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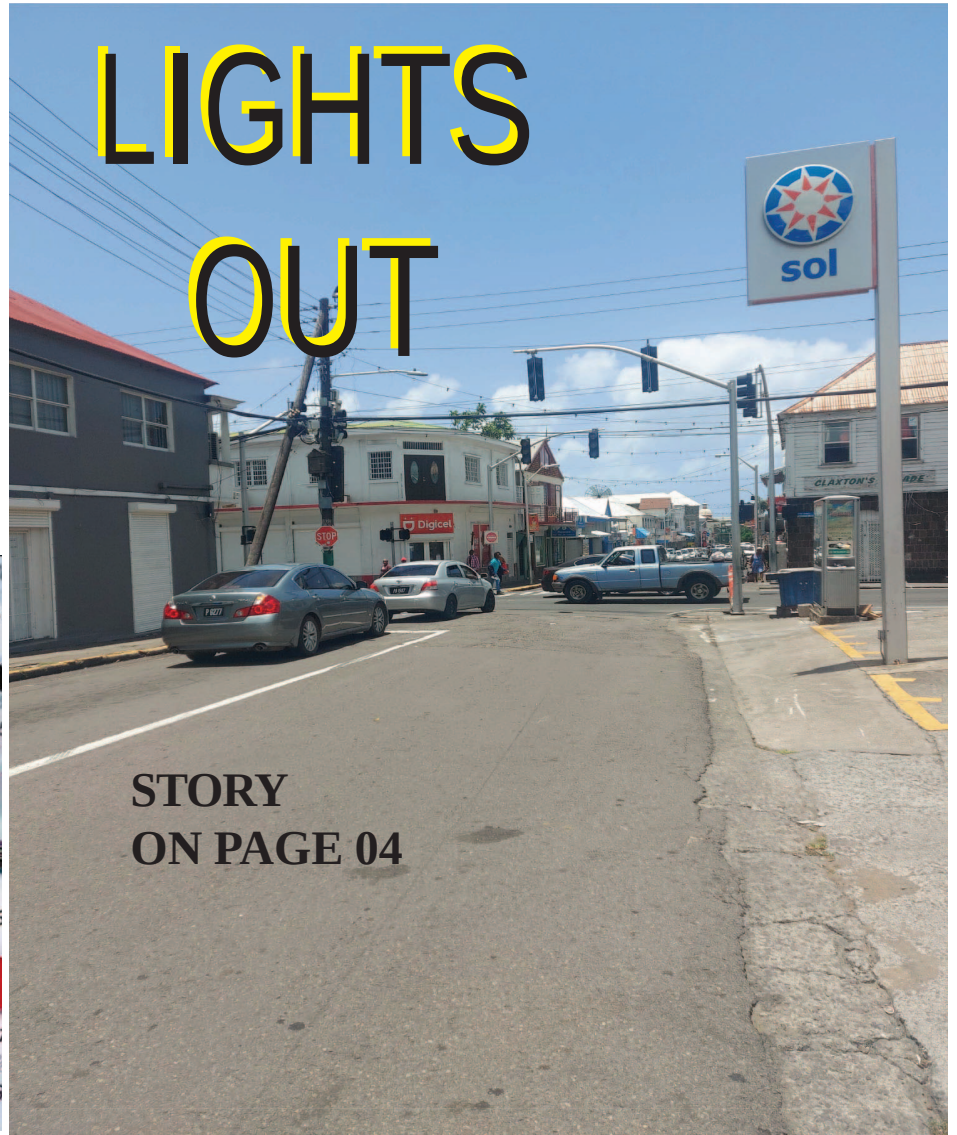
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Editorial

Back to School: Shaping Young Minds Beyond the Uniform

The time has come again. The sharp creases in brand-new school uniforms, the gleaming shoes, the neatly packed bookbags, and the anxious yet hopeful smiles of our nation's children signal that a new academic year is upon us.

From the smallest ones entering day care and kindergarten, to those transitioning into new grades in primary and secondary school, and even those taking the brave step into tertiary education at home or abroad-this season is more than a ritual of books and pencils. It is a reminder of the tremendous responsibility we bear as a society in shaping the next generation.

But let us be clear: true preparation for school is not only about outward appearance. It is about what we pour into our children's hearts and minds. Parents and guardians must remember to speak life into their children. Words of encouragement, patience and belief in their potential can build confidence that no textbook alone can provide.

We must also recognize that not every child learns at the same pace or to the same standard. Too often, those who struggle are left behind, and those who excel are pressured without balance. As this new school year begins, we urge families to give their children the extra support they may need-whether that means sitting down to help with homework, finding creative ways to make learning enjoyable, or seeking outside support when necessary.

Equally important is vigilance. Schools can be places of great discovery, but they can also be places of quiet suffering. Bullying, in all its forms, continues to rob children of the joy of learning. It leaves scars both psychological and academic. We call on parents, teachers, and communities to pay attention-to notice not only if your child is being bullied, but also if they themselves are the bully. Both require intervention, guidance and love.

Prime Minister Drew Stands with Oprah, Serena Williams, Aaron Pierre, and Other World Leaders as 2025 MIPAD Honoree

Basseterre, Saint Kitts, August 26, 2025 (PMO) - The Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD) has officially unveiled its distinguished Cohort for its 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award. This year, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, stands among a constellation of global icons whose extraordinary achievements have left an indelible mark on the world stage.



Prime Minister Drew has been honored alongside luminaries such as media mogul Oprah Winfrey, tennis legend Serena Williams, and acclaimed actor and humanitarian Aaron Pierre, to name just a few.

The Lifetime Achievement category celebrates exceptional individuals of African descent whose careers and contributions resonate across continents and generations. For our nation, this recognition underscores not only Prime Minister Drew's vision and leadership, but also the expanding influence of St. Kitts and Nevis within the global African diaspora.

Since taking office in 2022, Dr. Drew has championed strategic partnerships spanning health, renewable energy, education, and trade, all rooted in his administration's bold Sustainable Island State Agenda. His selection alongside these world-renowned figures speaks volumes about the growing resonance of his leadership on the international stage.

Reflecting at the time of his nomination, Prime Minister Drew remarked, "To be placed in such company is humbling, but it is a testament to the journey of our people, past and present. This honour belongs to every citizen of St. Kitts and Nevis."

The formal presentation of awards is scheduled to take place in September 2025 at MIPAD's Recognition Weekend in New York City, held in conjunction with the United Nations General Assembly.

To view the full list of 2025 MIPAD Lifetime Achievement honorees, visit: <https://m.mipad.org/>

Education is not simply about passing exams. It is about raising responsible, respectful and resilient young citizens and residents. Let us remind our children daily about the value of kindness, discipline and good behaviour.

So, as the new shoes are polished and the school bags filled, let us make sure our children feel just as polished and uplifted within. A confident child, one who feels seen and supported, carries a shine that no uniform can provide. That is the real preparation for the future.

For this back-to-school season, may we as a nation recommit ourselves to nurturing not only the students' academic ability but also their humanity. After all, the strength of tomorrow's society begins with how we guide our children today.



PM Drew Highlights Importance of Minimum Wage Increase

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 28th August 2025) - Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Dr. Terrance Drew has highlighted the role of the recent minimum wage increase in improving the lives of workers linked to three areas namely immediate ‘money in pockets’ benefit, improved financial standing and retirement security.

He expressed such sentiments while appearing on the popular Freedom FM Issues programme on Thursday 28th August 2025 hosted by Juni ‘Big JL’ Liburd.

