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Sir Manuel Esquivel passes

The two-time Prime Minister passed this evening at a local hospital

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The country of Belize is mourning the loss of its second prime minister, Rt. Hon. Dr. Sir Manuel Esquivel, who passed away around 4:30 this evening at a local hospital. The two-time prime minister had been battling a health issue for some time before finally passing away today. He served his first term as the country's leader from 1984-1989, after winning the newly formed Caribbean Shores seat, and again from 1993-1998. He was appointed to the Privy Council by Queen Elizabeth II and holds an Honorary Doctorate degree from Loyola University.



Rt. Hon. Dr. Sir Manuel Esquivel KCMG

In a release issued today, the Leader of the Opposition, Hon.

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Osmany Salas resigns as NGO Senator



Osmany Salas, Senator, Non-Governmental Organizations

by Charles Gladden

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During Wednesday's sitting of the Senate, the senator who represents the country's non-governmental organizations, Osmany Salas, announced that he would be resigning from his post in the National Assembly, to take up a high-level position at the World Wildlife Fund. His resignation takes effect at the end of this month.

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Teen shot and killed on Antelope Street



Joshua Pou, deceased

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A Belizean teen who had recently been released from the Princess Royal Youth Hostel was shot and killed on Hercilett Moody Street in the Antelope Street Extension area this morning. Joshua Pou's lifeless body was found lying behind a vehicle in the area after shots were heard around 8:30 a.m., reports say.

Police believe Pou, 17, was the target of the gunman, who fired several shots at him, but at this time no motive for the shooting has been established, since so far the police are not aware of any prior incident in the area involving Pou that could have led to the fatal shooting.

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Anthropologist concerned about FPIC developments

"It isn't practical for every single alcalde – yes, it is imperative for them to make their own decision, for their communities—but it's not practical for them to launch a campaign in the Belizean government. There needs to be representation," Dr. Kristina Baines told AMANDALA.

by Marco Lopez

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This week, AMANDALA interviewed Dr. Kristina Baines, an associate professor in anthropology from the City University of New York (CUNY), who has carried out research in the Maya communities of Toledo since 2009 and who reached out to express concerns regarding the manner in which the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent Protocol that is to govern the use of Maya communal lands is being handled, and the move by the current government to seemingly undermine the legitimacy of the Toledo Alcaldes Association as a unified voice for the alcaldes



Dr. Kristina Baines - Associate Professor, City University of New York

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LOO misspoke again

During his trip to the U.S., Hon. Shyne Barrow once again referred to himself as Leader of the House of Representatives in front of an American audience

by Khaila Gentle

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Upon being appointed Leader of the Opposition this month, Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow's first course of action was to take a trip to the United States—just as he did in August of 2021 during his first stint as Opposition Leader. This week, while in the US, he made a guest appearance on the *Wendy Williams Show*. During that episode of the show, which was hosted by rappers Fat Joe and Remy



Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow

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Senate supports Domestic Violence Motion

Redistricting case goes to court on Feb. 24

On February 24, the case brought by the BPM to address the disproportionality in the number of voters across constituencies goes to trial; GOB submits motion to strike out



**Hubert Enriquez –
claimant in redistricting case**

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Earlier this week, the representative of the claimants in the Belize Peace Movement (BPM) redistricting case, Hubert Enriquez, told AMANDALA that the case is about to be heard on February 24 in the Supreme Court, where the application, on behalf of the government, to strike out the proceedings will be dealt with. The Chairman of the Elections and Boundaries Commission, Oscar Sabido, had made a submission to cancel the legal action earlier this year on the grounds that the claimant failed to file its submissions on time and the new administration had already begun the process of preparing for the redistricting exercise. Enriquez said, however, that a declaration from the court on the matter is being sought by the Belize Peace Movement.

“Now that government has already started the exercise, why is it necessary to continue with the case? But you know, we have heard these things before already. A promise is a

comfort to a fool. We want to see it take place, because there is no guarantee, even if they say they will do it now, once the case is withdrawn, they will continue with doing it, and so we need to have this case settled in court. Because we also want a determination from the court itself, what is their view on the Constitution, and not only that, but for future reference, we will be able to say that in fact this matter was settled by a court and the court made certain precedents.” Enriquez explained.

The core matter that the claimants are seeking to address through the courts is the disproportionality in the number of voters registered in the various constituencies of the country in order to ensure fair representation for the citizens in those specific divisions, and across the country. The BPM has argued that voters in larger constituencies are accessing a lower level of representation.

Enriquez also mentioned that the court had instructed the parties to meet and engage in a form of dispute resolution, but the government side had rejected that option, according to him.

“We had made efforts to settle this matter without having to go to court. We had made proposals to the Election and Boundaries Commission and, in fact, on the instruction of the judge, that we should meet and settle the matter amicably. These proposals were rejected by the government’s side, because by now that matter would have been settled already and everything would have just proceeded the way it normally does,

and so we don’t know what the government insisted on going to court, because in our opinion there can only be one determination, which is that in fact that the question of the constitutionality of the voter’s role is what is going to be determined, and it is clear in the Constitution, in our view, that it ought to be done in such a way that it ought to be approximately equal, and they are not. It is very, very clear to us,” he said.

In regard to the benefits that would accrue to citizens of the country if voters are more equally distributed across the various constituencies, Enriquez said, “The more representation you have, the better your interest is going to be represented. What we see now, for instance, let us say in the Lake I constituency, on the day Mr. Cordel Hyde makes, has his clinic, there will be many persons out there waiting to see the Minister. Now, if his constituency was properly proportioned, there will be less persons to see the ministry and your chance of getting to see the Minister will be much greater than it is right now, since you have so many people to deal with, so representation is very important.”

The case, if the high court rules in favor of the claimants, could result in the redistribution of voters and thus alter the size of certain constituencies to allow for equal representation in divisions across the country. It could also lead to an increased number of divisions across the country and an expanded House of Representatives.

Father of 2 faces extradition for RTA 23 years ago



Osmar Eliaser Correa

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A resident of Belmopan who is facing possible extradition is currently on remand at the Belize Central Prison after being denied bail in the Belize City Magistrate’s Court on Tuesday of this week. Osmar Eliaser Correa, 46, was informed by Chief Magistrate Sharon Fraser of the reason for his arrest—an order issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for his extradition to the US so that he can answer to charges for a fatal road traffic accident that reportedly occurred in that country 23 years ago.

Reports are that the extradition request was handed down by the US Embassy in Belmopan on January 14 of this year. Correa had reportedly absconded from the US more than 20 years ago following the incident. Now a husband, father of two, and successful businessman, he will possibly have to face charges for his past actions that may very well land him in prison for an extended period.

According to his attorney, David Morales, who argued fervently for bail to be granted to his client, Correa is claiming that the circumstances surrounding the incident, which occurred in 1998, are different from the scenario being described by the US authorities. Morales, who has lived in Belize for almost 23 years, has been reportedly traversing the western and northern borders with his passport without encountering any difficulty. Yet, he was denied bail on the grounds that he is a flight risk. He was informed, however, that he does have the option of applying to the Supreme Court for bail.

Morales is asserting that the US’s delayed legal response to this matter is now affecting his client’s life and livelihood. Correa will remain remanded until March 8, when the extradition hearing is set to continue.

personnel, airline crew, and persons in Belize for less than 24 hours are exempt.”

By the looks of it, the Insurance Corporation of Belize will be the provider of this insurance policy, despite pushback from various entities, including a number of large hotels. The new portal highlights the company prominently on its main page and lists that company along with BTB and BTIA in the website’s footer.

The insurance plan can be bought online at <https://www.belizetravelinsurance.com/>

Belize Travel Insurance portal opened

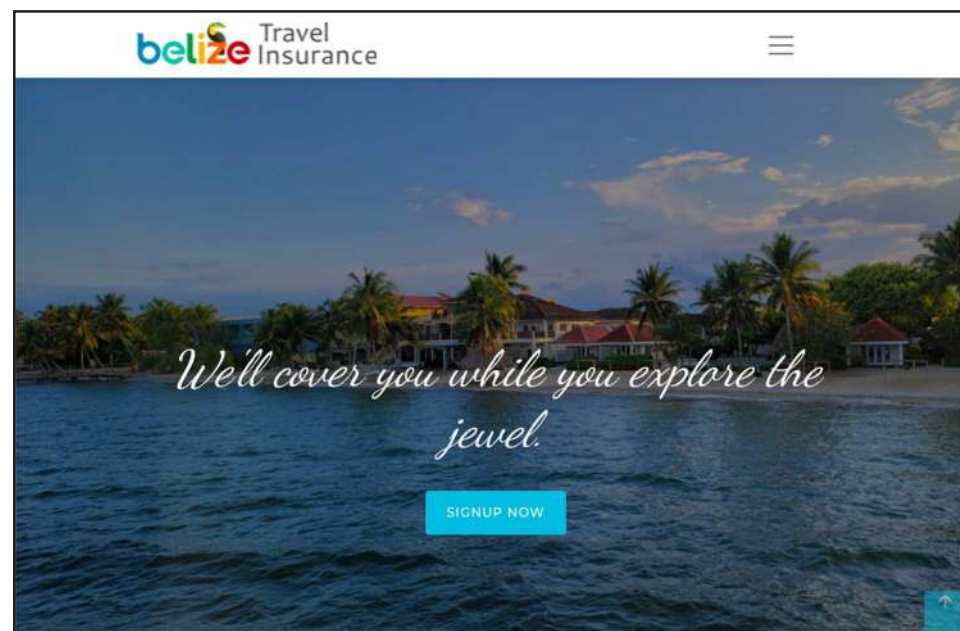
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On Monday of this week, the Belize Tourism Board (BTB) launched its travel health insurance portal, through which tourists wishing to enter the country can purchase the mandatory travel insurance coverage which will be required for entry by almost all visitors to the country, come February 15.

The policy is available for USD 18 and provides coverage for up to USD 50,000 of medical expenses, including the cost of COVID-19-related treatment, for a period of 21 days. It also includes coverage of up to USD 2,000 for quarantine-related lodging expenses, or a maximum of USD 300 per day.

On the portal’s home page, the following is stated: “This affordable plan of US\$18 for a 21-day coverage, provides you not only with financial protection and peace of mind while enjoying your Belize vacation, but more importantly, provides coverage for medical treatment if needed.”

Additionally, travellers will be reimbursed for emergency assistance services such as air evacuation and



emergency expenses related to pre-existing conditions. The insurance policy will also cover trip cancellations and other expenses incurred by COVID-19-positive travellers who require extended stays at hotels.

The BTB has informed the public, “Verification of travellers will take place at the Philip Goldson International Airport in Belize by the

Immigration Department of Belize, and not airlines. The purchase of the insurance can be made before entering the country via the Philip Goldson International Airport (PGIA) or land borders. Also, the following are exempted from purchasing the insurance: QRPs, Belizeans & permanent residents, foreign homeowners, long-stay non-nationals, Peace Corps, military

Senate approves \$70 mil appropriation

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An almost 6-hour-long Senate meeting held yesterday ended with the Government of Belize's 70-million-dollar supplementary appropriation being read a third time and passed in the upper house. As reported, this is the third supplementary budget brought by this PUP administration since entering government, with the first additional allocation of funds being sought in October 2021. In December, the government returned to parliament to once more access additional funding, and now it is doing so again in early February, just a little less than two months before the new budget for the coming fiscal year is read.

Prior to outlining to the Senate how the additional funds are to be allocated, Lead Government Senator,

Hon. Eamon Courtenay, very aware of the optics of a third request for extra funds by GoB, prefaced his explanation of the mainline items on the budget by stating, "In anticipation of the grandstanding, I want, Madam President, to explain for the benefit of those who intend to perpetrate mischief, the main items in the supplementary." He then went on to refer to the \$23 million (as reported in the Tuesday issue of the AMANDALA) that is being allocated to the Ministry of Health and Wellness as a part of this supplementary budget: "The first one, Madam President, under head 19:121 Medical Supplies, fifteen point five million, addresses the purchasing of drugs for the public service. It is stated right there, materials and supplies,



**Hon. Eamon Courtenay – Lead Government Senator and
Hon. Michael Peyrefitte – Lead Opposition Senator**

pharmaceuticals, and consumables. And, before mischief-makers take to the floor, let me make it abundantly clear that there are a number of amounts stated under the subhead, 'contracts and consultancy'. No appropriation is being made for any consultancy. All of these under the Ministry of Health, we are told, are for contracts for the supply of services and goods, not consultancy. It is styled 'contracts and consultancies' simply because that is the heading that is given to that subhead," he said.

In reference to that amount being sought for medical supplies, however, Senator Darrell Bradley pointed out that the "devil is in the details," and he noted that for the preceding 11 months the government had budgeted just 10 million dollars for the purchase of pharmaceuticals and supplies in the Health Ministry, but is now, at this late juncture, asking for \$15 million more, just one month before the new budget is read.

"The devil is in the details. The government is coming to this house to ask for the approval of the house to allocate in one month an additional 15 million dollars for pharmaceuticals and supplies, in circumstances where the entire year's budget 11 months was only 10 million dollars. With the absence of any explanation, just the figure, so that, with respect, but to tout the idea that this is transparency, in my view, is not accurate," Senator Bradley said.

He further commented, "I will not respond to anything that he would say that the United Democratic Party has done [in reference to the PUP's insistence that the previous UDP administration had accessed large amounts of supplementary funding for the budget without formally getting the approval of parliament], but I will say that if we are debating this budget allocation and the government is asking for an additional 15 million dollars in the final month, in order for me to vote in favor of that, I need to have details, I need to know why."

Senator Christopher Coye, during his address to the Senate, however, revealed that a portion of the funds will be used to cover unpaid expenses incurred by the past administration. "That 15.5 million in a sense is a bit of a catching up, because of payables [from] the past administration that had not been paid. 5 million were taken out of the approved estimates to pay those past payables, so this 15 million, a portion of that has to account for

what is accrued for this year," he said.

While the sizable allocation of funding to the Ministry of Health and Wellness was hotly debated, Senator Michael Peyrefitte focused on the other spending to be done with the supplementary funds, including the purchase of vehicles and the repairs being done to various sections of the office of the Prime Minister.

"Purchase of vehicles—\$750,000 they have spent already for the year budgeted for; they come back one month before a new budget is to be read after spending \$750,000 worth of vehicles. They are asking now for \$733,000 worth of vehicles now. Taking us to just under 1.5 million dollars for the year. So you can look at public servants, can't give them increments, telling them to wait, we are all punishing in this together, we are all taking this lick, but I as the prime minister get to sit on \$45,000 worth of furniture and get 1.5 million dollars worth of vehicles. You really think that's going to fly with the Belizean people? Some of the expenses make no sense, and some of them go to projects that you didn't allocate a penny for the entire year," Senator Peyrefitte said.

He also made reference to budgeted allocations to cover personal emoluments for the office of the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP).

"The numbers don't lie, and the intent of the government cannot be hidden. When you look, Madam President, general administration, personal emoluments for the D.P.P. office, a hundred and sixty-seven thousand dollars—for what? You didn't know that in December? And if they wah come with scratch records, Madam President, then the music has to scratch. Because, if you show no creativity and no new ways of growing the economy, like the current Prime Minister criticized the previous Prime Minister for not doing, then you are going to hear the same thing as well. You have personal emoluments, you can't give the people their ten percent back, you can't give people their pay, but you can hire more people," Hon. Peyrefitte commented.

The Senator representing the country's unions, Elena Smith, also noted the additional hiring being done by GoB, despite the moratorium on hiring and 10% salary cuts endured by government-paid workers.

"I see that we have funds set aside

Faber can still run for leader, says Peyrefitte



**Michael Peyrefitte –
UDP Chairman**

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On Monday, during a virtual interview, UDP chairman Michael Peyrefitte noted that despite the UDP's national party council's decision over the weekend to invoke the new Electronic Transactions Act 2021 in order to put into effect Patrick Faber's oral resignation, which was placed in a video message about two weeks ago, Hon. Faber is still eligible to vie for leadership of the party on nomination day, set for this Friday. Faber, however, has indicated that he does not intend to do so, said Peyrefitte.

"Technically yes, he can run again. You would remember when the Honorable John Saldivar had resigned after becoming leader-elect, there was a subsequent election to choose just the leader because he resigned and then he ran again. So technically, he can run again, although from what he has said to us in the NPC, he said that for sure he will not run again. But of course, it's his option to run again if he so chooses," Peyrefitte said.

During the national party council's extended virtual session this weekend, members of the council voted on whether to accept Faber's resignation as final under the Electronic Transactions Act 2021. At the end of the day, the results were nearly split down the middle, with Faber losing by reportedly just one

vote. This activated his resignation despite his subsequent decision to not submit a resignation letter – although Faber had insisted in an email to Peyrefitte that a vote by the National Party Council could not remove him from his leadership post.

Peyrefitte has referred to statements made by Faber subsequent to a video message in which he pledged to resign on January 31, as irrelevant, since the electronic publication made in late January amounted to his final decision on the matter.

