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Editorial

Teach Our Children Sportsmanship By Example

Track and field season here in St.Kitts-Nevis and in other countries generally creates an atmosphere of encouragement and support for our children.

A recent episode at a sporting event for primary school athletes unfortunately set a different tone; not by the children but by some of the parents who apparently were in verbal disagreement with accusations of cheating which created quite a stir of public debate.

It is one thing to fight battles for our children when we feel that they have been wronged but it is also quite contrary when parents display poor behaviour when our children are looking on. After all, parents/guardians are seen generally as role models for our children which means positive teachable moments for our future leaders must be displayed and encouraged at all times.

We all know that children are like sponges in soaking up behaviours they witness whether positive or negative. Hence, a heated open argument by parents levelled against sports officials conveyed a message of conflict in tarnishing what should have been a celebration of sportsmanship. It is quite disheartening that such a moment created an atmosphere of tension

Sports meet should see children experiencing the joy



2024 Agriculture Open Day Registration Opens; Deadline Extended

(MOA Basseterre, St. Kitts, February 22nd 2024);

Following a surge in interest of the highly anticipated Agriculture Open Day, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Marine Resources St. Kitts has extended the registration deadline to Monday, 8th April 2024 to ensure that all interested participants have ample time to take advantage of this opportunity.

The 2024 Agriculture Open Day is set to take place on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th April 2024 at the Royal Basseterre Valley National Park.

This year's Open Day will be held under the theme, "Securing Our Future Through Sustainable Agriculture by 2025 And Beyond"

of participation, learning the value of teamwork and embracing the essence of fair play and discipline. Therefore, there is no doubt that when parents/guardians participate in such visible disputes it takes away from the opportunity to communicate valuable life lessons about sportsmanship.

As parents/guardians and others alike, it is important to reflect on that past incident and commit to doing better and being better as a community in setting a positive example for our youths. And furthermore in doing so remember the responsibility of parents/guardians in shaping the character of future generations.

On the flip side, a positive highlight moment at a primary school meet at the Nevis Academy Sports Grade 5 male 100m

All vendors, enthusiastic farmers, exhibitors, and agricultural enthusiasts eager to participate in this year's Agriculture Fair are encouraged to secure their booths early as plans rollout for the two-day event, renowned for showcasing the latest innovations in agriculture, promoting sustainable practices, highlighting the importance of agriculture, marketing local products and businesses and fostering connections within the farming and fishing community.

Registration forms are available at the Basseterre Public Market, Department of Agriculture, La Guerite, Department of Marine Resources, Tabernacle Outreach Center, Fahies Outreach Center Newton Ground and the Ministry of Agriculture, Building #16 Port Zante.

Interested persons are asked to send an email at moa@gov.kn or contact the Ministry of Agriculture at 467-1016 for further information.

finals saw the winner of the race immediately running back to assist a fellow competitor after realizing that he fell on the track. The young man has been showered with praise on social media (particularly via video footage from Mulley Media) for his sportsmanship. Kudos indeed to that young athlete and all those who are instrumental in his upbringing.

In that situation, a child showed a wonderful example about sportsmanship and leadership.

Let us run with every opportunity to teach and nurture the minds of our little ones, leading by example through actions and words.



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SKNT&LU Plans Online Campaign Leading Up To International Workers Day

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 29th February 2024)-Workers’ representative organisation, the St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union (SKNT&LU) is currently in its preparation and planning stage to spearhead an online campaign leading up to International Workers’ Day, also known as Labour Day and May Day, observed yearly in most countries (including the Federation) on the first Monday in the month of May.

“Our Union is quite excited about the upcoming campaign, and our members, workers of this



SKNT&LU Member Venus Tucker- on Wednesday 28th February 2024-shares her sentiments as part of the online campaign preparation (Spokesman Snap)

...the Union is eager to occupy the digital space in such an innovative and inclusive campaign.

country and the public on a whole will get more details in short order as it relates to the online activities to be celebrated under the theme ‘Workers Matter First’,” Union General Secretary Precious Mills said during a chit chat with this media house on Thursday 29th February 2024.

According to her: “This week, our Union started interacting with workers from various sectors in getting their views on camera as part of our online activities, and so this is definitely something special to look forward to which of course includes social media highlights.”

According to her, the Union is eager to occupy the digital space in such an innovative and inclusive campaign.

“The SKNT&LU has been in existence for over eight decades having been founded in May 1940, and our executive is cognizant of the fact that we are operating in this digital era, and so we have to roll with the times of technology in keeping in touch and reaching our membership base and attracting new members as well. We look forward to the upcoming campaign as a grand opportunity to engage with workers and highlight achievements through interactive and educational ways.”

Union Member Venus Tucker, one of the participants, has expressed words of encouragement to the union.

“As the Union is currently being restructured and becoming better; better service towards people (workers) of lesser fortune, as a member would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the union for standing with me, standing up for me and standing against injustice for all of us. I also wish the union well in the future endeavors going forward; all the best. And may every worker’s case to come across the union’s desk be a successful one.”

International Workers’ Day, which is a public holiday, will be celebrated on Monday 6th May 2024.

Front Page Image: Unionised domestic worker Lauretta Joseph seen talking on camera (on Monday 26th February 2024) as part of the preparation and planning for an online campaign leading up to International Workers Day, spearheaded by the St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union- SKNT&LU (Spokesman Snap)

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Jacqueline Browne of Tabernacle Housing Project, Tabernacle, St. Kitts, having made sworn deposition that Policy No. K100300318 issued by British American Insurance Company 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: 26th February, 2024.

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



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SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

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Dated: 26th February, 2024.

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Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc

Date: February 26, 2024

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Attorney General Defends Senior Parliamentary Officials Salary Pay Scale Adjustment Following 19-Year Gap

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 29th February 2024) - Attorney General Garth Wilkin has given reasoning for the government closing the 19-year gap since senior parliamentary officials received a salary increase, noting in part that some senior public servants, including permanent secretaries and some directors, are paid a higher salary than the ministers they report to.

“It is wholly unacceptable, Madam Speaker, that for 19 years, while public servants received salary increases of 41%; 41% which they deserve, and which mirrors inflation, and which is right, during that 19 years, ministers of government received no salary increases at all,” he said during his presentation in the National Assembly on Thursday 22nd February 2024, ahead of the adoption of the resolution to accept recommendations of the 2019 Salaries Review Commission, effective 1st March.

“It is wholly unacceptable, Madam Speaker, that in 2024, senior public servants, including permanent secretaries and some directors, are paid a higher salary than the ministers they report to. It is wholly unacceptable that the salary of the financial secretary, even though well-earned, she works hard, one of the most senior public servants, is 24% higher than that of a minister.”

“It is wholly unacceptable that the salary of a middle manager or supervisor in a back office in the private sector is making more than that of a minister. We cannot accept those bizarre realities just for the sake of politics. The overriding priority of this administration is to serve the taxpayers, with the most committed and able people to serve with an unwavering commitment to their country.”

According to the Attorney General: “We are here to do the good that we can do for the people. This A-Team is therefore made up of young professional ministers

in their prime, even a senior minister, who has found a fountain of youth in the foreign ministry; lots of energy. We all have energy and vigor, as we go about the people’s business. No one is falling asleep on the job, like it was the usual in the past. No one is leaving work early to go to the bar, like it was the usual in the past... All of us are working diligently and tirelessly to ensure that we build a St.Kitts and Nevis for all our people to be proud of.”

He continued: “So naturally, the compensation for hard work should be proportionate. How can the status quo be fair when the Deputy Prime Minister with a PhD in leadership and management, is paid a salary equivalent to his chief education officer, and less than his PS, both of whom report to him? How can the status quo be fair when the senior minister is being paid a salary of 24% less than the financial secretary? How can the status quo be fair when the Caribbean Tourism Minister of the Year is being paid \$8,500 when her tourism authority CEO, who reports to her...”

AG Wilkin pointed out that earlier that day, a report dated September 30th, 2019, as was prepared by the Salaries Review Commission, pursuant to the responsibilities contained in the Salaries Review Commission Act, Cap 22.14.