Dr. Drew who also serves as National Leader of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP), applauded his government’s commitment to advancing the working class.

“When we came into office... it was at \$9 per hour, which was \$360 per week,” he said whilst adding “Since we have been here... we have gone from \$9 per hour to \$12.50 per hour.”

Explaining the significance of the wage hike, he noted: “Why is a minimum wage increase so important? One, it says that persons who work shouldn’t work for less than a particular amount. Secondly, you put money in people’s pocket, when you increase the minimum wage from \$9 per hour to \$12.50 per hour, that’s going from \$360 per week to \$500 per week, which equates to over \$500 extra per month, and that goes to thousands of people and that is why I say that this has put more money in people’s pocket.”

The Prime Minister further emphasized the broader social and economic impact of such policies.

“...the reason why a wage is so important-an increase in wage-one, you cover thousands of people. Secondly, it empowers people because people will have more money in their pocket so the spending power goes up. This has benefits socially even psychologically when a worker will work for more. In addition to that it means that if someone with an increased minimum wage were to go to a bank, their standing before the financial institution in this case, a bank is much better and it gives them an opportunity

to be able to have a mortgage, whereas before it might have been more challenging. Not that you wouldn’t have any challenge but increasing your income going before a bank increases your chances,” he said.

PM Drew, the Minister with responsibility for Social Security, also pointed to the long-term benefits for workers’ retirement security.

“Thirdly, when you reach the age of retirement, your social security would be higher. So this is not just putting money in people’s pockets now. It’s money being put in people’s pockets now and money being put in people’s pockets later on when they retire. That is why an increase in minimum wage is so significant and so powerful.”

Contrasting the wage increase with temporary social programmes, Dr. Drew explained why legislative changes hold more weight: “Let’s say you were to have a programme where it is not linked to wage. One that can be cut at any time because it’s not in law that you must receive

it. Secondly, when you come to retirement, your retirement is not based on those things; it’s based on your wage income or your salary income, how much ever you bring in. And thirdly, when you go before a financial institution, they would not count any other income outside of what they would consider to be a wage, a salary, or from a business, they would just think it’s a passive transfer; it would not go towards your standing before a financial institution.”

He concluded by stressing the far-reaching benefits across society.

“So on those three things, that is why a St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party always seek to increase people’s wages and salaries, and that is why the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party must be commended for this tremendous, tremendous policy position in terms of empowering our people. Since more money is in people’s pockets now, because it’s over \$500 per month for thousands and thousands of workers. Secondly, when you go before a financial institution, your position is stronger, and thirdly when you retire you get a larger social security, larger pension. Now as a result now in addition to all of this because there is more money in people’s pockets spending goes up and this can help local businesses as there will be faster turnover of goods moving through the economy and as a result of that you will see the benefit there as well, and so I want to say that this really is a tremendous, tremendous achievement to have this minimum wage to impact the lives of so many thousands of workers here in St. Kitts and Nevis.”

Liburd pointed out that “the government of the Labour Party must take credit for this because in your term in office, every Labour Party has successfully increased the minimum wage... Five times ...and that’s a good record.”

PM Drew agreed, noting: “That’s a good record because it’s part of our principle.”

He linked the policy to the historic struggles of workers in St. Kitts and Nevis.

“If you remember clearly the Buckley’s uprising was about wage increase and that has been a founding principle of the Labour Party back then... and just to add we are the oldest political Labour Party in the region and I think it’s because we have stuck to principles like this, like seeking to improve workers’ conditions, and wage and wage increase is one of the most significant ways in which you can do that.”

Front Page Image used for illustration purpose only shows pension accounting imagery (Credit: corporatefinanceinstitute.com)

Police On Cannabis Plants: Anything Beyond Legal limits Is Considered Illegal

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 28th August 2025)- Images posted to social media of cannabis plants being destroyed by fire have sparked fresh public debate over the limits of marijuana use and cultivation under the nation’s laws.

The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) shared photographs on Facebook of a controlled burning exercise carried out on Wednesday 27th August 2025.

The post highlighted: “Our Anti-Narcotics Unit carried out a major contraband destruction session, eliminating thousands of cannabis plants through controlled burning. The exercise underscored the strength and determination of the RSCNPF in protecting our communities, dismantling the illegal drug trade, and ensuring that harmful substances and items do not make their

way back into our streets. By standing firm against illegal activity, we are creating safer neighbourhoods, securing our nation’s future, and showing that crime will not prevail in St. Kitts and Nevis.”

The statement further pledged ongoing vigilance, noting: “With your continued support, the RSCNPF will press forward, working tirelessly to keep our communities strong, safe, and resilient.”

The highly visible destruction raised questions among social media users about what is permitted under recently amended cannabis legislation. Authorities reiterated that the exercise did not involve narcotics falling within the legal allowances for personal use.

As outlined, via the social media post, the public is reminded under the Drugs (Prevention & Abatement of

the Misuse and Abuse of Drugs) Act, Cap. 9.08, as amended by the Drugs (Prevention & Abatement of the Misuse and Abuse of Drugs) (Amendment) Act, No. 12 of 2023, the following limits apply:

- * An individual may legally possess up to 56 grams of cannabis or 15 grams of cannabis resin for personal use only.
- * Each household may cultivate up to five (5) cannabis plants, provided they are kept in a secured area and strictly for personal use only.
- * Anything beyond these limits, or intended for sale or trafficking, is considered illegal.

While some people have applauded the police action as a strong stance against the illegal drug trade, others questioned the destruction given recent reforms that legalized limited possession and cultivation.

The post has reignited broader discussion about the evolving balance between regulation and decriminalization.

For now, law enforcement is standing firm on grounds that cannabis possession and cultivation remain tightly controlled, as the RSCNPF is making it clear that “crime will not prevail in St. Kitts and Nevis.”

Front Page Image: Cannabis plants destroyed through controlled burning. (Credit: Facebook/The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force)

Motorists Asked To Exercise Caution At Fort Street, Cayon Street Junction Following Lights Malfunction

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 28th August 2025)- Motorists going about Basseterre are being urged to exercise caution as the traffic lights at the busy Fort Street and Cayon Street junction are malfunctioning.

Police announced on Thursday 28th August 2025 that the signals have been temporarily switched off and are expected to be restored by Tuesday 2nd September.

Of note, those lights are critical for managing the heavy flow of vehicles and pedestrians in the town's centre.

Drivers are therefore being advised by police to proceed with extra vigilance and caution, reduce speed, and maintain safe following distances. Officers stressed

that all road users must also give way to pedestrians who are crossing and obey any directions issued by police officers stationed in the area.

In terms of traffic flow, the guidance is as follows:

- Vehicles on Fort Street and Victoria Road must stop before entering Cayon Street.
- Traffic on Cayon Street has the right of way.
- Pedestrians should always be given priority.

"Our teams expect the issue to be remedied by Tuesday (Sept. 2, 2025). If there is any further delay, we will update the public immediately. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as the Public Works Department works to restore normal operations," a police statement on the matter read.

Front Page Photo- Motor vehicles going about as traffic lights at Fort & Cayon Street junction were offline on Tuesday 29th July 2025 (Spokesman Snap)

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Government Of Saint Kitts And Nevis Appoints Carlton Pogson As Financial Secretary (AG)

BASSETTERRE, Saint Kitts, August 25, 2025 (SKNIS): The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis is pleased to announce the appointment of Carlton Pogson as Acting Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Pogson is a distinguished banking and finance professional with over 20 years of experience spanning corporate banking, strategic planning, and organisational development. He brings a wealth of expertise to the role, having successfully led high-impact initiatives across the public and private sectors.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Pogson served as Senior Manager and Team Lead at Republic Bank (EC) Limited, where he oversaw the bank's Commercial, and Corporate Banking operations in Saint Kitts and Nevis.

