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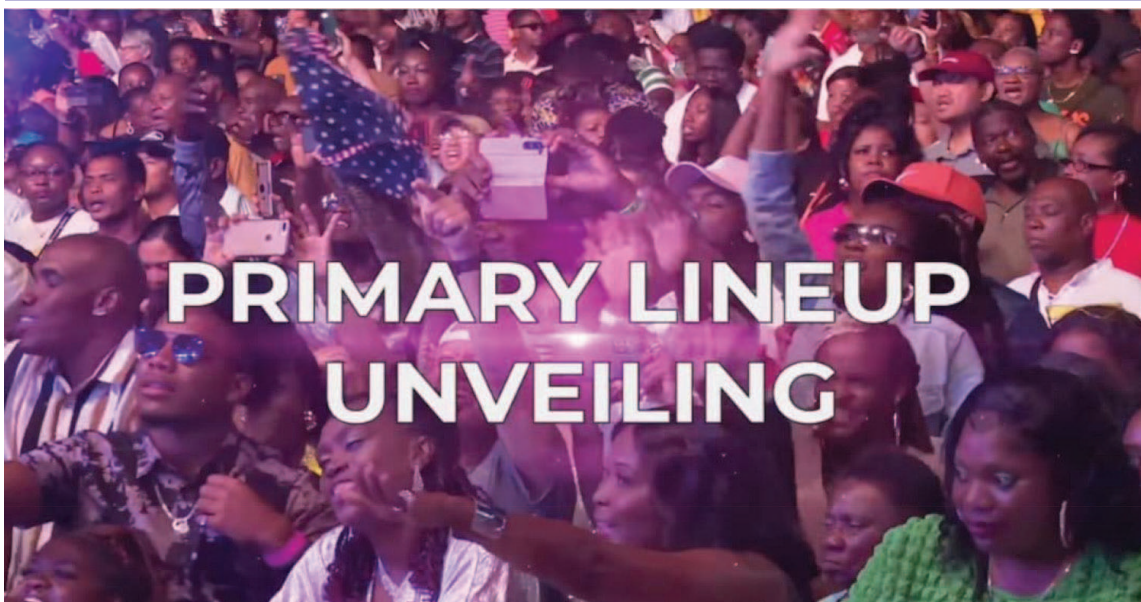
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SOCK STARS

- Staff and students of the Cotton Thomas Comprehensive School show off their mismatch socks on Thursday 21st March 2024 sock in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day
(Photo: Facebook-CottonThomasComprehensiveSchool)



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Editorial

Embracing Compassionate For 'Mismatch Socks' Day

Living in a world which focuses on looks and the essence of striving for perfection of flawless beauty, it is quite important for individuals to appreciate and understand and reflect on the essence of diversity in beauty which is more than skin deep.

Among the many life lessons can include an invaluable one on the topic of compassion and acceptance as it relates to individuals born with Down syndrome and other genetic conditions.

It goes without saying that a true test of humanity boils down to how we treat each other and by extension our attitude towards individuals who look different based on how they were born.

World Down syndrome has been celebrated on 21st March each year since 2012. According to www.worlddownsyndromeday.org, Down syndrome (or Trisomy 21) is a condition in which a person has an extra chromosome. As explained further, Chromosomes are "packages" of genes in the body. They determine how a baby's body forms and functions as it grows.

It can be firmly stated that showing compassion, love and acceptance towards persons with Down syndrome is more than an act of kindness, it reflects our togetherness in humanity as a people.

Efforts to remove misunderstanding, stereotype and stigma towards individuals with Down syndrome and other genetic conditions starts with awareness and interest to understand such

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In the Estate of Hyacinth Rodolpha Drew of Braziers, St. Paul's Parish, Nevis,
deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by BERNICE C DREW of Craddock Road in the Parish of St. Paul, Nevis, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above deceased who died on the 17th day of November, 2014 without revoking a will bearing date 24th day of June 2010 wherein the applicant is named the sole executor.

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 14th day of March, 2024


Jeffrey E. Nisbett
Nisbetts Solicitors

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

Announcement

The JAMKITNEV ST. KITTS CHAPTER is inviting all Jamaicans who reside in St. Kitts to a re-launch of the association with a special meeting on Saturday March 23 at the Wesleyan Holiness Church Hall in Shadwell. Featured speaker is a representative from the office of National Security. All Jamaicans are encouraged to attend.

conditions with the mindset towards acknowledging that these individuals are known to be quite smart, artistic and talented.

In celebration of World Down Syndrome Day, individuals wear mismatched/ and or colourful socks giving visibility or reminder of the beauty in diversity as well as echoing the way chromosomes resemble socks.

In general, when it comes to physical appearances, the topic of bullying in schools remains a serious and troubling issue because all around the globe many children get teased for about certain genetic conditions, body weight and other areas that some impolite and disrespectful persons-including adults- think it best to make a mocking spotlight of.

Many of us have heard stories about

suicides and attempted suicides because of the negative impact of bullying while on the flipside we have all heard about the triumphs that many individuals have made in reverse of using the negativity thrown at them to push to success and positivity in their lives, and even using such as a story of triumph in hopes of inspiring others.

We owe it to ourselves as a people to celebrate the uniqueness of each individual in recognition of the fact that our differences offer a blend of talents, artistic abilities and intellectual capacities, including individuals with Down syndrome of course.

Let us show love for everyone as we walk a part of inclusivity for all whereby being valued, loved and accepted for who we are collectively.



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Gov't Minister, Well-Known Media Personality Spread Awareness About Down Syndrome

By: Spokesman Newsroom



In celebration of World Down Syndrome Day on Thursday 21st March 2024, Minister of State with responsibilities for disabilities Isalean Phillip (second from right) and well-known media personality Michelle 'Sister Sensia' Stokes (second from left) teamed up for a public spotlight outreach in efforts to promote awareness about the genetic condition. The interactive video presentation featured two individuals with the condition (Screenshot via Facebook-St.KittsandNevisInformationService-SKNIS)

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 21st March 2024)- In celebration of World Down Syndrome Day, Minister of State with responsibilities for disabilities Isalean Phillip and well-known

media personality Michelle Stokes better known as 'Sister Sensia' teamed up for a public spotlight outreach in efforts to promote awareness about the genetic condition.

Such collaboration shared via social media-particularly Facebook on the government's St.Kitts and Nevis Information Service-SKNIS page- shows an interactive video aired on Thursday 21st March 2024 featuring two individuals with the condition, a boy named Justin and a young woman named Erica.

"Down syndrome is a genetic condition that affects a person's health, learning abilities and features. It occurs when a person is born with an extra chromosome. So, instead of being born with 46 chromosomes, a person with Down syndrome has 47," commented Phillip

Sister Sensia stated: "According to the United Nations, each year approximately 3,000 to 5,000 children worldwide are born with Down syndrome."

According to Phillip: "There is no cure for Down syndrome but with the support from therapists, special education teachers, family, and members in the community, a person with Down syndrome can live a

healthy and fulfilling life."

"This means that they have many strengths and talents. Many people with Down syndrome, they love music, and they give some of the best smiles and the sweetest hugs. Can I give a hug?," said Sister Sensia who got a hug from Justin.

"So if you know anybody, you can always be considerate if a person takes some extra time to say something or to do something. Keep in mind that there are some persons with Down syndrome who are non-verbal. So, today we're going to hear from Erica, who's going to tell us something very important," Phillip added.

Erica's short message spoke about "I love people" and also self-love.

According to www.worlddownsyndromeday.org, Down syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement in which a person has an extra copy of chromosome 21.

It further reads: "Down syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement that has always been a part of the human condition. The sole characteristic shared by all people with Down syndrome is the presence of extra genetic material associated with the 21st chromosome. This happens because of an error during cell division when the egg and sperm first meet. The effects of that extra genetic material vary greatly from individual to individual."

