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Editorial

A Tragic Loss That Demands Our Collective Action

The recent shooting incident that claimed the life of a 9-year-old boy has left our community reeling in shock and disbelief.

Before the tragic details were confirmed by the police, the very thought that a child could be a victim of such senseless violence seemed unthinkable. As a community known for its deep care and concern for our little ones, this incident strikes at the core of our collective conscience.

The death of this innocent child is a stark reminder that we cannot afford to be complacent. Each one of us has a role to play in rejecting and shunning behaviors that threaten the safety and well-being of our community, especially our children. How could anyone hurt a child? The mere thought of that young boy's fear in his final moments is profoundly disturbing, a haunting image that should spur us all into action.

This is not just a moment for mourning; it is a call against the forces of crime and violence that are tearing at the fabric of our society.

Last week's editorial emphasized the need for togetherness among us as a people and society in tackling these issues. Now, more than ever, we must come together as one people, determined to protect our most vulnerable and to ensure that such a tragedy is never repeated.

We owe it to this young boy, and to all our children, to do everything in our power to stomp out crime and violence in our communities.

Let this senseless loss be the catalyst for real change, and let us resolve to create a safer, more peaceful future for all our children. They deserve nothing less.

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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In the Estate of **Francis Richard Henry** otherwise **Richard Henry** of Fountain Village, St. James Parish, Nevis, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **MAIZIE IONA HENRY** of Fountain Village in the Parish of St. James in the Island of Nevis, and **PENELOPE RUTH BLACKWOOD** of 8 Raymond Grove, Great Barr, Birmingham, United Kingdom, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the widow and daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 3rd day of January, 2023.

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

Dated this 31st day of July, 2024.

Belva L. Nisbett
Nisbetts, Solicitors

Filed by: Nisbetts, Solicitors, whose address for service is Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

Statement By The Heads Of The OECS Independent Member States On The General Elections In The Bolivarian Republic Of Venezuela

CONGRATULATORY COMMUNIQUE

At the 75th Meeting of the OECS Authority held virtually on Friday 2nd August, the Heads of Government of the OECS discussed the recently held election in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and expressed their commitment to the holding of free and fair elections in every member of the global community as the surest expression of the will of the people.

We stand on the principle that elections must be free as the expression of the will of the people and free from outside interference and they must be fair - contested in good faith and subject to the adjudication of independent mechanisms with relevant safeguards for verification and arbitration of any dispute, all within the framework of the national laws and regulations governing the conduct of elections.

We congratulate President Nicolas Maduro Moros, on his victory and re-election to the Presidency of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for a third term and urge that every effort be made towards national reconciliation.



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Premier Brantley Criticizes Opposition for Politicizing Culturama 50

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 8th August 2024)- Premier of Nevis, Mark Brantley, who is the Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM), has publicly criticized the opposition for allegedly politicizing the recently concluded Culturama 50 festivities.

During his weekly radio show, ‘On The Mark’, aired live on VON Radio on Wednesday, 7th August 2024, he made the disclosure.

“Not even on Culturama, it seems, can they just get together and celebrate as Nevisians. Sometimes I wonder whether we’re Nevisians first, or we’re a political party first...,” Brantley said.

He spoke about the peaceful and orderly nature of the festivities, saying: “The best news, the best, the very best news that I got this morning as I woke was a report from the police to say that Culturama 50 was incident and accident free.Those words were like music to my ears.”

The Premier went on to praise the behavior of all participants, attributing the incident-free celebrations to the collective efforts of the community, security forces, and visitors alike.

“It is a marvelous thing for us in today’s age to say that our cultural festivities with the thousands and thousands of people who attended the shows and were on the streets and out and about partying, that it was incident free and it was accident free,” he remarked.

He added: “If that language doesn’t appeal to some, let me just tell you, there was no criminality. There were no major incidents or accidents, and it means therefore that our people responded to our prayers to conduct themselves responsibly and I am exceedingly proud of everyone.”

Additionally, Brantley took the opportunity to extend his gratitude to the Nevisian diaspora and international visitors who returned to the island in large numbers for the event.

“Our people came from the four corners of the globe. They came all the way to Nevis to enjoy each other, enjoy family, enjoy friends.”

He mentioned the success of the Nevis Homecoming initiative, which was designed to encourage Nevisians living abroad to return home and participate in family reunions and cultural activities.

“I went to so many different functions of families having reunions on the island, the Jeffers family, the Huggins family, the Wards, the Prentices. There were so many different families having reunions. Villages, Church Ground and others, I’m told, had reunions,” Brantley recounted.

He also thanked residents of St. Kitts who crossed the water in record numbers to join in the festivities.

“Let me thank the people of St. Kitts, our brothers and sisters across the water, because they responded in record numbers to Nevis for Culturama 50, and so I say thank you to all who made that possible.”

Despite the widespread acclaim for Culturama 50, Brantley could not ignore what he described as the opposition’s attempts to cast a shadow over the event. He expressed his disappointment that instead of joining in the celebration, the opposition seemed more focused on undermining the festival’s success.

“Now, there are some out there who wanted perfection, but we didn’t expect perfection. We wanted a cultural extravaganza, a cultural showcase that we could all be proud of,” Brantley said. “And I think based on all of the feedback that I’ve had, Culturama 50 was a successful Culturama. That we catered to our patrons in a way that they enjoyed themselves immensely.”

However, he expressed concern that the opposition appeared to be more intent on finding fault than celebrating the achievements of the event.

“And of course, the naysayers will do what they do best. That is their nature and that is what they have to do. But I find it

remarkable that virtually all of the negatives I’ve heard have come from the opposition in Nevis. Not even on Culturama, it seems, can they just get together and celebrate as Nevisians.