"Any pronouncement that you make through any electronic form, and electronic form is defined right here in this very act, so I have to believe that when the Honorable Patrick Faber made that statement, he knew or ought to have known that pronouncement publicly through an electronic form would take effect as much as it would have taken effect had it been in writing," Peyrefitte said.

In regard to any possibility of a legal challenge being brought by Faber, Peyrefitte remarked, "The courts are wide open. We live in a democracy, people are free to go to court and whatever the court decided then that's what the court decided. I know I have read the act very clearly; come January 31, based on what that Hon. Patrick Faber had said to the world, come January 31, he had resigned, and so whatever he wrote or whatever he didn't write, subsequent to that he was writing it as no longer the leader of the UDP, so how can you say that it is not your intention to resign when you have already resigned," Peyrefitte said.

Those seeking to be selected as the new leader of the UDP have been given until February 11 to submit their names so that they can participate in the March 27 UDP national convention. So far, only Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow and Hon. Tracy Pantón have indicated that they will seek to become the new leader of the party.

Osmany Salas resigns as NGO Senator

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“I, as of the end of this month, Madam President, and colleagues, I will be stepping down as Senator representing NGOs. I have tendered my resignation to the steering committee of the Belize Network of NGOs. The reason I have decided, after much contemplation and deliberation, is that, and the advice that I sought, is that I have applied for and have offered to work for the World Wildlife Fund in the position of Country Lead for the Project Finance for Permanence. That three-year undertaking will inevitably require negotiations, discussions and agreement with the government. So, I made that discussion because I do not want even the appearance of conflict of interest in the work that I will be charged of leading as of next month,” stated Salas.

Senator Salas, who was selected in 2017 by Belize’s NGOs to occupy the post of a 13th Senator in fulfillment of a manifesto promise made by the UDP administration, has served in the Senate for 5 years. In response to his announcement, his colleagues on both sides of the Senate wished Salas well and expressed appreciation for the role he has played in the upper house.

“We respect his decision and salute his service. Senator Salas, like the other members of the Senate and particularly those from the social sector, has distinguished himself in the mature, sober, and quite [a] comprehensive way in which he prepares and participates in the work of the Senate,” stated Senator Eamon Courtenay, Lead Government Senator.

“I just want to echo the sentiments of the leader of government business in that indeed Senator Salas is to be respected for his level of preparation and participation in the Senate process. One thing was for sure, while you were here and continue to be here, is that you would not leave a stone unturned, you took this job seriously and you applied yourself continuously every time to every debate, and to every process of the Senate and for that I congratulate you and I thank you and I wish you well in your new endeavours with the World Wildlife Fund. Thank you for your service, Senator Salas,” remarked Lead Opposition Senator Michael Peyrefitte.

Senator Salas’ fellow senator representing the social partners, Senator Elena Smith, who represents the country’s trade unions, also commended Salas for the contributions he made during his five years in the Senate. “I want to acknowledge the work of Senator Salas, as well to acknowledge the partnership that we, as social partner senators, have created, over the last few years. Senator Salas, know that you’ve done well and that we are proud of the work that you have done along with us and your commitment to ensuring we do better as social partner senators for our country, for our people,” Senator Smith said.

According to Senator Chris Coye, who also wished Salas well, Salas’ role at the World Wildlife Fund will involve heading a team that will develop the world’s first fully Coastal and Marine Project Finance for Permanence.

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for personal emoluments. I am being told that we are requesting more funds, and I understand that there are new persons being hired. Well, I came here today, and I saw a new person here, so I don’t know if that is a new hire or if that is an old person that came back, I don’t know. But, in any event, we heard about the Director of Public Prosecution, we are hearing about honorariums. Yet, Madam President, a year ago, the same people who are coming to say that these people need to get their honorariums came to me and said to my colleagues that we must sacrifice because all of us must share in the pain. So, how is it that all of us were to share in the pain but not all of us can share in the honorariums? It cannot be,” Senator Smith stated.

In the end, Senator Smith, along with the senators representing the Opposition, did not support the supplementary allocation, and she specifically cited a lack of information on the government’s part as the reason

she was withholding her support.

“We don’t come to the Senate to just go against or vote against what is presented. We do our very best to support what comes to us, but we can only support if we have enough information. When we are asking legitimate questions, we ought to be given the responses,” she said.

Senator Courtenay noted during the session, however, that the supplementary budget they were reviewing was an indication that the current administration is complying with the provisions in the Constitution by seeking the approval of the National Assembly before accessing extra funds.

“The supplementary appropriation bill is before the Senate to comply with the law of the country. The supplementary appropriation bill is before the Senate because we have had inherited expenses and expenditure and a broken public service that needs to be repaired and this government is judiciously and prudentially appropriating monies in

Return to pre-Omicron levels depends on us—Dr. Manzanero

New models from the Epidemiology Unit are projecting a return to pre-Omicron levels of COVID-19 within three weeks. Dr. Russell Manzanero says now is not the time to relax.



Dr. Russell Manzanero—Medical Epidemiologist, Ministry of Health and Wellness

by Khaila Gentle

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New models developed by the Ministry of Health & Wellness’ Epidemiology Unit are predicting that the country might see pre-Omicron levels of COVID-19 cases within the next two to three weeks, but according to Medical Epidemiologist Dr. Russell Manzanero, it is still not time to let our guard down, as the behavior of the public can easily shift the trajectory that is currently being seen. According to Manzanero, the models are indicating what could likely be the scenario within a few weeks on the basis of current trends. But those trends depend on what people choose to do in the upcoming days and weeks, and could change.

“In regards to the model, it’s pretty much saying that by mid-February or the ending of February you should start seeing a downward trend of cases in regards to where we’re at. However, I must say that models change and, particularly, the nature of Omicron in itself is very fluid. We really can’t develop a true model to tell you ‘this is what is going to happen,’ because Omicron is spreading so fast and the transmission rate is so high,” said Dr. Manzanero to local media.

Even in the face of the highly transmissible Omicron variant, data from the Epidemiology Unit has revealed that the country’s positivity rate fell from 30%, seen in December

order to rebuild the government, public service and the wider economy of this country. The supplementary appropriation bill is before this Senate because we have committed to seeking the approval of the honorable House of Representatives and the Senate prior to expenditure whenever it is possible and required by law,” Senator Courtenay said.

He also mentioned that the government is making efforts to organize a system through which the Senate can have meetings as a committee to discuss the details of these types of bills before they are presented in the upper house. The bill was passed at the end of the day’s debate.

and January, to near 20%—a sign that the peak of the fourth wave of COVID-19 might be nearing its end. Dr. Manzanero has warned, however, that all that could change the moment public health measures are no longer adhered to.

“If we’re adhering to the social measures and the public health measures, all these are factors that can influence your model. So if we continue as is with our public health measures and vaccination coverage, we can see that there will be numbers decreasing. However, if we go back to being a little lax or we are not enforcing the use of the mask, or not getting our vaccines, all these numbers can change,” he stated.

“We have to do our part or the numbers will go right back up. If we don’t maintain our measures and if vaccination doesn’t continue, we will see an increase in numbers again,” he added.

The Omicron variant, which was first reported in South Africa, after which it surfaced in the United Kingdom, is highly transmissible, thus causing a rapid spread of the virus, but the symptoms exhibited by persons infected with this variant are notably less severe than other variants, such as Delta. Even so, said Dr. Manzanero, there have been ICU admissions and some deaths as well due to Omicron infections, including in Belize. And while the peak of the fourth wave seems to be nearing its end, there is no telling if and when the wave will come to a conclusive end.

“To say that you’re over a wave basically is that you are reporting no cases. To say ‘okay, we’re finally over a wave,’ you’d basically have to have zero cases for x amount of time. We are not at that. We were never at that. We’ve seen an increase of cases, a decrease of cases, and that is how this will be. Omicron will not be the last variant that we’ll see. We’ll see others, and this is the nature of the virus. It mutates, it adapts, and it’s trying to establish itself within the population. So this is the way how it’s going to go,” he added.

“I’m not saying we’re going back in three weeks. This is a model that has been done, and if we continue like this, then that is what might happen. I’m not saying it is,” Manzanero emphasized.

Manzanero said that he is hoping the country can reach a positivity rate of less than 5% that can be maintained for over two or three weeks, after which it would finally be safe to say that the numbers are decreasing. And while it can be expected that numbers might rise with the reopening of land borders on February 7, Manzanero said that it is all still dependent on the public and how well they adhere to public health measures, including getting vaccinated.



Automation is not about displacing people

If the Port of Belize (PBL) had not been built by the government and people of Belize for the development of our country, the receiver might not have been crossing the line if it said to the GOB, 'if you don't give us the green light to dredge the channel, create a deep water berthing area to accommodate great ships, and build a cruise port, we will not invest in modern equipment to make the port more competitive to handle goods'. But because PBL is of tremendous national importance, when the receiver issued that ultimatum to GOB, it went out of bounds.

The fact is that even if PBL was a product of private enterprise that had received no development concessions/incentives from the GOB, and it had been built on a prime area of our country that was privately owned from colonial days, it would still have some debt to Belize. Indeed, no individual or business that enjoys all the protections provided for by our Constitution, and uses our assets, be they natural or paid for by the labor/taxes of the people of Belize, is free of responsibility to our country.

If the receiver at PBL was a good "citizen", the right investments would have been made to modernize the port, making it more competitive. If the necessary improvements had been made, ASR/BSI, the manufacturers of sugar at Tower Hill, Orange Walk, quite likely would still be shipping their product through PBL, not transporting it by road all the way to Big Creek, to the Port of Big Creek-Toledo Enterprises Ltd. (PBC-TEL).

The victory at PBC-TEL, getting ASR/BSI to send its sugar their way, is a big loss for PBL, especially its workers who had the job of receiving the bulk sugar and transferring it to the ships that take it to its destinations abroad. Whichever way

you look at it, though, in our "big business"-dominated economic system, it's not clear sailing for the stevedores. They lost the handling of sugar because PBL is antiquated, but if the company introduces modern equipment, it will need fewer workers.

PBC-TEL, the port in the south of the country, has invested millions of dollars over the last two decades to improve its facilities. The channel at PBC-TEL was deepened, its storage area was increased, and it was equipped with modern machines. With all that high-tech equipment, PBC-TEL needs few workers, relative to PBL. It is without doubt that had PBL modernized, it too would have needed less man hours to get its job done.

Claire Cain Miller, in the January 12, 2017 *New York Times* story, "A Darker Theme in Obama's Farewell: Automation Can Divide Us", said a darker theme underneath the nostalgia and hope in American president Barack Obama's farewell address to the American people (in 2016) was his discussion of "the struggle to help the people on the losing end of technological change." Miller said Obama's

successor, Donald Trump, "tended to blame trade, offshoring and immigration" for the loss of jobs in the US, but Obama said "the next wave of economic dislocations won't come from overseas, it will come from the relentless pace of automation that makes a lot of good, middle-class jobs obsolete."

Chris Weller, in a 2016 story in the *Business Insider* titled, "Obama just warned Congress about robots taking over jobs that pay less than \$20 an hour", said an Oxford University study done in 2013 "found 50% of jobs could get taken over within the next 10 to 20 years", and a story in *Tech Insider*, by Ian Pearson, an author and fellow at the World Academy for Arts and Science, said that only workers who were involved in complex human interaction that a machine can't replicate, such as teachers, police officers and managers, will have job security in the future.

It isn't just stevedores and other manual workers whose jobs are under threat from automation. In agriculture we have seen many farmers displaced from the banana, citrus, and grain industries as large farmers with high-capacity equipment have made the smaller ones less competitive. Santander, whose output is equivalent to more than 50% of the production of the over 5,000 sugarcane farmers in the Corozal and Orange Walk Districts, is a single-owner corporation with a mere handful of contributing farms.

One of the areas where small farmers have held their ground is in vegetable production, but they too are not immune from being thrown out into the world as job seekers. A single tomato farmer with modern equipment could supply our needs. Belize consumes an estimated 250,000 pounds of fresh tomatoes per month, and a single farmer with only ten acres in production each month, ten or twelve workers, and the right equipment could easily satisfy all our demands for that vegetable/fruit. Many of us are in the "firing" line; as Weller stated, more than 50% of jobs in the developed world could be replaced by automation in the next two decades.

It is good when business owners have a conscience in regard to labor, when business owners are not consumed by greed. It is also good when workers have strong unions. But the onus is on government to ensure that its citizens don't lose their livelihoods to machines.

In a dictatorship, the people don't have much say; but in a democracy, which is government of the people, by the people, for the people, leaders have to respond to who elect them. Machines should work for people, not displace them. In highly automated countries, workers aren't displaced, they just work less hours. Instarem, at the website instarem.com, said that in 2017 the average work week for the average Mexican was 43 hours, while the average German worked 26 hours per week.

It's only in a regressive country that stevedores would lose if PBL stepped up and got the equipment the company needs to be competitive. In the case of the stevedores, especially considering the facts surrounding the port, the government would be duty-bound to insist that any worker whose job is made redundant by automation is given every opportunity to learn another job at the workplace, or is sufficiently equipped through training to find placement in a new work environment.

The vision of the present government is to stimulate the private sector, grow the economy, and encourage efficiency. It is good to push private businesses, but our government can't wash its hands of workers. God forbid that our GOB is banking on "trickle down" from big businesses. That economic model fosters unemployment and underemployment, and ends in caravans on the road to the USA.

Our workers need modern tools and equipment to make them more productive. Automation will result in increased profits for businesses, but it's not solely about them. The increase must be for all.



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Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) prez visits Belize



Dr. Hyginus "Gene" Leon, president of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Feb. 9, 2022

President of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Dr. Hyginus "Gene" Leon, started his official visit to Belize on Monday, February 7, with a meeting at the Central Bank of Belize. The CDB team was welcomed by Hon. Christopher Coxe, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment, who expressed appreciation for the partnership that has existed between Belize and the CDB since its inception.

"The Government is working to better position Belize to emerge economically, reflecting a culture of environmental sensitivity and building on that brand," stated Minister Coxe.

Dr. Leon, during the meeting, provided assurances of the CDB's commitment to assist borrowing-member countries in improving the lives of people and securing a sustainable future for the region's children. Some issues on the agenda included strengthening trade, innovative financing, advancing agriculture, and building economic and climate resilience. He stated that Belize's government and the bank have an aligned vision, and noted that "as we transition from the pandemic, we must seize the opportunity and create a future the rest of the region and our citizens deserve." This, he added, is urgent, and requires immediate, bold, and impactful steps.

These steps, he said, comprise a three-prong solution that involves (1) lifting nations out of the dire state many are in as a result of the economic fallout caused by the pandemic; (2) recovery post-rescue by rebuilding the region's economies' resilience to global pandemics and climate change, and finally (3) repositioning those countries' economies so that they can move on to the next phase to foster further economic development. He then pointed out that he hopes to steer Belize towards a path of meaningful

recovery.

The discussion with Dr. Leon included updates on the state of Belize's economy and developments in the financial sector, as well as potential areas for CDB support, the need for collaboration between the public and private sectors to promote economic expansion, regional integration, and areas for strengthening the relationship between Belize and the CDB.

The CDB delegation is expected to announce four new trade initiatives in Belize on Thursday.

The CDB president was accompanied on this visit by Isaac Solomon, the vice president (Operations) of the bank; Shelton Nicholls, senior advisor; Daniel Best, the bank's director of projects; Andrea Power, Coordinator – Regional Integration; and Cassie-Ann James, communications officer.

The Central Bank was represented by Sidney Campbell, chairman of the board of the Central Bank, and Mr. Emory Ford, the manager of the Central Bank's Research Department. Minister Coxe was joined by Joseph Waight, Financial Secretary; Osmond Martinez, CEO in the Ministry of Economic Development; and Karlene McSweeney, Economist in the Policy and Planning Unit at the Ministry of Economic Development.

The high-level visit of the CDB president is scheduled to last for one week.

God shall wipe all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4

It is with heavy hearts and deepest respect, that the Mitchell Family announces the passing of a remarkable father, son, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin and friend:

Evan Derry Mitchell affectionately known as "Porque or George"



*Evan Derry Mitchell "Porque"
First Breath: January 08th, 1973
Last Smile: February 05th, 2022*

Evan was predeceased by his Grand Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Leolin Mitchell, Idolly Bevans and Fred Rhaburn. Father: Homer Rhaburn; Sister: Mernellee Robinson.

Evan's legacy will be carried on by his dedicated mother: Ms Joyce Mitchell Underwood; beloved common law wife: Ms Krishna Ortiz; his 3 wonderful children: Jovan Ferguson, Evanya and Mernellee Mitchell; His supportive sisters: Mrs Emily Washington of New York, Ismae Thompson, Desiree Mitchell, and Melissa Everett. Devoted brothers: Clinton Tucker of New York, Sheldon Rhaburn and Henry Sutherland his loving aunts: Mrs Zelma Tucker, Mrs Egzine Dawson, Ms Vilma and Eleanor Mitchell Mrs Glenda Chacon, Joyce and Rebecca Rhaburn. Uncles: Osman & Robert Mitchell Jr.

He also leaves behind to grieve a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, close friends and his Amandala Family.

