CALVIN JENKINS
[2] ALETHEA JENKINS

Applicant

Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE
BY PUBLIC AUCTION

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court,
St Kitts Circuit by PUBLIC AUCTION at the High Court of Justice, Basseterre, St Kitts
on Thursday the 23rd day of November 2023, at
2:15 pm o'clock in the afternoon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ALL THAT lot of land hereditaments and premises
known as Lot No. 19 of Shadwell Housing Development, in the Parish of St. George in the
Island of St. Christopher containing by admeasurement 6,600 square feet and bounded and
measuring as follows: On the North by Lot No. 17, 110.00 feet; On the South by Lot No. 21,
110.00 feet; On the East by Lot No. 20, 60.0 feet and On the West by Martin Luther King
Avenue, 60.0 feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated September
20, 2019 and registered in Book S3 Folio 390 of the Register of Titles of the Island of
Saint Christopher.

SURVEY PLAN & SATELLITE MAP OF PROPERTY:



UPSET PRICE: The upset price for the above land shall be EC\$127,000.00

GENERAL INFORMATION: The successful bidder: (1) must publicly declare on whose
behalf he or she is bidding; (2) must pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth (25%)
of his or her winning bid; and (3) must pay the balance within one month from the day
of the public auction. The purchaser(s) shall be entitled, by law, to possession of the
property after payment of the deposit. The purchaser(s) must pay Stamp Duty
(statutorily 6% of the purchase price) and any Property Taxes accrued and unpaid at the
time of the transfer of the property. It is recommended that the purchaser(s) instruct
legal counsel to conclude the transfer process. Contact the Applicant/Mortgagee's
Attorneys-at-Law, Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand (869-465-2440 or law@kwfonline.com)
or the High Court Registry (869-467-1102 registryskn@gov.kn) for more details

Dated the 19th day of October 2023

REGISTRAR
OF THE HIGH COURT



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(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A. D. 2023

CLAIM NO: SKBHPB2023/

In the Estate of Alwyn Hodge late of 27 Birch
Grove Slough SL2 1EP United Kingdom who died
testate on the 9th day of November, 2018 in England
and Wales.

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the
Supreme Court for the resealing of the probate of the estate of Alwyn Hodge late of 27 Birch Grove
Slough SL2 1EP United Kingdom granted by the High Court of Justice England and Wales on the
5th day of August , 2019.

Dated this 19th day of October 2023

Innis and Inniss

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Attorney-at-Law for the Administrator

Filed by INNISS AND INNISS, Attorney-at-Law whose address for service is, Chambers 11A
Cayon Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts Tel no.: 465-4010, Email lyrinis@sisterisles.kn

NIA provides further relief for women by offering free referrals in addition to free mammograms

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (October 25, 2023)- The Nevis Island Administration (NIA) has moved with alacrity to assist women in getting screened for breast cancer by offering free doctor referrals in addition to the free mammogram services the government has been providing for the past several months.



Premier of Nevis the Honourable Mark Brantley announced the additional relief measure on Tuesday, October 24, during his monthly press conference.

“Some women nevertheless complained because in order to access the service at the hospital they needed a referral from a doctor and some said it was difficult because the doctor would charge them \$200 for the visit. So even though the mammogram at the Alexandra Hospital was free they still had to have money to pay the doctor.

“And we have responded to that concern and said to our women for those who say they cannot afford the doctor’s fee, go to the health centre and the doctor who is attending at the health centre will give you a referral for free to then go to the hospital to get the mammogram service for free for the rest of this year.”

Doctors will be on hand at the Butlers Health Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Mondays, the Brownhill Health Centre from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, the Gingerland Health Centre and the Cotton Ground Health Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, the Charlestown Health Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and the Combermere Health Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Fridays.

“The evidence suggests that mammograms are the best tool available for detecting breast cancer, especially detecting it early... and we have said to our women, if you are over 40 especially, it is recommended that you get a mammogram done at least once per year.

