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Double murder in St. Margaret's



Creek at St. Margaret's Village

ST. MARGARET'S Village, Cayo District, Thurs. Aug. 5, 2021

This morning the bodies of two men were found on a dirt road in the Green Hills area of St. Margaret's Village in the Cayo District. The victims were found lying close to each other, with a bike and four sacks near their

bodies. They were discovered by farmers, who reported that they both appeared to have been beaten badly.

The victims have since been identified as Jose Bolon and David Murillo, both residents of the village

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More Sunday morning grief on Kraal Road



Shamar Nicholas and Matthew Gutierrez, both deceased

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 4, 2021

On Sunday, August 1, two young men were killed in shootings on Kraal Road in a sequence of events that bore some striking similarities to another shooting that occurred on

Sunday, July 25, which also claimed the lives of two men. (In both incidents, one of the two dead men was reportedly the gunman who

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BEL's net income way up



BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 5, 2021

Last Thursday, the Belize Electricity Limited held its annual general meeting and released its 2020 Annual Report, which lists a \$47.4-million-dollar net income for the company in 2020—a sizable increase in the utility company's profits

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Guatemalans call for Giammattei's resignation



GUATEMALA CITY, Fri. July 30, 2021

Last week, thousands of Guatemalan citizens took to the streets

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Cabinet to revisit CEOs' salary cut exemption

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Devon Bailey killed on home turf

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KMH gets new oncology unit

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UDP mayor vs PUP councilors out west



Mayor Trapp and UDP Leader, Patrick Faber

by Kory Leslie (freelance writer)

SAN IGNACIO/SANTA ELENA, Cayo District, Wed. Aug 4, 2021

A move by the United Democratic

Party to hold a press conference to protest the terminations of persons employed by the San Ignacio/Santa

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MOE hoping for face-to-face classes



Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education

by Kory Leslie (freelance writer)

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 4, 2021

Now that the month of August is upon us, many parents and their children are wondering what type of schooling will be offered to students when schools reopen, in light of the recent spike in COVID cases. According to Minister of Education, Hon. Francis Fonseca, who spoke to local reporters this week, the ministry's plans to have students back in the physical classroom are currently still in effect.

The dates set by the Education Ministry for classes to recommence are August 23 for secondary schools and August 30 for primary schools. Minister Fonseca said that the desired

approach would be to have children engaged fully in in-person learning, but that the plan is presently to take a "hybrid approach," which combines online and in-person instruction. The Minister also said that what takes place in the next two weeks will determine whether teachers will have to revert to last year's strategy of solely

online sessions until cases recede.

"...Our plan has always been about having a hybrid approach, blended learning, remote learning as well as face-to-face instruction, with the hope that we could have full face-to-face instruction. That has always been the plan. So, if it is that the Ministry of Health says to us over the next 2 weeks or so that they are not recommending that we have face-to-face instructions, then we will have to fall back to our original plan, which we already have in place, for remote learning, online learning. So that is in place. We've discussed that with all of our managing authorities across the country. Our district education centers are working with schools in their communities to make sure that everybody is ready if

we have to go that route. But as I said, we remain hopeful, and we have a plan in place. So, it's not one plan, its plan A, plan B, plan C, and we are hopeful that we can contain the spread of the virus over the next few weeks, have the numbers down to a manageable number and can have face-to-face instructions," he told members of the media.

Hon. Fonseca was also pleased to inform the media that 72% of teachers have been vaccinated — a promising sign as the Ministry continues to pursue its goal to have 80% of teachers vaccinated:

"The latest figure we have is we are up to 72% of teachers vaccinated. Very good news; we are moving in the right direction, so we are very hopeful, and I can say we are working in collaboration with the Belize National Teachers Union, we worked very closely with them, we recently did a survey along with them of all our teachers to get figures about exactly where teachers were who were not getting vaccinated so that we can have a specific targeted program to work with them and give them the information they need to get comfortable about getting a vaccine. So, it's looking very good — of the teachers who are not vaccinated, which is good news, I think over

60% of them said that they plan to get vaccinated. So that's good, I think we will be, by the time end of August rolls around, I think we will be well over 80% of our teachers vaccinated," he said.

Hon. Fonseca also said that the Education Ministry has been working in tandem with BTL and Digi to sort out a solution for those families who may not be able to afford an internet connection in order to have their kids participate in online classes. According to Minister Fonseca, thus far they have identified about twenty communities that have very little or no internet access. Additionally, a program through which students were provided with mobile devices on which they can receive their learning content, which was put in place in the final months of the previous UDP administration, is reportedly being continued and expanded, and district education centers are working with schools to further identify those needing this assistance.

Minister Fonseca said that the Ministry is also working on a project to provide electronic learning materials in the form of e-books to students, but that this initiative is still in its development stage and will not come on-stream in the approaching academic year.

Four Covid-19 cases found at City Hall



City Hall

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 5, 2021

Yesterday, the Belize City Council (CITCO) released a statement informing the public that four (4) cases of Covid-19 were identified among its employees.

The release states, "These cases have been detected at differing departments within the organization and at various locations" — suggesting that the cases were not clustered in a small area, which means that there is a lower risk of spread within the council. Despite this, the council indicated that they are facilitating the Ministry of Health and Wellness's review of camera footage of interactions within the building as a part of the contact tracing efforts being conducted.

All persons in contact with the infected CitCo employees have since been tested and directed to go into

isolation until a negative test result has been confirmed.

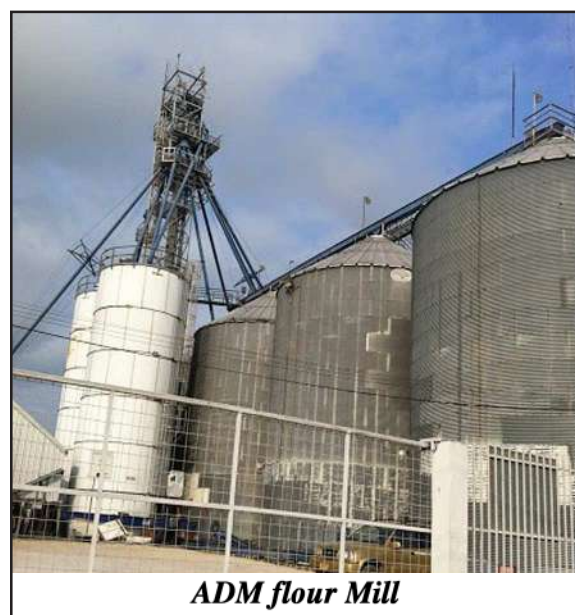
This means that a number of Belize City Council employees, although no exact number has been provided, will be out of the office for that period.

CitCo has also embarked on the sanitization of various properties and has indicated that the council will follow the recommendations handed down by the Health Ministry.

Last week, it was reported that Mayor Bernard Wagner tested positive for Covid-19 and was at home in isolation since returning to the country.

In April of 2020, the Belize City Council lost a high-level employee, Hubert Pipersburgh, during the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. Pipersburgh was one of the first persons to succumb to the deadly virus in Belize.

No increase in flour prices, says SCU



ADM flour Mill

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 4, 2021

Today, the Supplies Control Unit (SCU) of the Belize Bureau of Standards released a statement which assured the public that, contrary to recent reports, there has been no change to the price of flour.

This week, many Belizeans became concerned when reports surfaced that the cost of wheat used to produce Bebe Agua flour, which is used largely by bakeries, has risen considerably. Many thus feared that an increase in the price of bread was imminent.

The SCU release explained, however, that "Such change would require discussions with the Belize ADM (flour mill) and approval by the Government of Belize. The

reports of flour price increase above the controlled prices are, therefore, not substantiated."

The Bureau of Standards has further indicated that the reported increase in the prices of the two flour products is simply a reversion to the old price ceiling.

Reports have indicated that, since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, Belize Mills Ltd. has decreased its prices for La Gitana Flour by almost 50%, but since then the company has been faced with

an increase in the acquisition cost of wheat, which is needed for almost 80% of the flour used by bakers.

The cost per metric ton of Northern Spring Wheat is said to have increased by almost \$90 USD in 2021, from \$279.63 in December of 2020 to \$369.64 for the August 2021 shipment, which is due to arrive this week.

The Supplies Control Unit (SCU), as mentioned, is the regulatory body for these goods with controlled prices, which include flour, among other commodities. The SCU release stated that, "Any commodity outside the scope of the PCG's regime does not fall within the jurisdiction of the SCU."

Mandatory vaccination for tourism workers?



Nicole Solano,
CEO - Tourism Ministry

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 5, 2021

Late last Friday, the Minister of Health and Wellness announced new Covid-19 prevention measures. One of the new regulations requires that tour guides present their vaccination cards in order to enter *archaeological* sites and other national sites across the country.

These frontline workers are required by SI 80 to start the inoculation process in order to avoid having to take a COVID-19 PCR test every two weeks.

But it now appears that, even with a negative PCR test result, unvaccinated tour guides would still not be able to conduct tours at sites which many visitors to the country want to visit. The CEO in the Ministry of Tourism, Nicole Solano, has stated that she sought some clarification from the Attorney General's Office, and that they have confirmed that those test results would not be

accepted in lieu of a vaccination card from tour guides seeking to enter the sites. Those tour guides and tour operators will apparently have no choice but to present a vaccination card if they would like to conduct tours at those locations.

This has led some to question whether this amounts to a mandatory vaccination regime for those frontline workers within the tourism industry who want to continue making a living through tours.

According to CEO Solano, only a very small percentage of persons in the industry have not yet begun the inoculation process. Over 80% of tourism stakeholders have already at least begun the inoculation process, she further said. Those persons who have received at least 1 shot of the Covid-19 vaccine will be allowed to enter the sites and work as they normally would.

Just this week, it was reported that police conducted checks at Altun Ha, where they informed vendors that they would need to present a vaccination card to continue their vending at the site.

Of note, unvaccinated tourists are still allowed to enter the country and are being taken on so-called "bubble" tours. Those persons are subject to Covid-19 testing within the country and must present a negative test result upon arrival.

Those who enter with proof of vaccination are not required to be tested, despite the risk that they might be carrying the virus. Those persons, are, however, subject to random testing by the Health Ministry.

Health Ministry puts in place new Covid-19 measures

BELIZE CITY, Sun. Aug. 1, 2021

Last Friday, the Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Michel Chebat, announced that a number of new regulatory measures would be put in place by the Ministry of Health and

Wellness to combat a spike in Covid-19 cases across the country.

Today, August 1, a curfew restricting the public movement of adults between 9:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. officially came into effect. Previously, a curfew which started at 10:00 p.m. each night had been in place.

"The curfew will now be from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. and that starts on Sunday, August 1," stated Hon. Chebat at a press briefing on Friday.

He also announced that persons who work at call centers (BPO employees) will now be classified as frontline workers, and thus will be subjected to mandatory bi-weekly testing if they have not been vaccinated. Civil aviation officials have now also been added to the list of persons who are classified as frontline workers.

"The implication of that, as you know, is that those who are not vaccinated by July 31st, 2021, would be required to now present a negative COVID test to their place of employment," the Health Minister said.

Recognizing that there was a delay in the classification of these workers as frontline personnel, Hon. Chebat said that these newly classified frontline workers will be given a grace period within which to get vaccinated, similar to what was afforded to other front-line workers.

Included in the new measures that were outlined by Hon. Chebat is a requirement that tour operators and tour guides present their vaccination cards when providing their services — particularly at designated protected areas and national sites. Additionally, casinos are only allowed to accommodate, at maximum, 50% of the total number of patrons that they have the capacity to serve. This restriction will remain in place until an announcement of a change in policy is made.

Also, more stringent prosecution measures will be put in place for those persons who attempt to peddle fake vaccination cards. Any person found

inside the Supreme Court.

If this is the case, the BPM is calling on the Election and Boundaries Commission and the government of Belize to inform the courts of this so as not to waste any more of its time and resources.



in possession of a fake vaccination card will be subject to a fine and likely confinement for that offense.

To ensure that there is full compliance with the new measures, a Covid-19 Enforcement Unit has been formed. This unit, in conjunction with the Police Department, will be empowered to enter establishments to ensure that they comply with the laws in place.

Minister Chebat additionally announced that the Ministry of Health and Wellness has decided to place another southern village — Santa Elena in the Toledo District — under lockdown due to an increasing number of Covid-19 cases. The lockdown in that village started today, and according to Hon. Chebat, over the next two weeks the government will provide the villagers with water, food, and a stipend.

The lockdown that was in place over the last few weeks in the southern villages of Conejo and Barranco, however, has now been lifted.

Another community that has been receiving public scrutiny in light of possible COVID-19 risks within its boundaries is Spanish Lookout. According to the Ministry of Health, two Covid-19 deaths recently occurred in that community — in the midst of public concern that members of that population have not been adhering to the mask-wearing protocols. A team from the Ministry of Health and Wellness went into the village last week to carry out vaccinations, but so far no report has been released to indicate how many members of the community opted to receive the vaccine.

In Belize City, the Health Ministry is monitoring an increase in cases on the Southside. Minister Chebat has said that a Southside lockdown is not necessary at this point, but that his Ministry is monitoring the situation very closely.

Early last month, Hon. Chebat had told local reporters that the country seems to be in the early stages of a third COVID-19 wave. The new measures introduced are a response to that apparent wave.

BPM corrects Minister Henry Usher

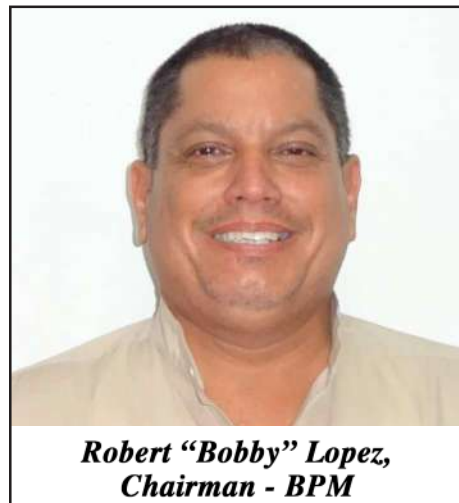
BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 5, 2021

On Tuesday, the Belize Peace Movement (BPM) released a statement in which it described comments made by Minister responsible for Governance and Reform, Hon. Henry Charles Usher in reference to the redistricting case that is to be heard by the Supreme Court, as erroneous and misleading.

The BPM statement indicated that on July 27, on *The Whip Talk Show*, Minister Usher alleged that the redistricting case was in "abeyance" due to a failure on the claimant's part to file witness statements twice.

The BPM is calling these comments the farthest thing from the truth and is urging the Minister to engage in a proper fact-gathering/fact-checking exercise in order to more responsibly inform Cabinet and the wider public.

The statement says, "The BPM informs the public that the recent weeks of negotiation among the litigating attorneys in this case, seeking a settlement, has ended



Robert "Bobby" Lopez,
Chairman - BPM

without agreement. The claimants have therefore requested that the Court set a date for trial."

A Cabinet brief that was issued last month stated that Minister Henry Usher was directed to see the redistricting process through, and during the talk show he reportedly said that the exercise is now in "full swing" under the Election and Boundaries Commission. This is despite the ongoing proceedings

Belize Approaching 40

by Kory Leslie (freelance writer)

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 4, 2021

The September Celebrations Commission has announced the theme for this year's celebrations, which will mark Belize's 40th year of independence. Under the theme, "Belize at 40: Hopeful hearts, steady hands, together we rise", a number of activities will be carried out to affirm the country's sovereignty and celebrate its accomplishments. Notably, though, this will be the second consecutive year in which the September celebrations activities will be taking place in the midst of a pandemic and will be carried out in line with COVID-19 safety protocols.

Much to the disappointment of many citizens, there will yet again be no carnival and revelry in the streets, but Minister of Culture, Hon.

Francis Fonseca, says that this year they are hoping to have at least some physical ceremonies for Belizeans to enjoy:

"As you know, last year was one hundred percent virtual, and so this year we started out hopeful, hoping that we could have a mix – a blend of some, of course, virtual events, but also bring people together in small groups in a controlled environment. In a responsible way. The figures were looking good. The rates were down in terms of Covid infections. But, over the past few weeks, as you've all witnessed, we've taken a turn, and we're now surging again in terms of cases, so we have to keep that in mind. The safety of our citizens is always paramount, so we have to be guided by the Ministry of Health, and we have the Ministry of Health as a member of our Commission. They



Francis Fonseca at September Celebrations opening

provide guidance to us, so we're still going to try to have some controlled environments where we have, for example, the concerts. We have a concert here; we might set up a few

tables. We have maybe ten or fifteen people who can participate and have that interaction with the DJ's and the

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NTNC holds first Regular Meeting



by Dayne Guy

BELMOPAN, Tues. Aug. 3, 2021

Back in February, the Cabinet approved the formation of the National Trade Negotiating Commission (NTNC). Three months later, the group held its inaugural meeting, at which it discussed its overall working agenda and laid the foundation for its first regular meeting, which was held today, Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Immigration auditorium in Belmopan.

The NTNC serves as a framework for consultation between the government and all non-state stakeholders in Belizean trade on the implementations of various trade agreements. Those serving on the commission include representatives of government ministries, departments and agencies, as well as reps from the private sector, civil society, local labor groups, non-government organizations and academia.

The first regular meeting, co-chaired by Ambassador Amalia Mai, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, and Mr. Emile Mena, private sector representative, was centered on the implementation of the Rules of Procedure -- the plan that guides the actions and smooth functioning of the commission. In addition, matters of great importance,

like the topic of cross-border payments and the constraints associated with exportation to Guatemala and Mexico, were addressed.

The NTNC also authorized the formation of a Task Force on Payments. This task force will draft a national strategy that charts a way for a formal payment mechanism that will allow Belizeans to send and receive payments to and from Mexico and Central America more easily. This task force is scheduled to meet within the next two weeks and will report directly to the NTNC either at a special meeting or at the commission's second Regular Meeting.

Other substantive matters addressed at the meeting include plans to bolster bilateral relations with Mexico through another possible trade agreement; and with Guatemala, by making preparations for the third meeting of the Belize-Guatemala Administrative Commission, to be held on the 12th and 13th of August 2021. The commission further addressed the introduction of package warning labels, negotiations on World Trade Organization fisheries subsidies, the development of a Trade Facilitation Road Map and discourse on possible industries in which to invest to facilitate trade to CARICOM. The commission concluded their meeting and scheduled the second Regular Meeting for September 29, 2021.

Shortage of AIDS meds prompts NAC release

by Dayne Guy

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 4, 2021

Following the circulation of rumors about a shortage of antiretroviral medication, the National AIDS Commission (NAC) Secretariat issued a press release to express their concern about the recent claims.

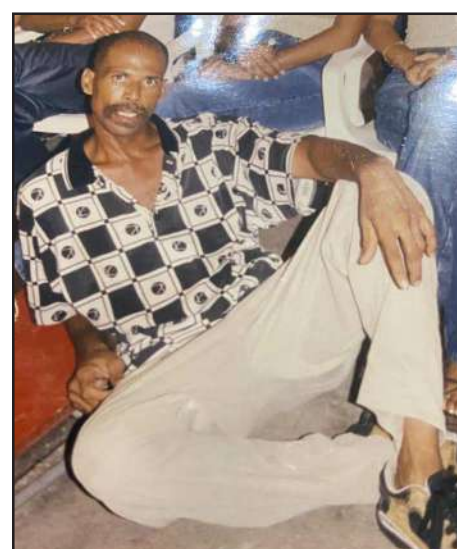
The availability of antiretrovirals is a matter of absolute urgency. Antiretroviral therapy (ART) is the most crucial intervention for increasing the life expectancy of HIV-infected persons and preventing infections that could afflict them due to their compromised immune systems. It also lowers their risk of transmitting the virus to uninfected persons.

Antiretroviral (ART) therapy usually involves taking a combination

of HIV medications daily. It reduces a person's viral load to an undetectable level.

The release from the NAC states, "In keeping with its mandate to provide quality support for persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV), the NAC secretariat assures the general public, particularly PLHIV, that the situation will be looked into with a matter of urgency and an update will be provided at soonest." Though the NAC has not yet issued a formal report on the issue, the shortage has been confirmed, and it recently became known that the Ministry of Health and Wellness will now be utilizing alternative medications courtesy of the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital to supplement the treatment given to persons infected with HIV/AIDS.

"Beans" passes away



Patrick "Beans" Lewis

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 5, 2021

Late this afternoon we were informed that our brother and lifelong supporter of *KREMANDALA*, Patrick "Beans" Lewis passed away earlier today.

"Beans" has been a staple on

the *Amandala* compound since the 1980s when he returned to Belize from the United States. He was no doubt one of the most enthusiastic *KREMANDALA* Raiders fans. We at *Amandala* mourn the loss of our soul brother and comrade and offer our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Patrick "Beans" Lewis.

Rest In Peace.





Every effort must be made to end the violence

Just about the only good thing that can be said about the Covid-19 pandemic is that briefly, in one of the world's most murderous nations, Belize, there was a lull, a little respite from the horrific homicides. For those who prefer to sweep things under the rug, we can't hide the blood running through our streets, because we are the subject of studies by social scientists from all over the world.

No state of jadedness should insulate us from the absolute horror taking place on the Southside of Belize City these last couple decades. Both the 1998-2008 PUP government and the 2008-2020 UDP government were impotent on crime, and presided over this debacle. The information presented by Dr. Adam Baird, in his 2019 research paper, *Man a Kill a Man for Nutin': Gang Transnationalism, Masculinities, and Violence in Belize City*, is staggering.

Baird's report, published on the internet at <https://www.lse.ac.uk/lacc/publications>, says that the murder rate in Belize rose from 9 per 100,000 in 1995 "to 17 in 2002, 30 in 2006, and 45 in 2017", and in "2017 Belize City's murder rate reached 99 per 100,000, placing it amongst the top 10 most violent cities in the world, with an estimated rate on Southside at 128 per 100,000."

The pandemic-induced calm (we have to call it that in the context of what was happening before) is over. Like another Covid-19 wave, the tragic homicides have increased; once again our young men are being shot down in the streets and disappearing at sea. The anguish in the hearts of their devastated

parents and other loved ones is terrible, and the loss of potential is tremendous.

Experts on crime have predicted that the woeful present state of our economy will exacerbate the violence. We were in a state of economic desperation prior to the pandemic, research from the Statistical Institute of Belize showing that poverty had increased by more than ten percent in the most recent decade, and now the pandemic has further increased our suffering.

We have other huge crime problems to address, but on a matter of scale it is the murder of our youth in urban areas, particularly in Southside Belize City, and Dangriga too, that we must make an all-out effort to bring to an end.

We know all that conspires against our young people to cause them to be in this grip of death, and these include the failed justice system, the drug trade, the poverty caused by a lack of marketable skills, and the failure of our governments to create opportunities.

The justice system is as woeful at being a deterrent to corruption in high places as it is at solving homicide cases. It can't hurt for the lawyer

fraternity to come together to seriously give input on this crisis. They more than anybody else know the machinery of our justice system, and the high cost of its failure. Few get convicted, so there's little rehabilitation, and there is revenge in the streets for those who spent a few years awaiting trial and are released before wounds have had a chance to heal.

Few persons in Southside Belize City and Dangriga are getting rich off involvement in the drug trade, but with little employment available outside of fishing within the highly competed-for grounds readily accessible near to shore, the only business in that city and in that town for far too many of our young men is the dead end of peddling drugs.

The government is pinning high hopes on the potential of a new marijuana industry, and those hopes wouldn't be too ambitious if that venture didn't have to navigate through some rocky waters. There are many kinks to be ironed out, among them issues with banking the proceeds of the industry, and the concerns of the vigilant US government that producers of marijuana grown here will try to export the drug to their country.

As we suggested in a previous editorial, it might be best at this time for the government to grow all the marijuana for use in our country under the supervision of "respected" Belizeans, and for us to invite the American government to participate in overseeing it, to protect their interests. Our governments have effectively stamped out the growing of marijuana in Belize, so it isn't that government would be taking away revenues from local farmers if it took over production of the crop.

It is doubtful that government control of marijuana will reduce the poverty in Belize City and Dangriga; indeed, the effect might actually be to take much of the money out of the business from the small players who are presently engaged in an illegal fight over it. What then — will our young people, in their desperation, start fighting over some other illegal substance or activity to gain their daily sustenance?

To apply the tourniquet, the government needs to immediately inject some funds, targeted at our most at-risk youth. We must get them into work programs where they earn a little cash, and learn computer science and doing business on the internet, and learn arts and crafts so they can produce items for sale to tourists and for export. If the lending agencies won't help, float a bond in the US and the UK to raise the funds from Belizeans living abroad. Believe in Belize, believe that in the near future all of us will win, and so invest in our marginalized youth now.

The pandemic doesn't allow full sports participation at this time, but community leaders, with the assistance of government, must start preparing for the day when things return to normal. Following the lead of G Mike Reid and City Councilor Micah Goodin, purchase or rent all those empty lots in Belize City and turn them into mini sports fields/courts, and vegetable/flower gardens. Following the lead of former GG, Sir Colville Young, government minister Sedi Elrington, and City Councilor Albert Vaughan, get all the musically inclined youth into brass bands.

The return of cruise tourism, hopefully soon, will improve the situation, but it's hard to envisage Belize City with another cruise terminal, with such tourists being limited to visiting the few destinations close to port — Belize City, Jaguar Paw, Altun Ha, the Belize Zoo, and Goff's Cay. As former tourism minister, Henry Young pointed out, Commerce Bight has great potential. If the government stops bowing and gets on with the recital, that port will be refurbished and jobs will be created as one-day tourists disembark to enjoy and explore Dangriga, Hopkins, Sittee, Malanti, and Tobacco Cay.

The time to save our marginalized youth is before they are shot down in the streets or ambushed at sea. We must end this violence now.



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Sankat leaves UB; Palacio steps in



Clement Sankat and Dr. Vincent Palacio

by Dayne Guy

BELMOPAN, Mon. Aug. 2, 2021

The departure of Professor Emeritus Clement Sankat from the University of Belize has been anticipated ever since the Minister of Education, Culture, Science and Technology, Hon. Francis Fonseca, stated at a Special Sitting of the House of Representatives back in April, that it was time for the professor to part ways with the University of Belize and that the national university needed new, Belizean leadership.

At that House meeting, Minister Fonseca had tasked the University of Belize's (UB's) Board of Trustees with finding innovative and

modernized ways to improve the level of education in Belize — following what the minister described as a decade of no growth. Three months after this declaration, UB's Board of Trustees announced that Professor Sankat would be stepping down as president of the university after four and a half years of service, and that Dr. Vincent Palacio, the Dean of UB's Faculty of Management and Social Sciences, would be the interim president of UB.

As of August 1, 2021, Dr. Palacio is at the helm of the institution, while a search committee engages in the recruitment of a new UB president. Dr. Palacio is a long-time educator who has worked in both the public

and private sectors. A release from the chairman of the University of Belize, Mr. Anthony Sylvestre, congratulated the interim president on his appointment to the post of acting UB president and expressed the UB board's anticipation of his kind and reflective leadership in the days to come.