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Nationwide blackout caused by Mexican provider, says BEL

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Feb. 9, 2022

On Monday night, at about 6:30, a nationwide power outage plunged the country into darkness for a little over an hour. Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) has since reported that it was a disruption in the operations of Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE)— a Mexican company from which Belize purchases part of its power supply—that caused the outage reportedly across all districts.

A release from BEL states, "An unexpected interruption in supply from Independent Power Producer (IPP), Mexico's Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE) at Xulha, resulted in a power outage that affected all areas of the country."

A power outage was also reported in Chetumal around the same time, according to our sources.

By 7:58 p.m., power had been restored almost countrywide, according to the BEL release. The company's team reportedly discovered not long after the shutdown in power supply that the outage was



caused by a malfunction at the Mexican provider and promptly moved to use local energy sources to commence a phased restoration—starting in the Stann Creek District, and then Cayo, before restoring power to the remainder of the country.

"Belize Electricity Limited utilized local and renewable energy sources to restore the national grid commencing within 20 minutes in the Stann Creek and Toledo Districts using BAPCOL, followed by hydro from BECOL to initiate restoration to the Cayo District. Power supply was restored to the remainder of the country by 8:10 with the support from CFE, which came back online during the gradual restoration that was necessary to ensure that safe and steady return of power supply to customers," the release from the company stated.

Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

On Krem TV & Krem Radio

Live-streaming on Krem Television Face Book Page

Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

Date: Sunday, February 13, 2022 Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Nathaniel Millett PhD/ Associate Professor History/ Saint Louis University

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2022



La automatización no se trata de desplazar personas

Si Port of Belize (PBL) no hubiera sido construido por el gobierno y el pueblo de Belize para el desarrollo de nuestro país, la receptoría podría no haber cruzado la línea si le hubiera dicho al Gobierno de Belize, 'si no nos da luz verde para dragar el canal, crear un área de atraque en aguas profundas para dar cabida a grandes barcos y construir un puerto de cruceros, no invertiremos en equipos modernos para que el puerto sea más competitivo en el manejo de mercancías'. Pero debido a que PBL es de tremenda importancia nacional, cuando la receptoría emitió ese ultimátum al Gobierno, se salió de los límites.

El hecho es que incluso si PBL fuera un producto de la empresa privada que no hubiera recibido concesiones/incentivos de desarrollo del Gobierno de Belize, y se hubiera construido en un área privilegiada de nuestro país que era de propiedad privada desde la época colonial, todavía tendría algo de deuda a Belize. De hecho, ningún individuo o empresa que disfrute de todas las protecciones previstas por nuestra Constitución y utilice nuestros activos, ya sean naturales o pagados por el trabajo/impuestos del pueblo de Belize, está libre de responsabilidad ante nuestro país.

Si la receptoría de PBL fuera un buen "ciudadano", se habrían realizado las inversiones adecuadas para modernizar el puerto, haciéndolo más competitivo. Si se hubieran realizado las mejoras necesarias, ASR/BSI, los fabricantes de azúcar en Tower Hill, Orange Walk, muy probablemente aún estarían enviando su producto a través de PBL, no transportándolo por carretera hasta Big Creek, hasta el puerto de Big Creek-Toledo Enterprises Ltd. (PBC-TEL).

La victoria en PBC-TEL, logrando que ASR/BSI les envíe su azúcar, es una gran pérdida para PBL, especialmente para sus trabajadores que tenían el trabajo de recibir el azúcar a granel y trasladarlo a los barcos que lo llevan a sus destinos en el exterior. Sin embargo, se mire como se mire, en nuestro sistema económico dominado por las "grandes empresas", las cosas no están claras para los estibadores. Perdieron el manejo del azúcar porque PBL es anticuado, pero si la empresa introduce equipos modernos, necesitará menos trabajadores.

PBC-TEL, el puerto del sur del país, ha invertido millones de dólares en las últimas dos décadas para mejorar sus instalaciones. Se profundizó el canal de PBC-TEL, se amplió su área de almacenamiento y se equipó con modernas máquinas. Con todo ese equipo de alta tecnología, PBC-TEL necesita pocos trabajadores, en relación con PBL. Sin duda, si PBL se hubiera modernizado, también habría necesitado menos horas de trabajo para realizar su trabajo.

Claire Cain Miller, en la nota del *New York Times* del 12 de enero de 2017, "Un tema más oscuro en la despedida de Obama: la automatización puede dividirnos", dijo que un tema más oscuro debajo de la nostalgia y la esperanza en el discurso de despedida del presidente estadounidense Barack Obama al pueblo estadounidense (en 2016) fue su discusión sobre "la lucha para ayudar a las personas en el lado perdedor del cambio tecnológico". Miller dijo que el sucesor de Obama, Donald Trump, "tendía a culpar al comercio, la deslocalización y la inmigración" por la pérdida de empleos en EE. UU., pero Obama dijo que "la próxima ola de dislocaciones económicas no vendrá del extranjero, vendrá del ritmo implacable de la automatización que hace obsoletos muchos buenos trabajos de clase media".

Chris Weller, en una nota de 2016 en *Business Insider* titulada: "Obama acaba de advertir al Congreso sobre los robots que se hacen cargo de trabajos que pagan menos de \$ 20 por hora", dijo que un estudio de la Universidad de Oxford realizado en 2013 "encontró que el 50% de los trabajos podrían ser tomados dentro de los próximos 10 a 20 años", y una nota en *Tech Insider*, de Ian Pearson, autor y miembro de la Academia Mundial para las Artes y las

Ciencias, dijo que solo los trabajadores que participaron en complejas interacciones humanas que una máquina no puede replicar, como maestros, policías y gerentes, tendrán seguridad laboral en el futuro.

No son solo los estibadores y otros trabajadores manuales cuyos trabajos están amenazados por la automatización. En la agricultura, hemos visto a muchos agricultores desplazados de las industrias del banano, los cítricos y los cereales, ya que los grandes agricultores con equipos de alta capacidad han hecho que los más pequeños sean menos competitivos. Santander, cuya producción equivale a más del 50% de la producción de los más de 5.000 productores de caña de azúcar en los distritos de Corozal y Orange Walk, es una corporación de un solo propietario con un puñado de fincas contribuyentes.

Una de las áreas en las que los pequeños agricultores se han mantenido firmes es en la producción de hortalizas, pero ellos tampoco son inmunes a ser arrojados al mundo como buscadores de empleo. Un solo agricultor de tomates con equipos modernos podría suplir nuestras necesidades. Belize consume aproximadamente 250,000 libras de tomates frescos por mes, y un solo agricultor con solo diez acres en producción cada mes, diez o doce trabajadores y el equipo adecuado podría satisfacer fácilmente todas nuestras demandas de esa verdura/fruta. Muchos de nosotros estamos en la línea de "fuego"; como dijo Weller, más del 50% de los trabajos en el mundo desarrollado podrían ser reemplazados por la automatización en las próximas dos décadas.

Es bueno cuando los dueños de negocios tienen conciencia en cuanto al trabajo, cuando los dueños de negocios no están consumidos por la codicia. También es bueno cuando los trabajadores tienen sindicatos fuertes. Pero la responsabilidad recae en el gobierno para garantizar que sus ciudadanos no pierdan su sustento a causa de las máquinas.

En una dictadura, la gente no tiene mucho que decir; pero en una democracia, que es gobierno del pueblo, por el pueblo, para el pueblo, los líderes tienen que responder a quienes los eligen. Las máquinas deberían trabajar para las personas, no desplazarlas. En países altamente automatizados, los trabajadores no son desplazados, solo trabajan menos horas. Instarem, en el sitio web instarem.com, dijo que en 2017 la semana laboral promedio para el mexicano promedio fue de 43 horas, mientras que el alemán promedio trabajó 26 horas por semana.

Es solo en un país regresivo que los estibadores perderían si PBL se esforzara y obtuviera el equipo que la empresa necesita para ser competitiva. En el caso de los estibadores, especialmente considerando los hechos que rodean al puerto, el gobierno estaría obligado a insistir en que cualquier trabajador cuyo trabajo sea despedido por la automatización tiene todas las oportunidades para aprender otro trabajo en el lugar de trabajo, o está lo suficientemente equipado a través de la capacitación para encontrar un lugar en un nuevo entorno laboral.

La visión del gobierno actual es estimular el sector privado, hacer crecer la economía y fomentar la eficiencia. Es bueno impulsar a las empresas privadas, pero nuestro gobierno no puede lavarse las manos de los trabajadores. Dios no quiera que nuestro Gobierno de Belize esté apostando por el "goteo" de las grandes empresas. Ese modelo económico fomenta el desempleo y el subempleo, y termina en caravanas camino a los Estados Unidos.

Nuestros trabajadores necesitan herramientas y equipos modernos para hacerlos más productivos. La automatización dará como resultado mayores ganancias para las empresas, pero no se trata solo de ellas. El aumento debe ser para todos.

HENB completes Digital Literacy Training Program

The woman-led NGO, dedicated to safeguarding Belize's culture and heritage, has been helping to highlight small creative and cultural enterprises.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Mon. Feb. 7, 2022

Heritage Education Network Belize's Digital Literacy Training Program, which concluded on Friday, January 28, was aimed at equipping women's groups, cooperatives, and MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) to make advancements in the culture and creative industries by providing them with two weeks of virtual training in social media marketing, graphics, financial literacy, and the integration of "culture" into business. In an exclusive interview with *AMANDALA*, Heritage Education Network Belize (HENB) co-directors Sylvia Batty and Dr. Rebecca Friedel Juan spoke about the project's impact on small cultural and creative enterprises from across the country and its role in the safeguarding of culture.

"In terms of the participants, we worked with people in the cultural and creative industries, and a lot of times people don't really know what that means, but it means anybody who leverages the expression of their culture to provide a source of income for themselves. What that looks like in Belize is people who have dance groups, drumming groups, women's cooperatives, small NGO's, artisans, people who have gift shops at archaeological sites, people who make embroidery or do weaving or make basketry or ceramics—which are all expressions of their culture," explained Batty, who also mentioned that the response to the news of the program was overwhelmingly positive. Out of a total of 35 applicants, 10

participants were selected for the program and 3 were awarded scholarships. The 10 participants, said Batty, represented artisans and traditional craft makers from across the country and from across different cultures and cultural expressions.

According to the co-directors, the main goal of the program was to provide participants with the tools needed to create a space for themselves on social media, which has rapidly become one of the main ways businesses and small enterprises achieve visibility.

"We live in a digital world, and if you're not on social media, really and truly you're not visible in Belize. And what tends to happen, especially in the cultural and creative industries, especially among people who are expressing traditional crafts, is that they don't have the platform and the tools necessary to tell their story," stated Batty. "Every person from every community should be able to tell their own story in their own words in the way that they want it said," she added.

The first few days of the Digital Literacy Training Program, led by co-directors Ella Békési and Dr. Rebecca Friedel Juan, focused on how participants can highlight their culture in ways that garner attention from audiences—and potential customers—on social media. A part of the training included lessons on how to use Facebook and Instagram, as the majority of the participants did not have a social media presence. They were also shown to use social media tools to transmit their culture and tell their own stories.



Heritage Education Network Belize (HENB) co-directors Dr. Rebecca Friedel Juan, April Martinez, Sylvia Batty & Ella Békési

"We really wanted to give them the support that they needed and the information, the skills needed to stay afloat and to keep up with a really rapidly changing world," said Dr. Friedel Juan.

"We just really want to see them prosper. And I think quite a few of them told us as soon as they opened their page they started getting more interest and more orders for their products and their services," she added.

Heritage Education Network Belize, which was founded in 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, was born out of an interest in Belizean culture and a desire to safeguard that culture. The organization's four co-directors, Sylvia Batty, Dr. Rebecca Friedel Juan, April Martinez, and Ella Békési are all archaeologists by training, and through their work, the four women were able to recognize the deep connection that exists between archaeology (and heritage) and people.

"What we cannot separate from

archaeology in Belize is the people—the human aspect or element of it," said Batty. "Because first and foremost this is everybody's history. So this is the history of all Belizeans that we excavate, that we report on, that we communicate our scientific findings to. But the second aspect of that is that there are a lot of people who engage with archaeology outside of research or outside of academia."

Those people are the artists, artisans, sculptors, traditional craft makers, and entrepreneurs who use their cultural expression as a source of income. This connection between heritage and people is what inspired HENB's first project, Heritage Highlight, which shines a spotlight on various Belizeans in culture and creative industries. Now, almost two years later, the NGO is once again aiming to assist those creative enterprises in promoting their work, only this time, as a result of the Digital Literacy Program, which was funded through the support of the Republic of China (Taiwan)'s Economic Empowerment Project, it will be on their own platforms.

While HENB started out by providing free resources to tourism professionals, cultural and heritage organizations, and artisans severely impacted by COVID-19, they have taken on several projects that focus on Belizean culture, heritage, and history since then, including their first annual KULCHA Symposium back in September 2021 and their Garifuna Cultural Project.

Even after the conclusion of the Digital Literacy Training Program, the women behind the Heritage Education Network continue to engage with the program's participants and other workers in Belize's cultural and creative industries. For the past two years, the NGO has been operating solely through the support of its members, co-directors, and numerous volunteers.

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(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [727 sq. ft.] containing 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen TOGETHER with Lot [555.56 sq. yds.] situate at Parcel No. 3091 Savannah Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, the leasehold property of Mr. Kenis Garcia)

3. **Parcel No. 1236 Stadium Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Orange Walk Town 4 1236

(Being an incomplete concrete & block structure [369 sq. ft.] + prefabricated structure [1,600 sq. ft.] TOGETHER with Lot [462 sq. yds.] situate at Parcel No. 1236 Stadium Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Mr. Richard Vellos)

4. **Parcel No. 808 San Jose Palmar Village, Orange Walk District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
San Jose Palmar 4 808

(Being a vacant corner lot [1,250 sq. yds.] situate in San Jose Palmar Village, Orange Walk Town, the freehold property of Mr. Danny Duran.)

5. **28.91 Acres of land on the Douglas/San Pablo Road, 1.6 kilometers west of the Douglas Road/Phillip Goldson Highway, Orange Walk District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Douglas Rural 4 118

(Being 28.91 acres of ruined cane fields and grassy patches situate 1.6 kilometers northwest of the intersection of the Douglas Road and the Phillip Goldson Highway and approximately 700 meters southeast of Nuevo San Juan Village, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Messrs. Alfredo Samuel Cabrera and Josue Cabrera)

B: Belize District: Maskall Village; San Pedro, Ambergris Caye; Belize City

6. **Parcel No. 246/1 Maskall Village, Belize District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Belize Rural North 1 11 246/1

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [30 ft. X 45 ft.] and lot [676.302 S.M.] situate in the Village of Maskall in the Belize District, the leasehold property of Mr. Aamon Alex Brackett, surety for Ms. Sherett S. Brackett)

7. **2 Acres San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize:**



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCELS
North San Pedro 7 5434 & 5435

(Being 2 Acres of vacant Caribbean Sea front land, situate west side of Ambergris Caye 3 miles north of the center of San Pedro Town, District, the freehold properties of Mr. Daniel Guerrero.)

8. **Parcel No. 2112 DFC Area, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
San Pedro 7 2112

(Being a 3-storey concrete structure with [6120 sq. ft.] – Ground Floor – Store + two – 1 Bedroom Apartments; First Floor – Three – 1 Bedroom Apartments; Second Floor – 2 Bedroom Apartment + Large Terrace and lot [533.33 sq. yds.] situated in D.F.C Housing Site, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, the freehold property of Mr. Thomas Santos)

9. **Parcel No. 1406 Neal Pen Road, Belize City, Belize District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Queen Square 45 1406

(Being a two-storey concrete/timber dwelling house [1568 sq. ft.] containing 3 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom on each floor TOGETHER with Lot [340 sq. yds.] situate at Parcel No. 1406 Neal Pen Road, Belize City, the freehold property of Ms. Sharon Burgess)

D: Cayo District: Ontario Village

10. **Parcel No. 1323/1 Ontario Village, Cayo District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Society Hall 24 1323

(Being two buildings - Building 'A' two-storey concrete/timber dwelling house [1969 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor: bedroom + bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Storeroom; First Floor: 3 bedrooms [280 sq. ft.]; Building 'B' Laundry house [257 sq. ft.] TOGETHER with lot [1,165.67 sq. yds.] situate in Ontario Village, Cayo District, the leasehold property of Mr. Gilbert Rhaburn).

11. **Parcel No. 2427/1 Ontario Village, Cayo District:**



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Society Hall 24 2427/1

(Being two buildings - Building 'A' concrete bungalow dwelling house [1083 sq. ft.] containing 3 bedrooms + bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + porch; Building 'B' shop [222 sq. ft.] and lot [555.56 sq. yds.] situate at Ontario Village, Cayo District, the leasehold property of Mr. Humberto Patt).

