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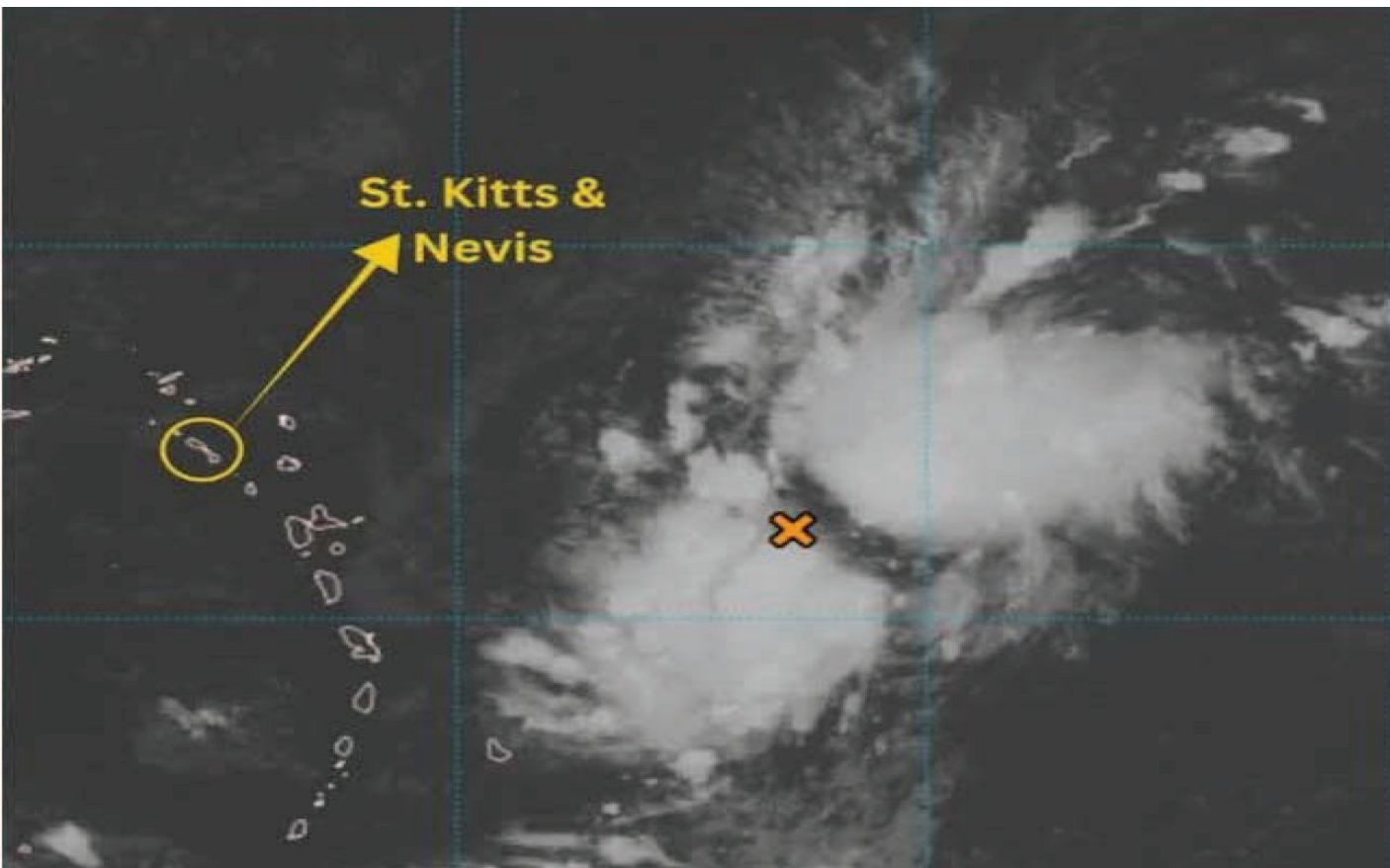


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Editorial

Another Lesson from Erin

While we here in the Federation and across the region were keeping a close eye on Tropical Storm Erin-which by Friday 15th August 2025. strengthened into a Category 1 hurricane and later intensified into one of the most powerful storms on record-many people are once again thanking God for His mercies as the storm passed north of the Caribbean region, tossing through the Atlantic Ocean.

Interestingly, a conversation overheard on Thursday night between two people about the forecast for the weekend summed up a common attitude. One individual remarked, "dey ain God," referring to the meteorologists. That perception-that forecasters somehow "play God"-is not new.

As a well-known senior meteorological officer Elmo Burke recently explained in last week's 'From Danger To Safety' NEMA programme, forecasters do not control the forces of nature. Rather, they simply provide the best available information at the time, based on evolving data.

But Erin has delivered another sobering reminder. That hurricane underwent a period of shockingly rapid intensification-a phenomenon that has become far more frequent in recent years as planet Earth warms (global warming) due to climate change. From a reported Category 1 hurricane with 75 mph winds at 11 a.m., Erin ballooned into a rare Category 5 storm with near 160 mph winds just over 24 hours later, before slightly weakening to Category 4. In the process, it entered the history books as one of the fastest-strengthening Atlantic hurricanes ever recorded.

This is not just a matter of science; it is a matter of survival. Climate change is not some distant, abstract debate. It is a lived reality shaping the ferocity of storms, the speed with which they develop, and the level of preparedness required from us as individuals and as a society. For our small island Federation-vulnerable to the sea, the wind and the economic fallout of natural disasters-this should be a call to action.

The lesson from Erin is simple yet profound: Stay ready and be prepared. Complacency is no longer an option. Preparedness must become part of our culture-

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not only during the official hurricane season but as a year-round mindset. Governments, communities and households must strengthen their plans, invest in resilience, and pay attention to the warnings provided by meteorological experts, however imperfect they may seem to some.

The unpredictability of storms like Erin underscores how quickly circumstances can change. What looks

like a passing tropical storm today can become a life-altering catastrophe tomorrow. Let us not wait until disaster is at our doorstep to acknowledge this truth.

In thanking God for His mercies, we must also embrace our responsibility: to take science seriously, to plan diligently, and to act decisively. Erin has taught us yet another lesson-one that we cannot afford to ignore.

Child Protection Officer To Parents: Start Showing Concern

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 21st August 2025)- A well-known probation officer attached to the Department of Child Probation and Protection Services Lauston Percival is urging parents across the Federation to start showing more concern about their children’s whereabouts.

Appearing as a guest on ‘Policing With You’ (a weekly programme by the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force) aired live on ZIZ on Thursday 21st August 2025 hosted by Inspector Marvin Thompson, Percival-a retired police officer- made such an appeal.

“Parents are not supposed to be in the comfort of the house and the children out. That is not supposed to happen. These things are recipes for things to happen to our young people. And parents, you must start showing concern about where your children are, who they are out with, what function they went to and things like that. We need to start to get that sort of concern and not let your children run around, run wild just like animals on a farm. It doesn’t make any sense,” he urged.

Reflecting on the issue of children seen in late-night settings, Percival expressed frustration that earlier promises to enforce curfew-type measures for minors appear to have fizzled out.