“So we are hopeful that by the end of the year all of those who fall into that category who are encouraged to get a mammogram, that they will go and avail themselves of this service. We don’t want anyone to have any excuses. Your health is in your hands. We want you to take advantage of what we’re trying to do to have as many women as possible screened for breast cancer. â €€

The Premier commended Minister of Health the Hon. Jahnel Nisbett and her team at the Ministry for heeding the plight of those in need and thanked the Minister for bringing it to the Cabinet, where the idea garnered the full support of its members.

Some 189 persons have already taken advantage of the free mammography service since the installation of the equipment in June.



Minister of Health in the Nevis Island Administration the Honourable Jahnel Nisbett beside the new Philips (Planmed Clarity 3D) mammography system at the Alexandra Hospital

Effective January 01, 2024, a fee of \$300 will be charged for the mammogram service at the hospital, the same rate as is being charged on St. Kitts.

Meantime, the NIA has employed Dr. Adelkis Licort, its first resident pathologist, in order to strengthen the health delivery team

at the Alexandra Hospital. Radiologists are specialized doctors who analyze medical diagnostic images such as ultrasounds, X-rays, and CT scan.

Premier Brantley noted that her addition to the team will help to expedite the return of radiological reports for doctors to diagnose and treat illness and injury, as images will now be examined at the hospital instead of having to be sent to St. Kitts for analysis.

The Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM)-led administration has been systematically investing in new diagnostic tools for the island’s main medical institution, the Alexandra Hospital with the installation of new mammography machines, CT scan machine, advanced X-ray equipment, echocardiogram equipment and ultra sound machine.

“I think that these are important steps forward for our healthcare system and all of these equipment represent a first for Nevis. These are very important developments in healthcare not only in Nevis but across the Federation,” said the Honourable Brantley.

SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Antonio Maynard of #21 Bayview, St. Kitts, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. 055403830** 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: **13th October, 2023.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary


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T’Anna Simmonds of #95 Cabbage Tree Housing Project, Cayon, St. Kitts, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. 055403751** 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.

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Rainy summer hits ice cream sales, says Magnum maker



A half eaten Magnum icecream
IMAGE SOURCE,STEVE RUSSELL
A rainy summer in Europe meant sales of ice cream dropped

By Sam Gruet
Business reporter, BBC News

Sales of ice cream fell sharply this summer in part due to bad weather, says the maker of Ben & Jerry’s and Magnum.

Unilever, which owns other household names like Dove soap and Hellmann’s, said customers buying cheaper alternatives had also hit its sales.

Underlying revenue at the group rose by 5.2% in the three months to September after the company raised its prices.

But the firm’s boss admitted it could have done better and set out a plan to speed up growth.

By volume, sales of Unilever’s ice creams fell 10% over the summer, largely because of bad weather in Europe and consumers choosing cheaper goods.

But that was offset by prices rising by more than 8%, meaning the revenue in this part of the business only fell by around 3%.

Elsewhere the cost-of-living crisis appeared to have hurt the group, with sales of items such as Knorr stock cubes falling as customers switched to cheaper brands.

However, its beauty and personal care brands such as Dove and Vaseline bucked the trend, with sales up sharply.

Like other consumers goods firms, Unilever has faced criticism as it put up prices over the last few years and enjoyed higher profits.

In the three months to September, prices across the business rose by 5.8% while the volume of sales dropped by 0.6%, meaning consumers paid more money for fewer products.

However, Unilever has rejected the criticism, saying earlier this year that it had faced higher input costs and was not “profiteering in any form”.

On Thursday, boss Hein Schumacher said the group was generally not meeting its potential and unveiled a plan to turn things around.

He said the firm would step up innovation and investment in it’s 30 biggest brands, which represent 70% of its turnover.

The plan will include highlighting the brands “superiority” compared to cheaper alternatives and focusing on sustainability commitments.

SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Yvonne Tyrell, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. S05501331** issued by **Barbabos Mutual Life Assurance Society** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on her life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

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Lydia Blanchard of **Buckley’s Housing, Basseterre, St. Kitts** having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. J554001955** issued by **Sagicor Inc** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on her life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

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Dahlia Henry, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. S05504394** issued by **Barbabos Mutual Life Assurance Society** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on the life of **Sonia Hector** 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: **13th October, 2023.**

By Order
Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



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Antoinette Laws of **#135 Osborne Street, St. Peters, St. Kitts**, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. K100307895** issued by **British American Insurance Company** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on the life of **Sharina Laws** 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: **13th October, 2023.**

By Order
Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



Wise Financial Thinking for Life Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc

Nevis' road infrastructure withstands torrential rains caused by Hurricane Tammy

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (October 26, 2023)- Director of the Public Works Department in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) Mr. Jevon Williams says while assessments are ongoing, initial evaluations indicate that the main road network around the island did not sustain any major damage from the



Area of washed out roadside on Nevis due to heavy rains associated with the passage of Hurricane Tammy in October 2023



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

RENOVATION WORKS for AGRO PROCESSING UNIT Phase 2

At

Needsmust, St. Kitts

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday 25th September, 2023 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$500.00 each.

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 Thursday 2nd November, 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



heavy rains associated with the passage of Hurricane Tammy over the weekend.

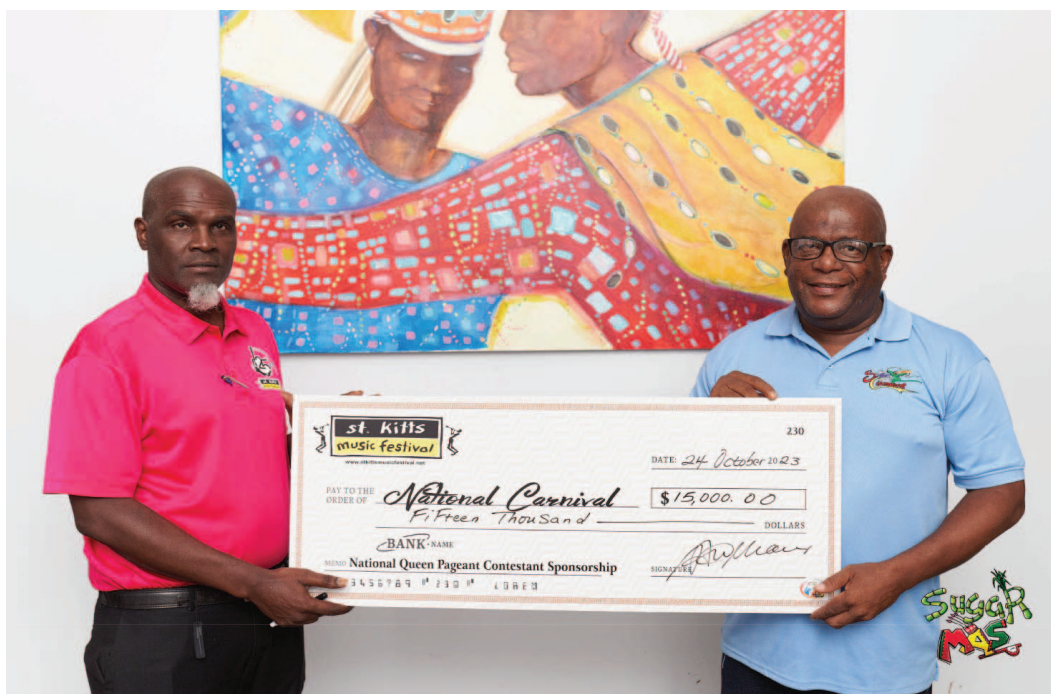
"There was no major damage to the main roads however some of the feeder roads had some washout along the sides of the roads, as was expected. The projects where work was still ongoing at the time also held up very well. Bath [Village], Brownhill, Craddock Road, Ramsbury, the Bypass Road are in good shape," he said, noting that Rawlins, Butlers, Pump Road, upper Prospect and Browne Pasture were some of the areas affected by water swells.