“Sometimes I wonder whether we’re Nevisians first, or we’re a political party first

because even as people were gathered here commixing and commingling; people were getting together people going to church together people were going to events cocktail events and various types events, the opposition here was putting up billboards trying to persuade people that what they’re seeing wasn’t real and that is the irony what they’re seeing wasn’t real. People have seen the improvements... people are not blind...,” he added.

Brantley mentioned areas of improvements on the island such as the new roads, the MGR Park, the water taxi facility, and the new police station in Newcastle, and the new treasury building in Charlestown are tangible proof of the progress made by his administration.

Front Page Image: Premier of Nevis, Mark Brantley, who is the Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM), seen speaking during his weekly radio show, ‘On The Mark,’ aired live on VON Radio on Wednesday, 7th August 2024 (Screenshot via Facebook/VONRadio)

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2018/0265

BETWEEN:

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

Applicant

and

[1] ALEXANDER ASHLEY BROWNE
(also known as Alex Browne)
[2] LISA MARIE RONBACK

Respondents

NOTICE OF FILING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Applicant, THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED (successor to the banking business of Royal Bank of Canada in St Kitts), on May 16, 2024 filed an Order dated May 9, 2024 and a Scheme of Division of the Sale Priced dated May 9, 2024 (“The Documents”).

The said Order and Scheme of Division of the Sale Priced can be accessed by a formal search conducted at the Registry of the High Court of Justice, Sir Lee L. Moore Judicial and Legal Services Complex, East Independence Square, Basseterre, St Kitts with respect to the captioned High Court matter, opening hours being Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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 FILING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Applicant, FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED on April 19, 2024, filed an Order dated March 20, 2024 and a Scheme of Division of the Sale Price dated March 20, 2024 (hereinafter “the Documents”).

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the Applicant has filed the attached proceedings on the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Electronic Litigation Portal. The authorization code for the Respondent to access these proceedings is as follows: **ZNi4ri** The 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.

Government To Hold National Consultation On Citizen Security

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts, August 04, 2024 (Ministry of National Security): A National Consultation on Citizen Security is being planned by the Dr Drew-led Administration to address crime and violence in our communities. The National Consultation forms part of a 90-Day comprehensive campaign dubbed "90 Days of Intensity, a Whole Society Responsibility".

The main objective of the Campaign is "to address crime and violence from a public health perspective through a collaborative, community-driven approach that involves various stakeholders, promotes prevention, and fosters resilience."

One of the key activities of the 90-Day Campaign is a National Consultation on Citizen Security. Its main objective is to engage national stakeholders in developing comprehensive strategies and solutions for citizen security. The National Consultation will involve various subject matter experts, policymakers and community leaders. Some of the topics to be discussed include, but is not limited to, youth violence, domestic violence, community policing, and the criminal justice system. One of the products of the National Consultation will be a National Action Plan for Citizen Security.



According to Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Honourable Dr Terrance Drew, "The Government has already initiated a few preliminary discussions with stakeholders in its efforts to ensure that the National Consultation is inclusive, and data driven. Citizen security is everybody's responsibility, but the government must take the lead in addressing threats to our national security and ensuring safe communities."

"The National Consultation is integral to the Government's ambitious agenda for creating a sustainable Island State. One of the key pillars of that agenda is social protection. Hence, the National Consultation and, by extension, the 90-Day Campaign will help us to achieve that goal," Dr. Drew added.

The National Consultation on Citizen Security will be held on 22nd August 2024.

Other planned activities for the 90-Day Campaign include town hall meetings, community outreach programmes, career fairs, and educational workshops.

Photo: Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Honourable Dr Terrance Drew

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Government Creating An Environment That Promotes A Culture Of Care and Compassion Among The Nation's Youth, Says Senator Phillip

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts, August 03, 2024 (SKNIS) - Minister of State within the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Ageing and Disabilities, the Honourable Isalean Phillip, joined Prime Minister the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew in condemning the recent acts of crime and violence permeating across St. Kitts and Nevis.

In calling for an end to these senseless and traumatic acts, Minister Phillip said that the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, over the last two years, has been working hard to carefully foster an environment that promotes the positive engagement of the nation's youth in wholesome activities and programmes.

"Earlier this year, we would have hosted a National Youth Congress and the focus for that congress, which brought young people from both primary schools and secondary schools together, was to look at violence and crime as a public health issue. So we would have introduced that concept to the young people and get their thoughts and views on that because we recognise that if we are seeking a generational shift in relation to how we think about violence and how it is manifesting in our societies, we really need to ensure that our young people are very much aware because we are seeing it pop up a lot more in our primary and high schools," said Minister Phillip during the Sitting of the National Assembly on Friday, August 02, 2024.



The honourable senator commended the officers within the Department of Community Development for the work being done to promote more community-based activities, particularly those involving the youth.

She said, "We are really trying to re-cultivate, reignite and rebuild cultures of care, compassion and cultures ultimately of non-violence and healthy conflict resolution by hosting and promoting more community-based and family-based events and activities."

Furthermore, Senator Phillip said that the Department of Youth Empowerment adds another layer to this wholesome approach by focusing on positive engagements with young people through different activities and "in ways where we can build more teamwork and more camaraderie among our young people."

Minister Phillip said the work being done within the ministries under her purview complements the different social intervention programmes initiated by the Ministry of National Security to positively engage the nation's youth. This, she says, underscores the all-encompassing approach by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis to address crime and other anti-social behaviours.