“The Commission is tasked to make recommendations to the government with respect to the salaries and other conditions of service of the Governor General, members of Parliament, including the Speaker of the House, the Deputy Speaker of the House, Prime Minister, Attorney General, Ministers of Government, and the Leader of the Opposition, etc.”

Additionally, he highlighted that in 2018, the first formal Salaries Review Commission was established, and that the report was prepared and submitted to the then Prime Minister [Dr. Timothy Harris].

Such details, as shared by him, were brought to the attention of the present Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew by the late Governor General Sir Tapley Seaton.

“It was, however, not tabled in the National Assembly, nor, as we discovered in this Honorable House, was it tabled in the then Cabinet. When we took office, the then Governor General, God bless his soul, the late Sir Tapley Seaton, KC, brought the report to the attention of the Prime Minister, who then brought it to the attention of the Cabinet, and now it is tabled in the National Assembly, as required by the Act. This is the procedural history of the 2019 report, Madam Speaker.”

As pointed out by AG Wilkin, given the legal nature of the report, the Prime Minister [Dr. Terrance Drew] has tasked the lawyers in the AGO, the Attorney General’s Office, to review it, examine regional similarities, and educate the public on how this important process works.

The Drew-led administration took office in August 2022.

Front Page Photo: Attorney General Garth Wilkin speaking in the National Assembly on Thursday 22nd February 2024 on the resolution Approving Recommendations of the 2019 Salaries Review Commission (SKNIS image)



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Mental Health Expert Talks About “Stop Crying, Man Up”

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 28th February 2024) - On topic of mental well-being, Clinical Mental Health Counsellor and President of the St.Kitts Mental Health Association Zahra Jacobs, is calling on society to be more mindful, particularly in how boys are taught and told how to express their emotions.

Making an appearance on Freedom FM's 'From a Man's Point Of View' - hosted under the theme 'Depression & Mental Health' - aired

live on Monday 26th February 2024, the mental health expert placed a spotlight on the message that young boys often receive when displaying emotions- “Stop crying, man up.”

Jacobs during her sentiments examined how from an early age, society's conditioning instructs boys to mask their feelings, and instead present a tough exterior in hiding emotions like sadness and distress while anger is often acceptable for emotional expression.

“When we see our boys crying, we say, ‘Oh, stop crying. Man up. Man up’... You are being taught very early on to mask your feelings. If you feel badly, put on another face. And the one face that we tend to accept readily from boys is anger,” the counselor expressed.

She continued: “We are saying, ‘Don’t be sad, don’t be distressed but you know what? Be angry. Fight it out. Get it out.’ Like, that is what we say. And we say it without thinking about it. ‘Stop crying, Man up.’ Like, just be different. We are telling children very early on, be different. Don’t act like how you feel or how you feel is wrong. So that is something that we have to be mindful of.”

Jacobs highlighted that the impact of such societal conditioning extends beyond childhood, affecting individuals as they navigate adulthood.

“And you know, when men tell boys to do that, they’re trying to protect them from people reacting to them, right? Sometimes they’re just like, ‘If he’s crying, people are going to beat him up. They’re going to think he’s soft’ and look how it’s going to happen. And then it just becomes a cycle in and of itself. So this is a challenge we have to face, like in schools, as parents, in our community because you know, it might not, you might be doing a good job with your child, but they’re getting a million messages when they set out your door.”

Jacobs, during her remarks, alluded to the need for a shift in societal norms, advocating for a more inclusive approach to emotional expression for boys and men.

She mentioned general changes in behavior which indicates mental health struggles which persons close to an individual should pay attention to. As understood from her, in attempts of coping with such challenges, some people withdraw from social activities while on the flip side some people start going out a lot as well as altered eating habits whether eating more or less, negative talking and changes in personal appearance.

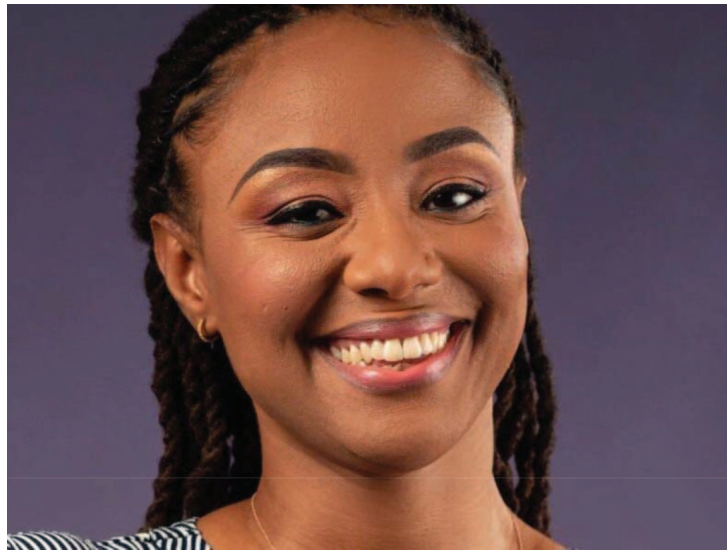
“[Pay] attention to changes in behavior...whether a person has stopped going out and that’s not what they’re doing. Sometimes you might see it in people who never used to go out and because they’re just looking to feel something, now all of a sudden they’re out and they want to be in things and that’s because they’re struggling with what’s going on inside.”

“Sometimes it’s changing their eating habits. So if you find that the person is, all of a sudden, they’re eating all the time or they’ve gained a lot of weight that might be a sign that they’re struggling with depression. For some people, it’s the exact opposite. They’ve stopped eating, right? And you see them losing weight and, you know...It might be dieting, but sometimes it’s not, right? Sometimes they just have stopped eating. So if you’re close to the person, you can pay attention to that kind of thing. Another thing, and I know this is kind of basic but they start to just say very negative things; there’s a hopelessness about them...” she stated.

Jacobs went on to say: “So if this is a person who used to, like, you know, look sharp all the time and you realize, you know, they haven’t gone -fade in a while... All of a sudden, they’re not quite exactly how they used to be. They used to be interested in how they look and all of that has changed.”

In relationships whether romantic and friendship, it is understood that shifts in behaviour such as increased substance use may be indicative of underlying emotional challenges.

“I would even say for people who are in relationships and this could be a friendship, too, if they started drinking or smoking or other pilling, whatever things, more than they used to,” Jacobs said.



Clinical Mental Health Counsellor and President of the St.Kitts Mental Health Association

Options for seeking counselling outreach include the National Counseling Center at contact numbers 465-5000 and 662-8086, and also the St. Kitts Mental Health Association Facebook page for a listing of providers.

Front Page Photo: Used for illustration purposes depicts an image of which reads ‘Man Down’ image in supporting men’s mental health (source: www.mandown-cornwall.co.uk)

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No. NEVHCV2013/0021

IN THE MATTER of Section 92 of the Title
by Registration Act, Cap. 10:19

and

IN THE MATTER of the sale of the
property comprised in Certificate of Title
dated the 23rd day of January 2009 and
registered in Book 47 Folio 13 of the
Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit in
favour of POKU ANDREW FORSON

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

- Applicant

and

POKU ANDREW FORSON

- Respondent

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The Applicant applies to the Court for an Order under Section 92 of the Title by Registration Act fixing a new date of sale of the property of the Respondent **POKU ANDREW FORSON** comprised in a Certificate of Title dated the 23rd day of January, 2009 and registered in **Book 47 Folio 13** of the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit being **ALL THAT lot of land and buildings thereon situate at Jessups Estate in the Parish of St. Thomas in the Island of Nevis containing by admeasurement 1.20 acre and bounded and measuring as follows: On the North by the lands of Lewis Knudson, 239.05 feet; On the East by a 20 Foot Road and by lands of Belmont Beach Resort Limited 198.21 feet; On the South by lands of Belmont Beach Resort Limited 35.37 feet, 98.65 feet and 85.88 feet; and On the West by lands of Belmont Beach Resort Limited, 275.62 feet at a reduced upset price of EC\$1,592,579.00 and adjusting the announcements of sale and mode of publication thereof.**

A draft of the Order that I seek is attached.

