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BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 14, 2022
According to Minister of Education, Hon. Francis Fonseca, concrete steps are currently being taken by the government to fulfill its pledge to provide free education to the students

of four Southside schools as part of the "Together We Rise" education upliftment project. Minister Fonseca said today that the ministry has been

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Hon. Tracy responds to call for JPAC meeting



Hon. Tracy Pantan

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 13, 2022
Area representative for the Albert Division and chairperson of the Joint Public Accounts Committee (JPAC), Hon. Tracy Pantan, has responded to a joint letter sent by four social partner senators, who in that letter called for a meeting of the JPAC to be convened as soon as possible. Yesterday, when interviewed by local media, Pantan

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Jasmine Hartin indicted



Jasmine Hartin

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 14, 2022
While a trial date has not yet been set for Jasmine Hartin, who is accused of causing the death of Police Superintendent Henry Jemmott, the Canadian socialite was indicted in the Supreme Court in Belize City this Thursday. Hartin, represented by her attorney Richard "Dickie" Bradley, stood before Justice Ricardo O'Neal Sandcroft and pleaded not guilty to the charge of manslaughter by negligence. Director of Public Prosecutions, Cheryl Lynn-Vidal acted as prosecutor.

Earlier in the month, Hartin relocated

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GOB to recoup losses from fuel relief

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 13, 2022

Today, Prime Minister John Briceño said that the Government of Belize will have to let current fuel prices remain in place, despite a global decrease in the price of oil, in order to recoup revenue from excise taxes that was forfeited by the government when it decided to cap fuel prices in April of this year. The government, in its April 7th Cabinet brief, had pledged to provide relief to the Belizean public by placing a "firm cap" on the prices of diesel and regular gasoline, which it had said, would not rise above \$13.41 and \$13.50, respectively. The prices of those fuel products have seen a slight increase, of a few cents, since then but have not jumped the \$14-dollar mark, while the



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"Valiant and Bold, Proud and Strong! Belize Rebounds @ 41!"

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 14, 2022

Belmopan teacher Sheryl Distan has for a number of years wanted to be a part of selecting the country's September Celebrations theme, and this month, she achieved that goal after one of her submissions to the National Celebrations Commission's Theme Competition was selected as the winning entry for this year: "Valiant and Bold, Proud and Strong, Belize Rebounds at 41."



Sheryl Distan

The theme was revealed at the Belize City House of Culture this Wednesday by Minister of Education, Culture, Science & Technology, Hon. Francis Fonseca alongside Belize City mayor Bernard Wagner. And the woman who came up with it was given

the opportunity to explain to a small group of invited guests her creative process:

"From the moment I saw the flyer for the competition, I took out a

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Belize triumphs over Nicaragua in the 19th Central American U21 Women's Volleyball Championship tournament

Belize beats Nicaragua three sets to none on day one of the 19th Central American U21 Women's Volleyball Championship Tournament, while Honduras beat El Salvador in 5 sets.

by Charles Gladden



Belize's U21 women's volleyball team

BELIZE CITY, Tues. July 12, 2022

On Tuesday, July 12, the first day of the 19th Central American U21 Women's Volleyball Championship tournament at the Belize Civic Center, Belize's U21 women's volleyball team triumphed over Nicaragua in three sets, 25-15, 25-19, and 25-23—a much savored victory for a nation that has grown too accustomed to losses in the sports arena.

Five Central American countries—Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua— are

participating in the five-day regional tournament, which is being hosted by Belize under the umbrella of the Central American Volleyball Federation and which ends on Saturday, July 16. Panama had declined to participate in the games, while Costa Rica withdrew moments before the tournament began.

The Cuban head coach of the U21 Belize women's volleyball team, Jose

Fontes, told AMANDALA in Spanish how he felt about coaching a Belize team.

His remarks, when translated, are as follows: "I am proud. It's a big opportunity for me to represent Belize, and I want to achieve a great result... I think Belize has a big attitude toward sports, specifically volleyball. The players have [the] potential for jumping, and if the coaches are making them better, Belize can have a lot of possibilities for international results."

Prior to the start of the first game on Tuesday night, Fontes told us that he believed that the girls would be ready for their first game, as they had performed well during the past two weeks of training.

His words proved to be prophetic, as the Belize team started off their first two sets strong and with confidence, overpowering the Nicaraguan women. However, in the third set, they faltered somewhat, and the Nicaraguan women's team secured a lead at the beginning of that final set.

The players on Belize's women's volleyball team were able to regain their momentum, however, and they won the final set.

In summarizing what took place, Fontes told AMANDALA, "... We warmed up really well. We played a very good first set with very effective serving. We had a reaction from Nicaragua in the second set, but we continued tacking, and we beat them. In the third set, our team missed a lot of serving, and we were losing in the third set. But after that, the team came up and beat Nicaragua in the last couple of serves.

I am content with the results."

The captain of Belize's U21 women's volleyball team, Sofia Solano, remarked, "Of course, we want to close off with the minimum sets possible, because we end up gaining more points if we win in [fewer] sets. So at that time, I was thinking 'Come on, guys; we have to finish this one set' and everybody wants to just be done and everyone just wants to finish it off. And of course, naturally, everybody with those last couple of points that won the game, we were all ecstatic—like we had that energy flowing through us, and I think victory really gave us some motivation to play harder even [Thursday] and the days following for the rest of this tournament."

Solano further expressed appreciation for the support of Belizean fans who were present at Tuesday's game.

"It makes a huge difference to see the fans there, you know. Having that physical support and hearing the fans cheering for you, especially for when you're in those difficult moments, it really gives you that push," she said.

On Thursday, Belize will face off against El Salvador.

In regard to that upcoming game, Solano commented, "When we arrived at the gym, we sat and watched the game between Honduras and El Salvador. We all have an idea how they play [and] how much endurance they have, and I think our goal for at that game is to especially focus on our endurance and making sure we close off each set by a lot of points and to let it spill away from us."

CEO Caucus of Belize visits the Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve

by Dayne Guy

CALABASH CAYE, Turneffe Atoll, Wed. July 13, 2022

Through a collaborative effort between the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, Kennedy Carillo, and the Turneffe Atoll Sustainability Association (TASA), the CEO Caucus of Belize visited the Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve (TAMR)—a critical conservation site and tourist destination of biological and socio-economic importance.

This visit, which occurred over the past weekend, enabled a larger network of government ministries to better understand the agreement that underpins the co-management of the reserve and provided them with much-needed insight into how a Marine Protected Area (MPA) is managed. Additionally, it served as a means for TASA to provide a proof of concept on the blended finance model used to fund the reserve.

The various CEOs were also able to see how a more interconnected effort among ministries could be deployed to enhance the management of the reserve and expand the benefits the country can derive from it.

TASA has prided itself in being the first Marine Protected Area co-manager in Belize to pioneer this groundbreaking blended finance model that is aimed at generating a predictable income stream to ensure consistency in their daily efforts in marine conservation. As a co-manager of the TAMR, TASA conducts numerous management and enforcement activities that are costly and non-income generating, but that are essential in maintaining the area's ecological integrity so that generations of Belizeans can continue to enjoy,



Dian Maheia, CEO Ministry of Education

utilize and capitalize on Belize's abounding marine resources. To combat the need for unrestricted funds in the reserve, TASA developed a catalog of world-class tourism products and services such as the *Wit Concrete*, which is attracting the interest of dive enthusiasts and sea lovers across the globe. These products are accessed by visitors through a pay-per-visit user fee.

Since the unveiling of TASA's tourism products earlier this year, there has already been an increase in the number of tourist visits to the reserve. Numerous tour operators have also expressed interest in adding the TAMR to their list of dive destinations.

It has been estimated that the Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve contributes half a billion dollars to the Belizean economy: \$382.3 million through the storm protection afforded to Central Belize through Turneffe's reef, mangroves, and seagrasses; \$151.6 million in revenue from tourism; \$7.0 million, which is the estimated value of Turneffe's Blue Carbon; and \$5-7 million which is derived from the harvesting and exportation of fisheries products.

Tracy responds to call for JPAC meeting

The Joint Public Accounts Committee (JPAC) will meet as early as next week, says Pantón.

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pointed out that she did not receive a copy of the letter directly, but was only made aware of the scathing message from the senators via the media.

"I'm a little bit perturbed, considering what I thought was a relationship of mutual respect amongst colleagues, that a letter of that nature would have to be shared with the local media without ensuring that a copy had been received by the chair, giving me

an appropriate time to respond," Pantón stated.

She acknowledged the fact that a meeting was to be held in April, but noted that life-changing experiences for her entire family (including the death of her husband, Herbert Pantón) forced her to take some time off in the months of April and May.

"So indeed, a meeting is overdue of the Joint Public Accounts Committee,

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Digi provides free internet for schools in Belize



(l-r) Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education; Ivan Tesucum, CEO of Belize Telemedia Limited

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July. 14, 2022

ConnectED is a partnership between the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology with Digi that has enabled 197 educational institutions throughout the country — inclusive of primary, secondary, and tertiary schools — to access the internet free of cost.

The initiative was launched during the Covid-19 pandemic, when internet access and the proper pieces of equipment were critical to ensure that students could continue receiving classroom instruction.

The schools in most need of such assistance were the ones in the rural communities, primarily in the Toledo District.

The agreement between MOEST and Digi has facilitated the provision of Wi-Fi access points, the installation of security systems, content filtering, support and maintenance, and 24-hour monitoring.

“There is a serious crisis in our country in terms of the digital divide, especially in our rural communities where our students do not have access to reliable adequate internet services. So this is [the] start of addressing that very serious problem,” Minister of Education, Francis Fonseca, told the media this week when referring to the

partnership.

He explained, “We’re trying to make sure that between now and December we deal with these two hundred schools. And one of the issues, as I mentioned, we have a lot of schools talking about being connected, but when you go to the schools, you talk about it’s the principal’s office that has internet or the teachers lounge or the computer lab has internet, but the classrooms [don’t] have internet, the campus doesn’t have internet, and we want a Belize and an education system where the students have access to the internet wherever they are at school... Of course, as I said, addressing the digital divide, making sure that our students particularly in poor communities, in vulnerable communities, at-risk communities, rural communities have equal access to the internet.”

The initiative is a part of Belize’s National Digital Agenda which was presented in Plan Belize by the present government.

“This is a part of our digitalization plan and it is important for us to bring technology to all of the country, especially to our schools, so this is an important step for us,” said the Minister of Logistics and E-governance, Michel Chebat.

The project is costing the government 2.5 million dollars.

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from the island of Caye Caulker to an undisclosed location after a request for the terms of her bail to be altered was successful. That request was made because she reportedly felt that her life was in danger. On July 8, the Supreme Court allowed a change in the location at which she is required to sign in three times a week.

Hartin, who is the ex-partner of Andrew Ashcroft and the mother of two of Lord Michael Ashcroft’s two grandchildren, is accused of causing the discharge of a firearm which resulted in the death of Superintendent Henry Jemmott in May 2021, while the two were on a pier in San Pedro Town. Since then, she has presented to local and international media her account of what took place, as well as voiced various complaints about injustices she

alleges she has suffered at the hands of her former partner, Andrew Ashcroft, who recently relocated to the Turks and Caicos after being granted full custody of the couple’s twins—a ruling that Hartin has appealed. Most recently, she sent a video recording to *The Toronto Sun* asking Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for assistance.

On May 28, 2021, Jasmine Hartin was found by police on a pier during curfew hours. She was covered in blood, and in the water below was the lifeless body of Superintendent Henry Jemmott. Jemmott had sustained one gunshot wound behind the right ear. Hartin’s initial story to police had been that a man passing by in a boat had fired a single shot, hitting the officer.

The socialite has also appeared on CBS’s *48 Hours*, as well as the Discovery Plus documentary, *One Bullet* in Belize, which premiered on

Zodie Noralez, 15, reflects on UEF’s Film Photography Summer Camp

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 13, 2022

Even with the hot and humid weather, 15-year-old Zodie Noralez says that the Breddah Cliff Augustine Youth Film Photography Class being hosted by the U B A D Educational Foundation this



Photographer Menyelek Marin Coleman (left) and Zodie Noralez (right) at the Breddah Cliff Augustine Youth Film Photography Class

summer is something worthwhile. The month-long program, led by LA-based photographer and artist Menyelek Marin Coleman, is aimed at empowering youths within the community by equipping them with film photography skills.

“I like the fact that we walked, and they showed us how to take pictures and how to do any poses to take the pictures, no matter how crazy or how you look at the moment. And you can have fun with it instead of being so serious,” said Noralez, a third-form student who volunteered one day with UEF during their Film Photography Community Walk.

“About the whole program and how it is for young children, I think it’s to make children have fun during the summer instead of doing anything else that’s not good. But doing something good and showing that Belize has talented children,” she added.

In an interview earlier this month, 30-year-old photographer Menyelek Marin Coleman expressed his hopes that sharing the skills of his trade with young Belizeans can help open doors for them. His goal is to increase the number of photographers and creators within the community who can market their content internationally and generate income for themselves.

The camp’s focus is on film photography, and young Zodie Noralez told AMANDALA that it teaches youth how to invest the same amount of energy that they would into a selfie or any other form of digital photography into getting that one perfect shot on film.

“What I did learn about it was about, not using your cell phone or anything else, but putting that same energy that you take for your selfie in a cell phone to put it in a camera, like, an actual camera,” she said.

We asked Noralez whether she sees herself continuing photography, even if only as a hobby. She explained that,

since she is a budding artist who enjoys drawing, taking photos could potentially become quite helpful.

“I think it could be a hobby due to the fact that I am an artist—since I like to draw. And it may help me when I wanna take my pictures for my art,” she noted.

Noralez shared with us her written reflection on her experience at the camp, a part of which can be found below:

My Experience Learning to Take Pictures

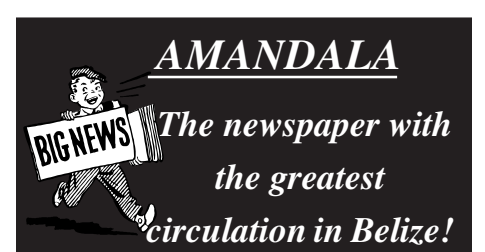
by Zodie Noralez

Who was the person teaching us how to take pictures and what was his purpose doing it? *The professional photographer Menyelek Marin Coleman was teaching us how to take pictures on the cameras where the photo will appear in black and white. He wanted us to have fun taking them at different angles and see how it will look if you took it on either sides. His main purpose was that taking pictures and posting them to get likes can be the same as getting a camera and taking pictures to make money or making it a hobby. You will enjoy it. He is a very inspiring person with the thing he does and has a great personality and makes you feel welcomed and comfortable in the environment.*

What have I learned from this activity? *For me, being an artist, I have learned that being a photographer is very cool—you take cool photos of anything in the moment and get creative, edit it later, and show your style and how you do your thing. You can also show a message to the world. I am very proud to see my country/city Belize having talent and sharing it to inspire other young children. I had a really amazing time doing it and can’t wait to do it again.*

the one-year anniversary of Jemmott’s death. In that documentary she claimed that she regrets lying about how the police superintendent had been shot.

Jasmine Hartin and her attorney will be returning to court on September 27 for case management.



“Valiant and Bold, Proud and Strong! Belize Rebounds @ 41!”

The theme of this year’s September Celebrations was submitted by primary school teacher Sheryl Distan of Belmopan.

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This year’s September Celebrations theme, submitted by Sheryl Distan

notebook and I silently said to myself ‘I want to be a part of this’. So I began—every time something would come to my mind, I would write, I would scratch. And I said, ‘I need to get it in before I forget,’ she said.

According to the interim President at the National Institute of Culture & History (NICH), Merlyn Young, the winning theme was chosen from a total of four hundred and twenty-six entries. A subcommittee from the National Celebrations Commission (NCC) looked at each submission and then selected thirteen entries for final review.

Distan explained that she had submitted a total of seven entries. Her winning entry, for which she will be receiving a prize of \$1,000, was inspired by the National Anthem as well

as Belize’s continued recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I was inspired to do this one because I thought about where we came from, and I thought about the National Anthem: ‘valiant and bold’. And I said, that’s who we are. Even today, it is still very fitting. Then I said what? We are proud. We are strong. The pandemic caused me to think about this one, and I said no, we are making a comeback. We are doing it. This is Belize. This is who we are,” she said.

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engaged with these four schools in preparation for the commencement of the project in the upcoming school year.

“It’s the start of the free education policy program rollout, so it’s the pilot project for that rollout. We are starting on the Southside of Belize City with four government high schools—Gwen Lizarraga High School, Maud Williams, Excelsior, and Sadie Vernon High Schools. What this will mean for the students who attend those institutions is that they will not have to pay any tuition fees. We are also instituting in those schools, feeding programs. We’re going to provide transportation. We’re also, through our Student Welfare Unit at the Ministry of Education, engaging with the families, engaging with the school communities to make sure that we can also assist students who need basic supplies, whether it be uniforms, tennis, text (books), whatever. We’re also providing digital devices to those students who are attending those institutions,” Minister Fonseca said.

He further stated that a major part of the project will also entail the improvement of the physical structures and facilities at those institutions—a number of which are housed in buildings that are in a state of disrepair. “It’s already budgeted for, so we have the funds available, and we are absolutely excited, and we have been engaged with all of these institutions, the principals, the boards, getting ready for the new school year,” Minister Fonseca said.

According to Hon. Fonseca, the key aim of the project is to provide access to education for school-age children living in at-risk communities, many of whom have dropped out of school over the past two years of the pandemic. He said it is imperative that these students return to the classroom.

“These are at-risk communities; these schools are in at-risk communities, vulnerable communities. Over the past few years we have seen that these schools have actually been losing students; it’s amazing. We have to invest in these schools, we have to ensure that we are increasing enrollment in these institutions and providing incentives to our students in these communities to go to school. It’s critically important, so we are very, very excited about this initiative,” Minister Fonseca said.

A Cabinet release issued today indicated government’s support of a move by the Education Ministry to increase the maximum age at which school attendance is compulsory, from 14 to 16. The release states that while the government is aware that “this change will lead to other legislative and policy changes, it is a critical move to help to prepare Belizean students for life.”

In its release today, Cabinet also expressed support for the **Belize Education Upliftment Project: Together We Rise** and stated that they had been informed of the Belize National Curriculum Framework 2022. This framework’s priority is to build the competences of students from pre-primary to secondary level. The Cabinet brief said that the framework was developed after months of “consultations and focused effort.”

This new national curriculum is expected to be rolled out for the academic year 2022-2023.

Finally, on the education front, Cabinet indicated support of the Education Ministry’s projects that are geared toward addressing the developmental requirements of the University of Belize in order to enable the institution to meet its national mandate. Details of these specific projects were not released.

GOB to recoup losses from fuel relief

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price of premium gas, which was not capped, has since reached as high as \$16.03 per gallon.

With global crude prices inching downward, however, some Belizeans might have been anticipating a reduction of local prices at the pump, but according to the Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, the government will be holding the prices at the current rate in order to recover the millions of dollars it had forfeited through the price caps it had put in place.

“We have to hold it on as long as we possibly can,” PM Briceño said, referring to the current fuel prices. He added, “I believe that [the] price of crude oil is starting to go down on the world market; I think yesterday it was at US\$95 a barrel, so we expect that the prices are starting to go down slowly. The idea, as I mentioned earlier, is to hold it at a price – at where it is right now – and as the acquisition cost of fuel goes down, we still want to hold it for a bit to be able to recoup some of the expenses, of the tax dollars that we lost, because at the end of the day we do need the revenues to be able to provide the services to the Belizean people.”

The cap on fuel prices that has been in place over the past few months was made possible through a fuel price stabilization fund that was established with the help of the Central Bank. The April 7th Cabinet brief noted, “Currently, the government has already reduced excise taxes by 57% to keep diesel prices at the capped price of \$13.41 per gallon. On an annualized basis, these tax reductions represent an excise tax loss of over \$30 million. Without such tax reduction, diesel pump prices would have been \$2.13 per gallon more at \$15.54 per gallon at the tax rates applied over the past five-plus years.”

At the time that the fund was established, the Prime Minister had explained that the fund would reduce fluctuations in local fuel prices by enabling the government to use surplus funds that it collects when the capped prices are higher than what would otherwise be the local price of fuel, to cover the losses in revenue that it incurs when the amount that should be collected for fuel is higher than the capped prices at the pumps.

The high fuel prices have nonetheless been an ever-present thorn in the sides of the Belizean people. In Punta Gorda, premium gas prices reportedly have been as high as \$17.85 a gallon. During an interview in late June, Minister of the Public Service, Hon. Henry Charles Usher said the government made the decision to cap the prices of regular gas and diesel in hopes that it would be an acceptable compromise for the Belizean public.

“People are complaining about the price of premium, but we just made a decision. Listen, we can’t hold all of them down; it would be too much of a financial impact on the country, and there is an option—if you don’t want

to put premium in your vehicle, you can put regular. We feel that is a compromise that would be accepted,” Minister Usher said.

He further noted that these decisions were made against the backdrop of a promised reinstatement of public officers’ full salaries. “We always made sure that whatever decisions that we made would not affect the July 1st announcement that the salary would be returned. That was the number [one] priority, but we had to make sure that we held down the price of diesel and the price of regular fuel,” he said.

According to the Prime Minister, The Belizean people will have to endure these current fuel prices until the losses in fuel taxes are at least partially recovered.

“I’ve said it many times that the idea was to set a fund from Central Bank, so as we’re reducing the tax we can try to replace it – we did not do that right now – but that when the prices start to go down, we can keep it there to try to get back some, not all of it, some, and try to work on bringing down the price of fuel,” PM Briceño said.

The PM has not provided a timeline to indicate how long the current prices will remain in place, but echoed the position of CARICOM leaders who are currently calling for US sanctions to be lifted from Venezuela in hopes of a resumption of the PetroCaribe program, through which countries in the region were able to purchase oil at reduced rates on a credit basis.

“We have been talking through CARICOM to Venezuela and to the United States, about asking the United States to ease up some of its restrictions with Venezuela and that we may have an opportunity to get back the Petro Caribe program going once again. Maybe it might not be as generous as it was before, but we are still looking at like paying 70 cents on the dollar or something like that, but that in itself is going to be a big help,” PM Briceño said.

While this remains a hope across the region, rising fuel prices continue to drive up prices of everyday commodities. When pressed to comment on relatively low fuel prices in Central America, Hon. Briceño remarked that certain factors drive up the cost of fuel acquisition for Belize and other CARICOM member states.

“What is happening is—volumes, for instance: El Salvador has what, 8, 9 million people; we have 430,000, so when we buy one gallon, they probably are buying a hundred gallons, so obviously they can get cheaper prices than Belize, and also the cost of delivery, because they come in smaller ships; you know, it’s more expensive, so those are the advantages that bigger countries have over small countries like us in Belize, and the Caribbean. In the Caribbean, some of these areas, the price of fuel is even higher than Belize,” PM Briceño said.

On Tuesday of this week, oil prices fell below \$100 for the first time since April. Today the price of WTI crude oil was \$95.84 a barrel.