The Director indicated that one village road in Braziers suffered significant wash out but overall the damaged roads can be easily repaired. Culverts and U-drains that were blocked during the rains, he said, have already been cleared of debris and road clean-up has been ongoing.

During his October 24 press conference, Premier of Nevis the Honourable Mark Brantley extolled the work being done by the Public Works engineer and road work team, crediting them for the excellent construction of the roads across the island.

He also put on record his gratitude to Deputy Premier the Hon. Eric Evelyn for his stewardship as Acting Premier during that time while the Premier was overseas, and the Hon. Spencer Brand and his team responsible for disaster management for the "remarkable job they did in ensuring that our island was prepared and our people were informed".

He further registered his appreciation to the entire Cabinet for the way that they managed Nevis during the threat of storm.



St Kitts Music Festival Joins St Kitts & Nevis Carnival as Bronze Sponsor

The anticipation for Sugar Mas 52 is building, and the St. Kitts & Nevis National Carnival Committee is thrilled to announce that the St. Kitts Music Festival is officially a Bronze Sponsor for this year's festivities.

In a moment of camaraderie and support, Allister Williams, Chairman of the St. Kitts Music Festival, presented a generous \$15,000 cheque to Clement 'Monarch' Ogarro, Director of Carnival.

The St. Kitts Music Festival is also adding a touch of elegance and

glamour to the celebrations by proudly sponsoring Ambassador #6 in the Miss St Kitts & Nevis Pageant, Desnarine Hanley. This sponsorship further underscores the festival's commitment to uplifting our vibrant community and showcasing the best of the Federation.

The St. Kitts Music Festival is poised to celebrate its 26th anniversary in June 2024, promising an even more spectacular showcase of music and entertainment. The anticipation for next year's festivities is already building, promising an unforgettable experience for all.

The St. Kitts & Nevis Carnival Committee extends its heartfelt gratitude to the St. Kitts Music Festival for their generous support. Their partnership enriches our carnival celebrations and enhances the cultural experience for our entire community.



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

Construction of Roads and Drains at:

- 1) Rawlins Extension, St. Pauls
- 2) White House Phase 1, St. Peters
- 3) Race Course, Newton Ground

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday October 30, 2023 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$500.00 each.

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 Friday 08th December, 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



New Date for ECCB@40 Creative Arts and Island Night Festival

The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank is pleased to announce that the ECCB@40 Creative Arts and Island Night Festival will now be held this Saturday, 28 October 2023 from 3:00pm.

The ECCB looks forward to welcoming persons who had previously registered to attend the event.

Please contact the ECCB via email at info@eccb-centralbank.org for any further information about the event.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Application
deadline:
November
16, 2023
at Noon
(AST)

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) are pleased to offer scholarships for a total of two (2) candidates to complete the International Master in Public Procurement Management (IMPPM) degree programme at the University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy, for the academic year 2024/2025.

The scholarship is open to all citizens of CDB's borrowing member countries: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, The Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago and Turks and Caicos Islands.

Application Deadline:
November 16, 2022 at
12:00PM (AST)



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

RENOVATION to UPPER BATHROOM

At

Washington Archibald High School

Taylor's Range, St. Kitts

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday 25th September, 2023 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$500.00 each.

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 Tuesday 7th November, 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



UAW strike: Ford and union agree record pay rise in tentative deal



Workers picket outside the Ford Assembly plant in Chicago during the UAW strike against the Big Three US car makers on 10 October, 2023.

IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES

The strike is the first in the UAW's history to target all three major car makers at once

By Peter Hoskins

Business reporter

Ford and the United Auto Workers (UAW) union have reached a tentative deal, which includes a record pay rise, to end a nearly six-week strike.

The agreement would be the first settlement of strikes by workers at Ford, General Motors (GM) and Chrysler-parent Stellantis.

The deal still needs to be approved by union leaders and members.

If the new contract gets approval from Ford workers, it would set the standard for talks at GM and Stellantis.

"We told Ford to pony up and they did," UAW President Shawn Fain said.

Mr Fain said the agreement included a 25% wage increase over the four-and-a-half-year life of the contract, with an initial increase of 11%.

The lowest-paid temporary workers would see pay rises of more than 150% over the period. The union also won the right to strike over future Ford

plant closures, he added.

Ford chief executive and president Jim Farley said in a statement: "We are focused on restarting Kentucky Truck Plant, Michigan Assembly Plant and Chicago Assembly Plant, calling 20,000 Ford employees back to work and shipping our full line-up to our customers again."

US President Joe Biden said that he applauded the tentative deal.

"[It] provides a record raise to auto workers who have sacrificed so much to ensure our iconic Big Three companies can still lead the world in quality and innovation," Mr Biden said.

The strike, which started on 15 September, is the first in the UAW's 88-year history to target all three carmakers at once.

The union opened talks seeking a roughly 40% rise in pay over four years. Other demands included an end to practices that give newer workers lower pay and fewer benefits.

The companies had maintained that the union's requests would hurt their ability to invest in the long term. They countered with a roughly 20% pay increase and some other concessions.

The UAW put pressure on the motor industry giants by taking industrial action at the companies' most profitable plants.

UAW members walked out at dozens of sites, including GM's Arlington, Texas assembly plant, Ford's Kentucky heavy-duty pickup factory and Stellantis' Ram pickup plant in Sterling Heights, Michigan.

The announcement came ahead of Ford's quarterly financial results on Thursday.

The union is still striking at GM and Stellantis.

After the announcement of the tentative agreement between Ford and the UAW, GM and Stellantis said that they were working towards tentative agreements with the union.

The estimated total economic losses from the strike had reached \$9.3bn (£7.7bn), research firm the Anderson Economic Group said earlier this week.

Carnival cruise firm pays thousands over Covid 'negligence'



The Ruby Princess cruise ship departs the Overseas Passenger terminal in Circular Quay on March 19, 2020 in Sydney, Australia.

IMAGE SOURCE, JAMES D. MORGAN

An outbreak on the Ruby Princess was linked to 900 Covid cases and 28 deaths

By Sam Gruet

Business reporter, BBC News

The world's largest cruise operator, Carnival, has been ordered to pay the medical bills of a passenger who caught Covid-19 on board one of its liners.

An Australian judge ruled the company misled passengers about safety risks, and should have cancelled a voyage by the Ruby Princess in March 2020 before it departed.

Some 900 Covid cases and 28 deaths were linked to an outbreak onboard.

The landmark ruling could open the door to hundreds of others claiming damages.

The case's lead claimant Susan Karpik, a retired nurse, was

travelling with her husband Henry on the Ruby Princess as it sailed from Sydney to New Zealand in March 2020, right at the start of the pandemic.

Some 2,671 passengers and 1,146 crew members were on board.

Mr Karpik, a retired police officer, fell ill with the virus and was hospitalised for two months, during which time he was put into an induced coma and at one point given days to live.

The judge ruled Carnival's Australian division was found to have been "negligent and in breach of their duty of care", and ruled Ms Karpiks should be awarded A\$4,423.48 (\$2,826) plus interest for out-of-pocket medical expenses.

This is a fraction of the A\$360,000 she sued for, but the ruling opens the door to 1,000 other passengers who travelled on the same voyage to make claims.

Judge Agnus Stewart ruled that Carnival "knew or ought to have known" about the "significant risk" of an outbreak with potentially "disastrous" consequences, yet it proceeded "regardless" and that any "reasonable person" would have cancelled the cruise.