On the topic of whether the condition is a disorder, it was explained that "Down syndrome is not a disorder, it is a naturally occurring condition, which impacts the arrangement in a person's chromosomes."

Additionally, "Down syndrome is not a disease, disorder, defect or medical condition and therefore does not require treatment, prevention or a cure. It is inappropriate and offensive to refer to people with Down syndrome as 'afflicted with' or 'suffering from' it. People with Down syndrome can go to speech or motor therapy, but this does not treat Down syndrome itself. Down syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement that has always been a part of the human condition. The sole characteristic shared by all people with Down syndrome is the presence of extra genetic material associated with the 21st chromosome. This happens because of an error during cell division when the egg and sperm first meet. The effects of that extra genetic material vary greatly from individual to individual."

Utilities Minister Applauds Water Services Workers ...Encourages Consumers Not To Take Water For Granted

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 21st March 2024)- "Many workers in the Water Services



Minister of Utilities Konris Maynard pictured while delivering his World Water Day message on Friday 16th March 2024, leading up to the occasion-celebrated on 22nd March each year. (Video screenshot image: Facebook/St.KittsandNevisInformationService-SKNIS)

Department get out of their beds at 3 a.m. in the morning to ensure that the water supply is restored, while others get up at 5 or 6 in the morning. Many of them respond to our calls around the clock and sacrifice time with their families on weekends and public holidays to ensure that we have a continuous water supply from dusk until dawn."

Such sentiments have been expressed by Minister of Utilities Konris Maynard in his World Water Day message on Friday 16th March 2024, leading up to the occasion-celebrated on 22nd March each year.

According to him: "Likewise, the government has demonstrated its commitment to solving the water crisis by increasing its expenditure on water by approximately 400 percent since taking administration."

The Utilities Minister pointed out that demand for water on St. Kitts currently stands at approximately six million gallons per day, while our supply capacity is only about 5 million gallons.

"This results in a deficit of about 20%. As a result, the Water Services Department has implemented nightly rationing for most communities."

Maynard went on to say that the government is committed to developing additional water sources to ensure a 24-hour supply and included redundancies.

"Thus, we have embarked on the following significant infrastructural investment in the island water supply system. Construction of a seawater reverse osmosis desalination plant in Bastille capable of producing 2 million gallons of water daily which is about to start construction."

He continued: "Drilling of additional wells across the island. We have successfully drilled in the Cayon area and are getting ready to drill more in critical areas. Construction of new storage reservoirs and expansion of existing ones. Installation of new

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Music Festival First Wave Unveiling Gets Mixed Reactions

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 21st March 2024) -Following the official release of the first batch of St.Kitts Music Festival acts, members of the public have been voicing mixed feedback, sparking more scrutiny than excitement.

On the night of Friday 15th March 2024, via a 1 minute and 28 seconds video on its Facebook Page, organizers released what is being dubbed the primary lineup featuring 16 acts, most of whom are local entertainers.

The announced acts are: Small Axe Band, Itebulous, Rick Ross, Eazi, Speedy, TBone, KT Dan, AkaiiUSweet, Mical Teja, Hi Light, Green House Band featuring Mishka, Alkaline, Jaydo\$, Third World, Tommy Lee Sparta and Mr. Mention.

That unveiling post has received over 350 reactions while the comment section has been flooded with more than 200 responses. That release video has also received over 160 shares.

According to one individual “Well this is a local festival. I don’t mind giving our people a turn but what about bringing people to our shores. St.Kitts Music Festival is a tourism product to not only fill beds ut expose people to our little Federation. Me ain’t see an act yet to excite visitors.”

“ I just happy to see plenty locals on the line up, Big up Jados is about time,” said another social media user.

According to another individual: “Phase 1 not to bad but I’m looking forward to phase 2 and 3 just put Rihanna or Nicki Minaj in second phase.”

A top commenter whose initial feedback got over 100 laugh reactions from

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
(PROBATE)
A.D. 2024

In the Estate of **DESMOND ARTHUR JOHNSON** late of Butlers’ Village in the Island of Nevis, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE than an Application has been filed by Jocelyne Iona Johnson of Swing High, Anguilla, AI-2640 for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 11th day of May, 2022.

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

Dated this 20th day of March 2024


Bervis C. Burke
Attorney-at-Law

Filed by: Bervis C. Burke, Blanchette-Burke Law Chambers, Solicitors, whose address for services is No. 56 WADES GARDEN, UNIT 4 Basseterre St. Kitts, for and on behalf of the Applicants whose address for service is the same. Telephone: 1-869-767-2012; Email: Blanchetteburke.law@gmail.com

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other users, stated: “I come back one more time. On a side, and much more serious note the 1st wave needed to be far more enticing because Music Festival is above all else a major tourism product. The first wave should encourage people to book flights and hotels expeditiously, I absolutely do NOT see this wave doing that. Further, there is no mention of when the other “waves” are coming and with our luck this looking like we nah hear bout the next wave til 1st June.”

Image: Screenshot image of the first wave unveiling video on Friday 15th March 2024 (source: Facebook/St.KittsMusic Festival)

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Utilities Minister Applauds Water Services Workers...

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pipelines and upgrading of existing ones. Introduction of modern technology to improve efficiency and optimize the use of resources.”

The Utilities Minister also informed that the government is also recruiting additional water engineers and have begun to review the current institutional structure of the Water Services Department with a view to converting the department to a corporate body.

Additionally, he highlighted that the “sustainable management of our water resources is our shared responsibility.”

“As the government continues to play its part, consumers have an equally vital role to perform. Consumers must be deliberate in conserving water by reducing consumption, repairing leaks promptly, and reporting faults to the authorities for

urgent action.

He encouraged that consumers should also uphold our obligation to pay for the services that the Water Services Department provides whilst noting that the team at the Water Services Department has been working on a number of projects.

“The team at the Water Services Department has been working assiduously to reliably bring water to our taps,” he commented.

The Utilities Minister is calling upon individuals not to take water for granted and also not only value it when such is lacking.

“Water is an invaluable resource that we all agree should be treasured. However, most of us only think about it when it is unavailable. This mindset needs to change. We can no longer afford to take water for granted and only value it when we lack it. We must acknowledge water’s crucial role in our socio-economic development and appreciate our convenient access to it. Water is essential to our daily lives, whether for cooking, drinking, washing, bathing, flushing toilets, cleaning, manufacturing, or agriculture. It is a crucial component of the environment.”

He added: “Our interactions with it directly impact our ability to access clean, fresh water continuously. Managing the delicate balance between human activity and water is crucial for sustaining life and maintaining good health. Having a dependable source of clean drinking water for any community or country is not a matter of chance, but rather a result of deliberate planning. It requires the cooperation of all stakeholders, including the government and citizens working together.”

As shared by him, in 1993, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 22nd as World Water Day to raise awareness about sustainable fresh water management.

It was also shared by Maynard that people worldwide celebrate this day by conducting various activities such as panel discussions, sharing information, and spreading awareness regarding the challenges faced in achieving sustainable water management.

He has extended heartfelt appreciation to the staff of the Water Services Department and congratulated them in celebration of World Water Day 2024, on behalf of his and by extension the government.

Front Page Image sourced via screenshot from Shutterstock used for illustration purposes only shows the hands of someone using a water pipe.