Minister Duggins Celebrates Success Of Creative Arts Fund And Announces Upcoming Creative Power Arts Convention

Basseterre, St. Kitts, August 08, 2024 (SKNIS):

During the St. Kitts and Nevis National House of Assembly on Friday, August 02, 2024, Minister of the Creative Economy, the Honourable Samal Duggins, celebrated the success of the Creative Arts Fund, and announced the upcoming Creative Power Arts Convention.

"To date, the creative arts fund has assisted well over 50 creatives after being launched earlier this year in advancing their creative endeavours," said Minister Duggins. "Whether it was craft personnel that wanted to improve their skill set, musicians that wanted to buy studio equipment, photographers and videographers that wanted to buy equipment, agencies trying to put on events for training and development, we have assisted well over 50 creatives just this year alone."

The minister emphasised his ongoing commitment to revitalising and strengthening the creative sector, stating that he and his ministry are eagerly anticipating the continued success and expansion of these initiatives into 2025.

The minister also shared his enthusiasm for the upcoming Creative Power Arts Convention, expressing that he and his ministry are thrilled about the event. He highlighted that the convention will bring together top talent from various industries across the Caribbean to the islands, where twenty-eight facilitators will provide training for our creatives. These facilitators will cover a range of fields, including dance, event promotion, touring, modelling, and fashion design.

The convention is scheduled

to take place from August 31 to September 07, 2024, at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort.

Photo: Hon. Samal Duggins



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

The Water Services Department Building Roof Replacement Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of

Monday, 12th August 2024

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 Monday 23rd September 2024.**

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 ST KITTs



International Media Workers Visit Polling Stations in Venezuela

By: Spokesman Newsroom

CARACAS, Venezuela (Tuesday 30th July 2024) - Members of the media from across the globe, including representatives from the Caribbean, United Kingdom and Africa were among 910 international guests invited by the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) to provide coverage of the recently concluded Presidential Elections in Venezuela.

Nicolas Maduro, the candidate of the PSUV, was declared the re-elected winner, a result that has been mired in controversy due to claims of election irregularities from the opposition. However, President Maduro has defended the legitimacy of the process, asserting that the elections were free and fair.

On Election Day, international media personnel, including reporters, videographers, bloggers, and photographers, were escorted to various polling stations around the capital city, Caracas.

The media teams were provided with opportunities to observe the voting process and interact with election officials and voters.

At one polling station, election worker Dionnnelys Osmelys Martinez, speaking through a translator, detailed the voting procedure.

As understood, on the day of elections, the person (voter) will give you the ID and then she/he will be recorded on the voters registry, then the voter is going

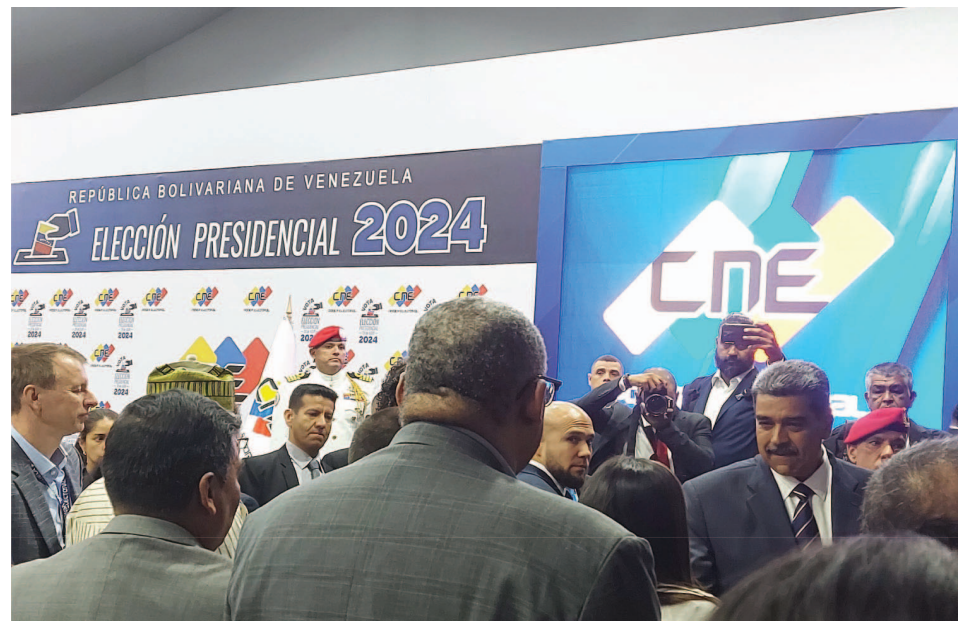
to put his/her finger on the fingerprint device, and then he is going to go to the voting selection machine. From there he/she is going to select on screen the candidate of choice, then after the receipt is printed and signed (by the voter) and then put in the ballot box by the voter also.

Some reporters also had the chance to speak with local voters.

This media house spoke with a woman named Angela Rodriguez, who shared her perspective on the election process. When asked how long she had been voting, Rodriguez responded, "I have voted in every election from Chavez to today."

Regarding the transparency of the process, she commented, "I think we have a very transparent process." The translator further elaborated on her statement, saying, "She believes that we have a very transparent process. It just so happens that until now we've won."

When questioned about the significance of voting, Rodriguez added, "It is enabling positive



President Nicolas Maduro (center wearing tie) seen following at a media event session which saw the attendance of international guests on Monday 29th July 2024 (Spokesman Snap)

changes in society and that it empowers Venezuelans to give whoever wins the ability to give us progress and change for the better."

Following the elections, President Maduro addressed international guests including media workers at a session held on Monday, 29th July whereby he reaffirmed the integrity of the elections.