Speaking outside the court, Mrs Karpik remembered the 28 people who lost their lives following the outbreak, saying many "would have been celebrating a significant event in their lives" in taking the cruise.

There had been an outbreak of an "influenza-like illness" on a voyage taken immediately prior to the trip, the judge said in his ruling. That voyage had ended early on 8 March 2020, and had raised the risk of the virus being carried over to the next trip, he added.

The ruling is the first class action win against a cruise ship in the world, according to Shine Lawyers.

The number of claimants could also grow should Australia's High Court rule 700 American passengers can be included in the class action lawsuit.

The voyage was for a time Australia's biggest single source of Covid infection and a public inquiry into the outbreak concluded health officials in the New South Wales state made "serious mistakes".

Carnival Australia said it was considering the judgement in detail.

TDC Group of Companies Joins St Kitts & Nevis Carnival as Bronze Sponsor

The St Kitts & Nevis Carnival Committee is delighted to welcome the TDC Group of Companies (TDC) as a valued Bronze Sponsor for this year's festivities. In a ceremony marked by enthusiasm and support, Kasha Thompson, Manager of Client Relations and Marketing at

TDC, presented a generous \$15,000 cheque to Clement 'Monarch' Ogarro, Carnival Director.

TDC Group of Companies' decision to join as a Bronze Sponsor reaffirms their commitment to celebrating our cultural heritage through Sugar Mas. This partnership goes



MOFA congratulates new US House speaker

Publication Date: October 27, 2023



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs offers congratulations to Mike Johnson on his new post as the speaker of the United States House of Representatives Oct. 26 in Taipei City. (MOFA)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveyed its sincere congratulations to the newly elected speaker of the United States House of Representatives Mike Johnson and anticipated continued close cooperation with the House to deepen Taiwan-U.S. ties Oct. 26, in Taipei City.

Johnson, vice chair of the House Republican Conference as well as a member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, was elected as the speaker Oct. 25, according to the MOFA.

Taiwan and the U.S. share the same core values of democracy, freedom, human rights and the respect for the rule of law, the ministry said, adding that in recent years, the two sides have achieved great things in fields spanning the economy, politics, security and trade.

The U.S. Congress' bipartisan backing for Taiwan has always served as the most solid foundation for the countries' partnership, the ministry said. Since the 118th Congress convened in January 2023, over 50 Taiwan-related bills and resolutions have been raised, which clearly demonstrates firm support of Taiwan, the MOFA added.

The ministry looks forward to fruitful collaboration with the new House speaker and cross-party Congress members in the interest of advancing peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific. (POC-E)

beyond financial support; it signifies their dedication to the spirit of unity and celebration that defines our carnival.

In addition to their Bronze status, TDC Group of Companies is proud to sponsor Ambassador Number 5 in the Miss St Kitts & Nevis Pageant, Miss Desanne Maynard. This sponsorship reflects TDC's ongoing commitment to empowering young talent and promoting our local community.

The St Kitts & Nevis Carnival Committee extends its sincere gratitude to the TDC Group of Companies for their generous contribution.

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Tai chi may slow Parkinson's symptoms for years, study finds



Women practising tai chi outdoors
IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES

By Philippa Roxby
Health reporter

Tai chi may help slow down the symptoms of Parkinson's disease for several years, a Chinese study suggests.

Those who practised the martial art twice a week had fewer complications and better quality of life than those who didn't, the researchers say.

Parkinson's is a progressive brain disease which leads to tremors and slow movement, and there is no cure.

Experts say the findings back up previous studies on the benefits of exercise for those with Parkinson's.

The study, from Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine, monitored the health of hundreds of Parkinson's patients for up to five years.

One group of 147 people practised regular tai chi while another group of 187 did not.