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ST.CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS
(ST.KITTS CIRCUIT)

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IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
Title by Registration Act. Cap.10.19
A. D. 2024

SUIT NO. SKBHCV2021/0043

IN THE MATTER of Section 92 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19
and
IN THE MATTER of the sale of the property comprised in Certificate of Title dated the 7th day of September, 2006 and registered in Book F3 Folio 526 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit on JEMMA HANLEY

BETWEEN: REPUBLIC BANK (EC) LIMITED - Applicant
and
JEMMA HANLEY - Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, High Court, Cnr. of Wilkin Street and Horsford Road, Fortlands, Basseterre, St. Kitts and on the 25th day of April, 2024 at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 117 of Parry Housing Development situate in the Parish of St. Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by Lot No. 116 of Parry Housing Development, 95.45 feet; On or towards the West by Lot No. 114 of Parry Housing Development, 60.03 feet; On or towards the South by Lot No. 118 of Parry Housing Development, 95.44 feet and On or towards the East by a Public Road, 60.09 feet and containing by admeasurement 5,790.46 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 7th day of September, 2006 and registered in Book F3 Folio 526 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of JEMMA HANLEY The Glen, in the Parish of St. Peter, in the Island of Saint Christopher in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset Price for the above property shall be EC\$1,494,410.00.

Dated the 14th day of March, 2024.

Registrar of the Supreme Court

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
A. D. 2024

In the Matter of the Title by Registration Act 10.19
And
In the Matter of a Certificate of Title registered in Book 41 Folio 140 in respect of lands situated at Zetlands Estate in the parish of St. John in the island of Nevis
And
In the Matter of an application in respect of a replacement of lost Certificate of Title pursuant to Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act 10.19

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar of Titles for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of lost Certificate of Title dated the 10th April, 2001 and registered in the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit at Book 41 Folio 140 in favour of EDRIS CHIVERTON BURKE of Butlers Village in the Parish of Saint James in the Island of Nevis for ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Zetlands Estate in the Parish of St. John in the island of Nevis measuring 11,585± square feet and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by a 12' Right-of-Way leading to the Island Main Road 95.51 feet; On or towards the East by land of Arnold Chiverton, 59.86 feet and Analdo Chiverton, 50.53 feet; On or towards the South by lands of Elka Chiverton, 93.90 feet and On or towards the West by lands of Arnold Chiverton 127.13 feet all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan by Hilton Lawson and copied by J.R. Buchanan, Licensed Land Surveyors dated the March, 2001.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, Charlestown, Nevis or Nisbetts Solicitors, Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

Dated the 14th day of March, 2024

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Solicitors

Caribbean Public Procurement Directors Better Equipped to Advance Procurement Reform with Support of CDB



CAPTION: Procurement Directors from Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, joined over 500 other representatives from governments, civil society, academia and other professionals attending the XVIII Annual Conference of the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement.

March 19, 2024 - BRIDGETOWN, Barbados- Several senior procurement leaders across the Caribbean are now better informed about Regional and worldwide

public procurement trends following their participation in the XVIII Annual Conference of the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP) last month in Asuncion, Paraguay, through funding from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

Procurement Directors from Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, along with a CDB delegation, joined over 500 other representatives from governments, civil society, academia and other professionals attending the Conference. The INGP Conference serves as an occasion for countries to meet and share updates on the status of procurement reform and planned reforms and discuss common priorities.

CDB's Head of Procurement, Mr. Douglas Fraser said, "The INGP plays a critical role in sharing best practice and building technical networks across the Caribbean and beyond. The 2024 annual conference allowed participants

to deepen their knowledge in several areas, including sustainable procurement, professionalisation, integrity and digitisation, which can now be applied under action plans that were developed at the event. CDB stands ready to collaborate with its Borrowing Member Countries and the INGP to support procurement reform within the Region."

Participant, Ms. Ludiane Leveret-Richardson, Chief Procurement Officer, Ministry of Finance, Government of Anguilla noted that conferences like INGP help smaller islands that are still in the infancy or youth phases of procurement to learn about evolving strategies being used to progress procurement in some of the more advanced islands/countries.

She added, "From this year's conference, my two key takeaways were the importance of professionalisation of our procurement functions and the transformative power of public procurement. Professionalisation equips practitioners with the necessary skills, knowledge and capabilities to execute their duties in adherence to procurement legislation. Meanwhile, public procurement can be the key to ensuring that an organisation operates as a single unit towards the

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FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP 10.19

A. D. 2024

Claim No: SKBLRD2024/0011

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

And

In the Matter of an Application on behalf of **ANDREW PHILLIP GARNETTE** for replacement of a Lost Certificate of Title for the Island of St. Christopher.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar of Titles in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of lost Certificate dated the 25th day of May, 1994 and registered in Book T2 Folio 272 of the Register of Titles for the St. Christopher Circuit in favour of **SYLVIA GARNETTE** and **ANDREW PHILLIP GARNETTE** Joint Tenants of all that lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon being Lot No. 90 New Road Housing Development, in the Parish of St. George, in the Island of St. Christopher containing by admeasurement 3,600 square feet.

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

Dated the 7th day of March, 2024

M. A. M. Legal Services
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IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISOPHER AND NEVIS

NEVIS CIRCUIT

(PROBATE)

A.D 2024

In the Estate of MARIAN COKER, late of Church Ground, St. John Parish, Nevis, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED

TAKE NOTICE that an application will be made to the Court by **JUDITH PEMBERTON** of Church Ground, St. John Parish, Nevis, but presently residing at 3599 Autumn Leaf Crescent, Mississauga, Ontario, health care worker, for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the Applicant, who is the daughter of the deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the Applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice.

Dated this 18th day of January 2024.

M. Angela Cozier
for Cozier and Associates
Legal Practitioners for the Estate of Marion Coker (deceased)

Filed by: Cozier and Associates, Legal Practitioners for **JUDITH PEMBERTON**, whose address for service is Ramsbury Road, Charlestown, Nevis, telephone no: 1-869-469-1634, email: info@cozierlaw.com

Caribbean Public Procurement Directors Better Equipped...

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achievement of its objectives. It can act as a positive engine for change in terms of innovation, sustainable practices, and being a catalyst for improvements in the achievement of value for money."

Fellow Participant, Mr. Sean Cenac, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works, Government of Antigua and Barbuda described the event as an example of how shared challenges, can generate shared solutions. He added, "The XVIII INGP Conference continues to strengthen professional relationships, serve as a medium for information exchange and an impetus for advancing procurement systems among its participating member-countries. This year's conference recognised professionalisation and collaboration as official themes (among other vital strategies)

that dominated side-discussions. For Antigua and Barbuda, the Conference reinforced how important it is to establish procurement fundamentals, while expanding and engendering stakeholder communities within a common objective. The INGP Conference has grown to be a vital institution offering a combination of technical and policy-level knowledge that promote insights and pathways to modernise procurement systems."

In addition, during this year's event, held under the theme "Promoting Development with Public-Private Collaboration through State Procurements," CDB's Head of Procurement, Douglas Fraser led a panel discussion focused on strategies and tools to build stronger inter-sectoral alliances between stakeholders in the procurement process. The panel featured representatives from the US White House Office of Federal Procurement Policy, the Chamber of Commerce and Services of Paraguay, Robinson Global Management and the Paraguayan Road Chamber.