The release further states, "The Board of Trustees and the University community thanks President Sankat, a regionally-renowned academic, for the implementation of the Transformational Plan and his leadership, dedication and

contribution to the development of Belize's National University during his term in Office."

In demitting office, Professor Sankat presented a four-page document bidding farewell to his colleagues, partners and the UB community and expressing thanks for their support during his tenure as UB president. President Sankat leaves behind UB's Transformational Plan, "Vision 2022", which was drafted through extensive consultations and which charts the way for the introduction of more UB programs at both the Bachelor and Master levels.

Nicole Alicia Haylock (1983-2021), R. I. P.

BELIZE CITY, Fri., July 30, 2021

A funeral Mass was held this afternoon at St. Martin De Porres Church for Nicole Alicia Haylock, who was born on April 28, 1983, and passed on July 28, 2021.

Nicole had battled cancer for seven years. She was a senior officer in Belize's Ministry of National Security.

She was the daughter and eldest child of Matthew Haylock and his wife, Pamela Gongora Haylock.

Nicole is survived by her parents; her husband, Christian Rodriguez; her sister, Sofia Haylock (who gave the eulogy); and her brothers, Matthew Haylock, Jr., Harrison Haylock, Julian Haylock, and Elvis Haylock.



The pallbearers were Matthew Haylock, Jr.; Julian Haylock; Harrison Haylock; Akmar Codd; Bryan Palacio; and Dorian Jones.

Rest in peace, dear Nicole.

For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end
Psalm 48:14



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of **Olive Thompson nee Crammond**

She is predeceased by her son Mark Robinson and granddaughter Courtney Thompson.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. Leroy Thompson, children, Pamela Cardona, Tricia Thompson, Kevin Thompson, Thelma McFadzean, Tiffany, Janelle, and Melissa Thompson, 22 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, 1 sister Mrs. Joyce Fox and numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at Our Lady of The Way Roman Catholic Church on Saturday August 7th, 2021 at 10:00 am. All MOH mandated Covid Protocols will be adhered to.

Olive Thompson nee Crammond
Sunrise 18th July 1946
Sunset 27th, July 2021

There will be No Wake and No Repast.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

Position Name: Administrative Management Assistant (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs)

Vacancy number: Belmopan-2021-12

Closing date: August 12, 2021

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>

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Position Name: Warehouse Worker

Vacancy number: Belmopan-2021-13

Closing date: August 9, 2021

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Mennonite communities defy Covid-19 rules

by Dayne Guy

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 29, 2021

Last month, the Commissioner of Police sent out a memorandum instructing police officers to ramp up enforcement of COVID-19 protocols. Since then, the Commissioner of Police has announced that there will also be increased surveillance of Mennonite communities, after he observed serious breaches of the COVID-19 protocol throughout the community when he took a trip to the area. Commissioner Williams noted that he visited a shop while he was in Spanish Lookout, and what he saw on full display was complete and utter disregard for the protocols. He said that he chastised the persons in the store and contacted the Officer in Charge of the San Ignacio Branch, directing him to increase patrols in



the Spanish Lookout community. He then emphasized to the public that all communities, inclusive of the Mennonite communities, are a part of

Belize and must adhere to the protocols that are in place.

It appears that there had been some uncertainty among some police

officers about their ability to enforce the COVID-19 protocols in that area. According to the Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Kareem Musa, the officers of the San Ignacio formation had not been sure about the applicability of the rules to that community due to the historical efforts of the Mennonites to maintain a certain level of separation between their community and the rest of the Belizean society. "A lot of the officers had that concern that we were not to enforce in Spanish Lookout, and we said 'Absolutely not! Spanish Lookout is a part of our country and they serve Belizeans all across our country everyday on a daily basis,'" said Hon. Musa. He thus emphasized that those in the Mennonite community have a responsibility not only to protect themselves, but also to protect the lives of the people who purchase their products, many of whom they interact with directly.

The Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Michel Chebat, expressed similar sentiments. "We live in one nation, and we expect that the police will enforce the laws throughout our country in a very even way. I can tell you that the conversations with the police force has been ongoing and we do expect that that situation will be remedied by the police in short order," he said.

In reference to remarks made by one leader of the Mennonite community, who had claimed that there were few cases of COVID-19 in his community despite minimal adherence there to the protocols and who had suggested that the government should thus allow them to operate as they normally would, Hon. Chebat retorted, "As a government, we have the duty to protect this entire nation and we cannot allow any one group to fall out of the established regulations, outside of the established public health measures. I can tell you that from a ministry's point of view, even one death is too many, and so the fact that they have had, to my mind, goes against everything that they have [mentioned]."

It was reported that two COVID-19-related deaths occurred in the community earlier in the week. As a result, a team of medical professionals visited the community to conduct vaccinations, although it is not clear how many, if any, of the residents opted to receive the vaccine. In addition, the Ministry of Health initiated a meeting with the leaders of the community to assess the situation.



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- Ensure the integrity of accounting records and management information.
- Maintain a strong internal and operational control environment in accordance with company policy.
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- Process Monthly Administrative Payroll.
- Monthly computation of Gross Sales Tax.
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Se deben hacer todos los esfuerzos posibles para poner fin a la violencia

Casi lo único bueno que se puede decir sobre la pandemia de Covid-19 es que brevemente, en una de las naciones más asesinas del mundo, Belize, hubo un momento de calma, un pequeño respiro de los horribles homicidios. Para aquellos que prefieren barrer las cosas debajo de la alfombra, no podemos ocultar la sangre que corre por nuestras calles, porque somos objeto de estudios por científicos sociales de todo el mundo.

Ningún estado de hastío debería aislarnos del horror absoluto que ha estado sucediendo en la Zona Sur de la Ciudad de Belize en las últimas dos décadas. Tanto el gobierno PUP 1998-2008 como el gobierno UDP 2008-2020 fueron impotentes ante el crimen y presidieron esta debacle. La información presentada por el Dr. Adam Baird, en su artículo de investigación de 2019, *Man a Kill a Man for Nutin': Gang Transnationalism, Masculinities, and Violence in Belize City*, es asombrosa.

El informe de Baird, publicado en el Internet en <https://www.lse.ac.uk/lacc/publications>, dice que la tasa de homicidios en Belize aumentó de 9 por 100.000 en 1995 "a 17 en 2002, 30 en 2006 y 45 en 2017", y en "2017 la tasa de homicidios de la Ciudad de Belize alcanzó el 99 por 100.000, situándola entre las 10 ciudades más violentas del mundo, con una tasa estimada en la Zona Sur de 128 por 100.000".

La calma inducida por la pandemia (tenemos que llamarla así en el contexto de lo que estaba sucediendo antes) ha terminado. Como otra ola del Covid-19, los trágicos homicidios han aumentado; una vez más, nuestros jóvenes están siendo baleados en las calles y desapareciendo en el mar. La angustia en los corazones de sus padres devastados y otros seres queridos es terrible, y la pérdida de potencial es tremenda.

Los expertos en delincuencia han pronosticado que el lamentable estado actual de nuestra economía exacerbará la violencia. Estábamos en un estado de desesperación económica antes de la pandemia, investigación del Instituto de Estadística de Belize mostraba que la pobreza había aumentado en más del diez por ciento en la última década, y ahora la pandemia ha aumentado aún más nuestro sufrimiento.

Tenemos otros enormes problemas de delincuencia que abordar, pero en una cuestión de escala es el asesinato de nuestros jóvenes en áreas urbanas, particularmente en la Zona Sur de la Ciudad de Belize, y Dangriga también, que debemos hacer un esfuerzo total para acabar.

Sabemos todo lo que conspira contra nuestros jóvenes para hacerlos estar en las garras de la muerte, y estos incluyen el fallido sistema de justicia, el tráfico de drogas, la pobreza causada por la falta de habilidades comercializables y la incapacidad de nuestros gobiernos para crear oportunidades.

El sistema de justicia es tan lamentable en cuanto se trata de ser un elemento disuasorio de la corrupción en las altas esferas como por la resolución de casos de homicidio. No está de más que la fraternidad de abogados se una para dar una opinión seria sobre esta crisis. Ellos más que nadie conocen la maquinaria de nuestro sistema judicial y el alto costo de su fracaso. Pocos son condenados, por lo que hay poca rehabilitación, y hay venganza en las calles para quienes pasaron algunos años esperando juicio y son liberados antes de que las heridas hayan tenido la oportunidad de sanar.

Pocas personas en la Zona Sur de la Ciudad de Belize y Dangriga se están enriqueciendo con su participación en el tráfico de drogas, pero con poco empleo disponible fuera de la pesca dentro de los terrenos altamente competidos de fácil acceso cerca de la costa, el único negocio en esa ciudad y en ese municipio para demasiado de nuestros jóvenes es el

callejón sin salida del tráfico de drogas.

El gobierno está depositando grandes esperanzas en el potencial de una nueva industria de la marihuana, y esas esperanzas no serían demasiado ambiciosas si esa empresa no tuviera que navegar a través de algunas aguas rocosas. Hay muchos problemas que resolver, entre ellos problemas con la banca de las ganancias de la industria y las preocupaciones del vigilante gobierno de los Estados Unidos de que los productores de marihuana cultivada aquí intentarán exportar la droga a su país.

Como sugerimos en un editorial anterior, podría ser mejor en este momento que el gobierno cultive toda la marihuana para su uso en nuestro país bajo la supervisión de beliceños "respetados", y que invitemos al gobierno estadounidense a participar en su supervisión, para proteger sus intereses. Nuestros gobiernos han eliminado efectivamente el cultivo de marihuana en Belize, por lo que no es el caso que el gobierno estaría retirando ingresos de los agricultores locales si se hiciera cargo de la producción de la cosecha.

Es dudoso que el control gubernamental de la marihuana reduzca la pobreza en la Ciudad de Belize y Dangriga; de hecho, el efecto en realidad podría ser eliminar gran parte del dinero del negocio a los pequeños jugadores que actualmente están involucrados en una pelea ilegal por ello. ¿Entonces, qué? ¿Comenzarán nuestros jóvenes, en su desesperación, a pelear por alguna otra sustancia o actividad ilegal para ganarse el sustento diario?

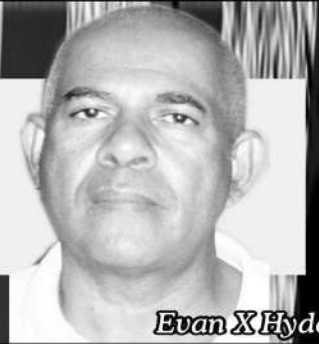
Para aplicar el torniquete, el gobierno necesita inyectar de inmediato algunos fondos, dirigidos a nuestros jóvenes en mayor riesgo. Debemos incorporarlos a programas de trabajo en los que ganen un poco de dinero, aprendan informática y hagan negocios en Internet, y aprendan artes y oficios para que puedan producir artículos para la venta a los turistas y para la exportación. Si las agencias crediticias no ayudan, emitan un bono en los EE. UU. y el Reino Unido para recaudar fondos de beliceños que viven en el extranjero. Crean en Belize, crean que, en el futuro cercano todos ganaremos, y por eso inviertan ahora en nuestra juventud marginada.

La pandemia no permite la completa participación deportiva en este momento, pero los líderes comunitarios, con la ayuda del gobierno, deben comenzar a prepararse para el día en que las cosas vuelvan a la normalidad. Siguiendo el ejemplo de G Mike Reid y el concejal de la ciudad Micah Goodin, compren o alquilen todos esos lotes vacíos en la Ciudad de Belize y conviértanlos en mini campos deportivos/canchas y huertos/jardines de flores. Siguiendo la dirección del ministro de gobierno Sedi Elrington y el concejal de la ciudad Albert Vaughan, consigan que todos los jóvenes con inclinaciones musicales entren en las bandas de música.

El regreso del turismo de cruceros, con suerte pronto, mejorará la situación, pero es difícil imaginar la Ciudad de Belize con otra terminal de cruceros, ya que estos turistas se limitan a visitar los pocos destinos cercanos al puerto: la Ciudad de Belize, Jaguar Paw, Altun Ha, el Zoológico de Belize y el Cayo Goff's. Como señaló el ex ministro de turismo, Henry Young, Commerce Bight tiene un gran potencial. Si el gobierno deja de inclinarse y continúa con el recital, ese puerto será remodelado y se crearán puestos de trabajo cuando los turistas de un solo día desembarquen para disfrutar y explorar Dangriga, Hopkins, Sittee, Malanti y el Cayo Tabaco.

El momento de salvar a nuestros jóvenes marginados es antes de que sean derribados en las calles o emboscados en el mar. Debemos poner fin a esta violencia ahora.

From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

Have you ever wondered why almost all the popular music we hear is discussing love/sex affairs of various kinds between human beings? It is because, I submit, we human beings are animals to a great extent, and we are driven, when it comes to this love/sex business, by what the scientists call “hormones.”

In a sense, our human presence here is basic: at birth, we received genes from our parents, and when we become of a certain age, we are able to link with members of the opposite sex and pass on these genes to the next generation. Despite the existence of some Anna Nicole Smith situations every now and then, it may be argued that our essential purpose on this planet is served once we have succeeded in passing the genes we inherited from our parents on to another generation.

When I was young, there was a popular song called, “Two different worlds.” Generally speaking, parents do not want their children to mate with children of another world. Put it another way: parents

often want to pick partners for their children, so to speak, and these parental intrusions can become complications in life.

In so-called Eastern societies, there are many situations where the parents arrange marriages for their offspring, sometimes from as early as the birth of these children. And these arranged marriages, perhaps amazingly, work more often than those which evolve out of the Western romantic situations, where lovers choose each other relatively randomly.

Back to the “different worlds” business. A member of Belize’s ruling classes recently wrote a history/biography of her famous husband, and herself, but there is no mention of someone from a different world who played a role in their lives. That person is King Arthur.

A knowledgeable person from the other world, which is the world of the streets, the raw and real world, would be puzzled by her omission, because King Arthur was an absolutely legendary figure in the

streets. My suggestion would have to be that her work is written for the ruling classes. Let it be.

I have had a contentious relationship with the high-ranking couple over the decades, and I do not wish for that contention to continue indefinitely. As a writer, I totally respect the profession, and give credit to the lady author for her effort.

But, you know, the story of King Arthur resonates in the streets of Belize City. It was so sensational.

Let me begin by saying that the most rated young man in the streets until early 1992 was Itza Brown. He was killed, through a contract, at the National Stadium by the late Herbert “Ninjaman” Wiltshire. The story in the streets is that the Crips gunman, Sani Santos, circled a subway party in Brooklyn, New York, for hours before he caught up with the man who supposedly gave Ninjaman the Itza contract. The man was heavily guarded, but Sani got the job done. Sani entered a pantheon of mythical street figures.

For a long time, I’d been hearing that Sani was in jail in Chicago, but a source told me recently that Sani is being cared for in Los Angeles. A shot in the back had paralyzed him.


King Arthur, on the other hand, is dead. All the stats suggest that he was killed by Belize’s security forces one night in the Vista del Mar area. King Arthur had

committed perhaps the most audacious crime in our lifetime, when he gunned down the George Street boss and his lady friend one night at a gas station just outside of Belize City. The hits were caught on camera, and went viral.

Our sources state that the state ordered him dead, because they feared all-out war between George Street and Pregnant Alley, of which King Arthur was the undisputed leader. (If you are looking west down Cemetery Road, George Street and Pregnant Alley are only half a block apart, or less.) They are mortal, mortal enemies. It is a crazy situation, and a bloody one, has been so for decades.


So how do you bring up King Arthur in a history/biography of Belize’s ruling classes? It is because of hormones. Sometimes a young man from the streets is so incredibly charismatic that he attracts the attention of a young lady member of the ruling classes. Or, sometimes he brings himself to the attention of that young lady.

Unless you want to cage your children, most of us can’t control our children completely when it comes to these hormonal surges. These hormonal surges sometimes conquer all. So what are you going to do about it when the surges end up in another generation being conceived? Pretend it didn’t happen?



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Attention: Environmental Management Fund Manager

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Minister of Home Affairs speaks on 11th Amendment

by Dayne Guy

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 29, 2021

During a recent interview, Hon. Kareem Musa, the Minister of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, shared his views on the 11th Amendment, which would prevent persons who have been convicted of a crime and served time in prison from holding a seat in the House of Representatives. “I believe [the amendment] is setting standards to serve your country in the capacity as a member of Parliament,” he said.

He went on to state that he nonetheless believes in reform, and he also encouraged ongoing dialogue on the issue. In reference to claims being made by members of the Opposition, as well as a number of



Hon. Kareem Musa, Minister of Home Affairs

persons in the community, that the legislation would be discriminatory and undemocratic, he stated, “I know there has been a lot of discourse, and that is only natural and that is very healthy for us to hear different views and different perspectives.”



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Requirements

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- 20+ years of demonstrated experience
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Responsibilities

The principal role of the COO / CIO of **Operations** will be to help Invictus Grow in Seat Size, Revenue and Profit. This entails:

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 - Increase key impact measurements.
 - Ensure that all programmatic partners renew their contracts.
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 - Produce and implement a management training for all middle management
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 - Ensure SVP layer delivers on: Instill a human capital development and "coaching" culture within Invictus Solutions Limited; upgrade human resources functions including: training, development, compensation and benefits, employee relations, performance evaluation

and recruiting.

- Help maintain an accounting system that provides the organization with quick access to financial information and enables strategic budgeting.
- Analyze the current technology infrastructure and scope out the next level of information technology and financial systems that support the growth of specific programs and the organization overall.

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Deadline for Applications is: August 17, 2021 at 5 PM CST

NOTE: If you don't meet these requirements, you will not be contacted.

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Belize, Central America

Referendum LGBT? Hell yes! Referendum weed? Heavens no!

by Colin Hyde

The Religious Right (RR) in Belize, the most vocal of which is the Scott Stirm/Louis Wade duo, have been sounding the challenge some time now for the government to put its case for the legalization of marijuana sales and smoking to a referendum. That vocal duo have a 24/7 television station on which they decry whatever government initiatives they believe flies against their faith, and if you can translate, that also means, in their view, what's deleterious to the good of the nation.

Weed is not the only indigestible food sticking in their craw. They and their many friends have been calling for the ballot to decide the path forward in regard to LGBT rights too, and they have been at that long before a previous government used their executive powers to push the matter into the arm of the courts, where the judges gave the go-ahead to all LGBT persons to do what they want in private spaces.

You'll never find me hesitating when I've weighed the pros and cons. I have, and I give my full blessing, for what it's worth, to one, but not the other. On the referendum on the LGBT, I say hell yes, and on a referendum on weed, I say, no, heavens no! It is a rare day when more than a third-party-sized bite of *Amandala* readers agree with me, but after my presentation today is read, I have hope, expect, that I'll be as ranking as any PUDP.

Starting with the aggressive LGBT, if the local chapter of the RR was into the business of sneering and saying *we told you so* re: what this crowd would do next if we left the

door ajar an inch, they would have every license. They warned us that after getting the closet they would be after kicking down other doors, the ultimate prize being marriage, in a church. My gudnis, the key-cutting machine was still warm after making the fit for the closet door, when the further demands were in a manila envelope ready to go to court for hearing.

I do not support the RR with a referendum on LGBT solely because I believe they would ehm win, massively. I'm a supporter because I drool over the financial potential of such an exercise. The thing we need most in Belize right now is money, foreign exchange money better, and the loot would pour in by the truck load.

Ah, thinking Eastwood in *Fistful of Dollars* — see the LGBT backed by Elton John and the Biden/Harris US government on one side, the American RR backed by ex-VP Pence on the other side, and we, desperate for money we, in the middle, being courted for our votes.

Now, as to the weed, there is money in those fields, but that's way too dangerous for us to touch. Before I delve into the dismal prospects here, give me leave to say some bad things about Pere. Do you know I still haven't had one smoke of decriminalized marijuana? In heaven's name, how am I going to buy it! We aren't saints here, there are these little grey areas, but this law is as black and white as they come. It's a flagrant violation to buy weed! But, but, if you get it you can smoke it. I believe God excuses justified expletives.

One of these days, Pere will be in

government again. That sure looks a long way off, but in this politics no one can tell — though without a Goldson about to save them it does seem that a *snowball has a better chance in hell* than they have in the short term. But, time longer than rope, Pere will get back, and I want him not to forget that he owes us big time for tantalizingly dangling weed we cannot reach. You remember that African tale I told you about monkey giving the birthday treats to turtle in a tall basket? You fit in the expletive for Mr. Pere.

Kareem isn't off the hook. One of the architects of the initiative to decriminalize marijuana, one who certainly could not in one of his wildest moments have foreseen it coming to the halt where Pere left it, told me that this idea of a license to buy weed won't fly, and I agree. Are all these fattening PUPeez living so high they don't see the shame in that? Can you see me, a respectable rum drinker, applying for a license to smoke weed?

Sir Henry Young, he's the architect of the wisdom, he said the far better option for the government is to GST the thing. He said whatever revenues the government expects to collect from the smokers' license should be included in the tax.

Discrimination is real, Kareem. Brother, fu your info it's not only weed smokers that rum drinkers don't keep as associates. Whiskey man and a rum man da noh buddies needa. In this case, it's the whiskey drinkers doing the frowning, but the divide goes way beyond class. Classic rum drinkers can co-exist with all the alcohol *vice* royalties, but it's no friendship to die for.

Personally, I don't give a daam about the world feeling that whiskey drinkers are better than me. As for this cane man's association with Sir Henry, a connoisseur of sophisticated alcohol ferments from grains, apart from him treating me to a few ice-cold beers while this country boy soaks up the sea breeze on his island, it's about the respect of a younger for an elder.

You've heard people speak about wisdom from the mouths of babes, well that's so much bull——, excuse me. Whenever you hear a youngster spouting wise words, they got it from somewhere, and that somewhere is not from the playground. Stick close to the elders if you want to learn.

Ah, the diversion behind us, I needs pin the tail on my nay for our local RR's call for a referendum on weed — why I said there's no money in it for us. The mega churches have money alright, and they are ready to spend, but the counter would be the cartels, and we absolutely can't give them such legitimacy.

Sorry, RR guys, our lee country couldn't sanction such a fight, so it wouldn't be worth our while. But console yourself that you would save your money. This weed one is a groundswell. This one you can't win.

I'm with Arthur's mom

Forgive me if my ears didn't hear correctly, but I swear Arthur said his mom had taken the jab, and that he hasn't. For those who don't know, Arthur's mom was a senior nurse at the Western Regional, a highly respected professional, and Arthur, he is nothing but a common attorney.

Readers of *Amandala* really need to remember stories I tell. One of my old bosses, this one from India, said that in his country smart young people studied medicine and agriculture and engineering, and the stragglers studied law. The grains of salt aside, law must be the only subject where you don't need to know an iota of science or math. If you're feeling lazy, the sum there is that lawyers are the very last to talk about health issues. They don't know drat.

But we all know what's going on with Arthur. Like all political animals he craves attention, and when it comes to that, he is a total hound. God forbid our Zenaida is suffering from the same disease. My, she had Mesopotamia all sewed up, and then she said she didn't adore the leader, and the braa lee forced her out.

Our brother, Arthur, desperately needs a redirect. Was it Nuri who said we need a Ralph Nader, someone of that leaning working for us? Arthur is in scrape after scrape, and before Chester gets tired of his antics, we need to find him a cause.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE BY SEALED BIDS ONLY

Licensed & Certified Auctioneer, Sheldon N. C. Arnold will Auction the following items.

SEALED BIDDING DATES: Friday, July 30th - Friday, August 13th, 2021 at 12:00 Noon

BIDDING LOCATION: 54 Hummingbird Highway, Hummingbird Furnishings Compound, Belmopan.

VIEWING DATE AND LOCATION: August 13th, 2021 from 8:00am—12:00pm at 7069 George Price Blvd (Near Chon Saan, Belmopan) **CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION**

• Computers 	• Generator 	• Stoves 	• Office Desks and Chairs 	• Pressure Washers 
• Waiting Chairs 	• Tables 	• Sofas 	• TV Stand 	• Some items are dutiable

TERMS:

- Payment and Pickup of items will be done on Saturday, August 14th, 2021 from 8:00AM—12:00PM.
- Bids can be sent electronically via Email or WhatsApp, Bids will close on August 13th, 2021 at 12:00PM.
 - Items will be sold AS IS to the highest bidder above reserve price.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

¿Alguna vez se han preguntado por qué casi toda la música popular que escuchamos habla de asuntos amorosos/sexuales de diversos tipos entre seres humanos? En mi opinión, se debe a que los seres humanos somos animales en gran medida y, en lo que se refiere a este asunto del amor/sexo, nos impulsa lo que los científicos llaman “hormonas”.

En cierto sentido, nuestra presencia humana aquí es básica: al nacer, recibimos genes de nuestros padres, y cuando llegamos a cierta edad, podemos vincularnos con miembros del sexo opuesto y transmitir estos genes a la siguiente generación. A pesar de la existencia de algunas situaciones de Anna Nicole Smith de vez en cuando, se puede argumentar que nuestro propósito esencial en este planeta se cumple una vez que hemos logrado transmitir los genes que heredamos de nuestros padres a otra generación.

Cuando era joven, había una canción popular llamada “Dos mundos diferentes”. En términos generales, los padres no quieren que sus hijos se aparean con hijos de otro mundo. Dicho de otra manera: los padres a menudo quieren elegir parejas para sus hijos, por así decirlo, y estas intrusiones de los padres pueden convertirse en complicaciones en la vida.

En las llamadas sociedades orientales, hay muchas situaciones en las que los padres organizan matrimonios para sus hijos, a veces desde el nacimiento de estos hijos. Y estos matrimonios arreglados, quizás sorprendentemente, funcionan con más frecuencia que los que surgen de las situaciones románticas occidentales, donde los amantes se eligen entre sí de forma relativamente aleatoria.

De regreso al negocio de los “mundos diferentes”. Un miembro de las clases dirigentes de Belize escribió recientemente una historia/biografía de su famoso esposo y de ella misma, pero no se menciona a alguien de un mundo diferente que jugó un papel en sus vidas. Esa persona es el Rey Arturo.

Una persona conocedora del otro mundo, que es el mundo de las calles, el mundo crudo y real, estaría desconcertado por su omisión, porque el Rey Arturo era una figura absolutamente legendaria en las calles. Mi sugerencia sería que su trabajo esta escrito para las clases dominantes. Déjenlo así.

He tenido una relación contenciosa con la pareja de alto rango durante décadas, y no deseo que esa contienda continúe indefinidamente. Como escritora, respeto totalmente la profesión y le doy crédito a la autora

por su esfuerzo.

Pero, ya saben, la historia del Rey Arturo resuena en las calles de la Ciudad de Belize. Fue tan sensacional.