The grounds for the application are: -

1. That pursuant to an Order of this Honourable Court dated 19th day of July, 2018 on the 19th day of January, 2023 the Honourable Court attempted to sell by public auction the property of the Respondent all as the same is described in the abovementioned Certificate of Title dated the 23rd day of January, 2009.
2. That the sale could not take place and was adjourned as no prospective purchasers attended the sale.
3. That there are persons interested in purchasing the property.
4. The mortgage debt due by the Respondent to the Applicant is still outstanding.
5. That sale of the property is the only means of liquidating the debt owed by the Respondent to the Applicant.

An Affidavit in support accompanies this application.

Dated the 6th day of February 2024.


Natika M. Rawlins
Solicitors for the Applicant

NOTICE

This application will be heard by **Justice Thompson** on the **20th** day of **March**, 2024 at **9:00** am/pm in the forenoon.

If you do not attend this hearing an order may be made in your absence.

NB. This notice of Application must be served as quickly as possible on the respondent to the application.

The Court Office is at Prince William Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
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In the Estate of ANTOINETTE HENRY, late of
Romney Ground, Sandy Point, in the island of St.
Christopher, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Heather Osborne of Lime Kiln Extension, Basseterre and Curtney Brandy of Romney Ground, Sandy Point in the island of St. Christopher for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who are the sister and one of the brothers of the deceased respectfully, the deceased having died intestate on the 7th day of January 2023.

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 30th day of November 2023

Liburd Charles

LIBURD CHARLES

Attorneys-at-law

Filed by LIBURD CHARLES, Attorneys-at-law for the Applicants whose address for service is #1 OQJJ's Commercial Complex, Island Main Road, Camps, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

SKBHPB2024/

In the Estate of NADIA MERISA FRANCIS
also known as NADIA MERISA NATTA
and NADIA NATTA late of Fort Thomas
Road in the Town of Basseterre in the Island
of St. Christopher, deceased

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Notice is given that after the expiration of 14 days of the second publication of this Notice application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the husband and sister respectively of the deceased of Fort Thomas Road in the Town of Basseterre in the Island of St. Christopher, having died intestate on the 31st day of December 2016.

Dated this 19th day of February 2024.

Bryant & Liburd

Bryant & Liburd
Attorneys-at-Law
for LEXSON ORAN FRANCIS and
NADINE MIRANDA NATTA

Record profits for BA owner as demand for travel returns



The owner of British Airways has announced annual record profits, boosted by high demand for holidays as the travel industry recovers from the pandemic.

International Airline Group (IAG) reported operating profits of €3.5bn (£3bn) in 2023, close to three times that of 2022 and higher than its pre-pandemic peak.

The group, which also owns Spanish airlines Iberia and Vueling as well as Ireland’s Aer Lingus, said it had seen “strong and sustained demand for travel”.

IAG’s results come amid a surge in profits for airlines, which have pushed up fares as demand for travel returns after years of Covid disruption.

IAG chief executive Luis Gallego said the group’s capacity was now close to pre-pandemic levels in most of its main markets.

Total revenues at the group rose to €29.4bn (£25bn), up from €23bn in 2022.

Demand for flights continues to be “robust”, IAG said, especially for leisure travel. The group said its flights were 92% booked for the first three months of 2024 and 62% booked for the first half of the year, which is a stronger position than it was a year earlier.

However, IAG said risks remained, including the impact of higher inflation and interest rates, higher costs and the potential impact of ongoing conflicts in various regions.

In a call with reporters, Mr Gallego said the airline group had seen little impact from the sluggishness in the UK economy, with consumer demand continuing “to be very strong, particularly in leisure”.

There was no comment on whether air fares would rise this year, with the IAG boss saying they would be “determined by the market”.

IAG said it would be investing in 178 new aircraft between 2023 and 2028, which would be “20% more fuel-efficient than the previous generation and significantly quieter”.

Oprah Winfrey to leave board of Weight Watchers

Published BBC News



Oprah Winfrey at The 29th Critics’ Choice Awards on 14 January 14.
IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES

By Peter Hoskins
Business reporter

Oprah Winfrey is to leave the board of Weight Watchers, in a fresh blow to a company struggling to compete against the popularity of weight-loss drugs.

The US celebrity, who has been on the firm’s board since 2015, said she would not stand for re-election at its next shareholder meeting in May.

Ms Winfrey recently revealed that she used weight-loss drugs as a “maintenance tool.”

Shares in Weight Watchers International fell by 27% in extended New York trade.

Ms Winfrey said in a statement that she would continue to work with Weight Watchers “in elevating the conversation around recognizing obesity as a chronic condition.”

The influential talk show host and businesswoman also said she will donate all her shares in the firm to the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Ms Winfrey is one of the biggest shareholders in Weight Watchers with a stake of around 10%.

When Ms Winfrey started working with the company almost a decade ago,

she joined the Weight Watchers programme and shared her experiences with other members. She had previously spoken publicly about her battles with weight.

Her decision to leave the board comes as the company contends with a major shift in the weight-loss industry after the launch of anti-obesity drugs such as Wegovy and Saxenda.

Also on Tuesday, Weight Watchers published its latest financial figures, which showed a net loss of \$88.1m (£69.6m) for the last three months of 2023, more than twice as much as the same period the previous year.

In March 2023, the company announced it would buy digital health company Sequence “as a natural step” given “the advancements in chronic weight management medications.”

Sequence describes itself as a weight loss programme, which offers a suite of services to its subscribers. As well as advice from fitness coaches and dietitians, it is also able to prescribe drugs such as Ozempic and Wegovy.

Weight Watchers boss Sima Sistani said the \$132m deal would allow members to benefit from both its approach to “nutrition and behaviour-change” as well as prescription medications.

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HIGH COURT

ST.CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS

(ST.KITTS CIRCUIT)

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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In the Estate of **LEONARD HUGGINS**, late of Spooner’s Village, in the Parish of Saint Mary, in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased

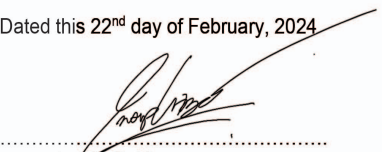
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **ARAVINDA YAHALE HUGHES** of Spooner’s Village, in the Parish of Saint Mary, in the Island of Saint Christopher, for a Grant of:

Letters of Administration to the applicant, who is one of the children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 25th day of September, 2017.

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

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2024



Inskip Cable
Cable Chambers
Solicitor for the Applicant

Citizenship programs: Malta reigns supreme

The Global Citizenship Program Index ranks 13 programs, with the strategically located European nation of Malta scoring 77 out of 100 and taking top honors once again. Malta’s Granting of Citizenship for Exceptional Services by Direct Investment Regulations allow for the granting of citizenship by a certificate of naturalization to foreign individuals and their families who contribute to the country’s economic development.

This is possible following a 36-month residence period (or 12 months by exception). Malta’s original citizenship program was designed by Henley & Partners in 2013-2014 and went on to become one of the most successful such programs in the world. Retaining 2nd place with a score of 74 is Austria’s premium citizenship by investment offering, which requires applicants to make a substantial contribution to the Austrian economy.

Three Caribbean island nations tie in 3rd position, each scoring 70: the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship by Investment Program, the Grenada Citizenship by Investment Program, and the St. Lucia Citizenship by Investment Program all offer attractive real estate-linked investment routes and fund options. Antigua also offers alternative business investment options or investors can make a non-refundable contribution to the University of the West Indies.

Another two Caribbean nations make it into the Top 5 - the St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Program in 4th place with a score of 68, followed closely by the Dominica Citizenship by Investment Program, which scores 67 and shares 5th place with the increasingly popular Turkiye Citizenship by Investment Program. Turkiye has multiple routes to citizenship, including a real estate option, and as a major transcontinental country, provides investors with easy access to Asian, European, and Middle Eastern markets.

Sharing the 6th spot on the index are the Egypt Citizenship by Investment Program and the Jordan Citizenship by Investment Program, each scoring 65. The lower ranks are occupied by the

North Macedonia Citizenship by Investment Program in 7th place, scoring 64, Vanuatu 8th with 62, and Cambodia in 9th place with a score of 53.