“Sometime back... I think it was early up in the year... we had this big song and dance about the age that children are supposed to be on the road and the time they’re supposed to be off and everybody was like ‘Hip hip hooray; we’re gonna get something done now.’ And after a few weeks, everybody forgot about that and you see now, the children are back on the road late at nightS sometimes after 11 after 12, you see this especially young girls- especially young girls. One of the places I can speak of is when you go to the movies... you see all the aged children there doing a late-night movie and sometimes after 11, they are still on the road trying to catch a bus.... That is not supposed to happen,” he stressed.

Percival further urged a collective approach to tackling the problem, noting that responsibility cannot fall on government or police alone.

“We all need to get together and start looking out for our young people because if we don’t, we are going to continue losing them- if not one way, another way. So let us all get together and start looking out for our young people.”



Image: Probation Officer attached to the Department of Child Probation and Protection Services Lauston Percival (left) seen on ‘Policing With You’ aired live on ZIZ on Thursday 21st August 2025 hosted by Inspector Marvin Thompson (Credit: Youtube.com/ZIZonline)

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In the Estate of **Lisa Lee** late of Eden Brown Estate, St. James’ Parish, Nevis, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **Glyniss Daniel** of Eden Brown Estate, Nevis for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant, Lawful Attorney of Regan Daniel who is the mother of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 8th day of December, 2024

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

Dated this 13th day of August, 2025

Nisbetts

Nisbetts, Solicitors

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Inspector Thompson agreed saying: “I’m going to echo the sentiment. We need to work together. It can’t be expected that your ministry will do all the work. There’s only so much that you can do. There’s only so much that the police can do. I would even go as far as to say there’s only so much that the parents can do, but the parents at least need to do enough, and when they realize that they might need the particular assistance then they can reach out. But there needs to be that foundation that they set so that certain things can be built upon.”

“Or else, as callers have said and you [Percival] have said, we will continue losing our young people to behaviours that we frown upon. We [society] frown upon behaviours that we allow,” he added.

Percival, who works in the Child Justice Unit, explained that probation officers are often called to intervene with young people displaying troubling behaviour. “My unit... gets involved with young persons, juveniles, when they are displaying [behaviours] - whether it is reported to us officially, or we know about it by seeing it when we visit the schools or just going about our business on the road,” he explained.

He went on to say: “We see children who are displaying behaviors that are not becoming for young people. We get involved. If it is reported to us by the schools or whether by some other organization or entity, we get involved and what we do, we pay a visit to that juvenile, whether it is in the school, at their home, wherever it is, and we try to find out what is the problem, why they are displaying that kind of behavior and sometimes we do monitoring. If it is something that needs to be talked to, we talk to that person. See if we can find out what the issue is and if we can solve the issue by doing some sit-downs, some counselling. And I say counselling loosely because we are not officially counsellors but sometimes all the young people need is somebody who could sit down and have a conversation with them and try and guide them on the right path.

According to Percival: “Sometimes if the behavior is as such it gets the police or the law enforcement organization involved then what we do we take the matter if the matter has to go to the CJC which is a Child Justice Committee it’s basically something like the juvenile court but it offers a diversion. It’...for want of a better word, watered down to that of the juvenile court. So that in a nutshell is basically what the probation officer does.”

Front Page Image: Probation officer attached to the Department of Child Probation and Protection Services Lauston Percival seen while appearing as a guest on ‘Policing With You’ aired live on ZIZ on Thursday 21st August 2025 hosted by Inspector Marvin Thompson, Percival-a retired police officer - made such an appeal.(Credit: Youtube.com/ZIZonline)

Distinguished Academic and Open Knowledge Advocate Announced as Featured Speaker for 27th Prime Minister's Lecture Series

Basseterre, Saint Kitts - The Organising Committee for the 42nd Anniversary of Independence is proud to announce that Ms. Willa Liburd Tavernier, a distinguished attorney-at-law, academic librarian and global advocate for equitable knowledge access, will be the featured speaker for the 27th Prime Minister's Lecture Series.

The lecture will be held on Tuesday September 9th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sir Cecil Jacobs Auditorium at the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB).

This year's Independence celebrations are being observed under the distinguished theme, "Perpetual Progress - A Sustainable Future in View: Independence 42." Ms. Liburd Tavernier's work and journey perfectly embody this theme, demonstrating how a commitment to lifelong learning, innovation and inclusion is fundamental to building a resilient and sustainable nation.



A proud daughter of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Ms. Liburd Tavernier's intellectual journey began with the Saint Kitts and Nevis State Scholarship in 1995. She is a qualified attorney, called to the Bar in Saint Kitts and Nevis and the British Virgin Islands,

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and a former Senior Legal Officer at the ECCB and partner at a leading international law firm.

She now serves as the Research Impact & Open Scholarship Librarian at Indiana University Bloomington, where she specializes in building equitable knowledge infrastructures work that directly supports sustainable development goals crucial for small island states. In 2023, she was named a Library Journal Mover & Shaker for her groundbreaking work.

Despite her international acclaim, she remains deeply connected to her roots. She has collaborated with the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) to launch a digital exhibit featuring Kittitian and Nevisian authors and is working on a digital history project for the college.

"We are incredibly honoured to welcome Ms. Willa Liburd Tavernier as our featured speaker this year," said Ms Viera Galloway, Co-Chair of the Independence 42 Organising Committee. "Her life's work is a testament to the 'perpetual progress' of growth and the power of knowledge. From her beginnings in Saint Kitts and Nevis to shaping global conversations on open access and information equity, she is a true inspiration. Her lecture will provide invaluable insights into how St. Kitts and Nevis can leverage knowledge as a critical pillar for our sustainable future."

The Prime Minister's Lecture Series is a premier event on the national calendar, designed to stimulate thoughtful discourse on issues of national and regional importance. The public is invited to attend this enlightening occasion.

Popular Conversation Series Returns For Independence 42 Celebrations

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, August 19, 2025 (SKNIS): The Saint Kitts and Nevis Independence 42 Planning Committee is pleased to announce the return of the popular discussion series "Conversations: Reflections & the Way Forward." The new season will debut on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, with weekly editions up to September 10, 2025.

In keeping with its engaging format, each edition will feature a distinguished panel of experts who will share their knowledge and expertise on the key opportunities and potential challenges that lie ahead as the twin-island Federation advances its transformation into a Sustainable Island State.

This week's topic is "From Farm to Fork: Making Saint Kitts and Nevis Food-Secure and Self-Sufficient."

The discussion is especially timely as the country seeks to build on the momentum generated by the regional effort to boost food production, lower the high costs of food imports, and mitigate the potential impact of unfavourable trade tariffs and



supply chain disruptions arising from global developments.

Conversations: Reflections & the Way Forward will air live on ZIZ Radio and Television every Wednesday at 1 p.m. The show will also be livestreamed on the Facebook Pages and YouTube Channels of the St. Kitts and Nevis Information Service (SKNIS) as well as ZIZ.

The programme debuted in 2023 as part of the Independence 40 celebrations. The overwhelming feedback from audiences at home and across the diaspora prompted the return of the show in 2024 and 2025.

Statement From The Government Of Saint Kitts And Nevis On The Repurposing Of The Historic Fort Thomas Hotel

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis is in the final stages of negotiations for the repurposing of the historic Fort Thomas Hotel property at Fortlands, Basseterre, into a world-class Museum of Caribbean History. This landmark facility will be complemented by restaurants, public spaces, and monuments that celebrate our shared regional heritage.

An Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed, and an Archaeologist will be assigned to the project to ensure that any items of archaeological value are identified, preserved, and, where appropriate, incorporated into the Museum.

The arrangement being negotiated is a lease-to-own model, under which the developer may only purchase the property upon successful completion of the project and delivery of the agreed public amenities. The development will also include coastal erosion stabilization to protect the Fortlands shoreline and safeguard the



integrity of the site.

This initiative follows decades of deterioration at the property, which the Government has owned since 1999. The project will reverse this decline, transforming the site into a vibrant cultural, educational, and tourism destination, while honoring its historical significance.

The government is moving forward responsibly, guided by a clear public-interest framework, to deliver a nationally significant cultural asset for Basseterre, for Saint Kitts and Nevis, and for the wider Caribbean. Further updates will be provided once the plans and negotiations are finalized.

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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CLAIM NO: SKBHPB2025/

In the Estate of IRIS ELFREDA JEFFERS
(Deceased)

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR
GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **FRANK DEBOIS JEFFERS** of 33 Easterly Mount, Leeds LS8 3PH, Yorkshire, England, for a Grant of Letters of Administration, the beneficiary of **IRIS ELFREDA JEFFERS**, deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 24th day of May, 2024, at University Hospital, Leeds, England.

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 18th day of August, 2025

S.A.M Legal Services

Attorney-at-Law for the

Estate of Iris Elfreda Jeffers, deceased

Filed by S.A.M Legal Services, Attorney-at-Law whose address for service is Berkley Street, Shadwell Housing, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Tel No. 466-4902, Email: samlegaloffices@gmail.com

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In the Estate of MARIAN ALEXANDRINA PEMBERTON
Late of Park Range, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **TERRENCE ADOLPHUS PEMBERTON JR** of Lower Stone Castle, Tabernacle, St. Kitts for the Grant of Probate to the applicant who is the grandson of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 2nd day of August, 2016.

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

Dated this 4th day of June, 2025

Dr. Dennis Merchant

MERCHANT AND ASSOCIATES

Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

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



Record Number Of Saint Kitts And Nevis Students Off To Study In Taiwan

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, August 15, 2025 (SKNIS): A record number of scholarship recipients from Saint Kitts and Nevis will be travelling to the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the coming weeks to pursue university studies. At a ceremony on Friday (August 15, 2025), twenty-five individuals were awarded the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) scholarships, while three received the International Cooperation and Development Fund scholarships.

Taiwan's new Resident Ambassador to Saint Kitts and Nevis, His Excellency Edward Tao, congratulated the recipients at the ceremony and luncheon at Palms Court. He noted that his government was pleased to respond to the request by Prime Minister, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, and Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, to increase the number of scholarship opportunities for persons to advance their education. He added that the learning extends beyond the classroom.

"The Taiwan scholarship is more than a financial grant. It is an invitation to explore your boundless potential," he said. "Taiwan offers a dynamic culture, world-class academic resources, [and] a warm, welcoming environment that will nurture your intellectual and personal growth."

Deputy Prime Minister Hanley, who is also the Minister of Education, highlighted the historical nature of the occasion, which also marks the first time 14 males have earned scholarships in a single year.

"As I look around this tent, I am filled with pride, not only for our nation but especially for those from my beloved constituency, East Basseterre," he stated, noting that some of the scholarship recipients are the first in their families to attend university. "I urge each of you, do your best, support one another, be responsible, honest, represent your families, communities, and your country with dignity and excellence."

Prime Minister Drew outlined key steps taken by his government since 2022, which include increasing scholarship opportunities, reducing interest rates and freezing interest payments on educational loans for several years while the students are studying. He thanked the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) for favourably responding to the request by his administration to increase the number of scholarships to local students.

Dr. Drew stressed that a university education represents a significant investment worth thousands of dollars, urging the awardees to seize this opportunity wholeheartedly and, upon completing their studies, return to Saint Kitts and Nevis prepared to contribute to the growth and development of the twin-island Federation.

Group photo of government officials, ROC diplomatic staff and scholarship recipients after the award ceremony



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Homicide Teen Victim Janelika Romney To Be Laid To Rest

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday 20th August 2025)

- On a date that marks two months after the tragic discovery of the lifeless body of 15-year-old Janelika Romney, her funeral service is slated to take place.

Credible information reaching this media house indicates that the service will be held on Wednesday 27th August 2025 at the Antioch Baptist Church, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Janelika's body was discovered at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Friday 27th June 2025 in the White Gate area.

Police reported that she had been reported missing by her mother on Tuesday 17th June, after last being seen a day earlier, on Monday 16th June, wearing her Verchilds High School uniform.

Following the missing person report, officers immediately launched an investigation, conducted interviews, and coordinated search efforts.

Twenty days after the body was found, the investigation took



a grim turn when 64-year-old Selwyn 'Judge' Pringle of Dieppe Bay was formally charged with murder. The

charge followed the completion of a post-mortem examination on Wednesday 17th July 2025. According to an official

statement by the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF), Pringle was charged with Murder in relation to the teen's death, with the offence stated to have been committed on June 16th 2025.

This charge came after two earlier charges-Kidnapping and False Imprisonment-were brought against Pringle on June 26th 2025 in connection with Janelika's disappearance.

The post-mortem examination was conducted by Forensic Pathologist Dr. Shanedelle Norford-Harry, with the support of resident pathologists Dr. Adrian Nunez Quintana and Dr. Nordica Phillip.

The findings concluded that multiple stab wounds to the body were the teen's cause of death.

**Photo: Homicide Victim
15-year-old Janelika
Romney**

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NEMA: New System Under Watch

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 21st August 2025) -As of Thursday 21st August 2025, the St. Kitts Meteorological Office in collaboration with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) were closely monitoring the progress of a tropical wave in the Atlantic Ocean.

Via update #1, that wave was reported east of the islands, with a low to medium chance of further development over the next day or two.

“We are likely to experience mostly cloudy skies and shower activity with a moderate chance of thunderstorms on Friday. Some lingering moisture is forecast to bring additional showers on Saturday,” part of the advisory read.

Meanwhile, speaking on NEMA’s ‘Danger to Safety’ recent episode, Senior Met Officer Elmo Burke explained the close relationship between the Met Office and NEMA in keeping the public safe.

“...when it comes to any kind of severe weather, I have to advise the Director of NEMA in terms of what are the potential impacts that could affect us here in St. Kitts and Nevis. And I play that supportive role to the agency to provide them that information, recognizing that as I said earlier, my key role is to ensure that the nation remains in a state of readiness and I provide an advisory role when it comes to weather and climate information,” Burke stated.

He also clarified that while the St. Kitts Met Office plays an important role in local advisories, it is not a forecasting office.

“In relation to the forecasting process, we here in St. Kitts and Nevis, we are not a forecasting office. The forecast for us in St. Kitts and Nevis is actually done by the Antigua and Barbuda Met Services. They have been designated through a regional arrangement to provide the local forecast as well as the, what we call the aeronautical or the terminal aeronautical forecast for the airport in St. Kitts and Nevis. So, the forecasting entity for us in St. Kitts and Nevis is the Antigua and

Barbuda Met Service located in Antigua and Barbuda,” he explained.