During his banking career he held senior leadership positions at the Bank of

SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Danielle Brown of Upper Cayon, Cayon, St. Kitts, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. J554001301** issued by **Sagicor Life Inc.** and assumed by Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc. on her life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **28th August, 2025.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



Wise Financial Thinking for Life

Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean)

SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Ryan Walters of Lower Farms Estate, Nevis, being **Administrator**, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. N100301161** issued by **British American Insurance Company** and assumed by Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc. **on the life of Sharon Walters (deceased)** has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **28th August, 2025.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves



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Nova Scotia in both Saint. Kitts and Dominica, and at the Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis. Some of his many accomplishments include restructuring multimillion-dollar debt portfolios, enhancing compliance frameworks, and driving strategic transformation. In addition to his banking career, Mr. Pogson served for several years as Chairman of Caribbean Wesleyan College Board of Governors (based in Jamaica). He has been involved with a few charitable organisations and also plays a pivotal role in the church (Wesleyan Holiness Church).

Mr. Pogson holds a BA in Accounting with a minor in Economics, a MBA and a MA in Ministry concentration in Christian Theology, reflecting his commitment to academic excellence and lifelong learning. He is widely respected for his results-driven approach, strategic insight, and dedication to professionalism, customer service and capacity building.

As Financial Secretary(Ag), Mr. Pogson will lead fiscal policy development, budgetary planning, and financial governance, ensuring the continued stability and growth of the national economy.

The government extends its congratulations to Mr. Pogson and looks forward to his leadership in advancing the financial and economic priorities of Saint Kitts and Nevis."



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Sandy Point Benevolent Society Celebrates Distinguished Honorees at 2025 Annual Awards Banquet

Bronx, NY - August 22, 2025 - The Sandy Point Benevolent Society (SPBS) proudly announces the five distinguished individuals who will be honored at its 2025 Annual Awards Banquet. These honorees exemplify the Society's core values of resilience, generosity, innovation, and cultural pride, and their stories inspire a renewed commitment to service and community empowerment.

SPBS President Dr. Stewart Williams remarked: "Each year, we come together not only to celebrate the accomplishments of our honorees but to remind ourselves of the power of giving back. These remarkable individuals show us that when we invest in others, we strengthen our community and create opportunities for generations to come. We invite everyone to join us in honoring their legacies and supporting our mission: Give so that others can move forward."

2025 Honorees

Dr. Almesha L. Campbell

A native of Newton Ground Village, St. Kitts, Dr. Campbell serves as Associate Vice President for Research and Economic Development at Jackson State University (JSU), managing a \$120M research portfolio. A national leader in innovation and technology transfer, she co-founded JSU's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the Innovation Fellows Program. She has held prominent leadership positions including Chair of the AUTM Board of Directors (2023-2024) and membership on the ARIS Advisory Board. A proud Sandy Point High School alumna, she continues to support SPBS and delivered the 2022 Awards Banquet keynote address.

Mrs. Gracemae Denise Rosalia Richardson-Carty

Born in Sandy Point, St Kitts and now residing in Anguilla, Mrs. Richardson-Carty is a trailblazer in entrepreneurship and service. A University of the Virgin Islands graduate with highest honors, she co-founded Paramount Pharmacy and later expanded into real estate. Her community leadership has earned her Anguilla's RISE Award and the Women Who Inspire Award. Deeply committed to philanthropy, she supports SPBS initiatives including the Easter Breakfast and banquet magazine.

Mr. Leroy Powell

A visionary entrepreneur from Newton Ground, Mr. Powell founded Island Purified Water - the Federation's first bottled water company. From modest beginnings and after serving in the St. Kitts-Nevis Defence Force, he grew his business into a leading enterprise employing nearly 40 people. A committed philanthropist, he supports schools, sports, and youth development across the island.

Ms. Abena Amory

Singer, songwriter, and maternal health advocate, Ms. Amory is the daughter of vocalist Jacqueline Erlene Williams-King and the late Hon. Vance Amory. She has performed across the U.S. and Caribbean with renowned artists such as Jennifer Hudson and

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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

B. D. 2025

(PROBATE)

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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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A. D. 2025

(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO: SKBHPB2025/

In the Estate of KENNETH O'NEIL NISBETT
(Deceased)

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **OLETTE THOMAS** of #Harbour View, Basseterre, Saint Christopher in the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis, for a Grant of Letters of Administration, Lawful Attorney of **KENNETH O'NEIL NISBETT**, deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 15th day of October, 2021 at Block of Flats Communal Entrance 24 Creswick Road Action in Ealing, London, in the United Kingdom.

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 26th day of August, 2025

S.A.M Legal Services
Attorney-at-Law for the
Estate of Kenneth O'Neil Nisbett, 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

(FIRST PUBLICATION)

Sandy Point Benevolent Society Celebrates Distinguished Honorees at 2025 Annual Awards Banquet

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Romain Virgo. Beyond music, she is a certified doula, author, and advocate for reproductive justice, generously donating resources to youth and mothers in St. Kitts, Dominica, and New York.

Mr. Troy K. “Bif” Mills

A cultural ambassador and educator, Mr. Mills currently serves as Director of Culture in St. Kitts and Nevis. His leadership includes chairing the CARICOM Regional Cultural Committee, promoting heritage, and enriching national life through music, media, sports, and education. Also an accomplished referee, musician, and community servant, he is guided by his motto: “Always be Positive in your Thoughts, Words & Actions.”

Event Details

The 2025 SPBS Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at Maestro’s Caterers, 1703 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx, New York, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Guests will enjoy an evening of dinner, entertainment, and celebration for a ticket price of \$125. For more information or to reserve tickets, please contact Anthony (917-328-6875), Paulette (347-755-2218), or Trevor D. (917-560-1262). Additional details, including ticket purchases and raffle opportunities, are available online at www.spbsinc.org.

The Sandy Point Benevolent Society invites all supporters, alumni, and friends



to attend this inspirational evening as we celebrate our honorees’ achievements and recommit to advancing education, opportunity, and community development at home and abroad.

SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Nevis Co-operative Credit Union Ltd. of Corner of Chapel Street & Featherbed Alley, Charlestown, Nevis, being the Asignee, having made sworn deposition that Policy No. N100306391 issued by British American Insurance Company and assumed by Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc. on the life of Christian Arthurton has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 13th August, 2025.

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



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In the Estate of SAMUEL HYLIGER aka SAMUEL HYLIGAR aka SAMUEL HEYLIGER of The Alley, Sandy Point in the Island of St. Christopher, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Othniel Hyliger of Camps and Mary Richards of The Alley, Sandy Point both in the Island of St. Christopher for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the son and daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 18th day of January 2001.

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

Dated the 27th day of May 2025

Leon Charles

LIBURD CHARLES

Attorneys-at-law

Filed by LIBURD CHARLES, Attorneys-at-law for the Applicant whose address for service is Units 1 & 2 OOOJ's Commercial Complex, Island Main Road, Camps, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

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(ST. KITTS CIRCUIT)

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In the Estate of CEDRIC LEROY WATTLEY late of #18 Boyds Housing Development, in the Parish of Trinity, in the Island of Saint Christopher, Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by AVRIL JENNIFER BEACH of #24 Kittsodart, in the town of Basseterre, in the Island of Saint Christopher, retired Sales Representative, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased CEDRIC LEROY WATTLEY who died on the 6th day of May 2021 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 9th day of February 2011 wherein the Applicant is named Executrix.