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Dr. Ted Aranda, a leader to emulate

Belize's flag flies at half-mast all this week, on the passing of Dr. Theodore "Ted" Aranda, a giant of our country. Much has been said and written in this newspaper and on other media about his career in the political arena, how he became leader of the UDP, how close he came to being Prime Minister in 1984, how he joined the PUP after becoming disgruntled with the UDP and became a Minister in a PUP government. Outside of party politics, Dr. Aranda was a force for the betterment of the Garinagu and all Belizeans, founded the World Garifuna Organization and, along with *Amandala* publisher Evan X Hyde and others, presented the Black Summit in Belize in 2003.

Dr. Aranda was a great man with very humble beginnings. A close associate and protégé of his told us he was born in Newtown, a village just south of Dangriga which was destroyed by a hurricane in 1941, and from there he moved to Hopkins, where he was fostered by his maternal grandmother in the family's thatched abode on the beach in that village. In Hopkins he came under the influence of an uncle, Paul Nunez, who was a teacher. He was bright in school, and the Jesuits whisked him off to St. John's College, wherefrom he went to Guatemala to further his studies. While there he started a family, from whom he separated after he left to pursue studies at the *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign* in the US, where he earned a Ph.D. in Education.

Back in Belize, Dr. Aranda started a new family, and began blazing a trail, creating a legacy in politics, culture, health, and education that will continue to positively impact our country for generations. Not least of his contributions to Belize was his dignity, the way he carried and expressed himself. A class act,

he was that rarest of rare, a politician who was first and foremost a statesman. By his example he showed Belizeans that we were the equals of any people anywhere.

GoB must investigate the price of eggs

When prayers across the world that Covid-19 would quickly lose its virulence went unanswered, there were fears that people would die in never before seen numbers, until the disease relinquished its hold. To date, the pandemic's toll on lives has not been nearly as bad as most feared, largely because of the rapid development of vaccines and the application of knowledge gained from past experiences in managing epidemics. It was fairly certain that economies across the globe would take a battering from the pandemic, and those economies that would be hit hardest were ones like ours that had put so many "eggs" in the tourism basket. The impact on the world's economies has been as bad as predicted.

Our pain has been

exacerbated by our dependence on imported goods. As a nation we can be happy that our situation isn't worse, but for the 50% or more of us who have been and are living below the poverty line, these are the worst of economic times.

Unofficially, since the beginning of the pandemic, the cost of imported products has gone up 20%, 50%, as much as 100% in some cases. The price of fuel on the world market is now so high that the GoB has been forced to cut its tax take from some fuel products, with the excise tax on diesel being reduced by 57%. The GoB has also started making direct payments to bakeries, "subsidizing flour" to keep the price of a 16-ounce loaf from going up. Not many Belizeans can afford cake, but most can still buy bread.

World experts forecast that the cost of goods will be even higher by year's end. Belizeans know there isn't much we can do about the cost of products we import, but we have to ask questions when the cost of goods we produce go through the roof. In only three years, from 2020 to 2022, the retail price of an egg has gone from 25 cents to over 40 cents in some shops!

Presently, most locally produced food at the market and on the grocery shelves comes from two main groups: small farmers and the Mennonites. Small farmers produce the bulk of our vegetables and ground food. The Mennonite group produces the bulk of our rice, beans, corn, milk, cheese, chicken, and eggs. Locally produced fruit and fresh meat in the market come from both small and large holdings.

Prices of locally produced vegetables and ground food at the market rise and fall based on availability — the production of the farmers. Fruit prices rise and fall with the seasons, except for bananas, which are produced year round. The price of beef remained fairly close to what it was pre-pandemic, until the recent opening of export markets in Mexico and Guatemala.

The only real competition for locally produced eggs, milk, cheese, and chicken, staples at the markets and grocery stores that are almost the exclusive domain of the Mennonite group, comes from abroad. With the cost of imports high because of the world's supply chain being disrupted; a war going on in Ukraine, Europe's breadbasket; and the price of fuel up more than 30%, effectively the group can call for what it wants.

The manager/spokesperson for the Mennonite group explained that the cost of inputs had driven up the cost of production for eggs considerably, putting the wholesale price at 30 cents per egg, and he suggested that the markup at the grocery shops might be too great. A spokesperson for the Bureau of Standards explained that eggs do not fall into the basket of products that are sold at prices set by the GoB. Milk, cheese, and chicken are also not sold at controlled prices.

We are at the mercy of the Mennonite group, and none of us should be stirred to envy or have hard feelings, because this is not that group's doing; this is of our own making. Our Mennonite group deserves congratulations for their industry and the way they cooperate with each other, and our political leaders need to explain their policies of diminished support to Roots Belizean farmers over the decades.

No blame can be put on any group for making a near monopoly of some essential foods. The blame for that falls entirely on successive governments of Belize. As it stands, the manager/spokesperson didn't have to explain anything about the price of eggs. We take their word for it that inputs have gone up by so much, hence the need to tack on so much on the price of the wholesale product.

With the world turned on its side and the GoB hesitant to address a monopoly, hesitant to investigate the price of eggs, cheese, milk, and chicken, maybe we need to ask the Mennonite group to cut back on their profits during this very difficult time. It's really bad that the cheapest animal protein source has just been priced beyond the pockets of the 50% of Belizeans who are surviving on starvation diets.



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Keisha Banner, burglary victim

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 14, 2022

The home of Keisha Banner, a resident of Estella Metzgen Street in the Lake Independence area of Belize City, was burglarized while she was spending the night at her brother's home. She believes that the burglary was carried out sometime after 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11, by an unknown man who was seen on surveillance camera footage circling her home on a bicycle.

On footage recorded by a surveillance camera, the man, who was wearing a red t-shirt, could be seen riding on a bicycle along Tibruce Street moments before 4:00 p.m. and holding

what appeared to be a microwave matching the description of a stolen item mentioned by Banner.

Banner, who said that this is the second time her home has been burglarized, told a local media outlet that the robber took several of her family's personal items and an assortment of electronics from her home.

"People don't know what this does to you when they do these things to you. It is heartbreaking for me... This is the second time they broke into my home. The first time they didn't really take anything other than a money pan that I had some savings for my kids, and it is still traumatizing to



Keisha Banner, burglary victim

know that people will take from the ones who are not rich," she said.

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Belize City establishes sister city relations with Newark, New Jersey

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Tues. July 12, 2022
 Belize City became a sister city to Newark, New Jersey, this past Friday after the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between the two cities. At the virtual signing ceremony, both Belize City mayor Bernard Wagner and mayor of Newark, Ras J. Baraka, committed to honoring the agreement for the benefit of both cities.

According to a release from the Belize City Council, both Belize City and Newark have agreed to collaborate meaningfully to promote common development, support of key initiatives, cultural exchanges, and information sharing on art, commerce, technology, education, sports, public health, administration, and history.



Belize City Mayor Bernard Wagner and Mayor of Newark Ras J. Baraka

The establishment of sister city relations with Newark follows a meeting held between Leader of the

Opposition, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, Mayor Wagner, and Mayor Baraka back in February, during which

they first made an informal commitment.

The Opposition Leader had travelled to Newark City Hall during a trip to the United States a few months prior and had met with Mayor Baraka. Hon. Barrow had also said that he wants Belize to establish sister city relations with Englewood, New Jersey.

Also in attendance at Friday’s virtual signing ceremony were Deputy Mayor Allan Pollard, Jr; Councillor with Responsibility for Sister City Relations, Stephanie Hamilton, and City Administrator Stephanie Lindo-Garbutt representing Belize City, as well as Deputy Mayor Ligia S. De Freitas and Council Member-at-Large Lawrence Crump representing the City of Newark.

PM: Raising minimum wage is a balancing act

PM Briceño said he is willing to consider the NTUCB’s minimum wage adjustment recommendations

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 13, 2022

The president of the National Trade Union Congress of Belize (NTUCB), Luke Martinez, revealed this week to members of the media that the union had submitted recommendations for the increase of the minimum wage to the government of Belize in 2012—and that at that time they had suggested a minimum hourly wage of \$6. That suggested amount, Martinez explained, was calculated using a formula that included key social indicators to determine a suitable minimum wage rate. These recommendations were not implemented by the Barrow administration at that time, and Martinez is now hoping that the current government will employ a formula that is guided by key indicators to arrive at a minimum wage that can be legally enforced.

During his remarks on Monday, Martinez said, “Of course, an increase in the minimum wage is something that we welcome. If you go back to the last exercise which was done, I think in 2012—that was the last exercise, 10 years ago—the NTUCB had submitted what could have been a formula that could have seen us beyond this point, so we continue to support the idea of a formula.”

Martinez remarked that without the



Luke Martinez, NTUCB president

use of a formula for the determination of the minimum wage, the government could use the increase of the minimum wage (something that had in fact been included as a campaign promise in the PUP’s Plan Belize manifesto prior to the 2020 general elections) as a way to exploit the public for votes come election time. When interviewed today, PM Briceño said that while they are not aware of the NTUCB 2012 report, his administration is willing to take a look at the recommendations.

“No, I’m not aware of it, but it’s something I am prepared to take a look at. What we did, what we said in

planBelize—that we’re prepared to raise the minimum wage to \$5,” Prime Minister Briceño said.

The PM further stated that his government does see the importance of employing some mechanism to take periodic looks at the minimum wage rate to determine whether or not any adjustment is needed from time to time.

“If we were to adopt that formula in 2012, today the minimum wage would have been, past \$5 an hour; in fact, in 2012 the NTUCB, the position was at \$6, including the formula that we have shared...” Martinez told the media this week.

However, Prime Minister Briceño has pointed out that the minimum wage issue has to be looked at “realistically”, and he noted that there has to be a balancing act of some kind.

“We understand, but we also have to be realistic. We could go and say raise the minimum wage to \$10 dollars, to \$20 dollars, to \$30 dollars, but what would happen then to businesses? They are going to shut down, and we are going to create incredible inflation that can lead us to devaluation. So, we have to find this balancing act that we have to do that we can’t raise the minimum wage faster than what the economy can absorb,” the Prime Minister said.

Presently, the minimum wage continues to be \$3.30, but a task force was established back in March of this year to oversee the implementation of the \$5-dollar minimum wage.

“The current minimum wage is \$3.30 per hour, and it was phased in over a five-year period between 2007 and 2012, with the last raise taking effect on May 8, 2012. Ten years later, the existing minimum wage for unskilled workers and workers who are engaged in elementary occupations is being reassessed. In this context, the task force will develop a plan to institute the government’s commitment to a five-dollar minimum wage,” a March 2022 release said.

For now, many in the public are



Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño

urging the government to avoid a one-off increase to the minimum wage and instead implement a regime through which key indicators in our society could be periodically considered to determine a suitable minimum wage.

Prime Minister Briceño additionally mentioned, however, that those who employ domestic workers, who would now have to be paid at the minimum wage rate, may have a hard time footing those bills.

“People that go and work in the homes and clean homes, for instance—they have to be paid \$5 an hour, and so, for some families, it will be difficult to continue to pay their people that come to their house to cook and clean, and so, so we have to find a balance. I wish it was easy, but it’s not,” he said.

The ILO guidelines on minimum wage point out that, “Domestic workers are amongst the lowest paid and often amongst the most informal group of wage employees.”

It goes on to state, “Domestic workers should not be discriminated against. They should enjoy minimum wage coverage equivalent to that provided to other workers generally, where such coverage exists. A minimum wage recognizes the economic and social contribution of these workers and is a key means of ensuring the principle of equal pay for work of equal value.”

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Dr. Ted Aranda, un líder a imitar

La bandera de Belize ondea a media asta toda esta semana, por el fallecimiento del Dr. Theodore "Ted" Aranda, un gigante de nuestro país. Mucho se ha dicho y escrito en este periódico y en otros medios sobre su carrera en la arena política, cómo llegó a ser líder del UDP, cuán cerca estuvo de ser Primer Ministro en 1984, cómo se unió al PUP después de estar descontento con el UDP y se convirtió en Ministro en un gobierno PUP. Fuera de la política partidaria, el Dr. Aranda fue una fuerza para el mejoramiento de los garinagu y todos los beliceños, fundó la Organización Mundial Garífuna y, junto con el editor responsable de *Amandala*, Evan X Hyde y otros, presentó la Cumbre Negra en Belize en 2003.

El Dr. Aranda fue un gran hombre con comienzos muy humildes. Un colaborador cercano y pupilo suyo nos dijo que nació en Newtown, una aldea al sur de Dangriga que fue destruida por un huracán en 1941, y de allí se mudó a Hopkins, donde fue acogido por su abuela materna en la morada con techo de paja de la familia en la playa de ese pueblo. En Hopkins estuvo bajo la influencia de un tío, Paul Núñez, que era maestro. Fue brillante en la escuela, y los jesuitas lo llevaron rápidamente al Colegio San Juan, de donde se fue a Guatemala para continuar sus estudios. Mientras estuvo allí, formó una familia, de la que se separó después de que partió para realizar estudios en la Universidad de Illinois Urbana-Champaign en los EE. UU., donde obtuvo un doctorado en educación.

De vuelta en Belize, el Dr. Aranda formó una nueva familia y comenzó a abrir camino, creando un legado en la política, la cultura, la salud y la educación que continuará impactando positivamente a nuestro país durante generaciones. No menos importante de sus contribuciones a Belize fue su dignidad, la forma en que se portaba y se expresaba. Un acto de clase, era lo más raro de lo raro, un político que era ante todo un estadista. Con su ejemplo, mostró a los beliceños que éramos iguales a cualquier pueblo en cualquier lugar.

El Gobierno de Belize debe investigar el precio de los huevos

Cuando las oraciones en todo el mundo para que el Covid-19 perdiera rápidamente su virulencia quedaron sin respuesta, hubo temores de que la gente moriría en números nunca antes vistos, hasta que la enfermedad abandonara su control. Hasta la fecha, el costo de vidas de la pandemia no ha sido tan malo como la mayoría temía, en gran parte debido al rápido desarrollo de vacunas y la aplicación del conocimiento obtenido de experiencias pasadas en el manejo de epidemias. Era bastante seguro que las economías de todo el mundo se verían afectadas por la pandemia, y las economías que se verían más afectadas serían las que, como la nuestra, habían puesto tantos "huevos" en la canasta del turismo. El impacto en las economías del mundo ha sido tan malo como se predijo.

Nuestro dolor se ha visto exacerbado por nuestra dependencia de los bienes importados. Como nación, podemos estar felices de que nuestra situación no sea peor, pero para el 50% o más de nosotros que hemos estado y estamos viviendo por debajo del umbral de la pobreza, estos son los peores tiempos económicos.

Extraoficialmente, desde el inicio de la pandemia, el costo de los productos importados ha subido un 20%, un 50%, hasta un 100% en algunos casos. El precio del combustible en el mercado mundial ahora es tan alto que el Gobierno de Belize se ha visto obligado a reducir su recaudación de impuestos de algunos productos de combustible, con una reducción del impuesto especial sobre el diesel en un 57%. El Gobierno de Belize también ha comenzado a realizar pagos directos a las panaderías, "subsidiando la harina" para evitar que suba el precio de un pan de 16 onzas. No

muchos beliceños pueden pagar un pastel, pero la mayoría todavía puede comprar pan.

Los expertos mundiales pronostican que el costo de los bienes será aún más alto para fin de año. Los beliceños saben que no hay mucho que podamos hacer con respecto al costo de los productos que importamos, pero tenemos que hacer preguntas cuando el costo de los bienes que producimos se dispara. ¡En solo tres años, de 2020 a 2022, el precio minorista de un huevo ha pasado de 25 centavos a más de 40 centavos en algunas tiendas!

En la actualidad, la mayoría de los alimentos producidos localmente en el mercado y en los estantes de los supermercados provienen de dos grupos principales: los pequeños agricultores y los menonitas. Los pequeños agricultores producen la mayor parte de nuestras verduras y tubérculos. El grupo menonita produce la mayor parte de nuestro arroz, frijoles, maíz, leche, queso, pollo y huevos. La fruta y la carne fresca producidas localmente en el mercado provienen tanto de pequeñas como de grandes fincas.

Los precios de las verduras y los tubérculos producidos localmente en el mercado suben y bajan según la disponibilidad: la producción de los agricultores. Los precios de las frutas suben y bajan con las estaciones, a excepción de los bananos, que se producen durante todo el año. El precio de la carne de res se mantuvo bastante cerca de lo que era antes de la pandemia, hasta la reciente apertura de los mercados de exportación en México y Guatemala.

La única competencia real para los huevos, la leche, el queso y el pollo producidos localmente, alimentos básicos en los mercados y tiendas de abarrotes que son dominio casi exclusivo del grupo menonita, proviene del extranjero. Con el alto costo de las importaciones debido a la interrupción de la cadena de suministro mundial; una guerra sucediendo en Ucrania, el granero de Europa; y el precio del combustible habiendo subido más del 30%, efectivamente el grupo puede pedir lo que quiera.

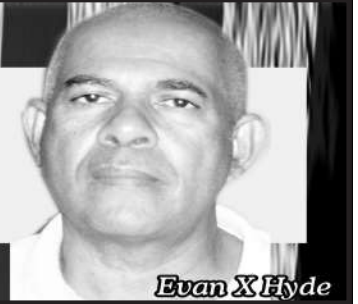
El gerente/vocero del grupo menonita explicó que el costo de los insumos había elevado considerablemente el costo de producción de huevos, colocando el precio mayorista en 30 centavos por huevo, y sugirió que el margen de beneficio en las tiendas de comestibles podría ser demasiado alto. Un vocero de la Oficina de Normas explicó que los huevos no entran en la canasta de productos que se venden a precios fijados por el Gobierno de Belize. La leche, el queso y el pollo tampoco se venden a precios controlados.

Estamos a merced del grupo menonita, y ninguno de nosotros debe ser movido a la envidia o tener resentimientos, porque esto no es obra de ese grupo; esto es de nuestra propia fabricación. Nuestro grupo menonita merece felicitaciones por su industria y la forma en que cooperan entre sí, y nuestros líderes políticos deben explicar sus políticas de apoyo reducido a los agricultores beliceños de la base durante décadas.

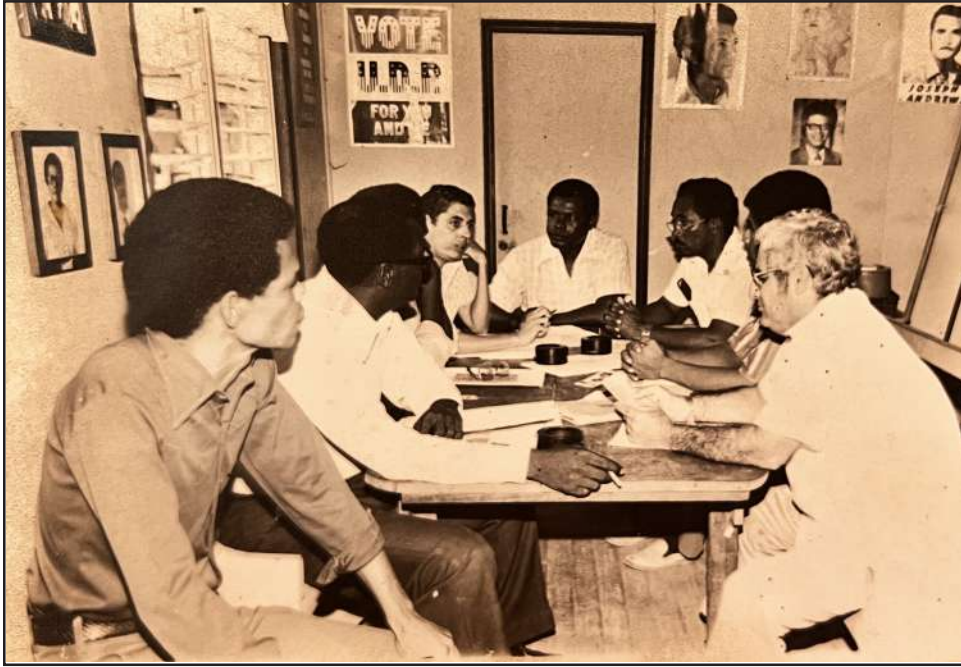
No se puede culpar a ningún grupo por hacer casi un monopolio de algunos alimentos esenciales. La culpa de eso recae enteramente en los sucesivos gobiernos de Belize. Tal como está, el gerente/portavoz no tuvo que explicar nada sobre el precio de los huevos. Confiamos en su palabra de que los insumos han subido tanto, de ahí la necesidad de aumentar tanto el precio del producto al por mayor.

Con el mundo puesto de lado y el Gobierno de Belize vacilante para abordar un monopolio, vacilante para investigar el precio de los huevos, el queso, la leche y el pollo, tal vez debamos pedirle al grupo menonita que reduzca sus ganancias durante este momento tan difícil. Es realmente malo que la fuente de proteína animal más barata tenga un precio más allá del bolsillo del 50% de los beliceños que sobreviven con dietas de hambre.

From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde



In this photograph taken in the then United Democratic Party (UDP) office on King Street (next to the Playboy Club), the late Dr. Theodore "Ted" Aranda is at the head of the table, chairing a meeting of UDP leaders.

From the left are the late Sam Rhaburn, the late Curl Thompson, possibly Hubert Elrington, the late Dr. Manuel Esquivel, Dr. Aranda, Henry Young, the late Derek Aikman, and the late San Perdomo.

This photo would have been taken sometime between 1980 and 1982. The man who would become UDP leader following the 1998 general election, Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow, was then an attorney and man-about-town working out of his uncle's (Dean Lindo) Church Street law firm. He would enter electoral politics in time for the December 1983 Belize City Council election. His timing, in retrospect, was impeccable. So Mr. Barrow is not in this photo. Neither is Hon. Michael Finnegan, who was the boss of the UDP's Youth Patriotic Front (YPF) and a powerhouse in the UDP, but an absolute Dean Lindo loyalist still at the time of this photo.

It has often been said before in UDP circles that Dr. Aranda's problem during his leadership of the UDP between 1980 and 1982 was that he attempted to lead the UDP from Dangriga, an opinion I heard repeated by Hon. Finnegan on Channel 7 on Monday.

While it appeared to me, as publisher/editor of this newspaper in late 1982, that Dr. Aranda was forced out of UDP leadership, Dr. Aranda himself insisted to me that he had resigned from UDP leadership of his own accord.

Having resigned as UDP leader in late 1982, Dr. Aranda formed his own party, the Christian Democratic Party (CDP), in 1983 I presume.

Esquivel, Lindo, and Hon. Philip Goldson ran for the leadership of the UDP in early 1983. Esquivel won; Dean Lindo became UDP chairman. Then in December of 1983, Dr. Esquivel led the UDP to a landslide victory over the ruling People's United Party (PUP) in a Belize City Council election.

In early 1984, March or April, there was a bye-election held in Dangriga for two seats which had been vacated on the Dangriga Town Board. I was campaigning hard for the UDP at the time, for my personal reasons, and travelled to Dangriga to support the party.

As soon as I reached Dangriga, I went to the club run by the late Paul Guerrero, my compadre, and his wife, the late, stylish Din Din. This club was at the very entrance of the town, at the southwestern side.