Permítanme comenzar diciendo que el joven más respetado en las calles hasta principios de 1992 fue Itza Brown. Fue asesinado en un contrato en el Estadio Nacional por el finado Herbert “Ninjaman” Wiltshire. La historia en las calles es que el pistolero de los Crips, Sani Santos, rodeó una fiesta en el metro en Brooklyn, Nueva York durante horas antes de encontrarse con el hombre que supuestamente le dio a Ninjaman el contrato de Itza. El hombre estaba fuertemente protegido, pero Sani hizo el trabajo. Sani entró en un panteón de míticos personajes callejeros.

Durante mucho tiempo, había escuchado que Sani estaba en la cárcel en Chicago, pero una fuente me dijo recientemente que Sani está siendo atendido en Los Ángeles. Un disparo en la espalda lo había paralizado.

El Rey Arturo, por otro lado, está muerto. Todas las estadísticas sugieren que fue asesinado por las fuerzas de seguridad de Belize una noche en el área de Vista del Mar. El Rey Arturo había cometido quizás el crimen más audaz de nuestra vida, cuando mató a tiros al jefe de la Calle George y a su

amiga una noche en una gasolinera en las afueras de la Ciudad de Belize. Los disparos fueron captados por la cámara y se volvieron virales.

Nuestras fuentes afirman que el estado ordenó su muerte, porque temían una guerra total entre la Calle George y el Callejón Pregnant, del cual el Rey Arturo era el líder indiscutible. (Si se está mirando hacia el oeste a lo largo de la Calle Cemetery, la Calle George y el Callejón Pregnant están a solo media cuadra de distancia, o menos). Son enemigos mortales, mortales. Es una situación loca, y sangrienta, lo ha sido durante décadas.

Entonces, ¿cómo se menciona al Rey Arturo en una historia/biografía de las clases dominantes de Belize? Es por las hormonas. A veces, un joven de la calle es tan increíblemente carismático que atrae la atención de una joven miembro de las clases dirigentes. O, a veces, él mismo llama la atención de esa joven.

A menos que uno desee encerrar a sus hijos, la mayoría de nosotros no podemos controlar a nuestros hijos por completo cuando se trata de estos aumentos hormonales. Estos aumentos hormonales a veces lo conquistan todo. Entonces, ¿qué se hará al respecto cuando las oleadas terminen en otra generación siendo engendrada? ¿Fingir que no sucedió?

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS ISSUE NUMBER 9/2021

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$67,408,200.00.

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 Wednesday, 18 August 2021 and will be redeemed on Wednesday, 17 November 2021.

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, 13 August 2021.

The Auction on the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday, 18 August 2021.

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

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
Account: GLICORP0402627

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)

28 July 2021

UK gives Belize 42,000 vaccine doses

by Dayne Guy

LADYVILLE, Belize District, Tues. Aug. 3, 2021

On Tuesday, August 3, 2021, the Government of Belize received 42,000 doses of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine from the United Kingdom. The vaccines were handed over to the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) in the Ministries of Health and Wellness and Foreign Affairs during a ceremony which was held at the Philip Goldson International Airport. The donation is part of the United Kingdom's fulfillment of its commitment to donate 100 million vaccines internationally by June of the year 2022 and is part of an initial donation of 9 million vaccines that the UK has dispersed so far – thus making Belize one of the first countries to secure vaccines through donations from the UK. Of the total 100 million doses to be donated by the UK, 80% will be funneled through the COVAX Facility to ensure equitable access to countries that are in dire need.

At the handing-over ceremony, the



CEO Deysi Mendez and British High Commissioner, H.E. Claire Evans

British High Commissioner to Belize, H.E. Claire Evans, stated that the UK's efforts are geared at “guaranteeing that the vaccine has been made available at non-profit cost around the world.” “We are also one of the first and largest donors to COVAX,” Evans further said.

The Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Health and Wellness, Dr. Deysi Mendez, noted at the ceremony that Belize has also received vaccines that have been purchased through the COVAX Facility. These combined doses will be forwarded to a national vaccine storage facility, where allocations will be made to various regions across the country based on their needs and the demographic profile of their populations.

The Future Talks: A Future for Our Caribbean's Children? Spotlight on the Rights of the Child

by *Healthy Caribbean Youth*

Children are repeatedly described as “the future,” whether in political discourse, popular songs or just among the general population. Yet, children’s rights are not often prioritised in decision-making, even when children’s health and wellbeing and, by extension, the future, depends on such. In fact, this particular tranche of the population, including those up to 18-years-old, are often excluded from participating in decision-making processes, even when an appropriate age and maturity level has been reached. Children, though dependent on parents or guardians especially in their initial years – albeit small in stature – are fully entitled to the panoply of inalienable rights. This preliminary article in the Healthy Caribbean Youth’s (HCY) “The Future Talks: A future for our Caribbean’s Children?” series, inspired by the 2020 “A Future for the World’s Children?” Commission convened by the World Health Organization, United Nations Children’s Fund and the Lancet, acknowledges that it is impossible to accurately represent each child’s unique voice. However, it aims to amplify children’s collective voices

by emphatically making their rights more widely known, especially their right to health.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

Children’s rights are vividly affirmed in the CRC, an international treaty or binding agreement among States. This treaty covers an array of civil and political rights, such as the child’s right to life (Article 6) and freedom of expression (Article 13) as well as economic, social and cultural rights, such as the right to health (Article 24) and the right to education (Article 28), among several other rights. Various other international instruments, such as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, also establish children’s rights, including the right to health (Article 12).

The clear articulation of children’s rights in not one, but several international instruments, has a legitimizing and amplifying effect on the clarion calls of children, youth and their supporters for the realisation of rights by State Parties. The CRC, for example, is “the most widely ratified human rights treaty”, including by ALL Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Consequently, ALL Caribbean children – from the north, in Nassau, Bahamas, to Paramaribo, Suriname in the south – are today’s rights-holders and tomorrow’s beneficiaries of the legacy that duty bearers, namely States, will leave behind.

States’ obligations

Children, being dependent on and influenced by the State, civil society and the private sector, are vulnerable to having their rights disregarded, especially where profit-maximising interests supersede children’s best interests as a “primary consideration”. Consequently, the existence of States’ obligations and due diligence responsibilities of non-state entities is critical. In addition, the Commission’s call for an Optional Protocol to the CRC, that is, a further instrument, to treat fully with the “commercial marketing and targeting of children,” recognises the unique vulnerabilities of the world’s children, especially in the face of industry players, and ought to receive strong support from States and child allies everywhere.

States are legally obligated to respect, protect and fulfil children’s rights under the CRC. They must refrain from infringing children’s rights under the obligation to respect whilst also taking positive action to facilitate and promote children’s rights under the obligation to fulfill. States’ protection obligation requires action to prevent third parties’ interference with children’s rights. The obligation “to protect both freedoms and entitlements from third parties or from social or environmental threats” is increasingly critical to realizing the child’s right to health, since “a wide range of duty bearers need to be involved”. This protection obligation is relevant to tackling noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and their risk factors such as tobacco use, alcohol consumption and unhealthy diets seemingly being ‘force-fed’ to Caribbean children largely in the form of unrestricted access to and the marketing of those unhealthy products.

Industry’s driving force behind the childhood NCD crisis must be immediately curtailed by States. States must take the wheel again and with the support of legitimate health-promoting partners riding shotgun, steer ALL towards a brighter future. The ‘backseat’ driving tactics of industry players to infringe children’s rights must be called out and controlled. As emphasised in the 2020 Statement of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health, the obligation to protect against third parties can be violated by a State’s “failure to regulate the activities of corporations to prevent them from violating the right to health of others [including children], and the failure to protect consumers [including parents and children]” (emphasis

added).

Legislative and regulatory measures, such as marketing restrictions, front-of-package nutrition warning labels and unhealthy product taxes are within States’ reach, yet Caribbean children remain largely unprotected. Children, “the future,” must continue to talk, but duty bearers must listen and act.

The Way Forward

States should ensure that children, who are capable of forming their own views, have the right to express these views freely in all matters affecting them, regardless of the forum. These opinions should be taken “in accordance with the age and the maturity of the child.”

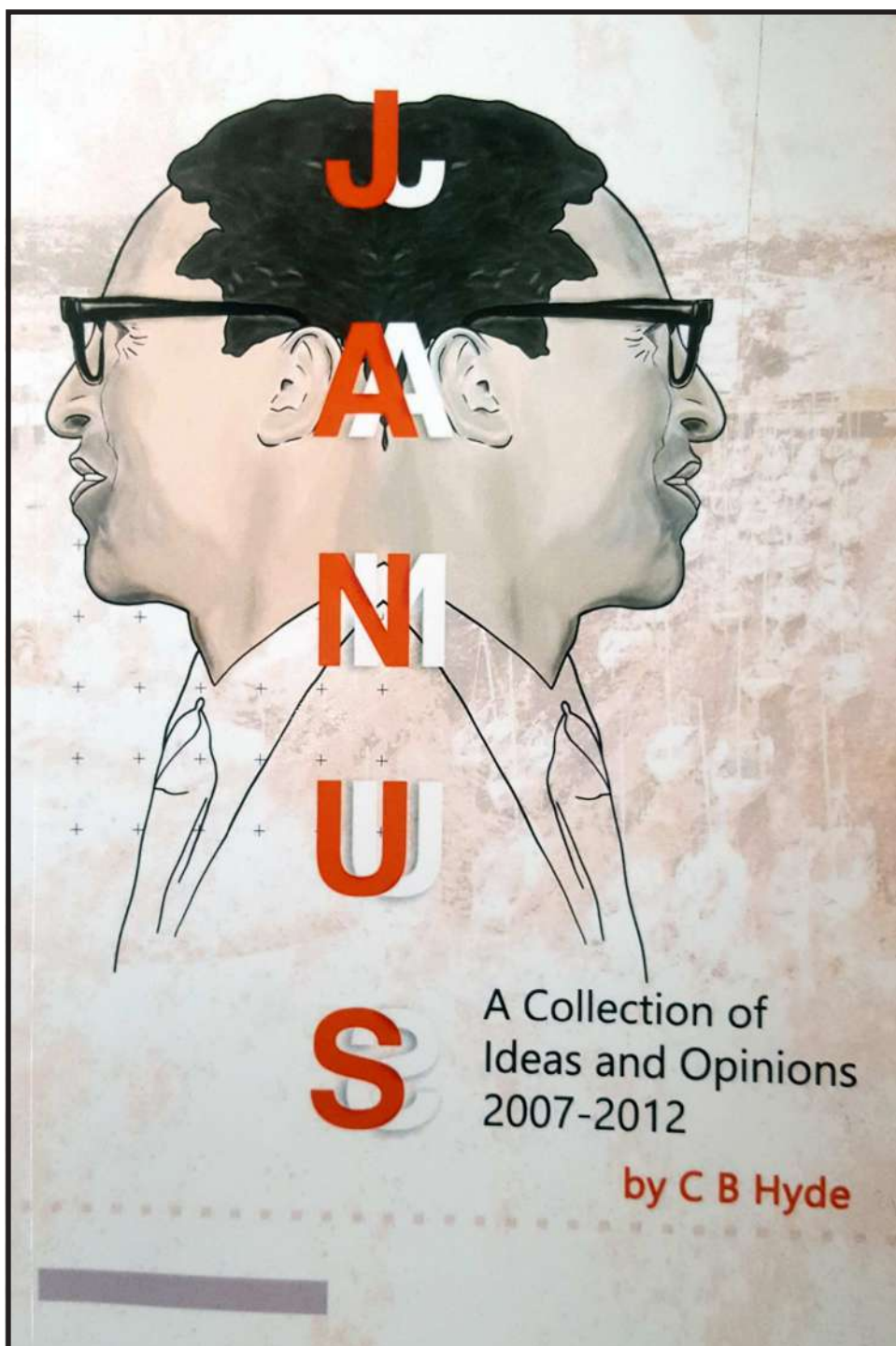
The region’s governments are essential in making sure that children’s voices are heard and their rights and entitlements are met, including their right to health. Currently, it appears that children’s rights are rarely a unique concern for Heads of States and Prime Ministers. This area usually falls into the realm of smaller governmental departments.

The private sector, once health-promoting, should be active participants in ongoing efforts to shape healthy environments for our children. This means that they should support bans or restrictions on the availability and marketing of unhealthy products in schools and other environments frequented by children. Digital environments have become key now that children are spending increasing amounts of time on screens and less time outside due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The communities within CARICOM States all have a role to play in making sure that governments are upholding children’s rights. Pediatricians in the region stated that “[s]ince the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic the lives of our children and young people have been turned upside down; the way that they learn, socialize, play, eat, move and sleep has changed, and these changes are having a substantial impact on their physical and mental health. We believe that we are on the cusp of a regional childhood obesity and mental health emergency.”

We, at Healthy Caribbean Youth, are determined to continue to advocate on behalf of children. As beautifully put by an ancient Chinese proverb, “[t]ell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn”. Children and youth advocates throughout the Caribbean must join together, as the popular saying “nothing for us, without us” rings true.

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTIES

San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District; Hopkins Village, Stann Creek District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo & Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the properties appearing below. Sales currently running and will expire on Monday 9th August 2021 at the times shown on the website.

1. Strata H15 & H 16 of Parcel No. 4879, 1½ miles west San Pedro Town Centre, on the east coast of “Laguna De San Pedro”, Casa Linda Villas, Casa Corbu, Costa Del Sol, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	4879 (H15& H16)

(Being 2 two storey **SEA FRONT** single unit villa each 1510 sq. ft. + deck 291 sq. ft: Ground floor - living/dining/kitchen + open deck + porch; First floor - 2 bedrooms + 2½ bathrooms being two units of the Casa Linda Villas situate 1½ miles west San Pedro Town Centre, on the east coast of “Laguna De San Pedro”, Costa Del Sol, Ambergris Caye, Belize District, the freehold property of Messrs. GRL Investment Ltd.)

2. Parcel No. 6100 Mahogany Bay Village, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	6100

(Being an incomplete concrete building and waterway lot [410.74 sq. yd.] situate within Mahogany Bay Village (formerly Grand Oasis Development), San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District, the freehold property of Messrs. Golf Victor Bravo Ltd.)

3. Parcel No. 1 - 15.21 Acres RIVER SIDE, north Hopkins Village, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Hopkins Village	31	1

(Being 15.21 Acres of vacant river front land, suited for tourist development, situate approximately 300 yds. from the Caribbean Sea, north Hopkins Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Messrs. Hopkins Harbour Limited.)

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PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

**“Press” Predictions: 50-02-64
Boledo stats thru 6th to 13th
August 2021**

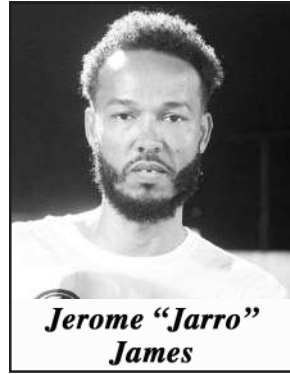
In boledo news, 65 played some 7 times already. There are only 17 numbers left for the year. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 02-50-64-59-38-14. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 6278-9728-1055. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 569-203-147-808-010-566. Good luck to all buyers, some dinero will be coming our way. The thirties series has played some 25 times already, ending 6 played some 26 times now, that’s why 36 played some 5 times already. These are the 17 numbers that are left: 02-07-08-22-28-45-50-55-59-60-64-68-70-71-91-93-97. You all must form some nice jackpots out of those hard numbers. Some doubles are long overdue; there are only 2 doubles left, 22 and 55. Some ending 0 needs to play like 50, 60 and 70, keep your eyes open for 02 and 22. Remember to read your Psalms: 92-62-75; next week more lucky numbers.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Verdes FC will shock Santos of

Costa Rica 1-nil Local Football Update and Predictions

In local football predictions, the Verdes FC will shock Santos Guapiles 1-nil in Belmopan this Thursday night. Jerome “Jarro” James will score the only goal for Verdes FC. Verdes has a 39-year-old coach



Jerome “Jarro” James

from Spain. They also have 3 Mexican players. Edwin Villada Bernal alongside Denmark Casey, Jr., are 2 of their best midfielders, there will be no fans at the game. Woodrow West will be in the goal. Their defense is very strong also. The return match will be in 2 weeks’ time. Enuff respect to the manager, Mr. Lorin Frazer. The game will be shown on TNC this Thursday night, next week the results.

Olympics 2021

USA Top swimmer Caeleb Dressel won 3 gold already

Olympics in Japan 2021 Results

In Olympics News from Japan 2021, Simone Biles has pulled out of some of her events, but will compete on the Beam. Her teammate Suni Lee won the all-around in Gymnastics. The Jamaicans in the 100 meters



Suni Lee

won all 3 medals, Elaine Thompson-Herah and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce were first and second respectively. An Italian won the male 100 meters sprint for the very first time, Lamont Jacobs. The USA female football team lost to Canada female football team 1-nil, the USA male basketball team will not win. Caeleb Dressel has won 3 gold medals already but he will win 5, only Mark Spitz and Michael Phelps did what he will accomplish at this year’s Olympics. There are



Caeleb Dressel



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

over 200 athletes that caught the Covid-19 virus in Japan. American President Joe Biden and his wife were at the opening ceremony, some boxing will be coming up this week. The Americans lead in medals over China; next week more stats.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

USA won their 7th Gold Cup International Football Results

In international football action, the 16th Gold Cup was the most exciting final the tournament has ever seen. The Gold Cup has 32 years now. There were over 65,000 fans at Las Vegas to witness the USA National team beat Mexico 1-nil in overtime, when their star defender Miles Robinson scored a beautiful header

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BELIZE WATER SERVICES LIMITED

Notice to Minority Shareholders

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Our Twentieth Annual General Meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Friday August 27, 2021. Please note that this meeting will be held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions.

DIVIDENDS: The Board of Directors of BWS is pleased to announce dividends of 7.5 cents (\$0.075) per share (equivalent to 5%) for the year ending March 31, 2021.

DIRECT BANK PAYMENTS ONLY: For the safety and convenience of our shareholders, BWS advises that the company **will no longer be issuing cheques** for dividend payments; all payments will be deposited directly to each Shareholder’s bank or credit union account. If you have not yet provided BWS with your banking information, please complete the form below with your banking information and return to BWS no later than Friday August 6, 2021. Direct Deposit payments will be processed by August 13, 2021.

For **SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION**, contact us via: **Email:** shareholderinfo@bws.com.bz
Telephone: +501-222-4757 ext. 1101 or 1103; **Fax:** 222-4263
Mail: P.O. Box 150, 7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize

BWS SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

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NAME(S):** _____

ADDRESS: _____

MOBILE NO.: _____ **OTHER NO.:** _____

EMAIL: _____

SHARE CERTIFICATE NO: _____ **NUMBER OF SHARES:** _____

**Please contact us if your name has changed since the share certificate was issued.

DIRECT DEPOSIT INFORMATION

Please obtain the account transfer information from your bank and include all digits for the numbers.

BANK or CREDIT UNION: _____ **BRANCH:** _____

TRANSIT #: _____ **ACCOUNT #:** _____
(If Applicable)

NAME(S) ON ACCOUNT: _____

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BELIZE WATER SERVICES LIMITED

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the company will be held on **Friday, August 27th at 12:15 p.m.** at the BWS Headquarters in Belize City to consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolution, which will be proposed as a special resolution:

RESOLUTION - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION TO FULLY SUPPORT VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

BWS Shareholders or their authorized proxies, who wish to participate in the EGM must register via email to shareholderinfo@bws.com.bz no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 26. Kindly provide us with your full name and contact details in the email. Upon registration, the shareholder will receive an email with further instructions and a link to access the Shareholder Circular. An electronic invitation with a link to the Extraordinary General Meeting will be sent thereafter.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, shareholders may choose (and we encourage you to exercise this right) to appoint your proxy or you can simply appoint the Company’s CEO or any of the Directors as your proxy to represent you at the EGM. BWS will provide virtual access to the meeting to all shareholders or proxies who register.

You can contact us at **Email:** shareholderinfo@bws.com.bz; **Telephone:** +501-222-4757 ext. 1101, 1103 or 1104; or send a **WhatsApp** message to 613-5382.

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The story of rubber — Dunlop, Goodyear, and King Leopold II

(from pgs. 158, 159, KING LEOPOLD'S GHOST, by Adam Hochschild, Houghton Mifflin, 1999)

The entire Kasai region, like the rest of the Congo, in time succumbed to the tightening grip of the Congo state. Some eight years after Sheppard's historic visit, Leopold's forces finally reached and looted the Kuba capital.

The raid on the capital, like many other events in the Congo, was triggered by a discovery far away. One day a few years before William Sheppard first embarked for Africa, a veterinary surgeon with a majestic white beard was tinkering with his son's tricycle at his home in Belfast, Ireland. John Dunlop was trying to solve a problem that had bedeviled bicyclists for many years: how do you get a gentle ride without springs? Dunlop finally devised a practical way of making a long-

sought solution, an inflatable rubber tire. In 1890 the Dunlop Company began making tires -- setting off a bicycle craze and starting a new industry just in time, it turned out, for the coming of the automobile.

Europeans had known about rubber ever since Christopher Columbus noticed it in the West Indies. In the late 1700s, a British scientist gave the substance its English name when he noticed it could rub out pencil marks. The Scot Charles Macintosh contributed his name to the language in 1823 when he figured out a mass-production method for doing something long practiced by the Indians of the Americas: applying rubber to cloth to make it waterproof. Sixteen years later, the American inventor Charles Goodyear accidentally spilled sulfur into some hot rubber on his stove. He discovered that the

resulting mixture did not turn stiff when cold or smelly and gooey when hot -- major problems for those trying to make rubber boots or raincoats before then.

But it was not until the early 1890s, half a decade after Dunlop fitted the pneumatic tire onto his son's tricycle wheel, that the worldwide rubber boom began. The industrial world rapidly developed an appetite not just for rubber tires, but for hoses, tubing, gaskets, and the like, and for rubber insulation for the telegraph, telephone, and electrical wiring now rapidly encompassing the globe. Suddenly factories could not get enough of the magical commodity, and its price rose throughout the 1890s. Nowhere did the boom have a more drastic impact on people's lives than in the equatorial rain forest, where wild rubber vines

snaked high into the trees, that covered nearly half of King Leopold's Congo.

For Leopold, the rubber boom was a godsend. He had gone dangerously into debt with his Congo investments, but he now saw that the return would be more lucrative than he had ever imagined. The world did not lose its desire for ivory, but by the late 1890s wild rubber had far surpassed it as the main source of revenue from the Congo. His fortune assured, the king eagerly grilled functionaries returning from the Congo about rubber harvests; he devoured a constant stream of telegrams and reports from the territory, marking them up in the margins and passing them on to aides for action. His letters from this period are filled with numbers: commodity prices from world markets, interest rates on loans, quantities of rifles to be shipped to the Congo, tons of rubber to be shipped to Europe, and the exact dimensions of the triumphal arch in Brussels he was planning to build with his newfound profits. Reading the king's correspondence is like reading the letters of the CEO of a corporation that has just developed a profitable new product and is trying to take advantage of it before competitors can get their assembly lines going.

The competition Leopold worried about was from cultivated rubber, which comes not from a vine but a tree. Rubber trees, however, require much care and some years before they grow large enough to be tapped. The king voraciously demanded ever greater quantities of wild rubber from the Congo, because he knew that the price would drop once plantations of rubber trees in Latin America and Asia reached maturity.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2021

CLAIM NO. 154 of 2021

BETWEEN:

GRAHAM HEYES

CLAIMANT

AND

SUNSET VIEW ESTATES LIMITED

DEFENDANT

TO: SUNSET VIEW ESTATES LIMITED whose last known address is 42A Barrier Reef Drive, San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize,

TAKE NOTICE that a Claim No. 154 of 2021 has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court of Belize by **GRAHAM HEYES** of 12B, Lot 4 and 6 Callalily Street, Bgy Cacutud, Punta Verde Subdivision, Angeles City, 2009, Philippines, in which the Claimant seeks the following reliefs:

1. A declaration that the registration of the Defendant as the registered proprietor of Parcels 8714, 8715 and 8716, Block 7 in the San Pedro Registration Section was obtained by fraud or in the alternative by mistake, and the said registration is null and void.
2. An order directing the Registrar of Lands to cancel the first registration of the Defendant, Sunset View Estates Limited, as the registered proprietor of Parcels 8714, 8715 and 8716, Block 7 in the San Pedro Registration Section.
3. An order directing the Registrar of Lands to register the Claimant, Graham Heyes, as proprietor of Parcels 8714, 8715 and 8716, Block 7 in the San Pedro Registration Section.
4. Costs.
5. Interest pursuant to Section 167 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act and such further or other relief as the Court may deem fit.

AND THAT it has been ordered by the Supreme Court that service on you of the Claim Form and Statement of Claim dated 25th February, 2021 in the said claim be effected by this advertisement. If you desire to defend the said claim you must enter an Acknowledgement of Service and Notice of Intention to Defend at the Supreme Court Registry within 14 days of publication of this Notice. In default of such acknowledgment of service, judgment may be entered against you.

DATED this 23 day of July, 2021.

[Signature]

BARROW & WILLIAMS LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant

Press Predictions

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in the 117th minute of the game, the USA team has won 7 Gold Cups now. Mexico still leads 8 to 7, Canada won their only one in 2000. Mexican player Pineda won the award for best



Myles Robinson

player of the tournament, he was Mexico's best player maker in the midfield. Matt Turner won the Golden Gloves for best goal keeper. The Gold Cup happens every 2 years, there are some World Cup Qualifiers coming up next month; next week more stats.

In Memory of Marcus Canul

On September 1, 2021, we will be celebrating the 149th anniversary of the death of our hero and martyr, General Marcos Canul. In memory of him, let me present to you, our dear readers of this column, the following historical information posted on Facebook by Belize Yucatec Maya and shared by Batab Masewal Chuc — with Herminio Novelo, Teo Dzib, Gaspar Ken, Rick H. Castillo, KREM Sunday Review and Clinton Luna being tagged — on Thursday, July 29, 2021

MARCOS CANUL: The Maya feared by the British

“You are false, you have nothing to do here, as long as you remain in this place you will have to pay” — Maya Máasewáal leader Marcos Canul’s

message to the British. Most of what is said in Belize of Marcos Canul has always been in the view of the British and Hispanics who viewed him as a villain — for the Maya Máasewáal (Yucatec Maya) of Belize, Marcos Canul is seen as a hero. Today, we will know more of Marcos Canul and the untold stories of resistance in northern Belize. The reading is a little long, but worth it. The Icaiche Maya territory included part of northwestern Belize and southern Mexico close to the Rio Hondo. When the British arrived in Belize, they discovered mahogany and started to export it. They reported several attacks on the British camps from the Maya in 1788 and 1801. In 1848 was the last attack done with

bows and arrows by the Maya against the British. The Maya retreated to the jungle.