The conference was held with the institutional, technical and financial support of the Organization of American States, as the Technical Secretariat of the INGP; the Inter-American Development Bank; the International Development Research Centre of Canada, the Caribbean Development Bank and the National Directorate of Public Procurement of Paraguay, who hosted the event.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2015/0194

BETWEEN:

FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK
(BARBADOS) LIMITED

Applicant

and

VANICIA A. COOPER
GARY CEDRIC GEORGE COOPER

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 25th day of April 2024, at
2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 31 situate at Cedar Grove Housing Development together with dwelling house thereon in the Parish of St. Peter in the Island of St Kitts bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by lands of T. V. Byron, 77.89 feet; On or towards the East by Road No. 1, 116.30 feet; On or towards the South-East by the junction of Road No. 1 and Road No. 2, 15.49 feet; On or towards the South by Road No. 2, 42.58 feet; and On or towards the West by Lot No. 32, 124.07 feet; and containing by admeasurement 8,036.50 square feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated November 8, 2010 and registered in Book J3 Folio 461 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\$1,208,000.00

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

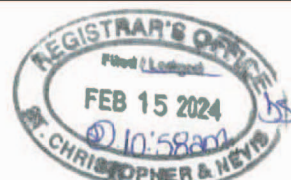
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EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2017/0390

BETWEEN:

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

Applicant

and

DENZIL SAUNDERS

Respondent

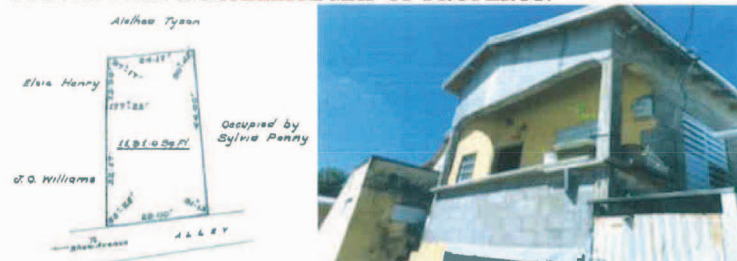
NOTICE OF SALE
BY PUBLIC AUCTION

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 25th day of April 2024, at
2:15 pm o'clock in the afternoon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Mc Knight, in the Town of Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher, and bounded as follows:- On the North by lands of Althea Tyson, 24.17 feet; On the East by lands occupied by Sylvia Penny, 44.00 feet; on the South by alley leading to Shaw Avenue, 29.00 feet; On the West by lands of J. O. Williams, 32.17 feet and Elise Henry, 13.00 feet and containing by admeasurement, 1,191.00 square feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated April 19, 1978 registered in Book D2 Folio 47 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit.

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The Cable's JNF Lobby Makeover Moves a Step Further Towards Completion

BASSETTERRE ST KITTS 20 MARCH, 2024: The Cable is pressing steadily towards the completion of the lobby makeover at the Joseph N France General Hospital in St Kitts. On Saturday 16th, crews of painters comprised mainly of its management and staff, along with several other stakeholders, were actively painting and preparing the designated areas in readiness for a possible mid-year handover.



The Cable's Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Patricia Walters was excited to update the public on the vision behind the project saying, "We have dedicated this project to the people of St Kitts and Nevis as our 40th anniversary gift to the Federation. We hope that this project collaboration with other local partners will enhance patient

experience and patient satisfaction through improved first impressions." She noted that other participating stakeholders include TDC, Dreamworks Designs, Crown Prints, Vaughn's Construction, Thomas Dune Architecture, Diane Angela Designs, and Isaacs Professional Services have contributed to the project.

Project Manager, Kluivert Blackman gave an overview of the project explaining that, as the first point of entry for patients and other users, The Cable and its partners wanted the design, layout, and aesthetics to play a role in alleviating anxiety, create a sense of wellbeing and guide patients to their destination with ease. To this end, the project will include two planter areas which can also double as seating and replacement of the current signage with larger more visible graphics. The navigation-friendly lobby will also include a directory at the entrance to give patients and users a greater sense of ease in getting around. New seats in the waiting area will also add to the comfort and enhanced patient care environment.

Over the course of the coming weeks, the wood cladding will be installed in the roof of the area and the lighting fixtures will be replaced to create a more tranquil ambiance. Overall, the thoughtful interior design will modernize the space to create a more welcoming and calming environment.

Saturday's exercise received hands on support from Ministers of government and hospital personnel, including the Honourable Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew and Minister with responsibility for The Cable, the Honourable Konris Maynard.

Both Prime Minister Drew and Mrs. Drew, as well as Minister Maynard, rolled up their sleeves and assisted in priming and painting the walls of the lobby.

The project, which was first announced in November 2023 is a major part of The Cable's social responsibility commitment to the health sector of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.



Lights. Camera. Action.

ECTEL Launches 'She's my ICT Champion!' Reel Contest

Castries, Saint Lucia - 21st March 2024 - Girls in ICT (Information and Communications Technology) will be celebrated globally on Thursday, April 25th, and once again the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL) is playing its part to empower girls, especially those in our five Contracting States, to become more aware of the benefits to be derived from studying and pursuing a career in the field of ICT.

The focus of this annual event, organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), revolves around the theme of Leadership. It aims to highlight the crucial necessity for having influential female figures as role models in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers. According to the ITU, 'although women now fill 40% of high-skill occupations globally, their participation in ICT-related fields continues to be low. Women are nearly absent from software development, engineering, technology research, academia as well as at the highest levels of policy making. They also tend to leave science and technology jobs at higher rates than men. To thrive in STEM, girls and young women must be exposed to women in leadership positions, fostering inspiration and breaking down barriers that hinder their progress.'

To this end, the Directorate is calling on female students from the five Community Colleges in ECTEL's Contracting States (Dominica State College, T.A. Marryshow Community

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Cabinet Approves 'Easter' Discounted VAT Rate Day to Boost Consumer Spending and Economic Growth

BASSETERRE, Saint Kitts and Nevis, March 20, 2024 (Press Secretary, PMO) â€“ The Cabinet of Saint Kitts and Nevis, under the leadership of Prime Minister, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, has announced the approval of a continued initiative aimed at providing financial relief to citizens and stimulating economic activity amidst the Easter season.

On April 12th, 2024, Saint Kitts and Nevis will observe an 'Easter' Discounted Value Added Tax (VAT) Rate Day, wherein all VAT-registered businesses will charge VAT at the reduced rate of five percent (5%) on the sale of goods.

This decision marks a significant step in the government's continued support of both consumers and businesses during a time traditionally associated with increased spending. By slashing the VAT rate from the standard 17% to 5%, the government aims to alleviate financial burdens on citizens and ultimately bolster economic growth and stability.

To ensure the effectiveness and fairness of this initiative, certain guidelines have been established:

* All tangible items currently subject to 17% VAT will qualify for the discounted rate of 5% on Discounted VAT Rate Day.

* Eligible items must be readily available for sale and immediate issuance or delivery to customers on Discounted VAT Rate Day. Orders for items not in stock will not qualify.

* Vehicles, guns, ammunition, cigarettes, and alcoholic beverages are excluded from the discount.

This initiative underscores the government's commitment to fostering a conducive economic environment and enhancing the welfare of its citizens.

Businesses are encouraged to actively participate in Discounted VAT Rate Day, seizing the opportunity to attract customers and contribute to the nation's



Cabinet has Approved April 12, 2024 as the First Reduced VAT Day for 2024.

All VAT registered businesses to charge VAT at the rate of 5% on the sale of goods only. All tangible items that are currently subject to 17% VAT will qualify for the discount on Discounted VAT Rate Day.

Items eligible must also be available for sale and immediate issuance or delivery to the customer on Discounted VAT Rate Days. Orders for items not in stock do not qualify. Vehicles, guns, ammunition, cigarettes, and alcoholic beverages are NOT eligible.

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economic revitalization efforts.

The Cabinet extends its gratitude to all stakeholders for their support and cooperation in implementing this initiative.

ECTEL Launches 'She's my ICT Champion!' Reel Contest

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College in Grenada, Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College in St. Kitts and Nevis, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College in Saint Lucia and the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College) to create an exciting 1 minute reel featuring a woman who they consider to be a leader in ICT from their respective countries or from any of the ECTEL Contracting States. There are attractive cash prizes to be won, and to make it even more enticing, the emerging first place winner's College, also wins a prize.