E: Stann Creek District: Dangriga

12. **Parcel No. 1294 Canal Street, Dangriga, Stann Creek District**



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Dangriga South 31 1294

(Being two storey concrete dwelling house [3,185 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor - 3 Bedrooms Apartment; First Floor - 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom Apartment TOGETHER with Lot [512 sq. yds.] situate at Parcel No. 1294 Canal Street, Dangriga, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Ms. Gretel Mariano)

F: Toledo District: Big Falls/Golden Stream; Punta Gorda Town

13. **Parcel No. 577 San Miguel Village, Big Falls/Golden Stream Area, Toledo District**



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Big Fall/Golden Stream 42 577

(Being a two-storey concrete dwelling house [1743 sq. ft.] containing Ground Floor: 3 Open Areas + Kitchen; First Floor: 3 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + porch [421 sq. ft.] + covered shed [280 sq. ft.] and lot 2,642.62 S.Y. or 0.546 acres) situate in San Miguel Village in the Big Falls/Golden Stream Area, Toledo District, the freehold property of Mr. Mariano Kus).

14. **Parcel No. 907 Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District**



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Punta Gorda 42 907

(Being an incomplete two-storey concrete dwelling house containing Ground Floor: 3 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen; First Floor: incomplete foundation and land situate in Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, the freehold property of Ms. Phillipa G. Williams.)

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Guatemala can still drop its unjust claim

by Colin Hyde

Eamon Courtenay, the leader of our defense team in the political ranks, said last week that our team in The Hague, led by Assad Shoman, is busy preparing our response to the memorial Guatemala presented to the ICJ in December last year to forward their racist, imperialist claim. We are to respond by June 8 to their whopping 4,813 pages, so our team is hard at work at this time. My, all those pages to push rights Guatemala says it derived from Spain in 1821, and when the dust settles their border will be right where it is now, west of the Maya Mountains.

The Belize Peace Movement (BPP) made a demand earlier for Belizeans to see what arguments our neighbor has advanced, but we were told that everything going on at The Hague at this time is strictly confidential. The BPP insists that we are being lied to, and it does seem incredible that we are being asked to put the ball in the hands of a few lawyers, for them alone to decide how best to puncture the Guatemalan balloon. But, we can rest assured that it will be mighty hard for our defense team to flub this. Guatemala played a lot of cards, but we have all the aces in the deck: 1859, 1931, and self-determination.

Immediately on taking office as president of Guatemala in January 2020, Dr. Alejandro Giammattei reached out to the leaders of our country. It's good business for leaders of neighboring countries to engage, so the call was an accepted formality. There's so much Belize and Guatemala can do to help each other increase economically. It would have been wise for the new Guat leadership to discuss settling out of court on some regular trade things with our leaders, but if their

new president was thinking that way, along came Covid and changed the world. It might have been futile anyway. Guatemala always gets stuck because they can't undo their lie that they have rights to our land and sea.

Less than 25% of Guatemalans turned up to vote in their referendum on the ICJ — that after they sent a cameraman to take pictures of all the wonders in Belize, posted them up so all their people could see, and told them all our goodies in the eye-feast were possibilities with a yes vote. The Guatemalan people know it's a nonsense claim, but there are all these people in power over there that can't walk back their lie even after having studied the matter and finding out they are wrong.

Guatemala is not in a good position. They were the movers behind a One-Central America dream that floundered, and they are trying to forward themselves to the world as an enlightened nation while running a high fever for a country they have no rights to. We in Belize are very disappointed in that country's racism, especially how they treat indigenous people, but we aren't eager to see them look bad. We would wish for our neighbors that they just drop the claim.

There'll be no gloating in Belize when the ICJ gives them the sense, No Guatemala. They've caused us a lot of pain, stymied our development, but they are our neighbors.

Just wondering

The far right pro-business guy who questioned the GOB's decision to pay the stevedores \$1.5 million, it's a question if he had anything to say when a single man walked through the doors at the Central Bank and walked out a

few months later with a little remuneration that was too great to be published. It's a bigger question, what he had to say when the GOB was told to pay a name-brand \$5 million for a property they paid a GOB a few thousand dollars for, just before an election.

The age of exciting infomercials is over

There was glee in some quarters when Mr. Chebat got booted from the Health Ministry. He did run afoul of some of his professional staff, caused a near rebellion when he reached for an old vet to lead them, caused Dr. Cuellar to quarrel with him, and caused Dr. Manza to consider quitting his job with the government.

I won't say no one can question his leadership of the charge against Covid. He got a lot of flak for the pressure he brought to get some Belizeans to vax, he got some people suspicious about the handling of private tests, but if I had to grade him, I'd say he put up a daam good fight against a deadly enemy, and I will miss his ministry's infomercials.

Hey there, the great Americans elected a man whose singular skill was getting people to look at him. Man, even after he lost the election, up to the very last day, that man influenced his friends to stage a riot just so he was the story. There's virtue in entertainment, especially when it has a great message, and while Chebat held the reins at Health he and the talents he had over there produced some classics that were award-winning material anywhere in the world.

Dolores called for a division

It's possible that Dolores had been spoiling to call for a division all her life. It's also possible it was in her script to hib salt at Faber, and even though he wasn't there, she decided to follow through. Bah, in House works, Faber is a saint compared to old UDP sinners. He never chimed in when the retired ones were being disrespectful to women. My recollection of his crimes is that he bored the hell out of us, and he loved to boast about how honest the UDP was, all the while sitting among a band of wolves that are now carrying a dirty sheet labeled "Caucus for Change".

Bitcoins Intro

When US president Joe Biden said that Bitcoin was an environmental disaster, he threw many of us off the trail. We who had been struggling to understand this crypto currency thing suddenly found ourselves thinking about bulldozers and large land movers seeking a precious metal or metals to make an equivalency coin.

In September last year, El Salvador became the first country in the world to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender, and now their president, Nayib Bukele, is coming to visit us. We must get our game up. Adam Hayes, in a story at the website investopedia.com titled, "What Happens to Bitcoin After All 21 Million Are Mined?", says that Bitcoin is digital gold. Hayes says the anonymous creators of the currency "capped the Bitcoin maximum supply to mimic the finite quantity of physical gold."

The maximum Bitcoins that can be issued is 21 million; presently there are 18.9 million. One Bitcoin is introduced every 10 minutes; there won't be 21 million Bitcoins until 2140. Its smallest unit is a satoshi, which equals 0.00000001 of a Bitcoin, and a new Bitcoin can be mined (made) in 1.6 minutes.

Aha, what about the disaster to the environment? Joshua Rhodes, in the *Forbes* magazine story, "Is Bitcoin Inherently Bad For The Environment?" says producing Bitcoins "consumes as much energy as whole nations, such as Finland, Malaysia, or Sweden", that the average transaction consumes "over 1,700 kWh of electricity, which is almost twice the monthly amount used by the average U.S. home."

Parker Doyle, in a story "Why Is Bitcoin Mining So Energy Intensive?" which can be found at ETF Trends, says it's because "this mining [producing the Bitcoins] is done using powerful computers capable of generating thousands, millions, and even billions of hashes per second, it requires large amounts of electricity."

Whew, and I don't mean it's time to rest. We'll have to do some more research, together, because President Bukele is coming, and we can't afford to look bad.

NOTICE

BELIZE CITY

Estate of KALIM HABET, deceased.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of **KALIM HABET**, late of No.15 Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District, Belize are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to the Administrator of the said estate, **KALIM ANTONIO HABET** of No.1223 Turtle Crescent East, Vista Del Mar, Ladyville, Belize District, Belize, and to send such particulars not later than the 27th day of April 2022, AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that at the expiration of the last mentioned date, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Kalim Habet, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims or demands of which particulars have been delivered and the Administrator will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands it shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 27th day of January 2022.


Courtenay Coye LLP
Attorneys-at-Law



MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

PHILIP GOLDSON HIGHWAY AND REMATE BYPASS PROJECT

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A LIVELIHOODS ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Partnership Fund (UKCIF) towards the cost of the **Philip Goldson Highway and Remate Bypass Project** and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawals from the Financing Account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) through its Project Execution Unit (PEU), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for the Development and Implementation of a Livelihoods Enhancement Strategy and Action Plan for Small Businesses and Communities along the Philip Goldson Highway and Remate Bypass.

The objective of the consultancy is to explore the potential economic development opportunities available for Project-impacted communities especially small businesses and entrepreneurs, including vendors, to take advantage of the wider economic opportunities that the upgrading of the road is intended to bring. The consultancy team is expected to provide the consultancy services in two phases: Phase One (Assessment and Planning) in 30 days, over a four-month period; and Phase Two (Implementation) in 45 days, over an eight-month period.

MIDH now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) Be legally incorporated or otherwise organized in, and have their principal place of business in an Eligible Country;
- (b) Be more than fifty (50) percent beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/ or a bona fide resident of an Eligible Country, or by a body corporate or bodies meeting these requirements, as far as the ownership can be reasonably determined; and
- (c) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of CDB's Guidelines for the Selection and Engagement of Consultants (2019), setting forth CDB's policy on conflict of interest.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments. The consultancy team should possess persons with appropriate qualifications in Sociology, Community Development, Gender Studies or a related field, as well as expertise in monitoring and evaluation, management or business or a related field; and natural resources management with a minimum of 10 years' practical experience in applying community development and small business/ livelihoods development, and natural resource management in rural communities.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between **8:00am and 5:00pm local time Monday to Friday**.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in English by email, in pdf format, to both email addresses below, no later than **10:00am local time on Friday, 4th March 2022**. The e-mail subject line should state, "**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A LIVELIHOODS ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN, PGHRP**" and the body of the email must state the name and address of the applicant. The Expression of Interest will be deemed to have been received at the time it is received by the receiving office named in the first address below. The burden of proving receipt of the email will be on the applicant and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the applicant's computer.

Following the assessment of submissions, a short list of not less than three and not more than six applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. GOBZ reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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U.S.'s first Black billionaire calls for reparations

This is my contribution to Black History Month 2022. My question is: where does the word “black” come from? It is derived from what term? One Wikipedia page states the following: “The word black comes from Old English blæc (‘black, dark’, also, ‘ink’), from Proto-Germanic *blakkaz (‘burned’), from Proto-Indo-European *bhleg- (‘to burn, gleam, shine, flash’), from base *bhel- (‘to shine’), related to Old Saxon blak (‘ink’), Old High German blach (‘black’), Old Norse blakkr (‘dark’), Dutch blaken (‘to burn’), and Swedish bläck (‘ink’). Let me recommend the following research entitled “*Negro, Black, Black African, African Caribbean, African American or what? Labelling African origin populations in the health arena in the 21st century*”. It is an interesting plan proposed by the first black American billionaire, Robert L. Johnson, to the federal government in order to obtain reparations for the damage caused during the time of slavery.

Unfortunately, it seems that there is not a Belizean billionaire of African descent here in this country to propose something similar. In the case of the United States, it would be the federal government that would pay for it. In the case of Belize, that would have to be England to do so, if they agreed. Although, from what little I know, England has said that she did not commit any crime, since slavery was legal at the time. It would be a long struggle to be able to convince the British to make reparation for the damage caused during that epoch. But,

anyway, since we are currently celebrating Black History Month in this hemisphere, or rather between Canada, the United States, Belize and the colonized Caribbean islands, since it is not something that is being done all over the world, I don’t think it is being done in Latin America, but I hope that it can be achieved. I think it’s only fair that a reward be given to the descendants of the slave trade era. The future will tell. In the meantime, let me present to you the following information:

America’s first Black billionaire is calling for \$14 trillion in reparations to compensate for slavery, Jim Crow, and ‘200 years of systemic racism’

Aleeya Mayo - news.yahoo.com
June 30, 2021

- Robert L. Johnson, America’s first Black billionaire, is calling on the federal government to pay reparations.

- His suggested \$14 trillion would be roughly \$333,400 per Black person in the US.

- He also urged lawmakers to pass a decades-old bill that would set the stage for reparations.

Robert L. Johnson, America’s first Black billionaire and founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET), is calling on the federal government to pay out \$14 trillion in reparations to Black Americans—and he wants a check too. Johnson made the charge in an interview with Vice News published Wednesday. “Reparations would require the entire country to ... admit that the result of

slavery has been 200 years of systemic racism and for that reason Black folks have been denied \$13-15 trillion of wealth,” Johnson told the outlet. “And therefore we as a country now must atone by paying Black people of all stripes—the rich ones, the poor ones, and the middle—out of our pocket.” The figure could equate to roughly \$333,400 per person, based on 2019 data from the US Census Bureau that showed there are approximately 41.9 million African-Americans in the US.

The wealth gap between Black and white Americans exists for many reasons. The effects of redlining in the housing market, differences in education, homeownership, lower wages, unconscious and conscious biases, have all contributed. Johnson, now 75, told Vice News that a \$14 trillion payout would be enough money to close the wealth gap. However, he says he’s “not exactly optimistic.” There has been legislation introduced to support reparations for Black Americans. A bill to create the “Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act,” otherwise known as HR 40, would be a step towards the reparations conversation if it were to get passed. The bill was first introduced in 1989 by Congressman John Conyers. “HR 40, when it’s passed, will not actually provide reparations for anyone, but what it will do is move us on the road to be more truthful and in direct conversation about what happened,” Rashad



by Clinton Canul Luna

Robinson, president of Color of Change, a civil rights advocacy organization, told Vice News, “we’re also seeing local communities have these conversations, seeing a reparations mindset to some advocacy work to repay Black people.”

There have been local efforts, too, including in Evanston, Illinois which in March became the first town in the US to embark on a reparations plan. The Chicago suburb will spend \$10 million in total, starting with \$400,000 in mortgage relief for families. Johnson said that reparations should reach Black Americans of all walks of life, even those who have accumulated wealth. Johnson named successful Black people such as Oprah Winfrey, LeBron James, Michael Jordan, and even himself, of all being deserving of a check. “If you’re a successful Black business, the idea is you’ve had enough,” Johnson told Vice News, “but no one ever asks if [a white-owned business] is too rich to benefit from investing in a football stadium, or receiving other benefits like preferential tax treatment or liquidity injections from the Federal Reserve.”

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Vladimir Putin’s annual news conference

It seems that other countries are facing the same situation that is in Belize, where there are people who do not want to take the vaccine, and it is very important to take it to protect not only oneself but the family and the community on a whole. If we continue in this way, it will not be possible to beat this virus that has done so much damage to the world. Here in Belize, we can see how many people have died from this disease, and it is necessary that we take that responsibility as Belizeans, as human beings, to protect us all. Once the majority of the inhabitants of this country have been vaccinated, I believe the system will be able to have enough finances to purchase medications to tackle other diseases and to uplift the National Health Insurance system for the entire country, not only for the city of Belize. After having said the above, permit me, our dear readers of this column, to present to you the 7th part of Vladimir Putin’s annual press conference.

Dmitry Peskov: Alexander Gamov, Komsomolskaya Pravda, please.

Alexander Gamov: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you very much for coming here today. Dmitry Peskov said

it was your idea. If you do not mind, I would like to go back to the topic you and Mr. Terekhov touched upon in the beginning. You meet with our academicians and experts. In your opinion, what is the reason for the new COVID-19 waves? Every new wave seems to be worse than the one before it. Just how confirmed is the effectiveness of vaccination really? How do scientists explain the fact that people contract this virus again even after vaccination and booster jabs? Why is the mortality rate so high? I do not think that the number has been mentioned today.

The fact is that around 1,000 people in Russia die of Coronavirus every day. I made a horrific discovery the other day. I looked at the global mortality rate, which was around 6,700 on that day. I realised that one in every six or seven deaths happened in Russia. Can we really allow this to continue? Mr. President, I am saying this because, for example, in democratic Austria, there are fines for those who refuse to get vaccinated. Perhaps we should introduce some criminal charges for those who campaign against doctor visits? You know, it occurred to me:

you often say that Russia is having a hard time; that we are surrounded by enemies. I think we never could, and especially today, we simply cannot afford to lose one thousand people every day. Thank you very much. Perhaps, what we need is the political will of the country’s leadership. Mr. President, we will support you. You know what I mean. Thank you.

Vladimir Putin: Yes, I know what you mean. As for being surrounded by enemies, have I actually said that? True, there are military bases around us. To the east and to the south, and the north of Russia, new military systems have been installed, including at sea, to say nothing about the west. I think we will talk about this in the international relations section. Encircling a territory like ours is not an easy thing to do, although modern tools probably make it feasible in theory. Well, this is a separate topic. Speaking about new coronavirus strains and waves, what causes them is the virus’s ability to mutate, nothing else. The answer is simple. New strains emerge where there are problems in the healthcare system and low immunity. For example, in Africa, there is a high incidence of

immunodeficiency, the human immunodeficiency virus – hence new coronavirus strains. It is not surprising at all.

This is why I keep saying it is important to mutually recognise vaccines and make them available around the world as soon as possible in sufficient amounts. Otherwise, we will not be able to tackle this problem on a global scale and humanity will always live with this virus and sustain huge losses. We even have a new term: excess mortality. You know, this is simply terrible, but it is difficult to estimate the number of COVID deaths, and not because somebody is trying to hide the facts. Not at all. On the contrary, I have encouraged our healthcare system and the government to keep everything as open as possible, clear and transparent, and also – I am absolutely sincere about this – because people must see the importance of vaccination. Why is the death rate so high? Vaccination coverage, herd immunity, is quite low in the country, only 59.4 percent. Our neighbours are talking about the necessity of increasing

From the Publisher

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“After much thought, I have decided to continue publishing and editing the AMANDALA newspaper as long as I can. AMANDALA will move in the direction of being a community newspaper rather than a political organ. How long we will survive is, of course, up to you, the people. I also want to do some writing otherwise. By and large, the years have been good ones. I will not answer the post-election rumours and accusations. Only time will be the judge, and you will know this was a brother that was sincere to you, the people.”