At the time when the British wanted to expand their wood-cutting operations, they faced Maya resistance in Icaiche and in the Yalbac área of Belize. After Tzuc’s death in December 1864, Marcos Canul became leader. Marcos Canul, a Maya Máasewáal captain of the Icaiche, was elected General. Marcos Canul demanded that the British pay rent for the use of Maya land. His message in reference to the British was, “unless they paid up their rent, they will suffer a great loss”. The Icaiche leaders met with the company’s field manager at Achote. Canul explained that he was



by Clinton Canul Luna

familiar with the maps which showed the limits of the lands given to the English. The batab (Maya leader) walked out of the meeting saying in Maya, “When you have to cry, don’t say I did not give you notice”. General manager of the British Honduras Co., John Hodge, rejected Canul’s claim to land rent but offered to pay \$250 per year.

In effect, though, Hodge refused to pay. On April 27, 1866, the British colony was struck one more time. Shortly before breakfast, Icaiche Maya troops led by Marcos Canul descended on Qualm Hill, field quarters of a large gang of wood cutters operating in the northwest. Eighty five prisoners, including Robateau and his wife and about 175 heads of cattle, were marched into the Icaiche forest. Canul demanded \$4,750 for land rent, which was eight years in arrears. During each raid, Marcos Canul left a note to the British saying, “You are false, you have nothing to do here. As long as you remain in this place you will have to pay”.

“From the perspective of western civilization, Canul was using threats on human lives to exact payment for land rent. As the foremost civil and religious leader of Icaiche, we do not know how Canul justified his actions to his people. Judging from the principles of international law of the century, Canul’s claim on lands that the Icaiche occupied before the English had little or no chance of being successful. Force was the only means by which Canul could persuade the Anglo-Saxons to pay their back taxes,” states the book *Rural Society and Economic Development: British Mercantile Capital in Nineteenth-Century Belize*. The cattle of the British Honduras Co. were destroying Maya Máasewáal milpas, and in retaliation, the Maya people of Yalbac released their animals into the company’s milpas.

But whereas the destruction of company crops meant a material loss for the firms, for the Maya it meant food shortages, with the possibility of starvation. The Battle of San Pedro Yalbac on December 21, 1866, resulted in the defeat of British forces by a combination of the Maya Máasewáal groups — the Icaiche led by Marcos Canul and the San Pedro Maya by Asuncion Ek. The British were humiliated that some oral history indicated that some of the elites wanted to leave Belize. Instead the British asked for military support from Jamaica, and the 3rd West Indian Regiment (British) marched in 1867



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Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
P O Box 852 or Gabourel Lane
Belize City, BELIZE

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Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
(All applications will be held in strict confidence.)

Response to Henry Young, RE: Stann Creek pier



by *Wellington C. Ramos*

In a letter written by Henry Young, Sr., titled "Inquiring Minds Re: Stann Creek Pier", the writer wanted to know what was the reason or reasons, that the new PUP government revoked a contract that was granted to a company RSL by the outgoing Dean Barrow UDP administration, to operate their business at Commerce Bight Pier — "Jettie Pier", located in the southern part of Dangriga in the Garifuna people's reserve lands. When the Garifuna Nation heard about this contract that was granted, they wrote a letter to RSL and the new government indicating their concerns to find out if the Garifuna people and their organizations were consulted before the contract was awarded. A major decision like this requires a series of town hall meetings, focus groups and consultation and approval by the residents of Dangriga before this decision can be made. Our people were not aware of any of these requirements being met. Up to this day, neither the RSL company nor the Government of Belize has responded to the letter sent by the Garifuna Nation.

The Commerce Bight Pier was built by the British in 1909 to facilitate the

shipment of locally grown bananas overseas. The bananas were brought from the Stann Creek Valley on railroad to the port. When the Panama disease affected the banana industry in Stann Creek Valley, the banana farmers began to plant citrus instead of bananas. Commerce Bight Port is the deepest port in the entire country of Belize. The Commerce Bight Pier and the areas surrounding it, are located in the Garifuna Reserve Crown Lands in the southern part of Dangriga Town. There are also Garifuna Reserve Crown Lands in the northern part of Dangriga Town in the Long Bank area off Melinda Road and about 600 acres that was granted to Thomas Vincent Ramos, the founder and president of the Carib Development Society (CDS), in the 1900s for farming in the Sarawee area on the All Weather Road. Many of these lands were and are being leased and sold by the Government of Belize, without consultation with, or the written consent of, the Garifuna people in Dangriga Town. From the time the Garifuna people landed in Dangriga in 1802, they have been using the Commerce Bight Pier and the entire area to go fishing, hunting, farming and to conduct other customary and traditional functions.

This pier was given to Luke Espot in 2002 when the People's United Party was in power under the leadership of the then Prime Minister Said Musa. He was granted a contract, without the government consulting with and obtaining the consent of the Garifuna people from Dangriga Town, which is in violation of ILO-169, International Law, the Garifuna Crown Lands Act granted to the Garifuna people by the British and other Treaties and Conventions that relate to Indigenous Peoples' Land Rights. When Belize Ports Limited took over the pier, they constructed a fence at the entrance of the pier to stop the

Garifuna people from using the pier, and it has been that way since 2002. During the general election campaign of 2008, the UDP pledged in their manifesto, that if the people of Dangriga elected them, they would take the pier away from Luke Espot and return it to the Garifuna people so that they can get jobs.

The UDP won that election by a landslide and won two other elections after 2008 and were in power up until November of 2020, when they lost to the PUP. After twelve years in office, the UDP had not returned the pier to the Garifuna people. Instead, they went ahead and issued a contract to RSL without seeking the consent and approval of the Garifuna people in Dangriga Town. When the PUP came to power in November, they reexamined the contract and voided it in the House of Representatives for their own reasons, which they tabled in parliament. Both the PUP and the UDP have been depriving the people of Dangriga, of the use of their pier. This pier has played a vital role in the economic development and survival of the Dangriga people for centuries. My family and friends along with other residents from Dangriga, used to go to this pier to fish when I was a child growing up. Also, when the ships came, many stevedores were employed by the Southern Workers Christian Union to load and unload the cargoes.

The Garifuna people and nation are not against the use of Commerce Bight

Pier, because they were using it for centuries until the PUP ceded it to Luke Espot and his company in 2002. What the Garifuna people and nation want is to be consulted on the use of the pier with a plan that will be examined by them so that they can weigh the benefits and risks in its use. Years ago there was a village in that area by the name of Youngtown that was devastated by a hurricane. That led to the villagers moving to "Yugadah," now known as Hopkins and Dangriga Town. Gra Gra Creek, an estuary, is also in that vicinity, and if there are any oil spills or environmental hazards, it will gravely affect the lives of animals, birds, plants and human beings living in that vicinity.

Members of the Garifuna Nation have examined the RSL proposals, and there are some major concerns about what RSL is planning to do at the Commerce Bight Pier and on our lands in that area. We the Garifuna people must be consulted and we must decide if we will grant consent for the intended purpose and use of our lands. Also, an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) must be conducted and be made available to the Garifuna people before any license can be issued. The pier and the area has great economic potential, but the right procedures must be followed. The Garifuna people are in favor of reopening the pier so that they can gain employment and enjoy the use of it, as they have been doing for centuries.

Message of gratitude from Laddie's family

Our family would like to offer our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of our countrymen who share in

the loss of little Laddie with us.

The grace that was shown to us through your letters, poems, messages and songs, has cradled the burden of our family's sorrow.

This, combined with your vigils and demonstrations demanding justice for Laddie, has shone a bright light on one of our nation's darker moments.

Our national soul has been sullied by the callous and atrocious deed of one man. A man leading a team of 'guardians who protect' turned his gun on our beautiful child.

He aimed, pulled the trigger and killed our frightened and fleeing son.

We must continue to shine a light for Laddie until the killer is brought to justice and reformed change is not an option but a demand that will be acted upon.

The thought of having yet another family suffer this unbearable loss, through the actions of those paid to protect us, will not be tolerated.

Together we stand up strong and united for Laddie.

Thank you from the bottom of our broken hearts.

Emil and Bryony Bradley

The Bradley and Fleming Families

SECOND NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 10 (3) of the Belize Mines and Minerals Act, Chapter 226, Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, Arsenio Burgos for and on behalf of Cisco Construction Ltd. of 3.5 Miles George Price Highway, Belize City, Belize C.A, has applied to the Honourable Minister of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining, through the Inspector of Mines, Mining Unit; for a license to extract limestone and marl for the Philip Goldson Highway and Remate Bypass Upgrading Project – Lot 3, Section C, from quarries within the Villages of San Pedro and Patchakan, Corozal District. The areas to be mined are bounded between UTM Co-ordinates:

Site	Eastings	Northings
1)	346300	2036300
2)	346300	2036140
3)	342240	2026895

The areas to be mined comprise approximately sixteen (16) acres.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CONSULTING SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CAPACITY – BUILDING PROGRAM FOR PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATIONS

Institution: Ministry of Economic Development

Country: Belize

Project: Resilient Rural Belize Programme

Loan No.: 2000002301

Deadline for Submission of Proposals: September 14, 2021 at 3:00PM.

Background: The Government of Belize (GOB), through a financing agreement with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Green Climate Fund (GCF), has embarked on a six-year Programme, Resilient Rural Belize (RRB), which aims to minimize the impacts of climatic and economic events on smallholder farmers while supporting sustainable market access for their produce. The programme will help farmers employ climate resilient agricultural practices and technologies; integrate profitable smallholder participation into the development of select vegetables, fruits, and honey value chains; and support smallholder production capacity through investments in public and private climate resilient infrastructure and in the strengthening of smallholder farmer Producers' Organizations and relevant GOB Departments.

Scope of Service:

This consultancy is designed to strengthen farmers' organizations, referred to as Producers' Organizations, whether registered or unregistered. It will focus on providing technical, social, and organizational knowledge to improve the management, operation, and overall performance of the main actors in the selected value chains. This includes strengthening of the organizational and administrative capacities of the organizations and their financial management, marketing, and entrepreneurial capabilities to identify and take advantage of market opportunities. In addition, the *Department of Co-operatives (DOC)* must be strengthened to be able to provide continuous and effective capacity building support to these Producers' Organizations ensuring sustainability.

The consultancy comprises of two (2) components:

- (i) Capacity Building for Department of Co-operatives (DOC) (train of trainers)
- (ii) Capacity Building for Producer Organizations in Business Management (organization and management, bookkeeping and accounting and marketing).

Objectives of the Consultancy

The main objectives of the assignment are as follows:

1. To review existing materials of the six modules that make up the training curriculum of the DOC with a view to improve and/or further develop appropriate (simplistic) and effective ("learn by doing") other materials and instruments tailored for building the capacities of Producers' Organizations (collectives/all membership).
2. To develop and implement a Training of Trainers' Module to strengthen the capacity of the staff of the DOC, CSAEOs and relevant authorities so as to more effectively deliver the training modules to Producers' Organizations.
3. To develop and execute a capacity building and training program in business management (organizational management, bookkeeping and accounting and marketing) for a minimum of 700 households (40% women and 20% youth) that include a combination of theoretical and practical training sessions in thematic areas identified below.

The Resilient Rural Belize (RRB) Programme now invites proposals for the provision of **Consulting Services to Develop and Implement a Capacity Building Programme for Producers' Organizations.**

A Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with the procurement procedures set out by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Note that all consulting firms must specify their nationality. The nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

Consultants interested in receiving the RFP and submitting a Proposal should register their interest by sending an e-mail (with subject: Request for RFP- Capacity Building for Producers' Organization) to the Procurement Consultant on Thanson.RRB@med.gov.bz giving full contact details of the Consultant. This will ensure that the Consultants receive updates regarding this RFP.

The Proposal must be delivered to the following address on or before September 14, 2021, at 3:00PM (Local time). Consultants also have the option of submitting their Proposals electronically using the File Request Link: <https://bit.ly/3gfVtGU>.

Attn: Tracey Recinos Hanson
Procurement Officer
Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Ministry of Economic Development
National Agriculture Showgrounds
Hummingbird Highway
Belmopan, Belize

PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Belize City, Belize District; Orange Walk Town, O.W.; San Pedro, Ambergris Caye

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the below described properties. Sale currently running and will expire Monday 9th August 2021 at the times listed on the website.

A. BELIZE CITY: Mahogany Street, (east of round-about) Parcel No. 114 Mahogany Street, Belize City:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Lake Independence	45	114

(Being a two storey concrete COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL building and lot situate one lot east of Central American Boulevard on Mahogany Street, the freehold property of Messrs. PAL Enterprises Limited.)

B. ORANGE WALK TOWN, ORANGE WALK DISTRICT: Parcel No. 1824 Corner Jamaica and Mejiba Streets, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	1824

(Being two (2) buildings - Older Building + Second Building: The OLDER BUILDING is a two storey a concrete and timber structure approx. 38 ft. x 38 ft. accommodating Ground Floor: a restaurant - food delivery + dining area approx. 27 ft. x 38 ft. + kitchen approx. 10 ft. x 19 ft. + front of building addition for extension of dining area approx. 11 ft. x 37 ft. + 13 ft. x 38 ft. which includes 2 restrooms; First Floor: 1 Bedroom + kitchen/dining room + living room + 1 bathroom + laundry room. SECOND BUILDING is a two storey concrete structure 35 ft. x 35 ft. accommodating Ground Floor: Three sections + shared restroom; First Floor: 1 apartment 12 ft. x 20 ft. + access from ground floor via concrete internal staircase TOGETHER with lot (550 S.Y.) situate at the corner Jamaica & Mejiba Streets, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Mr. Mark Nugent)

C. SAN PEDRO, AMBERGRIS CAYE:

1. Parcel No. 1434 West of Ambergris Lakes Villas, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	1434

(Being a two storey concrete dwelling house containing - Ground Floor: Apartment 3 bedrooms + living; First Floor: 6 bedrooms + 1 bathroom TOGETHER with Lot [49.99 ft. x 74.98 ft.] situate west of Ambergris Lake Villas, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, the freehold property of Ms. Carroll Leonardo)

2. Parcel No. 3271 South of the Football Field, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	3271

(Being (A) Timber building 20 ft. x 24 ft. + extensions 8 ft. x 24 ft. + 12 ft. x 20 ft. + Porch 8 ft. x 20 ft. containing 3 bedrooms + 2 bathrooms + living/dining/kitchen; (B) Single Level Timber/Concrete Building containing 3 rental rooms + shared bathroom; (C) Single Level Timber Building [12 ft. x 24 ft.] containing 2 rental rooms; (D) Timber Building [4 ft. x 10 ft.] containing 2 outdoor restrooms TOGETHER with lot [49.99 ft. x 74.98 ft.] situate south of the Football Field, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, the freehold property of Ms. Carroll Leonardo)

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The deadline for submission of applications is August 20th, 2021. **Application letters along with a current curriculum vitae, valid teachers License original transcript, certified copies of degrees, certified copy of social security card, marriage/divorce certificate, Educational Leadership certificate and two recent letters of reference should be sent to:**

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Vacancies exist for the following posts at Toledo Community College.

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Applicants should submit: Letter of Application, Curriculum Vitae, Two (2) Letters of Recommendation, Certified Copies of Certificates, Transcript, Social Security Card, Recent Police Records, Birth Paper/ Passport, Medical Report, and a Valid Teacher's License to the address below:

Secretary
 T.C.C. Board of Governors
 P.O. Box 41
 Punta Gorda Town
 Belize

Deadline for application is Friday, August 13th, 2021

Cuba gets international humanitarian aid

While scrolling through Instagram, I saw a post which indicated that Russia had sent 88 tons of humanitarian aid to Cuba. I did a further Google search to find out more about such a gesture and found a report published in *Télam* dated July 26, 2021, about Cuba receiving humanitarian aid from Russia and Mexico to help it face the pandemic and the crisis. The Cuban government had reported on Monday that it received a million masks, as well as protective equipment and food sent by the president of Russia, Vladimir Putin, to help the country face the increase in cases of Covid-19 and the economic difficulties that the island is going through due to the embargo imposed by the United States.

The deterioration of the economic situation in recent months and the advance of the coronavirus worsened the social situation, which was manifested in unprecedented protests on July 11 in some 40 cities on the island. In addition, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (of Mexico) dispatched syringes, oxygen, masks, milk, beans, wheat flour, tuna, oil and fuel. Cuba is experiencing a great lack

of supplies due to the intensification of the US embargo. On the following day, 19digital.com published that the Nicaraguan government would send a ship with Nicaraguan food through the country's vice president, Compañera Rosario Murillo, to the people and government of Cuba. "They are foods that represent the respect and eternal gratitude of the Nicaraguan people, of our revolution. To the people of Fidel, of Raúl, of Miguel, to the Cuban Revolution; by God's grace, shipments will be leaving as soon as possible", declared the vice president. The next day, Telesur shared that the president of Bolivia, Luis Arce, did the same, and last Monday, one of Cuba's national days, he announced the approval of a decree to send a plane with syringes and food for the Cuban people. Arce affirmed that it has been learnt from Cuba that the ideology of solidarity is sharing what little one has with those who need it most.

The initiatives of these governments are in addition to those carried out by civil society organizations from various countries in the Latin American region. From

Europe, shipments of humanitarian aid have also been organized, especially syringes and medical supplies to support the vaccination campaign in Cuba, which is carried out with their own drugs. Furthermore, Cuba announced on July 29, 2021 in SWI that starting July 30, the government will deliver directly to families throughout the country the food received through humanitarian aid donations from abroad. The distribution of humanitarian aid — which will be done gradually and free of charge — will begin in Havana, and each module will include products such as rice, grains, oil, tuna, canned meat, pasta and sugar. Priority will be given to those who are 65 years and older.

Cubadebate posted today, August 1, that Mexico had sent another shipment of humanitarian aid to the port of Havana, and the Mexican ambassador in Cuba, Miguel Díaz Reynoso, affirmed that the arrival of this ship is part of the constant efforts at collaboration between two sister nations, united by historical ties. The *Paloapan* ship, of the Mexican Navy,



by Clinton Canul Luna

arrived this Sunday at the port of Havana with 1,250 tons of medical supplies (masks, oxygen, hospital material) and food, destined to aid the Covid-19 response in Cuba. The day before, an Air Force aircraft from that country also arrived with medical supplies to support the island's health system. On that same day, Santiago de Cuba received humanitarian aid from Jamaica. This first shipment, which will be followed by another in the next few days, included syringes, injection needles, cannulas, masks and face shields, useful for anesthesia and disinfectants, which will be quickly distributed in the Santiago hospital network.

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to burn down several Yucatec Maya (Máasewáal) villages in the Yalbac area like San Pedro Siris, Chunbal Che, Santa Teresa, San Jose Yalbac, Naranjal, Cerro, Santa Cruz and others. In early 1867, Jamaica's military support arrived in Belize City.

The troops consisted of 300 soldiers and 17 officers, who obeyed the orders of Colonel William Harley. The objective of the military mobilization was to expel the Yucatec Maya from San Pedro Yalbac, for which they would have the reinforcement of the campaign of the 3rd West Indian Regiment. On February 13, British soldiers entered San Jose Yalbac, without the Maya presenting any resistance. Immediately the English proceeded to set fire to the village, in which there were 50 houses, and about 3,000 or 4,000 people. The corn fields were destroyed along with the granaries of the Maya, which had food reserves. All this despite the pleas and the anguish of some inhabitants, who in their despair shouted "this land is ours," according to *El Bosque Sitiado: Asaltos Armados, Concesión Forestales y Estrategias del Bosque Situado* by Martha Herminio Villalobos Gonzalez. The Maya Máasewáal rebuilt their villages and continued their resistance. Many started to migrate to the west part of Belize and others to more north.

In 1868 Batab Marcos Canul arrived to collect rent in Corozal Town, but they failed to kill him. Joaquin Rejon, living in Corozal, narrated in July 1868,

"When Mr. Marcos Canul charges the rent for the lands being occupied by [...] British Company, Rabatú (in charge of the company) said it was fair and told Marcos to go in person for the money and the Indian (Maya) innocently went with two or three friends to receive the money, without suspecting the trap which had been planned, but when leaving the trukpares a hail of bullets greeted him. Outraged by the cruel trick, he led with fury and marched towards those establishments, then he was paid double the sum agreed but after some of the destruction was done because of the feared bad faith of the landlords. The English, seeing that Canul made himself respected ... redoubled their relations with the Maya of Chan Santa Cruz," according to *El Bosque Sitiado* by Martha Herminio Villalobos Gonzalez.

The Maya Máasewáal troops in the 1870 march to Corozal Town were welcomed by several residents, including some among the Hispanic residents of Corozal. Some of the residents asked Marcos Canul to burn down Corozal as retaliation for the British burning the Maya villages in 1867. Canul said no and later indicated that he received permission from the Orange Walk magistrate to go to Corozal. The purpose of his visit was to negotiate a trade agreement as the Maya Máasewáal group Cruzo'ob had done. Many agreements were made between the British and the Maya Máasewáal which brought peace — until 1872, when the British broke their agreements. The British authorities had agreements with the Yucatec Maya

(Máasewal) group known as the Icaiche Maya about the interchange of prisoners and other matters. So if someone from one part did a crime or something wrong, the person would be remitted to the judge or Maya leader so they could impose a punishment. Jose Maria Manzanero, a Maya captain of Marcos Canul, was detained and was captive along with his wife in Orange Walk Town. According to the Batab Marcus Canul, the event went against the agreement, and Manzanero was imprisoned without a formal judgment. Canul presented his claims, but the British ignored him.

The Maya general Marcos Canul stood up with his men in Orange Walk demanding the return of the Maya official and his wife. Instead of giving an explanation about why they were detained, the British officials acted in an aggressive manner and unleashed a rain of bullets against the Maya. The Maya Máasewáal immediately attacked Orange Walk, which resulted in Canul being wounded. Marcos Canul was taken by his troops to the jungle and died four days after from his wounds. The British reported that the Maya Máasewáal did a surprise attack on Orange Walk (The most known version, but the Maya Máasewáal concluded that the battle of Orange Walk was planned to provoke the Maya and kill Marcos Canul. The reason was the British not wanting to pay rent for the use of Maya land.) The battle of Orange Walk included the British and alias (Mestizos, Spanish and Ex-Confederate soldiers) against Marcos Canul. (The Maya who went with him to ask for

answers on the prisoner Manzanero).

After the death of Marcos Canul, other leaders continued to ask for rent for the use of Maya land, like General Gabriel Tamay and Santiago Pech. In 1875, the Maya Máasewáal of Hololunich demanded land rent from Phillips and Co. Again, the San Pedro joined with the Icaiche to press their claim on the land. In 1882, Santiago Pech wrote Lieutenant Governor Barlee on the same subject. He stated, "Sir: desiring to maintain the most friendly relations with Your Excellency and the inhabitants of the Colony, I forward to you certain documents which would recall your memory . . . as well as the map of the territory conceded to the colonists for cutting logwood but as they have ignored those treaties erecting fortifications, placing in them permanent garrisons, selling and leasing lands in the name of the Queen and of private individuals without any legal title... , in view of the foregoing, I have to inform you that your answer of the 28th March does not in any way meet my views. Where has the British Honduras Co. legal title to offer for sale a million acres of land? They have acted on the principle that we are a set of ignorant people, but as the justice of God defends my country, He has enlightened me so that I have looked at the map made by The Treaty of Belize signed in 1853," according to an extract of the book *Rural Society and Economic Development: British Mercantile Capital in Nineteenth-Century Belize*. The treaty of Belize

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CITY OF BELMOPAN**



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE R.C. HIGH SCHOOL

VACANCIES

A Vacancy exists at Our Lady of Guadalupe R.C. High School, Belmopan, for the following posts for the school year 2021-2022:

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- First Degree in the relevant field(s) preferred
- Associate Degree may be considered
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with students, staff and administration
- Knowledge, competence and expertise in using technology in teaching
- High motivation and commitment to teaching
- Must be in possession of a **valid Teacher's license**

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Ceremony at which Castro opens National Moncada Barracks Mandela Addresses Event

Speech by Nelson Mandela (*/ate*) - former president, African National Congress

Cont. from page 19, *Amandala*, Friday, July 30, 2021

We believe that the transition process should be controlled by a capable government that has the will to create and maintain the conditions necessary for free political activity. A government that works with the goal of assuring that the process be an effort to create a true democracy and nothing less. The current government has not shown the willingness and has been incapable of creating a proper climate for negotiations. It is hedging on its agreement to free political prisoners and to permit the return of exiles. Recently, it permitted the creation of a situation in which a true reign of terror and violence was unleashed against the African communities and the ANC as an organization. In this scenario of violence, 10,000 people have been killed since 1984, 2,000 of those in this year alone. We always said that this government, which glories in its professional police forces, is perfectly capable of putting an end to the violence and judge those responsible. But, they do not only not demonstrate the willingness to do that, but now we also have irrefutable evidence, and this has been published in the independent press, of their complicity in the violence. Violence has been used in a

systematic effort to strengthen Inkatha as a potential ally of the National Party. Now, we have evidence that proves the payment of monies by the government to Inkatha. Money that comes from its contributors.

This proves the necessity of creating an interim government of national unity that can preside over the transition. We need a government that enjoys the widest popular confidence so it can govern during this delicate period to assure that they do not permit the counterrevolutionaries to change the process and that can guarantee that the constitution is written in a climate that is free of repression, intimidation, and fear. We believe that the constitution itself ought to be written in the most democratic form possible. In our opinion, the best way to achieve this is through the election of representatives to a constituent assembly with the mandate to write a proposed constitution.

There are organizations that reject the claim of the ANC to be the most representative group in the country. If this is certain, let them show their popular support at the ballot box. To assure that the popular masses are included in this process, we are

distributing and discussing our own constitutional proposals and a proposed law of rights. We want these to be discussed by all the organizations in our alliance, that is, the ANC, the South African Communist Party [SACP], and the Congress of South African Labor Unions, as well as by the people in general. In this way, when the people vote for the ANC to represent them in a constituent assembly, they will know not only what general principles the ANC defends, but they will also know what type of constitution we want. Naturally, these constitutional proposals are subject to revision upon the basis of consultations with our members, with the rest of our alliance, and with the people generally. We want to achieve the writing of a constitution that receives wide support, loyalty, and respect. This can only be achieved if we truly go to the popular masses.