However, Burke emphasized that the St. Kitts Met Office works to adapt those forecasts to the local context.

“One of the main roles that we do in terms of to support the Antigua and Barbuda Met Service in terms of their forecast is we try to localize it. So, they will do a general forecast. In terms of for us in St. Kitts and Nevis, however, we add the local flavour so to speak. So we contextualize it because we do recognize that the forecasters sitting in Antigua would not know the local context, they would not know the potential areas that could be impacted by their forecast. So, when they do a general forecast, we localize it as much as possible, especially if there is a threat to a particular area,” Burke said.

He further explained the types of data collected and used in the forecasting process:

“Some of the main information that the Met Office collects and that is used in terms of forecast, whether it be local, regionally or internationally, includes the air temperature, the cloud cover in terms of the type of clouds present, the height of the clouds and the cloud type. Additionally, we also measure the barometric pressure or the atmospheric pressure. We measure the wind speed, the wind direction. We also measure what type of weather condition is persisting at the time. Additionally, we will measure the visibility because for us in aviation, how far a pilot can see is very important. Because the pilot would need to know, is it safe to land? Can he see the landing strip sufficiently prior to landing? So it’s important for us to report in terms of the visibility and the conditions in and around the runway,” he noted.

In addition, Burke highlighted that rainfall is measured every six hours to ensure accurate tracking and reporting.

As the peak period of the Atlantic Hurricane Season draws near, officials continue to urge residents to remain alert, pay attention to weather advisories and stay prepared.

Front Page Image: Via update #1 by NEMA, this cropped graphic shows a tropical wave as of Thursday 21st August 2025, located east of the islands,with a low to medium chance of further development over the next day or two.

Milestone Appointment Strengthens Saint Kitts And Nevis’ Role In Global Telecommunications Leadership

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, August 21, 2025 (SKNIS): The Federal Ministry of Information, Communications, and Technology and Posts in Saint Kitts and Nevis proudly announces that its Permanent Secretary, Cheryleann Pemberton, has been appointed as the Second Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO).

The announcement follows the successful staging of the CTO’s 63rd Council Meeting held in July 2025 at the historic Marlborough House in London. This prestigious appointment marks a significant milestone for both the ministry and the broader ICT sector within the Commonwealth.

As Second Vice Chair, Mrs. Pemberton will play a crucial role in shaping the strategic direction of the CTO, an organisation dedicated to promoting connectivity, innovation, and sustainable development in telecommunications across its member states. The appointment reaffirms Saint Kitts and Nevis’ commitment to advancing collaborative efforts in the global telecommunications sector.

“I am honoured to accept this role and sincerely grateful for the trust placed in me by my peers,” Permanent Secretary Pemberton stated. “I look forward to working collaboratively with the Executive Committee and member states to harness technology for socio-economic development and to ensure that telecommunications remain a catalyst for progress across the Commonwealth.”

The significance of this role lies in the opportunity it presents to influence policies and initiatives that address critical challenges faced by the telecommunications sector, particularly in areas such as digital inclusion, cybersecurity, and technological advancement. The Permanent Secretary’s involvement in the CTO will facilitate knowledge exchange and best practices among member countries, paving the way for enhanced cooperation and development in ICT.



The Ministry of ICT is confident that this appointment will strengthen Saint Kitts and Nevis’ position within the CTO and enhance its influence on critical telecommunications issues, ultimately benefiting citizens and businesses across the twin-island Federation.

Photo: Cheryleann Pemberton, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications, and Technology and Posts

Culture Minister Announces Early Start for Culturama 52, Registration Now Open for Pageants and Slogan Competition

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (August 21, 2025)- Deputy Premier and Minister of Culture in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), the Honourable Eric Evelyn, has assured the public that preparations for Culturama 52 are off to an early start, with registration for competitions already open.

Speaking on the most recent edition of Government at Work, Minister Evelyn confirmed that Culturama 52 will be celebrated from July 23 to August 4, 2026.

"We assure you that we are committed to getting things started early in 2025 for Culturama 2026," he stated.

He announced that registration is now open for the senior and junior pageants, including Miss Culture Swimwear, Mr. Kool, Miss Culture Queen, and the Talented Youth Pageant.

"If you're interested in taking part in the Miss Culture Swimwear, the Mr. Kool, or the Miss Culture Queen pageant, or if any schools are interested in taking part in the Talented Youth pageant, registration is now open. It will close on November 28, 2025."

Minister Evelyn highlighted the strong interest shown by the public and potential competitors in these competitions.

"I know that persons were very, very thrilled with what they saw on stage with these pageants... As a matter of fact, one young lady met me during this year's Culturama bar crawl and said, 'I want to be a part of Miss Culture next year,' so the interest is already there."

He further encouraged interested persons to register early at the Culturama Secretariat at the Cotton Ginney Mall in Charlestown.

In addition to pageant registration, the Culture Minister officially

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Photo caption: Deputy Premier and Minister of Culture in the Nevis Island Administration, the Honourable Eric Evelyn

PROPERTY FOR SALE

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Nevis Hosts Exclusive Tourism Event at Martha's Vineyard to Attract Elite Travelers

NIA CHARLESTOWN
NEVIS (August 19, 2025) -

The Nevis Island Administration (NIA) continues to sharpen its tourism strategy, shifting away from mass marketing to more targeted and

intimate engagements, with a growing emphasis on the lucrative Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) sector.

Tourism Authority (NTA) to Massachusetts, where the team hosted a networking event at Martha's Vineyard- an affluent summer colony popular with high-net-worth individuals. The event drew over 100 guests, including celebrities and top-level executives.

"I was pleased that we were able to host just over 120 affluent African Americans at a private villa on Martha's Vineyard. I had the opportunity to engage this diverse group on the attractiveness of Nevis as a destination for travel, second home ownership and long-term investment. The event was well received and we gave away two trips to Nevis," Premier Brantley shared.

Explaining the shift in strategy, he noted, "We're not going to as many trades shows etcetera... we are not engaged in any mass marketing or any scattershot approach... instead we are focused on events where it's all about Nevis, everywhere you look it's about Nevis. So while that event may only have 100 people it's a 100 people focused on Nevis, so that's the approach that we're taking because we think it's a better expenditure, it's better spend for our money."

As part of this renewed focus, the NTA is building out a concierge service designed specifically for VIP guests within the MICE industry. This sector encompasses a range of professional events and represents one of the fastest-growing niches in global tourism.

"This new initiative will focus on that type of activity. We are heavily focused on the affluent African American market. We recognized that there was a gap in our marketing that we're not attracting enough African Americans. Since our main market is the East Coast of the United States and there are many wealthy African Americans along that corridor, we thought that it was useful if we re-engage," the Premier said.

To support this push, the NIA appointed American broadcast executive and television talk show producer Candi Carter as Nevis' Diversity Ambassador. "She has made great strides in that regard," he added.

With this strategic pivot, Nevis is positioning itself as a premium destination for both leisure and professional gatherings, while strengthening ties with affluent markets that align with the island's long-term vision for sustainable tourism growth.