Residence programs: Portugal in prime position

Europe also prevails in the 2024 Global Residence Program Index, with programs on the continent occupying the Top 5 positions. The Portugal Golden Residence Permit Program ranks 1st overall out of 26 programs with a score of 75 out of 100. Each scoring 73, the Austria Private Residence Program shares 2nd place with the Mediterranean’s rising star – the Greece Golden Visa Program, followed closely by the Swiss Residence Program on 72 - an investment option developed by Henley & Partners, which combines private residence with the Swiss forfait tax provisions.

Italy’s Residence by Investment Program is joint 4th with the UK’s Innovator Founder Visa each scoring 71. The only Top 5 program not in Europe is the Canada Start-Up Visa Program, which scores 69 and shares the 5th spot with another European favorite that is attracting a great deal of attention, the Spain Residence by Investment Program.

Two prime wealth hubs are joint-6th with scores of 66 - the

UAE and Luxembourg, with the Asian powerhouse Singapore in 7th place scoring 65. Next are Australia and Jersey, which share 8th position with scores of 64, and the Malta Permanent Residence Program and New Zealand’s Active Investor Plus Visa score 62, as does Panama’s golden visa, placing the latter three countries in joint 9th place. The USA’s score of 61 sees it rounding off the Top 10 list in 2024.

Three diverse territories share the 11th spot this year: Hong Kong, Monaco, and South Korea, all with scores of 60, while the Cyprus Permanent Residence Program ranks 12th scoring 59. Latvia’s Residence by Investment Program shares 13th place with Thailand’s Privilege Residence Program, each scoring 58, and Thailand’s neighbor, Malaysia, ranks 14th with a score of 50. The 15th place is shared by Africa’s two residence options, the Mauritius Residence by Investment Program and Namibia Residence by Investment, which each score 49.

Domicile diversification a top priority

Dr. Juerg Steffen, CEO of Henley & Partners, says robust comparative analyses and benchmarking tools such as the Global Residence Program Index and the Global Citizenship Program Index are essential for investors as well as governments navigating the current landscape. “Acquiring alternative residence and/or citizenship by participating in reputable investment migration programs enables greater flexibility and participation in the world’s leading economies, as well as optionality, which is now an indispensable part of any family’s insurance policy for the 21st century. The more jurisdictions a family can access, the more diversified its assets, the lower its exposure to country-specific, regional, and global volatility, and the more sustainable it will be over the long term.”

Last year, US-Americans were the top nationality applying for alternative residence and citizenship options through Henley & Partners, and this trend has continued into the first quarter of 2024. This year is also projected to be a record breaker in terms of millionaire migration according to the Henley Private Wealth Migration Report, with 128,000 high-net-worth individuals forecast to move to a new country, compared to the 120,000 who did so last year, surpassing the pre-pandemic high of 110,000.

“Along with our Henley Ultimate Portfolio tool, which allows individuals to build portfolios of complementary residences and citizenships to unlock global jurisdictional access and opportunity, the two digital indexes are indispensable resources that assist wealthy investors to support them with data-driven information to future-proof their wealth and legacy for generations to come,” concludes Dr. Steffen.

Paul Pogba banned: Juventus midfielder ‘shocked’ by four-year suspension for doping

By Jess Anderson

BBC Sport
From the sectionFootball

Juventus midfielder Paul Pogba says he is “sad, shocked and heartbroken” after being banned from football for four years for a doping offence.

The France international, 30, was provisionally suspended in September after a drugs test found elevated levels of testosterone in his system.

“Everything I have built in my professional career has been taken away from me,” he said in a statement.

The former Manchester United player added he would appeal. Pogba was randomly tested after Juventus’ first match of the

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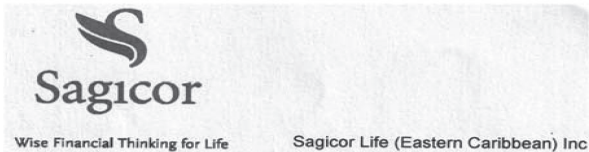
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Alester Jones of **Scenic Street, Lower Monkey Hill, St. Peter’s, St. Kitts**, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. J554004576** issued by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on his life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 13th February, 2024.

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



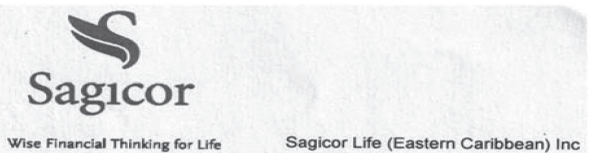
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Wesley Woodes of **Warner Street, Cayon, St. Kitts**, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. F00089070** issued by **The Barbados Mutual Life Assurance Society** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on his life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: 13th February, 2024.

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Andrew Greaves
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Squads named for CG United Women’s Super50 Cup and T20 Blaze Tournaments

ST. JOHN’S, Antigua - Cricket West Indies (CWI) today confirmed the squads of the six regional teams participating in the 2024 CG United Women’s Super50 Cup and T20 Blaze.

The CG United Super50 Cup matches will be played at three venues in St. Kitts - Warner Park, the Conaree Cricket Centre, and St. Paul’s Sports Complex from 4 to 25 March with the 50-over matches starting at 10am local time.

The T20 Blaze will feature five full days of entertainment for fans from 17 to 25 March at Warner Park. There will be three matches per day - starting at 10am, 2:30pm and 7pm (under lights).

Barbados are defending champions in both the CG United Super50 Cup and the T20 Blaze.

Barbados and West Indies Women’s captain Hayley Matthews will miss the CG United Women’s Super50 Cup and the T20 Blaze as she has been granted a No Objection Certificate (NOC) to participate in the Women’s Premiere League in India.

CWI’s Director of Cricket Miles Bascombe said “It’s an exciting period for women’s cricket in the region. This year’s CG United Women’s Super50 and T20 Blaze has a whole new context as we seek to professionalize the women’s pathway with the first cohort of regionally contracted Women being signed on from October 1, 2024. We will miss Hayley’s profile and impact in the regional Tournament. She is our gold standard. I am sure she will make us proud at the WPL which will be excellent preparation for her ahead of ICC Women’s T20 World Cup later this year.”

Fans can attend all the matches for free and all matches will be streamed live with commentary on the Windies Cricket YouTube channel, along with live scorecards and ball-by-ball scoring on the windiescricket.com match centre.

FULL SQUADS

BARBADOS: Kycia Knight (Captain), Kyshona Knight, Aaliyah Alleyne, Shanika Bruce, Asabi Callender, Zaliya Camobelle, Shamilia Connell, NaiJanni Cumberbatch, Erin Deane, Keila Elliott, Allison Gordon, Theanny Herbert-Mayers, Trishan Holder, Alisa Scantlebury

Head Coach: Sherwin Campbell

GUYANA: Shemaine Campbelle (Captain), Naomi Barkoye, Shabika Gajnabi, Trisha Hardat, Plaffianna Millington, Sheneta Grimmond, Realeanna Grimmond, Ashmini Munisar, Cherry-Ann Fraser, Mandy Mangru, Kaysia Schultz, Realeanna Grimmond, Cyanna Retemiah, Nyia Latchman.

Head Coach: Clive Grimmond

JAMAICA: Stafanie Taylor (Captain), Rashada Williams, Natasha McLean, Vanessa Watts, Keneshia Ferron, Neisha-Ann Waisome, Chedean Nation, Kate Wilmott, Nicole Campbell, Celina Whyte, Abigail Bryce, Jaunel Deers, Jessica Garcia

Head Coach: Shane Brooks

LEEWARD ISLANDS: Amanda Edwards (Captain), Terez Parker, Tyynetta McKoy, Reniece Boyce, Melicia Clarke, Rozel Liburd, Shawnisha Hector, Tonya Martin, Chey-Anne Moses, Shebani Bhaskar, Kimberley Anthony, Jahzara Claxton, Divya Saxena, Saneldo Willett.

Head Coach: Percy Daniel

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RED FORCE DIVAS: Britney Cooper (Captain), Steffie Soogrim, Karishma Ramharack, Djenaba Joseph, Kirbyina Alexander, Shunelle Sawh, Samara Ramnath, Selene Oneil, Shalini Samaroo, LeeAnn Kirby, KD Jazz Mitchell, Caneisha Isaac, Shanice Pascall, Brianna Harricharan.