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

Dated the 28th day of July 2025.

M. Elizabeth A. Kelsick, Partner

KELSICK, WILKIN & FERDINAND

Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

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



Premier Brantley affirms All Lands Involved in Proposed Special Sustainability Zone are Privately Owned

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (August 26, 2025)- Premier the Honourable Mark Brantley has firmly rejected what he described as deliberate misinformation surrounding the proposed Special Sustainability Zone (SSZ) in Nevis, making it clear that all lands currently being sold are privately owned and not government lands.

During his August 25 national address, the Premier explained that the sales taking place along the South Coast are strictly private transactions between landowners and purchasers, with no involvement from the government.

“The proposed zone is situated on the Southern coast of Nevis in the general area of Saddle Hill. Those who know the geography of Nevis will know that the South Coast is largely barren with no development and no infrastructure. The lands in that area are owned by a large number of private landowners. The majority of lands in that area originally owned by the government on behalf of the people of Nevis- some 238 acres- were swapped by the previous NRP (Nevis Reformation Party)-led NIA to the National Bank during the Land-for-Debt swap exercise. The people of Nevis have therefore already lost those lands,” Premier Brantley said.

He categorically rejected claims that the government was seeking to acquire lands by force. Premier Brantley dismissed suggestions of compulsory acquisition or forced dispossession as “false and absurd,” stressing that property rights remain secure.

“No one will ever be forced to sell their land. If you do not want to sell, you do not sell. All land transactions are private, voluntary agreements between buyer and seller.”

The Premier also called out the hypocrisy of the Opposition, accusing them of misleading the public while personally profiting from the very land sales they now condemn.

“I am advised that prominent members of the Opposition were among the first to agree to sell their lands, to sign agreements and to collect their monies. It cannot be right for high-ranking members of the NRP in Nevis to sell their lands, pocket millions of dollars and then turn around and blame the Government,” he said.

Premier Brantley also condemned personal attacks against his family, describing the allegations concerning his wife’s professional real estate practice as flagrant. He clarified that his wife has operated a fully licensed real estate business for more than 20 years, entirely independent of his or any government involvement.

Turning to the Special Sustainability Zone legislation, the
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Both Floors: Ten (10) Three (3) Bedrooms w/ two (2) Bathrooms each.

Building 3 (13,950 sq ft)

Both Floors: 36 (thirty-six) Studio Apartments

Building 4 (980 sq ft)

Maintenance storage and lodgings



Survey Plan of Property:



Tenders:

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Minimum Offer:

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Attention: Ms. D. Ashleigh Maynard, Legal Counsel
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St. Kitts Tourism Authority Attends ASTA Caribbean Showcase



Left to Right: President and CEO of ASTA, Zane Kerby; Minister of Tourism, Barbados, Hon. G.P. Ian Gooding-Edgehill; Minister of Tourism, St. Kitts, Hon. Marsha T. Henderson, and Minister of Tourism, Turks and Caicos, Hon. Zhavargo Jolly

Basseterre, St. Kitts (28 August 2025) - With over 300 travel professionals in attendance, St. Kitts continues to amplify its presence in the global travel community at the fourth annual American Society of Travel Advisors (ASTA) Caribbean Showcase, held in Jamaica from 23-27 August 2025.

ASTA is the world's leading travel association, and as the Caribbean grows in popularity as a premier global travel destination, hosting prestigious conferences such as this has significantly boosted the region's appeal.

The showcase offered a valuable platform for travel advisors to network and engage in meaningful discussions with the region's tourism experts. Over the four-day event, key topics included airlift, experiential travel, sustainability, and tourism's economic impact across the region.

The Hon. Marsha T. Henderson, Minister of Tourism, participated in a panel discussion alongside esteemed Caribbean tourism ministers. She offered insights into St. Kitts' progress and its role in positioning the Caribbean as a leading destination.

"The Caribbean is ideal for experiential travel; each island offers unique charm and cultural richness. It is important that we collectively promote our region. Our proximity presents an opportunity to foster intra-regional travel and encourage multi-destination experiences," stated Minister Henderson.

The St. Kitts Tourism Authority also participated in the ASTA trade show, facilitating direct engagement with travel advisors and generating interest and bookings for the destination.

Brand awareness and travel trade engagement remain central to the Authority's

Premier Brantley affirms All Lands Involved in Proposed Special Sustainability Zone are Privately Owned

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Premier emphasized that Nevis retains full control over its development decisions.

"No Special Sustainability Zone can ever be declared in Nevis without the full approval of the Nevis Island Administration and ratification by the Nevis Island Assembly," he stated. "This ensures that Nevis remains in control of Nevis."

He added that the law establishes strict safeguards, requiring developers to demonstrate long-term economic benefits, provide infrastructure at no cost to taxpayers, ensure renewable energy and water self-sufficiency, protect the

environment, and make provisions for health, safety, and security.

On the matter of access, Premier Brantley reassured the public that Nevis' waters and beaches are all public property and will at all times remain so.

The Premier concluded by highlighting the transformative opportunities the Special Sustainability Zone offers for Nevis, urging Nevisians not to be misled by what he described as 'dishonesty and double-speak' from detractors.

The proposed development has the potential to create thousands of permanent jobs for Nevisians at home and returning nationals, bring billions of dollars of investment to the island, generate hundreds of millions in direct revenue for government, and create significant opportunities for new businesses and the expansion of existing local businesses into the zone.

Photo caption: Premier of Nevis the Honourable Mark Brantley, Minister of Foreign Investment in the Nevis Island Administration

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A.D. 2025
(PROBATE)

PROBATE NO. SKBHPB2025/

In the estate of **KALIQUAN JEANDRE J'SHAWN WOODLEY BERGAN**, late of The Alley, Sandy Point, in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JOHN RUDOLPH BERGAN** of No. 80 Lower Stone Castle, Tabernacle, Saint Kitts, Retired Inspector of Police, and **GLENNIS WOODLEY** of The Alley, Sandy Point, Saint Kitts, Unemployed, for a Grant of

(a) Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the parents of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 27th day of March, 2025.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

DATED this 28th day of August, 2025.


Sonya Parry
Attorney-at-Law
GONSALVES PARRY



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overall marketing and promotional strategy. By building relationships and strengthening ties with the global travel industry, the Authority continues positioning St.Kitts as one of the most sought-after destinations in the Caribbean.

Africa Wealth Report 2025: Continent Outpaces Global Growth as New Wealth Hubs Surge

For immediate release: London, 26 August 2025

Africa's millionaire population is projected to grow by 65% over the next decade, according to the newly published Africa Wealth Report 2025. The continent is currently home to 25 billionaires, 348 centi-millionaires, and 122,500 millionaires - a remarkable transformation from the late 20th century, when there were only a few billionaires and many African economies were in long-term decline.

Now in its 4th year, the report published annually by international wealth advisory firm Henley & Partners in collaboration with its global wealth intelligence partner New World Wealth shows that private wealth markets across Africa are expanding strongly despite global headwinds, underpinned by robust economic growth. Sub-Saharan Africa's economy is forecast to grow by 3.7% in 2025 - outpacing Europe (0.7%) and the US (1.4%) - with growth projected to reach 4.1% in 2026.