He stated that the elections were "constitutional and legal" and praised the resilience of the Venezuelan people in the face of new challenges, particularly during what he described as "the harshest conditions."

Maduro reflected on the eight-year blockade that has led to both internal and external pressures on Venezuela, including what he termed "criminal sanctions against society and economy."

He praised the people of Venezuela for "have never

been moved by hate... but we have been target by hate." He also described the campaign as one of "love and peace."

"We have won what is possible and impossible to protect the peace in Venezuela because we love Venezuela," Maduro stated.

He also referred to the election as a "final battle against fascism,"

(cont'd on page 09)



Voter Angela Rodriguez seen as a polling station in Caracas (Spokesman Snap)



A look at voters checking out material including voters list outside a polling station in Caracas, Venezuela on Election Day, Sunday 28th July 2024 (Spokesman Snap)

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No. NEVHPB2024/

In the Estate of **SHARON MARIA DE POOTER** (nee **CRAG-CHADERTON**) late of Shawford, in the parish of St. George, in the Island of Dominica, Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **EMILE RONALD PHILIPPE DE POOTER**, **SAFIYYAH MEGAN MARIA DE POOTER**, **CIELLE ANGELINE DE POOTER** all of Shawford in the parish of St. George in the Island of Dominica for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are respectively the surviving husband and the sole two surviving daughters of the late **SHARON MARIA DE POOTER** (nee **CRAG-CHADERTON**), the deceased having died intestate on the 9th day of September 2003.

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

Dated the 29th day of July, 2024.

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 Applicant, 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

Miss South Africa contestant pulls out amid nationality row

Farouk Chothia
BBC News



Chidimma Adetshina is a 23-year-old law student

The Miss South Africa beauty contestant at the centre of a nationality row has withdrawn from the competition, saying she took the decision for her and her family's safety and well-being.

Chidimma Adetshina's announcement on Instagram came a day after a preliminary investigation by the home affairs department found that her mother may have committed "identity theft" to become a South African national.

Ms Adetshina - a 23-year-old law student - said she was born in Soweto, a township next to Johannesburg, and grew up in Cape Town.

In media interviews she explained her father was Nigerian and her mother was a South African of Mozambican descent.

For weeks her roots have been at the centre of a social media storm, with some South Africans questioning whether she was a South African.

As the row escalated, the organisers of the Miss South Africa pageant asked the home affairs department to conduct an investigation ahead of the event on Saturday.

In a statement on Wednesday, the department said it had so far found that the identity of an "innocent" South African mother "may have been stolen" by Ms Adetshina's mother.

However, Ms Adetshina "could not have participated in the alleged unlawful actions of her mother as she was an infant at the time", the department said.

It added that it was conducting further investigations with the aim of pressing criminal charges, while also obtaining legal advice "on the implications of the alleged fraudulent activity on Adetshina's citizenship status".

In an Instagram post, Ms Adetshina did not respond to the findings, but said she had taken the "difficult decision" to withdraw from the competition.

She said she was grateful "for all the love and support" she had received, and wished the remaining contestants the best.

"Whoever wears the crown, represents us all," Ms Adetshina added.



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Cricket West Indies to Appeal Court Ruling on Election of Vice President Azim Bassarath

ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA - In a case filed by the Guyana Cricket Board (GCB) in the High Court of Guyana challenging the election of Mr Azim Bassarath as Vice President of the Cricket West Indies, the Court ruled this morning in favour of the GCB.

The case was brought against Cricket West Indies Inc., Mr Bassarath, and Mr Gregory Nicholls, the Returning Officer, all of whom were named as Respondents in the Action. Through Counsel, the Respondents contended that the Court was without jurisdiction to hear the matter and that disputes of this

nature should be resolved through arbitration. On the contrary, the Court decided it had jurisdiction and granted the orders sought by the GCB.

The respondents respectfully differ with the Court's ruling. Consequently, CWI has instructed its legal team to immediately file an appeal and will await the decision

of the appellate Court.

The election of Mr Bassarath as CWI Vice President was held at the 24th Annual General Meeting in Antigua on March 25, 2023. Mr Bassarath was unopposed, and gained six votes with two voting against, while four abstained.

PRESS RELEASE

ECTEL's Reel Contest Winners Revealed

Castries, Saint Lucia - 8th August 2024 -The Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL) is delighted to announce the winners of its 'She's My ICT Champion' Reel Contest, held in observance of Girls in ICT 2024. This competition was launched on 21st March, 2024, inviting students from secondary, tertiary and vocational schools across our Contracting States to use their digital skills to showcase a woman ICT leader they admire through a video reel.

The contest aimed to celebrate and empower young people in ICT, highlighting their creativity, technical prowess, and potential as future leaders in the field. Seventeen (17) entries were submitted and judged based on innovation, presentation, and relevance to the theme.

In the 12-15 category, all three winners hailed from the St. Vincent Girls' High School. Leah Nanton secured 1st Place, winning EC\$1000 plus EC\$500 for her school. Kalen Browne earned 2nd Place, receiving EC\$750 and Josel DaSilva clinched 3rd Place, winning EC\$500. Meanwhile, Kelly Huang of Dominica Grammar School received EC\$250 for the 'Most Likes' component in this category. This was determined by who garnered the most likes on their submission across all ECTEL official social media platforms: Instagram, Facebook, YouTube LinkedIn, and X (Twitter).