In the club, I met and began to socialize with the attorney Simeon Sampson, who seemed to me to be the de facto leader of the PUP's bye-election campaign. Simeon said like this to me, "We don't have to campaign: Dr. Aranda will ruin the UDP." And so it was. The UDP was defeated in Dangriga just months after smashing the PUP in Belize City.

Dr. Aranda was a very private man. He returned to Belize in 1969 or 1970 as a high official in an agency of the United States, possibly the Peace Corps. I did not know of any of us Belizeans who had earned a Ph. D. at the time. This was a man who, in effect, was a pioneer. To be appointed to such a high post in an American agency meant that he had cleared American security requirements. I had never heard of him. Where had he come from, and how had he succeeded

so brilliantly?

Whatever the case, the media here is saying that he joined the UDP in 1974. The UDP's Dangriga candidate in the October 1974 general election was the said Paul "Pags" Guerrero. Pags won the seat, the first time the PUP had been defeated in the constituency, and then at some point afterwards graciously turned over the constituency to Dr. Aranda, in time for Dr. Aranda to win the Dangriga seat for the UDP in the 1979 general election, an election the UDP was expected to win but lost dramatically.

Of the UDP's five 1979 seats, two were from Toledo (Charles Wagner and Basilio Ah), two from Belize City (Goldson and Thompson), and the aforementioned Dangriga seat. The three district area representatives voted for Dr. Aranda to become UDP Leader and Leader of the Opposition.

Dr. Aranda joined the PUP, which had lost the 1984 general election, in time to run as the PUP's Dangriga candidate in the September 1989 general election, which the PUP won narrowly. Dr. Aranda became Minister of Health in the 1989-1993 PUP Cabinet.

But the PUP lost the June 1993 general election, with Dr. Aranda being defeated by the UDP's Russell "Chiste" Garcia.

In 1998, Dr. Aranda reclaimed the Dangriga seat for the PUP, which won a landslide victory in the 1998 general election. But Dr. Aranda was not a stooge, and a major problem developed between himself and the two PUP powerhouses, Prime Minister Said Musa and Finance Minister Ralph Fonseca. I do not know the details of that rift. In fact, it is a complete mystery to me.

Lady Sylvia Flores became the PUP's Dangriga candidate for the March 2003 general election. Visiting Dangriga for a University of Belize ceremony in January of 2003, I was apprised of the state of the PUP's political situation by Garrincha Adderly. He said that Lady Sylvia would likely lose to the UDP's Chiste if Dr. Aranda did not endorse her. Since I was supporting the PUP, I went to Dr. Aranda and asked him to support Lady Sylvia, which he did. Lady Sylvia won, and Dr. Aranda and I began to discuss the idea of a Black Summit, something I had been thinking about for ten years.

So Dr. Ted Aranda and I became allies, and his World Garifuna Organization (WGO) and the UBAD Educational Foundation (UEF) held a successful Black Summit in September of 2003 at the Belize Biltmore Hotel. The summit would never have taken place without Dr. Aranda.

In February of 2017, when the iconic artist Pen Cayetano organized a tribute to myself in Dangriga, Dr. Aranda was a featured speaker.

We never became close, because, as I said, he was a private man. But, for sure, Dr. Aranda was a special Belizean, and I honor him at this time of his passing. I express my deepest condolences to his widow, his family, his friends, and his admirers.

FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

En esta fotografía tomada en la entonces oficina del Partido Demócrata Unido (UDP por sus siglas en inglés) en la Calle King (junto al Playboy Club), el difunto Dr. Theodore "Ted" Aranda está a la cabeza de la mesa, presidiendo una reunión de líderes del UDP.

Desde la izquierda están el difunto Sam Rhaburn, el difunto Curl Thompson, posiblemente Hubert Elrington, el difunto Dr. Manuel Esquivel, el Dr. Aranda, Henry Young, el difunto Derek Aikman y el difunto San Perdomo.

Esta foto habría sido tomada en algún momento entre 1980 y 1982. El hombre que se convertiría en líder del UDP después de las elecciones generales de 1998, el Muy Honorable Dean Barrow, era entonces un abogado y hombre de mundo que trabajaba en el bufete de abogados de la Calle Church de su tío (Dean Lindo). Ingresaría a la política electoral a tiempo para las elecciones del Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Belize de diciembre de 1983. Su oportunidad, en retrospectiva, fue impecable. Así que el Sr. Barrow no está en esta foto. Tampoco el Honorable Michael Finnegan, quien era el jefe del Frente Patriótico Juvenil (YPF por sus siglas en inglés) del UDP y una potencia en el UDP, pero un leal absoluto a Dean Lindo todavía en el momento de esta foto.

A menudo se ha dicho antes en los círculos del UDP que el problema del Dr. Aranda durante su liderazgo del UDP entre 1980 y 1982 fue que intentó liderar el UDP desde Dangriga, una

opinión que escuché repetida por el Honorable Finnegan en el Canal 7 el lunes.

Mientras me pareció, como editor responsable/editor de este periódico a fines de 1982, que el Dr. Aranda fue expulsado del liderazgo UDP, el propio Dr. Aranda me insistió en que había renunciado al liderazgo UDP por su propia voluntad.

Habiendo renunciado como líder del UDP a fines de 1982, el Dr. Aranda formó su propio partido, el Partido Demócrata Cristiano (PDC), supongo que en 1983.

Esquivel, Lindo y el Honorable Philip Goldson se postularon para el liderazgo del UDP a principios de 1983. Ganó Esquivel; Dean Lindo se convirtió en presidente del UDP. Luego, en diciembre de 1983, el Dr. Esquivel llevó al UDP a una victoria aplastante sobre el gobernante Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP) en una elección del Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Belize.

A principios de 1984, marzo o abril, se llevó a cabo una elección parcial en Dangriga para ocupar dos puestos que habían quedado vacantes en la Junta Municipal de Dangriga. Yo estaba haciendo una fuerte campaña por el UDP en ese momento, por motivos personales, y viajé a Dangriga para apoyar al partido.

Tan pronto como llegué a Dangriga, fui al club que regentaba el difunto Paul Guerrero, mi compadre, y su esposa, la difunta y elegante Din Din. Este club estaba en la entrada misma del

John has big dreams — Part 5



by Clinton Canul Luna

As always, John got up very early to do his morning exercises. It was a special day, and he knew that he had a meeting at 8:00 in the morning with his friends from the underworld. Following his usual routine, John walked three miles going, and three coming back. While he was walking back, he met Matthew, a former classmate. They greeted each other, and Matthew said, “Hey John. I heard you have a meeting today with the town drunks.”

John: “Yes, I have a meeting today. I’m going to treat them to some tamales and horchatas.”

Matthew: “What are you going to talk about, then?”

John: “Well, who knows. We’ll see what they say there. I’ve never done it. It’s an adventure, and I’ll see what comes out of it.”

Matthew: “I find it interesting. Can I accompany you, John?”

John: “Sure. Why not? Let’s go there. I don’t have much time to get there. Right now, we’ll be there in about 15 minutes.”

Matthew: “Where is it? I heard you were going to do it at Rainbow Beach.”

John: “Yes. Exactly there.”

They kept walking and talking at the same time until they reached the tent. When they got there John said, “Good morning, friends.” They all answered at once like elementary school children.

The drunkards: “Good morning, Honorable Sir John.”

John: “Hey, is everyone here? Or are some still missing?”

One of the drunkards: “Well, there are a few missing that have not arrived yet.”

John: “Okay, well let’s start. Tom had told me that you wanted to know if Russia was to blame for the rising prices, and I imagine you meant here in Belize.”

The drunkards: “Yes.”

John: “Well, what little I know is what I am going to say, because there

is a lot of information. Some say yes, some say no. Some blame others, and others blame others and so on. I will tell you that this war is a war between great powers. The war is happening in Russia and Ukraine, but the truth behind it is that it is a struggle between great world powers to control the entire market and make the world what they had intended it to be: one nation, or be it a globalization under a single command, under a single god, or a single religion and under a single court, the leader of which would be the group that is headed by the United States.

“This group, which was formed many years ago after the Second World War, is called NATO, and the one that leads NATO, well, is the United States. It turns out that recently another group called BRICS was formed, which is led by not only one country, however they are united, and they are few. It is between Russia, the Communist China, South Africa, India, Brazil, and it seems that they want to include Argentina and Iran. However, NATO is made up of 30 nations plus others that want to join it, and their leader is precisely the United States.

“I think that you are more interested in what is happening here in Belize. As it turns out, I think a few of you must know that the prices of goods have always been going up here in Belize for many, many years, and people have always complained. Low wages and prices go up, everything. Not only of certain ingredients, such as eggs, rice, beans, meat, no. Electricity, rent, water, those things also went up, things have always gone up. It’s not from now. It is from way back, and people have always complained, because they don’t have enough money, and things are going up. However, what they are trying to do now is blame or have a pretext to raise prices, and what better way than to say that Russia is to blame.

“Since the place where we live is here in America, well, Belize, even though

they say it is an independent country, it is under the control of both England and the United States. So they have to do what they say. The majority of Belizeans who have assets, that is, the rich, want to go to the United States all the time, and if they don’t do what they are told, their visas are simply canceled or they are not given to them. So they have to play along. In my case, well no, I don’t have anything to do there, so I’m not interested. What I can tell you is that trade, in general, has always been raising the prices of things, no matter what it is, be it medicines, whatever it is. Right now, you know that they wanted to raise the cost of bread due to flour, but Belize does not buy goods from Russia. As far as I know, it does not have any commercial relationship with Russia, so there is nothing brought from there.

“The other thing that I learned from a few years ago is that the United States had said, or at least the news came out that it had said that they had an oil reserve that could last 100 years. Now what I don’t understand is, why don’t they have oil? Why are they searching? Geez, Venezuela also has a stream of oil, but they also put sanctions on it, simply because of the system of government that Venezuela has. For them, it is a threat; they said it was a threat for the security of their country. I don’t know how it’s going to be a threat to their country, because Venezuela can’t, it’s a weak country; it doesn’t have the power that the United States has, so how can it harm them? Anyway, Venezuela had developed a program called Petrocaribe, which helped many countries, both in the Caribbean and here in Latin America, and Belize was one of them. We still owe a debt that has not been paid, due to the same sanction that they have imposed onto Venezuela.

“In short, the truth of this is that in Belize the prices of all merchandise have always risen, at least for as long

as I am aware, it has always been that way. There are few rich people, and the majority are poor. A starvation wage which they say they are going to raise to \$5; that is also a hunger wage, because, well, \$5 is not money at all. You go to the store with \$50 and buy nothing. What did not go up is the liquor. That same liquor, the rum that you drink, didn’t go up; that’s cheap. So you keep taking that. But I would be interested to know what you feel, why, why do you drink so much? And I know that it also causes a lot of problems both in your homes and among yourselves. That’s what I’d like to know. I mean, I’ve heard here and there that if you don’t fight with your mother, you fight with your brothers, you fight with your wives, you fight with your husbands, with your children, mistreatment, all those things happen. And it would be very good, I think, if there were, if you, obviously, want, because it has to come from you, that you want to stop drinking. Well, you are alcoholics and alcoholism is a disease, but to live a better life you have to get out. It is a decision that you have to make for yourselves. I remember a few years ago there was a place here called ‘Alcoholics Anonymous’. I don’t know what happened to that place. In short, the basics of this is that if you want to stop or get out of this disease and have a better life, then yes you can, because there are also medications for that, but that is it has to come from within. You have to want it in order to get it.”

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GoB needs Geovanni’s skills, says PM

According to the Prime Minister, former president of COLA, Geovanni Brackett brings “a different skillset” to the Government of Belize Press Office

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 13, 2022

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño this week defended the hiring of activist and former president of Citizens Organized for Liberty through Action (COLA) Geovanni Brackett as an Information Consultant at the Government of Belize Press Office. According to the Prime Minister, Brackett, who is also a former journalist, “brings a different skillset” to the Press Office.

“When it comes to the issue of Geovanni Brackett, we all know that he has been a journalist, and he has been also, um, a person trying to go for

social change, especially with young people. I mean, and he has been very open about that. After we got into government, he came in and we spoke with him, and we believe that he can assist us in the Press Office to kind of change the mindset of the Press Office—how it is that we can operate in a modern day of almost instant news. And so he has been doing some work there. But also he has been doing some work with Minister Dolores Balderamos Garcia and also with Minister Musa doing some social interventions. And so we do believe that it was the right decision to be able to bring him in to be able to help with the work that we have in government,” said the Prime

Minister.

When asked by one reporter whether Brackett was truly needed at the Press Office, in light of the fact that Mike Rudon is already employed as Director, Prime Minister Briceño maintained his position.

“Yes, we have Mike Rudon, but we also feel that Geovanni brings a different skillset to be able to help us at the Press Office,” he said.

Earlier this month, a leaked internal memo from the Ministry of Finance revealed that Brackett had been given a two-year contract as an information consultant at the Press Office and



Geovanni Brackett – Information Consultant, GoB Press Office

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But, but we're on the same side

by Colin Hyde

It's a near complete fallacy, this belief of the vocal church that most of us who support legalizing marijuana encourage smoking it and baking it in brownies. There are people who swear by marijuana, that it's healthy to smoke and eat it, but I doubt more than 1% of us think it's a perfect blessing for human health.

Most everyone knows weed is a drug, and that, like all drugs, it has a negative side. Many swear that it has therapeutic uses — some say it eases pain, some get relief from epilepsy and asthma, and some find it's good for relaxing. Apparently some get a special kind of high from smoking it. What people get from smoking weed or cigarettes or cigars, I don't know. People who drink rum understand marijuana smokers about as much as heterosexuals understand homosexuals. God alone knows why He put so much wiring in the human brain.

Most everything in this world comes with opposite ends. Nearly all of us grew up with the adage, *a little bit of everything is good, too much of anything noh gud fu nothing*. Ah, too much sunshine and the plants wither in the fields; too much rain and the plants rot.

Minister of Home Affairs Hon. Kareem Musa said that if the church

“wins” the referendum, weed will be here, and if the church “loses,” weed will be here. The big winner in a referendum “win” for the churches will be the status quo: decriminalization. As an aside, that would only be for a time. No matter what they say, it follows that the churches will mobilize against decriminalization if they win the referendum.

I note that the author of decriminalization, Senator Peyrefitte, is loudly going after the legalization of weed. Let's get it very clear what decrim achieved. Since decriminalization, Belizeans who smoke weed now only have to worry about adulterated products, and being complicit with a dealer who is breaking the law. Yes, it is illegal to sell weed, and it is illegal to grow weed, and to get weed you MUST get it from someone who is afool of the laws that govern our land.

The decrim law “knocked nothing to hell” in a terrible situation where people's lives were being destroyed for a stick of weed, but clearly a law like that can only be stopgap, clearly no one would think of perpetuating a law that undermines the integrity of our nation. We mustn't ignore the lesson in the story about the thin edge of the wedge. A top lawyer, Pehreh should know about the, ehm, law of *emboldenment*. You don't encourage anyone to break any law, because, as night follows day,

they will lose respect for other laws.

We do have a question to answer, but before we get there, the church really disappoints with this unwavering line that weed remain illegal because it is a drug. Please stop bolstering your argument with stories about weed smokers who say it is completely benign, because that is just as criminal a tactic as the atheists zeroing in on the sections of the church that believe that the Bible is 100% literal. Let's get real here, because we want the same things — that it is kept out of the mouths of children, that our youth be fully educated and dissuaded, and that the corruption of our security forces and gang warfare ends. That's what we who support legalization want. And for all you've said, pretty much that's what you want too.

Whoa there, the prohibition lesson smacks the big-stick approach to hell out of the ballpark!

There should be no question about the status of marijuana. It should be legal, with restrictions to ensure that children can't get it, and people who are allergic to smoke are respected. The question is, should we export weed or weed products.

Belize churches side with Russia against Israel on weed

All things being possible in this age of justification in which we live, our vocal church, which sides with Israel on everything, even its sadistic war on Palestine, probably has an explanation for going opposite to Israel when it comes to weed. Hmm, Israel that can do no wrong is sold on the virtues of weed. Israel, those bohgaz have chimneys, and at nights the smoke wafting over the Holy Land isn't from firewood, it's from marijuana burning. Those holy Jews, holding bonges in which they are sucking the sap out of weed buds.

As we all know, our lead comes from the WHO, a body that is run by the best trained medical brains, men and women with special training who come from countries all over the globe. The WHO is legit. The WHO never participated in any racist syphilis schemes and that kind of thing. The WHO has been involved in the eradication of malaria and small pox, the WHO is in the lead in the fight against diseases that the rich world's big drug companies see no profit in. Look at the records, look at the great things the WHO has done. Look, the WHO is the body that is least likely to do wrong to people in our part of the world.

My brothers and sisters, the WHO isn't perfect, but when that organization makes a pronouncement on anything, it is the nearest we can come to having a fish from river

bottom report that haligayta ate a bag of plastic and now it has bellyache. Ah, in 2020 the WHO reclassified marijuana, placed it in the less dangerous category, and oho, do you know which country screamed the loudest against that decision? My gudnis, it's the same one that jailed an American lady athlete for a little bottle of weed oil! Bohgaz, those big, bad Vodka-guzzling Russians who are at this moment in Ukraine exhibiting just how savage Europeans can be, in case we had forgotten, they made to block the progressive move.

From the website jdsupra.com, we get this report that at the UN the Russians, “citing the tired and flawed argument of the risk of abuse in children”, loudly voted “no on marijuana's reclassification.” Ouch, the Russians called weed “the most abused drug in the world [*psst, Comrade, Vodka is also a drug*]” and they “vehemently opposed reclassification, claiming there was little evidence to suggest that marijuana was any different from other Schedule IV drugs.”

The Israelis are a pretty vicious lot too, but outside of their territorial ambitions they seem to have some common sense.

In the 2022 Associated Press story, “Israeli bigwigs eye profits from cannabis legalization”, Byllan Ben Zion said that former Israeli leaders and top security agents, aha, just like the ones over in the US, are making careers in Israel's “tightly controlled medical marijuana industry.” Ben Zion says that “Israel is one of the world leaders in medical cannabis consumption and marijuana possession is decriminalized.”

Aha, Ben Zion calls names, says that “Ehud Barak, another former prime minister, former Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, former Police Commissioner Yohanan Danino and retired Shin Bet security agency director Yaakov Peri all are consultants and investors in Israeli cannabis companies.” Oh the revelations: the story says the medical marijuana market is worth several hundred millions for Israel, and it is growing fast. My gudnis, there are over 110 cannabis-related companies in Israel! But bully for them, it's no wild spree. The country has heavy restrictions on exports, only shipping out 1,462 pounds last year.

It's not impossible that the vocal local church will win this battle, but this is a war the churches cannot win, not for long. The biggest tragedy here is that our efforts are being diffused; we are fighting for the same thing, but they want to apply a cure that flies in the face of God's free will gift, and man's common sense.



ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

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- versed and trained in Intellectual Property laws.
- in good health.
- a person who conducts himself at all times, both in his professional and in his personal life, in a manner that will maintain public confidence.

Experience and training required:

- Minimum of five (5) years' experience in intellectual property;
- Bachelor of Laws Degree from a recognized institution; and
- Minimum of five (5) years' experience in management

Salary: Based on qualifications and experience.

Interested persons may download an application package from the Attorney General's Ministry Website – www.agm.gov.bz or submit in writing to:

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Ground Floor, Sir. Edney Cain Building
Thru' the Office of the Solicitor General
Attorney General's Ministry
Belmopan City, Cayo District Belize, Central America
Telephone number: 822-2504 or 822-0519
email address: agsecretary@agm.gov.bz

Deadline for receipt of applications: **September 30, 2022**

Applicants must submit proof of qualifications and two reference contacts along with application.

Note: Only suitably qualified applicants will be acknowledged. Commission is not bound to make an appointment from among those persons who apply.



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PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions: 34-73-49
Boledo stats thru 15th to 22nd July, 2022

In boledo news, there were 5 one-balls out, the public needs back the 4 cylinders for the Sunday lottery. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 34-73-49-51-81-31. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 8255-6126-7836. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 712-653-480-101-919-489. Get ready Belize, some dinero will be coming way. There are only 21 numbers left to play for the year: 00-18-26-27-30-34-35-36-40-41-47-54-55-63-73-75-80-81-83-86-94. 18 of those 21 numbers will play before the year is over. Keep your eyes open for them. 68-22 and 88 played 5 times already. 01-02-57-62-74 and 70 played 4 times each already. The seventies and the 0's series are the hottest 2 series right now, the ending 2 and 9 ball are the hottest balls right now. 34-36-86-00-94 played some 30 times amongst themselves last year, but those 5 numbers yet to play for the year. Remember to read your Psalms: 72-91-63, Good luck to all buyers. Next week more lucky numbers.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Kulture Yabra is only undefeated team left

Local Football Over-40 Results

In local Over-40 football action,

Kulture Yabra crushed Pickstock Lake 14 nil, David “Manu” McCaulay scored one of the goals, he becomes the oldest player in the tournament ever to score. Jerome” Jarro” James got 2 goals, alongside Christopher Gilharry. Kulture is already in the finals. Then Plaza United beat BDF 3 nil. Norman “Podo” Bonnel scored twice, then their policeman got the other. Lake-I has 6 points BDF has 4 points, Plaza has 3 points, and Kulture Yabra leads with 13 points. They will be the champions again. They are too star-studded with those veteran players. 2 teams will go to the finals. Next week more stat



David “Manu” McCaulay



Jerome “Jarro” James

BILLIARDS

Lakers-1 has the lead on Long Island

The Belikin 8-Ball Billiards Results

In local billiards action, the Belikin Tournament has 10 teams in the city. Lakers-1 have a lead on Lakers-2 and

Long Island, C-Delta is at fourth, Base 25, Sen-Sen, BDF and



Wayne Wiltshire

Lakers Juniors are too inexperienced for those big boys. Mr. James Young has 3 teams from Lakers Club, 2 teams will make it to the Nationals in late August. All of the districts have a Belikin 8-Ball Tournament, their winners go to the Nationals which will have 8 teams in a double elimination 2-day tournament. Belmopan has 5 teams, Punta Gorda has 6 teams, Orange Walk has 8 teams, Dados, Ziash 2, Chattazz; the Gunners have the best team with Ernest Arzu, Wayne Wilshire the formers Nationals MVP in 2010, they also have Leroy “Malic” Jacobs, a very good top shooter. Cayo has 6 teams, Mango Creek is the weakest area in the country. The Nationals will be in beautiful Dangriga this year; their best team is Noah Noah. Next week more stats and some results.