Head Coach: Gibran Mohammed

WINDWARD ISLANDS: Afy Fletcher (Captain), Malika Edward, Zaida James, Qiana Joseph, Kimone Homer, Carena Noel, Jannelia Glasgow, Pearl Etienne,

Cristiano Ronaldo banned for gesture to fans after ‘Messi’ chants

From the sectionFootball



Ronaldo has scored 42 goals in 48 appearances in all competitions since joining Al-Nassr

Al-Nassr forward Cristiano Ronaldo has been banned for one match for “provoking fans” following the Saudi Pro League win over Al-Shabab.

Al Shabab supporters chanted “Messi” - Ronaldo’s long-term rival Lionel Messi - after Sunday’s 3-2 defeat in Riyadh.

Portugal captain Ronaldo, 39, cupped his hand to his ear and made a gesture to the fans.

He has also been fined 30,000 Saudi Riyals (Â£6,300) by the Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF).

The SAFF disciplinary and ethics committee said Ronaldo cannot appeal against the decision.

Ronaldo opened the scoring from the penalty spot, but Al-Shabab twice came from behind before Talisca scored an 87th-minute winner.

Ronaldo joined Al-Nassr on a free transfer from Manchester United in December 2022 for reportedly the biggest football salary in history.

He has scored 20 goals in 22 league games this season for Al-Nassr, who are second in the table behind Al-Hilal.

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GG congratulates NCI on its 50th Anniversary, participates in Health Walk

BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS, February 26, 2024 (MMS-SKN) — As part of its year-long 50th Anniversary celebrations, the National Caribbean Insurance (NCI) Company Limited held a health walk on Saturday February 24, which was attended by among others the Governor General, Her Excellency Dame Marcella Liburd, GCMG, JP.

The event saw participants, who were mostly employees of the NCI and the St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank Limited and their families, brave early morning showers to walk from the Cenotaph at the War Memorial, through Bay Road to Bird Rock Road, Pond Road, Cayon Street, and down Church Street to the NCI

offices at the bottom of the street.

“National Caribbean Insurance - congratulations to them on their 50th anniversary,” said the Governor General at the end of the walk. She was accompanied by a team from Government House, who all wore T-shirts provided by NCI for the walk.

“I think a lot of the development that the country has seen is being done because of National Caribbean Insurance,” stated Her Excellency Dame Marcella. “They are really there to help to ensure that people have a better standard of living, and so I want to congratulate them on their 50th Anniversary for all they are doing to improve the lives of the people of St.

Kitts and Nevis.”

National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited is the leading provider of access to comprehensive health insurance in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, and Anguilla. The company has formed strategic partnerships with social partners and public initiatives such as SKN Moves, NGOs and private companies to promote and support active lifestyles, well care check-ups, and healthy lifestyle choices.

Chairman of the Board of Directors, National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited, Ambassador His Excellency Cedric Liburd, observed that NCI’s 50th Anniversary (1973-2023) celebrations are dedicated to the recognition of the company’s founders, its management and staff, and especially its customers, under the slogan ‘At 50 We Stand Tall - NCI Cares for All’.

The health walk, said the Chairman, was one of the several events that are being held by the company in celebration of its 50th Anniversary, adding that there are still about two more events that will be held before the close of the celebrations by September this year.

“In terms of insurance, NCI is the number one insurance company in St. Kitts and Nevis and we are now doing a review of ourselves - after 50 years - and we are hoping to bring out some new products, and at the same time make some changes as we go along,” revealed the Chairman.

Prime Minister, the Hon Dr Terrance Drew, who is the Minister with responsibility for the National Caribbean Insurance, and also Minister of Health, was among those expected to take part in the walk, but had to leave the Federation on Friday afternoon February 23, leading a delegation to CARICOM Conference in Guyana, where he was attending the 46th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government in the Caribbean Community.

Senior management team at the health walk was led by NCI’s General Manager Ms Diana Williams-Humphrey, Deputy General Manager Mr Ryeburn Boyce, Assistant General Manager Ms Atisha Byron, and Chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee, Ms Thamesha Fyfield. Board members taking part included Deputy Chairperson Mrs Emelita Warner-Paul, Secretary Ms Julita Lawrence, Members Mrs Juliette James, and Mr Shannoid Bass.

St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank was represented by Chairperson of the Board, Mrs Carol Boddie, Secretary Mr Stephen Hector, members Mr Hollis Prentice, and Ms Azuree Liburd. Senior staff included, Mr David Lake, Group Commercial Head; Ms Giselle Solomon, HR officer in charge; Mrs Derry-Ann Reid-Browne, Chief Internal Auditor; Mr Quincy Prentice, Chief Information Officer; and Mr Anthony Morton, Executive Manager, Small Business Development.



Clockwise from top: GG with Mrs Carol Boddie (right) and Ms Sandra Swanston (left) on Newtown Bay Road; roundabout at the Central Bank; GG congratulated by NCI General Manager Ms Diana Williams-Humphrey; Government House team at the end of the walk.



Late stages of NCI 50th Anniversary Health Walk. Clockwise from top: Walking briskly past the Central Bank; celebration by some of the walk participants; walking along Pond Road, Newtown; refreshments served to participants outside NCI offices on Church Street.

NCI believes in the holistic development of the people, says GM Williams-Humphrey

BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS, February 26, 2024 (MMS-SKN) — General Manager of the National Caribbean Insurance (NCI) Company Limited, Ms Diana Williams-Humphrey, is assuring citizens and residents of St. Kitts and Nevis, and Anguilla, that as the company celebrates its 50th anniversary, it is committed to the holistic development of the people.

“As National Caribbean Insurance Company Ltd celebrates 50 years of service to the people of St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla, we are delighted to do various activities throughout the anniversary to celebrate those 50 years,” said Ms Williams-Humphrey on Saturday February 24, at the end of the company’s 50th Anniversary Walk.

The walk which took the participants from the War Memorial through Bay Road, to Bird Rock Road, Pond Road, Cayon Street, and down Church Street to the NCI offices at the bottom of the street, was patronised by among others, the Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marcella Liburd, GCMG, JP.

“Today we were embarking on a health walk, because we believe in the holistic development of our people,” said the General Manager. “So at National Caribbean Insurance we serve, we protect, we satisfy, but we also believe that it is important for us to come together as a people.”

National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited is the leading provider of access to comprehensive health insurance in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, and Anguilla. The company has formed strategic partnerships with social partners and public initiatives such as SKN Moves, NGOs and private companies to promote and support active lifestyles, well care check-ups, and healthy lifestyle choices.

“We are also celebrating with the St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank, who is celebrating 53 years,” observed Ms Williams-Humphrey. “So, as one group, February is indeed a celebratory month for us - we dub it ‘Love Month’, and we are showing our love to ourselves, our people through this walk.”

National Caribbean Insurance, which is celebrating the anniversary under the theme ‘At 50 We Stand Tall - NCI Cares For All’, is part of the National Bank Group of Companies, and representing the St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank Limited on the health walk were members of the Board, Management, and Staff.



NCI 50th Anniversary Health Walk takes off. Among those appearing in this picture include Board Chairman, His Excellency Cedric Liburd; General Manager Ms Diana Williams-Humphrey; and Senior Manager, Sales and Marketing, Mr Floyd Charles.



Members of staff of the National Caribbean Insurance and the St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank pose for a group picture outside the NCI offices at the bottom of Church Street at the end of the 50th Anniversary Health Walk on Saturday February 24.

They included Chairperson of the Board, Mrs Carol Boddie, Secretary Mr Stephen Hector, members Mr Hollis Prentice, and Ms Azuree Liburd. Senior staff included, Mr David Lake, Group Commercial Head; Ms Giselle Solomon, HR officer in charge; Mrs Derry-Ann Reid-Browne, Chief Internal Auditor; Mr Quincy Prentice, Chief Information Officer; and Mr Anthony Morton, Executive Manager, Small Business Development.

In preparation of the event and during the walk itself, the General Manager was supported by senior staff, who included Deputy General Manager Mr Ryeburn Boyce, Assistant General Manager Ms Atisha Byron, and Chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee, Ms Thamesha Fyfield.