Kalen Browne 2nd Place IN THE 12 - 15 Age Group with her ICT Champion Simone Joseph Olivienne

In the 16 and over category, Bradley Alexander, the lone male in the contest, from St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College emerged as the 1st Place winner, receiving EC\$1000, with an additional EC\$500 awarded to his school. Bradley also won EC\$250 for the 'Most Likes' component in this category. Tonna-Shay Miller from Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) in St. Kitts and Nevis secured 2nd Place, winning EC\$750. Axyahn Smithen, also from CFBC, achieved 3rd Place, winning EC\$500.

The judging panel comprised of Janique-ka John from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, a Freelance Software Engineer based in Rome, Medisha Augustine-Casimir, a Virtual Support Specialist and

Digital Marketer from the Commonwealth of Dominica and Thea Jerome an Intern at ECTEL. The judges, all impressed with the entries, remarked that the submissions were "creative and fun, but also showed the charisma we have among Caribbean students in the region! It's heartwarming to know that they can identify role models in ICT to look up to."

ECTEL extends its congratulations to all the winners and participants for their outstanding contributions to the field of ICT. This contest not only highlighted the talent within our schools but also underscored the importance of supporting and encouraging young people, especially girls, in pursuing studies and careers in Information and Communication Technology. The contest also provided a platform to showcase the many women leaders in ICT across ECTEL's Contracting States. The Directorate also thanks the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commissions (NTRCs) of the Commonwealth of Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines for presenting the winners with their prizes on ECTEL's

behalf.

Visit us at @ectel on Facebook and YouTube and @ectelauthority on Instagram and X to watch all the exciting reels and to learn more about our work.



Kelly Huang, Ms. Dinard and Mr. Nesty



Rhea Lewis from the NTRC with Bradley Alexander, Josel DaSilva and Leah Nanton



Mr. Ervin Williams, Jonna-Shay Miller, Axyahn Smithen and Mr. Wesley Wharton

Search for Conse Edwards Comes To Tragic End

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Friday 9th August 2024) - Reliable information reaching this media house on Friday 9th August 2024 indicates that the ongoing search in locating 76-year-old Conse Edwards, a resident of Mrs. Stanley’s Elderly Home in Saddler’s, was called off after he was found dead.

A police spokesperson confirmed such by way of informing reporters that “Unfortunately he has been found dead in a ghaut in the Saddler’s mountain.”

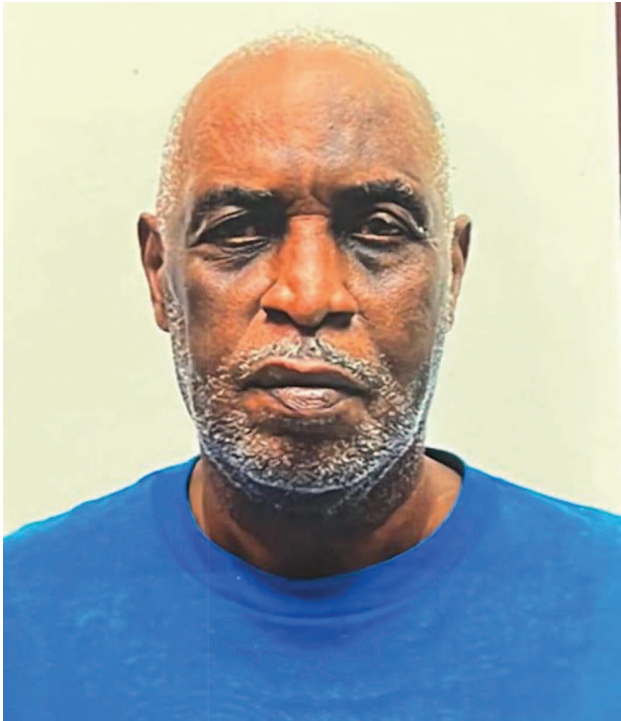
Edwards was last seen on the evening of August 1, 2024, around 6:00 pm. He was reportedly wearing long jeans and a royal blue shirt at the time of his disappearance.

In their ongoing efforts to find Edwards, police had inform on Thursday, 8th August, that their search operations have been concentrated on Saddler’s and Parsons’ beaches.

Authorities are urging the public to assist in the search.

Of note, being circulated on social media was a poster for a search party that was slated for Saturday 10th August.

More details to be provided.



76-year-old Conse Edwards (Police provided image)

Front Page Photo: Police officers in search mode for Conse Edwards on Thursday 8th August 2024 (Police photo)

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ARRESTS AND CHARGES FOLLOWING VEHICLE SEARCH

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts, August 7, 2024. On Monday, August 5, 2024, during a routine stop and search operation conducted on the Southeast Peninsular, officers from the Anti-Narcotics Unit of the Royal St. Christopher-Nevis Police Force, stopped and searched motor car PB2754. During the search, a 9 mm pistol and five rounds of matching ammunition were discovered within the vehicle. As a result, all three occupants of the vehicle were taken into custody.

On Wednesday, August 7, 2024, Taj Frederick, the driver of the vehicle, was formally arrested and charged with possession of an unlicensed firearm and possession of ammunition.

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Police Investigate Double Homicide Involving A Child Near Newton Ground Bay

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 7th August 2024) - Information reaching this media house indicates that the two victims recently found dead with bullet wounds in a vehicle, namely 30-year-old Devon Parris and 9-year-old J’Marni Smithen, were an uncle and his young nephew.

The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force is investigating that double homicide after the bodies were discovered near Newton Ground Bay on Friday, August 2, 2024.

The discovery was made at approximately 9:52 AM, prompting an immediate response from officers of the Sandy Point Police Station and other police units.