Premier of Nevis and Minister of Tourism in the Nevis Island Administration, the Honourable Mark Brantley, addresses guests at a Nevis Tourism Authority networking event at Martha's Vineyard



(l-r) Candi Carter, Nevis' Diversity Ambassador, with Emmy Award-winning actress Lynn Whitfield at a Nevis Tourism Authority networking event at Martha's Vineyard



Nevis Tourism Authority hosts networking event at Martha's Vineyard

MOE Celebrates Contingent Of Students Off To CARIFESTA XV

Basseterre: St. Kitts, Thursday, August, 21 2025: A contingent of 30 individuals (22 students and 08 teachers) departed the Federation on Thursday August 21st as ambassadors of the Ministry of Education ahead of the Carifesta XV Barbados Opening Ceremony slated for Friday August 22nd at the Queens Park in Bridgetown.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Mrs. Lisa-Romayne Pistana, conveyed

“This year, our delegation comprises 22 talented students and 8 dedicated teachers, who will represent our twin-island Federation on this prestigious regional stage. As Permanent Secretary, I extend heartfelt congratulations to all participants and express gratitude to the teachers and organizers who have worked tirelessly to prepare this group. Their involvement in CARIFESTA XV will undoubtedly be a transformative experience, fostering personal growth, regional camaraderie, and a deeper appreciation for the rich tapestry of Caribbean heritage. We wish our contingent every success and look forward to the stories, performances, and inspiration they will bring back to our shores.”

Mr. Kirmani Webb, teacher, Charlestown Secondary School and one of the chaperones in the cohort shared,

“We will be participating in activities which focus on the presentations in the Arts which includes Visual Arts, Dance and Theatre as well as a Folklore presentation such as Mocko - Jumbies and Clowns. From this experience we hope that the children will gain some valuable exposure, knowledge, and skills that will be transmitted from the various participating countries in this event.”

Nya Fassale, student representative of the St. Kitts International Academy (SKAI Academy) shared her expectations

“From this experience I hope to meet new people and make connections. I also hope to experience different cultures, learn about the economy in the Caribbean and I also hope to play a bit of steel pan there [Barbados].”

The Carifesta festivities will be conducted under the theme Caribbean Roots, Global Excellence from Friday August 22nd to Sunday August 31st.



**The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis
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Contractors or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

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

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS





Ambassador-designate of Austria to the OECS presented her Letter of Credence to the OECS Director General

OECS Media Release

August 21, 2025

In a ceremony held at the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission headquarters in Castries, Saint Lucia, on August 18, 2025, Her Excellency Gabriele Méon-Tschürtz, Ambassador of Austria to the OECS, presented her Letter of Credence to the OECS Director General, Dr. Didacus Jules. Heads of missions and institutions accredited to the OECS were also present and congratulated the ambassador on her appointment.

In her remarks on the occasion, Ambassador Méon-Tschürtz said,

“Austria cherishes its relations with the Caribbean and has contributed to programmes also benefitting OECS countries in the framework of SIDS, CARICOM, and the European Union third country cooperation, with a special focus on sustainability, clean energy, and disaster management. Austria is interested in intensifying links with the Caribbean, the OECS being a particularly important partner and stable anchor in this respect.”

She also discussed the upcoming opportunities in the short term that Austria and the OECS have collaborated on designing. These include a seminar for young diplomats organised by the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna in autumn this year, and the proposed establishment of a CARICOM office, which will facilitate contact with OECS and OECS countries with Vienna-based United Nations agencies.

In welcoming Ambassador Méon-Tschürtz, Dr Didacus Jules remarked,

“This ceremony is never a mere formality. It is a renewal of trust, a pledge of friendship, and a confirmation that even in an era of turbulence, nations near and far still choose dialogue over distance. Your engagement embodies a simple truth that multilateral relations must be preserved, not because they are convenient, but because they are indispensable to a safer and more just world.”

In addition to Austria’s contributions to diplomacy training in the OECS, Dr. Jules highlighted the country’s support of regional efforts on renewable energy and energy efficiency, which will facilitate the OECS Commission’s commitment to lowering energy costs, enhancing energy security, and reducing emissions. Austria, he noted, has also contributed significantly to the OECS’ climate change and disaster resilience work programme.

Immediately following the ceremony, a meeting was held between the Ambassador and senior officials of the Commission to discuss possible areas for future cooperation. These included expanding diplomatic training to encompass cyber and digital policy, the blue economy, governance, and development finance. With regard to energy and climate risk, discussions centered on opportunities for building on the regional energy momentum through knowledge transfer, especially in technology.

The meeting also explored the scope for exchanges in agriculture, sustainable tourism, and health partnerships through training, emergency logistics, and research, particularly in climate-sensitive aspects.

The OECS has enjoyed formal diplomatic relations with Austria since 2012.

Public Service Announcement: Back To School Opening Ceremony Bus Schedule

The Ministry of Education announces that the 2025-2026 school year Back to School Opening Ceremony will be held at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort, on Monday August 25 at 9:00am

All teachers attending the ceremony are advised of the following transportation arrangements

Morning Departure:

1. Bus departs Dieppe Bay at 8:00 am. traveling via the Western side of the island
2. Bus departs Saddlers at 8:00 am. traveling via the Eastern side of the island
3. Bus departs the Basseterre East Bus Terminal at 8:15 am.

Return Trip:

All buses will depart the Marriott Hotel at 11:15 am. Teachers will be transported to the East and West Bus Terminals respectively.

Teachers are encouraged to assemble at the designated departure points in their respective communities or bus terminal at least 10 minutes before scheduled departure time.



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- 8:15 a.m. - Basseterre East Bus Terminal

Please be at the Pick-up Point 10 Minutes Before Departure.

Saint Kitts And Nevis Hosts Workshop On The Treaty Of San José To Bolster Maritime Security And Counter Drug Trafficking

BASSETTERRE, Saint Kitts, August 19, 2025 (SKNIS) - The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis, in collaboration with the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) and the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) of the U.S. Department of State, is hosting a two-day Consultative Workshop on the Treaty of San José.

The Treaty of San José is an agreement designed to strengthen cooperation in suppressing illicit maritime and air trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances across the Caribbean. It aims to enhance coordination among Caribbean states to detect, intercept, and dismantle illicit trafficking operations while upholding international law and respecting national sovereignty.

The August 19-20 workshop at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort brings together key maritime and government stakeholders to deliberate on critical aspects of the Treaty. Participants will engage in expert presentations, discussions, and practical exercises, including simulations that demonstrate solutions to challenges encountered during interdiction operations.



Speaking at the opening ceremony, Ms. Nadine Bushell, Assistant Director of Projects at CARICOM IMPACS, underscored the significance of the initiative, stating that, “By hosting this consultative workshop, the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis is demonstrating its steadfast commitment to advancing regional cooperation in maritime security.”

She noted further, “The region has a Caribbean maritime security strategy, which reminds us that the seas are not only a source of opportunity, but also an area of vulnerability. Our ocean space sustains our economies through tourism, trade, and fisheries, yet it also faces serious threats from illicit trafficking, illegal fishing, environmental crimes, and climate-induced risks. The Caribbean maritime security strategy, therefore, calls on us to build a coordinated regional security architecture, which promotes sovereignty while fostering solidarity through cooperation between



Caribbean states, institutions, and development partners.”