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

The LA Dodgers the hottest team right now

Baseball Results and Predictions

In baseball action, the Los Angeles Dodgers are the hottest team right now. They have won 12 of their last 15 games. Cody Bellinger is their second baseman, they have traded Cory Seager. Mookie Betts is their leader. They still lead the West Division over the San Diego Padres by some 6 games. The San Francisco Giants are struggling right now. In the Central Division, the Milwaukee Brewers have



Christian Yelich



Cody Bellinger

a 4-game lead on the St. Louis Cardinals, Christian Yelich, their former MVP, had a back problem, but he is back on track again. The Chicago Cubs have lost to the LA Dodgers all of the 3 games. Clayton Kershaw won one of the games. The New York Mets lead the East Division over the Arizona Diamondbacks, they are playing very well. The 2 New York teams are heading towards a subway series. In the American League, the Yankees have the best record in baseball, Aaron Judge still has the most home runs at 34. The



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

Houston Astros still lead their West Division, the Toronto Blue Jays and the Tampa Bay Rays are some 10 games behind, next week more stats.

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municipio, en el lado suroeste.

En el club, conocí y comencé a socializar con el abogado Simeon Sampson, quien me parecía ser el líder de facto de la campaña de elección parcial del PUP. Simeon me dijo así: “No tenemos que hacer campaña: el Dr. Aranda va a arruinar al UDP”. Y así fue. El UDP fue derrotado en Dangriga solo unos meses después de haber aplastado al PUP en la Ciudad de Belize.

El Dr. Aranda era un hombre muy privado. Regresó a Belize en 1969 o 1970 como alto funcionario en una agencia de los Estados Unidos, posiblemente el Cuerpo de Paz. No conocía a ninguno de nosotros beliceños que había obtenido un doctorado en ese momento. Este fue un hombre que, en efecto, fue un pionero. Ser designado para un puesto tan alto en una agencia estadounidense significaba que había superado los requisitos de seguridad estadounidenses. Nunca había oído hablar de él. ¿De dónde había venido y cómo había tenido un éxito tan brillante?

En cualquier caso, los medios aquí dicen que se unió al UDP en 1974. El candidato en Dangriga del UDP en las elecciones generales de octubre de 1974 fue el dicho Paul “Pags” Guerrero. Pags ganó el escaño, la primera vez que el PUP había sido derrotado en el distrito electoral, y luego, en algún momento después, gentilmente entregó el distrito electoral al Dr. Aranda, a tiempo para que el Dr. Aranda ganara el escaño de Dangriga para el UDP en las elecciones generales de 1979, una elección que se esperaba que el UDP ganara pero perdió dramáticamente.

De los cinco escaños del UDP en 1979, dos eran de Toledo (Charles Wagner y Basilio Ah), dos de la Ciudad de Belize (Goldson y Thompson) y el antes mencionado escaño de Dangriga. Los tres representantes de área distrital votaron por el Dr. Aranda para convertirse en Líder UDP y Líder de la Oposición.

El Dr. Aranda se unió al PUP, que había perdido las elecciones generales de 1984, a tiempo para postularse como candidato en Dangriga para el PUP en las elecciones generales de

septiembre de 1989, que el PUP ganó por estrecho margen. El Dr. Aranda se convirtió en Ministro de Salud en el Gabinete del PUP de 1989-1993.

Pero el PUP perdió las elecciones generales de junio de 1993, y el Dr. Aranda fue derrotado por Russell “Chiste” García del UDP.

En 1998, el Dr. Aranda recuperó el escaño de Dangriga para el PUP, que obtuvo una victoria aplastante en las elecciones generales de 1998. Pero el Dr. Aranda no era un títere, y se desarrolló un gran problema entre él y las dos potencias del PUP, el Primer Ministro Said Musa y el Ministro de Finanzas Ralph Fonseca. No conozco los detalles de esa grieta. De hecho, es un completo misterio para mí.

La dama Sylvia Flores se convirtió en la candidata en Dangriga del PUP para las elecciones generales de marzo de 2003. Mientras visitaba Dangriga para una ceremonia en la Universidad de Belize en enero de 2003, Garrincha Adderly me informó sobre el estado de la situación política del PUP. Dijo que la Dama Sylvia probablemente perdería ante Chiste del UDP si el Dr. Aranda no la apoyaba. Como yo estaba apoyando al PUP, fui con el Dr. Aranda y le pedí que apoyara a la Dama Sylvia, lo cual hizo. Ella ganó, y el Dr. Aranda y yo comenzamos a discutir la idea de una Cumbre Negra, algo en lo que había estado pensando durante diez años.

Así que el Dr. Ted Aranda y yo nos hicimos aliados, y su Organización Mundial Garífuna (WGO por sus siglas en inglés) y la Fundación Educativa UBAD (UEF por sus siglas en inglés) celebraron una exitosa Cumbre Negra en septiembre de 2003 en el Hotel Belize Biltmore. La cumbre nunca hubiera sucedido sin el Dr. Aranda.

En febrero de 2017, cuando el icónico artista Pen Cayetano organizó un homenaje en mi honor en Dangriga, el Dr. Aranda fue un orador destacado.

Nunca nos hicimos cercanos porque, como dije, él era un hombre privado. Pero, sin duda, el Dr. Aranda era un beliceño especial y lo honro en este momento de su fallecimiento. Expreso mi más sentido pésame a su viuda, su familia, sus amigos y sus admiradores.



VACANCY: JOB OPPORTUNITY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following post in the Human Resource Department. In the Port's continued effort to promote diversity, both females/males are encouraged to apply for the available post.

Human Resource Officer

Reporting Relationship: Director, Human Resources

Summary of Responsibilities: The Human Resource Officer assist the Director of HR in managing every aspect of employment process including orientation and training new staff members.

Job Responsibilities:

1. Support the development and implementation of HR initiatives and systems.
2. Create and implement effective on boarding plans.
3. Assist in performance management processes.
4. Support the management of disciplinary and grievance issues.
5. Review employment and working conditions to ensure legal compliance.
6. Assist with developing and implementing human resources policies.
7. Motivating and supporting HR staff
8. Maintaining staff records.
9. Handling employees' benefits
10. Resolving conflicts through positive and professional mediation for staff
11. Assist in creating clear and concise reports
12. Assist in leading the HR and Admin Team.
13. Maintaining personnel files.
14. Conducts employee orientation;
15. Lead Employee Engagement activities
16. Maintain compliance with all CBAs and labour related legislations.
17. Assist with stevedore relations and discipline.
18. Coordinate training for staff development (internal and external);
19. Assists with employee relations matters such as employee safety, welfare and wellness;
20. Maintains and distributes current employee information, policy and procedure manuals, and other communication.
21. Any other duties of a related nature that may be assigned from time to time.

Job Qualifications/Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management, labor Relations, Business Administration, Tourism Management or related field of study.
- 3-5 years working experience in HR related capacity field.
- Working knowledge of a Human Resource information system (HRIS).
- Experience in developing workplace policies.
- Experienced with union negotiations.
- Experience in conflict resolution, disciplinary processes and workplace investigations.
- Experience in a unionized environment
- Experience working with blue collar workers is an asset.
- Knowledge of labor related legislations and regulations.
- Computer literacy with competency in Microsoft applications including Word, Excel, and outlook.

Skills/Competencies:

- Good Communication skills
- Be a good listener
- Maintain CONFIDENTIALITY
- Team Player
- Be able to work with limited supervision
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- Critical Thinking
- Complex Problem Solving
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Time Management

Compensation Package: Will be commensurate (in accordance with the Company's Salary Structure).

To apply: Provide updated resume, cover letter (addressed to Human Resource Manager), copy of valid social security card, valid police record, name, and phone number of two (2) previous employers.

ONLY SHORT-LISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED

Applications should be emailed to:

jobapplications@portofbelize.com

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, July 22nd, 2022



Belize Solid Waste Management Authority

of the

Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining

Revised Invitation to Quote (ITQ)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received financing from the *Inter- American Development Bank (IDB)*, towards the cost of the Solid Waste Management Project II and a Non - reimbursable Technical Cooperation- Innovation in the Solid Waste Management Sector in Belize an intends to apply part of the proceeds towards the **supply, delivery, and maintenance of two (2) vertical balers.**

The Belize Solid Waste Management Authority now invites eligible bidders to submit a sealed quotation for the Supply, Delivery and Maintenance of the following item:

ITEM	QUANTITY
Vertical Balers	2

The Invitation to Quote (ITQ) may be obtained, free of cost, by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below. Interested Bidders may obtain further information by writing to the email address given below.

All ITQs must be delivered to the address below no later than 10:00 a.m. (Belize local time) on Friday July 22, 2022. Electronic submission will not be permitted. Late ITQs will be rejected.

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bbhs_accts@yahoo.com

The Board of Management of the Belmopan Baptist High School announces vacancy available for the following posts:

- **Full Time English / Belizean Studies Teacher**
- **Part Time (Agriculture Science Teacher) – 3 Months**

Qualifications: Applicants must have:

- a minimum a Bachelor's Degree in the subject area to be taught
- experience in teaching Secondary Level
- experience teaching third and fourth form at CXC level
- excellent communication and Interpersonal skills
- Must be willing to work extra hours with students.
- Must have a strong Christian background with high moral values and willing to lead by example.

Salary:

Commensurate with the Government Pay Scale based upon qualifications and experience.

Applicants must possess a Valid Teacher's License

Applicants for this post must submit: letter of application accompanied by Curriculum Vitae, Recent Police Record, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, Credentials signed by Justice of the Peace along with two letters of recommendation to the address below.

Principal
Belmopan Baptist High School
P.O. Box 697
The City of Belmopan
Cayo District

Deadline for Application is July 29th, 2022

MOHW confirms presence of Omicron BA.5 in Belize

The Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 sub-variants of the COVID-19 virus have been causing increased reinfection in the United States and across the globe. Recent studies have found that the two most recent sub-variants are more capable of evading immune responses.

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Tues. July 12, 2022

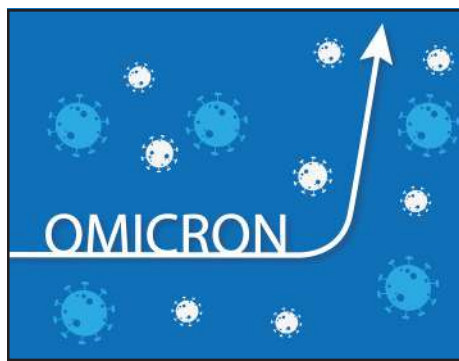
The Ministry of Health & Wellness confirmed today that the Omicron BA.5 sub-variant of the COVID-19 virus has been detected in Belize. According to a press release from the Ministry, 40 samples obtained between June 1 and June 28, 2022 were tested using genomic sequencing. Of that forty, 39 were found to be the Omicron BA.2 sub-variant, while one was confirmed as BA.5.

Last week, the Director of Public Health and Wellness, Dr. Melissa Diaz Musa, told the media that it was likely that the two Omicron sub-variants were already in the country and would be detected soon. Dr. Diaz Musa had also noted that the symptoms of the COVID-19 had begun to change slightly.

“With Omicron BA.1 and 2 we know that a lot of the symptoms were upper respiratory tract, or sore throat...a runny nose, sinusitis, and headache. Now we are seeing persons presenting a little bit more with cough—some people have developed pneumonia and are treated with antibiotics at home,” she said.

Across the globe, the BA.4 and BA.5 strains have been causing increases in the number of cases and reinfections. While the two sub-variants have not been causing an increase in deaths and there has been no evidence that they cause more severe illness, they have been found to spread much faster than their predecessors, including Omicron BA.2. Additionally, there has been increasing evidence that shows the two sub-variants are up to four times more likely to evade the defenses of antibodies from vaccines and previous infections.

According to a report by the



scientific journal *Nature*, evolutionary geneticists Bette Korber and William Fischer from Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, who have both been studying the mutation of the COVID-19 virus, have stated that a number of genome sequences that have been classified as BA.2 may in fact be BA.4 and BA.5—suggesting that experts may be underestimating the rise of the variants.

While the fact that the new sub-variants tend to cause less severe illness is certainly good news, studies have found that persons who get infected multiple times are at a higher risk of developing symptoms of Long-COVID, also known as “post-COVID-19 condition”. The World Health Organization (WHO) has explained that it is a condition that occurs in persons with a history of “confirmed or probable COVID-19 infection”. Symptoms, such as fatigue, shortness of breath, cognitive dysfunction and several others that have an impact on everyday functioning, last for more than 2 months and have no alternative diagnosis.

According to the WHO, there is still much to learn about this post-COVID-19 condition, but research has shown that persons afflicted with it have experienced improvements in their condition over time.

NOTICE

BELIZE CITY, BELIZE

Estate of NATALIE PALEN, Deceased
STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of NATALIE PALEN, late of Buena Vista Area, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District, Belize are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to DANIEL GONZALES, the Executor of the said estate, c/o COURTENAY COYE LLP, Attorneys-at-Law situate at 15 A Street, Belize City, Belize District, Belize, and to send such particulars no later than the **5th day of October, 2022**. **NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN** that, at the expiration of the last mentioned date, the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said NATALIE PALEN, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims or demands of which particulars have been delivered, and the Executor will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands it shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 5th day of July, 2022


COURTENAY COYE LLP
Attorneys-at-Law



LA INMACULADA CREDIT UNION LIMITED

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

La Inmaculada Credit Union Ltd. is currently accepting applications for **Operations Manager** for the **Orange Walk Main Office**.

EDUCATIONAL & EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- o Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or related field
- o At least **5 years'** work experience at a management level.
- o Knowledge of management models and planning skills
- o Solid understanding of financial management and leadership

Skills and competencies required for the Operations Manager:

- o Leadership
- o Conflict Management
- o Business Negotiation
- o Strategic Development
- o Organizational skills
- o People Management
- o Time Management
- o Data Entry Skills
- o Data Processing Skills
- o Reporting Skills
- o Task-Oriented
- o Budget Development
- o Critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- o Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- o Planning and Organizing
- o Performance Management
- o Training and development skills
- o Technological aptitude
- o Reliable
- o Committed

All Prospective applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Knowledge of the banking industry in Belize and general regulatory procedures mandated by the Central Bank of Belize. (**Knowledge of the Credit Union Act will be an Asset**).
2. Knowledge of daily routines, procedures and policies, including Controls and Applications is required
3. Knowledge of people and performance management techniques
4. Proficient in Anti-Money Laundering & Combating the Financing of Terrorism Laws
5. Proficient in Microsoft Office Applications – MS Word, MS Excel
6. Must have strong initiative, assertiveness, be results-oriented and self-motivated
7. Ability to maintain high ethical and professional standards
8. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality and integrity
9. Ability to work well under pressure
10. Accuracy and attention to detail
11. Be team oriented, proactive and possess a positive attitude
12. Be fluent in English and Spanish, both written and oral
13. Be willing to work flexible hours
14. Be willing to travel as required. *The possession of a valid, Class A driver license would be an asset.*

All Applicants must provide a cover letter referencing the job title desired, along with their Curriculum Vitae, copy of most recent qualification, transcripts, police record and two recent reference letters.

Applications that are emailed must be sent in one single PDF file. A receipt of payment for a recent police record will be accepted. **Only complete applications will be considered.**

Applications must be sent by **July 21st, 2022** addressed to:

General Manager
La Inmaculada Credit Union Ltd.
5 Park Street
Orange Walk Town
Email: licu@btl.net

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview.

Our email address for business & advertising is
amandalapress@gmail.com

Our email address for news, letters and articles is
editor_amandala@yahoo.com



**Central Information Technology Office
Ministry of Finance**

Corner Dry Creek Mountain View Boulevard Belmopan

Telephones: 501 822-2406/08-20708 • Email: contact@cito.gov.bz

**TENDER FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL AND AIR CONDITION SYSTEMS AT
THE CENTRAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICE**

1. Tenders are invited from Electrical and AC companies for the monthly maintenance or as needed of the Electrical, and Door and Fire Alarm Systems and for the quarterly maintenance of the Air Condition Systems at the Belize National ICT Center and Sub Office in Belmopan.
2. Procurement of the services will be conducted through Open Tendering Procedures.
3. The contractor will be expected to provide prompt and efficient operation and maintenance of the complete Electrical, Door and Fire Alarm, and AC systems for one (1) year commencing September 1st, 2022, and ending August 31st, 2023.
4. **Requirements:**
 - a. The Tenderer should have executed at least five (5) similar work contracts over the past 3 years.
 - b. The Tenderer should have at least 5 full-time employees on staff specifically trained for operation and maintenance services of Electrical, Door and Fire Alarm Systems, and AC systems. The full list of the employees, viz., name, age, designation, qualifications, and experience should be attached with the Technical Bid.
 - c. The successful tender will be expected to provide the following Electrical and AC Maintenance Services:
 - i. All equipment shall be maintained as per the guidelines of the manufacturer.
 - ii. Inspect, clean, and test all components of the electrical distribution system, such as circuit breakers panels, and switch gears.
 - iii. Inspect, clean, and test the fire alarm, door alarm, emergency lighting systems, and all lights and lens in the buildings.
 - iv. Inspect, clean, and test the hydrogen detector system.
 - v. Repair or replace all electrical components relating to the distribution system, fire and door alarm systems, and lighting systems as needed during the routine monthly service.
 - vi. Repair or replace all electrical components relating to lights, light fixtures, switches, and outlets as reported by the Customer, within three (3) working days of notification.
 - vii. Immediately notify the customer of any urgent repairs that are needed for the emergency lights, fire alarm, door alarm, and breaker panels and take corrective action immediately or no later than 24 hours of notification of the customer.
 - viii. Submission of reports after inspection and works have been completed. The reports should be submitted in both hard and electronic formats.
5. The following services should be included in the financial offer and should not be billed separately:
 - a. Travel and subsistence
 - b. Diagnosing issues that require a call out but no remedial work such as a circuit breaker tripping
6. Any costs related to the preparation and submission of tender bids are the sole responsibility of the tenderer.
7. **Eligibility Criteria**
All Tenders shall include the following:
 - a. Letters of Good Standing from:
 - a. Belize Tax Service
 - b. Belize Companies Registry
 - c. Belize Social Security Board
 - b. Current Trade License
 - c. Evidence of five (5) similar past jobs/contracts over the past three (3) years.
 - d. Two references
 - e. Evidence of Electric License for the electricians who will be servicing the electrical systems over the term of the contract.
 - f. Evidence of Certification in Air Condition maintenance for the AC technicians who will be servicing the AC systems over the term of the contract.
8. **Evaluation Criteria**
Bidders will be evaluated according to:
 - a. Capacity: formal academic qualification and Certification in related field
 - b. Specific Experience: Experience in providing the service requested
 - c. Past Performance: Similar Jobs undertaken in the past three (3) years
 - d. Integrity: On the information provided in respect of business certificates
 - e. Financial Offer
9. Only bids that satisfy the Eligibility Criteria will have their Technical and Financial Offers reviewed. The bid will be assessed on a weighted average – 50% for Technical Merit and 50% for Financial Offer.
10. Price should be inclusive of General Sales Tax (GST) payment of 12.5%.
11. Additional information can be obtained from Ian Smith at Tel: 828-5169 or by email at Ian.Smith@CITO.gov.bz.
12. Questions shall be type-written in English and shall be sent via email to the following address:

securitytenders2022@cito.gov.bz. The deadline for queries is 25th July 2022. Responses from CITO will be type-written in English and will be emailed to the requester and may also be made available to other Tenderers subject to confidentiality.
13. Tenders are to be submitted in separate Inner Envelopes – one for Technical Offer and another for Financial Offer – and both included in an outer envelope. The outer envelope should mark:

“TENDER FOR THE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND QUARTERLY MAINTENANCE OF AIR CONDITION SYSTEMS AT THE BELIZE NATIONAL INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) CENTER BUILDING (BELMOPAN)”,
14. Deadline for tender submission to the Central Information Technology Office, Belmopan is **1st August, 2022 at 10:00 am**.
15. Tenders will be opened in the presence of the representatives of the tenderers on **2nd August, 2022 starting at 10:10 am**.
16. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Late bids will be disqualified and returned to the sender unopened.
17. This procurement opportunity can also be viewed at <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org> or <https://procurement.gov.bz>.

ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of **Marketing Assistant**

Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist in market research and implementation of marketing strategies, coordination of media ads and organizing of trade shows and company appearances.
- Providing administrative support for Marketing Department.
- Produce reports for Marketing Department.
- Maintain communications with the various design, print and advertisement companies.
- Helping to identify marketing trends and key opportunities for innovation.
- Ability to manage and create opportunities for our social media platform and digital marketing campaigns.
- Responding to marketing queries via phone, email, or social media.
- Keeping abreast of industry trends and compelling marketing campaigns.
- Order and distribute promotional items, end of year gifts and calendars.
- Prepare marketing presentations, and quarterly marketing newsletter.
- Conduct radio and television interviews to promote marketing events and promotions.
- Prepare materials and spearhead layout for marketing events and exhibitions.
- Actively participate and help organize the promotional events and campaigns organized by the company.
- Projects may be assigned by the Department Manager and General Manager as necessary in any area of company's business. Deadlines must be adhered to.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

This post requires an individual who hold himself/herself to the highest standards and have a strong desire for personal growth and professional success. The individual should display initiative, diligence, self-confidence, and outgoing personalities.

- Minimum - Associate Degree in Business Administration or related field with at least one year working in customer service.
- Highly analytical with strong attention to detail, Strong work ethic
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Can demonstrate familiarity with basic principles in Marketing
- Professional demeanor both on the phone and in person
- Proficiency is required in Microsoft Office & Adobe Photoshop
- Bilingual in English and Spanish would be an asset
- Valid driver's license.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS IS THURSDAY 26 JULY 2022

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:
TWO RECENT LETTERS OF REFERENCE ONE FROM PAST EMPLOYER
AND A VALID POLICE RECORD AND PASSPORT SIZE PICTURE
SEND APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:
our website at: <https://aicbelize.com/employment-application>

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted for interviews.

We thank you for your application

ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of **Reinsurance Administrative Support Officer**

Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist with the preparation of monthly reinsurance reports.
- Maintain facultative files current.
- Follow-up with other departments and reinsurance brokers on matters relating to facultative accounts.
- Assist in preparing statistical data for yearly renewal of reinsurance treaties.
- Contribute toward achieving Company and Departmental goals and objectives.
- To role model the Company's values.
- Projects may be assigned by the Department Manager and General Manager as necessary in any area of company's business. Deadlines must be adhered to.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

This post requires an individual who hold himself/herself to the highest standards and have a strong desire for personal growth and professional success. The individual should display initiative, diligence, self-confidence, and outgoing personalities.

- Minimum - Associate Degree in Business Administration or related field with at least one year working experience.
- Highly analytical with strong attention to detail, Strong work ethic
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Can demonstrate familiarity with basic principles in Insurance.
- Professional demeanor both on the phone and in person
- Proficiency is required in Microsoft Office with a strong focus in Microsoft Excel formulas.
- Valid driver's license.

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DELILLE ACADEMY VACANCY

2nd New Site
Dangriga Town
Stann Creek District
Phone: 522-3917/522-0601
Email: delilleacademy@yahoo.com

Delille Academy cordially invites suitable candidates to apply for the teaching post for the academic year 2022-2023:

PERMANENT

- 1 Religion

Qualifications:

- Applicants with a Bachelor Degree in Secondary Education in the subject area or higher qualification will be considered.
- Applicants with Associate Degree in subject area with minimum of three years teaching experience, pedagogical skills, strong academic background and classroom management/discipline will be given special consideration.