— from AMANDALA no. 251,

Friday, November 8, 1974. (Reproduced on pg. 55 of FEELINGS, 1975)

As a young man, I considered myself a revolutionary personality, in the sense that I was challenging the most powerful institutions in this country. I knew there were certain leadership roles I could never play, because I suffered from a terrible airplane phobia, and it was clear to me that one could never be any really relevant leader of people unless one was prepared to fly to different parts of the region and the world.

As fate would have it, leadership of the United Black Association for

Development (UBAD) was thrust upon me when the first leader of the organization, one Lionel Clarke, gave up the position after just a few weeks and went to New York City, where he has apparently resided ever since. I have never seen him or heard of him again from that time, early 1969. (UBAD was founded on February 9, 1969, split at the top in early 1973, and was formally dissolved in early November of 1974.)

After UBAD was dissolved, I apparently became attractive as a potential ally to the ruling People's United Party, which had come under serious pressure in the October 1974 general election and the December 1974 Belize City Council election from the relatively new United Democratic Party (UDP), which had been formed in early 1973 out of a coalition among the People's Development Movement (PDM), the National Independence Party (NIP), and a so-called, and leaderless, Liberal Party.

The reason I became attractive as a potential ally to the PUP, with whom I had been fighting from the time they charged me and the late Ismail Shabazz with seditious conspiracy in February of 1970, was because the 1974 general election suggested, based on my performance as the sole UBAD candidate, in the hotly contested Collet constituency, that there was a bloc of voters (about 4 per cent), whose loyalty was to those concepts for which UBAD and I had stood. (Before 1978, you had to be 21 years old in order to vote in Belize.)

After three or four private meetings between myself and PUP Deputy Premier, Hon. C. L. B. Rogers, I basically became a PUP ally. I ran the streets of Belize City with Hon. Rogers' no. 1 general, the late Ray Lightburn, and I regularly ate at Ray's mom's home, his mom being the late, legendary Lucille Eusey.

In mid-1977, the PUP decided, with Senator Said Musa being the most prominent investor, to become business partners with AMANDALA. The PUP investment enabled AMANDALA to acquire the offset printing technology which would enable us to compete with THE REPORTER, whose owner, Harry Lawrence, had been a founding member of the Liberal Party and was a leader of the UDP.

The PUP leadership then brought pressure on me to become a candidate for their slate in the upcoming Belize City Council election, scheduled for December of

1977. Remember, in December of 1974, the PUP had lost the City Council for the first time ever, to the UDP. This was a UDP victory which could be considered almost sensational.

I had a couple good friends in the PUP slate who urged me to accept a candidacy, even though I had publicly resigned from electoral politics in 1974. Against my better judgment, I finally relented and ran as a candidate for the PUP's so-called "Dynamic Nine." I was humiliated in that election. The UDP won all nine CitCo seats, and I ran last out of all the candidates.

So then, that is when I decided that the way I would contribute to my city and country was by job creation, with the newspaper being our only business at the time. We're talking about more than forty years ago. Incidentally, children were allowed to sell newspapers in those days when AMANDALA became Belize's leading newspaper in 1981.

The collating section of our newspaper then produced the core of the championship Kremandala Raiders basketball team, and it was that basketball team, I think, which enabled our second major business, KREM Radio, to survive some rough times after we began broadcasting in 1989. (In memory of James Wilfred Gordon. Peace and love.)

And so, all the preceding has been by way of introducing you to the fact that Kremandala suffered a tragedy this week when one of the newspaper collators who has been with us for almost three decades, Evan "Porque" Mitchell, was stabbed to death in Lord's Bank on Friday evening.

At the time, the chief of our collating section, Charles "Bigga" Myles, who has been with us from the middle 1980s, had himself been temporarily hospitalized at KMHM. When Porque was brought into KMHM emergency, Bigga was informed of the tragedy, and made contact with my second daughter, Jacinta, who runs the newspaper these days.

Jacinta called me on Friday night. I was at home recovering from hernia surgery which had been performed on Tuesday at Belize Health Care Partners.

There are Belizeans out there who have built Kremandala over the decades and to whom we must feel personal gratitude. Perhaps all you may have heard about is yours truly, but ours is not a one-man show. It never was.

Power to the people.

Terms of Reference to Develop a Strategic Plan, Medium Term Implementation Plan, and Result & Resources Framework for the Period 2022-2030

1. Objective of the Consultancy

The NCA requires a revised and revitalised strategic plan that will guide the Council's work for the next eight years. In addition to the strategic plan, the NCA needs a medium term work plan for the period July 2022 - June 2025, with a focus on the first twelve months in particular. Alongside both of these documents, the NCA requires a monitoring framework to measure the success of the work plan, and to monitor the long term objectives of the strategic plan.

2. Opportunity and Scope of Work

The NCA is advertising for the services of a consultant to deliver these three outputs, through a participatory process of consultation with stakeholders and a review of national, regional and international best practises.

The three deliverables are:

- Strategic Plan for the NCA for 2022 - 2030
- Work plan for the NCA for 2022 - 2025 with specific focus on activities in the first year
- A two tier monitoring framework
 - Monitor implementation of the work plan
 - Monitor long term objectives and targets of the NCA, including the relevant SDG indicators

The consultant is expected to:

- Review the existing mandate, vision and mission statements of the NCA
- Conduct an exercise to review and analyse the existing strategic plan (2015-2019) in terms of goals/objectives that were either achieved or not achieved
- Undertake a stakeholder mapping and analysis
- Consult with key stakeholders, including the development partners, donor agencies, service providers (public and private), civil society, and groups of older persons in at least 3 districts, to gather their input into the strategic direction of the NCA
- Engage the NCA board and staff, in the process to review and adjust (if necessary) the mission, vision, values, objectives, and priorities of the organisation
- Review the legal framework, institutional capacity, organisational set-up, financial and administrative arrangements of the NCA, and make recommendations to improve its operational capacity and efficiency
- Recommend a tool/application that will enable the NCA Secretariat to easily monitor the monitoring framework (deliverable #3)
- Present the first and final drafts of the Strategic Plan and Work Plan to the NCA Board
- Within the work plan, include a series of accessible capacity building activities for the Secretariat and other key stakeholders
- Review the social sector environment, to identify key linkages, overlaps and opportunities for close collaboration with other agencies, especially the National Women's Commission, the National Commission for Families and Children, and the National Aids Commission.

3. Timeframe

The duration of the assignment is thirty (30) working days spread over a three (3) month period from the 1st of March to the 31st of May 2022.

4. Requirements

a. Education / Experience

A university degree (*Masters or higher*) in organisational development, social sciences, strategic planning, or other related fields, along with at least 5 years work experience in the field of strategic planning and/or organisational development and management.

Or,

A university degree (*Bachelor's or higher*) in organisational development, social sciences, strategic planning, or other related fields, along with at least 10 years work experience in the field of strategic planning and/or organisational development and management.

b. Subject Matter Experience

At least 3 year experience of working with older persons and social services organisations.

c. Competencies

- Current knowledge and understanding of the women's rights movement and wider gender issues, including gender based violence, and violence against the elderly
- Experience with participatory approaches to conducting assessments and facilitating strategic planning processes
- Demonstrate excellent interpersonal and professional skills in interacting with government and development partners
- Excellent organisational and communication skills, ability to prioritise and work with minimum supervision
- Excellent knowledge, and commitment to, the modern human rights agenda and equality for all

5. Application Process

To apply for this opportunity, please send the following documents to ncabze@yahoo.com by the 18th of February, 2022:

- Current CV / Resume
- Proposed methodology (maximum 4 pages) including an activity schedule
- Financial proposal inclusive of all associated costs to conduct this work

Your email subject should be "Development of a National Council on Ageing Strategic Plan", and must reach the NCA before midnight local time on the 25th of February 2022. Alternatively, documents may be delivered in hard copy to the following address:

The Executive Director
National Council on Ageing
Unit 17, Garden City Plaza
Belmopan
Belize

Send an email request to ncabze@yahoo.com for a complete copy of the terms of reference.

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PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

"Press" Predictions: 03-55-30

Boledo stats thru Feb. 11 to 18, 2022

In boledo news, the thirties series refuses to play. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 30-03-07-91-46-55. These are my lucky jackpot numbers: 2959-6320-9565. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 321-769-548-055-181-269. Get ready Belize, some big bucks will be coming our way for sure. 50 is still out for over 1 year 6 months 3 weeks and 3 days now, 22 is still out for over 1 year 5 months and 2 days now, 55 is still out for over 1 year 4 months 3 weeks 3 days now. The teens and the sixties play the most at 6 times each already. For 3 years straight the thirties series lead, followed by the eighties series. Those are the 2 most hottest series for the last 5 years. A lot of doubles will be out this year 2022, because last year doubles production was low. Keep your eyes open for 22 and 55. Remember to read your Psalms: 91-92-63 & 72. Good luck to all buyers. Next week more lucky numbers.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Verdes FC will win again very easily

Local Football Results and Predictions

In local football action, Altitude FC beat Garden City 2-nil. Rene Leslie and Andres Orozco scored for the Mango Creek Team; then San Pedro Pirates edged Caesar Ridge 1-nil. Most of the games will be played at the FFB Field. Verdes FC, the defending champions, crushed Wagiya FC 3-nil, Camilo Marques scored one of the 3 goals. Woodrow West has the most shutouts for the last 4 seasons and more. The same 6 teams from the last season are back at it. Verdes FC and Altitude FC are fighting for the CONCACAF spot. Verdes FC leads by 8 points 31 to 23, Verdes FC will beat Garden City 4 goals to 1 this Sunday at the FFB Field. The National A Team lost 1 nil to the Nicaragua A Team in a friendly 2 weeks ago, the B Team lost 4-nil first. Mr. Allan Martinez Aka "Bubbla" an instrumental young man when he was healthy, used to carried young footballers all over the country to go and test their skills, he now suffers with diabetes and has lost one of his legs, plus he lost his eyesight. The Kulture over 40 team will play 2 games for him to gather

some funds. Next week part 2.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The 75th NBA All-Star Game in Cleveland in 2 weeks' time

NBA Results and ALL-Star Game Predictions

In NBA action, the 75th NBA All-Star Game will be in Cleveland, Ohio in 2 weeks' time. Team LeBron vs Team Durant. Players from the West are Ja Morant, Steph Curry; Nikola Jokic, and Luka Doncic from the Mavericks; Chris Paul and Devin Booker from the Phoenix Suns will come off the bench. In the East, Kevin Durant is hurt, he will be out. Giannis Antetokounmpo and Joel Embiid will start alongside Trae Young, and DeMar DeRozan from the Chicago Bulls, James Harden, Jason Tatum from the Celtics, Jimmy Butler from the Miami Heat, Khris Middleton from the Bucks. Paul George and Kawhi Leonard are still out for the LA Clippers. LeBron James has missed the last 11 games. These are some big games coming up this week before the All-Star break. Next week more stats.



by Gilroy "Press" Cadogan

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Bengals will beat the Rams in LA 31 to 24,

NFL 56th Super Bowl Predictions

In NFL action, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback, Tom Brady, has retired from the game after 22 years, he is now 44 years old, he is the most decorated player the NFL has ever seen with 7 Super Bowl rings, 10 appearances, 6 with New England Patriots and Bill Belichick, one with the Bucs; he was the face of the NFL. The Super Bowl will be in Las Vegas this Sunday between the Los Angeles Rams and the Cincinnati Bengals. Joe Burrow will beat Matthew Stafford and the Rams 31 to 24. The game will be very exciting; this year's NFL playoff games were right down to the wire with a lot of upsets. The AFC beat the NFL 42 to 36, the AFC has won 5 straight Pro Bowls now. Next week the results.

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JOIN A GLOBAL GROUP OF CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS

We are in search of a dynamic and competent **Country Director** to lead our Belize Team!

BV's office in Sarteneja and a co-working space in Belize City are accessible to staff, who also have the option to work remotely from their homes across Belize. We anticipate that this role will revert to a hybrid remote-in person working pattern as is possible due to the Covid pandemic.

Blue Ventures develops locally led approaches to marine management that benefit people and nature alike. By listening and responding to community needs, we design our models to catalyse and sustain marine conservation, unlocking the potential of coastal communities to manage their resources. We work in places where the ocean is vital to local cultures and economies, and are committed to advancing the rights of small-scale fishers throughout the coastal tropics.

Our Belize team is also optimally placed to expand our work in the wider Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region. Building on our experience in Asia and Africa, Blue Ventures is now scoping opportunities to identify and support values-aligned partners on fisheries management and governance across the wider region with a view to developing a thriving regional programme.

Summary job description

- BV's Belize Country Director has two overarching responsibilities: leading our programme in Belize, and driving expansion of our work in the wider LAC region. We envisage a roughly 50:50 split between these two main aims for the successful postholder.
- The Belize Country Director leads our thinking and approach on marine conservation in Belize and the wider LAC region. With a natural flair for cross-sector working, particularly with Government, the Country Director is accountable for our work to develop and accelerate community-based approaches for natural resource management in Belize.

Responsibilities

Leadership and management

- Leading by example to set and maintain a creative, supportive and thriving environment for Blue Ventures' Belize team, ensuring BV

values are upheld and culture is maintained

- Promoting a **shared vision** for Blue Ventures in Belize, and ensuring all staff understand their contribution to that vision and Blue Ventures' overall strategy

Programme management

- Maintaining a strong **shared understanding** of across the team of programme delivery, goals, and challenges via regular check-ins with senior staff and technical programme leads
- Overseeing **project management and donor reporting** with Belize and global teams

Communications, knowledge sharing/management and advocacy

- Cultivating effective proactive **internal communication** to ensure all staff are well informed of our core mission and kept up to date with ongoing activities, as well as new developments, policies and procedures
- Promoting and supporting Blue Ventures' commitment to **documenting learning and sharing knowledge**, and to incorporating lessons from the wider BV team and beyond

Operations

- Overseeing the **programme budget, site funds, and bank account** efficiently and accurately
- Supporting the development and maintenance of budget, finance, recruitment and project management **systems**

Skills and experience

Required

- Degree in relevant field and/or proven experience in fisheries management, marine conservation or international development, particularly in the Latin American and Caribbean region
- A proven ability to develop strong working relationships in new environments.
- Experience in financial planning and control, and budget preparation and management

Desired

- Previous human resources, operations support or administrative support experience
- Previous international organization/NGO experience
- Fundraising

For more information or to apply to any of these positions, please visit: <https://careers.blueventures.org/>

Kindly submit applications online. Only applications submitted through our online system will be considered. **Deadline for submission: Sunday 13th February 2022, 4pm local time.**

No Mercy Vladimir Putin's annual news conference

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Last week in Minneapolis, the home of George Floyd, another “n*gger” was killed by the police, another innocent “n*gger” was killed by the police. I use the word “n*gger”, because that is how the police see black people, especially young black people. And by police, I mean black or white officers; they see black youth in particular, and black people in general, as criminals. Amir Locke, 17 years old, with no criminal record, and who owned a licensed handgun, was murdered by police, half asleep on a friend's couch. The police used a no-knock warrant to break down the door. A no-knock warrant means that a judge gave the police permission to surprise the person they were looking for. Amir was sleeping when they broke down the door, so one would imagine that your reflexes would immediately make you reach for your gun, in self-defense. Well, he's gone—a young, promising life ended, by those who swore to serve and protect! He's gone, even though he wasn't the person they were looking for!

The first piece of irony in this case is that it happened in Minneapolis. The second piece is that the mayor had promised that the police would not employ that tactic anymore; police reform, he said, a year ago. Yet here we are, black people being murdered, without compunction, by the law! It happens much more than is reported; that is why responsible black parents have to give their children “the talk.” The talk is instructions on how to act when stopped or confronted by the

the rate to 90–95 percent, while our figure is 59.4 percent, which explains the current situation.

Should we try to prosecute people? No, I don't think so. The point at issue is not political will. The fact is, everything has an equal and opposite reaction. When you apply pressure, our people, who are very ingenious, immediately devise methods to evade it, and they will do so in this case as well. We must pursue an alternative. We must respect people, whatever their position, and we must patiently explain the importance of taking specific measures. Take vaccination. You asked about the reason for COVID reinfection, etc. It is true that reinfection can and does happen. But do you know

police. Be polite, keep your hands on the steering wheel, no sudden movement, or else bang, bang, you're dead. What a horrible and inhuman, not inhumane, way to live!