Acting Prime Minister, the Honourable Dr. Geoffrey Hanley,



emphasised the importance of maritime security to national development, not just for Saint Kitts and Nevis but the wider Caribbean region as well.

“Crime has evolved to a transactional phenomenon. Hence,

the need for greater cooperation and collaboration between nations is extremely important,” Acting Prime Minister Hanley stated. “Therefore, the support of the United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs is greatly appreciated.”

Dr. Hanley also recalled remarks made earlier this year by Prime Minister, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, who noted that by joining this treaty, Saint Kitts and Nevis is signalling to the world its unwavering commitment to safeguarding the waters that sustain us, connect us, and define us as a people.

“The treaty will strengthen the Federation’s ability to confront organised trafficking networks operating in Caribbean waters and enhance legal and operational frameworks for collective enforcement among partner states,” he said.

The two-day workshop represents a vital step in consolidating regional security efforts and reinforcing the Caribbean’s collective response to illicit trafficking threats.



Final £1 coins featuring late Queen enter circulation

Lauren Turner
BBC News



Getty Images The late Queen Elizabeth II smiles broadly as she stands outside, wearing a lilac hat and jacket - her white gloves can just be seen and she has several strands of pearls around her neck

Getty Images The last batch of £1 coins bearing the face of the late Queen Elizabeth II is entering circulation, with more than 23 million of them destined for tills and people's pockets.

The Royal Mint said the release of the final Elizabeth II coins, dated 2021 and 2022, marks "a pivotal moment in British coinage history".

Alongside them, a further 7.5m new King Charles III coins are also entering circulation.

His face has been seen on UK coins since 2023, but only on £1 and 50p denominations so far.

Rebecca Morgan, director of commemorative coin at the Royal Mint, said: "As we release more of the King Charles III £1 coins into circulation alongside the final coins of Queen Elizabeth II, we're witnessing the physical representation of our monarchy's transition."

She said she hoped finding the new coins in your change could "spark a rewarding hobby" for some, with the Royal Mint encouraging people to check to see if they

receive any in the coming weeks.

While the coins were struck up to four years ago, they are being issued now because of demand for £1 coins, the Royal Mint said.

The 2022 coins will become the rarest in circulation, they added, with 7.735 million of those being released.

There are about 24.7 billion coins in circulation across the UK, with the King's coins currently only making up 0.004% of those.

Some 2.975 million £1 coins featuring the King were released last August by the Royal Mint, based in Llantrisant, Rhondda Cynon Taf.

They feature an intricate bee design on the tails side, representing his love of nature.



PA Media A pile of shiny freshly-minted £1 coins which bear the face of King Charles III on one side, and bees on the other

PA Media They are one of eight new designs that will eventually appear on the nation's coins, from the 1p to the £2. The country's flora and fauna will feature on them all, with animals including the red squirrel, puffin and dormouse depicted.

While they are the same size and shape as previous coins, the new designs feature larger numbers to help children identify figures and learn to count.

The change of design followed the death of Queen Elizabeth in September 2022, and the accession to the throne of the new King.

All UK coins featuring the late Queen's profile remain legal tender and in active circulation, alongside her son's coins.

In general, coins usually last 20 years - so the Queen Elizabeth and King Charles coins will be in circulation together for some time to come.

The Royal Mint has made the circulating coinage for England of each of Britain's monarchs since Alfred the Great.

Fast-food giant Jollibee blames fraudsters for raffle row in Philippines

Koh Ewe and Joel Guinto
BBC News, Singapore

The Philippines' beloved fast-food chain Jollibee said fraudsters rigged the results of its online raffle, following complaints from customers and a brief government investigation.

Jollibee said "fraudulent third parties" placed multiple entries "despite existing safeguards" for a chance to win food items and concert tickets.

The company said it complied with the government investigation and that the situation had been corrected.

Many social media users were in disbelief when the winners' names were posted on Jollibee's Facebook page last week. They said names like Hobby Dynamics, Noble Beer and Alfreda Corkery could have been made up using AI.

Jollibee said it "immediately implemented corrective measures" and disqualified the "invalid major prize winners". It also suspended succeeding draws and said a re-draw would be held.



Getty Images A Jollibee mascot on display in front of a Jollibee store in Hong Kong

Getty Images Homegrown fast-food giant Jollibee is beloved in the Philippines

"We want to assure everyone that we have fully addressed the issues raised and strictly complied with the investigation initiated by the Department of Trade and Industry," Jollibee said in a statement late on Wednesday.

The names on the winners' list baffled social media users as they are uncommon in the country. Filipino first and last names are a mix of English and Spanish inherited from its former colonisers the US and Spain.

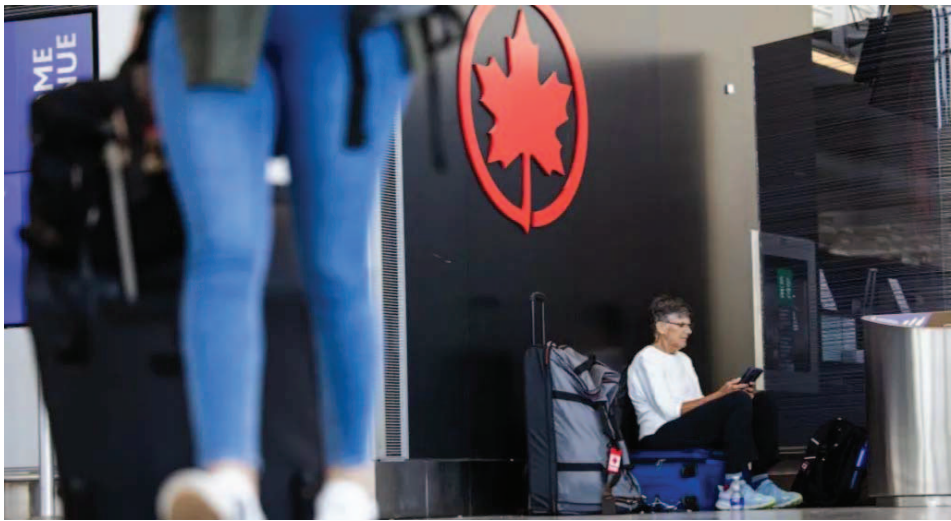
The names also include Belle Thompson, Arielle Wintheiser and Gilda Block.

"LIKE SERIOUSLLLLLY?!?!?" one Facebook user commented. "Your AI must

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Air Canada to resume flights after pay deal struck with union

Nadine Yousif
BBC News, Toronto



Getty Images A middle-aged male passenger waits with his luggage at Toronto Pearson Airport. The legs of a woman in jeans can be seen blurred in the foreground. She is also pulling a suitcase. Getty Images
Flight crew at Air Canada have ended a dispute with the airline that had grounded flights and stranded thousands of passengers since Saturday.

A tentative agreement was announced by the union representing flight attendants and confirmed by the airline. Flights began resuming later on Tuesday.

More than 10,000 staff walked out in protest at pay and scheduling. The deal has not been disclosed in full, although the union said it achieves “transformational change” for workers and the industry.

The airline is proposing immediate pay increases of between 8% and 12% for flight attendants, according to CBC News. Flight attendants need to ratify the proposed deal.