Dominic Volek, Group Head of Private Clients at Henley & Partners, says Africa's sustained economic expansion, combined with significant growth in high-net-worth-individual (HNWI) populations, positions the continent as a key player in the evolving global wealth landscape. "The investment migration sector is now working both ways, with African investors seeking greater global mobility and diversification while international investors are increasingly identifying Africa as a destination for long-term, stable capital deployment."

Africa's Wealthiest Countries and Cities

Following a strong past year, South Africa now accounts for 34% of Africa's millionaires - roughly equal to the next five wealthiest countries combined - and with 41,100 millionaires, it leads Africa's Big 5 wealth markets of Egypt (14,800 resident millionaires), Morocco (7,500), Nigeria (7,200), and Kenya (6,800), which together represent 63% of the continent's millionaires and 88% of its billionaires.

Mauritius, the 6th wealthiest country in Africa, has recorded the continent's strongest HNWI growth over the past decade at +63%, driven largely by its political stability, tax efficiency, and a robust residence by investment program. Rwanda (+48%) and Morocco (+40%) have also posted strong gains, while Nigeria's millionaire population has contracted sharply by -47%, with Angola (-36%) and Algeria (-23%) likewise in decline.

At the city level, with 11,700 resident millionaires, Johannesburg holds onto the top spot as Africa's wealthiest city, anchored by the Sandton business district and luxury residential enclaves in the up-and-coming Waterfall-Midrand area. However, Cape Town, placed 2nd with 8,500 HNWI, has emerged as the continent's leader in centi-millionaires, with 35 super wealthy individuals calling it home. The 'Mother City' is also Africa's most expensive prime real estate market at USD 5,800 per m² and is on track to overtake Johannesburg in total wealth by 2030. Cairo ranks 3rd with 6,800 HNWI and has the highest concentration of billionaires in Africa, with 5 in residence, while East Africa's economic powerhouse Nairobi in 4th place has 4,200 millionaires, accounting for almost half of Kenya's total private wealth.

Commenting in the report, best-selling author and leading political analyst Justice Malala says "Africa's story remains one

of dualities. Its economic trajectory reveals resilience and promise, bolstered by institutional innovation and growing investor confidence. Yet these exist alongside deep political fractures and governance setbacks. If African leadership can harness the momentum of economic growth while tackling political dysfunction with equal resolve, the continent may yet turn this moment of paradox into one of transformation."

Africa's Fastest Growing Millionaire Hotspots

Several wealth hubs have far outpaced continental averages. The Black River district in Mauritius tops the list with 105% millionaire growth over the past decade, followed by Marrakech (+67%), and South Africa's Whale Coast (+50%). The Cape Winelands region (+42%), encompassing Stellenbosch, Franschhoek, and Paarl, continues to attract wealthy retirees and second-home buyers, supported by strong lifestyle and education credentials. Cape Town (+33%) rounds out the Top 5.

Looking to the future, Head of Research at New World Wealth, Andrew Amoils, says the increase in Africa's millionaire population will likely be led by lifestyle destinations such as the Whale Coast, Cape Winelands, and Marrakech. "The main industries expected to drive this growth include fintech, eco-tourism, software development, green tech, e-commerce, rare metals mining, healthcare, biotech, media, entertainment, and wealth management. With the EU and UK becoming less attractive among the global jet-set, there is potential for Africa to emerge as a major destination for wealthy entrepreneurs. There are already signs of this happening, with Morocco, Mauritius, Namibia and Seychelles all projected to see big wealth inflows this year."

Africa's Mobility Gap Widens

Washington's hardening stance towards Africa is set to dominate the continent's agenda in the year ahead, following measures introduced under the Trump administration ranging from steep tariffs and deep USAID funding cuts to the controversial deportation of convicted criminals to South

Sudan and eSwatini after their home countries refused them. In addition, President Donald Trump's decision to ban travelers from seven African nations and impose heightened restrictions on another three looks set to expand to include an additional 26 states. This would see roughly two-thirds of Africa's 54 nations fully or partially barred from the US - one of the most sweeping mobility restrictions in recent history.

Exclusive research published in Henley & Partners' January 2025 Global Mobility Report confirmed systemic visa discrimination against Africans in Europe. Led by Prof. Mehari Taddele Maru at the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute, the study found that while globally only one in six Schengen visa applications is rejected, one in two African applicants is turned away - a rate that has more than doubled over the past decade. The Henley Passport Power Index underscores the economic cost of this inequality, revealing how African citizens' limited travel freedom curtails their access to global markets, talent networks, and international GDP.

In response, a growing number of affluent Africans are adopting a proactive strategy of "global positioning" by acquiring alternative residence rights and citizenships as a tool to expand business reach, secure international educational opportunities for their children, and safeguard family wealth. Henley & Partners has processed applications from investors in 23 African countries over the past 18 months, nearly double the 12 in 2020, while enquiries for investment migration options surged by 50% in 2024. South Africa and Egypt now rank among the world's top 10 source markets. As Grace Arthur at Henley & Partners Ghana explains, "These investors are not turning their backs on Africa - they are expanding its footprint, forging connections, and unlocking capital on a global scale."

Portugal's Golden Residence Permit Program remains the top choice for African investors, followed by citizenship programs in Grenada and Antigua and Barbuda, as well as Latvia's Residence by Investment Program. On the inbound side, Egypt, Mauritius, and São Tomé and Príncipe are using investment migration to attract long-term foreign capital without increasing sovereign debt. São Tomé's program, starting at USD 90,000, channels inflows into its National Transformation Fund, including renewable energy projects to power the entire country.

Capital, Climate, and the Case for Africa

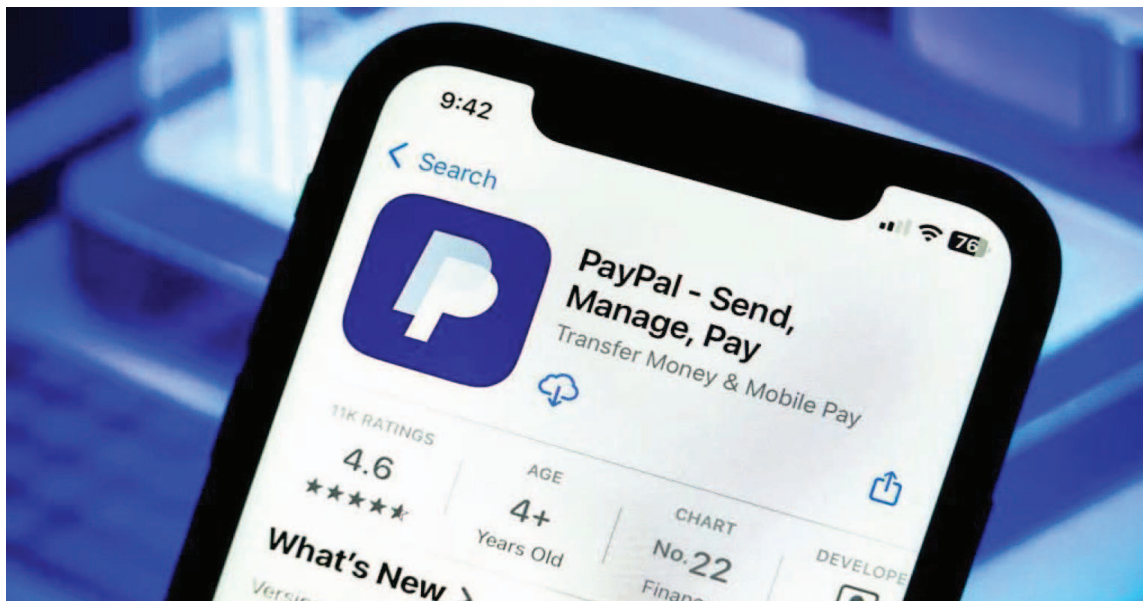
Africa's investment narrative is increasingly shaped by innovation and sustainability. Google's recently announced USD 25 million African food security and AI initiative underscores rising global interest in funding the continent's small and medium enterprises, which account for 80% of jobs but often lack access to capital.