Black people were brought to the Americas in chains, against their will. They were kept in chains during slavery, in a different kind of chain beginning during Reconstruction and through present day, nonstop. We live, every day, with that chain around our ankles and that knee on our necks, and yet we go on. Some thrive, some are left behind, and the racism is constant, throughout the four centuries since our arrival. It doesn't matter if our leaders or presidents are white or black; that

the reinfection rate among those who have recovered from the disease? People do get reinfected – your colleagues in this room, and our international media are writing about such cases. They write that those who have recovered from the virus can fall ill again. Yes, they can fall ill. But how many do? Only 1 percent of those who have recovered from COVID. And how many of those who have had the jab fall ill? Only 3 or 4 percent. And the number of vaccinated people in intensive care is much lower compared to non-vaccinated people. These are objective figures, and we simply need to tell people about them, to keep them informed.

I have mentioned this before, but back in the Soviet era nobody asked your permission for vaccination. They just

disease will never go away! In America you can't teach Critical Race Theory (look it up); you can't remind white people of their ancestors' inglorious past, God forbid. This is mostly in the South, where books are being banned, and voting for minorities will soon become like finding your way out of a labyrinth! Trump has breathed new life into their basest instincts! And the beat, and the beatings, and murders, go on!

Whenever one of these deadly, outrageous killings occurs, there are marches and protests and speeches and outrage and pronouncements! But the beat goes on!

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gave you the shot, and that was it. Those who stood at the helm of our big country in the Soviet period and contributed to its dissolution are now among the leaders of the anti-vaccination campaign. They are doing this to increase their popularity among the part of our people who are questioning the necessity of vaccination. This is a dishonest position. If they are competent and clever people who act responsibly with regard to their electorate, whom they must protect, they must take a principled stand rather than sit on the fence and try to gain popularity on the nation's health. If we act in a principled manner, trying to explain the necessity of vaccination to the people consistently, intelligibly and respectfully, I believe we will attain the desired effect. Any other method will be counterproductive. As for tightening accountability and so on, they are doing this in Germany, yet the vaccination rate is low. So, why do it? We must fight crime rather than law-abiding people. For example, there are falsified vaccination certificates. Over 200 such cases have been initiated, most of them under two articles: forgery and malfeasance. I believe that over 270 such cases have been opened. This is what we must fight. But on a more fundamental scale, we must explain and persuade. BBC, please.

(To Be Continued)

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February 5, 2022

Finca Solana

Corozal Town

Medical Journal Editor Vacancy

The Editor is responsible for the overall quality of the intellectual content of the journal and for overseeing the review process to ensure it is thorough, fair, and timely. The Editor is responsible for upholding the mission and scope of the journal and for selecting papers that provide new, original, and important contributions to knowledge. The Editor selects associate editors, editorial board members, reviewers, and any other editorial positions required in developing content for the journal. The Editor serves as chair of the editorial board and oversees its work

Duties and Responsibilities:

- The Editor will ensure that the review process is completed in a timely way and that authors receive constructive feedback about papers submitted.
- The Editor will see that the journal follows customary ethical policies for scholarly publishing
- Good working knowledge of AMA style, APA and FDA requirements
- Able to perform literature searches and understand journal articles/medically related literature.

Education and experience:

- A Bachelor's in English, communications or journalism
- 2-5 years' experience in writing, editing and reviewing publications in both Spanish and English
- 25-35 years
- Bilingual (written and spoken)
- Good communications skill in both Spanish and English
- Adobe suite savvy

If you have the above qualifications and/or experience, please email your application package to evaca@biomedbz.com



Vacancy at Julian Cho Technical High School



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

1 Integrated Science/Biology Teacher – Temporary

Qualification for Teacher:

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

Application package must include:

- A letter of application and resume
- Certified copies of diplomas and certificate/s
- Sealed transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended
- Birth certificate or Passport
- Certified copies of Social Security Card
- Recent Medical certificate
- Recent Police Record
- Valid Teacher's License (Secondary level)
- Two recent letters of recommendation
- **NOTE:** ALL copied documents must be certified by a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.
- ALL documents in foreign languages must be accompanied by an official English translation.

Salary:

Salary will be in accordance with the government pay scale based on qualification.

Application packages must be addressed to:

Secretary
Board of Governors
Julian Cho Technical High School
P.O Box 171
Toledo District
Belize, Central America

Deadline for applications is Wednesday February 14, 2022.

Dishonorable

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the “kinel”, and how it helped form my political affiliation! I was once a proud member of a party with leaders like Goldson, Lindo, Esquivel, Barrow, honorable men, in most cases! Some were successful in their quests for greater glory, some fell short, but in most cases they were respected by their peers and even by members of the other party. To be able to earn the respect of the voters, one has to prove that they are worthy of that respect. They must have moral, intellectual and social qualities that give them the permission to lead! I have lost faith in that party, and it would take someone honorable to make me rethink my divorce from this once shining torch, that had promised to lead us out of the clutches of less happier lands, to steal a phrase from the bard.

Patrick Faber, alleged serial woman beater, abuser, had promised to resign as of January 31, 2022! He gave his word that he would, yet he lingers, hovering about, hoping that gaslighting the people of Belize, with the help of one of his alleged victims, will save him from the fate that should await him. Where is the shame? Who are those still in his corner? Why hasn't he already been kicked out of his party? Out of the House? Locked away somewhere to protect innocent and gullible women from his clutches? That is, if the allegations are true.

I know that there are libel laws in Belize, but if you are a public figure, you shouldn't be able to stifle the press, the media, from exposing your disgusting and degrading behavior. So I have to instead talk about the alleged charges, the alleged hammer, the alleged 3 strikes that should guarantee a lengthy sentence for the allegedly continuous assault on women. It's like we live in bizarro world, and we should not believe our lying eyes. Man! Dis dah craziness! I don't want my friend to be right. He said that he'll get away with it, and although I don't think so, he just might.

What does that say to the women of Belize? To the young girls watching this salacious, uncomfortable drama play out, live? Will they have to accept the fact that they could be abused and misused without protection from the government or courts, that they're on their own? That if you are in a position of power you can delay your just punishment? That you can be gaslit into submission, believing that the abuse you suffered wasn't real, it was just a figment of your imagination? And that hammer? Allegedly!

For a person to have the title honorable before their name, it is a very special honor, well, it used to be. Not anymore! Like the saying goes, “you can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig!”

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Letters to the Editor

One side telling

Dear *Amandala*,

We have been following the conflict between the Maya communities of Toledo and the Government of Belize for a long time. Because of our many years of work in the area, we have served as expert witnesses in cases brought before the Supreme Court of Belize concerning Maya lands.

We write to clarify a few points concerning the history of the case and the organizations that have been involved.

The central point of the CCJ Consent Order is that the Government and third parties must recognize the rights of Maya communities to make their own decisions regarding how they use their water, forests, wildlife, and other resources. As it states:

The [CCJ] accepts the undertaking of the Government to, in consultation with the Maya people or their representatives, develop the legislative, administrative and/or other measures necessary to create an effective mechanism to identify and protect the property and other rights arising from Maya customary land tenure, in accordance with Maya

customary laws and land tenure practices.

So who are the ‘representatives’ of the Maya people?

Over the past twenty-two years, two organizations have pursued the legal case on behalf of the land rights of Toledo villages: the Maya Leaders Alliance (MLA) and the Toledo Alcaldes Association (TAA). The TAA, which coordinates the work of the alcaldes, is also a signatory to the April 2015 CCJ Consent Order.

Recently, the names of several other organizations have been mentioned in discussions surrounding land rights, but how have they been involved in this long legal process? The Toledo Maya Cultural Council (TMCC) was involved along with the TAA at the beginning of the cases in the 1990s. But the TMCC fell apart in around 2000 and has been inactive ever since (until it was recently revived, apparently to oppose the MLA and the TAA). The Kekchi Council of Belize was also active in the 1990s, but has not been heard from in a long time. SATIIM was for a time

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Wesley College

The Board of Management of Wesley College invites applications from highly motivated and dedicated individuals with good communication and interpersonal skills to fill the following vacancies.

- **1 Business/Spanish Teacher – Part Time (March – June)**
- **1 Social Science Teacher – Part Time (April – June)**

Applicants must be organized, creative, punctual and positive, self-motivated, a good team member, excellent role model, willing to work as a homeroom teacher, willing to work after school hours and participate in co-curricular activities. He/she must be familiar with the subject content and the CSEC syllabus, be able to teach on line, willing to collaborate and work in a Methodist environment. The ability to teach a second subject would be an asset.

Qualifications:

Teaching Preferred: Bachelor Degree in Subject area and must possess a valid Secondary License to Teach. Teaching experience would be an asset.

Remuneration: In accordance with the Government of Belize pay scale

Application Deadline: 17th February, 2022

A letter of application, along with a resume, original transcripts, two (2) letters of reference – one from current employer a valid Police Record, Certified copy of Degree/Diploma, Social Security Card, Medical Certificate, proof of Covid-19 vaccine and Certified Copy of Marriage/Divorce Certificate (where applicable) must be sent to:

The Secretary
Wesley College Board of Management
34 Yarborough Road
Belize City
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Toledo Community College

Vacancies exist for the following posts at Toledo Community College.

- **1 Technical Drawing Teacher (Permanent)**
- **1 Mathematics / Geography Teacher (Permanent)**
- **1 Vice-Principal Academics (Permanent)**
- **1 English Teacher (Temporary)**

Qualifications:

For Vice Principal

- Master's Degree in Education with a Certificate in School Leadership with 3-5 years' experience. But persons with a Bachelor's Degree with a Certificate in School Leadership may also apply.

For Teachers

- Bachelor's Degree in Education in the subject area preferred, but persons with an Associate Degree in the specified area may also apply.
- Experience teaching at the CSEC level will be an asset.

Salary:

In accordance with government pay scales.

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, March 4th, 2022

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BY ORDER of the Mortgagee, Messrs. Ascendancy Belize Limited, Licensed Auctioneer, Sylvano Guerrero, is selling by way of ONLINE AUCTION via www.madisons.bz the following properties with reserved prices. Auctions are now open for bidding and will close on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 12:00pm.

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**Block 1, Parcel 157 & 158
Douglas North, Orange Walk**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #157 and #158, Douglas North, Orange Walk Belize. They are bounded on the east by a gravel street and on the west by an open land, on the north by a proposed street, and on the south by an open land, for a total area of 2494.466 sq. yds.

The subject properties are held by a Freehold Interest in the name of Erica Cabral.



**Block 1, Parcel 57/1
Buena Vista Village**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #57/1, Buena Vista Village, Corozal; comprising of a total area of 1280.44 sq. yds together with all buildings and erections thereon being a two-story building having a large open area, a bedroom, and a storeroom on the lower level, with an area of 1882 sq. ft.

The subject property is held as a Leasehold Certificate interest in the name of Florencia Pott.



Block 42, Parcel 677, Punta Gorda

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #42, Parcel #677, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo; comprising a total area of 840.00 sq. yds together with all buildings and erections thereon being a 2 storey building with a an office, meat shop not in use, 3 storage areas and a bathroom on the lower level. The upper level has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, living, dining, kitchen and 3 porches, with an area of 1444 sq. ft. A 561 sq. ft. shed is also attached to the building.

The subject property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Lincoln Pascascio Sr.



**Block 42, Parcel 1789/1
Punta Gorda**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #42, Parcel #1789/1, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize; comprising of a total area of 555.56 sq.yds. together with all buildings and erections thereon being an incomplete building having on the lower level three bedrooms, two bathrooms, living, dining, store room, kitchen and utility room with a total area of 1,213 sq. ft.

The property is held in the Leasehold Interest in the name of Antonio Teul.



**Block 4, Parcel 2155
Orange Walk Town**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #4, Parcel #2155, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk; comprising of a total area of 522.22 sq.yds. together with all buildings and erections thereon being a single storey building with an open loft above, two bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, kitchen an open area and storeroom for a total of 902 sq. ft.

The subject property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Fernando Baeza.



**Block 1, Parcel 682,
Libertad Village**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #682, Libertad Village, Registration Section, Corozal; comprising of 5,808 sq.yds. (1.20 acres) together with all buildings and erections thereon being an incomplete two storey residence having on the ground floor two bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, kitchen, utility room, a large front porch and an enclosed area for recreation.

The subject property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Heraan Botes.



**Block 1, Parcel 552
Libertad Village**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #552, Libertad Village, Corozal; comprising of a total area of 1.2 acres together with all buildings and erections thereon being a two-story building having on the ground floor 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining, kitchen & 2 storerooms, with an area of 1383 sq. ft. The upper level is open and not in use.

The property is held as a Land Certificate interest in the name of Emilia M. Montejo.



Block 42, Parcel 793, Punta Gorda

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #42, Parcel #793, Punta Gorda, Toledo; comprising a total area of 893.33 sq. yds together with all buildings and erections thereon being a 2 storey building, having on the ground floor 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, living, dining and kitchen, and on the upper level, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, living, dining, kitchen and 2 large porches with an area of 3,728 sq. ft. and porch of 686 sq. ft.

The subject property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Aurelio Oliva.



**Block 1, Parcel 62,
Corozal Central**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #62, Corozal Central Registration Section, Corozal Town; comprising of a total area of 555.56 sq.yds. together with all buildings and erections thereon being a 2 storey reinforced concrete and blocks structure having 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen on the upper level. The lower level was a shop and is open. The building has an area of 1,267 sq. ft. The subject property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Albertico Gongora.



**Block 4, Parcel 948
Orange Walk Town**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #4, Parcel #948, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk; comprising a total area of 738.76 sq.yds. together with all buildings and erections thereon being 2 buildings, both having reinforced concrete foundation, ground floor, beams and columns with the first having a floor area of 800 sq. ft, and the second 450 sq. ft.

The subject property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Narciso Ramirez.

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BY ORDER of the Mortgagee, Messrs. Ascendancy Belize Limited, Licensed Auctioneer, Sylvano Guerrero, is selling by way of ONLINE AUCTION via www.madisons.bz the following properties with reserved prices. Auctions are now open for bidding and will close on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 12:00pm.

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**Block 1, Parcel 134
San Pablo/San Jose, Orange Walk**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #134 San Jose/San Pablo Registration Section, San Pablo Village, Orange Walk District; comprising of a total area of 4,195.7 square meters together with all buildings and erections thereon being a concrete bungalow residence with 2 bedrooms, a small living room area and a kitchen with dimensions of 18 ft by 24 ft and a front porch of 5 ft by 24 ft.

The property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Alfredo Samuel Cabrera and Josue



**Block 42, Parcel 1925
Punta Gorda, Toledo**

All that piece or parcel land being Block #42, Parcel #1925, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize comprising of a total area of 566.67 sq.yds together with all erections thereon being a bungalow residence rectangular in shape, flat and at street level with 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen with an area of 737 sq. ft.

The property is held in the Leasehold Interest in the name of Roland Tun.



**Block 1, Parcel 156
Concepcion Village**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #156, Concepcion Village, Corozal District, Belize. The property is located some 7 miles from Corozal Town and some 300 yds from the Phillip Goldson Highway. It is bounded on the north-west by a residence, on the east by a residence, on the south by a gravel road and on the west by a vacant lot for a total area of 1,149.6 sq.yds.

The subject property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Jose Pech.



**Block 1, Parcel 244
San Pablo/San Jose, Orange Walk**

All that piece or parcel of land being Block #1, Parcel #224, San Jose/San Pablo Registration Section, San Pablo Village, Orange Walk District; comprising a total area of 1635.8 square meters together with all buildings and erections thereon being a concrete bungalow residence with 4 bedrooms, a shared bathroom, kitchen, dining room, and living room with external dimensions of approximately 22 ft by 47 ft inclusive of an enclosed front porch of 9 ft by 10 ft and a back verandah of 7 ft by 12 ft.

The property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Alfredo Samuel Cabrera and Josue Cabrera.

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of **Junior Customer Administrative Officer – Main Office**

Duties and Responsibilities

- Review daily compliance status on all policies processed daily by Branches, Agents and Brokers
- Follow up with Branches/Agents/Brokers to update non-compliant entities in a timely manner.
- Assist Branches/Agents/Brokers with challenging customers who have pending items to gather and update the entities in MIS.
- Collaborate monthly with Compliance Department to ensure that all compliance queries are responded to in a timely manner.
- Assist Branches/Agents/Brokers with any compliance queries as it relates to the Company's Compliance policy.
- Attend to queries forwarded by Department Managers and ensure it is resolved efficiently.
- Provide basic marketing of Atlantic Insurance Products to prospects and to customers/prospects who are contacted via the telephone/visits.
- Projects may be assigned by the Department Manager and General Manager as necessary in any area of company's business. Deadlines must be adhered to.
- Other responsibilities may be added by Department Manager and General Manager at any time. The individual must be flexible and use the above responsibilities as a guide and not as limitations to skills or duties. The individual should use his/her initiative when there is a need to work late or on weekends.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

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

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

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2022

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

TWO RECENT LETTERS OF REFERENCE ONE FROM PAST EMPLOYER AND A VALID POLICE RECORD AND PASSPORT SIZE PICTURE
SEND APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

our website at: <https://aicbelize.com/employment-application>

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

We thank you for your application.