The breakthrough came early on Tuesday, nine hours after talks began with the help of an approved mediator appointed by the government.

“Unpaid work is over,” said the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) in a statement, calling the negotiations a “historic fight” for the industry.

The union also advised its members to “fully co-operate with resumption of operations”.

The dispute between Air Canada and the union had escalated when CUPE rejected an order to return to work issued by the Canadian Industrial Relations Board, which deemed the strike “unlawful” in a ruling on Monday.

While the first flights restarted on Tuesday evening, Air Canada said it may take days to return to a full service because aircraft and crew are out of position.

The airline added that it would not comment on the terms of the agreed deal



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until it had been ratified.

CUPE said Air Canada’s initial contract offer was “below inflation, below market value, below minimum wage” and would still leave flight attendants unpaid for some hours of work, including boarding and waiting at airports ahead of flights.

The tentative deal would give flight attendants at least an hour of ground pay for their time before each flight, at a rate of 50% of their hourly rate, with that rate increasing 5% each year, according to CBC News.

The union also rejected an order by the Canadian government to enter binding arbitration and return to work over the weekend, accusing it of “caving to corporate pressure”.

After the union’s refusal, Jobs Minister Patty Hajdu encouraged the two parties on Monday to resume talks and said her ministry would order a probe into “the allegations of unpaid work in the airline sector”.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said he was “relieved” to hear about the agreement.

“It is my hope that this will ensure flight attendants are compensated fairly at all times, while ending disruption for hundreds of thousands of Canadian families, workers, and visitors to Canada,” he wrote on X.

The nearly four-day strike has affected more than 500,000 passengers, Air Canada has said.

The airline - Canada’s largest - operates around 700 flights daily, serving both domestic and international travellers.

Fast-food giant Jollibee blames fraudsters for raffle row in Philippines

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be too lazy to come up with these kinds of names”.

“They probably thought people didn’t have time to read,” another wrote.

Some drew comparisons to a

corruption controversy involving Vice-President Sara Duterte, whose office allegedly paid government funds to individuals with fictitious-sounding names.

The Department of Trade and Industry said on Wednesday that it would “continue to oversee the resumption of

the Jollibee Burger Blowout Promo”, ensuring “fairness and transparency in all promotional undertakings”.

Jollibee started as an ice cream shop in the 1970s before opening its first burger restaurant in downtown Manila in the early 1980s. It has expanded its business rapidly in the last five years, acquiring US cafe chain The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf and Michelin-starred Hong Kong dimsum chain Tim

Ho Wan.

Its founder, Tony Tan Caktiong, is the son of poor immigrants from southern China. The chain’s mascot, a perpetually smiling bee with a red jacket, is a nod to Filipinos’ hardworking nature.

Generations of Filipinos see the brand as a part of their national identity, with its signature fried chicken, burgers and spaghetti becoming a staple for family gatherings.

In 2014, a shortage of its Chickenjoy fried chicken led to the #ChickenSad trend on social media.

Jollibee has 1,600 stores in 17 countries, including the UK, the US, Spain and Singapore.

Sanex shower gel ad banned over racial stereotype

Emer Moreau

Business reporter, BBC News



Sanex A topless man with black skin visible from his torso up covered in a grey clay-like material that is cracked. He is holding his arms across his face as though he is in pain. Sanex

A shot from the now banned Sanex advert

A TV advert for Sanex shower gel which showed black skin as cracked and white skin as smooth has been banned for reinforcing a racial stereotype.

The ad shows two models with dark skin - one has itchy skin and the other has dry skin - followed by a white woman with no skin problems.

The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) upheld two complaints which said the depiction of dark skin as dry, cracked and itchy “could be interpreted as suggesting that white skin was superior to black skin”.

Colgate-Palmolive, which owns Sanex, said it used models with different skin colours as part of its commitment to diversity.

The brand said it made products for all skin types and the use of different models was to show a “before and after” scenario, not to compare different skin colours or ethnicities.

The ad, which was broadcast on TV in June, shows a model with dark skin scratching their body, making bright orange, paint-like stripes with their fingertips. A voiceover says: “To those who might scratch day and night”.

Another dark-skinned model is then seen covered in cracked, clay-like material, and the voiceover continues “to those whose skin will feel dried out even by water”.

A white model is seen showering with water and foam moving over her skin which has no visible problems or graphics to suggest any.

The voiceover says: “Try to take a shower with the new Sanex skin therapy and its patented amino acid complex. For 24-hour hydration feel.”

The tagline for the ad was: “Relief could be as simple as a shower.”

The ASA ruled the ad breached its broadcast code and banned it from being shown again in the same format.

“The white skin, depicted as smoother and clean after using the product, was shown successfully changed and resolved,” the ruling said.

“We considered that could be interpreted as suggesting that white skin was superior to black skin.”

The ASA said it accepted that this message was not intentional but warned Colgate-Palmolive to “ensure they avoided causing serious offence on the grounds of race” in future.

Clearcast, which approves or rejects ads for broadcast on television, said the advert did not perpetuate negative racial stereotypes.

One model with darker skin was depicted in a “stylised and unrealistic way” to demonstrate dryness, but their skin tone was otherwise not a focal point, the agency said.

A second model, also with darker skin, was shown with itchy skin, but this was portrayed through scratching visibly healthy skin and the resulting marks, and was therefore more about sensation than any visible skin condition, it added.

Sanex told BBC News: “We take note of the ASA Council’s ruling. Our advert was intended to highlight how our Skin Therapy range supports healthy skin across a variety of skin types.

“At Sanex, our mission is to champion skin health for all, which is portrayed across our brand communications.”

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Culture Minister Announces ...

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launched the Culturama 52 Slogan Competition.

“The Culturama Secretariat is currently accepting entries for the Culturama 52 Slogan Competition. Slogans should be short, original, creative, and catchy. No more than eight to 10 words to capture the true spirit of Nevis’ Culturama Festival.

“The winner will receive two complimentary passes to all Culturama 52 ticketed events, a plaque, and a cash prize of \$1,500.”

Entries must be submitted to the Culturama Secretariat, Cotton Ginnery Mall, Charlestown, by Friday, October 31, 2025. Submissions can also be emailed to slogan@culturamanevis.com but will not be accepted by phone. The Nevis Culturama Committee reserves the right to use the winning slogan during its extensive promotional campaign for Culturama 52.

Minister Evelyn expressed gratitude to all stakeholders and supporters of Culturama 51, noting that their continued partnership is vital to the success of the festival, adding that he looks forward to their support again in 2026 for Culturama 52.



Grand Slam Track 'struggling' to pay athletes

Adam Millington
BBC Sport journalist

Grand Slam Track will not take place in 2026 unless athletes receive their prize money for this year, says founder Michael Johnson.

Johnson said they had been "unable to meet" their timelines for payments after failing to receive funding "committed" to them, but remains "confident" about the "long-term sustainability" of the competition.

"We promised that athletes would be fairly and quickly compensated. Yet, here we are struggling with our ability to compensate them," Johnson said in a statement on Friday.

The final event in the inaugural GST season was cancelled in June because of economic concerns.

Four-time Olympic champion Johnson said they are "putting systems and partnerships in place to make sure it never happens again".

He said the situation is "one of the most difficult challenges" he has experienced.