Board members taking part in the walk, led by Chairman Ambassador His Excellency Cedric Liburd included Deputy Chairperson Mrs Emelita Warner-Paul, Secretary Ms Julita Lawrence, Members Mrs Juliette James, and Mr Shannoid Bass.

“This morning, we had a really good crew walking with us,” she pointed out. “I would like to express my thanks - special thanks - to the Governor General, Her Excellency Dame Marcella Liburd. She came out and she walked with us, and she did not come alone, she brought an entire crew from Government House to join us in the walk, because we believe that it is a partnership we have at National Caribbean Insurance, with all who are involved.”

The General Manager also thanked the staff and their families who came out and took part in the walk. She said: “We saw the young, we saw the old, we saw the in-between on this walk with us, both from National Caribbean Insurance and National Bank, so thank you to everyone for coming out and making the walk a success.”

Official start time for the walk was 6:00 a.m., but a brief shower that characterised the morning did not stop the enthusiastic members of staff and their families arriving at the War Memorial some even more than half an hour earlier. They sat in their cars waiting for the showers of rain to pass.

At about 6:05 a.m., member of the 50th Anniversary Committee, Senior Manager Administration Ms. Eugenia Petty, assisted by Ms. Sandra Swanston, and Mr. Floyd Charles, called the assembly to order, and persons left their cars and assembled on the steps of the War Memorial. Deputy Chairperson of the NCI Board of Directors, Mrs Emelita Warner Paul, offered prayers for the safety of everyone during the walk. They set off at 6:13 a.m.

At the end of the walk they assembled at the bottom of Church Street, outside the National Caribbean Insurance offices, where the walk participants who looked jovial despite the walk, were treated to refreshments.

The United States Announces New Projects to Support Climate Adaptation and Resilience in the Caribbean

In Georgetown, Guyana at the 46th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the United States highlighted more than \$43 million in USAID funding, including \$15.8 million in previously unannounced funding to address climate and biodiversity threats in the Caribbean. The announcement was made by U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield, who led the United States delegation to the 46th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Government of CARICOM, building on the strong partnership between the United States and CARICOM.

These investments are part of the President’s Emergency Plan for Adaptation and Resilience (PREPARE). Through PREPARE, the United States will continue to partner with the people of the Caribbean to facilitate climate adaptation and resilience in the region. USAID’s climate work in the Caribbean supports Biden-Harris Administration priorities and works to advance the goals of the U.S.-Caribbean Partnership to Address the Climate Crisis 2030, or PACC 2030, of which USAID is a key partner. PACC 2030 is the U.S. government’s flagship partnership with the Caribbean to advance climate adaptation and resilience and clean energy cooperation through 2030 as we work toward meeting the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Protecting Marine Biodiversity and Building Climate Resilience in the Caribbean

USAID will provide \$5.8 million to reduce threats to coastal-marine biodiversity

and build the resilience of coastal communities in the Caribbean to the negative impacts of climate change. The program will focus on preserving endangered ecosystems and species such as mangroves and coral reefs, as well as communities of sharks, rays, marine turtles, and more. The work will also enhance climate resilience and the well-being of local communities including women, youth, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ and indigenous people.

Strengthening Water Security in Haiti

To enhance the capacity and performance of water sector institutions and markets in Haiti, USAID will provide an initial \$10 million. This support will help institutions plan for the financing and delivery of safe and reliable drinking water services before, during and after shocks and stresses such as climate crises, health pandemics and civil unrest. With this support from USAID, one million Haitians will have access to climate-resilient sources of safe water.

Unlocking Climate Finance to Bolster Climate Resilience in the Caribbean

As part of USAID’s \$20 million Caribbean Climate Investment Program (CCIP) announced by Vice President Kamala Harris in June 2023, today USAID Assistant Administrator Marcela Escobari announced two new projects to increase climate investment in the Caribbean. The work with the Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN) includes \$3 million for business advisory services to help prepare small and medium-sized enterprises for investment. The second project includes \$608,000 to Deetken Impact, a climate resilience and renewable energy investment firm that will focus on strengthening small and medium-sized enterprises with an emphasis on reaching women entrepreneurs.

Assistant Administrator Escobari also highlighted \$6.1 million in funding recently announced by USAID Administrator Power for the new Caribbean Resilient Economies and Sectors (RESET) program, which will reduce barriers to public and private finance to build climate and disaster resilience and support the adoption of climate-smart practices in critical sectors.

With \$1.75 million in funding, USAID also supported the development of the CARICOM Development Fund’s new Resilience Fund as well as advisory services to support capital fundraising to build an investment pipeline. The Resilience Fund, which is anticipated to raise \$100 million, aims to expand investment in adaptation and climate change in the Eastern and Southern Caribbean.

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In the Estate of **NELCIA FRANCIS**
Late of Market Street, St. Kitts, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **VERNELL ALESTER ROHAN FRANCIS and NYOKA AMANDA ANISHKA HARRIS** both of Market Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts for the Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the children of the deceased, the deceased having died on the 14th day of October, 2021.

Any person having an 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 13th day of February, 2024


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ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A.D. 2024

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In the matter of the Application of **MINDETTE HENDRICKSON** for the issue of a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of **MAISIE HENDRICKSON** late formerly of Bourke’s Project, Sandy Point, St. Kitts, deceased but resided in Saint Maarten
And
In the Matter of Rule 13 of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **MINDETTE HENDRICKSON** formerly of Bourke’s Project, Sandy Point, St. Kitts of but currently residing at 124 West, 117 Street, New York, NY 10026, United States of America, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 16th day of June, 2023.

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

Dated this 21st day of February, 2024.

Filed by C. Marissa Hobson-Newman of **HOBSON-NEWMAN & AMRITT**, Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is: **Unit A5-1, Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts**

(SECOND PUBLICATION)

Millions of store chickens suffer burns from excrement

Published BBC News



Hock burn is caused when farmed poultry is left for long periods in its own waste

By Malcolm Prior
BBC News rural affairs producer

Millions of supermarket chickens show skin burns from living in their own waste, a BBC investigation has found.

“Hock burn” is caused by ammonia from excrement. A sign of poorer welfare on farms, it can be seen on a third of birds in some supermarkets, data shows.

The BBC asked the 10 biggest UK chains about its presence on their shelves. Co-op and Aldi reported the highest rates but five refused to release data.

The British Retail Consortium said the issue was taken “very seriously”.



IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES

High stocking density of birds is often blamed for incidences of hock burn

Hock burn is often associated with a high-stocking density of birds and is a result of prolonged contact to moist, dirty litter. It shows up on packaged and prepared meat as brown ulcers on the back of the leg.

Chicken with hock burn markings is still safe to eat. But the amount of hock burn within a poultry flock is an industry-accepted indicator of wider welfare standards on farms.

Red Tractor, the UK’s biggest farm and food assurance scheme, sets a target rate for hock burn of no more than 15% of a flock.

A spokesperson for Co-op said that “every effort” was made to minimise the occurrence of hock burn, also known as hock marking.

An Aldi spokesperson added it that it worked closely with suppliers to “ensure continuous improvement in our food’s products”.

Kate Parkes, poultry specialist at the RSPCA, told the BBC that hock burn was “a concerning health issue and, sadly, too common in many intensive farm settings”.

She added that the risk of hock burn “is significantly higher when birds are poorly managed, genetically selected to grow very fast or reared in overcrowded conditions”.

While Lidl was one of the stores that did not provide data to the BBC, it has been the focus of store spot checks by one animal welfare campaign group, Open Cages.



IMAGE SOURCE,OPEN CAGES

Animal welfare campaigners carried out spot checks in stores across the UK

It asked volunteers to check more than 500 whole chickens on shelves at 22 Lidl stores in nine UK towns and cities between September and November last year.

Including any sign of hock burn ulcers at all, it says their shoppers found 74% of the chickens they checked had the condition.

Connor Jackson, co-founder of the campaign group, said hock burn was “one symptom of a much larger problem”.

He added that many retailers “source chickens raised in heavily-crowded sheds, bred for extremely rapid growth, and this is routinely causing chickens immense suffering”.

Lidl is now being urged to sign up to the Better Chicken Commitment (BCC), a set of RSPCA-backed higher welfare standards for the industry.

Health ‘closely monitored’

A spokesperson for Lidl said the total number of chicken products that Open Cages said it had checked in its survey was a tiny percentage of the fresh chicken it sold in that period.