ATLANTIC INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of **Customer Service Representative IV – Belize City**

Duties and Responsibilities

- Attending to walk-in-customers and or prospective customers (prospect) and also attend to customer/prospects via telephone.
- Prepare all necessary insurance documents as required.
- Assist customers and prospects via telephone in order to close sale and create referral base for future business.
- Develop prospect listing using the questionnaire form completed by our customers.
- Prepare Daily Remission Report as per deadline if the need arises.
- Attend to queries forwarded by Department Managers and ensure it is resolved efficiently.
- Provide basic marketing of Atlantic Insurance Products to customers/prospects who visit the office and to customers/prospects who are contacted via the telephone/visits.
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Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the position of **CLAIMS ASSISTANT MANAGER**.

Duties and Responsibilities

DAILY

Claims:

1. To manage the team of Claim Handlers (Claims Officer, Claims Analyst, Senior Claims Officer, and Claims Inspector)
2. To manage and report on the team of Claim Handlers performance monthly
3. To communicate and interact effectively with people at all levels
4. To ensure compliance is adhered to policy and procedure for claims and compliance guidelines
5. To ensure client satisfaction monthly
6. To support staff moral for the department
7. To manage internal and external relationships effectively
8. To support and maintains quality standards that drive client delight and cost efficiency, this means, delivering first time right service excellence
9. To continually review and measure team activities against targets, standards and service level
10. Lead and motivate staff
11. Continually support and maintain quality standards in respect of accurate claims management; this means delivering claims accurately and timely for approval and payment
12. Deliver results and meet customer expectations
13. Oversea and maintain up to date internal process as it relates to the processing of claims.
14. Ensure that a good follow-up system in place for all claim handlers
15. Provides support in the settlement of claims for the different lines of insurance where required
16. Prepares letters for Magistrate Court, medical institution, other as requested by Claims Manager
17. Prepares meetings and trainings as directed by the Claims Manager

WEEKLY REPORTS:

1. Responsible for weekly notification to Re-insurance Departments once a claim requires such a notification
2. Responsible for weekly reports on Total claims paid
3. Responsible for weekly reserve report

MONTHLY REPORTS:

1. Prepares the Recovery/Salvage Report on the 2nd business day in the following month
2. Prepares the Stolen Vehicle Report on the 2nd business day in the following month
3. Prepares the Subrogation Report on the 2nd business day in the following month
4. Prepares Reinsurance Report on the 3rd business day in the following month
5. Prepares Loss record Report on the 4th business day in the following month (Required for Reinsurance purposes)

SUPERVISION:

1. Assist the Claims Manager with the supervision of department staff
2. Follow-up always that the department and branch offices are following policies and procedures for claims
3. Approves time sheets for junior staff as requested by Claims Manager

Work Experience & Qualifications

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

- Minimum - Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or related field with at a minimum of two years proven working experience in a supervisor role.
- Excellent knowledge of management methods and techniques, legal requirements and procedures
- Experience in providing customer service and support.
- Highly analytical with strong attention to detail, Strong work ethic
- Can demonstrate familiarity with principles in Sales, customer service software, databases and tools, trends, and technology.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Brilliant oral and written communication skills
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Qualifications

Minimum qualification required is an Associate Degree in the subject to be taught, however, a Bachelor's degree is preferred.

Salary

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Application Package:

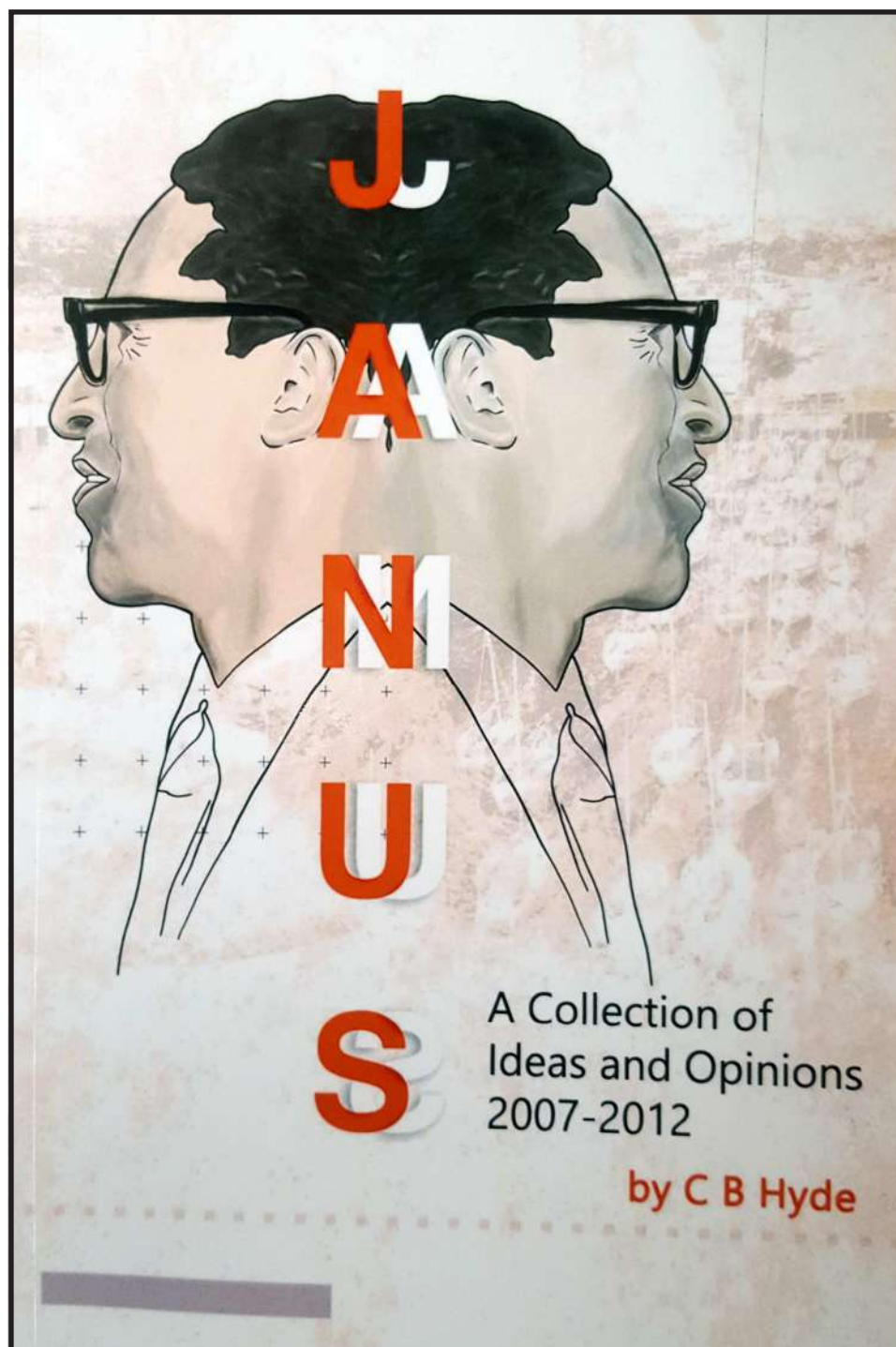
Submit letters of application along with resume, certified copies of certificates, diplomas / degrees and **valid teachers' license**.

All applications should be submitted by February 18, 2022 to info@acc.edu.bz or delivered to:

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Belize Zoo resumes night tours

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Feb. 8, 2022

For over fifteen years, The Belize Zoo has been offering night-time tours for tourists; however, following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the drastic reduction in the number of tourists entering the country, the Belize Zoo has embarked on an effort to market its night-time tours to Belizeans. According to the Belize Zoo's Director, Celso Poot, the objective of the tour is to showcase the nocturnal animals living at the zoo to its visitors.

"What happened is that a lot of the animals in the tropics are very nocturnal, so they're active at night, and when you come to the zoo during the day, you tend to NOT see these animals, and if you see them, they appear to be sleeping or hiding from you, which is the natural setting for

the zoo, so you have to look for the animals. We've been doing night tours for some years now, fifteen/twenty years, but mostly to the tourists and the guests staying at the zoo and the Tropical Educational Center, and when the pandemic hit us, we decided to reduce the rates and open it for Belizeans so that we can provide food for the animals. It was a hit with Belizeans, so people come to the zoo [to] spend the night for birthdays, people come to the zoo [to] spend the night for different activities. When you do the zoo at night, you don't see the animals that you would see during the day, because we focus only on the nocturnal critters," Poot explained.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many precautionary measures are in place to prevent the spread of the virus at the zoo. The facility is Gold Standard Certified by

the Belize Tourism Board and does private tours for a maximum of ten persons.

"We are Gold Standard Certified, both the Zoo and the Tropical Education Center, so both facilities are Gold Standard Certified by the Belize Tourism Board, so we have all the protocols that the big hotels they have in place; we have all those protocols in place at our site as well. What we normally do is that we advise families to do private tours so you can bring your household; up to ten people can do one tour in a group. Families of four come and they just want to their family in the tour and we can do up to four tours for the night is the maximum we can do, and so we never had to turn anybody back because we plan it where there won't be a lot of interaction with people outside your group," noted Poot.

One of the plans that The Belize Zoo has in place is to transform the landscape of the current establishment so that the animals are in an environment similar to the natural habitat in which they would have otherwise lived and also to facilitate genetic diversity.

"The reason why corridors are so important is that they create space for movement so that we have genetic diversity. The animals need to move across the landscape so that they find partners so that their genes can flow. As Belize develops, you find what we call a lot of 'forest fragments', some little pocket of forest all over the place. You have animals living in these forest fragments. So what the zoo is doing, the zoo is protecting some of these lands along with other partners we have developed to what has called the 'Maya Forest Corridor'", said Poot.

He further explained, "The Maya Forest Corridor is protecting lands to ensure that connectivity between the forest in the north part of the country and the forest in the southern part of the country, so we're connecting those big contiguous pieces of land through the Maya Forest Corridor, and the zoo is a big part of that. This land that we managed, we have animals like the Tapir, white-lipped peccary, we have jaguars, pumas, we have the endangered yellow-headed parrot and that is what we are doing. We are moving away from that zoo setting to a now more wildlife natural setting similar to a safari."

The animals at the Zoo are either donated; found injured, abandoned, or orphaned, and brought in for rehabilitation; or born at the Zoo. It is home to approximately 175 native animals and receives an average of 86,000 visitors annually.



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Our Reference: RC/001/22

Notice to General Public

Date: 3 Feb 22

Dear Sir/Madam

Prior warning is to be given to the general public for training exercise taking place, by the British Army, in the following Training Areas:

- 1963 Line
- Chiquibul

The training will take place during the period 08 Feb 22 – 12 Mar 22 with Live ammunition being used, along with military vehicles.

- Note LIVE Firing will be conducted at 1963 Line Training Estate – Sun 20 Feb until Tues 8 Mar Nov 22.**

The general public should avoid the areas listed above and be aware of the presence of high numbers of British soldiers on the ground carrying weapons. At times loud explosions may be heard along with gunfire, this is normal in respect to the training being conducted.

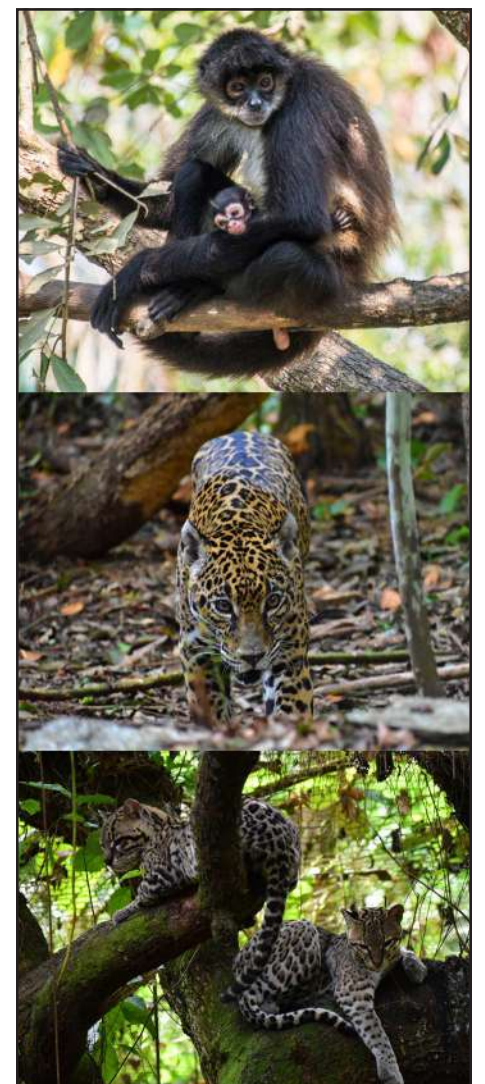
Should any member of the general public wish to enter the areas listed above they are to be advised all roads are safe unless marked with a red lamp at night or a red flag during the day light hours. British troops will also operate checkpoints along the roads entering danger areas and can give advice to areas of training activity.

All enquires relating to British Forces training in Belize should be directed to RANGE CONTROL, BATSUB on 225 2209.

Your continued support to BATSUB is vital to the British Army and its success in operations around the world.

Yours faithfully

D Hannan
Maj
Training Safety Officer
for Commander BATSUB



On Putin's Fate

by MARIE-THERESE
BELISLE NWEKE

I carefully scrutinised Putin when Macron met him recently in Moscow on his doomed-to-failure visit. For the first time, I noted Putin's puffed and bloated face, the hitherto hidden strands of white hair. I came to the conclusion that his time to go is near. He may go to bed one night and never wake up again.

This assault on a fractured NATO, a divided and weak Europe, and his total ignoring of chaotic Britain, led by a fascist clown and a chancer, represents Putin's last hurrah, which is to leave as his legacy a kind of restoration of what the once powerful Soviet Union represented. And, his gateway to this is Ukraine.

But each time I think of Putin now, for some unnamed reason, this poem by Byron which harks back to my "A" Level years at Wesley College, when almost 60 years ago, Colville Young taught Literature in English to the combined "A" Level classes of Wesley, St. Michael's and St. Hilda's colleges, asserts itself in my mind's eye.

"The Destruction of Sennacherib"

BY LORD BYRON (GEORGE GORDON)

The Assyrian came down like the wolf on the fold,

And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold;

And the sheen of their spears was like stars on the sea,

When the blue wave rolls nightly on deep Galilee.

Like the leaves of the forest when Summer is green,

That host with their banners at sunset were seen:

Like the leaves of the forest when Autumn hath blown,

That host on the morrow lay withered and strown.

For the Angel of Death spread his wings on the blast,

And breathed in the face of the foe as he passed;

And the eyes of the sleepers waxed deadly and chill,

And their hearts but once heaved, and for ever grew still!

And there lay the steed with his nostril all wide,

But through it there rolled not the breath of his pride;

And the foam of his gasping lay white on the turf,

And cold as the spray of the rock-beating surf.

And there lay the rider distorted and pale,

With the dew on his brow, and the rust on his mail:

And the tents were all silent, the banners alone,

The lances unlifted, the trumpet unblown.

And the widows of Ashur are loud in their wail,

And the idols are broke in the temple of Baal;

And the might of the Gentile, unsmote by the sword,

Hath melted like snow in the glance of the Lord!



BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND TENDER NOTICE

Country: Belize Project: Caribbean Development Bank Loan No: 25/SFR-OR-BZE Project ID: 1509/8/E1
Contract Number: E/SL3-01/2022 National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Deadline: **March 14, 2022**

1. The Government of Belize has received funding through the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of Eligible Sub-projects and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for **Completion of the Corazon Creek Technical High School Building, Corazon Creek Village, Toledo District, Belize.**

2. The Social Investment Fund, a Statutory Corporation, established under the Social Investment Fund Act No. 3 of 1996 and located at Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District, hereby invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the construction of the following:

The contract proposes to:

The contract proposes to complete the construction of an incomplete single storey reinforced concrete structure measuring 164'-11" long by 42'-2" wide complete with a proposed four (4) classrooms, office spaces, two (2) male and female students' bathrooms, two (2) male and female teachers' lavatories, storage spaces, and an access ramp to accommodate users with disabilities.

Works shall include but not be limited to the following activities: construction of a reinforced concrete floor slab; construction of masonry walls; construction of reinforced concrete columns and beams; construction of a reinforced concrete roof; application of concrete rendering; construction of ceilings; installation of windows and doors; installation of electrical, plumbing, water supply and wastewater systems; application of surface finishes; and the undertaking of landscaping activities. Adherence to the contract's environmental and safety protocols during construction is of paramount importance.

3. **Final (Project Site) Destination as specified in BDS:** Corazon Creek Village, Toledo District, Belize

4. Social Investment Fund now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction works in the aforementioned areas.

5. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the CDB's Guidelines for Procurement (January 2006), and are open to all countries eligible for procurement under European Investment Bank funded projects which includes CDB member countries.