Commenting in the Africa Wealth Report 2025, Nontobeko Ndhrazi, Group Chief Financial Officer at WIPHOLD, says Africa has the youngest population in the world, which poses a powerful advantage if properly harnessed. "The full potential of this social dividend, where approximately half of Africa's youth are women, holds immense possibilities. African women, particularly those in rural areas, play a crucial role in the broader agricultural sector. Many have developed an inherent understanding of environmental sustainability, making them de facto environmental managers."

With Africa generating less than 4% of global carbon emissions but suffering disproportionately from climate change impacts, there is growing scope for investment migration frameworks to fund climate adaptation and green infrastructure, such as Nauru's Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship Program. Countries that integrate renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and resilience projects into their investment migration offerings can secure both economic and environmental gains.

As Jean Paul Fabri, Chief Economist at Henley & Partners, concludes, "The rise in Africa's millionaire class is both a signal and a test. It signals that despite challenges, wealth is being created and retained in key markets. But it also tests the continent's ability to turn private wealth growth into broad-based economic transformation. For Africa, the goal is not merely to count millionaires, but to build a wealth ecosystem where prosperity is self-reinforcing. Where opportunity expands, capital circulates locally, and the continent becomes not just a participant, but a leader, in the global wealth story."

European banks hit by rogue PayPal payments worth 'billions'



banks through a security system.

In particular, it aims to deal with fake direct debits which have been set up by criminals.

There are many ways they are set up, but one typical

method is tricking a person into handing over their details by pretending to be a bank or financial institution by phone.

According to SZ, PayPal's filter system did not work properly on Monday, resulting in unchecked direct debits being sent to banks alongside legitimate ones.

Shares in the payment firm fell 1.9% on Wednesday following the report.

Getty Images The download screen on an iPhone for the PayPal app. Getty Images

European banks have seen widespread unauthorised direct debits from PayPal accounts, the German Savings Banks Association (DSGV) says.



Tom Gerken
Technology reporter

The German newspaper Sueddeutsche Zeitung (SZ) says payments worth in the region of 10 billion euros (Â£8.6bn) have had to be blocked, after PayPal's fraud-checking system failed.

It said payments were paused on Monday when lenders reported millions of suspicious direct debits from the payment firm.

The DSGV confirmed to the BBC there had been "incidents involving unauthorized direct debits initiated by PayPal against various credit institutions".

The BBC has approached PayPal for comment.

It told Reuters "certain transactions from our banking partners and potentially their customers" had been affected by a temporary service interruption.

"We quickly identified the cause and are working closely with our banking partners to ensure that all accounts have been updated," the PayPal spokesperson said.

The DSGV said PayPal had "acknowledged the disruptions" and "assured" it had resolved the problem.

"Payment transactions to and from PayPal have been running normally again," it said.

"These incidents had significant effects on payment transactions across Europe, particularly in Germany.

"The supervisory authorities have also been informed of the incidents at PayPal."

PayPal aims to filter out scams before they can get to



**The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis
Invites Contractors to Bid on the following
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NATIONAL SECURITY TRAINING FACILITY

AT

LIME KILN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

**Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works
Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of
Thursday 7th August, 2025 for a non-refundable fee of
EC\$2,500.00 each.**

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

**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts
at or before 1:00pm Friday 3rd October, 2025**

**Contractors or their representatives are invited to the Tender
Opening.**

Eligibility

**It is mandatory that Contractors be locally registered in the Federation
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‘Nicest judge in the world’ Frank Caprio dies aged 88

Yang Tian
BBC News



Getty Images Frank Caprio in his court in 2017 - he is an older man with dark hair, brushed back on his head and glasses, as well as his judges gown. He is sitting behind his lectern and appears to be pointing out and gesturing to someone in his court. A gavel is also visible in the images. Getty Images
US celebrity judge and social media star Frank Caprio has died aged 88, his family has said.

Over a 40-year career in Rhode Island, he famously used compassion and humour to make judgements that took into consideration the personal circumstances

of the people in the dock.

Videos of Judge Caprio presiding over cases on his hit TV show Caught in Providence have had billions of views on social media, earning him the title the “nicest judge in the world”.

His death following a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer was announced on his official Instagram account, where he was remembered for his “warmth” and “unwavering belief in the goodness of people”.

Judge Caprio had presided over thousands of cases in his hometown of Providence, Rhode Island, before embarking on a TV career.

His signature courtroom style produced viral clips ranging from him inviting children to sit with him behind the bench during cases, to announcing a “mini-judge” soft toy of himself.

A TikTok video showcasing his morning routine - brushing his teeth, signing his book and watching videos of his own show - has had more than 5m views.

In an 2019 interview, Judge Caprio said his courtroom proceedings “show a slice of life of Rhode Island that is very interesting, and it reflects the same issues people are experiencing nationwide”.

David Caprio, his son, thanked fans for their love and support and urged people to “spread a little kindness” in his father’s memory.

In an Instagram statement to his 3.4 million followers, Judge Caprio was remembered for the “countless acts of kindness he inspired”.

“His warmth, humour, and kindness left an indelible mark on all who knew him,” the statement said.

During its run, Caught in Providence was nominated for three Daytime Emmys, with Judge Caprio earning two of his own nominations last year.

The company behind it, Debmar-Mercury, paid tribute to Judge Caprio’s “unique brand of compassion and common sense approach”.

“We will miss him dearly,” co-presidents Mort Marcus and Ira Bernstein said in a statement.

After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2023, Judge Caprio said he was “fully prepared to fight as hard I can” and thanked followers for their support.

In one of his last social media posts, Judge Caprio announced he was back in hospital after suffering a “setback” in his treatment and asked his followers for their prayers.

Judge Caprio is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Joyce Caprio, as well as their five children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Painting looted by Nazis has vanished again, say Argentine police

Hafsa Khalil
BBC News

Robles Casas & Campos An interior shot showing a living room with a green sofa



against a white wall, flanked by two lamps. A portrait hangs on the wall behind the sofa. Robles Casas & Campos

A painting stolen by the Nazis that was spotted in an Argentinian estate agent’s advert has vanished, a prosecutor says following a raid on the home.

Portrait of a Lady by Giuseppe Ghislandi was featured hanging above a sofa inside a property near Buenos Aires, which was being sold by the daughter of a

senior Nazi who fled Germany after World War Two.

A police raid on the house this week however turned up no painting - but two weapons were seized, federal prosecutor Carlos Martínez told local media.

Mr Martínez said they were treating it as an alleged cover-up of smuggling, Argentinian daily Clarin reported.

The newspaper reported that the furnishings had been rearranged and the picture was missing from the wall when they raided the property.

Peter Schouten of the Dutch Algemeen Dagblad newspaper, which first reported the long-lost artwork’s reappearance, said there was evidence “the painting was removed shortly afterwards or after the media reports about it appeared”.

“There’s now a large rug with horses and some nature scenes hanging there, which police say looks like something else used to hang there”.

Portrait of a Lady was among the collection of Amsterdam art dealer Jacques Goudstikker, much of which was forcibly sold by the Nazis after his death.