In an effort to stop these just demands, various efforts have been made to undermine and to destabilize the ANC. Violence is the worst of the efforts. But there are other, more insidious methods. Currently, both in the press and among our political adversaries, and many Western governments, there exists an obsession concerning our alliance with the South African Communist Party [SACP]. The press constantly publishes speculations over the number of communists that are in our National Executive and says that we are directed by the SACP. The ANC is not a communist party, but rather a broad liberation movement which has among its members communists and non-communists. Whoever wants to be a loyal member of the ANC, whoever accepts the discipline and the principles of the organization, has the right to join its ranks. Our relation with the SACP, as an organization, is based upon mutual respect. We are united with the SACP in those objectives that we have in common. But we respect each other's independence and individual identity. There has been no attempt whatsoever on the part of the SACP to run the ANC. To the contrary, we have gained strength through the alliance. We do not have the slightest intention of paying attention to those who suggest and counsel us to break away from this alliance. Who are those who offer these unsolicited suggestions? They come, mainly, from those who have never given us any assistance whatsoever. None of these counselors have ever made the sacrifices that the communists have made for our struggle. [applause]

26. This alliance has strengthened us, and we will make it even more firm. We are now in a phase of our struggle in which we can smell the victory. But we have to assure that this victory is not stolen from us. We have to assure that the racist regime feels the greatest pressure down to the end so that it understands that it has to cede power; that the road to peace, liberty and democracy is inevitable. This is the

reason why sanctions should be maintained. This is not the moment to hand out awards to the apartheid regime. Why should they be rewarded for repealing laws that are recognized as international crimes? Apartheid still exists. The regime must be obliged to eliminate it. Only when this process is irreversible can we begin to evaluate the removal of pressures.

We are profoundly concerned by the attitude that the Bush administration has adopted on this matter. This was one of the few governments that was in close contact with us on the question of sanctions. We made them see clearly that the elimination of sanctions would be premature. Despite that fact, this administration, without even contacting us, simply informed us that the U.S. sanctions were going to be lifted. We consider this as totally unacceptable.

It is in this context that we value our friendship with Cuba very, very much. When you, Comrade Fidel, yesterday said that our cause is your cause, I know that that sentiment came from the bottom of your heart and that that is the feeling of all of the people of revolutionary Cuba. [applause]

You are with us because both of our organizations, the Communist Party of Cuba and the ANC, are fighting for the oppressed masses to ensure that those who make the wealth enjoy its fruits. Your great apostle, Jose Marti, said, and I quote: "With the poor people of this earth, I want to share my fate."

[sustained applause]

We in the ANC will always stand with the poor and rightless. Not only do we stand with them, we will ensure sooner rather than later that they rule the land of their birth. That, in the words of the Freedom Charter, the people shall govern. And when that moment arrives it will have been made possible not only by our own efforts, but through the solidarity, support, and encouragement of the great Cuban people. [applause]

I must close my remarks by referring to an event of which you all have witnessed. You have witnessed the event in which our Comrade Fidel Castro conferred upon me the highest honor this country can award. I am very much humbled by this award. Because I do not think I deserve it. It is an award that ought to be given to those who have already won the freedom of their people.

But, it is a source of strength and hope that that award is given for the recognition that the people of South Africa stand on their feet and they are fighting for their freedom. [applause] We sincerely hope that in the days that lie ahead we will be proved worthy of the confidence which is expressed in this award. [applause]

Long live the Cuban Revolution!
[Viva!] Long live Comrade Fidel Castro!

[Viva!] [sustained applause]

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PAHO: Don't neglect other healthcare services due to COVID-19

by Dayne Guy

Washington, DC, USA, Wed. July 28, 2021

PAHO is calling on countries in the region to ensure that their COVID-19 responses do not throttle the provision of other essential health services like immunization. The PAHO Director, Dr. Carissa Etienne, applauded countries that have embraced telemedicine and community outreach programs that enable patients to receive healthcare

from the comfort of their homes.

A report indicated that there had been disruptions in the provision of healthcare in 97% of countries in which a recent survey was conducted, with 45% of the disruptions affecting at least half of their health services. These disruptions have an inordinate effect on the first level of care, which includes vaccination of children, care of expectant mothers, and treatment of persons with chronic illnesses.

The provision of this first-level care

has been, to some extent, sidelined during the pandemic. Many children across the region have missed their routine immunizations — a trend that leaves many vulnerable to deadly but preventable infections. Dr. Etienne notes that if these issues are not targeted, the region risks “an avalanche of worsening health issues.” If these trends continue, COVID-19 will no longer be the sole health crisis demanding attention, she said.

She noted, “We cannot afford to cut corners on health. Because, make no mistake: sooner or later countries will assume the costs, and that is why

investing in the first level of care now is a smart choice so we can reverse trends more efficiently and equitably than if we wait for health crises to surface.”



Jaheed Baptist, 19, survives shooting



Jaheed Baptist, shooting victim

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 4, 2021

Last Thursday, 19-year-old Jaheed Baptist was shot at about 8:00 p.m. while walking on Neal Pen Road by a young man who was in the company of two others at the time.

Reports are that, as Baptist passed

the basketball court in the area, he saw three young men, one of whom pulled out a pistol and fired shots in his direction.

Baptist ran for his life and collapsed a short distance away from the scene of the shooting. He was later found by police and transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, where he is listed in stable condition.

He has not yet provided to police any information that could help them pinpoint a motive for the shooting. The Police Department's communications director, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, has told reporters, however, that he believes that Baptist would not have been walking in that area if he had been in conflict with anyone in the vicinity.

“He was even taken by surprise when one of the persons just took out a firearm upon seeing him. So, for us to establish that, we really need him to help us with that.” Yearwood said.

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signed in 1853 by the Maya Máasewáal (Icaiche group), Yucatan and Belize stipulated that the Icaiche Maya could retain the lands under their effective control. Though the Mexican national government refused to ratify the treaty, both the Icaiche and the Yucatan governments agreed to abide by the terms of the agreement. By co-signing the document, the Maya Máasewáal (Icaiche) reasoned, the British recognized Icaiche control over part of the lands that eventually became the Belizean northwest. Today the memory of the Batab Marcos Canul has been kept alive by the Maya Yucatec (Máasewáal) people of Belize. The Maya Máasewáal, especially those in northern Belize, continue to honor Batab Marcos Canul in open ceremonies or privately in their homes.

Note: References have been made to the following publications:

1. *Rural Society and Economic Development: British Mercantile*

Capital in Nineteenth-Century Belize, by Angel Eduardo Cal

2. *El Bosque Sitiado*, by Martha Herminia Villalobos Gonzalez

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Thanks to our Maya Yucatec brother of Orange Walk District, Andy Chuc, for the illustration. Especial thanks to Nojoch Máak Roy Rodriguez, Sr., Nojoch Máak Angel Cal, Nojoch Máak Domingo Perez, Nojoch Máak Ricardo Moguel, Nojoch Máak Hugo Carrillo Cocom, Nojoch Máak Andy Chuc, Nojoch Máak Clinton Uh Luna and others for their time in collecting and sharing their knowledge with us through these years. Yuum bo'otik from Belize Yucatec Maya.

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Outspoken billionaire Sun Dawu jailed for 18 years in China

CHINA. Thu. July 29, 2021
– Yahoo.com

A prominent Chinese billionaire has been sentenced to 18 years in prison, the latest in a string of punishments against outspoken corporate bosses.

Sun Dawu runs one of the country's largest private agricultural businesses in the northern province of Hebei.

Sun, 67, has in the past spoken out about human rights and politically sensitive topics.

He was found guilty of “picking quarrels and provoking trouble” - a charge often used against activists.

Other charges against him include illegally occupying farmland, assembling a crowd to attack state agencies and obstructing government workers from performing their duties. He was also fined 3.11 million yuan (\$478,697; £343,227).

Sun's company is among China's biggest, with businesses ranging from meat processing and pet food to schools and hospitals.

He was reportedly detained last year, along with 20 relatives and business associates, over a land dispute with a government-run farm.

At the time, he said dozens of his employees were injured in an incident with police related to the dispute, according to an AFP report.

Sun is said to be close to some prominent Chinese political dissidents and has in the past criticised the government's rural policies.

He was one of the few people to openly accuse the government of covering up an African swine flu outbreak, which affected his farms in



Sun Dawu

2019, and later devastated much of the country's industry.

He also was sentenced to prison in 2003, for “illegal fundraising” but the case was overturned after an outpouring of support from activists and the public.

Sun reportedly denied many of the accusations against him in a pre-trial hearing, describing himself as an “outstanding Communist party member”.

He did however reportedly admit to making mistakes, including posting messages online.

“The way they're investigating me now is making those close to us suffer and those who hate us rejoice. I wish to take the charges upon myself, even if they're severe, in exchange for the release of others. We are people who have made contributions to society,” he said.

China has been cracking down on businesses and entrepreneurs in the country. Major technology companies including Alibaba, Didi and Tencent are being investigated for a range of regulatory issues.

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Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

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Host: YaYa Marin Coleman Co-Host: Dwight Neal and Alba

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Guest: Katie Numi Usher/Artist

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Salary:

In accordance with government pay scales.

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Secretary

T.C.C. Board of Governors

P.O. Box 41

Punta Gorda Town

Belize

Deadline for application is Friday, August 13th, 2021

Big Creek move is just business, says BSI/ASR



**Malcolm McLachlan, V.P.
International Relations, BSI/ASR**

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Aug 3, 2021

Last week, representatives from BSI/ASR spoke to local media on various topics — one being the recent transfer of the company's sugar loading operation from the Port of Belize (PBL), in Belize City, to the Big Creek Port, in Independence Village. The company asserts that the decision — which will result in the halving of the salaries of PBL stevedores and will adversely impact more than a hundred families on Belize's Southside — was a purely business move and has nothing to do with the ongoing trade disputes between the stevedores and the Port of Belize.

Malcolm McLachlan, the vice-president of international relations for the company, told local reporters that they have been eyeing the Big Creek Port since its construction was completed some time ago. With dredging finished, and with the prospect of loading raw sugar onto large vessels directly from the quayside in view, the company decided to invest in a loading facility at the location.

As readers would recall, the last ASR ship departed from the Port of Belize Ltd. at the height of a labor

dispute between the Port of Belize and the stevedores who have worked on those sugar ships for years. Those workers had been engaged in a go-slow in a last-ditch effort by their union to get the Port of Belize to respond to their requests for dialogue in regard to key matters affecting the wellbeing and future livelihood of the port's workers. The Christian Workers Union, in light of stevedores' concerns about the rumored ASR move to Big Creek and the impact on their ability to make a living, had also sent a letter to the Government of Belize, to which was attached a copy of an MOU which had been signed in 2006 and which contained an agreement meant to ensure that the loading of dry goods such as sugar would not be transferred from Belize City to the Big Creek port — due to the financial impact such a move would clearly have.

Despite having received a copy of this agreement, however, the government of Belize gave the go-ahead to BSI/ASR to take its sugar operation to the Port of Big Creek, to the dismay of the stevedores, who will lose a chunk of their earnings because of this move.

While speaking to the media, McLachlan said, "As you may be aware, we have been for decades now sending our sugar in barges and tugs a hundred and twenty-two miles up the New River and down the coast, where it is loaded in a very inefficient way into bulk cargo vessels using the ship grabs to do that directly into barges."

What he suggested is that the move to Big Creek is an effort to address this inefficiency which has affected the industry for years.

"A year or so, obviously having seen this development in Big Creek, we took a trial run with trucking some sugar to Big Creek and loading it there. We evaluated that, and this is purely a business decision that we looked at investment in Big Creek to put in a loading facility for our raw sugar," McLachlan said.

He added that the decision was made known to the Port of Belize and the stevedores prior to the recent move.

The company is now constructing a 30,000-ton warehouse equipped with loading gear at the Big Creek Port as a part of their purported move to modernize the sugar industry in Belize.



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2. POA/POB/Economics (Full- Time)

Minimum Qualifications

Associate Degree with specialization in the subject areas to be taught or other related fields. Evidence of past CXC passes in the subject areas and experience in the teaching of the specified subject(s) will be an asset.

Candidates must be familiar with the CSEC syllabus in the related subject areas and must have a valid Teacher's License.

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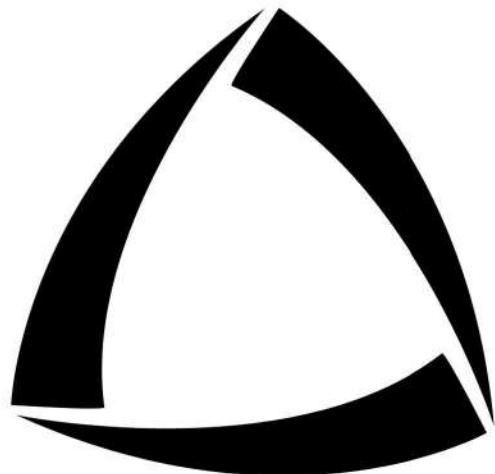
Letters of application accompanied by a resume, references, copies of qualifications, and police record must reach the Secretary of the Board of Management, Edward P. Yorke High School P.O Box 471, Belize City, Belize by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 13, 2021.



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Atlantic Bank

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF ATLANTIC BANK PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 74 (1)
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ATLANTIC BANK LIMITED

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Qualified opinion on International Financial Reporting Standards

We have audited the financial statements of **Atlantic Bank Limited (the Bank)**, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion on International Financial Reporting Standards section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bank as at 31 December 2020, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Basis for Qualified Opinion on International Financial Reporting Standards

The financial statements are prepared by the Bank on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the Central Bank of Belize and the Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act as Amended (DBFIA) Practice Directions. The requirements of the financial reporting provisions of the Central Bank of Belize and the DBFIA Practice Directions represent a departure from IFRS. We are unable to determine the effects on the financial statements, of the variances between the financial reporting provisions of the Central Bank of Belize and the DBFIA Practice Directions and IFRS.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Atlantic Bank Limited (the Bank), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and explanatory notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bank as at 31 December 2020 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Central Bank of Belize and the DBFIA.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Basis For Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Belize, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to form a basis for our qualified opinion on IFRS and opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting.

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to Note 2.5 of the financial statements which discuss a global pandemic and recommendation for containment and mitigation measures worldwide. As a consequence, the Central Bank has released a set of monetary and macro-prudential instruments in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The sector specific instruments are described in more detail at noted 2.5. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Matter

The financial statements of the Bank for the year ended 31 December 2019, were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on 23 June 2020.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the financial reporting provisions of the Central Bank of Belize and the DBFIA Practice Directions, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Management either intends to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Bank to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Bank to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit of the Bank. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Please see opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors report is Reynaldo Magaña.

Moore Magaña LLP

Moore Magaña LLP
Chartered Accountants
Belize City, Belize
31 July 2021



AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF ATLANTIC BANK PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 74 (1) OF THE DOMESTIC BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 2012

Atlantic Bank Limited
Statement of financial position
As at 31 December 2020
In Belize dollars

	Notes	2020	2019
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3a, 4	25,834,964	37,504,292
Balances with the Central Bank of Belize	3b, 5	147,081,821	168,183,116
Due from banks (net of allowance)	3c, 6	122,988,075	67,824,589
Loans and advances to customers (net of allowance)	3d,3g,7	914,417,039	833,507,746
Securities	3d,8	152,376,509	51,127,726
Other assets and receivables	3d,3h, 9	8,080,416	10,806,908
Property and equipment	3k,10	32,703,488	29,137,519
Total assets		1,403,482,310	1,198,091,896
Liabilities			
Due to banks	11	7,506,012	-
Customer accounts	3d,12	1,225,554,539	1,029,849,477
Other liabilities and payables	3d, 3m, 3n,13	16,418,965	23,582,840
Total liabilities		1,249,479,516	1,053,432,317
Equity			
Share capital	3p, 14	64,000,000	64,000,000
Share premium		1,523,500	1,523,500
Statutory reserve	3q	29,736,569	26,693,174
Contingency reserve	3r	16,720,579	15,503,221
Securities reserve	3f	21,732,480	14,559,794
General loan loss reserve	3f	9,030,711	8,118,938
Retained earnings		11,258,955	14,260,952
Total equity		154,002,794	144,659,579
Total liabilities and equity		1,403,482,310	1,198,091,896

The financial statements from pages 5 to 9 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 31 July 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Signature of Chairman: Signature of Chief Financial Officer:
Name of Chairman: David Bueso Name of Chief Financial Officer: Gregory Malheira

Atlantic Bank Limited
Statement of comprehensive income
For the year ended 31 December 2020
In Belize dollars

	Notes	2020	2019
Interest income		72,590,855	66,760,078
Interest expense		(21,479,985)	(16,574,191)
Net interest income	3s,15	51,110,870	50,185,887
Charge of loss allowance for loans and advances to customers	3f,7	(1,258,108)	(8,109,159)
Net interest after charge of loss allowance for loans and advances to customers		49,852,762	42,076,727
Non-interest income	3s, 16	40,685,116	56,808,541
Non-interest expense	3s,17	(14,276,562)	(19,023,423)
Personnel expense	3n,3s,18	(43,570,072)	(36,707,886)
Other operating expense	3j, 3s, 19	(14,946,995)	(16,571,941)
Depreciation	3k,10	(2,689,912)	(2,684,822)
Net income before taxation		15,054,338	23,897,196
Taxation	3u, 20	(10,383,808)	(11,835,247)
Net income after tax and before other comprehensive income		4,670,529	12,061,947
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Net gain on financial assets at FVOCI		7,172,686	7,944,427
Total comprehensive income for the year		11,843,215	20,006,374
Basic earnings per share	14	7.30	18.85

The accompanying notes form and integral part of these financial statements.



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Job Description

Job Title: Marketing/Membership and Communications Officer
Reporting Relationship: General Manager
Functional Relationship: Finance Officer, BLR Manager, Veterinarian

Summary of Responsibilities

The Marketing and Communications Officer for:

- 1) Developing strategic marketing plans and programs with national, regional, and international scope together with their respective annual action plans and budgets for the implementation of such plans and programs.
- 2) Develop communication plans designed to inform, educate, and promote the interests and development of the livestock industry, of local livestock products, and the Association's Brand and image, the Belize Livestock Registry, and the Livestock Industry as a whole.
- 3) The Marketing and Communications Officer will also be responsible for creating membership development strategies geared towards increasing the general membership of the Association and will be the Association's primary contact for all communications, media, and public relations matters.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Develop and implement comprehensive and strategic marketing, communication and membership development plans for the Association in consultation with the General Manager and the Association's Management Team.
2. Act as the focal point for all communication matters.
3. Advise on and/or manage all issues that may impact the Association and its image, both negatively and positively.
4. Prepare and present to GM (and/or the BOD) monthly progress reports with agreed upon measurement metrics that assist with evaluating the performance of strategic marketing, communication and membership development plans.
5. Be an active participant in the preparation of annual action plans and financial budgets necessary to support the marketing, communications and membership indicatives geared to achieve strategic objectives.
6. Identify regional and international opportunities, analyse any demands for livestock and livestock products and develop strategies from a national industry perspective for meeting those demands.
7. Create and manage all communication materials including but not limited to public information notices, press releases, advertisement, and promotions that utilizes print, online and social media, direct mail, and or other innovative communication and marketing tools.
8. Establish and maintain positive and beneficial relationships with existing key stakeholders and influencers and identify new strategic partnerships to expand the benefits of all farmers/ranchers.
9. Assist with the marketing, development and delivery of existing technical and non-technical services to industry stakeholders and identify opportunities and strategies for new services and products.
10. Liaise with the media to ensure a positive image of the Association and actively promote the strategic objectives of the Association.
11. Produce monthly bulletins and newsletters on the work of the Association.
12. Attend all relevant marketing events to promote the Association's products and services and to actively recruit and retain members.
13. Spearhead the collation, layout, and editing of the Association's annual reports.
14. Review and manage the contents on the Association's website and Facebook page regularly, and in coordination with relevant personnel, update the website accordingly.
15. Act as the first point of contact for all members (on membership issues) and prospective members.
16. Develop and implement tools for smooth membership recruitment - signup, payment process, new-member orientation kits, renewal, and membership engagement.
17. Manage and develop membership events.
18. Maintain membership database and produce regular membership statistical reports.
19. Undertake any other related duties that are consistent with the role of Marketing and Communications Officer which supports the objectives of the Association.

Qualifications

- Belizean or CARICOM nationals, male or female
- A first degree in Marketing or an associate degree with three to five years working experience in marketing and communications.
- Applicants having a first degree must preferably have at least two years working experience in marketing.
- A good knowledge and experience of the Belizean agricultural landscape or livestock industry may be an advantage.
- Candidate should be able to work independently- with minimum supervision.
- Excellent written and oral English communication skills, Spanish communication skills will be a plus.
- A good working knowledge of Microsoft office (Word, PowerPoint, Publisher and Excel)
- Basic design skills with Photoshop
- The successful applicant must be a team player
- Strong interpersonal skills and strong work ethic.
- A valid drivers' license is required. (standard)
- The successful applicant must be able to drive vehicles with standard transmission.

Application Process:

Letter of application along with a recent copy of Curriculum Vitae, two letters of recommendation, Police Record and authentic copies of Qualifications along with a valid driver's license, must be submitted by August 20th, 2021 to office@belizelivestock.org or drop applications addressed to:

General Manager
 Belize Livestock Producers Association
 Mile 47.5 George Price Highway
 Belmopan
 Tel: 880-3883

Rubber and terror in the Congo under Leopold II

As with the men bringing in ivory, those supplying rubber to the Congo state and private companies were rewarded according to the amount they turned in. In 1903, one particularly "productive" agent received a commission eight times his annual salary. But the big money flowed directly back to Antwerp and Brussels, in the capital mostly to either side of the rue Brederode, the small street that separated the back of the Royal Palace from several buildings holding offices of the Congo state and Congo business operations.

Even though Leopold's privately controlled state got half of concession-company profits, the king made vastly more money from the land the state exploited directly. But because the concession companies were not managed so secretly, we have better statistics from them. In 1897, for example, one of the companies, the Anglo-Belgian India Rubber and Exploration Company, or A.B.I.R., spent 1.35 francs per kilo to harvest rubber in the Congo and ship it to the company's headquarters at Antwerp -- where it was sold for prices that sometimes reached to 10 francs per kilo, a profit of more than 700 percent. By 1898, the price of A.B.I.R.'s stock was nearly thirty times what it had been six years earlier. Between 1890 and 1904, total Congo rubber earnings increased ninety-six times over. By the turn of the century, the Etat Independant du Congo had become, far and away, the most profitable colony in Africa. The profits came swiftly because, transportation costs aside, harvesting wild rubber required no cultivation, no fertilizers, no capital investment in expensive equipment. It required only labor.

How was this labor to be found? For the Congo's rulers, this posed a problem. They could not simply round up men, chain them together, and put them to work under the eye of an overseer with a CHICOTTE, as they did with porters. To gather wild rubber, people must disperse widely through the rain forest and often climb trees.

Rubber is coagulated sap; the French word for it, CAOUTCHOUC, comes from a South American Indian word meaning "the wood that weeps." The wood that wept in the Congo was a long spongy vine of the LANDOLPHIA genus. Up to a foot thick at the base, a vine would twine upward around a tree to a hundred feet or more off the ground, where it could reach sunlight. There, branching, it might wind its way hundreds of feet through the upper limbs of another half-dozen trees. To gather the rubber, you had to slash the vine with a knife and hang a bucket or earthenware pot to collect the slow drip of thick, milky sap. You could make a small incision to tap the vine, or — officially forbidden but widely practised — cut through it entirely, which produced more rubber but killed the vine. Once the vines near a village were drained dry, workers had to go ever deeper into the forest until, before long, most harvesters were traveling at least one or two days to find fresh vines. As the lengths of vine within reach of the ground were tapped dry, workers climbed high into the trees to reach sap. "We ... passed a man on the road who had broken his back by falling from a tree while ... tapping some vines," wrote one missionary. Furthermore, heavy tropical downpours

during much of the year turned large areas of the rain forest, where the rubber vines grew, into swampland.

No payments of trinkets or brass wire were enough to make people stay in the flooded forest for days at a time to do work that was so arduous — and physically painful. A gatherer had to dry the syrup-like rubber so that it would coagulate, and often the only way to do so was to spread the substance on his arms, thighs, and chest. "The first few times it is not without pain that the man pulls it off the hairy parts of his body," Louis Chaltin, a Force Publique officer, confided to his journal in 1892. "The native doesn't like making rubber. He must be compelled to do it."

How was he to be compelled? A trickle of news and rumor gradually made its way to Europe. "An example of what is done was told me up the Ubangi (River)," the British vice consul reported in 1899. "This officer's method was to arrive in canoes at a village, the inhabitants of which invariably bolted on their arrival; the soldiers were then landed, and commenced looting, taking all the chickens, grain, etc., out of the houses; after this they attacked the natives until able to seize their women; these women were kept as hostages until the Chief of the district brought in the required number of kilogrammes of rubber. The rubber having been brought in, the women were sold back to their owners for a couple of goats apiece, and so he continued from village to village until the requisite amount of rubber had been collected."

Sometimes the hostages were women, sometimes children, sometimes elders or chiefs. Every state or company post in the rubber areas had a stockade for hostages. If you were a male villager, resisting the order to gather rubber could mean death for your wife. She might die anyway, for in the stockades food was scarce and conditions were harsh. "The women taken during the last raid at Engwetra are causing me no end of trouble," wrote Force Publique officer Georges Bricusse in his diary on November 22, 1895. "All the soldiers want one. The sentries who are supposed to watch them unchain the prettiest ones and rape them."

Leopold, of course, never proclaimed hostage-taking as official policy; if anyone made such charges, authorities in Brussels indignantly denied them. But out in the field, far from prying eyes, the pretense was dropped. Instructions on taking hostages were even given in the semiofficial instruction book, the revealing MANUEL DU VOYAGEUR ET DU RESIDENT AU CONGO, a copy of which the administration gave to each agent and each state post. The manual's five volumes cover everything from keeping servants obedient to the proper firing of artillery salutes. Taking hostages was one more routine piece of work.

Seldom does history offer us a chance to see such detailed instructions for those carrying out a regime of terror. The tips on hostage-taking are in the volume of the manual called PRACTICAL QUESTIONS, which was compiled by an editorial committee of about thirty people.

(from pgs. 160-162, KING LEOPOLD'S GHOST, by Adam Hochschild, Houghton Mifflin, 1999)



Pedal by Pedal of 2nd yearly Bernice Wade Memorial Cycling Races held on August 1, 2021

by Santino "the Chief" Castillo

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Aug. 3, 2021

In memory of Mrs. Bernice Wade, the family, headed by sons Dwayne, Jerome and Elston, hosted the 2nd annual cycling races in Bermudian Landing on Sunday, August 1st.

It was a lovely day for racing and the turnout was great, with over 100 riders.

The first race included both the Elites and Junior Categories, where Derrick Chavarria, a 17-year-old Junior rider, broke away solo with less than 6 miles to the tape, winning the entire race in solo fashion. However, since double dipping was not allowed, he could only collect the 1st Place Junior Prize and not the Elite

Prize. Meanwhile, coming in over a minute later in the Elite Category were Jyven Gonzalez, Joshua Fuller, Byron Pope, Joslyn Chavarria, Jr., and Carlton Robinson, Jr.