The traditional Chinese exercise combines slow, gentle movements with deep breathing and relaxation.

The charity Parkinson's UK describes tai chi as a low-intensity physical activity that can "help to lift your mood and help you live well".

The researchers found that the disease progressed more slowly in the tai chi group on measurements of symptoms, movement and balance.

This group also saw fewer falls, less back pain and dizziness, with memory and concentration problems also lower than in the other group.

At the same time, sleep and quality of life continuously improved.

Do it yourself - Carrying the moon:
Breathe in, turn your body towards the left from the waist
Your shoulders are relaxed and your elbows slightly bent
Now reach both arms towards the left with your head focusing on your hands
Breathe out, bring hands down. Turn to right and repeat

Do it yourself - Twisting waist and push palms:
Breathe in, draw palms to the waist facing upwards
Breathe out, turn your body to the left at the waist. Keep the left elbow and wrist slightly bent and draw the elbow back
At the same time, extend the right arm forward

and push with the right palm facing forward (as if you are trying to stop traffic)

Breathe in, return to the middle and spread your weight evenly before turning to the right, drawing your right arm back and extending your left arm with your palm facing forward.

A previous trial of people with Parkinson's who practised tai chi for six months found greater improvements in walking, posture and balance than those not on the programme.

Writing in the Journal of Neurology Neurosurgery & Psychiatry, Dr Gen Li and co-authors say their study shows "that tai chi retains the long-term beneficial effect on Parkinson's disease".

They say tai chi could be used to manage Parkinson's on a long-term basis and prolong quality of life, while still helping to keep patients active.

But they also acknowledge that the study is relatively small and could not prove that tai chi was the reason for the positive outcomes experienced by one group.

'Positive effects'

Prof K Ray Chaudhuri, professor of movement disorders and neurology at King's College London, said: "It is too early to claim any neuroprotection based on this study, although the positive effects on aspects of motor and non-motor functions are impressive."

He said ballet had also been found to have similar effects on Parkinson's.

Prof Alastair Noyce, professor in neurology and neuroepidemiology at Queen Mary University of London, called it "an important study" but said there were limitations in its design, and more trials were needed.

"We already recommend tai chi, as well as other forms of exercise, but understanding which forms of exercise are most beneficial is an important goal to enhance the long-term management of patients," he said.

Carrying the moon

Standing

Seated

Twisting waist and push palms

Standing

Seated

Cricket World Cup 2023: England's tournament over and it has been a mess from the very start

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BBC Sport in Bengaluru

From the section Cricket

As England's World Cup slumped to a new low, huge birds of prey circled overhead in Bengaluru.

Perhaps they too saw what the rest of us could.

England's World Cup defence was dying and, like Sri Lanka, they were ready to go in for the kill.

England facing early World Cup exit after sorry Sri Lanka defeat

Buttler determined to remain as England captain

World Cup Daily podcast: Woeful England humiliated by Sri Lanka

This situation is not new to England fans.

Their Test team of the early 2010s, first captained by Andrew Strauss and taken on by Alastair Cook, was the best team in the world, but fell apart in the space of one Ashes tour in 2013-14.

This white-ball outfit was a similarly great team - one that became the first men's side to hold both the 50-over and T20 World Cups - but now also lies in ruin.

These things take years to build, only to unexpectedly fall apart in front of our eyes before we can quite comprehend why.

And why, is the question English cricket will now be tasked with answering.

Yes, the schedule has left them underprepared.

Eoin Morgan's England achieved 50-over glory in 2019 after four years of meticulous planning.

Then they had 88 matches of fine-tuning. Leading up to this tournament, with the focus on Test and T20 cricket, England had just 42.

That number includes three matches immediately against Ireland last month when the World Cup squad was rested, three in Bangladesh without the Test players who were playing a series in New Zealand, and three more last year against the Netherlands, again when the Test players were playing the Black Caps at home.