Police say that upon arrival, officers found the lifeless bodies of Parris of Stoney Grove, Nevis, and Smithen of Craddock Road, Nevis. Both victims were lying face down inside a red Honda Fit motor car, registration number R 66, with apparent gunshot wounds to their heads.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the two had left a family member’s residence around 4:00 PM on Thursday, August 1, 2024, intending to attend a birthday party at the Caribbean Cinema. However, they never arrived at their destination, and repeated calls to Devon’s cell phone went unanswered. The following morning, a concerned citizen noticed the vehicle in some bushes facing south near the sea in Newton Ground and discovered the lifeless bodies inside.

District Medical Officer Dr. Medrano was called to the scene and pronounced both individuals deceased at approximately 11:10 AM. Crime Scene Personnel processed the area, gathering items of evidential value. The bodies have been taken into custody pending autopsies as investigations continue.

The police are actively working to uncover the circumstances surrounding this tragic incident and are urging anyone with information to come forward.

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Sri Lanka win first ODI series with India in 27 years



Sri Lanka's Dunith Wellalage (right) and Sadeera Samarawickrama (left) celebrate beating India

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Sri Lanka's Dunith Wellalage (right) took a career-best 5-27

Published BBC Sports

Third one-day international, R Premadasa Stadium, Colombo

Sri Lanka 248-7 (50 overs): Avishka Fernando 96 (102), Kusal 59 (82);

Parag 3-54

India 138 (26.1 overs): Wellalage 5-27

Sri Lanka won by 110 runs

Sri Lanka clinched their first bilateral one-day international series win over India in 27 years with a 110-run victory in the third match in Colombo.

Opener Avishka Fernando hit 96 to help Sri Lanka post 248-7, before left-arm spinner Dunith Wellalage took 5-27 as India crumbled to 138 all out.

Sri Lanka won the series 2-0, having won the second ODI by 32 runs after the first match ended in a dramatic tie.

The hosts' last bilateral ODI series victory over India was in August 1997, with India unbeaten in the next 13 such series, with 11 wins and two drawn series.

India won last month's Twenty20 series 3-0.

It is Sri Lanka's first limited-overs series under new captain Charith Asalanka and interim head coach Sanath Jayasuriya, who took over after ex-England boss Chris Silverwood stepped down following their T20 World Cup group-stage exit.

"We are in a really good mood right now, especially our coach," said Asalanka.

"He made a few changes in the team, and the boys really enjoyed the team environment."

After winning the toss, Sri Lanka reached 171-1 thanks to Fernando's 102-ball knock, before his dismissal saw them lose five wickets for 28 runs.

But wicketkeeper Kusal Mendis' 59 off 82 balls guided them to a challenging total on a turning pitch at the R Premadasa Stadium.

India captain Rohit Sharma, who hit 35, and star batter Virat Kohli, who made 20, both fell to Wellalage as the tourists lost regular wickets to be bowled out in only 26.1 overs.

International Media Workers Visit Polling Stations in Venezuela

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claiming, "We beat them with the people and constitution."

Maduro painted a picture of what life is like for the people of Venezuela in carrying out their daily lives, saying, "What are people doing in the streets? They are working, living with their families. On Fridays, people party, play dominoes, and go to the beach."

In his speech, he asserted that the country has improved, despite the blockade, stating, "It made us a

better people," and adding that "in hindsight, we are better than ten years ago." He also dismissed the influence of social media, calling it "a virtual reality."

While members of the international media observed the election process firsthand, they also received reports of some protesting occurring in parts of the country.

Front Page Image: Polling station election worker Dionnnelys Osmelys Martinez points at the voting screen during a media interaction on Sunday 28th July 2024 (Spokesman Snap)

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Could reading instruction manuals become a thing of the past?

Michael Dempsey & Will Smale
Technology reporter - BBC News

The days of engineers having to read through instruction manuals may be coming to an end

When you last bought a new electronic device did you look at the instruction manual?

If your answer is a resounding "no", then you are not alone.

Studies show that many of us don't bother to read the user

guide.

One UK survey found that one in five of us skips the manual, while a US report said it was as high as 50%.

Caspar Herzberg, boss of UK industrial software firm Aveva, says he likes a good instruction manual. "I'm a big fan of mundane things!" But he understands that many people immediately throw them in a

kitchen drawer, never to be read.

Yet while it's OK for a consumer to skip the user guide, this isn't the case in the world of industry, where engineers have to know exactly how the machinery or computer system they look after works. This is especially the case if a problem arises that they need to fix as quickly as possible.

To help such workers, Aveva has launched an AI system that can read and learn operating manuals on their behalf.

In its first incarnation this AI has memorised the technical manuals for the power grids and wind turbines managed by Aveva's parent company Schneider Electric.

It also continuously monitors the machinery via thousands of sensors.

The idea is that the AI can imitate the expertise of senior engineers with decades of practical know-how behind them.

So how can the AI assist an energy sector worker who is trying to hunt down the cause of a fault?

Simon Bennett, Aveva's head of AI innovation, says the AI can locate where there has been, say, a power failure. It then delves into "a monster PDF manual".

From this, the AI - via a computer screen - generates different ideas of what the problem might be.

It can also produce a 3D image of the affected machinery, such as a turbine, with Mr Bennett noting that engineers appreciate such visual responses to their questions.

Aveva calls the system its "industrial AI assistant", and says the aim is that it will help to compensate for a dilemma facing many businesses - an ageing workforce that is retiring and taking its hard-earned knowledge with it.

So if someone is new to their job, says Mr Herzberg, "the AI can guide them... and look at the manual for you".

Or as Mr Bennett puts it: "By asking smart questions of the AI system we won't have to wake up some old, retired engineer in the night and keep him on the phone for an hour."

Caspar Herzberg's software firm has created AI that can read through instruction manuals for engineers

While Aveva has made an AI system that can search through instruction manuals, other technology companies have created AI that can make such product guides in the first place.