In the Weekend Warriors "C" Category, it was the female Junior Rider, Gabriel Gabourel who embarrassed the field by taking 1st Place, while Alicia Thompson also took the 1st Female Prize as the only female who battled it out with the men today.

In the main event, a field of over 60 Weekend Warriors battled it out in the "A" & "B" Categories. Each complete lap on the course was 12.5 miles, and for 3 laps it seemed no one could break away from the field until the final lap, when 5 of the thoroughbreds

got away. This took care of the entire Podium, with Kenroy "Smokes" Gladden taking the big "W," followed by Heno Moreira, Bob Gabourel, Sherwin Roca and Preston Martinez.

Less than 30 seconds later, the chase group, which had dwindled down to about 25 remaining riders, many who were "B" Category and whose 5 prizes were still on the table, came in for the sprint. After 50 miles of hard racing, as they took the final curve with 150 meters to the finish line all hell broke loose, as the massive sprint started. It was those who had the legs and guts to maneuver through some very small crevices that came out on top. At the tape it was Kenny "Kuchin" Gooding of Santino's taking the big "W,"

followed closely by his teammate Santino the Chief, who also got a special prize for the 2nd year in a row for the Oldest Rider. Filling out the Podium were Kenneth Butler, Ryan Willoughby and Amilcar Canul.

After that it was prize presentations and some nice food and drinks sponsored by the Wade Family. Thus ended another glorious Sunday in one of the lovely villages of this wonderful Jewel of ours.

Hasta the next report, amigos y amigas!

(AMANDALASPORTS Ed. Note: This year's annual Beverly Wade Memorial Cycling Races of Sunday, August 1, have coincided with the first official Emancipation Day in Belize.)



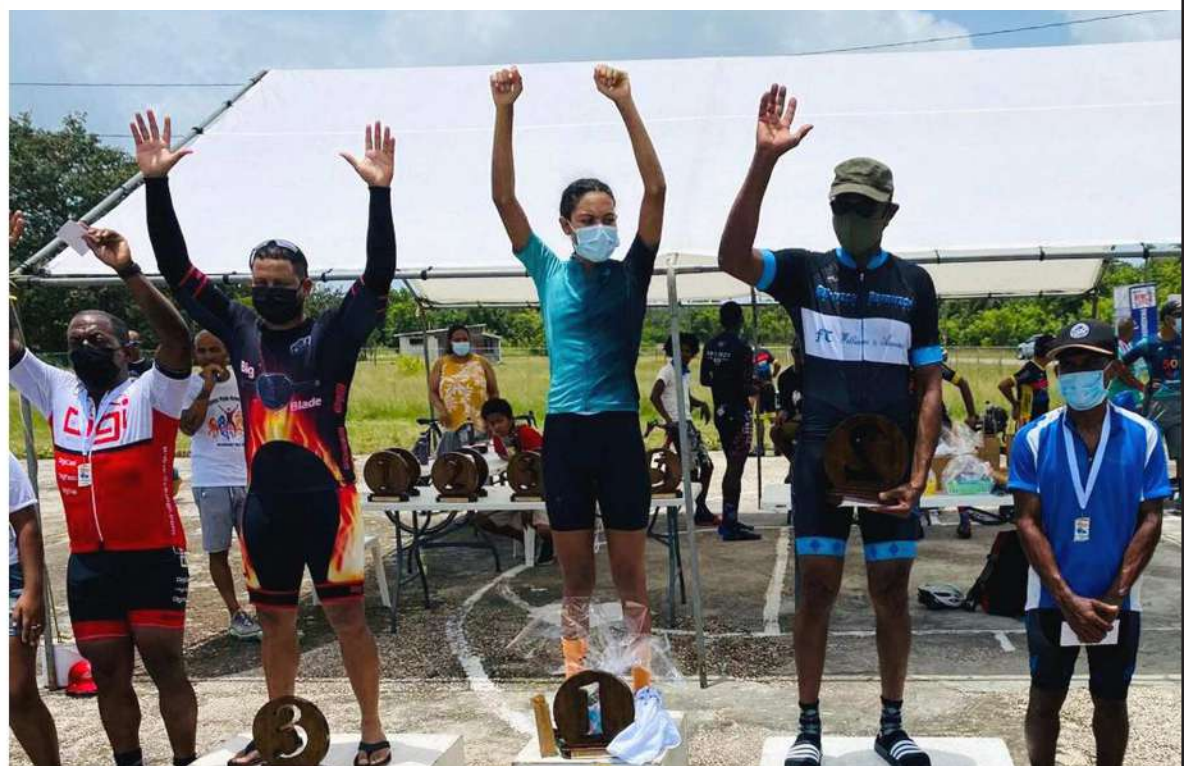
Junior winners, (l to r) Goran Gabourel, Derrick Chavarria, & Dion O'Brian



(l to r) Joslyn Chavarria, Jr., Byron Pope, Jyven Gonzalez, Joshua Fuller, Carlton Robinson, Jr.



WW Category "A," (l to r) Preston Martinez, Bob Gabourel, Kenroy Gladden, Heno Moreira & Sherwin Roca



WW Category "C," (l to r) Herwald Humes, Sheldon Arnold, Gabriel Gabourel, Antonio Escarpeta and Herbert Grinage



WW Category "B," (l to r) Ryan Willoughby, Kenneth Butler, Kenny Gooding, Santino the Chief & Amilcar Canul



Robinson's winner, goal 1000 among top Gold Cup moments



Miles Robinson, the U.S. center back met the inch-perfect free kick swung in by Kellyn Acosta and thumped in a header past Mexico GK Alfredo Talavera for the title-winning score.

Concacaf.com
LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Tues. Aug. 3, 2021

The 2021 Concacaf Gold Cup is now in the books after the United States defeated Mexico 1-0 in extra time in the Final on Sunday at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Here are the top five moments from the tournament.

Robinson's title winning header

It looked almost certain that the U.S. and Mexico would have to resolve the Final in a penalty shootout with the two sides deadlocked at 0-0 and just minutes remaining in extra time. But a moment of magic from Miles Robinson changed that, as the U.S. center back met the inch-perfect free kick swung in by Kellyn Acosta and thumped in a header past Mexico GK Alfredo Talavera for the title-winning score.

Fortune scores 1,000th Gold Cup goal

There was a sense of great anticipation when the final matches of Group B kicked off, with the Gold Cup sitting on 997 goals going into the day's action. In short order the count increased to 999 when Haiti scored in their finale versus Martinique and the U.S. found an early goal against Canada. The historic goal would come in the Haiti-Martinique match, with Martinique's Kevin Fortune heading in a cross from Stephane Abaul in the 53' of what was eventually a 2-1 Haiti win.

First U.S. win over Mexico in Final since 2007

Fourteen years had passed since the

last time that the U.S. had defeated Mexico in a Gold Cup Final. That came in the 2007 edition when a Benny Feilhaber volley in the second half propelled the U.S. to a comeback 2-1 victory. Since then, the U.S. had faced Mexico in the 2009, 2011 and 2019 Finals but had come up short until Sunday night when Miles Robinson's goal in the 117' earned the U.S. their second Gold Cup Final victory over their long-time rivals.

Canada's Buchanan a rising star in Concacaf

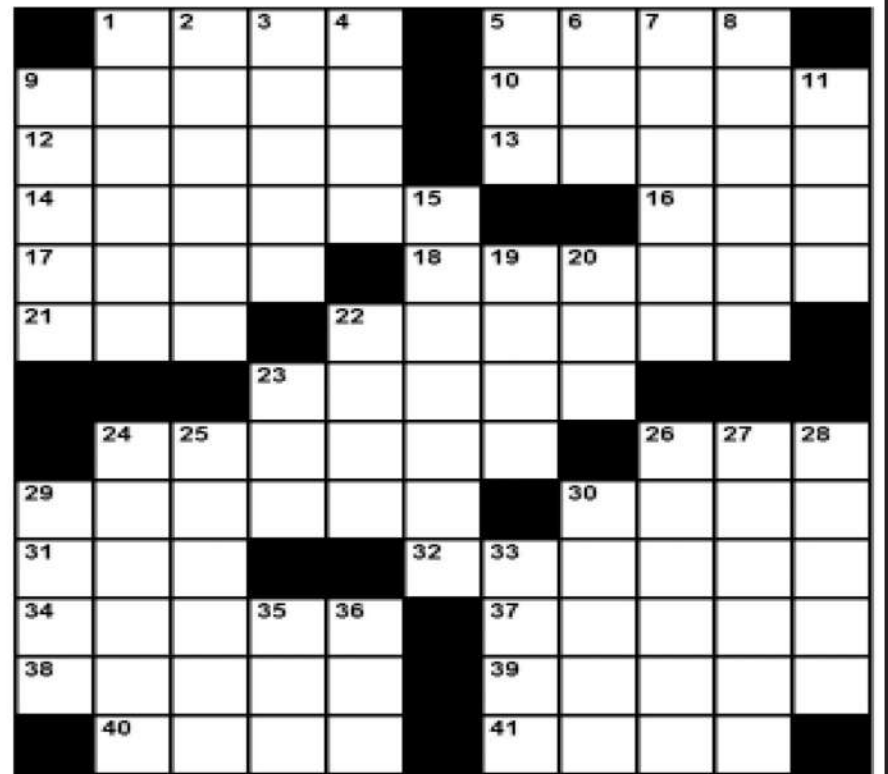
It was quite the Gold Cup for Canada's Tajon Buchanan, who was a key part of Canada's semifinal finish, the first time that Canada had reached the final four of the tournament since 2007. Buchanan started all five matches for his country and punctuated his first Gold Cup with one of the best goals of the tournament by beating Mexico DF Carlos Salcedo with a move before firing in a shot past Mexico GK Alfredo Talavera. For his top level of play, the 22-year-old Buchanan earned the Youth Player Award.

Turner's steady hands help U.S. lift trophy

It is pretty safe to say that the U.S. would not have claimed their seventh Gold Cup title if it wasn't for GK Matt Turner. The New England Revolution man had an unbelievable 26 saves for the U.S., including a pair of otherworldly saves in the first half of the 1-0 win over Qatar in the semifinals. Turner was superb throughout the tournament and it was no surprise to see him take home the Best Goalkeeper Award.



Daily Crossword Puzzle for August 5, 2021



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Across

- 1. Blows away
- 5. Bedouin tribesman
- 9. Hidden store
- 10. Currency of Tajikistan
- 12. Bodies
- 13. Shut in, as a bay
- 14. Stop for the night
- 16. Bauxite bonanza
- 17. Vigilant
- 18. Heavy wool overcoat
- 21. Conniving
- 22. Angler's prizes
- 23. Gun the engine
- 24. Unemotional
- 26. 45 or 78, e.g.
- 29. Parish officer
- 30. Anti-infection agents
- 31. Above, in poems
- 32. Deplorable
- 34. Consummate
- 37. Nary a soul
- 38. Clan chief
- 39. Makes sound
- 40. Brings to a close
- 41. Blighted trees

Down

- 1. Dissonant
- 2. Battle yell
- 3. Class paper
- 4. Gap filler
- 5. Common verb
- 6. Alcoholic drink
- 7. Half a comedy team
- 8. Boom box sounds
- 9. Cooks slowly
- 11. Inspector
- 15. Scope
- 19. Clamant
- 20. Have a dinner
- 22. Be a rat
- 23. 5 1/2 yards
- 24. Simmer
- 25. Clan ID
- 26. Politician's promise
- 27. Shriveled fruit
- 28. Bulls and stallions
- 29. Attack of the flu
- 30. Korean city
- 33. At a prior time
- 35. Author's last word
- 36. Part of RSVP

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 Interactive Crossword Puzzle - 07-29-2021 - Answers



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KREM Television Program Guide

Shoa Wiself, Si Wiself, Bee Wiself!!!

Questions or comments may be forwarded via email to

Phone: 202-5848 kremtelevision@yahoo.com

Friday August 6, 2021 to Thursday August 12, 2021

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. Movie: Race
 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
 7:00 p.m. Jazz Session
 7:30 p.m. **You And The Law (repeat)**
 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Documentary: Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome
 10:42 p.m. Movie: Emma
 12:47 p.m. Documentary: The Greatest Apex Predators on Earth
 1:24 p.m. Movie: Mandela's Long Walk to Freedom
 3:46 p.m. Documentary: Ted Talks: Faster Than a Calculator
 4:01 p.m. Movie: The Book of Revelation
 7:00 p.m. Documentary: Freedom Summer
 8:06 p.m. Music Videos

SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
 12:00 p.m. Movie: Harriet Tubman
 12:55 p.m. Documentary: Deep Sea Creatures
 1:49 p.m. Movie: Selfie Dad
 3:26 p.m. Documentary: My Mysterious Places on Earth
 4:07 p.m. Documentary: Lost Civilization - Africa
 4:58 p.m. Documentary: How it's made - Butter, Silk, Soft Drinks, Toilet paper, Sugar, Pringles
 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. Movie: The Hate You Give
 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: Internet Hackers
 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

TUESDAY

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: Our Disappointment
 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: Leonides Sanchez
 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

WEDNESDAY

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: Harriet
 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
 7:00 p.m. Jazz Session
 7:30 p.m. **You And The Law (LIVE)**
 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. Documentary: The Killing of A Revolution
 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: Pupa Curly
 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

Notice Series 5 Debenture Redemption



Belize Electricity Limited hereby gives Notice of its **Intention to Redeem All Series 5 Debenture(s)** at \$100 per debenture on September 30, 2021 ("the Redemption Date") at the Company's Corporate Headquarters, located at 2 ½ Miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City Belize.

Redemption is pursuant to section 4.4 of the Principal Indenture dated March 30, 1998, between the Government of Belize, BEL and the Central Bank of Belize, and section 4.1 of the Supplemental Indentured #4 dated October 23, 2012.

All Interest thereon shall cease from and after the **Redemption Date on September 30, 2021.**

To claim your debenture, please submit a copy of a valid identification and your respective banking information to debentures@bel.com.bz.

Kindly contact the Securities Officer for more information. Queries may also be directed to:

Securities Officer

Finance Department

Belize Electricity Limited

2 1/2 Miles Philip S. W. Goldson Highway

Phone: 501.227.0954 Ext: 1512 | Email: debentures@bel.com.bz.

CANAAN SEVENTH-DAYADVENTISTHIGH SCHOOL



VACANCIES! VACANCIES! VACANCIES!

1508 Buttonwood Bay, Coney Drive, Belize City

Telephone: 223-2297

Email address: chsprincipal@gmail.com

Suitable qualified applicants are invited to fill the following posts at Canaan SDA High School Effective Now!

BIBLE TEACHER (Temporary)

Qualifications:

An Associate Degree in the subject area but a Bachelor Degree would be preferable, a knowledge of CXC in the subject, and must have excellent Christian values.

Qualification Bible Teacher:

Associate Degree in S.D.A. Religious Studies or preferably a Bachelor's Degree in S.D.A. Theology.

Salary is based on qualification and in accordance with the government pay scale.

Interested persons are asked to submit a copy of teaching license, letter of application, resume, two letters of recommendation, medical certificate, certified copies of transcripts and diplomas, police record, marriage certificate(where applicable), birth certificate and social security to the address below by August 16th 2021.

Please call 2232297 for further information!

Chairman
 Canaan SDA High School Board
 P.O. Box 1690
 Belize City, Belize

PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Belama Phase 1, Belize City; The Placencia Residences; Seine Bight Village, Pensinsula Peninsula & Pomona Village Extension, Stann Creek District; Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Corporation Limited Messrs. The Belize Bank International Limited and Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com those properties appearing below. Sales currently running and will expire on Monday 16th August 2021 at the times shown on the website.

1. Parcel No. 2407/1 Samuel Haynes Crescent, Belama Phase 1, Belize City:



Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Caribbean Shores	16	2407/1

(Being a two-storey timber/concrete dwelling house [2,576 sq. ft.]: **Ground Floor** – two apartments each containing 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen; **First Floor** - 3 bedrooms + 2 bathrooms + living/dining/kitchen and lot [380.516 square meters] situate on Samuel Haynes Crescent, Belama Phase 1, Belize City, the leasehold property of Ms. Elizabeth Villanueva.)

2. No. 1486 West Wind Drive, The Placencia Residences, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	1486

(Being a three storey timber/vinyl dwelling house: Ground Floor 28 ft. X 59 ft. + porch 8 ft. X 28 ft. containing 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + laundry + utility room + storage under staircase; First Floor: 22 ft. X 43 ft. + porch 5 ft. X 22 ft. containing master bedroom + bathroom + walk-in closet; Second Floor: 10 ft. X 10 ft. viewing attic (access to all three floors via internal concrete staircase with timber steps) and lot [919.702 square meters (1099.95 square yards)] situate on West Wind Drive, The Placencia Residences, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Ron Oczkowski and Ms. Barbara Bell.)

*****NB. Restrictions on use of Property is available upon request*****

3. No. 2108 West Wind Drive, The Placencia Residences, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2108

(Being a two-storey concrete building [32 ft. X 32 inclusive of a porch 5 ft. X 16 ft. + back porch 5 ft. wide containing Ground Floor: master bedroom + walk-in closet + bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + half bathroom + laundry room; Second Floor: 1 bedroom + closet + bathroom (access via internal concrete & tiled staircase)] and lot [937.060 S.M.] situate on West Wind Drive, The Placencia Residences, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District.)

*****NB. Restrictions on use of Property is available upon request*****

4. Parcel No. 1523 Seine Bight Village, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	1523

(Being a two storey timber/concrete dwelling house containing: Ground Floor - Open Area [21 ft. x 21 ft.]; First Floor - 3 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + verandah [27 ft. x 27 ft.] TOGETHER with lot [608 S.M.] situate west of the Placencia Road in the Village of Seine Bight, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Ms. Sherlette Augustine)

5. Lot No. 59A Pomona Village Extension, Stann Creek District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 59A, comprising 696.567 square metres situate in Pomona Village Extension, Stann Creek District, Belize shown on Plan 504 of 2011 attached to Minister's Fiat (Grant) No. 504 of 2011 more particularly shown and delineated on a Plan of Survey by Licensed Surveyor Kirk. M. Emmanuel registered and recorded at the Lands and Surveys Department, Belmopan, Cayo District in Register 29 8087. (Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [approx. 935 sq. ft.] containing 3 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + balcony TOGETHER with lot [696.567 S.M.] situate in Pomona Village Extension, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Thurman Williams)

6. No. 1092 Sixth Street, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District:



Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Punta Gorda	42	1092

(Being a small masonry block building [16 ft. X 24 ft.] + zinc shed and lot [713.37 S.Y.] situate on Sixth Street, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, the freehold property of Ms. Fern Carin Gutierrez).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - www.belizebank.com (foreclosure listing)

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH
KEVIN A. CASTILLO
TELEPHONE 223-4488
 Website: belizepropertyauctions.com
 E-mail: kevinacas@yahoo.com
 Face Book: Belize Auctions

The Citrus Product of Belize Ltd. is opening its Tropical Fruit Processing Plant and is looking for a dynamic yet appealing logo to place on its billboard, letterheads, buildings and juice containers.

The Company is calling on graphic-designers and students of ages 12-18 years with an imaginative mindset to create a logo that will depict CPBL and its new processing facility.

The Logo should be:

1. 'Combination Marks' type – that incorporates the images of the fruits listed below and the words **Tropical Fruit Processing** into the design.

Passion fruit	Coconut
Pineapple	Soursop
Papaya	Mango
Melon	Pomegranate
Banana	

2. **Versatile:** Your logo should work well on a variety of media – such as, on a shirt, a wall, or a business card and detail should not be lost if it is in color or is in black and white.
3. **Scalable:** should be compelling and legible on a small area like a bottle and on a large area for example a wall.

Two categories of competition:

Graphic designer –chosen graphic receives \$800.00;

Students - chosen graphic receives \$500.00

Deadline for entry is September 1st, 2021

Entries are to be done as a Photoshop image or printed in PDF format at letter size and emailed to gflowers@citrusproductsbelize.com. The presenter of the chosen logo will submit an electronic version in Photoshop format high definition with list of fonts and colors used. Additionally, the presenter will need to include name, age, contact number and category entered.

Some conditions will apply

The chosen winner from each category will be announced on October 1st, 2021 and the logo will be a CPBL's product logo.



Independence Junior College

Independence Village

Stann Creek District

Telefax: 523-2566

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

1 Assistant Dean

Academic Qualification:

Preferably Master's Degree in Educational Leadership or its equivalent

Professional Qualities:

- Minimum of five (5) years' experience in administration
- Capacity to provide moral, ethical and collaborative leadership
- Ability to motivate and encourage team spirit among faculty and staff
- Superior communication skills in both writing and speaking
- Ability to provide strategic leadership in spearheading the monitoring of school developmental plans and managing day to day operational plans and processes
- Possesses strong organizational and instructional leadership skills
- Capacity to demonstrate Social-Emotional Skills in building relationship with faculty, parents and students
- Working knowledge of Educational Rules and Regulations and policies governing tertiary schools
- Overseeing the daily administration of the school as well as the admission, placement and graduation of students
- Along with the Board of management, guiding the formulation of school policies, rules and programs
- Furthering the mission, vision and values of Independence Junior College

Salary is based on qualification and experience and is in accordance with Government's pay scale.

Completed application package should be forwarded by August 10, 2021 to:

Secretary
 Board of Governors
 Independence Junior College
 Independence Village
 Stann Creek District

Applicants will be interviewed at the Independence High School's Conference Room on Thursday August 12, 2021.



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

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.

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, 2021, and ending August 31st, 2022.

1. The Tenderer should have executed at least five (5) similar work contracts over the past 3 years.
2. The Tenderer should have at least 5 full-time employees on staff specifically trained for operation and maintenance services of electrical, fire alarm, and AC systems. The full list of the employees, viz., name, age, designation, qualifications, experience in the field of operation and maintenance of electrical, fire alarm, and AC systems should be attached with the Technical Bid.
3. The successful tender will be expected to provide the following electrical and AC maintenance services:

Electrical Maintenance Program

- a. All equipment shall be maintained as per the guidelines of the manufacturer.
- b. Inspect, clean, and test all components of the electrical distribution system, such as circuit breakers panels, and switch gears.
- c. Inspect, clean, and test the fire alarm, door alarm, emergency lighting systems, and all lights and lens in the buildings.
- d. Inspect, clean, and test the hydrogen detector system.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. Submission of reports after inspection and works have been completed. The reports should be submitted in both hard and electronic formats.

Air Conditioner Maintenance Program – CITO Building Corner Mountain View Blvd and Dry Creek Street

- a) Clean and replace dust stop air filters as per manufacturer recommendations or as needed.
- b) Application of Algae tablets, bleach, and liquid additives in condensation lines and moist areas of the air conditioning system.
- c) Check the entire system for unusual operating conditions, such as excessive noise, condensation, ice build-up, loose insulation, and correct any defects as required.
- d) Check thermostats to ensure they are in proper working order. Operational checks to be carried out and adjustments calibration made as required.
- e) Check evaporator and condenser, blowing out of coils with high-pressure washer and cleaning solution,
- f) Clean drain pan and all drain pipelines.
- g) Check refrigerant and line for leakage. Inspection of the compressor, all piping, joints, and system components. Conduct pressure checking as required.
- h) Check all motors and shaft bearings for incidence of wear and replace if needed.
- i) Check the condition of all contacts in motors and controls. Ensure tightness of all connections and check evidence of over-heating. Correct as may be required.
- j) Touch up, partial or complete painting as may be required to prevent corrosion.
- k) Clean diffuser grills.
- l) Check ductwork and insulation and replace if needed.

- m) Submit a detailed report after each service maintenance
4. The company should be capable of offering a 24 hours on-call service for air conditioners and electrical and fire alarm systems to respond to unanticipated emergencies, particularly in the server room.
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.

Eligibility Criteria - Bids are to be accompanied by:

- Letters of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service
- Letter of Good Standing from Belize Companies Registry
- Letter of Good Standing from Belize Social Security Board
- Current Trade License
- Evidence of past jobs
- Recommendations from past jobs
- Evidence of Electric License for the electricians who will be servicing the electrical systems over the term of the contract.
- Evidence of Certification in Air Condition maintenance for the AC technicians who will be servicing the AC systems over the term of the contract.

Evaluation Criteria

Bidders will be evaluated on Technical Merit

- a) Capacity (formal academic qualification and Certification in related field)
- b) Specific Experience (Training/Experience in providing the service requested)
- c) Similar Jobs undertaken in the recent past (Past Performance)
- d) Integrity (On the information provided in respect to eligibility)
- e) Financial Offer

Only bids that pass the Eligibility and Technical Merit Requirement will have their Financial Offer reviewed. The bid will be assessed on a weighted average – 70% for Technical Merit and 30% for Financial Offer.

Additional information can be obtained from Ian Smith at Tel: 828-5169 or by email at Ian.Smith@CITO.gov.bz. Tenders are to be submitted in separate Inner Envelopes – one for Technical Merit 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)”,

“Tender to be opened until 25th August, 2021”.

Bids should be delivered to the Central Information Technology Office, Belmopan, **no later than 20th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

Bids will be opened at 10:15 a.m. in front of bidders or their representatives who wish to attend the opening. Evaluation of bids will be carried out immediately after.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Late bids will be disqualified and returned to the sender unopened.

This procurement opportunity can also be viewed at <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org> or mof@gov.bz.



MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE
 P.O. BOX 399, BELIZE CITY
 Phone # 227-7164, 7392 Fax #227-6268

VACANCY NOTICE

Suitable qualified applicants are invited to fill positions of:

MAGISTRATES

Applicants must:

- be in possession of Bachelor's in Law (LLB)
- be in possession of Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

Salary: Pay Scale 23 (LLB and CLE)

\$40,615 x 1,644 - \$71,851

Age Limit: 25-49

Analysis of the position:

- (a) Tries persons charged with committing summary offences;
- (b) Conducts preliminary inquiries into indictable charges;
- (c) Hears and determines applications made under the Domestic Violence Act;
- (d) Hears and determines applications made under the Family and Children's Act;
- (e) Hears applications made by the Belize Tax Service and Fisheries Department;
- (f) Hears applications for Liquor Licenses;
- (g) Serves as Coroner and conducts inquests into unnatural deaths;
- (h) Can be assigned to any judicial district within Belize;
- (i) Attends conferences, workshops and training in relation to capacity building of the Magistracy;
- (j) Prepare Memorandum of Reasons for Decisions in a timely manner;
- (k) Assists with the training needs of the department as required;
- (l) Prepares appeals as required;
- (m) Prepares statistics and reports as required;
- (n) Must be computer literate with word processing proficiency;
- (o) Is accountable to the Chief Justice, Chief Magistrate and the Judicial and Legal Services Commission.

Interested persons are asked to apply in writing to:

The Secretary
Judicial and Legal Services Commission
 Treasury Lane
 P.O. Box 399
 Belize City
 Belize

Deadline for receipt of applications: September 9, 2021

Note: Only suitable qualified applicants will be acknowledged.