Joe Root had two 12-month spells without playing a one-day international. Ben Stokes retired for a year because of the schedule and came back again.

England have not played often in 50-over cricket, and when they have it has not been with their best team.

But to put the blame solely on the schedule would let a tournament that has been muddled from the outset off the hook.

So too would pointing the finger only at The Hundred.

England's players had long stopped playing domestic 50-over cricket before it took prime position in the cricketing calendar.

Stokes has not played such a match in England since 2014, while captain Jos Buttler has not since 2016.

If it did not prevent them winning at Lord's in 2019 - it cannot take all of the blame now.

Instead, England should regret how their tournament has been a shambles from its very start.

On 16 August selector Luke Wright announced the 15 players to face New Zealand in a series in September would travel to India for the World Cup.

A week later Buttler said the door was not closed on the standout omission Harry Brook - a view which was repeated by coach Matthew Mott soon after.

The result was their one series of meaningful preparation, four matches at home against New Zealand, became all about Brook and eventually he was added and Jason Roy omitted last minute.

Next there was the curious case of bowler Jofra Archer.

Hope was built up when he was named as a travelling reserve despite his elbow injury, only for him to fly to India three games in.

He joined the team in Mumbai and trained for two days before being sent home when it was deemed he would not be fit after all.

Such jumbled thinking has been a theme throughout.

For the first game against

New Zealand England stuck to a familiar formula - an XI packed with all-rounders to give batting depth and bowling options.

After the defeat by Afghanistan in Delhi, with Stokes now available after his badly timed hip injury, that plan was jettisoned as six specialist batters and five specialist bowlers were selected to play South Africa.

The result was the heaviest defeat in terms of runs in England's ODI history, and five days later in Bengaluru it was back to Plan A (all-rounder).

Mistakes have also been made at the toss.

Against Afghanistan, spooked by the dew which aided the Black Caps chase in Ahmedabad, England opted to bat second on a turning pitch against a batch of world-class spinners.

A week later in Mumbai, Buttler made the same call against South Africa in the stifling heat, conditions Root later described as "like eating the air". As the bowlers cramped, England conceded more runs than ever before in an ODI.

All of this has gone on with the issue of landmark, multi-year central contracts being negotiated in the background, before being announced two days before a crucial match in a World Cup.

Whether that distracted players or not, it resulted in David Willey wandering around the team hotel with his young children on the day he was confirmed as the one player in the squad without a contract going forward.

On Thursday he was still asked to open the bowling against Sri Lanka.

A day after the announcement, Moeen Ali gave an interview to the BBC.

Given a gentle opening question - "How are you feeling going into this one, Moeen?" - he replied: "Obviously a bit anxious."

Honest or not, they were hardly the words of defending champions who used to puff out their chests and dominate with bat and ball.

When it came to the crunch, those worries showed as Dawid Malan's wicket sparked a sorry slide from 45-0 to 156 all out.

At that point England's World Cup was done.

Throughout this tournament the talk has been which of these players will want to stick around for the next edition in 2027, given the pull of franchise leagues.

After the 2013-14 Ashes, two England greats Kevin Pietersen and Graeme Swann never played again. Jonathan Trott and Matt Prior's retirements were not too far behind.

So shambolic has this showing been, some may not have that decision in their own hands.

In his post-match media conference, Buttler became the latest England captain to be asked whether he is the right man for the job.

The pause before answering suggested someone who could not quite believe how quickly things have fallen.

From the joy of Melbourne to the misery of Bengaluru in less than 12 months.

Buttler should be given the chance to stay, firstly because there is little time before another T20 World Cup in eight months. Secondly, he remains the best candidate.

Cook led a rebuild after that Ashes defeat and won back the urn two and a half years later. Buttler could lead a new generation.

But for now, like those Ashes series, the moment hope is lost is only the beginning on tours that provide no mercy.

Sixteen days remain until England play their final game, all while the vultures circle over a once-great team.



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