He added: “The figures provided by Open Cages strongly conflict with our own data, which is lower than industry figures publicly available.”

The company declined to share its actual hock burn figures but said it had plans in place to publish a full and detailed animal welfare report soon.

“We take animal welfare extremely seriously, and the health of animals in our supply chain is closely monitored, with regular independent audits carried out to ensure that expected standards are being met,” he said.



IMAGE SOURCE,OPEN CAGES

The brown ulcers can still be seen on packaged and prepared chicken products on supermarket shelves

The British Poultry Council, which represents suppliers, processors and farmers, added that “drawing comparison between formal inspection and rigorous procedure versus a shop-shelf experiment has potential to mislead and misinform”.

It added that where hock-marking does occur “it is used as an indicator to identify areas for improvement because ours is an industry that operates to science-based standards, prioritises investment in research and development, and keeps pace with innovation”.

The BBC requested animal welfare data from 10 leading UK food sellers:

(cont’d on next page)

Millions of store chickens suffer burns from excrement

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Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Morrisons, Aldi, Co-op, Lidl, Waitrose, Iceland and Ocado.

Five of the companies - Asda, Morrisons, Lidl, Iceland and Ocado - failed to provide specific figures.



IMAGE SOURCE, OPEN CAGES
The British Retail Consortium said supermarkets work to independently audited welfare standards

She added that the company had this month moved to using lower stocking density birds “which will have a significant positive impact on the reduction of hock markings, amongst other welfare benefits”.

Aldi's most recent annual figures revealed it had found hock burn in 33.5% of its chickens.

An Aldi spokesperson said it recorded and published welfare data to “ensure transparency”.

“We take animal welfare extremely seriously and work closely with our suppliers to ensure continuous improvement in our food and non-food products.”

Of the remaining five, Co-op, which is supplied with an estimated 30 million chickens a year, recorded hock burn in 36.7% of its poultry.

A spokesperson for the company said: “We work with our supplier to make every effort to minimise the occurrence of hock markings.”

‘Significant step’ taken

Company animal welfare reports reveal Tesco recorded a 26.3% rate in its chickens in 2022/23. The company declined to comment formally but said

its data included any sign of hock burn, no matter how small, which its competitors might not record.

Sainsbury's, which found hock burn in one in five of its chickens, said it was “very open about the progress we are making in our annual health and welfare reports and last year took a significant step by moving all of our by Sainsbury's chickens to have 20% more space than the industry standard”.

Waitrose had the lowest recorded annual figure of 2.7%. It told the BBC it has reduced hock marking levels by 80% between 2014 and 2022 by closely monitoring environmental conditions on farms and training farmers.

“Today, the overwhelming majority of our birds are free of any hock marking, and it's our ambition to make hock burn a thing of the past,” a spokeswoman said.

Andrew Opie, director of food and sustainability at the British Retail Consortium, said: “Our members take their responsibilities to animal welfare very seriously, and expect high standards, independently audited, from all of their suppliers.

“They are committed to continuously improving the quality and welfare standards of their ranges.”

The UK government's code of practice for the welfare of meat chickens - or broilers - says the health and welfare of poultry is directly linked to litter quality and “conditions such as hock burn are usually consequences of poor litter quality.”

A Defra spokesperson said current animal welfare legislation requires that all chickens must have permanent access to dry litter to ensure their health and welfare and that “breaches of legislation (are) taken very seriously.”

The NFU said UK farmers had “some of the highest animal welfare standards in the world” and used well-ventilated barns to prevent wet bedding and hay bales and perches to encourage their birds to move around to prevent hock burn.

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To the Superintendent of Police.

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Dated this
14th day of February, 2024.

Signed : K. Jones

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SCHEDULE A**

**To the Magistrate,
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To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Dong Hong Cao now residing in Bourkes Road in the town of Sandy Point do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on 02nd day of April 2024, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Beer Licence in respect of my premises in King Snack in Bourkes Road in Sandy Point.

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CG UNITED WOMEN’S SUPER50 CUP AND T20 BLAZE REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS RETURN TO ST. KITTS IN 2024

23 February 2024

ST. JOHN’S, Antigua ‘The best women’s cricketers in the West Indies will be back in action as Cricket West Indies (CWI) returns to St. Kitts for the hosting of the CG United Super50 Cup and the T20 Blaze regional tournaments.

The CG United Super50 Cup matches will be played at three venues - Warner Park, the Conaree Cricket Centre, and St. Paul’s Sports Complex from 4 to 25 March with the 50 over matches starting at 10am local time.

The T20 Blaze will feature five full days of entertainment for the fans from 17 to 25 March at Warner Park. There will be three matches per day – starting at 10am, 2:30 pm and 7 pm (under lights).

Barbados are the defending champions in both the CG United Super50 Cup and T20 Blaze. The other teams are the Trinidad & Tobago Red Force Divas, Guyana, Jamaica, Windward Islands and hosts Leeward Islands.

The Tournament starts a busy year for the West Indies Women, which see them play all their international matches away, starting with Pakistan in April, Sri Lanka in June, the ICC Women’s T20 World Cup in Bangladesh in October, finishing with a tour of India in December.

CWI’s Director of cricket, Miles Bascombe said, “This year’s CG United Super50 Cup and T20 Blaze will be a great opportunity to build on what we started in 2023, with the creation of the West Indies Women’s Academy and the commendable performance of the Under 19 Women’s team in the historic inaugural ICC Women’s U19 Cricket World Cup last year. 2024 is a packed year in the women’s calendar with three away bi-lateral series in Asia along with an ICC Women’s T20 World Cup in Bangladesh.

The ladies have the perfect opportunity to put their names forward for selection into any of these squads by their performances in the CG United Super50 and T20 Blaze

tournaments. We are all looking forward to some scintillating performances over in St. Kitts.”

Matches will be streamed LIVE on the Windies Cricket YouTube channel with live scorecards and ball-by-ball scoring on the Windiescricket.com live match centre.

FULL MATCH SCHEDULE

CG United Super50 Cup - play starts at 10am

Round 1: Monday 4 March

Leeward Islands vs Guyana

Barbados vs Jamaica -

Trinidad & Tobago Divas vs Windward Islands

Round 2: Wednesday 6 March

Leeward Islands vs Jamaica

Guyana vs Windward Islands

Trinidad & Tobago Divas vs Barbados

Round 3: Friday 8 March

Trinidad & Tobago Divas vs Jamaica

Guyana vs Barbados

Windward Islands vs Leeward Islands

Round 4: Monday 11 March

Jamaica vs Windward Islands

Guyana vs Trinidad & Tobago Divas

Barbados vs Leeward Islands

Round 5: Wednesday 13 March

Trinidad & Tobago Divas vs Leeward Islands

Jamaica vs Guyana

Barbados vs Windward Islands

CWI T20 Blaze (all matches played at Warner Park)

Round 1: Sunday 17 March

Leeward Islands vs Barbados – 10am

Trinidad & Tobago Divas vs Guyana - 2:30:pm

Jamaica vs Windward Islands - 7pm

Round 2: Tuesday 19 March

Windward Islands vs Barbados - 10am

Leeward Islands vs Trinidad & Tobago Divas - 2:30pm

Jamaica vs Guyana - 7pm

Round 3: Thursday 21 March

Trinidad & Tobago Divas vs Windward Islands - 10am

Jamaica vs Barbados - 2:30pm

Guyana vs Leeward Islands - 7pm

Round 4: Saturday 23 March

Jamaica vs Trinidad & Tobago Divas - 10am

Guyana vs Barbados - 2:30pm

Leeward Islands vs Windward Islands - 7pm

Round 5: Monday 25 March

Windward Islands vs Guyana - 10am

Leeward Islands vs Jamaica - 2:30pm

Trinidad & Tobago Divas vs Barbados - 7pm



Join the Walking Tour of Basseterre During Heart Of St. Kitts Week

Basseterre, St. Kitts (26 February 2024) - The Heart of St. Kitts Foundation is excited to announce the upcoming Walking Tour of Basseterre as part of the activities during the Heart of St. Kitts Week. This educational and engaging tour will take place on March 2nd, starting at 3:30 p.m. from the

Tamarind Tree located east of the Springfield Cemetery.