California-based tech firm Dozuki is one such firm. Its AI-powered system CreatorPro can automatically create a user guide based on an engineer making a video of him or her talking through and carrying out a process.

"The user uploads the video, and a step-by-step instruction guide is automatically created," says Allen Yeung, Dozuki's vice president of product. "The AI chooses the text that accompanies each step, and it can automatically translate that into other languages."

Currently the AI produces video clips accompanied by text for other workers to read. Mr Yeung says that they are working to extend the text to



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speech, with the AI in the future also dictating the instructions via a computer speaker.

The AI-created user guides still, however, need to get signed off by a human being. "The user guides are exported in a draft state for an engineer to review," says Mr Yeung.

Echoing points made by Aveva, Mr Yeung adds that Dozuki's product aims to help firms cope with the fact that manufacturing sector workforces are getting older, with more elderly staff retiring.

There are times when all of us have to resort to looking at the instruction manual

SCG Chemicals, a Thai petrochemicals company that is now due to start using Aveva's AI, says it is being impacted by an ageing workforce.

"Younger engineers go to an expert when they have a problem, but many of our experienced people are retiring in the next five years," says

divisional director Warit Krittaphol. "We cannot build a pipeline of experts. We have over 14 million documents in our system. AI will be able to grab the right information fast."

Back in California, Scribe is another tech firm that allows companies to automatically create AI user guides. In Scribe's case the AI makes the manuals from what a user has done on his or her computer.

"The way the technology works at a simple level... you

click the record button, and you do a process you would have normally done anyway, the way you would normally do it," says Scribe chief executive Jennifer Swift.

"And then when you've done doing your work you hit stop record and it will automatically generate a step-by-step written guide with screen shots, instructions, titles etc, showing how to do that process.

"You as an individual have

a whole bunch of control over how you can edit it, add lots of content, but the point is you don't have to. All the information that someone would need to do that same process is automatically contained in that step-by-step guide."

Stuart Duff, a UK business psychologist who describes his role as "working with people to understand how they behave in a workplace", thinks that AI can offer a valid short-cut for even

the best engineer.

He points out that engineers are no different from the rest of us when it comes to thumbing through a manual.

"Most will be more familiar with detailed manuals and, therefore, more practised and patient at referencing information," he says.

"But personality preferences can also play a part in how engineers use manuals. Some engineers will be bigger-picture in their thinking style, and will tend to rely on others for specific information, so AI could offer a source of essential detail with easy and efficient access."



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Republic Bank and CWI's 'Five For Fun' Cricket Tournament Celebrates Thrilling Finale at Conaree Cricket Centre

Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, August 8, 2024 - The Republic Bank "Five For Fun" cricket tournament concluded with an exhilarating finale at the Conaree Cricket Centre, marking the culmination of several months of spirited competition among primary school students from St. Kitts and Nevis.

Throughout the tournament, which featured participation from numerous primary schools organised

into zones, teams competed fiercely for the coveted spots in the Finals. Emerging as champions were Violet O Jeffers Nicholls Primary school, who showcased exceptional talent and teamwork to secure first place in the grand event held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. The tournament format, involving five-player teams competing across two innings of 5 overs each, emphasised inclusivity with a requirement of at least two boys and two girls per team, ensuring all participants engaged fully in batting, fielding, and other aspects of cricket.

The Finals culminated in a memorable ceremony where the top-performing team and outstanding players received well-deserved awards. The event garnered significant attendance from students, coaches, as well as representatives from the local cricket associations.

Reflecting on the tournament's impact, Pamela Herbert-Daniel, Country Manager of Republic Bank in Saint Kitts and Nevis expressed that, "Each year, we look forward to the development of the next generation of cricketers. This developmental programme has become a crucial pathway for students to advance and represent their country at the national junior levels, then possibly the Under 19s Leeward Island cricket team, and eventually the West Indies teams, helping them become the next batch of CPL superstars"

She concluded her remarks by posing a thought-provoking question to the audience, "Has Caribbean cricket benefited since the inception of the Republic Bank Five for Fun cricket programme? I believe the answer is a resounding yes!"

Khushiyaal Sing, Cricket West Indies Senior Project Officer-Schools Cricket and Head of Operations for the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup West Indies 2024 said, "At CWI, we take immense pride in our partnerships with Republic Bank, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Sport, the St. Kitts Cricket Association, and the Nevis Cricket Association. Our goal is to continuously fortify our collaborative endeavors, with a keen focus on advancing youth development to even greater heights."

Launched in 2021 through collaboration between Republic Bank and Cricket West Indies (CWI), the Five For Fun programme focuses on fostering Under 12, short-format cricket among primary school girls and boys. It promotes values of equality, inclusion, sportsmanship, and, above all, enjoyment. Beyond coaching and skill development, the initiative provides students with valuable opportunities for social and life skills growth through the sport of cricket.

The success of this year's Five for Fun cricket tournament was made possible through the support of the St. Kitts Cricket Association and the Nevis Cricket Association. Their contributions were instrumental in coordinating with the schools, organising the matches, providing coaches, and fostering a nurturing environment for young cricketers from both islands.

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Nadal ‘not 100%’ as he pulls out of US Open



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Rafael Nadal has won four US Open titles but only played at the tournament once since 2019

Published BBC Sports
Rafael Nadal has pulled out of this month’s US Open, saying he would not “be able to give my 100% at this time”.

Nadal, who lost to Novak Djokovic in the Paris Olympic singles and reached the doubles quarter-finals alongside partner Carlos Alcaraz, has only played at the US Open once since 2019.