HUMAN RIGHTS
 COMMISSION OF BELIZE

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Human Rights Commission of Belize, H.R.C.B. invites all past and present members to its Annual General Meeting to be held:

Date: Saturday, August 28, 2021.

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual

Nomination and appointment of a new Board of Directors will be held at this meeting.

Kindly note that due to the Quarantine (Prevention of the Spread of Infectious Disease) (COVID- 19) Regulations, 2020 and particularly the restriction of gatherings of more than ten persons and the prohibition of certain activities, the number of persons who can physically attend is restricted; therefore, the meeting will also be a virtual meeting. HRCB will provide virtual access.

All H.R.C.B. members and supporters are encouraged to participate in this important meeting.

To attend meeting, please email info@hrcbz.org to request meeting link.

Sp Adobe Spark

22-year-old drowns in Sibun River

FRANKS EDDY VILLAGE, Cayo District, Tues. Aug. 3, 2021

Today, the body of 22-year-old Carlos Guerra was found floating in the Sibun River after an intense search for him, which lasted two and a half days. Guerra was swept away by the strong currents of the Sibun River near a bridge in the Dark Night area of Franks Eddy Village, Cayo District, on Sunday evening.

He had entered the water and was moving toward a spot in the river where his friends were located when he reportedly stepped into a part of the river where the water plunged to a much more extensive depth, and the currents of the river took him under the water's surface. His companions contacted police and started searching immediately for him, but their efforts were fruitless.

They continued their search that day until low visibility in the area forced them to pause the search until the following day. The Coast Guard subsequently joined the search party



Carlos Guerra, deceased

in their efforts over the next two days to find Guerra, who was found this evening (Tuesday), already dead, floating near some mangrove roots.

Reports are that Guerra had gone to spend a day at the river with his girlfriend and other friends and spent the whole day without going into the water until his tragic attempt to join them in the river.

Guerra's mother told local reporters that he was a happy and respectful son who was always very obedient.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: FABULOUS WATERWAY PROPERTY

Moho Bay Area, Belize City, Belize District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the below described property. Sale currently running and will expire Monday 16th August 2021 at 1:30 pm.

Parcel No. 1609 Moho Bay Area, Belize City:



REGISTRATION SECTION
 Caribbean Shores

BLOCK
 16

PARCEL
 1609

(Being a fabulous two-storey concrete dwelling house [3,941 sq. ft.] containing 4 bedrooms + 3 full walk-in closets + 3 bathrooms + Powder room+ living/dining/kitchen + Laundry + 2 verandas + Fully flat concrete roof with railings + 2 storerooms + Garage (4 vehicles parking) and lot [623 sq. yds.] situate 2 lots from the sea in Moho Bay Area, Belize City, the freehold property.)

VIEWING AVAILABLE WITH 24 HOURS NOTICE

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH

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Story On How Enslaved African Females Were Forced To Breastfeed Their Masters' Children

by *Uksonplaza (via Opera news)*

During the slave trade era, upper-class slave masters used female slaves to breastfeed their infants. This practice was known as "wet nursing".

Some historians believe that the practice originated in the 1600s, when malaria claimed the lives of many white people.

Slave owners believed that feeding their babies with milk from their

slaves, would provide the children with natural immunity against malaria. Over time, white mothers began to consider it below their social status to breastfeed. Having a "wet nurse" was soon seen as a

symbol of wealth.

The act of breastfeeding was perceived as self-demeaning, and white women who were seen breastfeeding were often thought of as uncultured and poor.

By the 18th century, the trend had become so popular that wives of slave owners, began to time their pregnancies with that of their slaves. They would forcefully separate enslaved new mothers from their infants to serve as "wet nurses" for their children.

Young slave women were also forced to breastfeed, after the discovery that the continuous sucking of the breast of a sexually active female could result in lactation. While white babies were breastfed, cow and goat milk were fed to slave children which resulted in susceptibility of diseases and high mortality rate.



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Belize City, Belize
Phone: 222-5683
Email: sadietech@yahoo.com

Vacancy for the following Posts of:

Spanish Teacher(Full Time)

Qualification: Applicants must possess a Bachelor Degree in Spanish Education and a valid Teaching License.

Applicants must submit a cover letter, a resumé, copies of degrees, certificates and transcripts, a Police Record, a copy of a valid teaching license, 2 reference letters, a copy of a valid Social Security Card and a medical certificate.

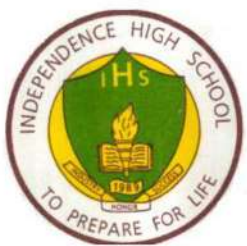
3 Watchmen

Requirements: Applicants must possess experience as a watchman and a background in military training.

Applicants must submit a cover letter, a resumé, a Police Record, 2 reference letters, a copy of a valid Social Security Card and a medical certificate.

Salary will commensurate according to Government's Pay Scale.

Application along with relevant documents must be addressed to: Secretary, Board of Management, Sadie Vernon Technical High School, Cor. Morning Glory & Partridge Streets, Belize City no later than Friday, August 13, 2021.



Independence High School
Independence Village
Stann Creek District
Telefax: 523-2220
Email Address ind_highschool@yahoo.com

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

Part Time Position (7 Months)

1 English Teacher

Permanent Positions

1 Spanish Teacher

1 Electrical/Building Construction Teacher

A Bachelor Degree in the respective subject area is preferred. However, applicants in possession of an Associate Degree may apply. In addition, experience in teaching at CSEC level would be an asset.

All applicants must be in possession of a valid teaching license. Salary is based on qualification and experience and is in accordance with Government's pay scale. Completed application package should be forwarded by Tuesday August 10, 2021 to:

Secretary
Board of Governors
Independence High School
Independence Village
Stann Creek District

Applicants will be interviewed at the high school on Thursday August 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.



Belize High School of Agriculture
San Lazaro/Trinidad
P.O. Box 161
Orange Walk District
Tel 342-9730



Vacancy

Belize High School of Agriculture invites applications from suitably qualified individuals to fill the following post:

Acting Principal – Part time (23rd August- 12th November 2021)

Qualifications: The individual shall possess a full license and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership.

Interested persons are to submit their letter of application accompanied by resume, two recommendations, medical certificate, police record, certified copies of transcript, diploma, Social Security card, birth certificate/passport and teachers' license to the following address:

Principal
Belize High School of Agriculture
P.O. Box 161
Orange Walk District

Submit application with all relevant documents by 20th August, 2021.

Fonseca speaks on Emancipation Day

by Dayne Guy

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Aug. 2, 2021.

On August 1, 1834, the Slavery Abolition Act came into effect and

led to the emancipation of all enslaved people of African descent in British colonies. Following this major milestone in African history, people of African descent in other countries

in the Caribbean region have been commemorating the day as Emancipation Day. This year, the country of Belize observed Emancipation Day as a public and bank holiday for the first time.

The Minister of Culture, Hon. Francis Fonseca, in recognition of the historical significance of the day, spoke of the injustices done against the enslaved Africans. "Slavery was one of the most evil chapters in all of human history. Over 20 million

African men, women, and children were brutally and inhumanely forced from their homelands and brought to the Americas and the Caribbean to work on agricultural estates. Here in Belize, these enslaved Africans were bought and brought from the slave markets of Jamaica and Bermuda to provide free labor for the logwood and mahogany trade," he said.

In his address, the Minister of Culture called on Belizeans to join the fight to correct the injustices done to Belizeans' African ancestors. He said, "Today as we celebrate Emancipation Day, let us, as a nation, renew our commitment to correcting this injustice and addressing these inequities. We must do so by creating greater opportunities for education, for employment, for land and housing ownership. We must also celebrate the proud history of resistance and resilience embodied in our African ancestors."

Biden shouldn't let right-wing Cuban Americans drown out Cuban voices



A man waves a Cuban flag at a protest in Havana against persistent food shortages and the Cuban government on July 11. (AFP via Getty Images)

by Jean Guerrero @jeanguerre

Los Angeles Times, Thurs. Aug. 5, 2021

President Biden should not let Cuban American elites — who are not representative of the Cuban people — dictate his policies toward the island.

Republican lawmakers such as Sen. Marco Rubio, Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart and others have criticized the Biden administration's continuing review of Trump's restrictions on remittances to Cuba.

Those leaders are well-fed, well-off and white, compared with the average Cuban. About 86% of Cuban Americans identify as white, but two-thirds of Cubans in Cuba are Afro or mixed — a consequence of the fact that the first Cuban émigrés to the U.S. were mostly affluent whites. Although this historically meant remittances benefited émigrés' privileged relatives, more recent Afro Cuban immigrants in the U.S. have been helping relatives back home, too.

Biden says he favors letting Cuban Americans financially support relatives again but wants to make sure the Cuban military doesn't take a cut. Remittances have long been a top source of income in Cuba, totaling \$3.7 billion in 2019 and flowing largely through Western Union. Last fall, Western Union closed its 407 offices in Cuba because the Trump administration banned money from going to firms working with Cuban military-controlled companies. Western Union partners with Fincimex, a military-controlled agency, and a small fraction of remittance transaction fees ended up with the Cuban military.

The voices of comfortable Cuban Americans who oppose remittances because they loathe Cuba's Communist leaders should not drown out the cries for food and medicine from Cubans. In last month's historic protests, thousands chanted "*patria y vida*" — homeland and life — a hopeful reclamation of

the Communist Party's slogan, "*patria o muerte*," meaning homeland or death.

Afro Cubans were front and center in the protests, and created the viral song, "*Patria y Vida*," that inspired the chants. Biden should listen to them more than white Cuban elites in Florida and other parts of the U.S.

Biden was right to condemn the Cuban government's repressive response, including hundreds of brutal arrests and an internet blackout. But his paralysis on reversing Trump's cruel sanctions, a campaign promise, is concerning.

The U.S. embargo against Cuba, which dates back to 1962 and prohibits U.S. companies from doing business on the island, has failed to drive political change. We have 60 years of evidence that it has only worsened hunger and misery — and provided Cuba's government with a perennial excuse for its failures. Trump's decision to starve Cubans of remittances is more of the same.

"The U.S. has been tightening screws hoping that just one more turn of the screwdriver would somehow break the regime," Manuel Pastor, a Cuban American professor of sociology at USC, told me. He says lifting sanctions would help the private sector and fuel a countervailing power to the Communist Party.

Many historians believe lifting sanctions, especially Trump's remittance ban, would empower locals against the Cuban government. When Obama eased restrictions and boosted travel to Cuba, it exposed locals to a different way of life and politics. But, Pastor adds, this angers those Cuban Americans who have a "shared groupthink that you need to be tough on the Castro regime."

Full article can be viewed at: <https://news.yahoo.com/column-biden-shouldnt-let-wing-101058457.html>

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The CHICOTTE in the Congo

Stanislas Lefranc, a devout Catholic and monarchist, was a Belgian prosecutor who had come to the Congo to work as a magistrate. Early one Sunday morning in Leopoldville, he heard the sound of many children screaming desperately.

On tracing the howls to their source, Lefranc found "some thirty urchins of whom several were seven to eight years old, lined up and waiting their turn, watching, terrified, their companions being flogged. Most of the urchins, in a paroxysm of grief ... kicked so frightfully that the soldiers ordered to hold them by the hands and feet had to lift them off the ground ... 25 times the whip slashed down on each of the children."

The evening before, Lefranc learned, several children had laughed in the presence of a white man, who then ordered that all the servant boys in town be given fifty lashes. The second installment of twenty-five lashes was due at six o'clock the next morning. Lefranc managed to get these stopped, but was told not to make any more protests that interfered with discipline.

Lefranc was seeing in use a central tool of Leopold's Congo, which in the minds of the territory's people, soon became as closely identified with white rule as the steamboat or the rifle. It was the CHICOTTE -- a whip of raw, sun-dried hippopotamus hide, cut into a long sharp-edged corkscrew strip. Usually the CHICOTTE was applied to the victim's bare buttocks. Its blows would leave permanent scars; more than twenty-five strokes could mean unconsciousness; and a hundred or more -- not an uncommon punishment -- were often fatal.

Lefranc was to see many more CHICOTTE beatings, although his descriptions of them, in pamphlets and newspaper articles he published in Belgium, provoked little reaction.

-- pg. 120, KING LEOPOLD'S GHOST, by Adam Hochschild, Houghton Mifflin, 1999

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VACANCY

VACANCY: Kimmy Ling tacos is looking for a cook person. Contact Kimberly Searly at 628-3727 Belize City

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NOTICE: I, Francis Charles Augustine, lost title for vessel named: Mama Shan. Color scheme: blue & white hull with green deck. Registry: BZ 0790. Fiberglass skiff

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Gabriela Salgado** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License to be operated at Smokeez-Seaside Restaurant & Bar, Block 16 Parcel 63 Caribbean Shores Registration Section, Seashore Drive, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Jian Feng Zhou** is applying for a Restaurant & Bar Liquor License to be operated at Adisco Restaurant & Bar, Teakettle Village, Cayo District, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Carnival cruise ship reports Covid cases, brings in mask requirement for all passengers

August 5, 2021 (CNN) — After a “small number of positive cases” of Covid-19 were detected aboard a Carnival Cruise Line ship, a new fleetwide mask policy requiring all guests to wear masks in some indoor areas was implemented ahead of schedule, the cruise line said.

Carnival did not immediately say exactly how many positive cases had been detected aboard Carnival Vista, which departed out of Galveston, Texas.

The Covid-positive individuals are in isolation and their close contacts have been identified and

tested, Carnival said in a statement.

“Our pre-established protocols of vaccinated guests and crew, testing, enhanced medical capabilities and contact tracing anticipated the potential for positive cases, and they are designed to adapt to various scenarios,” the statement said.

The new policy that requires all guests, even the vaccinated, to wear masks in certain indoor areas was set to go into effect for cruises departing on or after August 7, but the positive cases prompted an immediate start aboard Carnival Vista Wednesday evening.

The voyage will go on as planned, Carnival said.

The cruise line will continue to operate vaccinated cruises as defined by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The

CDC requires 95% of both passengers and crew to be vaccinated. Carnival said its crew is fully vaccinated.

In addition to its new mask rule, Carnival is also adding a pre-cruise testing requirement for all vaccinated guests. Fully vaccinated guests must have a negative Covid-19 test result (PCR or antigen) taken within three days of departure.

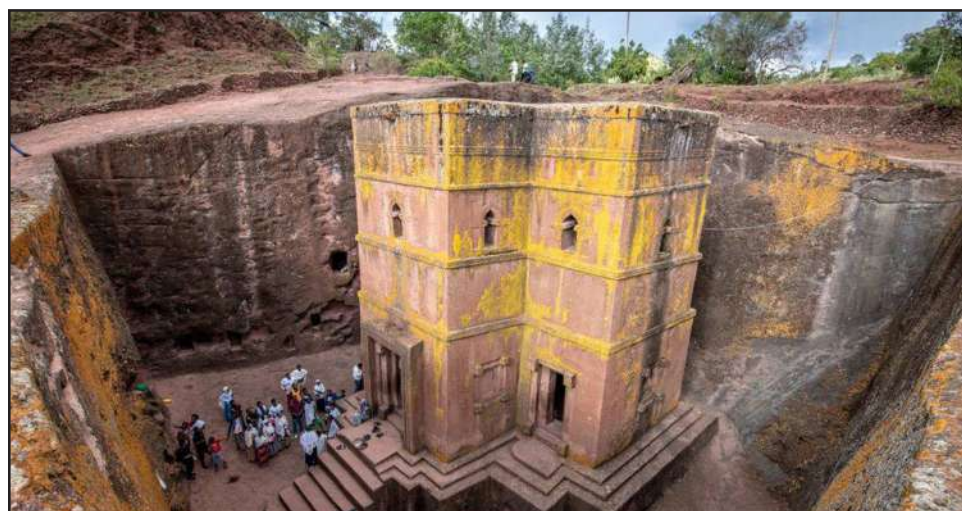
That rule goes into effect on August 14. Both new requirements are slated to be in place through October 31.

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(Ed. Note- On Wednesday, July 7, the Carnival Vista became the first cruise ship to call on Belize since the global lockdown of the cruise tourism industry)



Lalibela: Ethiopia's Tigray rebels take Unesco world heritage town



Church in Lalibela

ETHIOPIA. Thurs. Aug 5, 2021 – BBC News

Rebels from Ethiopia's northern Tigray region have taken control of the town of Lalibela, a Unesco world heritage site in neighbouring Amhara region.

Lalibela, home to 13th Century churches hewn from rock, is a holy site for millions of Orthodox Christians.

Residents have been fleeing the rebel advance, local officials told the BBC.

Thousands have been killed since war broke out last November. Fighting is now spreading into Amhara and Afar, another region bordering Tigray.

Millions of people have also been displaced.

Both the Tigray rebel forces and the Ethiopian army and its allies have been accused of committing human rights abuses and war crimes.

The deputy mayor of Lalibela, Mandefro Tadesse, told the BBC that the town was under the control of the Tigray rebels.

He said there had not been any shooting, but residents were fleeing from the town and he was concerned about the safety of the historic churches.

There are 11 medieval monolithic cave churches carved out of rock that

date from the 12th and 13th Centuries. They were built as a substitute for pilgrimages to the Holy Land, which was unreachable at the time.

“This is the world's heritage, and we must cooperate to guarantee that this treasure is preserved,” Mr Mandefro said.

The spreading fighting follows significant territorial gains made by the rebel Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) in June, including capturing the Tigray regional capital Mekelle after Ethiopian troops withdrew and the government declared a unilateral ceasefire.

The TPLF was the regional government of Tigray until it was ousted by federal forces last November.

It has been designated a terrorist organisation by the Ethiopian government.

However, the rebels say they are the legitimate regional government of Tigray.

Earlier this week a rebel general told the BBC that the group aimed to force the federal government to lift a blockade in the region and agree to a political solution to the crisis.

The government denies there is a blockade and has ruled out talks.

However the TPLF's push into Amhara and Afar has drawn international criticism, and both the

UN and the US this week called for all parties to stop fighting.

The Ethiopian government says more than 300,000 people have been displaced in Amhara and Afar.

Separately the UN said 175 lorries carrying humanitarian aid had arrived in Tigray.

But the head of the UN's World

Food Programme (WFP) warned that more than 100 lorries were needed every day to reach the millions who were in need.

Aid workers have struggled to get access to much of Tigray due to insecurity and bureaucratic hurdles.

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Boxing-Lopez wins gold to put powerhouse Cuba in medals lead

TOKYO, Aug 4 (Reuters) - Arlen Lopez won his second Olympic title on Wednesday to put powerhouse Cuba on top of the boxing medals table, after he out-witted Britain's Ben Whittaker in an entertaining final of the men's light-heavyweight contest.

Lopez, the middleweight champion in the Rio Olympics, kept his cool throughout and put on a skilful display of boxing, keeping the fast-punching and tenacious Whittaker at bay and making it two golds for Cuba.

Top seeds Buse Naz Cakiroglu and Busenaz Surmeneli won their semi-final bouts to give Turkey a shot at its first-ever women's Olympic boxing gold.

The one gold-medal match of the day went to Lopez, with Whittaker battling hard throughout. The Briton never gave up, with quick bursts of pace to try to jolt Lopez, but he struggled to tilt the fight in his favour as the Cuban's experience shone through.

Lopez arrived at his news conference holding his phone and smiling, mid-call to family back home.



Arlen Lopez

“They were very, very happy obviously,” he said.

“The sacrifice that I've made, the efforts that I've made, they've supported me. We're here saluting our families.”

Defeat was painful for Whittaker, who declined to wear his silver medal during the victory ceremony.

Full article can be viewed at: <https://www.reuters.com/lifestyle/sports/boxing-turkey-secure-gold-medal-shots-women-boxers-advance-2021-08-04/>

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COVID-19 update

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 5, 2021

The Belize District is currently seeing a surge in Covid-19 cases, with the daily number of new cases being in the double digits for over a week now. The Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Michel Chebat, told the media in an interview last week that they were monitoring what looks like a Covid-19 cluster in the southside of Belize City, but that the government would not impose a lockdown in that area until they are certain, based on what they have

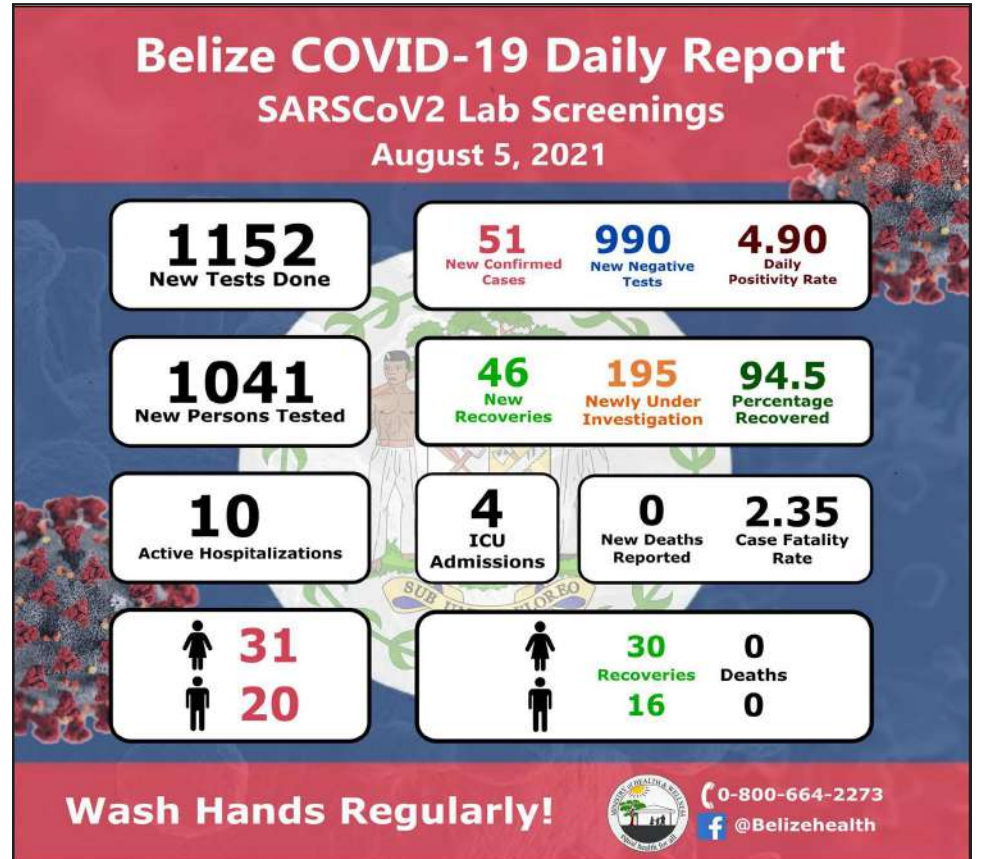
observed, that such a measure is necessary.

Since July 30, a total of 133 new Covid-19 cases have been identified in the Belize District, with a large number being discovered in the city.

The Health Ministry is urging residents of Belize City to take advantage of the many vaccination clinics available to the public and to start the inoculation process by getting the first jab of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Today, the Belize Tourism Board released new protocols for travelers entering the country. As of August 9, all visitors, vaccinated or not, will have to present a negative Covid-19 PCR test done within the previous 96 hours. An approved rapid Antigen test done within 48 hours will also be accepted.

Persons who do not present a negative test result on arrival into the country will be subject to testing at the airport for a fee of USD \$50 per passenger. Kids under the age of 5 will not be subject to testing.



UNHCR donates equipment to southern clinics



by Dayne Guy

INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE, Stann Creek District, Thurs. July 29, 2021

On Thursday, July 29, 2021, the UNHCR donated medical and personal protective equipment to the Independence Polyclinic, San Juan Health Post, and the Bella Vista Polyclinic in the Independence sub-region.

The donated packages contained 2,800 KN95 masks, 4,000 surgical masks, 2,450 disposable gowns, 500 face shields, 6,600 pairs of gloves, 3 vital signs monitors, 6 pulse oximeters, and 7 infrared thermometers. In accepting the donations, the Medical Chief of Staff at Independence Polyclinic, Dr. Rayford Rancharan, said, "These donations will continue to help the fight against the coronavirus pandemic... They help us do our jobs

and keep our staff safe. With limited supplies, there is less that can be done, but with these donations we can keep providing the best services to the 22 communities we serve."

The Independence and Bella Vista Polyclinics, in addition to the San Juan Health Post, are essential medical hubs in southern Belize. They render medical services to over 25,000 persons, including many refugees who have been forced to flee violence in other Central American countries. Bolstering these southern facilities will enable the provision of essential medical services to over 20% of refugees and asylum seekers who are residing in Belize.

In addition to the donations, UNHCR, in conjunction with partner agency, HUMANA People to People, facilitated the donation of laptops to, and the development of a waiting area at, the Bella Vista Polyclinic.

Those persons entering through the Northern and Western borders will also be subject to testing at their own expense, says the BTB release.

This week Belize received a donation of 42,000 vaccine doses from the United Kingdom. The donation of Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccines was made as a part of the UK's international effort to distribute vaccines to less fortunate countries. It must be noted that a large portion of the UK population has already been vaccinated.

As of August 4, a total of 136,163 persons in Belize have received at least the first jab of the Covid-19 vaccine, with 53,233 persons being fully vaccinated. On that day, a total of 2,383 persons received their first jab of either the Sinopharm or AstraZeneca vaccine.

Today, a total of 51 new cases of Covid-19 were identified from a batch of 1,152 tests processed; and 34 of those new cases were found in the Belize District. Of the 10 infected persons hospitalized today, a total of 4 were in need of intensive care. A total of 46 recoveries were also recorded today.

On August 4, 47 new Covid-19 cases were discovered from the 946 tests processed. Of those cases, 28 were found in the Belize District. Six of the ten persons hospitalized on that day were admitted to an ICU. Also

29 persons were marked as recovered on August 4.

Over the long weekend, from July 31 to August 3, the team from the Ministry of Health and Wellness found 121 new cases from the 2,069 tests they processed — 35 of which were discovered in the Belize District. Twelve hospitalizations were recorded over that period, with 4 persons being placed in ICUs.

And on Friday, July 30, 49 new Covid-19 cases were found, with the majority, 35, being identified in the Belize District. A total of 71 recoveries were identified on that day, and just 5 hospitalizations were recorded.