Some of the works were recovered in Germany after the war, and put on display in Amsterdam as part of the Dutch national collection.

For more than 80 years, the location of late-baroque Italian portraitist Giuseppe Ghislandi’s painting of the Contessa Colleoni had been unknown until now.

AD’s investigation found wartime documents that suggest the painting was in the possession of Friedrich Kadgien, an SS officer and senior financial aide to Hermann Göring, who fled in 1945 before eventually moving to Argentina, where he became a successful businessman.

Kadgien died in 1979, but a US file seen by AD included the line: “Appears to possess substantial assets, could still be of value to us”.

The paper added that it had made several attempts to speak to his two daughters in Buenos Aires over the years but to no avail.

It was only when one of Kadgien’s daughters put the house up for sale that they made any progress in locating the missing works.

Another looted artwork - a floral still-life by the 17th-century Dutch painter Abraham Mignon - was also spotted on one of the sister’s social media, AD reported.

Following the photo’s appearance, one of the sisters told the Dutch paper she didn’t know what they wanted from her, nor what painting they “are talking about”.

Lawyers for Goudstikker’s estate said they would make every effort to reclaim the painting.

His sole-surviving heir, daughter-in-law Marei von Saher, said her family “aims to bring back every single artwork robbed from Jacques’ collection, and to restore his legacy”.

According to AD, she took possession of 202 pieces in 2006.

Back-To-School Ceremony Honors Educators Commitment And Excellence

Basseterre: St. Kitts, Tuesday, August 26, 2025: The Ministry of Education officially launched the new academic year with a back-to-school ceremony held under the theme “Transforming Education Through Self-Renewal, Holistic Partnership and Digital Solutions”, on Monday, August 25. The event dedicated to teachers and educators served as a moment of reflection, motivation, and preparation for the year ahead.

Mr. Francil Morris, Chief Education Officer in the Ministry of Education, reflected on the achievements of each sector and praised them for their hard work during the past school year. He further encouraged them to remain dedicated during the new academic year.

“Be proud of the role each of you play within the Ministry of Education. Every achievement, no matter how small, is a reflection of your dedication and resilience. Hence, as we step into the 2025-2026 school year, let us continue to take bold strides, empowering our learners, supporting one another, and shaping a school year defined by progress, purpose, and endless possibilities.”

Featured Speaker, Dr. Nigel Brown, Senior Corporate Relations Officer, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), reminded educators to approach the new school year with renewed purpose and adaptability, stating,

“As we embark on this new school year, let us embrace self-renewal, and that is committing to becoming the best version of ourselves. Let us strengthen holistic partnerships because together we are stronger, and let us boldly harness digital solutions, not as a threat but as an ally in shaping tomorrow’s leaders.”

Marking the beginning of a new school year, Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, Minister of Education, highlighted the significance of the annual back-to-school ceremony as a moment of recognition and renewal, noting, “I deem it a privilege and honour to officially open the 2025-2026 school year. This exercise is more than a tradition. It is a celebration of your dedication, resilience, and unwavering belief in the transformative power of education. Each year is like a fresh canvas, waiting to be filled with curiosity, courage, and connection.”

Minister Hanley thanked educators for their contributions to the success of

the 2024-2025 school year and challenged them to uphold key values moving forward.

“As we step into this new academic year, I invite all of us to center our work around three guiding principles: safe spaces, partnerships, and shared responsibility. These are the foundation of a thriving school culture, and they begin with us.”

The ceremony not only underscored



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the invaluable contributions of educators but also charted a clear course for the 2025-2026 academic year, one defined

by resilience, collaboration, and a steadfast dedication to excellence in teaching and learning.



Nevis Tourism Authority Appoints New CEO, Andia Ravariere

Experienced Caribbean Tourism Strategist to Lead Nevis into a New Era of Sustainable Growth

Charlestown, Nevis - August 27, 2025 - The Nevis Tourism Authority (NTA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Andia Ravariere as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective September 1, 2025. Ravariere brings more than a decade of experience in sustainable tourism development and destination marketing across the Caribbean, making her uniquely positioned to lead Nevis into its next chapter of growth.

Ravariere joins the NTA after seven years with the Ministry of Tourism in Anguilla, where she played a pivotal role in guiding the island’s tourism rebound following the COVID-19 pandemic. Most recently, she served as Destination Marketing Manager for Discover Dominica Authority, spearheading initiatives that achieved a recorded increase in visitor arrivals and expanded the country’s reach into niche markets.

Her career has been defined by a passion for sustainable, community-driven tourism. In 2013, Ravariere founded the Colihaut Community Tourism Development group in Dominica, launching the celebrated Colihaut Fish Lime event. This initiative not only strengthened local industries but also empowered women entrepreneurs, leaving a lasting economic impact on the community.

“We are delighted to welcome Andia Ravariere as the new CEO of the Nevis Tourism Authority,” said Honourable Mark Brantley, Premier of Nevis. “Her proven track record in sustainable tourism and her deep understanding of Caribbean destination marketing make her uniquely qualified to guide Nevis into its next chapter. As we continue to position Nevis as a beacon of barefoot luxury and authentic Caribbean culture, I am confident that her leadership will help us expand our reach, strengthen our community, and deliver a world-class tourism product that reflects the very best of who we are.”



The appointment of Ravariere marks an important milestone for the Nevis Tourism Authority. “Andia’s experience in guiding destinations through both growth and recovery, along with her passion for community-driven tourism, perfectly aligns with our vision for Nevis,” said Pamela Martin, Chairperson of the Board of the NTA. “We look forward to working closely with her to build on our momentum, strengthen relationships with global partners, and ensure that Nevis continues to stand out as one of the Caribbean’s most unique and sustainable destinations.”

With a career defined by strategic innovation, Ravariere brings expertise in comparative analysis, product development, and destination marketing. She believes in focusing on differentiation rather than competition among Caribbean islands, emphasizing the importance of identifying and amplifying each destination’s unique offerings. Her approach centers on positioning Nevis to stand out in the global marketplace while fostering collaboration, avoiding silos, and ensuring that all stakeholders are engaged and aligned. This inclusive, forward-thinking leadership style will be instrumental in driving Nevis’ tourism growth and long-term sustainability.

“My vision is to position Nevis at the forefront of Caribbean tourism by strategically redefining luxury through nature, culture, sustainability, and innovation,” said Andia Ravariere. “With the goal of delivering world-class experiences to discerning travelers, empowering our people, and safeguarding the island’s heritage. Nevis is committed to tourism that protects our environment, celebrates our culture, and empowers our people, ensuring that growth today secures a thriving island for generations to come.”

Ravariere holds both a Master’s degree in Tourism Development and Management and a Bachelor’s degree in International Tourism Management from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CHAPTER 10.19
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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AUG 27 2025
ST CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS

In the matter of the Title by Registration Act Cap.10.19
AND
In the matter of a request by
KEITHLEY MELFORD NERO and JENNIFER NAOMI NERO
For the issue of a First Certificate of Title in their favour in respect
to 0.50 acres of land situate at Retreat Housing Development
in the parish of Trinity in the Island of St. Christopher.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificate of Title and Noting thereon and Caveats for the week ending the
29th day of August, 2025.

Date of Request	Person Requesting	Nature of Request
15th April, 2025	KEITHLEY MELFORD NERO and JENNIFER NAOMI NERO by their Solicitors WalwynLaw of Victoria Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts.	For the issue of a First Certificate of Title to 0.50 acre of land situate at Retreat Housing Development in the parish of Trinity in the island of St. Christopher.

Bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by Camp and Johnson Estate by a Proposed Road, 106.33 feet; On or toward the East by Lot No. 23, 211.36 feet; On or towards the South by Lot No. 25A and Lot No. 26, 107.10 feet; and On or towards the West by Lot No. 21, 198.53 feet and containing by admeasurement 0.50 acres.

Dated the 27th day of August, 2025

REGISTRAR OF TITLES

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In the matter of the Title by Registration Act Cap.10.19
AND
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KEITHLEY MELFORD NERO and JENNIFER NAOMI NERO
For the issue of a First Certificate of Title in their favour in respect
to 14,850 square feet of land situate at Half Moon Heights Housing Development, Phase 3D in the parish
of St. Peter in the Island of St. Christopher.

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15th April, 2025	KEITHLEY MELFORD NERO and JENNIFER NAOMI NERO by their Solicitors WalwynLaw of Victoria Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts.	For the issue of a First Certificate of Title to 14,850 square feet of land situate at Half Moon Heights Housing Development, Phase 3D in the parish of St. Peter in the island of St. Christopher.

Bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-West by Lot No. 54 of Half Moon Heights Housing Development, 135.00 feet; On or towards the North-East by Lot No. 10, and Lot No. 9, 110.00 feet; On or towards the South-East by Lot No. 56, 135.00 feet; and On or towards the South-West by a Development Road, 110.00 feet and containing by admeasurement 14,850 square feet.

Dated the 27th day of August, 2025

REGISTRAR OF TITLES

Nigeria bans export of shea nuts used in beauty creams for six months

Mansur Abubakar
BBC News in Abuja



AFP/Getty Images Hands of African women pouring shea nuts on a sack after harvest. AFP/Getty Images
Nigeria is the world's largest producer of shea nuts, harvesting about 350,000 tonnes a year

Nigeria has announced a six-month ban on the export of raw shea nuts from which many beauty creams are made.

The move is aimed at making the trade more lucrative as Nigeria is losing out by not producing much shea butter locally.

The country produces nearly 40% of the world's annual crop, but it only accounts for 1% of the \$6.5bn (£4.8bn) global market - a situation Vice-President Kashim Shettima described as "unacceptable".

Harvested fruit from shea nut trees have to be crushed, roasted and boiled to extract their oil to produce the shea butter used in cosmetics.

The butter is also used in the food industry in the production of some sweets like chocolate and ice creams - and in pharmaceuticals too.

Shea trees grow in the wild from West to East Africa - a

vast strip known as the "shea belt". Small-scale farmers, often women, also plant and harvest them in these areas.

Shettima said the temporary ban would enable Nigeria to move from being an exporter of the raw nuts to a global supplier of refined shea products.

"It is about industrialisation, rural transformation, gender empowerment and expanding Nigeria's global trade footprint," the vice-president said during the announcement at State House in the capital, Abuja.

The short-term aim, he said, was to see Nigeria's earnings from the fruit of the shea nut trees grow from \$65m to \$300m annually.

Nigeria Agriculture Minister Abubakar Kyari has said the West African nation produces a crop of 350,000 tonnes a year - with nearly 25% of that disappearing over the borders in unregulated informal trade.

According to agriculture expert Dr Ahmed Ismail, much of the harvest comes from villages in central Nigeria.

"A lot of poor people who grow the crop and rely on it for sustenance are struggling to get by because of a lack of regulation, which means they

get so little despite its high value internationally," the academic from the Federal University of Minna told the BBC.

Farmers unaware of the true value of shea nuts were often exploited by businessmen who travel to these remote areas to buy it cheaply, he explained.

"I went to a village and I saw shea nuts in heaps and when I asked, they said someone from the city comes to buy and take them away."

Dr Ismail said the temporary ban was a bold step that should have been taken long ago - and should go hand-in-hand with better regulation.

"This will not only provide more jobs locally as refining will be done here, but will also enhance income for the government," he said.

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SKAVA Youth Athletes Participate in CAZOVA U18 Beach Volleyball Development Camp

Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis. August 27, 2025 - The St. Kitts and Nevis Amateur Volleyball Association (SKAVA), with the steadfast support of the St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee (SKNOC), continues its commitment to nurturing youth talent through international exposure and competition.

Four young volleyballers - Shaylee Pinney (16), Celina Alwani (14), Troy Shwamber (12), and Vansh Aidasani (13) - are currently in Tobago representing St. Kitts and Nevis at the Caribbean Zonal Volleyball Association (CAZOVA) U18 Beach Volleyball Development Camp and Tournament, taking place

from August 27-30.

The athletes are accompanied by Coach Rick Swan, who is spearheading player development initiatives within SKAVA.

"We hope that this development program provides valuable training and competition experience for these athletes," Coach Swan said, underscoring the importance of opportunities that blend high-level training with international exposure.

SKAVA President Glenn Quinlan also expressed enthusiasm for the initiative.

"The objectives are to get our young players experience, exposure, and a better understanding of the game. This

is a significant step in their development and for the future of volleyball in St. Kitts and Nevis," Quinlan added.

The participation of these athletes in the CAZOVA program is made possible through the continued partnership and support of the St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee.

Notably, all four athletes have already gained competitive experience at home through the St. Kitts Pro-Am Beach Volleyball Circuit, which hosts quarterly competitions and serves as a critical platform for developing young talent.

This latest initiative reflects SKAVA's ongoing efforts to create pathways for emerging players, positioning St. Kitts and Nevis as an active participant in the regional volleyball landscape.

West Indies Under-19s to Host Sri Lanka in Seven-Match Youth ODI Series

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua - Cricket West Indies (CWI) invites cricket fans, families, communities and the media across Antigua to come out and support the West Indies Men's

Under-19 team as they face Sri Lanka in a seven-match Youth ODI series from 30 August to 15 September 2025.

This highly anticipated series will provide a first-hand look at the Caribbean's brightest young talents as they prepare for the ICC Men's Under-19 World Cup in January 2026.

Antiguans have even more reason to turn up in numbers as son of the soil Matthew Miller - St. Maarten native Isra-el Morton proudly represent the Leeward Islands in maroon.

Their inclusion highlights the depth of talent within the region

Ashwin retires from IPL to play in overseas leagues



Ravichandran Ashwin playing for Chennai Super Kings
Ravichandran Ashwin has played in the Indian Premier League since its inaugural season in 2008.

Tom Malloys
BBC Sport journalist

Former India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has retired from the Indian Premier League (IPL) and plans to play in other franchise leagues across the world.

Ashwin, 38, played for five franchises including the Chennai Super Kings - where he won the title twice in 2010 and 2011 - and is fifth on the all-time wicket-taker list with 187.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) does not allow any player in Indian international or domestic cricket to feature in overseas leagues.

"They say every ending will have a new start," Ashwin posted on social media.

"My time as an IPL cricketer comes to a close today but my time as an explorer of the game around various leagues begins today."

Ashwin retired from international cricket in December as the seventh-highest wicket-taker in Test history.

He took 537 wickets at an average of 24 in 106 Tests - second only to Anil Kumble's 619 among India bowlers.

He also took 156 wickets at 33.20 apiece in 116 one-day internationals and 72 at an average of 23.22 in 65 T20s.



AM and conclude at 5:00 PM.

For fans unable to attend in person, live streaming will be available on the Windies Cricket YouTube channel, with real-time scorecards on the

and presents an opportunity for local fans to cheer on their future stars.

Admission to all matches is FREE of charge, giving supporters a wonderful opportunity to enjoy world-class youth cricket live at two premier venues.

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