The 38-year-old Spaniard did not confirm any specific injury or health concerns, but said he had decided not to compete in New York.

In a post on X, external, he said the US Open, which starts on 19 August, was “a place where I have amazing memories”.

“I will miss those electric

and special night sessions in NYC at Ashe,” added Nadal, who has won 22 Grand Slams - including four US Open titles.

He said he was still planning to play in September’s Laver Cup in Berlin.

Having previously suggested he expects to retire later this year, before the French Open Nadal said it was not “100%” if that would be the last time he played at Roland Garros.

He withdrew from the Australian Open in January because of injury and did not play at Wimbledon in order to focus on the Olympics.

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Djokovic beats Alcaraz to win long-awaited Olympic gold

Amy Lofthouse
BBC Sport senior journalist at Roland Garros
Published

Novak Djokovic beat Carlos Alcaraz in thrilling fashion to secure a long-awaited Olympic title and complete the career ‘Golden Slam’.

Djokovic, who has won a men’s record 24 majors and swept up every title there is in tennis, finally clinched Olympic gold at his fifth Games.

The Serb, 37, put in his best performance of the year to beat French Open and Wimbledon champion Alcaraz 7-6 (7-3) 7-6 (7-2) in front of a packed crowd in Paris.

He sealed the title with a forehand winner, then turned towards his box - arms outstretched in disbelief - before throwing his racquet to the floor after a draining match which lasted just under three hours.

After hugging Spain’s Alcaraz, Djokovic immediately burst into tears and fell to his knees in the middle of the court.

He then unfurled a Serbian flag and clambered into the stands to celebrate with his family and support team.

Djokovic is just the fifth player to win the ‘Golden Slam’ in singles - all four majors and the Olympic title - after Rafael Nadal, Serena Williams, Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf.

“Everything I felt in that moment when I won surpassed everything I thought or hoped that it would,” said Djokovic.

“Being on that court with the Serbian flag raising, singing the Serbian anthem, with the gold around my neck, I think nothing can beat that in terms of professional sport.

“It definitely stands out as the biggest sporting achievement I have had.” Alcaraz, 21, was also in tears after the match, but will leave with a silver medal on his Olympic debut.

Italy’s Lorenzo Musetti is the singles bronze medallist, having beaten Felix Auger-Aliassime of Canada on Friday.



Djokovic completes tennis with stunning win

Novak Djokovic falls to his knees in celebration
Image source,Getty Images
Novak Djokovic was swept aside by Carlos Alcaraz in the Wimbledon final but turned the tables at Roland Garros

This moment will mean as much to Djokovic, if not more, than all the Grand Slams, Masters 1,000 titles and ATP tournaments he has won.

He left this same court at Roland Garros two months ago needing knee surgery, which put his Olympic dream at risk, and his reaction after Sunday’s win showed what it meant.

His family watched on from the stands, bearing Serbian flags, with daughter Tara carrying a sign that said “Dad is the best”.

Djokovic has spoken about seeing the Olympics as the pinnacle of sport, and the emotions of representing his country have affected him in his past four Games.

He won singles bronze in Beijing in 2008, finished fourth at London 2012, suffered an emotional early loss in Rio in 2016 and lost the bronze-medal match in Tokyo three years ago.

However, Djokovic did not drop a set in Paris and was focused from the outset, determined to get his hands on the one prize that had eluded him for so long.

The final match itself was a test of his determination - he was on the back foot in the first set but did not give in, saving all eight break points he faced and taking advantage as Alcaraz faltered in both tie-breaks.

Asked if he had ‘completed’ tennis, Djokovic said: “Yes it’s complete because I completed all the achievements with this gold medal, but no because I love this sport. I don’t play only to win the tournaments.

“I don’t know about the future, I really want to be in the present moment to celebrate. It was a long journey, many, many years of dreaming to be holding the gold medal. So now it’s about happiness, joy and celebration.”

It was played in a superb spirit, with both players often left laughing at the quality of the other’s shot-making.

The crowd was equally split between Spanish fans, decked in flags, and Serbia supporters carrying signs with “Nole” - Djokovic’s nickname - written on.

An electric atmosphere added to the tension - Alcaraz looked the more nervous and had to save a break point in his opening game, but he pushed Djokovic to the limit with his mix of touch and power.

However, Djokovic simply would not give in. He played some of his best tennis when down break point and, after taking the first set, was full of confidence.

There was the occasional gesture towards his support box - who responded by telling him to keep his head up and stay positive - but on the whole, Djokovic was as dialled in as he has been all year.

It has been a difficult season for Djokovic. He lost in the Australian Open semi-finals to Italy’s Jannik Sinner, had an indifferent hard court swing, needed knee surgery after injuring himself at Roland Garros and was completely outplayed in his first final of the season at Wimbledon.

However, that will only make this victory that much sweeter for a man who shows no sign of stopping - and has not ruled out competing at the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028.

Italy win women’s doubles gold



Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini with their women’s doubles gold medals
Image source,Getty Images
Sara Errani (left) and Jasmine Paolini were seeded third at Paris 2024

Elsewhere, Italy took gold in the women’s doubles as Jasmine Paolini and Sara Errani beat Mirra Andreeva and Diana Shnaider - the Russian pair playing under a neutral banner.

Andreeva and Shnaider are the first Russian athletes to medal at Paris 2024. They were beaten 2-6 6-1 10-7 by Wimbledon finalist Paolini and former doubles world number one Errani.

Spain’s Cristina Bucsa and Sara Sorribes Tormo beat Czech Republic’s Karolina Muchova and Linda Noskova 6-2 6-2 in the bronze-medal match.

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