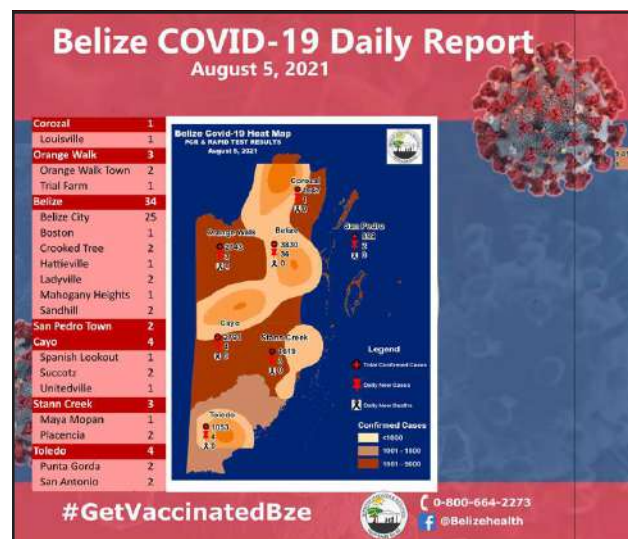
At this time, there is a total of 437 active cases of Covid-19 across the country, and our death toll is currently 338.

Internationally, according to the World Health Organization, the Delta variant has resulted in a spike in COVID-19 deaths on the African continent. WHO reported that in just one month, Covid-19 deaths increased by 80%, with the highest rate being reported this week.

Wealthy countries are moving forward with their plan to administer vaccination boosters to their populations as an added safeguard against new Covid-19 variants. Despite WHO's call that more people across the world be vaccinated before

these boosters are administered, countries like Germany, France, and Israel will reportedly proceed with their plans.

Globally, as of 6:08 p.m. CEST, 5 August 2021, there have been 200,174,883 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 4,255,892 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 5 August 2021, a total of 3,984,596,440 vaccine doses have been administered.



Labour Department names persons to sit on Essential Services Arbitration Tribunal

by Dayne Guy

BELMOPAN, Fri. July 30, 2021

In accordance with section 15 of the Settlement of Disputes in Essential Services Act in the Laws of Belize, the Christian Workers Union (CWU) wrote to the Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government on July 13, 2021, to give a 21-day notice of possible industrial action to be taken by its members who work at the Port of Belize Limited (PBL).

The letter reiterated CWU's many attempts to seek resolution in connection with a number of issues directly related to the work conditions of PBL workers and their ability to make a living but which, at that point, had still not been addressed, despite the union's repeated efforts to initiate dialogue with PBL. The letter stated, "Despite various attempts, including with the involvement of your Ministry, a number of outstanding matters

between CWU and PBL remain unresolved. Included in these matters are the redundancy package for Stevedores with the move of bulk sugar exports from the Belize City Harbour to the Port of Big Creek, filling of the Container Gangs and a date to resume stalled negotiations for a new Collective Bargaining Agreement for PBL staff."

A release from the Government of Belize Press Office states that the very next day, the Labour Department responded to the CWU's letter and made it known to the CWU that in accordance with Section 12 of the Settlement of Disputes in Essential Services Act, the matter would be referred to the Essential Services Arbitration Tribunal, which will make a determination on the case before the expiration of the CWU's 21 days' notice. As early as the 15th of July, the department met with both stakeholders to serve as a mediator on the issue. Following a July 21, 2021 meeting, both parties committed to negotiate terms of mutual benefit

within a reasonable timeframe.

The release from the Government of Belize Press Office states, "The CWU and the PBL can confirm that the Labour Department has been providing guidance and facilitating the process for a successful and mutually beneficial outcome. Hon. Oscar Requena, Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government, personally met with both sides at their offices in June and again on July 21, 2021."

The Labour Department commended the CWU and PBL for resuming discourse on July 28, 2021. The release states, "These interactions will continue to be held in the spirit of respect, goodwill, reciprocity, and transparency until the matters are concluded earnestly and swiftly." The Labour Department further pledged to

remain impartial on the issue and underscored the importance of resolving the ongoing issues between the Christian Workers Union and Port of Belize Limited.

The release went on to name the persons who will be members of the tribunal that will arbitrate the ongoing disputes between CWU and PBL. The Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government, Hon. Oscar Requena, nominated William Lindo, Jr., to serve as the chair of the tribunal, and Fermin Olivera and Wilfredo Galvez were also appointed as members of the tribunal. Other persons who will serving on the tribunal are Marcello Blake and Patrick Balan, who were nominated by the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the National Trade Union Congress of Belize respectively.

National Surveillance Officer will not renew contract



Lorna Perez,
National Surveillance Officer

by Dayne Guy

BELIZE CITY, Fri. July 30, 2021

Lorna Perez, a lead field epidemiologist and the country's National Surveillance Officer, will reportedly not be remaining at her post when her contract ends in the upcoming days. Perez has been a registered nurse since 1986 and has worked in various capacities in the health sector, but recently her most critical service to the country has been the work she has done as chief officer in the COVID-19 testing and contact tracing carried out by the Ministry of Health and Wellness during the pandemic.

Perez was certified as a Family Planning Administrator by the University of West Indies in Jamaica and, over the course of her career, she introduced family planning, and colonoscopy services in the country, and also trained doctors and nurses in

family planning and cancer screening methods in Belize.

It was not until 2010 that Perez participated in a field epidemiology training program (FETP). She later graduated with a Master's degree in Applied Epidemiology from Universidad del Valle in Guatemala in the year 2015 and assumed the role of National Surveillance Officer and Belize's FETP

Coordinator upon her return to Belize.

The Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Michel Chebat, when questioned by local reporters about the reasons for the departure of this stellar health professional, denied any claims that Perez was, in effect, resigning from her post and instead asserted that she chose not to renew her contract for personal reasons. "It is not a fact that she has resigned. Her contract has come to an end, and although we have offered to extend her contract, she is asking for some time to take care of some personal issues," he said.

In the interim, the ministry has been preparing for her departure. The Ministry of Health and Wellness has already designated persons who will be stepping in to carry out Perez's duties. Minister Chebat further noted that Perez will still be working with the Ministry for a period of time to ensure a smooth transition when she departs.

Mexico sues US gun manufacturers over arms trafficking

MEXICO CITY, Thurs. Aug 5, 2021 – (BBC News)

The Mexican government has sued some of the biggest US gun manufacturers, accusing them of fuelling bloodshed through reckless business practices.

The lawsuit alleges that the companies knew they were contributing to illegal arms trafficking, which has been linked to many deaths.

Officials say Mexico is seeking as much as \$10bn (£7.2bn) in compensation, though any amount would be decided by the court.

The companies have not yet commented.

They include Smith & Wesson and Barrett Firearms, among others. The BBC has contacted both companies for comment. The lawsuit was filed on Wednesday in the US state of Massachusetts.

It says the Mexican government took the action "to put an end to the massive damage that the [companies] cause by actively facilitating the unlawful trafficking of their guns to drug cartels and other criminals in Mexico".

The gun manufacturers "are conscious of the fact that their products are trafficked and used in illicit activities against the civilian population and authorities of Mexico", the Foreign Ministry said in a document related to the lawsuit.

Mexico said the companies had used "marketing strategies to promote weapons that are ever more lethal, without mechanisms of security or traceability".

Mexican officials said that some of the guns made by Colt appeared to target the Mexican market in particular, such as a pistol engraved with the face and name of Mexican revolutionary leader Emiliano Zapata.

Mexico has strict rules regulating the sale of weapons and they can only be

purchased legally at one shop located on an army base in the capital.

As a result, those who want to buy weapons often get them from the US.

According to a Mexican government statement, criminal organisations buy thousands of pistols, rifles, assault weapons and ammunition in supermarkets, on the internet and at arms fairs in the US which are then used to commit crimes in Mexico.

The US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives found that 70% of firearms recovered in Mexico between 2014 and 2018 which were submitted for tracing had come from the US.

In 2019 alone, more than 17,000 murders in Mexico were linked to trafficked weapons.

One official told reporters the damage caused by trafficked guns would be equal to around 1.7% of Mexico's gross domestic product (GDP).

Speaking at a news conference on Wednesday, Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard said: "We are going to win the trial and we are going to drastically reduce illicit arms trafficking to Mexico."

Mexican officials stressed that the lawsuit was not aimed at the US government. Mr Ebrard said he believed that President Joe Biden's administration was willing to work with Mexico to curb arms trafficking.

But experts have cast doubt on Mexico's likelihood of success with the lawsuit.

Lorenzo Meyer, an emeritus professor at the College of Mexico, told AFP news agency that US law "makes it almost impossible for gun manufacturers to be held responsible" for the illegal trade.

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James Bus Line to resume runs after staff outbreak



by Dayne Guy

PUNTA GORDA, Toledo District, Tues, Aug. 3, 2021

Over the last few weeks, several COVID-19 clusters have surfaced in the Toledo District — resulting in four southern villages being placed under lockdown to prevent a possible spread of the virus to other communities. Over the weekend, however, it became clear that there was still a risk that infection could be spread to other parts of the country when it was discovered that several employees of James Bus Line, the sole bus company that provides transport from Toledo to Belize City, were COVID-19 positive. This prompted a temporary suspension of the bus line's services to prevent the dispersion of the virus throughout the country — a nightmare scenario.

As of Sunday, August 1, 2021, six staff members of the James Bus Line had tested positive for COVID-19. Of these cases, some were asymptomatic, which made the Ministry of Health and Wellness particularly concerned about the potential spread of the virus. A health team in the Toledo District was thus immediately deployed to test the remaining staff of the bus company.

After the testing was carried out, a release from the Government of Belize Press Office notified the public that a total of 18 James Bus Line employees had tested positive for COVID-19. Those employees were instructed by the Health Ministry to immediately quarantine themselves in order to contain the virus, and James Bus Line was advised by the Health Ministry to review its services and carry out sanitization of all its facilities and buses to minimize further spread of the virus among its staff and the general public.

Additionally, the Health Ministry advised the company that all its employees should be fully vaccinated, or they will have to be tested bi-monthly as stipulated in Statutory Instrument No. 74 of 2021. The ministry further provided strict guidelines for the bus company. A

newly prepared protocol has been issued to guide the bus company's operations henceforth, and it grants the bus line permission to conduct bus runs, provided that all passengers are properly wearing a face mask; all bus fleets are constantly sanitized; and the number of passengers on its buses does not exceed 50% of the buses' maximum capacity. Also, only non-stop services will be provided by the company until further notice.

A press release from the Government of Belize Press Office warns that any person that has used the bus line since Wednesday, July 28, may have been exposed to the virus. The release further encourages persons who have underlying diseases and/or are exhibiting symptoms such as fever, cough, difficulty breathing or sore throat, to get tested at the nearest health facility. Additionally, all terminal managers and employees of James Bus Line must be routinely tested.

Prior to GOB's issuance of the go-ahead to James Bus Line to resume its non-stop bus runs, Romero's Bus Service had been providing bus runs between Punta Gorda and Dangriga as of August 1, 2021. The Ministry of Transport also made an effort to provide alternative bus routes from Punta Gorda to other destinations out-district. Bryant Williams, RDS, A-Jay's and Romero's Bus Lines have been operating from Punta Gorda Town and have provided a connecting route to the Dangriga and Independence bus terminals in the interim. Also, alternative bus lines had been used by those heading further north. G-Line will now join James Bus Line with a continuous bus run from Belize City to Punta Gorda that leaves Belize City at 1:15 p.m.

A release from the Ministry of Health and Wellness states, "The Ministry of Health & Wellness advises all to observe and practice the recommended public health measures and the new regulations outlined in the most recent statutory instrument. Updates on the current cluster will be provided in collaboration with James Bus Line."

Cabinet to revisit CEOs' salary cut exemption

(From page 1)

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Aug. 3, 2021

Last week, the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Cordel Hyde, told local media that Cabinet would have to revisit the directive handed down to exempt CEOs in various government ministries from the 10% salary cuts that were imposed on public workers.

A leaked letter from the Cabinet Secretary, Stuart Leslie, had informed CEOs that the Cabinet had decided to let their salaries remain at the same levels that were recommended in May 2020 — thus exempting them from the 2021 10% cut in salaries that was put into effect across the public service.

Hon. Hyde had remarked that the Cabinet cannot justify this move and that it would have to reexamine the decision to ensure that everyone "shares the pain," as he put it.

Recently, Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education, had also told local reporters that his understanding was that all government employees were subject to the 10% cuts, including CEOs. He said that the directive handed down would have to be discussed in the next Cabinet



Cordel Hyde, Deputy Prime Minister

meeting, at which they are expecting to receive an explanation for the change of position. He further expressed his hope that they could come to the right decision.

The president of the Public Service Union (PSU), Dean Flowers, has voiced his demand through various local media outlets that CEOs receive a reduction in their salaries, just as other public servants have been forced to do. They are currently awaiting a brief from the Cabinet, in which they hope the government will indicate that it has rescinded the Cabinet Secretary's directive and has proceeded with the reduction of the salaries of those CEOs, some of whom reportedly receive almost \$120,000 annually from the government.

KHMH gets new oncology unit

(From page 1)

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 5, 2021

Today, the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KHMH) officially opened its new oncology clinic, a first for the national referral hospital, and a notable

milestone, given the fact that we are still battling a pandemic.

When travel restrictions were put in place last year to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus, many persons who needed overseas medical care found themselves stuck within our borders. This prompted the KHMH to begin providing services to these persons, primarily persons living with cancer. This has been ongoing for months and has since led to the establishment of this permanent clinic inside the hospital.

The oncology clinic has been in the making since 2018 and will be headed by oncologist Dr. Ramon



Yacab, who has indicated that at least three to four hundred cancer patients visit the KHMH yearly.

Over that time, Dr. Yacab has been involved in consultations which resulted in the development of an outpatient chemotherapy unit, created with the help of the Social Security Board.

Most recently, the SSB has offered its assistance in the creation of a revolving drug fund that will make life-saving medication more accessible to the wider public.

The new oncology clinic is the first of its kind within Belize's public health system.

Devon Bailey killed on home turf

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Devon Bailey, deceased

looking for some persons of interest that we believe can shed some light into this investigation. The persons we are looking for are known to the police, so the officers know exactly who they are.”

He added, “At this stage, we cannot really determine if it’s a gang-related shooting or more like a friendship gone bad or friends gone bad.”

Bailey was a well-known gang figure, connected to the George Street (Gaza) gang, who operated in the Antelope Street area and other parts of

Belize City since his youth. His first run-in with the law dates back to 2010, when, at the age of 18, he was charged for an unlicensed firearm found inside his family’s home at the time.

Despite Bailey’s extensive criminal record and his known gang affiliation, police have delayed classifying his murder as a gang-related shooting.

In 2017, Devon Bailey and hundreds of other alleged gang members in Belize City marched within the city as a part of an initiative to end the gang violence that continues to plague Belize’s former capital.

Police are not ruling out any possible motives for the murder at this point, stated ASP Yearwood, who indicated to local media that he would make known the motive for this recent homicide as soon as that motive has been identified by police.

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 4, 2021

Just after 9:30 p.m. on Friday, July 30, reputed gang figure Devon Bailey was shot while driving on Antelope Street, his former home turf, and minutes later, while he was at the wheel, the vehicle he was driving crashed at the roundabout on Central American Boulevard.

Bailey was transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH) by police, who reported that he was pronounced dead at around 10 o’clock that night, less than an hour after the shooting.

The Belize Police Department is now looking for the individuals who they believe shot Bailey — persons who they suspect were friends of Bailey but later became his enemies.

ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, the Police Department’s communications director, told local reporters at a press briefing this week, “We are

Guatemalans call for Giammattei’s resignation

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in protest, calling for the resignation of President Alejandro Giammattei and Attorney General Maria Porras, after she announced the removal of the head of the Special Prosecutor’s Office Against Impunity, Juan Francisco Sandoval.

The protestors, backed largely by indigenous peoples and students, are asserting that the Giammattei administration lacks the political will to address corruption. The removal of Sandoval suggests that there may be evidence linking the President to high-level corruption, and, indeed, information has surfaced that indicates a possible link between the president and a \$122 million quetzales (\$15 million US) scandal allegedly involving the country’s former infrastructure minister.

He also said that his office was investigating the alleged delivery of bags of money to the president’s house by an unknown Russian businessman.

President Giammattei has denied the claims and has called the

allegations borderline slander and defamation.

The US has since strongly condemned the removal of Sandoval and has ceased in supporting Attorney General Porras. One US official has gone so far as to state that they have “lost confidence in the attorney general.”

Thousands demonstrated in Guatemala City and in front of the presidential quarters on Thursday in the largest demonstration in that country since 2015. In November of 2020, Giammattei’s government also faced protests after a ground demonstrator set the congress building ablaze in response to proposed cuts in education and healthcare in the 2021 budget.

About two years ago, the former president of Guatemala Jimmy Morales moved to end the country’s arrangement with the CICIG. The cases were turned over to the Special Prosecutor’s Office Against Impunity, whose head, the ousted Juan Francisco Sandoval, has since had to flee the country in fear of his life.

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compared to the previous year, 2019.

These significant profits can primarily be attributed to a 36.85% decrease in the cost of power acquired from Independent Power Producers, primarily the Comision Federal De Electricidad (CEF) of Mexico.

In his report to the shareholders, titled “Powering Through Covid”, the chairman of BEL’s board of directors, Andrew Marshalleck, noted, “As commercial and industrial operations shuttered and shut down across the region in response to the pandemic, causing an overall contraction in the demand for power, the price of power provided by CFE fell dramatically and BEL was poised to and did take full advantage of the reduced prices.”

The company was able to retain its employees, whose salaries were also

kept intact, while employees across the private and public sector in Belize saw their salaries slashed as part of drastic belt-tightening.

The reduction in the cost of power also allowed the company to show some leniency to its 104,000 customers, and as a result, since the start of the pandemic, none of these customers suffered a permanent electrical disconnection due to arrears on their accounts. This has caused the arrears of the company to increase by almost 20 million dollars from 25 million dollars to between 40 and 50 million dollars, said Marshalleck.

The company is now taking a “soft approach” to collecting the monies owed to BEL while maintaining its no-disconnection policy that was made possible due to the savings that

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and close friends, according to the wife of one of the deceased.

She shared that they had gone fishing around 7:00 o’clock last night but never returned home. Having a feeling of foreboding, she called Murillo’s wife, who informed her that she also was waiting for her husband to return.

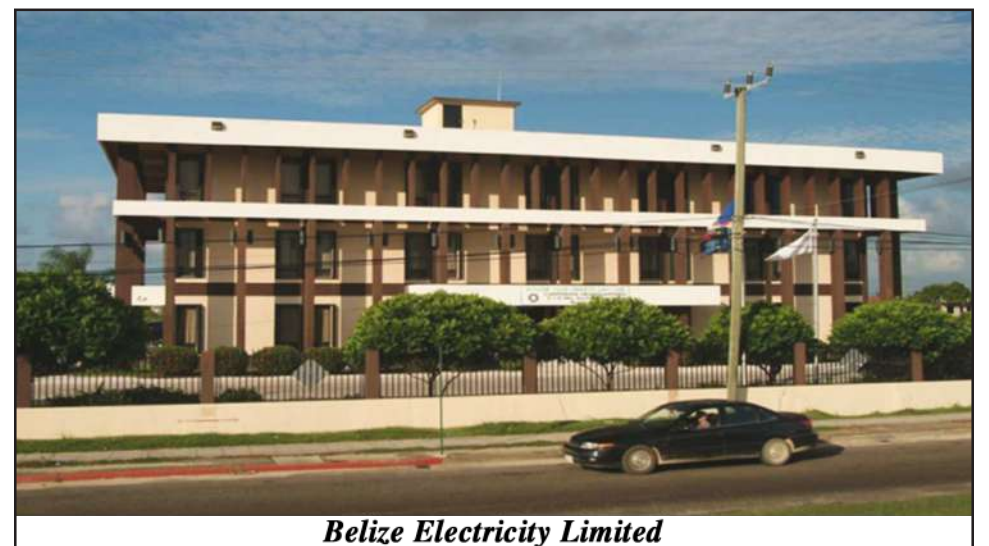
She said that the men would also go fishing in the village but would never be away for such an extended period of time, and that made her worried.

This morning, the two women’s greatest fears were realized when they were notified of the deaths of both of the men.

No details about this recent, heinous double homicide have yet been released by police.



Bodies of men found



Belize Electricity Limited

UDP mayor vs PUP councilors out west

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Elena Town Council caused a spotlight to be shone on a huge rift within that council that has existed ever since voters in that municipality elected five PUP councilors to a town board headed by longtime UDP mayor, Earl Trapp, who was also elected in the the municipal elections last March. Many believe that the discord within such a divided council was inevitable and was possibly simmering for a while, but a recent announcement by Mayor Trapp that he would be co-hosting a press conference with UDP leader, Hon. Patrick Faber at the San Ignacio/Santa Elena Town Hall on Tuesday caused those tensions to flare up in a very public way.

In response to Trapp's announcement, the PUP members of the town council promptly sent Trapp a letter which demanded that he change the venue of his conference or be exposed for his "political agenda and lack of reason to proceed with caution". After receiving the letter signed by all five PUP councilors, the mayor announced a postponement of the press conference and indicated that he would later use his platform to state his position on what he classified as party politics being played by the PUP at the town hall—

which he said was evidenced in the termination of twenty employees who Trapp says are being let go to create vacancies at the council for PUP supporters.

During a press conference which took place at the San Ignacio Resort Hotel on Wednesday, Mayor Trapp, who was joined at the conference by Hon. Patrick Faber and attorney Orson Elrington, said that he received a petition from the PUP members of the council who sought to terminate twenty employees, a decision which he views as both immoral and illegal.

"I cannot and will not participate in any process which proposes any form of illegality and any course of action against any employees of this council that is contrary to the Belize Labour Laws, and I am making it explicitly clear, I will not entertain such actions. A move to fire members of staff to make way for their loyalists is political, petty, and vindictive. As a responsible council, we should be thinking outside the box. We must be creative and innovative in creating more economic opportunities for our people," Trapp went on to say.

Mayor Trapp further mentioned that one of the PUP councilors even suggested firing fifty percent of the staff. The mayor said that, in contrast to what has taken place in

surrounding municipalities, where members of the PUP occupy all municipal seats and have engaged in numerous terminations, he will not stand by and watch his staff suffer the same fate.

UDP leader Patrick Faber echoed those sentiments and went on to remark that the PUP councilors feel that they do not have to respect the mayor due to the outcome of the general and municipal elections, in which their party enjoyed a historic victory. He then took the opportunity to express the party's solidarity with Trapp:

"When it is that the PUP won so convincingly in the last municipal elections across the country, they feel like they can disregard you, they feel like they can walk over you, they feel like they can simply dismiss your efforts, and so we today place on record our solidarity with you. And we say to the workers that this UDP mayor has your back, and he is going to fight, you've heard him say. And as long as he is there to fight, the entire United Democratic Party, a mass party across this country, will have his back in having your back

to ensure that the kind of victimization that we've seen happen at the hospital and in other areas in this town, the Ministry of Works and other areas, will not be something that happens at your town council here," he said.

Attorney Elrington, who since last year has been taking wrongful termination cases to court on behalf of persons let go by the new PUP administration, also had the opportunity to speak. He stated that while he is uncertain of the exact number of persons who have been terminated, his firm has been contracted by at least 400 disgruntled former employees of central government, the municipalities, and the statutory bodies.

Mayor Trapp, while making it clear for the record that he is prepared to "continue the war for the next two and a half years," also expressed his belief during the press conference that the way forward is for the San Ignacio/Santa Elena Town Council to unite and work together. This, he believes, will first require his councilors to change and do better for their municipality.

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musicians. But again, it's all in limbo in a sense, and we have a back-up plan. If everything has to be virtual again, then that's the way it's going to be. But we hope we can have some mix and have some live performances and activities," he told local reporters.

In addition to announcing the theme for this year's celebrations, the September Celebrations Commission also released a

celebration song featuring local soca artist T.R. Shine and a number of other artists, such as Concego, Brittney Starr, Jasmine Samos and popular band Ascendum. The song is entitled, "Yes I Believe". Ambassador Stuart Leslie from the Office of the Prime Minister, and Minister Fonseca said that the song was produced to promote a message of hope as our country still tries to grapple with the emerging challenges brought on by Covid-19 on a daily basis.

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resulted from a reduced cost of power — savings that hiked the profits on the company's records, notwithstanding an 8.14% decrease in revenue caused by the pandemic.

According to the company's 2020 annual report, the cost of power fell to 51% of its comprehensive revenue in 2020, whereas in 2019, the cost of power was 74% of the comprehensive revenue of the company.

The annual report indicated that the reduction in the cost of power was caused by lockdowns that took place locally and throughout the region, which, in turn, led to less overall demand for power. "Safety regulations

obligated many businesses to close or operate under reduced business hours, resulting in an 18.3% decrease in commercial energy sales compared to 2019. Conversely, residential sales increased by 2.5% following from the closing of schools, curfew and quarantine regulations which saw customers spending more time at home," BEL's 2020 annual report explains.

The major shareholders of the company, namely the Government of Belize and the Social Security Board, as well as Fortis Cayman Inc. and the company's 1500 small shareholders, are expected to receive higher returns this year as a result of BEL's increased net income.

More Sunday morning grief on Kraal Road

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caused the other's death.) Reports are that 24-year-old Matthew Gutierrez was allegedly murdered in cold blood on Sunday morning on Kraal Road by a 16-year-old minor identified as Shamar Nicolas.

Moments after executing his deadly mission, Nicolas was intercepted by police who were stationed at the corner of Kraal Road, and he reportedly fired shots at the officers. Police in the area then fired back at the young assailant, fatally injuring him. A photo uploaded to social media shows police hovering over Nicolas' motionless body, next to which lay a blue hat, a bicycle and a handgun on the ground. Nicolas was transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH), where he was pronounced dead by 9:05 that morning.

His victim, 24-year-old Gutierrez, who was also transported to the KMH, died a short while after, at about 9:15 a.m. Police are classifying their handling of the deaths of Gutierrez and Nicolas as murder and loss of life investigations respectively.

The Police Department's communications director, Fitzroy Yearwood, told local reporters that the fatal shooting of the minor by the officers on duty has prompted an internal police investigation and that the crime scene was processed in the same way that a typical civilian murder would have been.

A recent sequence of shootings in the Kraal Road area has resulted in the loss of 4 lives — all young black men from the general area. According to police, members of certain groups in the area refuse to desist from their ongoing conflict.

"We realize that rival groups in that area refuse, I must say refuse, to desist; this is the second time that a shooter that has gone on a mission on that street has completed his mission but failed to return to base," remarked ASP Yearwood.

He added, "Yes, Shamar Nicolas has had run-ins with the police. It is not a secret. But a brazen act so early on a Sunday morning, and I'm certain that if you drive through Belize City on any given day, you would see that we have put back our permanent checkpoint in that area."

Nicolas' parents have expressed to local media their grief over the loss of his life. His father believes that, unlike what the police have indicated, his son may have been killed and the gun placed next to him as a staged cover-up to justify the shooting.

On Sunday, July 25, another gunman was killed minutes after the murder of his victim. Matthew Guy was killed while attempting to escape after fatally shooting Gary Young on Kraal Road.

Police said that they will forward a file to the Director of Public Prosecution after an investigation is carried out to determine if any action can be brought against the officer who shot Nicolas.



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