Salary is commensurate with Government pay scale.

Interested persons are asked to submit:

- Letter of application
- Resume
- Two recommendations
- Authenticated copies of:
 1. Transcripts
 2. Diplomas
 3. Valid teacher license
 4. Social security card
 5. Birth certificate/passport
 6. Current medical certificate
 7. Current police record (Valid only for 6 months)
 8. Marriage/Divorce Certificate (where applicable)
 9. Release letter (where applicable)

Mail applications to Chairperson of Board of Governors, Delille Academy, 2nd New Site, Dangriga Town or P.O Box 262 OR Submit to Principal, Delille Academy at the school during normal working hours.

Deadline for submission of applications is Monday, 25th July 2022.

"A place where hope begins and dreams come true"

NOTICE**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER 8/2022**

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$64,391,800.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Tuesday, 26 July 2022 and will be redeemed on Tuesday, 25 October 2022.

Each tender must be for \$200 or a multiple of \$200 and must specify to five decimal places the amount, which is offered for each one hundred dollars face value of the Bills sought.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 22 July 2022.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesday, 26 July 2022.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

**Bank: Central Bank of Belize
Account: GL1CORP0402627**

The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website (www.centralbank.org.bz)

11 July 2022



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) invites applicants for the functions of Primary Consultant to support the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Road Crashes Project

Duty station: Belize City

Qualifications: *Essential:* Bachelors in a discipline relevant to Mental Health, Psychiatry, Psychology, Mental Health Policy, or a related field.

Desirable: Post graduate degree at a Master level in Mental Health, Psychiatry, Psychology, Mental Health Policy, or a related field.

Experience: *Essential:* 5 years of national working experience in planning and implementing the provision of mental health and psychosocial support services.

Desirable: At least two years of pedagogical responsibility in Mental Health

Skills:

- Ability to work with individuals, groups, and communities to improve mental health
- Theoretical and practical expertise in planning and implementing the provision of mental health and psychosocial support services.
- Knowledge of human behaviour and performance; individual differences in ability, personality, and interests; learning and motivation; psychological research methods; and the assessment and treatment of behavioural and affective disorders.
- Knowledge of principles, methods, and procedures for diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of physical and mental dysfunctions, and for counselling and guidance.
- Ability to analyse factors, trends, and forecast scenarios based on current surveillance systems and possesses the capability to develop and plan innovative and appropriate solutions for their improvement.
- Strong research, problem-solving and organizational skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively (in person or virtually) with other team players
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and sensitivity to political and cultural issues
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Strong professional oral and writing skills, including the development of reports, oral presentations, and technical/persuasive documents for consideration at the highest levels of the Organization.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively use a computer and utilize software programs such as Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SharePoint, and Outlook. Other IT skills and knowledge of other software programs for Statistical Analysis, Data Exploratory Analysis and Project Management would be an asset.

Languages: Very good knowledge of English and working knowledge of Spanish

Deadline: Letter of application, Curriculum Vitae, and two current letters of recommendation should be sent to blzmail@paho.org or to P.O. Box 1834, Belize City no later than **July 29, 2022**

For further details visit our website <https://www.paho.org/en/vacancies> An interview will be held for this position and only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted.

PAHO/WHO has a smoke-free environment and does not recruit smokers or users of any form of tobacco.



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Experience: *Essential:* 5 years of national working experience in planning and implementing the provision of mental health and psychosocial support services.

Desirable: working experience in health services project management

Skills:

- Theoretical and practical expertise in planning and implementing the provision of mental health and psychosocial support services
- Knowledge of principles, methods, and procedures for diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of physical and mental dysfunctions, and for counselling and guidance
- Knowledgeable in designing referral pathways
- Experience in data collection and analysis
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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE SANTA RITA HILL, COROZAL DISTRICT

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. National Bank of Belize Limited (NBB), Licensed Auctioneer Jonathan Mulligan, will be selling by way of Public Auction, the following property ON SITE on Saturday July 16th, 2022, at 11:00am.

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Santa Rita Hill/Corozal North	1	3499



This concrete bungalow house measures an impressive 1,740 square feet in space, and boast three bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 living rooms, dining room, and a spacious kitchen. The house is complimented by a front porch, and a huge, enclosed back porch. The yard measures in at 50 feet by 100 feet with an area of 555.4 square yards. Property is located in Santa Rita Hills at the "Chactemal Estates", which is a modern, well planned, private housing community that comprises of medium to high income homes. Financial Institutions such as banks, grocery stores and a wider range of goods and services are available in Corozal Town, which is approximately 1/2 mile away. Property is also but a 10-minute drive away from the Belize/Mexico Border. **Freehold Property of Lyndon Russell Gillett and Rhyma Ann Gillett.**

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH
JONATHAN MULLIGAN
TELEPHONE: 615-1133
Email: Bz.auctions.realty@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. National Bank of Belize Limited (NBB), Licensed Auctioneer Jonathan Mulligan, will be selling by way of Public Auction, the following property ON SITE on Saturday July 23rd, 2022, at 11:00am.

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall/Roaring Creek Village	24	922



Being a two-story wooden house measuring 1,416 square Feet, having three bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, and kitchen, with a porch at the northwestern corner of the upper flat, this home is also complimented by a fully fence, 0.25-acre yard. This property is within walking distance of primary schools, churches, public playgrounds, basic shopping facilities, and a petrol filling station. It is also within walking distance of the George Price Highway. Secondary and Tertiary level educational institutions, banks, and a wider range of good and services are available in Belmopan, which is approximately 2 miles away. **Freehold Property of Dale Pelayo & Bernice Pelayo.**

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TENDER FOR THE GENERAL SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE OF COMPOUND AT THE GREEN BUILDING COMPLEX NO. 7552 HUMMINGBIRD HIGHWAY, BELMOPAN CITY

Tenders are invited from Security Companies for the general security and surveillance of The Green Building Complex NO. 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City. The tender shall be for a period of one (1) year commencing (1st August 2022 to 31st, July 2023). The successful tender will be responsible for the security of premises by an armed guard everyday including public and bank holidays.

1. The successful tender will be expected to provide the following security and surveillance services every day from 4:00 pm to 7:30 am.
 - A. (a) General security and surveillance of the premises which houses the offices of the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management and the Protected Areas Conservation Trust located at NO. 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City including all assets, the building and fixtures erected thereon.
 - (b) Control and Monitor access to the compound. The Security must maintain a log of all persons and vehicles entering and leaving the premises.
 - (c) Conduct patrols within and outside the building to ensure that doors remain locked and that there is no sign of breakage into the building.
 - (d) The Security Company will provide its personnel with equipment for the effective performance of their duties.
 - (e) The Security Company not its agents, shall not divulge to any person or persons, any proprietary information coming to their Knowledge in the course of their duties.
 - (f) Any other security related task as may be agreed upon from time to time by the Parties involved.
2. Cost incurred in visiting the premises and preparations of the tender bid are the sole responsibility of the tenderer. Bids are to be accompanied by Letters of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service, Belize Companies Registry, the Belize Social Security Board and current Trade License, evidence of past jobs and recommendations would be an asset.

Additional information can be obtained from Ms Judith Middleton 828-6071 or by email at MiddletonJI@environment.gov.bz. Tenders are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "TENDER FOR THE GENERAL SECURITY SERVICE OF THE NEW GREEN BUILDING COMPLEX AT NO: 7552 HUMMINGBIRD HIGHWAY, BELMOPAN CITY" and delivered no later than 26th July 2022 at 9:30 am. Bids will be open at 10:00 am in front bidders or their representatives who wishes to attend the opening, Evaluation of bids will be carried out immediately after. The lowest of any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Late bids will be disqualified and returned to the sender unopened.

SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL



A vacancy exists at San Pedro High School for the following full-time post:

- **Information Technology**

Temporary vacancies exist for the following post at San Pedro High School for the period September 1st to November 30th, 2022:

- **Business Studies**

Applicants must have a minimum of a first degree in the subject area to be taught.

Experience using Microsoft Teams would be an asset.

Applicants must also have excellent communication, interpersonal skills and be willing to work with students.

Applications should be submitted along with a resume, copies of certificates, transcript, letters of recommendation and teacher's license (must).

Salary will be in accordance with Government's pay scale, which is based on qualifications.

Applications must be addressed to:

**Principal
P.O. Box 23
San Pedro High School
San Pedro Town A.C.**

Deadline for Applications: July 22, 2022



BELIZE WATER SERVICES LIMITED

TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF LONG REACH HEAVY DUTY EXCAVATOR, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE

INVITATION TO BID

BWS invites sealed bids from interested parties and qualified Bidders for the **Supply of a Long Reach Heavy Duty Excavator** to BWS, Belize City, Belize.

Consideration will be limited to manufacturers/authorized dealers or joint ventures of firms which are legally incorporated or otherwise organised in Belize. Having a service center in Belize will be an asset

Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted. Tender and qualification information are to be submitted in the English Language on the prescribed forms inserted in the Bid Documents. Submissions that do not provide the information required or that do not demonstrate the prospective contractor's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Bid documents will be available for distribution from **July 11, 2022**, on weekdays between 08:00 hour and 17:00 hour Monday to Friday. A complete set of Bidding documents will be available for free; however, requests should be made by email to tenders@bws.com.bz.

One original and two copies of Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the name and address of the bidder, and be clearly marked "Tender for Supply of a Long Reach Heavy Duty Excavator" and must be delivered to the address below no later than 15:00 hour, Friday July 29, 2022.

BWS reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for BWS action. BWS will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids. Late bids will be rejected.

Address for Bid Submission

Chief Financial Officer
Belize Water Services Limited
#7 Central American Boulevard
Belize City, Belize

Telephone: +501-222-4757
Email: tenders@bws.com.bz



**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Project Coordinator**

SATIM has a vacancy for (1) Project Coordinator to assist in implementing the project entitled, "Promoting and Protecting the Economic, Social and Cultural rights of Maya women in Belize".

Background

SATIM and the European Union have entered into a Grant Contract to execute a project entitled: Promoting and protecting the economic, social and cultural rights of Maya women in Belize. The project will increase the national standing of the target group, Maya women's group and Maya CSOs by training in financial administration, management, and advocacy; improve women's situation by increasing their economic opportunities and participation in decision making, and knowledge sharing.

Responsibilities:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilitate the development of curricula based on project design 2. Develop TORs and hire workshop facilitators as needed. 3. Provide technical and administrative support to third party groups to ensure that activities are completed within its timeframe. 4. Gather and organize all project related data. 5. Coordinate and communicate with key partners, agents, and government departments in the discussion of public policies and publications. 6. Assist in the creation of promotional activities as | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Identify and analyze potential project risks and take appropriate action/s. 8. Coordinate project activities with Community based officers and communications team. 9. Provide monthly progress reports outlining activities conducted, number of participants, challenges encountered along with supporting documentation. 10. Assist the Project manager in preparing donor report. |
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Minimum Requirements:

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| <p>a. Education:
A minimum of an Associated Degree in Project management or related field. A Bachelor's degree in Project Management or management would be preferred.</p> <p>c. Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent analytical and decision-making skills; • Strong time management skills | <p>b. Experience
A minimum of 5 years working in rural development, indigenous development, project management. Working knowledge or the social organization and communication practices of indigenous communities of Southern Belize.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High proficiency in writing and reporting skills • Effective negotiation and conflict management skills |
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Term of work: Contract employment for 6 months renewable at the end based on funding and performance.

Expression of Interest

Interested persons are required to apply via email in response to this vacancy to info@satim.org.bz Please send Curriculum Vitae along with references and examples of related work experience.

Deadline

The deadline for application submission is the end of business day on **July 27th, 2022**.

Linking biological diversity management with the physical and cultural survival of Indigenous People



VACANCY NOTICE

LEGISLATURE- NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill the vacant position of **PARLIAMENTARY OFFICER I**.

In accordance with the National Assembly Staff Act, Chapter 14 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, the Parliamentary Officer I is a staff appointed under section 6 of the said Act. Also subject to Section 4, the STAFF of the NATIONAL ASSEMBLY are not governed by the Public Service Regulation.

Duties

The essential duties of the PARLIAMENTARY OFFICER I are as follows:

1. General typing of letters and memos, including correspondences relating to Members and staff travels;
2. Provide secretarial services for Members;
3. Transcribe, edit and compile verbatim of House, Senate and Committee meetings;
4. Compile speeches of Members of the House and the Senate;
5. Amend Clerk's and Deputy Clerk's Law Books up to the month after the publication of a new Act;
6. Prepare Orders of the Day for the House of Representatives;
7. Prepare Prime Minister's, Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Notes;
8. Prepare Notices and Communiqués for House meetings;
9. Prepare Members' question;
10. Prepare Minutes of House Sitings;
11. Prepare draft Bills for Printers to print and publish in Bill form;
12. Prepare Reports and Minutes of House Committee meetings;
13. Co-ordinate with the Deputy Clerk on all matters relating to the sitting of the House;
14. Attend to visitors to the National Assembly;
15. Assist in the preparation of Sessional Papers for House meetings;
16. Assist with preparations for conferences, seminars, and meetings;
17. Any other duties assigned from time to time.

Minimum Qualifications and Skills

The candidates should possess the following qualifications and skills:

- (a) - Associate Degree in General Studies or Secretarial Studies. A minimum of three (3) years of legislative work experience will be an asset.
 - Verse and experience with the use of Microsoft Office software.
 - Experience and verse in using virtual meeting platforms such as Teams/Google Meet/Zoom/etc.
 - English Language CXC General Proficiency I/II/III passes or equivalent.
 - Evidence of professionalism and ability to prepare notes for the various principals in the Senate and House.
- (b) Good knowledge of practice and procedure of the National Assembly. Have general knowledge of the functions of various government ministries/departments. Computer literate and proficient in the application of word processing and spreadsheet. Aptitude Good learning abilities, general clerical knowledge, verbal and writing ability in English. Have good public relations skills and be professional.
- (c) The applicant must be a person of integrity and good standing with no criminal record.

Salary

Equivalent to Government's Payscale 9.

Deadline for applications

Interested persons in possession of the requisite qualifications and experience should submit their application, along with a copy of qualification/s and a recent Police Record to the **Clerk, National Assembly, Belmopan**, no later than **29th July 2022**.



TENDER INVITATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES TO SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

Social Security Board (SSB) invites tenders for the supply of external audit services for the period **January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024**.

The Scope of Services document is available at SSB's Headquarter Office on Bliss Parade, Belmopan between the hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Friday. The Scope of Services document can also be forwarded electronically upon request.

Social Security Board, HQ
P.O. Box 18, Bliss Parade, Belmopan, Belize
Telephone: 822-2163 Ext. 1272
Email: seholder@socialsecurity.org.bz

The closing date for tenders is **July 29, 2022, at 4:30pm** and must be submitted in a sealed envelope labelled:

Suad Holder
Manager, Internal Audit Services
Social Security Board, Belize
P.O. Box 18, Bliss Parade
Belmopan, Cayo District
Belize, Central America

SSB reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders.

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GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL GEORGETOWN VILLAGE STANN CREEK DISTRICT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals to fill the following vacancies:

- 1 Belizean Studies Teacher- (3 Months)**
- 1 Plumbing and Technical Drawing Teacher (3 Months)**
- 1 Building and Furniture Making Teacher (3 Months)**
- 1 Mathematics Teacher (4 Months)**
- 1 Tourism/ Food and Beverage Teacher - Permanent**

All appointments will commence on August 22, 2022.

Qualifications for the teaching positions: Preferably a Bachelor's Degree in Education or the subject area. Interested persons in possession of an Associate's Degree may also apply.

Pay Scale will be in accordance with the scales approved by the Ministry of Education.

Interested persons are asked to submit Letter of Application, complete with Résumé, Transcripts, Valid Teacher's License and Two Letters of Recommendation by July 22, 2022 to the:

Secretary
Board of Governors
Georgetown Technical High School
P.O. Box 235
Dangriga Town



Vacancies at Julian Cho Technical High School



Julian Cho Technical High School invites suitably qualified persons to apply for the following posts:

- 1 Visual Arts/LSPD – Temporary
- 1 Technical Drawing/Plumbing - Temporary 1 Welding/PE Teacher – Fulltime

Qualification for Teacher:

- (a) Bachelor’s Degree or Higher in the subject area with pedagogical training preferred, however an Associate Degree in the subject area may be considered.
- (b) Teaching experience at the secondary level would be an asset.
- (c) Good communication skills and a willingness to uphold the mission of Julian Cho Technical High School.

Application package must include:

- A letter of application and resume
- Certified copies of diplomas and certificate/s
- Sealed transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended
- Birth certificate or Passport
- Certified copy of Social Security Card
- Recent Medical Certificate
- Recent Police Record
- **Valid** Teacher’s License (Secondary level)
- Two **recent** letters of recommendation

***ALL COPIED DOCUMENTS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.**

Salary:

Salary will be in accordance with the government pay scale based on qualification. Application packages must be addressed to:
 Secretary
 Board of Governors
 Julian Cho Technical High School
 P.O Box 171
 Toledo District
 Belize, Central America

ELECTRONIC PACKAGES CAN ALSO BE EMAILED TO:

jchssecretary@yahoo.com
jctechnical@yahoo.com

Deadline for applications is Monday, July 18, 2022.



Cayo Centre For Employment Training

Institute for Technical and Vocational Education and Training
 P.O. Box 134, Buena Vista Street, San Ignacio, Cayo
 Tel: (501)-824 2944/4203; Email: info@cayocet.bz

The Management and Board of Governors of the Cayo Centre for Employment Training invites suitably qualified persons to apply for the following posts:

- 1 Information Technology Instructor
- 2 Culinary Arts Instructor

Both the Information Technology and Culinary Arts Instructors have the ultimate responsibility of effectively teaching theoretical and practical lessons to the trainees of the general Cayo CET school population. The instructors also oversee and assist with the implementation of the policies and programs of the Institution in cooperation with the Board of Governors, Management, and Ministry of Education. He or she reports to the Manager.

The Instructors will be persons who:

- Are familiar with and supportive of the mission of Cayo Centre for Employment Training
- Are in possession of a **valid Teacher’s License**
- Are proficient with Microsoft Office Suite Applications
- Knowledge in Competency Based Education Training (CBET) would be an asset
- Must have good organizational skills and able to assist in planning, directing, coordinating, and evaluating all Training aspects of instruction
- Has excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Is proficient with Adobe Suite Applications (I.T. Instructor Only)
- Working experience in the tourism industry as a Chef/Sous Chef (Culinary Instructor Only)

Education and Experience: Applicants should have a Bachelor’s Degree (Associate’s Degree will be considered) in related field from an accredited institution. A minimum of two years’ experience teaching in the Belizean education system and fluency in Spanish will be an asset. Application package should include an application letter, updated resume, two recent references and/or recommendation letters, valid social security card, transcripts, and certified copies of all diplomas/certificates/licenses.

Remuneration: in accordance with salary scales of the Ministry of Education.

Application Deadline: **July 22nd, 2022**

Applications should be addressed to:

The Manager
 Cayo Centre for Employment Training
 P.O. Box 134,
 Buena Vista Street
 San Ignacio
 Cayo District

Applications can also be sent to: info@cayocet.bz

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY

BY ORDER of Chargees, Messrs. Alpha Gamma Financial Services Limited, Licensed Auctioneer, Fernando Molina, will sell the following properties:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel	Being the freehold properties of
San Pedro	7	5906 (915.37 sq. yds.)	5906GOA3208 Inc.
San Pedro	7	5907 (899.22 sq. yds.)	5907GOA4209 Inc.
San Pedro	7	5908 (416.67 sq. yds.)	5908GOA4210 Inc.
San Pedro	7	5909 (416.67 sq. yds.)	5909GOA4211 Inc.

TOGETHER with all buildings thereon in one lot by way of public auction onsite on Monday, 18th July, 2022 at 1PM.
 Total Land Area: 2,647.93 SQ. YDS.

Buildings & improvements: Parcel #5906 – 4 Buildings, two-storey - 887 sq.ft& 140 sq.ft. of external porch, each.
 Parcel #5907 – two-storey building – 3,926 sq.ft. & 737 sq.ft. of external porch.
 Parcel #5908 & #5909 – two-storey building – 5137 sq. ft. and a single storey building – 983 sq. ft.

All these parcels of land are a portion of Mahogany Bay Subdivision situate on Ambergris Caye, Belize. The development has a series of canals with each lot having canal frontage.



TERMS: STRICTLY CASH

Bids may also be submitted via email by no later than 17th July, 2022

For further particulars on the properties, please contact:

Email: bids@beacon-auctions.com

Tel: 610-0919

Belize's political parties and others remember Dr. Ted Aranda

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 13, 2022

The country lost a key figure in its history this week with the passing of politician and activist Dr. Theodore "Ted" Arana. Since Sunday, there has been an outpouring of expressions of condolence and words of tribute for the man who founded the World Garifuna Organization, served on both of the country's main political parties, and was among one of the first Belizeans to obtain a Doctorate degree.

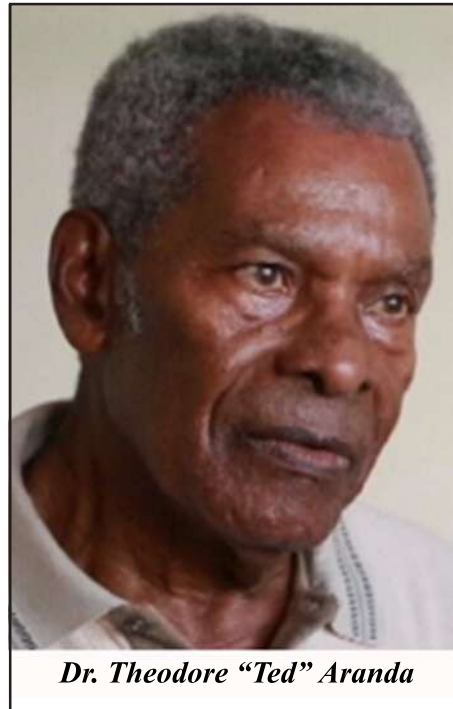
The Belize Progressive Party (BPP) noted, in a statement which it issued upon Dr. Aranda's passing, that he contributed to Belize's alternative political movement when he established his own party, the Christian Democratic Party, as a third political group to participate in the country's general

elections.

"The lasting effects of his bold vision and exemplary service will be here with us for many years to come," said the BPP.

Another of the country's third parties, the Belize Peace Movement (BPM), described Dr. Aranda as "a great Belizean patriot, a true visionary, political leader, and leader of the Garifuna people" in a statement sent out on Tuesday.

According to the press release, the BPM and Dr. Aranda had developed a close relationship in his later years, and embarked on a number of projects together. Those projects focused mainly on the empowerment of young people as well as Belizean patriotism and the preservation of Belize's territorial integrity. Notably, Dr. Aranda was vocally opposed to taking the



Dr. Theodore "Ted" Aranda

matter of Guatemala's unfounded claim on Belize to the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

Earlier in the week, both the People's United Party and the United Democratic Party issued statements in which they thanked Dr. Aranda for his service to the country. In an article in this week's Tuesday issue of the AMANDALA, the newspaper's publisher, Evan X Hyde, shared what he knew of Dr. Aranda's time in the world of politics.