In reference to the competition, ECTEL's Managing Director, Mr. David Cox, said: "Supporting women in ICTs is important for all of us, and will specifically transform our countries and the region for the better, when more girls take up careers in STEM fields."

The Reel Contest launches on 21st March 2024 and all submissions must be made by 25th April 2024. Visit ECTEL's 'She's my ICT Champion!' Reel Contest Girls in ICT 2024 - ECTEL for the contest rules and let your creative juices flow!

ECTEL has been the regional regulatory body advising the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commissions (NTRCs) on electronic communications matters in its five (5) Contracting States namely; the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines

since 4th May 2000. In simple terms, ECTEL works with the NTRCs to promote consumer rights and harmonised benefits in the electronic communications sector in its Contracting States.



'SHE'S MY ICT CHAMPION' REEL CONTEST
#GIRLSINICT2024

Calling all girls from ECTEL's five (5) Contracting States attending the Dominica State College, T.A. Marryshow Community College, Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College and the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College to show us how creative you are!

CONTEST HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Create an exciting 1 minute reel featuring a woman who you consider to be a leader in ICT from your country or from any of the ECTEL Contracting States.
2. Include the words '...and that's why she is my ICT champion' in the reel.
3. Submit videos by April 25th.
4. Visit www.ectelint for the full competition rules!

PRIZES

1ST - EC\$1000
2ND - EC\$750
3RD - EC\$500
MOST LIKES - EC\$250
1ST PLACE WINNER'S COLLEGE - EC\$500

PARTICIPATION IS FREE!

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Rules ECTEL's 'She's my ICT Champion!' Reel Contest Girls in ICT 2024

- Female students from five Community Colleges in ECTEL's Contracting States are invited to create an exciting **1 minute reel** featuring a woman who you consider to be a leader in ICT.
- The 'Woman ICT Leader' being featured in your reel should be a national of the country where your college is located or from any of the ECTEL Contracting States, and you **MUST** have permission to use all images in your reel.
- **Eligible Colleges:**
 - Dominica State College (Dominica)
 - T.A. Marryshow Community College (Grenada)
 - Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (St. Kitts and Nevis)
 - Sir Arthur Lewis Community College (Saint Lucia)
 - St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)
- The words '...and that's why she is my ICT champion' **MUST** be included in the reel.
- Entries must be emailed to ectelquiz@ectel.int with the following cover note/message:

"Follow and like @ECTEL on Facebook and YouTube and @ectelauthority on Instagram and X/Twitter, then check out my Reel called 'title of your entry' by 'name of contestant'. Don't forget to like my entry! #WomeninSTEM #WomeninLeadership #GirlsinICT #ECTEL - Regulatory leadership committed to consumer empowerment and harmonised benefits in a unified space"
- Ensure that your cover note/message accompanying your entry also has the following information: your full name, school, age, country, your Facebook/Instagram handles.
- **ONLY** contestants who like and follow our Facebook and/or Instagram accounts before the deadline will be eligible to participate.
- One entry per person.
- Only individual entries are invited, no group entries allowed.
- Competition timeline:
 - Launch date: **March 21, 2024**
 - Deadline for submissions: Girls in ICT Day - **April 25, 2024** at 12 midnight/12 a.m. (Eastern Caribbean Time)

Guyana and IICA are developing the first biofortified rice in the Caribbean region, which provides a high nutritional value and will be a key contribution to food security in the country and the rest of the Caribbean

During Dr. Manuel Otero's visit to Georgetown, both Minister Mustapha and President Ali congratulated IICA for its contribution to this development, which strengthens the position of Guyana, a country that is making an effort to grow and sustain its agriculture and intends to be self-sufficient in commodities such as corn and soybeans by 2026.



The Director General of IICA, Manuel Otero, toured the facilities of one of the experimental stations of the Guyana Rice Development Board (GRDB), a semi-autonomous organization dependent on the Ministry of Agriculture that investigates the adaptability of different varieties to the country's environments.

Georgetown, 21 March 2024 (IICA) - After more than three years of joint scientific research and experimentation, the Government of Guyana and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) have developed the region's first biofortified rice variety, which is an extremely important contribution to the country's food and nutrition security and can be extended to the entire Caribbean region.

This rice variety, whose nutritional richness is based on high levels of zinc, was launched in October 2023 with the participation of Guyana's Prime Minister, Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips, and the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Zulfikar Mustapha. It is already being produced in Guyana on a small scale and is expected to make a significant contribution to the development of the country, which along with the rest of the Caribbean nations has set itself the goal of reducing

its food imports by 25% by 2025.

The Director General of IICA, Dr. Manuel Otero, who is on a working visit to Georgetown, the country's capital, was received by President Mohamed Irfaan Ali, toured the facilities of one of the experimental stations of the Guyana Rice Development Board (GRDB), semi-autonomous agency under the Ministry of Agriculture that researches the adaptability of different varieties to the country's environments, the Americas, which provided technical and financial support to rice producers.

"The next goal is to start producing this variety on a large scale, so that Guyana can have rice with this food as a healthy supplement. In this way we will be able to increase not only the income of our farmers but the health of our people in the country and the rest of the Caribbean," said Minister Mustapha.

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HELP WANTED: Live-In Housekeeper with Childcare Responsibilities

Job Summary:

We are seeking a dedicated and reliable Live-In Housekeeper to join our household, with an emphasis on childcare responsibilities. The ideal candidate will be responsible for maintaining a clean, organized, and welcoming home environment while also providing attentive care to children in the household. This live-in position requires the Housekeeper to reside on-site and perform various domestic and childcare duties to ensure the smooth running of the household.

Responsibilities:

1. Household Cleaning: Perform daily and deep cleaning tasks, including dusting, vacuuming, sweeping, mopping, and polishing surfaces throughout the residence.
2. Laundry and Ironing: Manage laundry activities, including washing, ironing, folding, and organizing clothing and linens.
3. Organization: Maintain a well-organized and clutter-free living space. Arrange and tidy up rooms, ensuring items are in their designated places.
4. Meal Preparation: Assist with basic meal preparation and kitchen cleaning. Ensure the kitchen is kept clean, and meals are prepared with consideration for any dietary restrictions or preferences.
5. Childcare: Provide attentive care for children, including feeding, bathing, dressing, and organizing age-appropriate activities. Ensure a safe and nurturing environment for the well-being of the children.
6. Bedroom and Bathroom Maintenance: Ensure bedrooms and bathrooms are kept tidy and well-maintained, including changing bed linens, making beds, and cleaning bathroom fixtures.
7. Grocery Shopping: Purchase groceries and household supplies as needed, following the provided list or instructions.
8. Communication: Maintain open communication with the household members to address specific preferences, childcare routines, and any additional tasks that may arise.

Requirements:

1. Proven experience as a Housekeeper or similar role.
2. Prior experience in childcare.
3. Excellent knowledge of cleaning products, household management, and child development.
4. Strong organizational and time management skills.
5. Ability to maintain confidentiality and respect the privacy of the household.
6. Flexibility to adapt to changing priorities and schedules.
7. Physically capable of performing the required tasks.
8. Good communication skills and a friendly demeanour.
9. References from previous employers may be required.
10. Driver's license will be an asset.

Benefits:

1. Private accommodation within the household.
2. Competitive salary and possibly additional benefits.
3. A supportive and respectful working environment.

If you are a meticulous and trustworthy individual with a passion for creating a comfortable home environment and providing quality childcare, we invite you to apply for this live-in Housekeeper position. Please submit your resume, a cover letter, and references for consideration to stkittsjob869@gmail.com

sufficient in commodities such as corn and soybeans by 2026.

The joint work of the GRDB and IICA was the result of a special request from the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), a union of countries that is committed to strengthening the resilience of food production in the region, which has been severely affected by the increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. as a result of climate change.