Led by Local Historian Leonard Stapleton, participants will have the opportunity to explore the captivating history and culture of Basseterre. Admission to the Walking Tour is available for a nominal fee of EC\$25.00. Persons can register at the Ministry of Tourism located at the Pelican Mall.

The tour aims to not only raise funds for the Heart of St. Kitts Foundation but also to increase awareness of the foundation’s goals and the importance of sustainability in the community. All funds raised during the Walking Tour will go towards

supporting the Heart of St. Kitts Foundation’s projects, which include conserving land and marine habitat, improving waste management, preserving local culture and heritage sites, and supporting new community-driven tourism products.

The Heart of St. Kitts Foundation was established in 2016. It is a travel philanthropy program and the fundraising arm of the Sustainable Destination Council. Its primary objective is to preserve and benefit the environment, culture, heritage, and livelihoods of residents. By encouraging better stewardship of the island’s resources, the foundation aims to make St. Kitts a better and more sustainable place to live and experience.

The Walking Tour is part the of Heart of St. Kitts Week. The Heart of St Kitts Week presents an opportunity for residents to deepen their understanding of their history and culture, instill a sense of national pride, and explore potential community tourism business ventures. It also serves as a platform to raise awareness of the Heart of St. Kitts Sustainability Charter and the Sustainable Destination Council which is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

In addition to the insightful tour, light refreshments will be provided for all participants during the event.

For more information about the Walking Tour of Basseterre or the Heart of St. Kitts Foundation, please contact the Ministry of Tourism at +1 (869) 467-1390.

SKNFA Announces Partnership With St. Kitts Biomedical MRI

St. Kitts and Nevis Football Association Unveils Pioneering Partnership with St. Kitts Biomedical MRI for Enhanced Athlete Health and Performance

Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis - The St. Kitts and Nevis Football Association (SKNFA) proudly announces a landmark partnership with St. Kitts Biomedical MRI (SKBMRI), a leader in diagnostic imaging, set to transform sports medicine and athlete care in anticipation of the 2024 SKNFA Football Leagues. This strategic collaboration aims to elevate the health, performance, and career longevity of football players through access to premier diagnostic and medical services.



SKNFA President Mr. Atiba Harris expressed his enthusiasm about the collaboration: "Our alliance with SKBMRI represents a significant leap forward in our ongoing efforts to provide the best possible care for our athletes. This partnership is a cornerstone of our strategy to ensure our players' health and optimize their performance capabilities, marking a new era of sports excellence within our association."

Ms. Viviana Chaseau, MRI Director at SKBMRI, commented on the partnership, "Working closely with SKNFA is an exceptional opportunity for us to apply our diagnostic expertise to support the health and success of local athletes. This collaboration underscores our commitment to leveraging our advanced MRI technology and medical knowledge for the betterment of sports communities. It's about more than just diagnosing injuries; it's about building a robust framework for athlete care, performance enhancement, and rehabilitation."

Through this partnership, athletes will benefit from specialized injury assessment and management, early detection screenings to prevent serious injuries and personalized rehabilitation support. Moreover, SKBMRI and SKNFA will engage in community initiatives, including health education and wellness events, to promote a culture of health and fitness among athletes and the wider community.

In an effort to make these essential services more accessible to the football community, SKBMRI will offer SKNFA players and staff reduced rates on MRI services, priority appointment scheduling, and a dedicated liaison to facilitate efficient communication and coordination of care.

This collaborative effort between SKNFA and SKBMRI sets a new benchmark for athlete health care in St. Kitts and Nevis, ensuring that football players have the support they need to excel in their sport and maintain optimal health.

Paul Pogba banned: Juventus midfielder 'shocked' by four-year suspension for doping

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Paul Pogba made 233 appearances during two spells with Manchester United and re-signed for Juventus in 2022

season on 20 August.

The positive test was confirmed by Italy's national anti-doping tribunal (Nado) in a second sample in October, and the anti-doping prosecutor's office requested a four-year suspension.

Juventus told the BBC they received notification from the anti-doping tribunal on Thursday morning.

Pogba said he believed the verdict was "incorrect" and he would "never knowingly or deliberately" dope.

"When I am free of legal restrictions, the full story will become clear," he said, adding he would appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Cas).

"As a professional athlete I would never do anything to enhance my performance by using banned substances and have never disrespected or cheated fellow athletes and supporters of any of the teams I have played for, or against."

The ruling means 2018 World Cup winner Pogba will be unable to play until 2027, when he will be 34, with the ban backdated to the date of the failed test.

Speaking at the time of the initial suspension, Pogba's agent, Rafaela Pimenta, said: "What is certain is that Paul Pogba never wanted to break a rule."

Testosterone is a hormone that increases the endurance of athletes.

Nado said Pogba had violated rules when prohibited non-endogenous testosterone metabolites - substances not naturally produced by the body from testosterone - were found, and the results were "consistent with the exogenous [external] origin of the target compounds".

A player who won four Scudetti and helped Juventus reach the Champions League final in 2015, Pogba remains a beloved figure in Turin and news of his ban - which he will appeal against - has provoked profound sadness.

Both the club and the player wanted to write the story of the icon's triumphant return. Instead, we will be left wondering what will happen to a player who never quite fulfilled his true potential.

Pogba was initially earning an 8m euro (£6.9m) annual salary at Juventus, plus 2m euros (£1.71m) in bonuses, but when he was provisionally suspended in September 2023, this was reduced to approximately 2,400 euros per month (£2,054 per month), as provided by the collective agreement between clubs and the footballers' association.

The club have a right to cancel the player's contract. However, we understand that Juventus will discuss the next steps with the player and his representatives before making a final decision on how to proceed.

When Juventus announced the return of Pogba as a free agent in summer 2022, fans were delighted that the prodigal talent, who arguably performed at his

world-class best in their stripes, would return to help the club challenge for titles once again.

But a season of endless injuries and controversies meant he only managed 10 appearances for the club last term.

Choosing conservative therapy rather than surgery in hopes of ensuring his presence at the Qatar World Cup resulted in further delays to his recovery, and the player not only missed the chance to represent France again but also delayed the opportunity to star for his club once more.

In between his tears, endless injuries and the club's own problems with points deductions and investigations, Pogba and Juve had a year to forget last season.

This season carried even more hope as the player was back in training and seemingly rid of the constant injuries plaguing him. The routine drug test carried out after the first game of the season in August, a match that saw him stay on the bench, returned devastating results.

"Humanely, I'm sorry for Paul," said Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri.

The tactician had developed a close bond with the player and was eager to utilise his talent in midfield, in addition to his experienced and authoritative voice that could have made the difference to a young dressing room.

Instead, the story looks to end sadly. In March, the player will be 31 and if Pogba loses his appeal to reduce the ban then he will be nearing 35 before he returns to football.

A loyalty bonus of £3.75m a year was also included. If United qualified for the Champions League, Pogba netted a further £1.85m.

In addition, Pogba had a £3m-a-year image rights deal. His agent Mino Raiola, who died in 2022, was paid £41m to help take Pogba back to United.

Juventus then re-signed Pogba on a four-year deal in July 2022 after he ran down his contract at Manchester United and left as a free agent.

Pogba said that he experienced depression after falling out with manager Jose Mourinho during the Portuguese manager's time in charge at Old Trafford.

There is also an ongoing French police criminal investigation, launched in summer 2022, after Pogba said he was the victim of an alleged blackmail plot by an organised crime gang.

His brother Mathias Pogba was one of five people detained and placed under formal investigation. His lawyer said his client is innocent. There has not yet been a resolution to the case.

In Pogba's first spell at Juventus, from 2012-16, he made 178 appearances across all competitions and won four league titles, scoring 34 goals, before re-joining United for a then-world record transfer fee of £89.3m.

He had previously moved to United as a teenager from Le Havre before departing at the age of 19 for Juventus.

Pogba has played a total of 51 minutes as a substitute this season in games against Bologna and Empoli.

Last season he played 108 minutes over six Serie A games, made three appearances and had one assist in the Europa League, and managed 11 minutes in the Coppa Italia - a total of 162 minutes and no goals.