"I think Dr. Aranda probably joined the UDP pretty soon. He didn't run in '74. In '74 Mr. Paul Guerrero ran for that Dangriga seat for the UDP—he was one of 6 UDP winners," he said.

Dr. Aranda served as the leader of the United Democratic Party from 1979-1983. He would later join the People's United Party, and would hold the Dangriga seat from 1989 to 1993 as a representative of that party. He would also go on to play a pivotal role in the planning of the Belize Black Summit alongside the United Black Association for Development in 2003.

"A remarkable man, a unique man. He maintained his dignity and privacy, and of course, his people always had that affection and respect for him to the nth degree," Hyde said.

A funeral service for Dr. Theodore Aranda will be held on Sunday, July 17, in Dangriga Town.

FOR SALE BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE

The Development Finance Corporation of Bliss Parade, City of Belmopan, Cayo District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as mortgagee under Deed of Mortgages or Charges between those hereinafter named and the said Corporation which mortgages or charges are recorded at the Land Titles Unit or the Lands Registry, respectively and that the said Development Finance Corporation will, at the expiration of two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, sell the properties described in the Schedule hereto.

All offers to purchase the said properties must be made in writing to the said Corporation at its Headquarters Office or District Offices.

SCHEDULE

Parcel No. 6777, Block No. 7, San Pedro Registration Section containing 445.685 S.M. situate at Colonia San Diego Area, 3.5 Miles out of town limits and held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of DERICK ISMAEL GARCIA.

Parcel No. 6776, Block No. 7, San Pedro Registration Section containing 445.685 S.M. situate at Colonia San Diego Area, 3.5 Miles out of town limits and held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of DERICK ISMAEL GARCIA.

All that piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 28 containing 1475.74 S.Y. situate along the Hummingbird Highway, near Mile 23, Middlesex Village, Stann Creek District as shown on Entry No. 3257, Register No. 12, held under a Deed of Conveyance being the freehold interest of TERESA ISABEL HERNANDEZ.

Lot No. 319, Block No. 16, Vista Del Mar Registration Section containing 696.54 S.M. situate in the Ramon Community in Ladyville Village, Belize District held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of DYLANA DORIAN LESLIE.

DATED THIS 13th DAY OF JULY, 2022.

Corozal man, 63, found dead in lagoon

by Charles Gladden

COROZAL, Wed. July 13, 2022

One day after Roy Gilbert Fuller, 63, visited his sister, Cherrymae Sedacey, in Progresso, Corozal District, and ate lunch at her residence, he was found motionless in a lagoon in the village.

According to initial police reports, on Sunday, July 10, at about 12:30 p.m., Fuller went to Sedacey's residence to have lunch, and after eating, he left the home and headed to an unknown destination. Just after 6:00 p.m. the following day, Sedacey became worried about her brother's whereabouts, and she and a group of other concerned persons began to search for him.

The search concluded with the discovery of Fuller's motionless body in a lagoon.

Fuller's body was retrieved from the lagoon and transported to the Corozal Community Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.



Sacred Heart College

P.O. Box 163, San Ignacio, Cayo,
Phone: (501) - 824 - 2102, 824 - 2758, Fax: 824 - 3759
Office of the President

Vacancies exist at Sacred Heart College for the post of:

1. One Temporary Principles of Business/Math Teacher (August 2022 – June 2023) 1 Year
2. One Temporary Accounting/EDPM Teacher (August 2022 – November 2022)
3. One Temporary Chemistry teacher (August 2022- November 2022)

Applicants must have a B.Sc. in the teaching subject area with a Diploma in Education, or B.Ed. in the teaching subject area. Experience in these areas will be an asset.

Remuneration is commensurate with MOE approved salary scales. Successful applicants should have a valid Teacher's License.

Application packages should include the following: a signed letter of application, a copy of a university diploma showing the highest earned degree, official university transcript(s), two named referees, and a copy of a valid Teacher's License.

Completed application packages can be dropped off at the College, emailed to president@shc.edu.bz, or mail to:

Secretary
Board of Governors
P.O. Box 163
San Ignacio Town
Cayo District

Deadline for Application: July 22nd, 2022



Telephones:

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SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

Public Notice of Investment

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Social Security Act, Chapter 44 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, that the Social Security Board, as per its Investment Framework, Section 49, has proposed to lend the amount of **Four Million Dollars (BZ\$4,000,000.00)** to Citrus Products of Belize Limited for capital expenditures. The new loan facility will be consolidated for a term of twelve (12) years inclusive of a 2-year moratorium period on principal payment. Thereafter, Principal and Interest payments will be paid monthly on the declining balance.



SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

Public Notice of Investment

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Social Security Act, Chapter 44 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, that the Social Security Board, as per its Investment Framework, Section 49, has proposed to lend the amount of **Twenty Million Dollars (BZ\$20,000,000.00)** to the Development Financing Corporation Ltd. for a mortgage program, residential expansion/improvement, real estate, infrastructure and refinancing. The loan facility will be disbursed in \$5M tranches over a 2 year period. The loan facility is for a term of twenty-five (25) years inclusive of 2 years grace period on principal payment. Interest is payable quarterly on any disbursed amount from the date of first disbursement. Principal and interest payments will commence after the moratorium period on the declining balance.

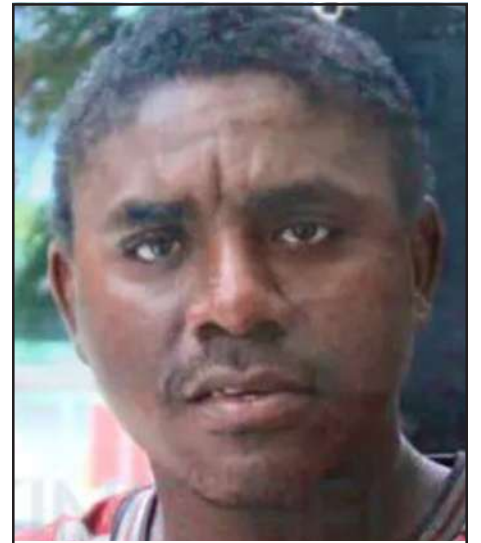


SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

Public Notice of Investment

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Social Security Act, Chapter 44 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, that the Social Security Board, as per its Investment Framework, Section 49, has proposed to lend the amount of **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (BZ\$200,000.00)** to Good Stays Hotel Ltd. for capital expenditures. The new loan facility will be consolidated for a term of ten (10) years. Principal and Interest payments will be paid monthly on the declining balance.

Handyman charged for stealing elderly woman's jewelry



Phillip McKenzie, accused of stealing

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 13, 2022

Phillip McKenzie, 38, is out on bail after he pleaded not guilty to a single charge of theft for stealing \$6,000 worth of jewelry from an elderly woman's bedroom.

The victim told police officers that McKenzie, whom she knew as "Felipe," had done maintenance work for her several times in the past. She further said that on May 4, she had asked McKenzie to repair the air conditioner in her bedroom, but that after only 10 minutes in the room, McKenzie had told her that he was going to buy food and would return shortly.

According to the victim, about half an hour later, she entered her bedroom and stepped on an earring that was lying on the floor. She then became suspicious and made checks on her jewelry, and found that several pieces of jewelry were missing.

She subsequently made a report to the police, to whom she gave the phone number she had used to call McKenzie. Police later used that information to locate McKenzie, who was found in the Belama Phase 1 area, where he was doing maintenance work on someone's house. Upon seeing the police, McKenzie reportedly tried to escape capture by jumping over a fence, and he was injured during that escape attempt. He was then detained by police.

McKenzie was later identified by the victim as the man to whom she gave access to her bedroom.

When McKenzie was arraigned in the Belize City Magistrate's Court, he was granted bail of \$2,000 plus one surety of the same amount, which he was able to meet.

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 Body Style: Elite
 Engine Type: 2.0L/Gas/4 cylinder
 Vin/Model Number: LGWEF6A5XMH910027



Send sealed envelope to:

Atlantic Insurance Co. Ltd,
 Freetown Road, Belize City
 Attention: Claims Manager

MOHW recommends lifting of restrictions against unvaccinated persons, says PM



Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 13, 2022
 When asked today by the media about the government’s response to the discovery of the most recent COVID-19 Omicron variant, BA.5, in Belize, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño said that no COVID-19 lockdowns are expected.

“No, we’re not going to have a lockdown; that’s for sure. What the Ministry of Health informed the Cabinet is that the new variant, I only remember #5 — can’t keep up — that the new variant spreads faster, but it is less dangerous and the infection rate is now from 5 days to between 1 and 3 days,” the Prime Minister said (although it is possible that the severity of the symptoms of this most recent variant might equal, or possibly exceed, what has previously been seen in cases of Omicron infection).

Approximately 2.5% of the samples collected during the month of June were confirmed to be the Omicron BA.5 variant. In light of this new variant’s high transmissibility rate, it is likely that it spread through certain pockets of the local population might already be underway. Currently, it is one of the primary drivers of infection among persons in the United States, where BA.4 and BA.5 are the predominant subvariants.

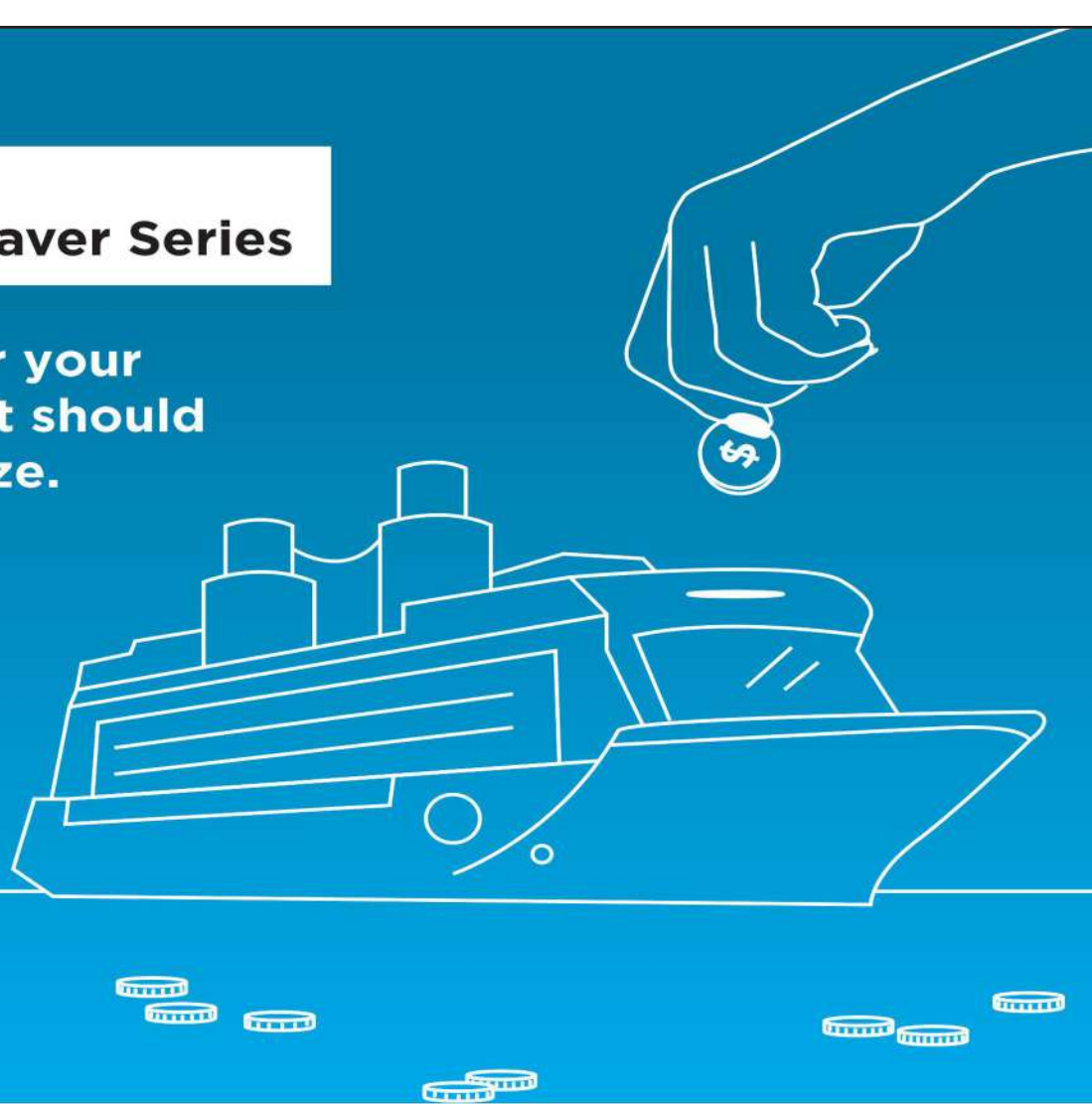
However, instead of putting more extensive protocols in place to address the spread of the virus, the Prime Minister has said that the Minister of Health and Wellness is recommending that even more restrictions be rolled back — specifically those affecting unvaccinated citizens.

“The Ministry of Health has recommended to Cabinet yesterday to remove all the restrictions that we have had, when it comes, for instance, to the issue of vaccination. I mean, every adult that had wanted to get vaccinated could have gotten vaccinated; those have not is because they simply don’t want, and unless if we pass a law which would create other problems, we have decided to remove those restrictions and allow people –

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Applicants are invited to apply for the position of:

PRIMARY EDUCATION TEACHER

Applicants for the teaching position should have a *minimum of a Master's Degree with concentration in primary education* or are presently enrolled in a Master's degree program with concentration in education.

Teaching experience at the tertiary level would be an asset.

Successful applicant must be willing to engage in supervision of student-teachers and travel to the locations where these student-teachers are teaching.

Successful applicant must also be available to attend workshops on behalf of the institution and to stay in tune with developments in teacher education.

Letters of application along with resume, transcript of grades, and two references should be sent by Thursday, July 28, 2022 to:

**Chairman
Board of Governors
S/C Ecumenical Junior College
P.O. Box 122
Dangriga Town**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The U.S. Embassy Belmopan is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the following position:

Position Name: Bodyguard
Vacancy number: Belmopan-2022-14
Closing date: July 24, 2022

Interested applicants must submit their application via the Electronic Recruitment Application (ERA) system, a web-based system. To view and apply for this vacancy, visit the ERA site at: <https://erajobs.state.gov/dos-era/blz/vacancysearch/searchVacancies.hms>

Please visit the Embassy's website for instructions on how to apply via the ERA system: <https://bz.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>

Note 1: Resumes **will not** be considered. Candidates must note all work experience when completing the ERA application. Insufficient or incomplete information will result in an ineligible application.

Note 2: Candidates **must** submit applicable required documentation by the closing date of this announcement. Failure to provide the required documentation will result in an ineligible application.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The U.S. Embassy Belmopan is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the following position:

Position Name: Custodian (Janitor)
Vacancy number: Belmopan-2022-15
Closing date: July 24, 2022

Interested applicants must submit their application via the Electronic Recruitment Application (ERA) system, a web-based system. To view and apply for this vacancy, visit the ERA site at: <https://erajobs.state.gov/dos-era/blz/vacancysearch/searchVacancies.hms>

Please visit the Embassy's website for instructions on how to apply via the ERA system: <https://bz.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>

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MOHW recommends lifting of restrictions against unvaccinated

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Belizeans—to be able to leave the country if they are not vaccinated,” PM Briceño said.

A significant percentage of the Belizean population remains unvaccinated for one reason or the other. Those persons, because they do not have vaccination cards, have been required to present negative COVID-19 test results before being allowed to travel or when returning to the country. These and other restrictions on those persons will be lifted, but PM Briceño said that the Health Ministry will continue moving forward with a

vigorous campaign to further increase the public's awareness of important safety measures.

“The Ministry of Health is going to continue with a very aggressive campaign—the mask-wearing when necessary, the physical distance and washing your hands, and also testing when necessary,” PM Briceño said.

A Cabinet release issued today stated, “Finally, Cabinet approved the removal of all public health measures at points of entry, but cautions that in light of the presence of the BA.2 and BA.5 subvariants in Belize, vaccines remain the best protection against severe disease and death from COVID-19.”

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lord's Bank	16	3433
The freehold property of Ms. Lorna Martinez		

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	5322
The freehold property of Ms. Judith Ogaldez		

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	8603
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Santa Elena/Cayo	23	1965
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From the Publisher

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Around 1995, 1996, this newspaper was still at the peak of its popularity and power, but the United Democratic Party (UDP) of Dr. Manuel Esquivel was very hostile to us. The problem between Esquivel and the Zinc Fence began when the UDP refused to accept Rufus X's challenge to the UDP's Belize Rural North area representative, the late Sam Rhaburn. This was around 1987.

The UDP rejected this newspaper's visionary bid to open a private radio station in early 1989. Seeking to gain the support of the Zinc Fence's 4 percent of the electorate, the Opposition People's United Party (PUP) told the Belizean people that they would support the concept of a Radio Amandala if they were elected in the September 1989 general election.

Well, the PUP did win the election,

narrowly, but it is fairly clear that the PUP leaders must have promised Belize's oligarchical power structure that a new PUP administration would not really support this Radio Amandala (KREM Radio) concept in practice.

And, so it was. The tale of the early KREM Radio is a bitter one in some respects, but the oligarchy, in the person of the Barry Bowen business empire, experienced an example of the nightmare they had visualized if the Fence added a radio station to its newspaper dominance.

There was a fight in Belize football which caused Kremandala to call for its supporters to boycott Bowen products in late 1990. The boycott was successful to the extent that it led to the introduction of semi-professionalism in Belize football in 1991.

Semi-pro basketball followed

almost immediately in 1992, and the franchise owned by Kremandala contributed substantially to the survival of KREM Radio, against the odds.

Esquivel's UDP returned to power at the end of June in 1993, however, just two weeks before the Kremandala Raiders won their first semi-pro basketball championship, the first of four consecutive from 1993 to 1996, and the new UDP government began a newspaper campaign against the Raiders which was so vicious it led to a Kremandala decision to withdraw from the semi-pro league after the 1995 season.

Remember now, that Lord Michael Ashcroft had decided to infiltrate the business structure of KREM Radio around May of 1994. He did so under false pretenses, however. When the Belize Bank agreed to a \$75,000 loan

to KREM Radio that May 1994, the bank insisted that a mysterious entity by the name of Sagis Investments Limited should be sold 10 percent of KREM out of Evan X Hyde's 40 percent holdings. The sale price was \$25,000.

I have written before that Kremandala had no reason to consider Ashcroft and his bank our enemies at the time. Sagis, I said to myself, for whatever the reason(s), that must be Ralph Fonseca or Michael Ashcroft. In business, 10 percent is a strategic quantum in holdings, but business novice that I am, I didn't know that at the time.

Well, you and I know now that it was Barzini Ashcroft all the while. And that is why I will now say to you that when two strangers showed up around 1995, 1996 with an offer to purchase this newspaper, I am positive now that it had to be the Lord orchestrating the play. The Caucasian strangers were brought to me by the late Emory King, who had an office in the Lord's Radisson Fort George Hotel compound.

At a dinner held one night at Mr. King's home in Tropical Park, one of the strangers said to me, in the presence of my father, like this: "Well, Evan, it's up to you. You can sell all or some. Either way, you will not have to work another day in your life." For sure, not having to work again sounded good, but, as the saying goes, all that glitters is not gold.

My advisers were the late Dr. Leroy Taegar and the accountant Cedric Flowers. Cedric said that he estimated the total value of the newspaper at that time to be two million dollars. I offered the strangers forty per cent of the newspaper for \$800,000. I never saw the suckers again.

The point I want to make to you, readers and advertisers, is that this is a powerful newspaper because of your support. This newspaper came out of the pennies, nickels, and dimes of our supporters in 1969. The government did not give us a development concession. Instead, and in fact, we were hit with a Supreme Court seditious conspiracy charge in February of 1970, just six months after we began publishing.

The long and short of it is this: this newspaper has very powerful enemies. The reason this is so is because we have a 53-year-old record of standing for the Belizean people. Except for that brief moment of weakness in 1995, 1996, we are not for sale.

Power to the people.



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KREM Television Program Guide

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Friday, July 15, 2022 to Thursday, July 21, 2022

FRIDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: Muammar Gaddafi Qaddafi Biography
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 7:30 p.m. Documentary: Internet Hackers
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Documentary: Ethiopia And The History Not Seen
- 9:56 a.m. Movie: Soylent Green
- 11:17 a.m. Documentary: 12 Years A Slave
- 1:31 p.m. Movie: Something To Think About
- 2:52 p.m. Documentary: Malcolm X
- 5:11 p.m. Movie: Emma
- 6:15 p.m. Documentary: Lucky Dube - The Man & The Music
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

SUNDAY

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Movie: I Can Only Imagine
- 1:50 p.m. Documentary: The Rising Countries - Dubai, China, Russia, India, Korea
- 2:34 p.m. Movie: The Butler
- 4:39 p.m. Documentary: The Great Barrier Reef
- 5:30 p.m. **Sunday Review (repeat)**
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Jazz
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

MONDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: America's Great Divide
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Belizean Legend: WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF BELIZEAN OLYMPIAN ALTHEA MOSES!
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

WEDNESDAY

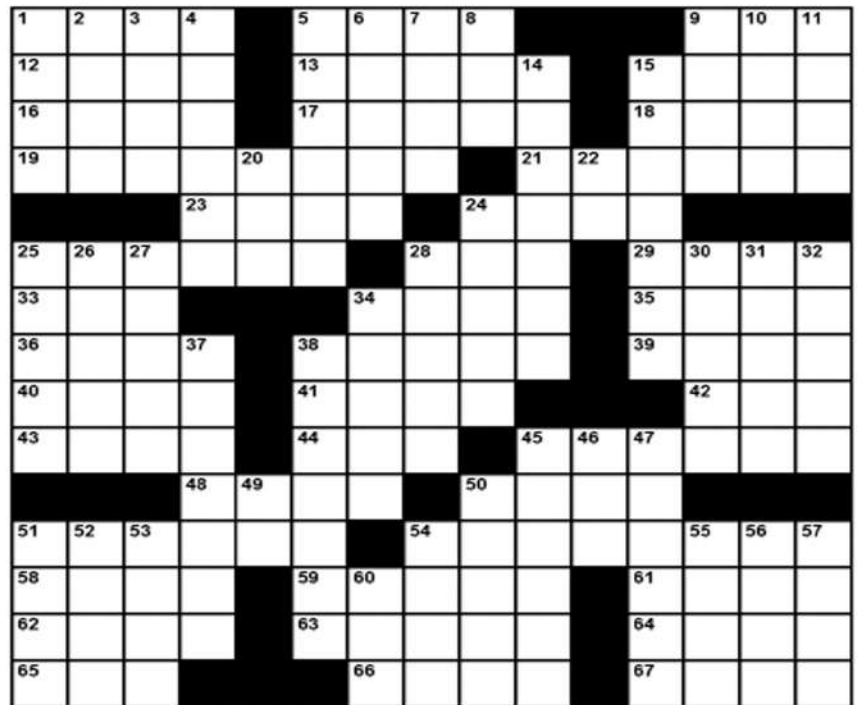
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- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Thornwell 1981 - Glynn Turman
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 7:30 p.m. Belizean Legends: Ras Indio
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

THURSDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Riverbend
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: Lost Civilization - Africa
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



Daily Printable Crossword Puzzle - 07-12-2022



Across

1. Artist's mecca
5. Annexes
9. Eng. channel
12. For picking
13. Best part
15. Verve, Italian style
16. Biblical garden
17. Delhi tongue
18. Dry goods unit
19. Smile
21. Roots
23. Isn't able to
24. Baby's place
25. Leaped up
28. Even if, informally
29. Days of old
33. Alternative to 401k
34. Trounce
35. Abu Dhabi V.I.P.
36. Of the flock
38. Native group
39. Epic
40. Anne Frank's father
41. Bumbler's word
42. Rebuffs
43. Authenticate
44. Baby fish
45. Urge
48. Bedside item
50. Apple heart
51. Amend
54. High state official
58. Base opposer
59. Country singer Judd
61. Inducing gooseflesh
62. Clarified butter
63. Antler ends
64. Astronaut's org.
65. Female hog
66. A religion, abbr.
67. A son of Aphrodite

Down

1. Not kosher
2. Actress Turturro
3. Cartel since 1961
4. Iroquoian people
5. In distress
6. Float along
7. Crash result
8. Glum
9. Highland hillside
10. Whirring sound
11. Atlantic catches
14. Germ
15. Farewells from a tyke
20. Computer network, ab
22. -- yo silver!
24. Freshwater fishes
25. Barn neighbors
26. Chatter on
27. Indian side dish
28. Worthless stuff
30. Man from Muscat
31. Hardship
32. Banish blunders
34. Hang downward
37. Bump into
38. Suffering
45. Peaceful
46. Anteceding
47. Balmy
49. Like
50. Celestial body
51. Cloth scraps
52. Alpine sound
53. Look upon
54. Departed
55. Almost proximate
56. Approximation words
57. Nordic rugs
60. Aspire to

Crossword answers for last edition

The answers below are for the puzzle appearing in the last edition of the Amandala. The answers for the above puzzle will appear in next issue of this newspaper.