High agricultural yields

As explained, GRDB IICA-17 biofortified rice has high yields of up to 8 tons per hectare and can be sold at better prices for the benefit of farmers. It was developed through conventional farming practices, without genetic modification, as rice naturally accumulates higher levels of zinc than usual. Zinc is essential for the proper functioning of people's

immune systems and the fight against infectious diseases such as Covid-19.

There are currently about 600 hectares (1450 acres) in Guyana under biofortified rice production, and part of the harvest will be destined for Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica, in the Caribbean region, and Spain and Portugal, in Europe, at a differentiated price, according to the IICA Representative in Guyana, Wilmot Garnett. "We are working with specialists to explain the benefits of this variety for nutrition and human health, in order to develop an adequate information and promotion strategy," he added.

Garnett revealed that the proposed goal is that within two to three years biofortified rice will constitute 50% of the

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Scientists say they can cut HIV out of cells

By Michelle Roberts,
Digital health editor - BBC

Working like scissors, but at the molecular level, it cuts DNA so “bad” bits can be removed or inactivated. The hope is to ultimately be able to rid the body entirely of the virus, although

much more work is needed to check it would be safe and effective. Existing HIV medicines can stop the virus but not eliminate it. The University of Amsterdam team, presenting a synopsis, or abstract, of their early findings at a medical conference this week, stress their work remains merely “proof of concept” and will not become a cure for HIV any time soon.

And Dr James Dixon, stem-cell and gene-therapy technologies associate professor at the University of Nottingham, agrees, saying the full findings still require scrutiny. “Much more work will be needed to demonstrate results in these cell assays can happen in an entire body for a future therapy,” he said. “There will be much more development needed before this could have impact on those with HIV.” ‘Extremely challenging’ Other scientists are also trying to use Crispr against HIV. And Excision BioTherapeutics says after 48 weeks, three volunteers with HIV have no serious side effects. But Dr Jonathan Stoye, a virus expert at the Francis Crick Institute, in London, said removing HIV from all the cells that might harbour it in the body was “extremely challenging”. “Off-target effects of the treatment, with possible long-term side effects, remain a concern,” he said. “It therefore seems likely that many years will elapse before any such Crispr-based therapy becomes routine - even assuming that it can be shown to be effective.” HIV infects and attacks immune-system cells, using their own machinery to make copies of itself. Even with effective treatment, some go into a resting, or latent, state - so they still contain the DNA, or genetic

material, of HIV, even if not actively producing new virus. Most people with HIV need life-long antiretroviral therapy. If they stop taking these drugs, the dormant virus can reawaken and cause problems again. A rare few have been apparently “cured”, after aggressive cancer therapy wiped out some of their infected cells, but this would never be recommended purely to treat HIV. People who stay on antiretroviral treatment, which is very effective, can have the same life expectancy as people without HIV, for example. Richard Angell from the Terrence Higgins Trust said: “While year and years away, today’s research is an important step in the search for an HIV cure. The work needed to transform this technology into a cure for those already living with HIV should be expedited. “While there’s no cure for HIV yet, it’s vital everyone knows we have incredibly effective HIV treatment. That treatment means people living with HIV can expect to live long and healthy lives. If they take their medication as prescribed, they cannot pass the virus onto their sexual partners. PrEP, a free pill that protects you from HIV, is available for HIV negative people from sexual health clinics across the UK. We have all of the tools necessary to end new HIV cases in the UK by 2030 - and mark the first time a virus was stopped without a vaccine nor cure.”

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In the Estate of **DERRICK MAYNARD**
Late of Saddlers Village, St. Kitts, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **LATOYA BROWNE** of Saddlers Village, St. Kitts for the Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 23rd day of February, 2010.

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

Dated this 6th day of March 2024

Dr. Dennis Merchant
MERCHANT AND ASSOCIATES
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants

Filed by Dr. Dennis Merchant of Merchant and Associates Law Office, 28 Shear Lane, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant.

Public health professionals, general public on Nevis benefit from USAF LAMAT team visit

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (March 20, 2024) - The U.S. Air Force Lesser Antilles Medical Assistance Team (LAMAT) consisting of active duty and reserve airmen is presently in Nevis engaging with public health professionals to facilitate training and knowledge transfer.

The team, led by Colonel Zoe Hawkes, arrived in Nevis on Monday, March 18 as part of LAMAT's inaugural visit to St. Kitts and Nevis.

At a welcome ceremony held at the Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park on March 18, 2024, Col. Hawkes explained that the members of her team would engage in capacity building training and exchanging of best practices with public healthcare providers. She also revealed that during the visit LAMAT was providing more than US\$100,000 in supplies to the Ministry of Health in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA).

"Our Medical Assistance Team, comprised of forty-three members, is a diverse mix of physicians, nurses, dentists, medical and dental technicians, an audiologist, administrative and logistics support personnel, an equipment repair technician, and public affairs staff.

"As part of our mission to work with our counterparts in St. Kitts and Nevis to enable better outcomes for patients we have brought \$105,000 in supplies and materials which we hope will complement your resources and serve the medical needs of your patients."

Minister of Health and Social Empowerment the Honourable Jahnel Nisbett expressed gratitude to the team for affording the public professionals this opportunity to learn from highly qualified experts to better care for patients on Nevis.

"To the LAMAT team I want to say on behalf of the Nevis Island Administration and the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis at large, that your work here is welcomed, it is invaluable and we look forward to our staff and people engaging with you over the next two weeks so that you can provide that care and additional training that I am certain that we will benefit from, not just for the



U.S. Air Force Lesser Antilles Medical Assistance Team (LAMAT) contingent in Nevis as part of its 2024 mission (March 18, 2024)



Ministry of Health in the Nevis Island Administration welcomes LAMAT members to Nevis on March 18, 2024 (l-r) USAF Major Jacob Williams; LAMAT 2024 mission leader USAF Colonel Zoe Hawkes; Deputy Governor-General Her Honour Mrs. Hyleeta Liburd; Minister of Health and Social Empowerment in the Nevis Island Administration the Honourable Jahnel Nisbett; Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health Mrs. Shelissa Martin-Clarke; Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Health Ms. Latoya Jeffers; and LAMAT Focal Point on Nevis Dr. Judy Nisbett (March 18, 2024)

two-week period but over the long term as well," she said.

Also present at the ceremony was Deputy Governor-General Her Honour Mrs. Hyleeta Liburd; Deputy Premier the Honourable Eric Evelyn; Minister of Education the Honourable Troy Liburd; Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health Mrs. Shelissa Martin-Clarke; Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Health Ms. Latoya Jeffers; LAMAT Focal Point on Nevis Dr. Judy Nisbett; and personnel from the Ministry of Health and the Health Promotion Unit.

While on Nevis the LAMAT contingent worked along side personnel at the Charlestown Dental Unit and the Emergency Care Unit at the Alexandra Hospital. They will further engage with local healthcare personnel at the Brownhill Health Centre to carry out auditory (hearing) checks, and also assist at the Flamboyant Nursing Home and the St. George and St. John Nursing Home.

As part of the LAMAT 2024 mission, the team will be in St. Kitts and Nevis for two weeks, with approximately half of its members stationed on Nevis for eight days. Over the course of the 2024 mission the LAMAT team visited Suriname, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



U.S. Air Force Lesser Antilles Medical Assistance Team (LAMAT) in Nevis to carry out voluntary work as part of its 2024 mission, along with Nevis officials at the Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park on March 18, 2024



Minister of Health and Social Empowerment in the Nevis Island Administration the Honourable Jahnel Nisbett (l) gifts Nevis Naturally commemorative bags to members of the U.S. Air Force Lesser Antilles Medical Assistance Team (LAMAT) contingent in Nevis on a volunteer mission (March 18, 2024)

Easter eggs costs rise as climate change hits crops

By Justin Rowlatt,
Climate editor, BBC News

You may have noticed that Easter eggs are more expensive this year.