The competition featured a host of well-known athletes, including British Olympic sprinters Daryll Neita and Matthew Hudson-Smith, and 1500m world champion Josh Kerr.

It offered significant financial incentives, with up to \$100,000 (£73,600) on offer for winners of race categories, as well as salaries for contracted athletes.

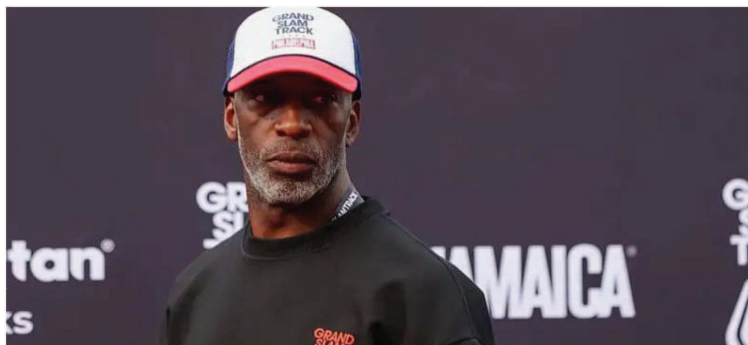


Image source, Getty Images - Four-time Olympic champion Michael Johnson has been the public face of Grand Slam Track

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‘Bold’ US Open gets everyone talking about mixed doubles



Carlos Alcaraz and Emma Raducanu celebrate during the US Open
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Carlos Alcaraz and Emma Raducanu were the star pairing of the US Open mixed doubles - but lost in the first round

Jonathan Jurejko

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“There is only one thing in life worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.”

Oscar Wilde was not talking about mixed doubles tennis. But his quote could easily be applied to an event which some felt needed new life breathing into it.

The US Open’s decision to revamp its mixed doubles - enticing singles superstars with lucrative cash incentives, a shortened format and slot before the other main draws - certainly got people chatting.

Previously, it would be lost and largely forgotten in the midst of finals weekend.

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) opted to make an innovative move - but it divided opinion among those who love the sport.

“I know it created a lot of reaction and [it was] somewhat bold to do it,” said three-time Grand Slam singles finalist Casper Ruud, who teamed up with six-time major champion Iga Swiatek and finished as runners-up.

“You can’t argue that it’s not been great for the fans.”

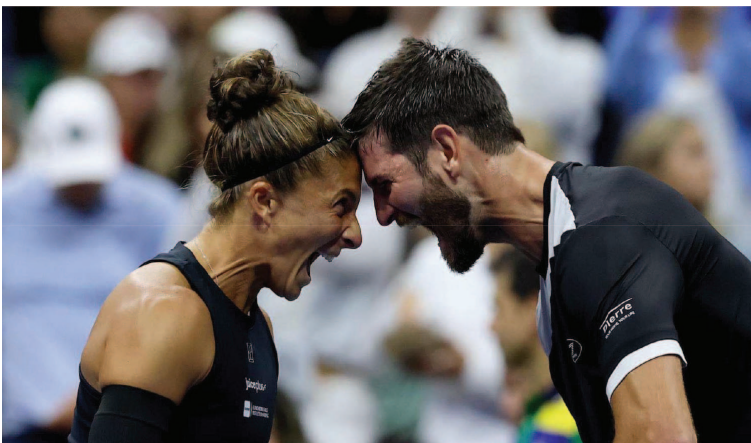
Was attracting the big names an effective way to attract more eyeballs on the sport? Yes.

Did it also rip away a 138-year tradition and rob most specialist doubles players of a shot at a major title? Yes.

In the end, the curtain-raising event - spread over two days in what is traditionally qualifying week - led to a fitting final on which polarising narratives hung.

Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori, the defending champions and only recognised doubles pairing in the 16-team event, were aiming to win for the greater good of their discipline.

One of their peers, Australian player Ellen Perez, spoke for many when saying she had “never felt more Italian” as she supported them.



Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori celebrate winning the US Open mixed doubles
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Errani and Vavassori have won both their Grand Slam mixed doubles titles in New York

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Losing to Swiatek and Ruud - who had never played together before this week - would have been a blow for the doubles community.

Instead, Errani and Vavassori’s triumph made the case to find room for more doubles specialists if, as expected, the format returns next year.

“We showed that doubles is a great product and in the future we need more marketing and visibility,” Vavassori pleaded to the US Open decision-makers.

Ultimately, the two-day doubles party - where courtside DJs pumped up the extremely healthy crowds and encouraged a raucous atmosphere - will be considered a success.

Britain’s Jack Draper, who is ranked fifth in the ATP singles rankings but has limited doubles experience, said he thought it was a “great” event.

“If I wasn’t playing the mixed here, I’d be training. I prefer playing on a big court in front of people. It gets your eye in quicker,” he said.

After the opening day’s action, Draper made a Freudian slip which initially proved quite telling.

Draper was playfully scolded by his partner Jessica Pegula for describing the new-look event as an “exhibition” -

a word used disparagingly by its detractors.

But, following their semi-final exit, Draper was keen to point out the event did not feel like a ‘hit and giggle’ after all.

“[On Tuesday] there were times where it felt a little bit more that way from our opponents,” he said.

“Whereas tonight we were in the changing rooms, you’re seeing Iga and Casper, they’re fully dialled in. It was intense.”

The fans on the ground in New York also demonstrated their appetite for something different.

On the opening day, the 25,000-seater Arthur Ashe Stadium was about two-thirds full when A-List pairing Emma Raducanu and Carlos Alcaraz walked out to a pop star-style reception.

For Wednesday’s semi-finals and final, where face-value tickets ranged from \$50 (£37) to \$262 (£195), it was just short of a full house with only a sliver of empty seats at the very back.

Ticket-holders Hilary Hamm and Maria Segovia - ardent tennis fans who have previously travelled from New York to Wimbledon and the Australian Open - admitted they have rarely watched mixed doubles in the past.

“Moving it from finals weekend and making it a standalone event caught our attention,” said 32-year-old Maria. “If it is going to increase crowd engagement, then I’d definitely to see more events like this.”

Hilary, also 32, added: “I think it’s been amazing. Watching the women leading the male partners has been particularly inspiring and shows tennis needs a strong mixed gender competition featuring the stars.”

The reaction of fans online was more mixed, with some readers’ comments on the BBC Sport website’s pre-tournament analysis piece particularly critical.

One described the event as “a complete farce”, while another said it was a “shameful idea”.

A poll in the piece showed 70% of our readers thought the overhaul was a bad move.

The good news for purists is the other three Grand Slams - the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon - are thought unlikely to follow suit in the near future.

Tennis Australia is equally as bold as its American counterpart, but does not have the same financial clout to offer the mountain of prize money and sweetening appearance fees.

Neither does the French Open or Wimbledon. Also, the two oldest Grand Slam tournaments are generally more reluctant to deviate from time-honoured traditions.

Draper, 23, is among the group who would like to see more change, saying it would be “cool” if all the majors adopted a similar approach.

He can be sure the power-holders in Melbourne, Paris and London will have been watching the New York trendsetters with intrigue.



US Open fans wait as Lorenzo Musetti signs autographs
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Thousands of New York fans were excited to watch the world’s leading singles players turn out in the mixed doubles