Daily Printable Crossword Puzzle - 07-07-2022 - Answers



Court frees accomplice in fatal attack at doctor's home

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Tues. July 13, 2022

Windell Thurton, Jr., twenty-four years old, had been on remand at the Belize Central Prison for a little over six years for being involved in the murder of Belize City cook Ian Blair, but today Thurton is a free man, despite having pleaded guilty to all charges brought against him.

On January 27th of 2016, Dr. Marcos Christopher Rugama Miranda and Ian Robert Blair were both stabbed by burglars who entered Dr. Rugama's home on Simon Lamb Street sometime around 1:40 a.m. that morning. After leaving Blair dead in a bedroom and Rugama with stab wounds to the chest, the burglars fled from the home with a flat-screen television and a few other items.

According to an AMANDALA article dated January 28, 2016, the police reported that Dr. Rugama had gone outside on his back verandah to retrieve

clothes, and upon reentering his home, he saw Blair being attacked by the two men—one of them armed with what appeared to be a firearm while the other wielded a knife. Dr. Rugama reportedly attempted to fight off the burglars while his friend ran into the bedroom.

Three men were subsequently arrested and charged in connection with the crime, including Windell Thurton, who was 18 at the time. The other two were Max Orosco and Byron Flowers.

Orosco, who is still behind bars, was deemed unfit to stand trial, and all charges against Flowers were dropped. Thurton, however, who was reportedly the one who gave his accomplices two knives and waited outside Rugama's home for his friends to return, had pleaded guilty to the charges of abetment to murder and abetment to attempted murder.

In court on Tuesday, Justice Susan Lamb ruled that a sentence of six years and six months was appropriate for



Ian Blair, deceased

Thurton, but since he had already served that amount of time in prison, he was allowed to walk free.

NEMO National Economic Recovery Committee reconvenes

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 13, 2022

For the first time in several years, the NEMO National Economic Recovery Committee (NERC) convened to discuss economic recovery preparedness as well as strategies for long-term and short-term recovery following disasters.

According to NEMO, the meeting was part of the organization's continuing efforts to synchronize with the respective national committees in preparation for the Atlantic Hurricane Season.

A press release issued last week explained that the committee serves to assist with immediate post-disaster economic recovery and to monitor pledges, grants, and loans from International Financial Institutions (IFS) that can quickly jumpstart the economic sectors affected by disasters.

The committee, chaired by Dr. Osmond Martinez, also spent time establishing plans to reenergize the national data framework, create a national emergency utility framework "with clear roles and responsibilities" and seek and coordinate funding through programs to enable a national emergency economic action plan.

The Statistical Institute of Belize, the Belize Electricity Limited, and the Ministry of Rural Transformation are expected to soon be invited to become members of the committee.

GoB needs Geovanni's skills, says PM

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would be making some \$42,000 per year along with a \$125 monthly telephone allowance. As a result of his being hired by GoB, Brackett has gone from being an activist, who was often vocal in his opposition to policy changes made by the former Barrow administration, to a public officer, and his new status has prompted public scrutiny and criticism, including by the president of the Public Service Union (PSU), Dean Flowers, and the chairman of the United Democratic Party, Senator Michael Peyrefitte.

What exactly will he be doing at the Press Office under the title of Information Consultant? According to Prime Minister Briceño, he will be helping to move the Press Office in a new direction:

"Well, the information consultant... I imagine the people that do that would want to come with something that would be able to capture what we want him to do. And basically as I said, he'd be able to change the mindset that information comes in different ways—it comes in paper, it comes on video, it comes digitally, it comes from the internet. And we were hoping that he then can be able to help the press office to move in that direction," said the PM.

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From the Publisher *en Español*

Reproducido de la página 9 del Martes 12 de Julio de 2022, número 3569 de Amandala

Alrededor de 1995, 1996, este periódico estaba todavía en la cima de su popularidad y poder, pero el Partido Demócrata Unido (UDP por sus siglas en inglés) del Dr. Manuel Esquivel era muy hostil con nosotros. El problema entre Esquivel y *Zinc Fence* comenzó cuando el UDP se negó a aceptar el desafío de Rufus X al representante de área de la división Rural Norte del Distrito de Belize del UDP, el difunto Sam Rhaburn. Esto fue alrededor de 1987.

El UDP rechazó la iniciativa visionaria de este periódico de abrir una estación de radio privada a principios de 1989. Buscando obtener el apoyo del 4 por ciento del electorado de *Zinc Fence*, el opositor Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP) le dijo al pueblo beliceño que apoyaría el concepto de una Radio

Amandala si fueran elegidos en las elecciones generales de septiembre de 1989.

Bueno, el PUP ganó la elección, por poco, pero está bastante claro que los líderes del PUP deben haberle prometido a la estructura de poder oligárquica de Belize que una nueva administración del PUP realmente no apoyaría este concepto de Radio Amandala (Radio KREM) en la práctica.

Y así fue. La historia del incipiente Radio KREM es amarga en algunos aspectos, pero la oligarquía, en la persona del imperio empresarial de Barry Bowen, experimentó un ejemplo de la pesadilla que habían visualizado si *Fence* añadiera una estación de radio a su dominio periodístico.

Hubo una pelea en el fútbol de Belize

que hizo que Kremandala llamara a sus seguidores a boicotear los productos de Bowen a fines de 1990. El boicot tuvo éxito en la medida en que condujo a la introducción del semiprofesionalismo en el fútbol de Belize en 1991.

El baloncesto semiprofesional siguió casi de inmediato en 1992, y la franquicia propiedad de Kremandala contribuyó sustancialmente a la supervivencia de Radio KREM, contra todo pronóstico.

El UDP de Esquivel volvió al poder a fines de junio de 1993, sin embargo, solo dos semanas antes de que los Kremandala Raiders ganaran su primer campeonato de baloncesto semiprofesional, el primero de cuatro consecutivos de 1993 a 1996, y el nuevo gobierno del UDP inició una campaña en los periódicos contra los Raiders,

que fue tan cruel que llevó a Kremandala a retirarse de la liga semiprofesional después de la temporada de 1995.

Recuerden ahora que Lord Michael Ashcroft había decidido infiltrarse en la estructura comercial de Radio KREM alrededor de mayo de 1994. Sin embargo, lo hizo con falsos pretextos. Cuando el Banco Belize acordó un préstamo de \$ 75,000 a Radio KREM en mayo de 1994, el banco insistió en que una entidad misteriosa con el nombre de Sagis Investments Limited debería vender el 10 por ciento de KREM del 40 por ciento de las participaciones de Evan X Hyde. El precio de venta fue de \$25,000.

He escrito antes que Kremandala no tenía motivos para considerar a Ashcroft y su banco nuestros enemigos en ese momento. Sagis, me dije, por la(s) razón(es) que sea(n), ese debe ser Ralph Fonseca o Michael Ashcroft. En los negocios, el 10 por ciento es una cantidad estratégica en las participaciones, pero como soy un novato en los negocios, no lo sabía en ese momento.

Bueno, ustedes y yo sabemos ahora que fue Barzini Ashcroft todo el tiempo. Y es por eso que ahora les diré que cuando dos extraños aparecieron alrededor de 1995, 1996 con una oferta para comprar este periódico, ahora estoy seguro de que tenía que ser el Lord quien estaba orquestando la obra. Los extraños caucásicos me fueron traídos por el difunto Emory King, que tenía una oficina en el complejo del Hotel Radisson Fort George del Lord.

En una cena celebrada una noche en la casa del Sr. King en Tropical Park, uno de los extraños me dijo, en presencia de mi padre, así: "Bueno, Evan, depende de ti. Puedes vender todo o algo. De cualquier manera, no tendrás que trabajar un día más en tu vida". Seguro que no tener que volver a trabajar sonaba bien, pero, como dice el refrán, no es oro todo lo que reluce.

Mis asesores fueron el difunto Dr. Leroy Taegar y el contador Cedric Flowers. Cedric dijo que estimaba el valor total del periódico en ese momento en dos millones de dólares. Ofrecí a los extraños el cuarenta por ciento del periódico por 800.000 dólares. Nunca volví a ver a los tontos.

El punto que quiero transmitirles a ustedes, lectores y anunciantes, es que este es un periódico poderoso gracias a su apoyo. Este periódico salió de los centavos, cinco y diez centavos de nuestros seguidores en 1969. El gobierno no nos dio una concesión de desarrollo. En cambio, y de hecho, nos acusaron de conspiración sediciosa en la Corte Suprema en febrero de 1970, solo seis meses después de que empezáramos a publicar.

En resumidas cuentas: este periódico tiene enemigos muy poderosos. La razón por la que esto es así es porque tenemos un historial de 53 años de apoyo al pueblo beliceño. Excepto por ese breve momento de debilidad en 1995, 1996, no estamos a la venta.

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July 15th, 2022.

1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES

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2.1 Buyer's background

The Executing Body (EB) for the BISP is the Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development**, and Investment. The Ministry of Economic Development will be responsible for the execution of the Programme and all its components, reporting all progress to CABEI and ensure the execution of each component under the terms established for CABEI formulation and approval. The execution of BISP components will be carried out by the Co-Executors: Belize Police Department, Belize Defense Force, Belize Coast Guard and National Forensic Science Services.

2.2 The **Ministry of Economic Development** is responsible for the present Procurement process for which it invites suppliers of goods and services to submit bids for this procurement in a sealed envelope.

2.3 The Supplier will be selected and awarded in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration as established in the Procurement Policy for Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Regulations, (DI-52/2020 and PRE-40/2021) which can be found on the following web site: <https://www.bcie.org>.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

3.1 General Objectives of the Procurement: acquisition, installation, and connection to the Fiber Optic Grid of fifty (50) Surveillance Cameras and all associated equipment such as monitors and DVRs for the Belize Police Department. System must be connected to the fiber optic grid and fully functional.

3.2 The Buyer makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this Procurement necessary for the preparation of bids.

Such information will be available free of charge:

- For download on the Ministry of Economic Development's Website: www.med.gov.bz/bisp-tenders and the Ministry of Finance's Procurement Portal <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do>.
- Additional information regarding the preparation of proposals can be communicated by emailed to: procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz and copied to projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz or by calling telephone number: **822-0156**

Any cost to obtain the documents are Non-Refundable. The nominal charge amounts needed are to cover printing and shipping costs.

3.3 Bids for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than Wednesday **August 17th, 2022**, until **9:00 a.m.** at the following physical address below:

3.4 Bids must be sent to the address below and bids will not be permitted in electronic form. **No late bids will be accepted.** Bids shall be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder, at the address listed below, on Wednesday **August 17th, at 9:15 a.m.**

3.5 All Bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Maintenance Declaration".

3.6 The address referred to above is: **Project Coordinator**
Belize Integral Security Programme
#1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit 3

Phone Number: 822-0156

email address: projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz
Procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz

CONFIDENCIAL EXTERNO

Hon. Pantan joins attempt to unify the UDP

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 13, 2022

Area representative for the Albert constituency, Hon. Tracy Pantan, has publicly stated that she will be working with the leadership of the United Democratic Party in their continued effort to reunite the deeply divided party. In an extended interview this week, Hon. Pantan explained that the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow, has already reached out to her as part of that effort.

“I did receive a personal e-mail from the Leader of the Opposition indicating his desire to forge a more unified approach within the leadership of the party. There is a meeting scheduled next week, of which I will be a part of. Some of the concerns can be aired out hopefully with a genuine attempt to try and build some consensus and forge a way forward,”

she said.

That meeting is also expected to include former UDP leader, Hon. Patrick Faber.

“This issue of divide and conquer doesn’t solve the problem that we’re having. So the idea is that the three of us will sit down to a meeting on the 19th, I believe, of November,” Pantan said.

According to Hon. Pantan, the time has come for the leadership of the UDP, including even those serving as interim caretakers for constituencies without a standard bearer, to sit down and assess how to “not only rebuild the party, which is absolutely important, but also defend democracy.”

In recent months, the United Democratic Party’s presence and voice in the House of Representatives, where it serves as the national Opposition, has been visibly diminished—with Hon. Patrick Faber,



Collet area rep, having been out of the country following his removal from the post of UDP leader due to domestic abuse allegations, and with Hon. Denise “Sista B” Barrow being a repeated absentee. Nevertheless, Hon. Pantan says the Opposition has been making an effort to carry out

their role at the highest possible level, despite limited representation in Parliament.

“I think even though there are few of us in the House, I think we try to do a good job at raising pertinent issues in the House of Representatives. I think that will only continue to grow from strength to strength. Once Patrick is back in the country, you know he has been away for a while; he’s expected to return soon. And so there will be maybe a louder voice, a more vociferous voice in the House with more of us attending meetings of the National Assembly. I think that’s important,” she said.

And while the Albert area representative was able to provide an update on the expected return of Hon. Patrick Faber to the House, she could not do the same in regard to Hon. Denise Barrow, the Queen’s Square area representative—known by most Belizeans as “Sista B”.

“Well, I can’t speak for Sista B,” she said.

Hon. Denise Barrow has been repeatedly absent from National Assembly meetings and has rarely, if ever, participated in the House debates. Despite her repeated absence from House meetings, the Speaker of the House, Valerie Woods, has stated that she is still in compliance with its Standing Orders. Unless those Standing Orders are revised, said Hon. Pantan, the Queen’s Square representative will not be found in violation of them.

The Standing Orders, however, are currently in the process of being revised, something which Pantan described as being quite timely.

“I believe if you’re an elected official, you have a duty and a responsibility to defend the democracy—to be a voice for those who do not have a voice in the House. However, that is translated. So, I really can’t say why Sista B has opted not even to be present at a House meeting, and I urge you to speak to her on that matter, but I do think we have a duty and an obligation and a responsibility,” she stated.

At the scheduled meeting to be held by the UDP’s leadership, discussions are to be held regarding the upcoming dates of various conventions, including for the selection of an executive committee, as well as conventions for standard bearers and constituency committees. Hon. Tracy Pantan also pointed out that it’s very likely there will be another leadership convention for the UDP before the next general elections.

Asked if she still has leadership aspirations, she responded “absolutely”.

“I have never shied away from that. But I want to make it clear, because the narrative is, has been, that because the representative for Albert has leadership ambitions that she will undermine the party. None of us is greater than the party. And so whatever my aspirations will be cannot supersede what it serves the best interest of the collective good of the party and of the country,” she said.



MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING



INVITATION TO BID

HOTMIX PAVING OF MALACATE ROAD (6,400 L.F x 23 L.F), INDEPENDENCE, STANN CREEK DISTRICT

The Government of Belize via the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) intends to upgrade a 6,400 ft x 23 ft section of Malacate Road, Independence, Stann Creek District with Hotmix.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing now invites sealed bids from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for Hotmix Paving of the above-mentioned road in Independence Village, Stann Creek District.

The scope of works will involve rehabilitating a total of 6,400 linear ft x 23 ft of roadway with Hotmix paving (HMA) and will include the following:

- 1 Clean main road of all vegetation and deleterious materials and dispose of spoil within a 2 miles radius of project site.
- 2 Clean open channels / drains— 12,800 linear feet and dispose of spoil within a 2 miles radius of project site.
- 3 Drainage improvement & Culvert Installation works (Provisional item)
- 3 Scarify, shape and compact road surface (16,356 S.Y) as per crossfall on drawings.
- 4 Supply, transport, place and compact 6 inches of crushed All-In as per specifications.
- 5 Supply all equipment, materials and labour to apply 40 mm of approved Hotmix Asphalt covering a total street surface area of 16,356 S.Y.

Bidders who are interested must have the financial capacity, necessary equipment, technical expertise and experience to complete the works in accordance with the Bidding Documents.

Bidding will be conducted through national competitive bidding procedures and interested bidders may obtain further information and a copy of the bidding documents at the offices of MIDH at the address belows of Monday July 18, 2022 during normal office hours Monday through Fridays from 8.00 A.M – 12.00 Noon and from 1.00 PM – 4.00 PM.

Bidding documents are free of charge and may be picked up by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below.

All bids must be delivered to the address below by 10.00 AM local time on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 and they will be opened on the same day at 10.15 A.M, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected. A bid security of \$10,000 must be submitted and delivered to the address below at the same time of the bid submission.

1. Victor Espat
Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing
#1 Power Lane
Belmopan, Belize
Tel: 501-822-2136/39
Fax: 501-822-3282
E-mail: ceo.secretary@mow.gov.bz

2. Lennox Bradley
Chief Engineer
Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing
#1 Power Lane
Belmopan, Belize
Tel: 501-822-2136/39
Fax: 501-822-3282
E-mail: BradleyLE@midh.gov.bz

Bastille Day

by *Evan X Hyde*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 14, 2022

Today is Bastille Day in France. On this day in 1789, the masses of people in Paris, the French capital, stormed the Bastille, a prison where all the French monarchy's political prisoners were incarcerated. Thus began the French Revolution.

The French Revolution indirectly led to the Haitian Revolution, which began in 1791 and brought a former slave named Toussaint L'Ouverture to power in both Haiti and what we now know as the Dominican Republic.

Toussaint was in power in Hispaniola in September of 1798 when the Spanish and the British were fighting for control of the settlement of Belize.

The former slaves declared Haiti a republic in 1804, and Haiti assisted Simon Bolivar substantially in the liberation of several South American

Orange Walk man drowns in Blackman Eddy

While visiting family in Blackman Eddy Village, Cayo District, 23-year-old Keron Dominguez drowned in a river behind the community center in the village.

by *Charles Gladden*

BLACKMAN EDDY, Cayo District, Wed. July 13, 2022

Keron Dominguez, a 23-year-old resident of Orange Walk District, met his untimely death when he and some members of his family went swimming behind a community center during his visit to the home of those family members in Blackman Eddy Village in Cayo.

At around 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, Dominguez reportedly jumped into a section of the river that

is known to be fairly deep and was seen gasping for air as he struggled to keep his head above the water due to the strong currents. Upon seeing him sinking under the surface of the water, one of his aunts tried to save him, but her attempts failed.

About 5 minutes later, Dominguez's motionless body was found upstream.

Police from the Roaring Creek sub-station were called out to the scene and transported his body to the morgue in Belmopan, where it will undergo a post-mortem examination.



Keron Dominguez, drowning victim

countries, Venezuela most famously, from Spanish colonialism.

In this era of the Internet, students can quickly and easily find out a lot more about Bastille Day and the French

Revolution than our generation could. We knew nothing about the French Revolution except what those few who read Charles Dickens' magnificent novel, A TALE OF TWO CITIES, could learn.

The importance of Bastille Day and the French Revolution for us Belizeans is the fact that this is how the slaves in Haiti got the opportunity to liberate themselves.



ENGLISH TEACHER / SPANISH TEACHER VACANCIES at OCEAN ACADEMY

Caye Caulker Ocean Academy (OA) is a unique, award-winning secondary school that is continually growing and in need of teachers who are excited to develop professionally as part of our dynamic team. OA Teachers benefit from a deep level of professional development in a wide range of areas including: enhancing instruction through technology, 21st Century Skills, competency-based learning, mindfulness, innovation, differentiation, project-based learning, developing personal passion areas, and interventions to support universal education and empowering youth. If you are ready to join our August OA Teacher Camp and expand your teaching with our team, submit your application for one of our vacancies. A relocation package, assistance securing housing, and a housing stipend are provided to assist your move to Caye Caulker.

Candidates must possess the following qualifications:

- Teacher training and/or experience
- Possession of a valid Teacher's License
- Bachelor's Degree

Interest and ability to:

- Learn (from a teacher-mentor coach) to teach language acquisition through skill-development immersion
- Inspire, encourage, and support diverse students;
- Differentiate instruction according to ability and need;
- Use technology and creativity in designing effective lesson plans;
- Inspire positive morale within the class and among staff;
- Remain committed to retention of students;
- Be willing to think outside of the box; and
- Commit to ongoing professional development and growth.

SALARY: Per the Ministry of Education Pay Scale plus a Housing Stipend

Application deadline: Friday, July 22. Kindly email application letter, ID, transcript(s), diploma(s), police record check, resume with supporting documents, and two letters of reference to: admin@oaseatide.com.

Ocean Academy SEaTIDE, Caye Caulker, Belize District, Belize, 226-0321 / 613-0276

Vacancy Notice

Heavy Equipment Operator

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the vacant post of **HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR** at Belize Natural Energy Ltd.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Having the knowledge, abilities and experience of operating heavy equipment.
- Do safety check prior to operating any heavy equipment.
- Ensure the safe and efficient performance of all heavy equipment.
- Be able to perform basic and routine maintenance of heavy equipment.
- Clean heavy equipment as schedule and or required.
- Practice workplace safety at all times.
- Maintain inventory of heavy equipment.