But did you know that climate change is one of the reasons? Most chocolate is made from cocoa grown in West Africa, but a humid heatwave has blasted the crops and massively cut yields.

Experts say that human-induced climate change has made the extreme heat 10 times more likely.

Which? found some popular eggs have risen in price by 50% or more.

The shortage of cocoa resulting from the heatwave has seen prices soar to almost \$8,500 (£6,700) a tonne this week.

Cocoa trees are particularly vulnerable to changes in the climate. They only grow in a narrow band of about 20 degrees latitude around the Equator.

Most global production is concentrated in West Africa. In 2023, 58m kilogrammes of cocoa beans worth £127m were imported to the UK from Ivory Coast and Ghana with 85% of the UK’s cocoa beans sourced from Ivory Coast.

However, severe drought conditions have hit the West Africa region since February this year.

This has been caused by temperatures that soared above 40C, breaking records in countries including the Ivory Coast and Ghana.

It was these exceptionally high temperatures that the World Weather Attribution group, based at Imperial College London, found were made 10 times more likely

by human-caused greenhouse gas emissions.

Their study found that unless the world quickly reduces fossil fuel use, West Africa will experience similar heatwaves about every two years.

“There were reports from farmers in Ivory Coast that the heat weakened the cocoa crop,” according to one of the authors of the study, Izadine Pinto, from the University of Cape Town.

He said the high temperatures increased the rate of evaporation, leaving the crops without sufficient moisture.

Another factor impacting the crops was El Nino.

This is a recurring, natural fluctuation in weather patterns in the tropical Pacific that drives up global temperatures and can lead to extreme weather in some places. A strong El Nino has been active since last June.

El Nino years often present challenges for farmers, but global warming is exacerbating those changes, says Ben Clarke, an expert on extreme weather at the Grantham Institute at Imperial College.

“Increasingly, climate change driven by fossil fuel use is multiplying this natural challenge in many regions. It fuels more extreme conditions, devastates harvests, and makes food costs higher for all,” Mr Clarke said.

Drought is not the only factor affecting cocoa growers. Both Ivory Coast and Ghana have been hit with an extreme weather

double whammy.

SIA KAMBOU women sorting CocoaSIA KAMBOU

In December last year, both countries experienced intense rains. Total precipitation in West Africa was more than double the 30-year average for the time of year.

The wet and humid conditions allowed a fungal infection called black pod disease to flourish, rotting cocoa beans on the trees.

The result of these different extreme events has been the same - the price of cocoa has more than trebled since this time last year and doubled in just the last three months.

Chocolate makers typically buy beans months ahead of time but soaring prices are now beginning to affect prices in the shops.

“Lots of players who have already announced price increases. We are also part of that group,” Martin Hug, of chocolate maker Lindt & Spruengli told city analysts earlier this month.

In February, Mondelez, the company that owns the Cadbury brand, and the American chocolate maker Hershey were already warning rising cocoa prices could drive up the price of chocolate.

Feeling the brunt of these price fluctuations are the farmers who grow the cocoa crops.

There are estimated to be some two million smallholder farmers in the West African cocoa belt who rely on this labour-intensive crop for most of their income.

Amber Sawyer, an analyst at the climate think-tank the Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit, said wealthy countries like the UK can provide financial and technical support to developing countries to help their farmers better cope with extreme weather.

But she warned that, “as climate change worsens, more support will undoubtedly be needed to protect their livelihoods and keep the flow of cocoa beans coming into the UK.”

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

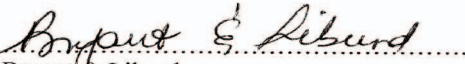
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In the Estate of **MARY CONSTANTIA GREAUX** formerly **BROWN** also known as **MARY C. GREAUX** and **MARY GREAUX** late of Fiennes Avenue in the Town of Basseterre in the Island of St. Christopher, deceased

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Notice is given that after the expiration of 14 days of the second publication of this Notice application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased of Fiennes Avenue in the Town of Basseterre in the Island of St. Christopher, having died intestate on the 17th day of September 1983.

Dated this 21st day of March 2024.


Bryant & Liburd
Attorneys-at-Law
for **MARJORIE ELAINE GREAUX**

Case Number :SKBHPB2024/0037

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THE FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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In the Estate of Lesroy Henry, late of 67 Parrays Housing Development, St. Peter’s St. Kitts, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by DESROY DEMMING of Ogees, St. Peter’s, St. Kitts for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the to the 20th day of July 2023 without revoking a will bearing the date the 5th day of January 2016 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

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

Dated this 7th day of March 2024

Filed by Hendrickson’s Legal Chambers Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is New Road, St. Peter’s, St. Kitts.

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To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Rosa Alicia Skelton now residing in Fort Thomas Road in the town of Basseterre do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on 02nd day of April 2024, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Fort Thomas Road in Irish Town in Basseterre.

Dated this
19th day of March, 2024.

Signed: Rosa Skelton

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

**To the Magistrate,
District "A"**

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Desiree Singh now residing in the village Lower Cayon in the parish of St. Mary do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on 02nd day of April 2024, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Royal Queen Bar in CAP Industrial Site (back of TDC) in Basseterre.

Dated this
13th day of March, 2024.

Signed : Desiree Singh

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

**To the Magistrate,
District "A"**

To the Superintendent of Police.

We, Beko Lapsey & Norella Lapsey now residing in the village Temple Alley in the town of Basseterre do hereby give you notice that it is our intention to apply on 02nd day of April 2024, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of our premises in Temple Alley in Basseterre

Dated this
18th day of March, 2024.

Signed: Beko Lapsey

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDIANANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

**To the Magistrate,
District "A"**

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Godfrey Francis now residing in the town Sandy Point do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on 02nd day of April 2024, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Boyd's Village in the parish of Trinity

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Signed : Godfrey Francis



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Chris Gayle Lights Up New York’s Empire State Building To Launch ‘Out Of This World’ ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 Trophy Tour

Global Trophy Tour to visit 15 countries, including all nine host venues in countdown to historic ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 hosted in West Indies and USA

ST. JOHN’S, ANTIGUA - The ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 Trophy Tour has been launched at New York’s Empire State Building, with two-time champion Chris Gayle and USA star Ali Khan lighting up the iconic skyscraper as fans count down to the biggest global T20 cricket event ever.

An official ceremony to launch the Trophy Tour was held at the Empire State Building, where the “Universe Boss” himself Chris Gayle had the honour of pulling the lever down to light up New York’s most iconic building in the navy and magenta colours of the event. Sitting atop the 381-metre skyscraper was the prize all 20 teams will be competing for across the West Indies and USA from 1-29 June, the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup Trophy.

Following huge demand of more than 3 million ticket applications in the public ballot, additional tickets have been released to 51 of 55 matches, including fixtures where allocations were previously exhausted.

In the West Indies, tickets are now available to matches at all six host locations, including Group Stage, Super 8 and semi-final matches, ensuring as many fans as possible can attend. Fans can create an account and purchase tickets now at tickets.t20worldcup.com. This is the fastest and easiest way for fans to get the tickets they want. All online transactions at tickets.t20worldcup.com are secure.

Also available now are a range of premium hospitality offerings inclusive of food and beverage packages for all fixtures at Nassau County International Stadium in New York and to all matches at West Indies venues at tickets.t20worldcup.com.

The event marks the first time an ICC World Cup will be held in the USA, including eight matches at the brand new, state-of-the-art modular 34,000 capacity stadium in Nassau County, New York. Newly renovated existing venues Grand Prairie Cricket Stadium in Dallas and Broward County Stadium in Lauderhill will each host four fixtures.