Requirements:

- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- Minimum 5 yrs. experience as a Heavy Equipment Operator of Excavator, Backhoe, Telehandler, Forklift etc.
- Experience in operating Crane Truck will be an asset.
- Basic computer skill.
- Verse in Microsoft Office Word and Excel.
- Have a valid B3 & E driver's license.

Compensation:

- Salary is negotiable based on years of experience, training and certification acquired for Heavy Equipment Operator.

Applicants should submit: Letter of application, Curriculum Vitae, two letter of recommendation (from previous employer indicating your skill set as a Heavy Equipment Operator) and a recent police record to below address:

CAO / HR Manager
Human Resource Department
3 Miles Spanish Lookout Road, Iguana Creek
Cayo District, Belize
P.O. Box 279 Belmopan
Email: info@bne.bz or gsmith@bne.bz

Deadline for application is Friday, July 29, 2022



Advice to Customers of The Belize Bank Limited

As required under Section 120 of The Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act 2012, we are publishing the names of those customers whose accounts have been dormant for 10 years and over. Please call the Belize Bank Branch at which your account is located to activate your account. If the account is not activated by July 29, 2022, the funds will be transferred to the Central Bank of Belize.

Corozal

- Reyes, Edna R.
- Rosalez Sr., Robert Alexander
- Schenker, Ronald J. / Or Deckert, Wendy C.
- Shetty, Sachin Sadana
- Supaul, Christopher
- Thompson, Eva R.
- Vasquez, Gabriel A.
- Vellos, Zeidi A.



VACANCIES
St. John's College



Applications are invited to fill the following teaching positions at the high school division.

- 1) English & Literature (Full-time)
- 2) Spanish (Full-time)
- 3) Business (Full-time)
- 4) Computer Science (Full-time)
- 5) Physical Education (Full-time)
- 6) Music & English (Full-time)
- 7) Music (Temp. - August - November)
- 8) Chemistry & Mathematics (Temp. - August - November)

Qualifications:

- minimum of an associate degree in the relevant field; Bachelor's degree with Education preferred
- formal teacher-training and/or years of teaching experience in the subject area
- a full and valid license to teach in Belize
- commitment to the mission of St. John's College as a Catholic, Jesuit Belizean institution

Successful applicants will be expected to participate in orientation programmes and in SJC's continuous formation in accordance with the mission and the goals of the college and the Catholic, Jesuit education.

Remuneration: in accordance with salary scales approved by the Ministry of Education

Applications are due **Friday, 22nd July 2022**

Applications are available at the Office of the President or online at www.sjc.edu.bz.

Send or deliver completed application form along with cover letter, official sealed transcript, M.O.E. medical & drug test, police record, certified copy of birth certificate or passport page, certified copy of social security card, certified copy of highest degree, license to teach, and two recent references to:

Human Resource
P.O. Box 548
Princess Margaret Drive
Belize City, Belize C.A.
E-mail: hr@sjc.edu.bz

In The Matter of the International Business Companies Act (Chapter 270) of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011

And

In Voluntary Liquidation, Members' Winding Up and Dissolution

TAKE NOTICE that the following company has been dissolved and has been struck off the Register:

NAME	REG. NO.
GRANDTECH MANAGEMENT LTD.	173,158

Dated the 7th day of July 2022.

BARROW & WILLIAMS LLP
84 ALBERT STREET
Email: attorneys@barrowandwilliams.com

FINAL NOTICE

Vacancy

A vacancy exists with a very prestigious company for the position of **Resident Engineer**.

Requirements:

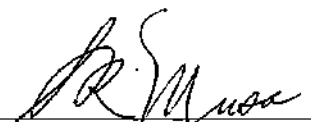
- Minimum of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering
- At least 1 year working experience.
- Good Knowledge of AutoCAD program
- be able to work under pressure

Interested qualified persons are to submit their application to the email; jzurita.spdc@serrano-proano.com no later than Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

MULTIMARCAS LIMITED
incorporated under Chapter 250 of the Laws of Belize on 3RD May, 2002

Pursuant to section 181 of the Companies Act, Cap 250 of the Laws of Belize R.E. 2000.

TAKE NOTICE that MULTIMARCAS LIMITED a Company formed under the Laws of Belize with registered office at Commercial Free Zone, Santa Elena, Corozal District, Belize is being voluntarily wound up and dissolved and a meeting of all creditors of the company shall be held on Friday the 29th day of July, 2022 at Suite 308, Marina Towers, Newtown Barracks, Belize City, Belize at 11:30 AM.

Signed 
Samira Musa Pott, Liquidator

(N.B. This is to be sent to Creditors within 7 days of Liquidator's appointment and the meeting of Creditors not to be not less than 14 days and no more than 21 days of appointment of Liquidator)

Request for Proposal – ICT Expert-PIMS



Country: BELIZE

Description of the Assignment: ICT Expert - Prison Information Management System (PIMS) and Framework (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Project name: InfoSegura

Period of assignment/services: approximately 2 months, expected commencing 25 July 2022 (for approximately 60 working days) with the final deliverable to be submitted no later than 26 September 2022

Background:

The InfoSegura project (Evidence Based Information Management on Citizen Security in Central America and the Dominican Republic) seeks to strengthen evidence-based public policy. It works towards this objective by improving the quality of citizen safety information in the region, promoting its analysis and use in the formulation of public policy, and increasing regional coordination and collaboration in strategies for citizen safety.

The regional project is being executed by the UNDP/RBLAC office and is financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). It is regional in scope, covering six (6) countries: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Belize, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic. InfoSegura theory of change proposes a reduction in violence and improvement in citizen safety and coexistence in Central America.

InfoSegura works all along the chain of information management (information collection, analysis, use and dissemination) to strengthen evidence-based public policymaking. This is to be achieved through:

- Improving regional and national capacity for collecting, monitoring and processing information regarding security, and its use in decision-making and policymaking at both levels;
- Strengthening civil society capacity for collecting, analyzing and processing information on citizen safety and monitoring policies and programs on citizen safety; and
- Supporting regional level knowledge management to enhance knowledge and understanding of fundamental causes of violence and insecurity, and to promote successful policies and practices in citizen safety.

The project also aims to strengthen policy formulation based on evidence by improving the quality and comparability of regional statistics on citizen security, and increased coordination and regional collaboration of effective citizen security strategies. The project focuses on two results:

- Developed the tools and mechanisms for strengthening capacities for the design of public policies based on evidence and sensitive to gender;
- Installed mechanisms for regional collaboration and networking about citizen security.

The Ministry of Home Affairs & New Growth Industries has identified the development of an interagency data and information platform as a critical priority for the work of the Belize Crime Observatory. Currently, a range of government ministries, statutory bodies and other agencies collect and report on citizen security related data. They include the Ministry of Health & Wellness (suicides, road traffic fatalities, homicides); the Ministry of Human Development, Families & Indigenous Peoples' Affairs (gender-based violence); the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science & Technology (e.g.: school-related incidents of violence); the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade & Immigration (migration-related data and information); and the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment (socio-economic data and information). At the commencement of this process in early 2019, there was no structured mechanism for entities to share critical crime-related data and information. Since then, the InfoSegura Project has supported the development of the Integrated Information Management Platform (IIMP), which has been made available to 5 agencies, although the intent is to roll out access to other authorized users. The pilot agencies are:

1. The Belize Central Prison
2. The Belize Crime Observatory
3. The Belize Police Department
4. The National Forensic Science Service; and
5. The Epidemiology Unit in the Ministry of Health

Objectives, Duties and Responsibilities:

- (1) Inception Report and Work Plan with draft conceptual design of the proposed framework and appropriate data-sharing model(s);
- (2) Prison Information System (PIS) Assessment Report, identifying needs, gaps, and recommendations, with a focus on priority actions;
- (3) Set-up of functional PIMS with data migration & integration and phase 1 testing successfully completed to verify functionality of features required by the Belize Central Prison, including:
 - a. Internal password-protected user interfaces such as dashboards with indicators and maps, as well as reporting features, with drop down menus and drag and drop functionalities for customized reports;
 - b. Accessible logs of internal and external client usage (time, location,

duration, activities on the platform – including any changes or edits made, where applicable);

- c. System for data backups and archiving;
 - d. Exporting of charts, tables, and data in various formats;
- (4) Fully functioning PIMS deployed, and phase 2 testing successfully completed, to verify functionality of features required by authorized interagency partners with tests of multidirectional data flow;
 - a. Outputs of on-demand and routine data files and reports on:
 - i. Inmates by categories:
 1. Remanded and/or convicted
 2. Males and/or females
 3. Youth
 4. Gang-affiliated
 5. Risk ratings
 6. Compliance indicators
 7. Location (facility name and type)

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- ii. Parolees
 1. Profiles
 2. Location
 3. Status and/or progress
 - iii. Sex offenders
 1. Automation of notifications to relevant authorities (BCO, Police, Ministry responsible for Human Development)
 2. Integration with Belize Sex Offenders Registry
- (5) Reference documentation,
 - a. Internal admin and user manuals;
 - b. Instructional videos;
 - c. Help features for authorized external clients; and
 - d. Terms of Use by user types and categories.

- (6) Final Technical Report: Concise report documenting the process of implementation, including phase 1 and phase 2 testing outcomes, corrective actions taken, lessons learned, recommendations, and critical future work to achieve efficiencies and sustainability.

Qualification, Experience and Skills:

1. Master's degree in Information Technology/Computer Science/Computer Engineering/Electronics and Communications Engineering or related course. Professional ICT training is advantageous.
2. At least three years professional experience in design, development and/or management of Information Systems;
 - Prior experience in ICT work related to crime data and information is required;
 - Experience in fostering participatory approaches is required.
3. Strong written and oral communication skills in English;
4. Excellent research, analytical and communication skills, both oral and written;
5. Rounded understanding of situational context as it relates to citizen security in Belize.

Request for Proposal Package located:

Please download the RFP package at:

https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view_notice.cfm?notice_id=93360 or

<https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/Index/178223>

Submission of Application Package:

Technical Proposals are required to submit by email clearly labeled *RFP: Consultancy ICT Expert-PIMS*

United Nations Development Programme

Attn: Procurement Associate

3rd Floor, Lawrence Nicholas Building, Belmopan

Cayo District, Belize, C.A.

Tel: (501) 822-2688, 0467, 4228

Email: procurement.bz@undp.org

Deadline for Application: Monday, July 25, 2022. UTC.

UNDP is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, nationality and culture. Individuals from minority groups, indigenous groups and persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply. All submissions will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

UNDP does not tolerate sexual exploitation and abuse, any kind of harassment, including sexual harassment, and discrimination.



Sagitun Girlz are NAWL Opening Season 2022 Champions

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 13, 2022

After double round-robin regular seasons, followed by home-and-away semifinal series in both categories, A and B, the championship final in each category of the National Amateur Women's League (NAWL) 2022 Opening Season was decided by a single game on Saturday evening, July 9, at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan.

In the first final in Group B which started at 4:00 p.m., undefeated Bay City FC from Corozal got early first half goals from Kaité Jones (5') and Aliyah Herbert (12') and held on to win, 2-1, over Wagiya United SC, whose only score came near the end from Taryne Arnold (88'). The Group B championship earned Bay City FC a spot in Group A for the NAWL 2022 Closing Season.

The caliber of play was noticeably at a higher level in the Group A finals match between San Pedro Pirates and Sagitun Girlz of Mango Creek, Independence; and it was Sagitun claiming the national championship on a 4-2 victory in regulation time over San Pedro. It

was a keenly contested match that saw Sagitun on the scoreboard early through Jurshia Zuniga at the 11th minute; but San Pedro came right back with goals from Elva Nunez (24') and Tamara Baptist (38') to boast a 2-1 lead going into the half-time break. Sagitun dominated play in the second half, however, with Zuniga netting the equalizer at the 70th minute. Her teammate Pauline Linarez converted a penalty at the 79th minute to put Sagitun in front, 3-2, and Jurshia Zuniga sealed the deal for the



Picture by W. Ysaguirre

Jurshia Zuniga of Sagitun Girlz scored a hat trick in Group A Finals 4-2 victory



Picture by W. Ysaguirre

Sagitun Girlz – NAWL 2022 Opening Season Group A Champions



Bay City FC – NAWL 2022 Opening Season Group B Champions



Sabrina Eiley of Sagitun Girlz – Group A MVP



Picture by W. Ysaguirre

Khalydia Velasquez of Jewel Fury – Group A Most Goals

Sagitun Girlz with her third goal of the day in injury time (90+') for the 4-2 final score.

Football Federation of Belize (FFB) president Sergio Chuc and other executive members were joined by Belmopan Mayor Sharon Palacio to issue individual awards and the championship trophies and medals to the winning and second-place teams in an impressive post game ceremony.

Below are the Group B and Group A award recipients.

Group B awards: Best Coach – Jose Mai (Bay City FC); Best Manager – Rachel Moss (Wagiya United SC); Fair Play Award – Wagiya United SC; Best Goalkeeper – Zidenny Loria (Bay City FC); Best Defense – Shadette Lino (Wagiya United SC); Most Goals – Anahie Blanco (Bay City FC); MVP – Darina Tzul (Bay City FC); Best Forward – Anahie Blanco (Bay City FC); Best Midfielder – Nora Ramirez (Bay City FC); and Best Young Player – Alisha Alvarez (Wagiya United SC).

Group A awards: Best Coach – Jonathan Hooper (San Pedro Pirates); Best Manager – Miguel Gongora (Jewel Fury); Fair Play Award – Jewel Fury; Best

Goalkeeper – Dennisa Mairena (San Pedro Pirates); Best Defense – Jesselle Conorque (Jewel Fury); Most Goals – Khalydia Velasquez (Jewel Fury); MVP – Sabrina Eiley (Sagitun Girlz); Best Forward – Tamara Baptist (San Pedro Pirates); Best Midfielder – Olivia DaCosta (San Pedro Pirates); and Best Young Player – Elva Nunez (San Pedro Pirates).

(AMANDALA Sports Ed. Note: Some peculiar observations on the NAWL playoffs. What a golden opportunity was missed to fill two stadiums on consecutive weeks, if the Finals were two-game-series like the Semifinals! Instead, it was a one-smash Final with few fans at the FFB Stadium. Secondly, it was observed that in the decisive Group A semifinal the previous week, some very notable stars were missing from defending champions Jewel Fury's line-up, namely Jayda Brown, Khalydia Velasquez and Fatima Romero. And finally, the individual awards in Group A were almost all shared between Jewel Fury and San Pedro Pirates, with eventual champions Sagitun Girlz receiving only one award – MVP for captain Sabrina Eiley. Such is sports in Belize.)



BTB U13 Mundialito reg. season ends; Semifinals this Saturday at MCC

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 13, 2022

Week 7 games on Saturday, July 9, at the MCC Grounds concluded the single round-robin regular season of the Belize Tourist Board (BTB) U13 Mundialito Tournament 2022. The top 4 teams (See final regular season standings below) will now enter the Semifinals this coming Saturday.

Final Regular Season Standings:

TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Belize United	7	6	0	1	26	2	+24	18
Reality Youths	7	5	2	0	16	0	+16	17
Ladyville Rising Stars	7	4	1	2	12	6	+6	13
Tutbay Yabra FC	7	3	3	1	14	3	+11	12
Sampson Academy	7	3	1	3	7	6	+1	10
Hattieville United	7	2	0	5	3	12	-8	6
Pickstock FC	7	1	1	5	5	22	-17	4
Youth & Sports Edu	7	0	0	7	0	27	-27	0

There was no undefeated team in this Mundialito, but it may be a concern for the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) which has conducted a number of coaching programs, that one team of youngsters not only lost all 7 of their matches (some by default), but failed to score a single goal throughout the tournament, which must be some sort of ignominious record, and has to reflect, not so much on the ability of the youths, but on the quality of coaching they received.

Here are the results of the 4 scheduled games on Saturday to end the regular season:

Sampson Academy and Reality Youths played to a scoreless, 0-0, draw.

Belize United bombed Hattieville United, 5-0, with a goal apiece from Shae Gordon, Antwan Latchman, Herwin Godoy, Jonathan Garay and Kaylon David.

Ladyville Rising Stars won by default, (3-0), over Youth & Sports Edu.

And Pickstock FC drew, 1-1, with Tutbay Yabra FC. Brandon Oshon shook the net for Pickstock, while Asher Welch hit the target for Tutbay Yabra.

Below is the list of leading goal scorers in regular season, followed by the upcoming semifinals schedule.

Top Goal Scorers in Regular Season:

TEAM	PLAYER	Goals
Tutbay Yabra FC	Christon Linarez	7
Reality Youths	Kadeem Oliva	6
Belize United	Antwan Latchman	5
Belize United	Kaylon David	5
Belize United	Jonathan Garay	5
Reality Youths	Gillygion Nunez	4
Belize United	Jacob Joseph	4
Ladyville Rising Stars	Jahson Sanford	3
Reality Youths	Tyler Gentle	3
Hattieville United	Daewyn Castillo	3
Belize United	Schae Gordon	3



NBB Interdistrict Quarterfinals this weekend

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 14, 2022

The first ever National Bank of Belize Amateur Interdistrict Championship (NBBAIC) held its Round of 16 Knockout games over the weekend at various venues across the country; and now it's down to 8 teams. The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) sanctioned tournament holds its knockout quarterfinals this weekend.

NBBAIC Knockout Quarterfinal schedule:

Saturday, July 16

7:00 p.m. – Atletico FC vs Mavericks FC – Isidoro Beaton Stadium

7:00 p.m. – Conquerors FC vs Hopkins Ibayani – Ambergris Stadium

Sunday, July 17

4:00 p.m. – Progreso FC vs Libertadores FC – Louisiana Football Field

4:00 p.m. – Griga Conquerors FC vs Caribbean Rum Boys – Carl Ramos Stadium

Softball Federation holds Summer Camp at Rogers Stadium



BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 14, 2022

Rogers Stadium in Belize City has been the venue this past week for a Softball Summer Camp being conducted by the Belize Softball Federation (BSF). According to BSF president Jude Lizama, the Summer Camp is a pilot project which will soon be expanded to all districts as logistics are worked out and necessary

equipment secured for the participants.

The Summer Camp, which is for both boys and girls, is being run from July 11 to July 29, Monday to Friday, and the cost is FREE. Registration is open on any day for the duration of the camp. Participants should bring a copy of their birth certificate or social security card, and come prepared with tennis shoes, cap and water bottle.

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Tracy responds to call for JPAC meeting

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and it is certainly in the interest of all parties for such a meeting to be convened in short order," Panton said.

Panton went on to say that she has since written to the Clerk of the National Assembly after seeing a copy of the letter and that in that piece of correspondence she suggested two dates as early as next week on which the JPAC meeting could be held. She pointed out that three meetings have been convened during her chairmanship this year—one at which the JPAC met with the outgoing Auditor General, Dorothy Bradley, and a meeting that was held with the Accountant General. She said that the meeting which had been scheduled for April was to be held with Financial Secretary, Joseph Waight, but he could not attend because of a court matter. She further noted that she is hoping that the JPAC can agree to apply pressure on the government to expedite its selection of a new Auditor General.

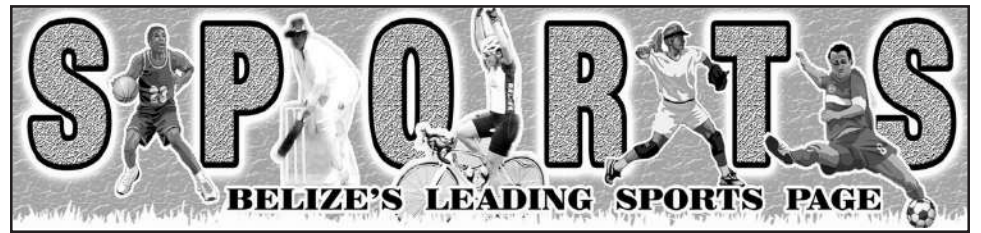
"We still do not have an Auditor General, to the best of my knowledge. I checked with my colleague the Minister of Public Service last week, in fact, to get a sense of when an Auditor General will be instituted or if any candidates have been recommended to the post, and his response to me was, not as yet. The work of the Auditor General's office is instructive, and instrumental to the work of the JPAC; we share a symbiotic relationship in that sense, so I am hoping that one of the things that can come out

of the meeting that I hope can happen in short order, is a call for the government to put in place an Auditor General and to ensure that the Auditor General's office is functioning with the greatest level of effectiveness and efficiency so that we have these reports to review," Panton said.

Panton further pointed out that no new report of concern has been issued by the office of the Auditor General in this parliamentary term and she estimated that the last Auditor General's report tabled in the House of Representatives was issued in 2012.

"While there still [might] be some merit in us looking at that report, to find out how the system can be improved, I also think it is an imperative for us to look at current public expenditure. You know, I think about what's the extent of our national COVID-19 relief program, for example, I think required some review and input of the Auditor General and the Joint Public Accounts Committee, for example. So I have certainly no reservation at all in convening a meeting and look forward to doing so in short order," Panton said

In an interview today, the Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, also commented on the vacant post of the Auditor General. He said that during a conversation he had with Dorothy Bradley, the former Auditor General, she hinted at being willing to occupy the post until a suitable candidate is chosen. Finding a suitable candidate has been difficult for the government, the PM said.



U17 & U20 Championship Finals this Saturday at Marion Jones



Ken Galvez of Warriors FC U20



Enoch "Monster" Rhaburn of Hattieville United U20

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The stage is set for the U17 and U20 championship finals this weekend in the Belize District Football Association's (B DFA) branch of the Football Federation of Belize's (FFB) Regional Male Elite Youth Tournament 2022.

B DFA U17 & U20 Male Elite Finals schedule:

Saturday, July 16, Marion Jones Sports Complex

10:00 a.m. – (U17 Finals) Warriors FC vs Sampson Academy

12:00 noon – (U20 Finals) Hattieville United vs Warriors FC

Westline Over-40 Tournament reg. season ends Saturday

by Rudolph "Bolo" McKoy

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 14, 2022

In game 1 of the Westline Over-40 Football Tournament on Saturday, July 9, at the MCC, Kulture Yabra defeated Medina's House of Jewelry Pickstock Lake by 4 goals to 1. Kulture Yabra jumped to an early 3-goal lead before Lake scored from the penalty spot to make it 3 to 1. The final score was 4-1, as Kulture got 2 goals from Chris Gilharry, and 1 each from Kevin

Rowland and David McCaulay; while Lake's goal (PK) was by Ray Leslie.

The second scheduled game on Saturday, July 9, was between BDF Veterans and Plaza United. BDF did not show up for the game, so Plaza United won by default and was awarded the 3 points.

This coming Saturday, July 16, is the final game of the regular season.


Saturday, July 16, MCC 4:30 p.m. – Pickstock Lake vs Plaza United

12-year-old raped in Belmopan

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 14, 2022

A 12-year-old girl has reported to police that she was raped by a man on Tuesday, July 12, around 4:00 in the evening while she was walking to her home in the Maya Mopan area of Belmopan.

She reported, in the presence of her guardian, that two men grabbed her and took her into an abandoned building on Tuesday evening and one raped her while the other stood guard. Police are currently investigating.



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