Co-hosts West Indies have a rich history in T20 cricket, having won the T20 World Cup twice, with popular Caribbean tourist destinations, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Guyana, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago all hosting matches.

The ‘Out of this World’ Trophy Tour will reach 15 countries across four continents as it visits iconic sporting teams and stadia, famous landmarks, and legendary cricketers, while also giving fans the chance to get a glimpse of T20 cricket’s biggest global prize. In addition to visiting all host venues across the West Indies and USA, the Trophy will also visit emerging Americas cricket countries Argentina, Brazil, and Canada - enabling new fans to connect with what will be a landmark event in the region. Fans can follow the Trophy Tour from wherever they are via ICC’s social channels and t20worldcup.com.

ICC General Manager, Marketing and Communications, Claire Furlong said: “With less than



National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited
having made sworn deposition that **policy number 73177 on the life of Trent Mills has been lost** and having made application to the directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 22/3/2023

By Order,

Diana Williams-Humphrey
General Manager

three months to go until the first ball of the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024, there is huge anticipation for what will be a historic event for cricket in the Americas.

“As we count down to the World Cup, the Trophy Tour provides fans with the opportunity to be part of the event in locations across the globe. The Tour will travel extensively across the Americas, igniting the passion of both new and existing fans to share in the excitement of T20 cricket’s pinnacle global event coming to the region and what better way to kick it off than by lighting up one of the world’s most iconic buildings in one of the world’s most iconic cities.

“Cricket has more than a billion fans and we want to give as many people as possible the opportunity to get up close with the trophy that will be lifted by the winning captain in Barbados on 29 June.”

ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 Tournament Director Fawwaz Baksh said: “The start of the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup trophy tour is an emphatic signal to fans worldwide that the World Cup is coming. Throughout its Caribbean leg of the tour, fans can look forward to a plethora of engaging activities, including meet-and-greets with Cricket stars and legends, Caribbean infused cultural entertainment, and the opportunity to see and take pictures of the trophy in person at some of the region’s most iconic locations.

“In addition to fan-facing engagements, the trophy tour will also serve as a platform to leverage the continued growth of Cricket globally and to drive positive change and leave a lasting impact on communities.”

Photo - Chris Gayle at the Empire State Building in New York with the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup trophy

The Trophy Tour schedule for March and April is below:

18 to 20 March: New York, USA

21 to 23 March: Houston, Grand Prairie and Dallas, USA

26 to 27 March: Buenos Aires, Argentina

28 to 29 March: Sao Paulo, Brazil

3 to 4 April: Jamaica

13 to 14 April: Barbados

17 to 18 April: Antigua and Barbuda

19 to 20 April: Saint Lucia

Australia pull out of Afghanistan T20 series due to continued Taliban restrictions on women and girls

From the section Cricket BBC Sports



Glen Maxwell in action against Afghanistan at the 2023 Cricket World Cup
Australia beat Afghanistan by three wickets when the sides met at the Cricket World Cup in November 2023

Australia have withdrawn from their men's T20 series against Afghanistan in August because of continued restrictions on women and girls in the country under the ruling Taliban.

The three-match series was scheduled to take place in the United Arab Emirates.

Cricket Australia (CA) says government advice is that conditions for women and girls "are getting worse".

It is the third time Australia has declined to play Afghanistan since the Taliban returned to power in 2021.

A one-off Test match in September 2021 and a three-match men's one-day series in March 2023 were also cancelled.

Australia will continue to play Afghanistan in tournaments, having beaten them by three wickets at the Cricket World Cup last November.

A CA statement said: "Following consultation with the Australian Government, CA previously postponed the ODI series against Afghanistan scheduled for March 2023 after a marked deterioration in human rights for women and girls in Afghanistan.

"Over the past twelve months CA has continued to consult with the Australian Government on the situation in Afghanistan. The government's advice is that conditions for women and girls in Afghanistan are getting worse. For this reason, we have maintained our previous position and will postpone the bilateral series against Afghanistan.

"CA continues its strong commitment to supporting participation by women and girls in cricket around the world and will continue to actively engage the International Cricket Council and work closely with the Afghanistan Cricket Board to determine what actions could be taken to support the resumption of bilateral matches in the future."

Key moments in the crushing of Afghan women's rights

The Taliban returned to power in Afghanistan in August 2021 and have placed restrictions on the rights of women to work and study.

Girls in Afghanistan are only allowed to attend primary school. Teenage girls and women have also been barred from entering school and university classrooms.

They are not allowed in parks, gyms and pools. Beauty salons have been shut, while women must dress in a way that only reveals their eyes. They must be accompanied by a male relative if they are travelling more than 72km (45 miles).

Rory McIlroy: Northern Irishman 'glad' of PGA player-directors meeting with Saudi's PIF

Published BBC



Rory McIlroy lines up a putt - IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES
Rory McIlroy finished in a tie for 19th at The Players Championship

Rory McIlroy says he hopes a meeting between players on the PGA Tour board and Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund "gets us closer to a solution" to the split in golf.

Negotiations are continuing between the PGA Tour and the PIF, which funds LIV Golf, about a potential merger.

PGA player-director Patrick Cantlay said a meeting with PIF representatives will take place on Monday.

"It should've happened months ago, so I am glad it's happening," said McIlroy.

The Northern Irishman, 34, added: "Hopefully that progresses conversations and gets us closer to a solution."

Scheffler first to defend Players title at Sawgrass

The PGA Tour and DP World Tour announced plans for a shock merger with PIF in June, but they failed to reach an agreement by a previous deadline at the

end of 2023.

PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan recently met with PIF governor Yasir Al-Rumayyan, who is also Newcastle United's chairman.

A report in Golfweek said the PGA Tour's player-directors were set to also meet Al-Rumayyan, with Jordan Spieth adding on Saturday they were being "encouraged" to meet with PIF.

Spieth and Cantlay are two of six player-directors on the PGA Tour board, along with Tiger Woods, Adam Scott, Webb Simpson and Peter Malnati.

McIlroy resigned from the PGA Tour's Policy Board in November.

Speaking at The Players Championship at TPC Sawgrass, Cantlay said he is planning on doing "a lot more listening than talking" in the meeting and will "have a lot more information after".

The American added that while he doubted the two parties "will get into anything substantive in the first meeting", he is "all for" any eventual deal to reunite golf that is "in the best interests of the PGA Tour membership".

McIlroy said he wants Al-Rumayyan to show the players that "fundamentally he wants to do the right thing", adding those who have represented LIV, such as commissioner Greg Norman, have done the PIF governor "a disservice".

"There's a really big disconnect between PIF and LIV," added McIlroy. "The closer that we can get to Yasir, PIF and hopefully finalise that investment, that will be a really good thing.

"They're a sovereign wealth fund. They want to park money for decades and not worry about it.

"They want to invest in smart and secure businesses, and the PGA Tour is definitely one of those, especially if they're looking to invest in sport in some way."

The emergence of the LIV circuit in 2022 has fractured men's professional golf.

Several top players, including Masters champion Jon Rahm, have been lured by its huge prize funds and no-cut events, which also include a team format.

McIlroy said he thought LIV will still exist in its current form "for the next couple of years" while the details of the merger are finalised.

He added: "They're big on team golf and they want to see team golf survive in some way in the calendar.

"I don't think it has to necessarily look like LIV. In my mind you should leave the individual golf and then you play your team golf on the sort of periphery of that.

"I don't think this is an overnight solution. But if we can get the investment in, then at least we can start working towards a compromise where we're not going to make everyone happy, but at least make everyone understand why we're doing what we're doing."