6. Qualification requirements include (a) The bidder shall furnish unaudited or audited financial statements (balance sheets with corresponding notes, income statement, and statements of cash flow) of the firm for years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 to demonstrate the current soundness of the bidder's financial position (b) Bidders should have general experience under contracts in the role of contractor, JV member, subcontractor, or management contractor for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 with activity of at least five (5) months in each year starting 1st January, 2017 (c) Bidders should have specific experience as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor, or subcontractor, between 1st January 2010 and the bid submission deadline and should have less than or equal to four (4) contracts, each of a minimum value of BZ\$175,000.00, but with a total value of all contracts equal or more than BZ\$700,000.00 (d) demonstrate cash flow requirement: capacity to have a cash flow amount of BZ\$150,000.00 of which not more than BZ\$75,000.00 can be credit for materials (e) an average annual turnover of BZ\$700,000.00 (e) other provided in the respective Bid Documents.

7. A secured "sample" electronic Bid document can be shared with interested Bidders at the address below, starting **February 14, 2022**, on week days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for viewing purpose only (has a time restriction for viewing). A complete set of Bidding documents (hard-copy or electronic version) can be purchased by interested bidder upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **BZ\$150.00**. Requests may be made by personal application or in writing to the address below. Written applications must be clearly marked: **"Completion of the Corazon Creek Technical High School Building, Corazon Creek Village, Toledo District, Belize"**. The method of payment will be by cash deposited to, or Bank transfer to BSIF's Bank Account only. Banking details can be requested at the address below. Cash payment will not be accepted at the BSIF Office.

8. **Deadline** for bids is **at or before 10:00 a.m., March 14, 2022** at the address below. **Bids will be opened virtually at 10:15 a.m., March 14, 2022** at the Social Investment Fund, 3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to participate. The link is <https://bit.ly/31ACuQU>. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids **will be rejected**. All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of BZ\$ 8,000.00 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency or Bank Guarantee. The bid validity period is 90 days.

9. A Virtual Pre-bid meeting with interested eligible bidders will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022. The link is <https://bit.ly/31ACuQU>. Bidders can participate in the meeting to address any queries about the bidding document or the scope of works. Persons who purchase packages are urged to attend.

10. The address referred to above is:

Contact: Ms. Ruby Pascascio
Senior Procurement Officer Social Investment Fund
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Belize to benefit from £500 million Blue Planet Fund

The UK's £500 million fund is helping developing nations tackle issues such as marine pollution, biodiversity, and sustainability through programs like the OCPP.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Wed. Feb. 9, 2022

Belize is set to be the first Caribbean nation to benefit from the United Kingdom's £500 million Blue Planet Fund after an announcement that the first £16.2 million of the fund would go to five programs dedicated to tackling climate change, restoring ocean health, and reducing poverty. One of those five programs is the Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCPP), through which the UK has been partnering with countries to deal with issues related to biodiversity, pollution, and sustainable seafood. In Belize, the UK will be partnering, through the OCPP, with entities such as the Fisheries Department, Coastal Zone Management Institute & Authority, and the Department of the Environment, as well as stakeholders in the public and private sectors, to exchange science, research, and development expertise.

The UK government began formal discussions with the Government of Belize on implementing the OCPP in the country in August 2021, and now the Deputy Director for International Marine Environment of

the UK's Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (Defra), James Smith, is leading a delegation on a visit to Belize to launch the program. The delegation, visiting from February 6 to 11, includes members of the UK's Centre for Environment, Fisheries, and Aquacultures (Cefas) and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) and is being facilitated by the British High Commissioner, Her Excellency Claire Evans OBE.

"We recognise Belize's commitment to environmental management, marine conservation, biodiversity protection, and tackling climate change, and hope that UK's partnership through the OCPP will continue to support Belize's world-leading actions in these areas," stated the British High Commissioner in a press release.

According to the British High Commission in Belmopan, the UK delegation will be meeting with Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño and Governor-General HE Froyla Tzalam, as well as several Cabinet ministers, including Hon. Andre Perez, Minister of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation; Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of



Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management; and Hon. Jose Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise.

Hon. Andre Perez, Minister of the Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, expressed his gratitude to the UK government for the OCPP project initiative last year, stating "Belize's blue assets have been central to its development and quality of life of its people. The support of the UK government represents a strategic partnership contributing to our economic recovery through the effective management of our biodiversity, which underpins blue economic development."

The £500 million Blue Planet Fund (BPF) was launched in June

2021 and is managed by the UK's Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) and the Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO).

During an interview with Beverly Wade, Director of Blue Bond and Project Finance for Permanence Unit, she shared, "This program will build on activity and initiatives that were already happening in Belize, in particular, looking at marine pollutions, plastics, it will also look at effective managed of marine protected areas, strengthening science for protected areas but also for biodiversity management and also looking at aquaculture- how we now look at responsible aquaculture but also looking at the potential for aquaculture development in Belize."



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Office of the President

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 - a. Have knowledge and skills in the following:
 - i. Javascript
 - ii. Git
 - iii. NodeJS
 - iv. ReactJS
 - v. Typescript
 - vi. Hasura
 - vii. GraphQL
2. One Temporary Belizean Studies teacher (February - April 2022)
3. Two Temporary English Teachers (April - June, 2022)
4. One Temporary Physics Teacher (April - June 2022)
5. One Temporary EDPM Teacher (April - June 2022)

Applicants must have a B.Sc. in the teaching subject area with a Diploma in Education, or B.Ed. in the teaching subject area, or experience having taught or teaching the subject will be an asset.

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

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

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

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

Deadline for Application: February 25th, 2022



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Vacancies

Saint Catherine Academy, a Catholic all-girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy is seeking qualified and dedicated professionals to join its dynamic team of educators. Opportunity for employment exists in the following areas:

Post: Permanent Faculty:

- Biology/ Integrated Science/General Science Teacher

Duties:

The successful applicants will be familiar with and committed to the mission of St. Catherine Academy and the values of Mercy Secondary Education.

Responsibilities include teaching, homeroom duties, participation in school activities, fundraising, and extracurricular service to the school.

Minimum Qualifications:

Candidates with a Bachelor's degree and teaching experience are especially encouraged to apply. Must possess a valid teacher's license.

Application package must include application letter along with copies of relevant transcripts, 2 letters of references, and valid teaching license.

Post: Support Staff

- Groundskeeper/ Maintenance Personnel

Required Skills: Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing and Masonry

Applicant must be willing to work flexible hours and on weekends if necessary

Possession of a valid driver's license would be an asset

Application package must include application letter, 2 character references, and a valid police record.

Remuneration: In accordance with the Government of Belize Pay scale.

Deadline: The deadline for applications is February 18, 2022. Packages may be addressed to

The Principal
Saint Catherine Academy
6 Hudson Street
Belize City, Belize
or
Email: administration@sca.edu.bz

A MERCY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION

Education: an essential tool for agriculture in the 21st century

by Manuel Otero
IICA Director General

Education is an essential public good. Without high quality, inclusive and equitable training, countries will not succeed in breaking the cycle of poverty that is leaving millions of children, youth and adults behind.

This reality acquires even greater importance, given the impact of the COVID-19 crisis. Countries will need to rehabilitate their economies and to overcome the severe consequences of the pandemic. Education is key to this process.

Agriculture, rural territories and their integration with urban centers stand to play a critical role in this agenda. Realizing the potential of rural areas will call for innovation and technology to trigger virtuous cycles of economic growth, job creation and the bridging of social divides.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, agriculture is a central activity and one of the few sectors that remained active after the outbreak of COVID-19. In the coming years, the sector will take another qualitative leap, incorporating the benefits of digitalization and other technological advancements.

This change will be inevitable and will necessitate the development of new capacities, because agricultural digitalization can assist in increasing the supply and quality of food, even while maintaining a harmonious relationship with the environment.

In tandem with these processes, the rural population and upcoming generations will need access to proper education, which will enable agroindustrial transformative processes to capitalize on the benefits of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Technology in and of itself will not drive these changes, but rather human talent and duly empowered organizations. Therefore, once rural activity implements the digitalization agenda, we must then take steps to ensure that education enables the rural population to assume a leading role.

In recent years, in a joint effort,

international organizations, such as the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), in collaboration with private sector allies, such as Microsoft, have issued a warning regarding the urgency of addressing the problems of rural connectivity and digital skills development.

In the Latin American and Caribbean region, there is a 34 percentage point gap between connectivity access in urban and rural areas. Digital skills development among rural dwellers is also limited, with only 17.1% of the population having acquired specific digital skills.

Furthermore, in Latin America, only 33% of schools have access to adequate broadband or internet speed. In rural areas, in eight of 10 countries, less than 15% of schools have sufficient broadband access or internet speed.

Education has been particularly hard hit by the pandemic, with the closure of schools and abandonment of schooling. According to UNESCO, 3.1 million youth and children in the region have fallen out of the education system. This scenario points to the challenges facing a rural education agenda.

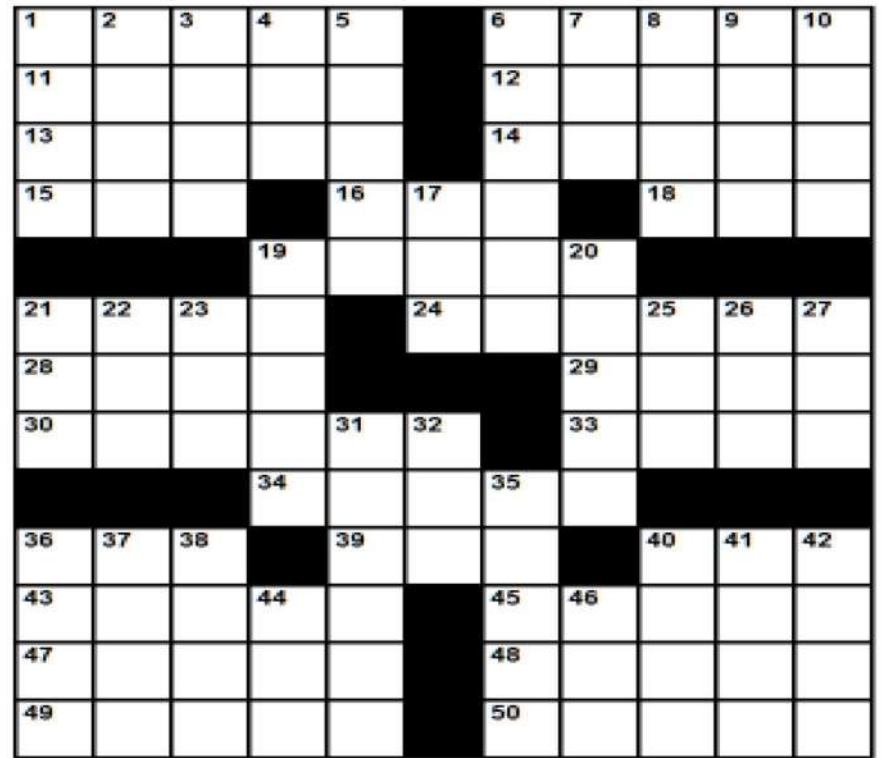
It is therefore a matter of priority to align actions with future demands and to drive the development of agro-technical education, by modernizing rural educational institutions to prepare qualified resources among rural youth, fostering rural retention, linkages with the production sector and the integrated and inclusive development of rural areas and their people.

We must prepare leaders to transform our agrifood systems. Thus, providing better opportunities through first-class education in agro-technical schools should be prioritized.

This is the path to laying the foundation of a new rurality: better education, full connectivity and a population that is equipped to make intensive and intelligent use of new technology, thereby transforming rural areas into zones of opportunity and engines of economic development.



Daily Crossword Puzzle for February 10, 2022



- Across**
- 1. Ballet company
 - 6. Hopeless case
 - 11. Bear patiently
 - 12. Cockamamie
 - 13. Mideastern nation
 - 14. Arrive
 - 15. Dull and bovine
 - 16. Craft of sci-fi
 - 18. Anomalous
 - 19. Biblical hymn
 - 21. Aquatic plant
 - 24. Col. Sanders sported one
 - 28. Affirmative votes
 - 29. Feel sure of
 - 30. Fourscore
 - 33. Consistent
 - 34. Overflowing
 - 36. Arena shout
 - 39. Bratty kid
 - 40. Apply gently
 - 43. Arctic, for one
 - 45. Ferric
 - 47. Some or any finish
 - 48. Barbershop need
 - 49. Lofty nest, var.
 - 50. Correct, in a way
- Down**
- 1. A final blow
 - 2. Wild mountain goat
 - 3. Frosted
 - 4. Adorer's poetry
 - 5. Goddess of love
 - 6. Ladies man
 - 7. Unity
 - 8. Alliance since 1949
 - 9. Camelot lady
 - 10. Disrupt
 - 17. Exhaust, as strength
 - 19. High ranking Ottoman
 - 20. Low ground
 - 21. A vote
 - 22. Luau wear
 - 23. Bit of humor
 - 25. 1773 jetsam
 - 26. Blighted tree
 - 27. Appreciation for beauty
 - 31. Slight pain
 - 32. Candied item
 - 35. Belfry site
 - 36. Mechanical repetition
 - 37. Like a bad back
 - 38. Estate recipient
 - 40. Catch 40 winks
 - 41. Auth. unknown
 - 42. Antarctic explorer
 - 44. Cuckoo
 - 46. Aries animal

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 - 02-02-2022 - Answers



One side telling

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a very effective conservation organization, and worked with several villages at the time, but it has never been directly involved in the court cases. Only the TAA and MLA brought the case before the CCJ.

Recently the Government released an FPIC protocol without the consent of the TAA and MLA. This action was plainly contrary to the Consent Order. What has been needed all along is a

good-faith negotiation, not just one side telling the other what the rules will be and then pretending that a mutual agreement has been created.

Sincerely,
Richard Wilk
Professor, Anthropology, Indiana University

Joel Wainwright
Professor, Geography, Indiana University

PUBLICAUCTIONS SALES: PROPERTIES & VEHICLES

Countrywide

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the below described properties and vehicles. Sale currently running and will expire on Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at the times listed on the website:

N.B. Properties and vehicles will remain on sale on this website on a bi-weekly basis until conclusion.

1. 17 + Acres of developed land situate along the Punta Gorda/San Antonio Road, Toledo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being 17 acres 2 rods 14 poles of land situate on the left ascending the Punta Gorda/ San Antonio Road, Toledo District Belize. Freehold properties of Mr. Derrick D. Williams and Mr. Roy Williams.

2. Parcel No. 2871 1st subdivision south of Airstrip, west side, Placencia Road, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2871
The freehold property of Ms. Dawn Anderson & Mr. Hector Tut.		

3. Pcl. No. 2891 1st subdivision south of Airstrip, west side, Placencia Road, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2891
The freehold property of Mr. Sidney Lopez & Ms. Valarie Godoy.		

4. 147.228 Acres, San Marcos Agricultural Area, Toledo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being 147.228 acres situate in the San Marcos Agricultural Area, Toledo District. Freehold properties of Mr. Marcial Mess.

5. Parcel No. 2911 Cedar Street, Santiago Juan Layout, San Ignacio, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Ignacio North	23	2911
The freehold property of Ms. Adelita Zaiden.		

6. Parcel No. 788 "Little Orange Walk" formerly Melhado Estate, Mount Pleasant, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Mount Pleasant	20	788
The freehold property of Mr. Leopold Suarez.		

7. Parcel No. 418 Corner 3rd Avenue & 5th Street North, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal Central	4	418
The freehold property of Mrs. Guadalupe & Mr. Edmund Longworth.		

8. Parcel No. 461 George Price Highway, Unitedville, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall	24	461
The freehold property of Mr. Ulric L. Willoughby.		

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



Lot No. 59A, comprising 696.567 square metres situate in Pomona Village Extension, Stann Creek District, Belize. Freehold property of Mr. Thurman Williams.

10. Parcel No. 410 Seine Bight Village, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	410
The freehold property of Mr. Kent Roland Francis and Ms. Silvana Andrea Garcia.		

11. Parcel No. 2275 Seine Bight Village, Placencia Peninsula, Stann Creek District:



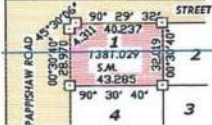
REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2275
The freehold property of Mr. Lammey Alvarez.		

12. Parcel No. 1710 Mahogany Street, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Punta Gorda	4	1710
The freehold property of Ms. Elizabeth Borland.		

13. Lot No. 1 along Pappishaw Road, Eldridgeville Village, Toledo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 1 containing 1,381.029 square meters situate along Pappishaw Road, Eldridgeville Village, Toledo District, the freehold property of Mr. Ronald Lee Baker.

14. Lot No. 2 West of Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 2 containing 841.073 square meters situate west of Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections, the freehold property of Mr. Cardinal Smith (Deceased).

15. No. 315 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	1	315
The freehold property of Mr. Augusto Angel Blanco.		

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	1523
The freehold property of Ms. Sherlette Augustine.		

17. Parcel No. 4111 Blue Bird Street, Alta Mira, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	4	4111
The freehold property of Mr. Raleigh Rivas and Ms. Olga Rivas		

18. Parcel No. 1142 Phillip Goldson Highway, San Jose Palmar, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose Palmar	4	1142
The freehold property of Ms. Marisa Perera & Mr. Carlos Perera		

19. Parcel No. 2708 Phillip Goldson Highway, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Orange Walk Town	4	2708
The freehold property of Mr. Gustavo Gongora & Ms. Rubicela Mai		

20. Parcel No. 2492 Oak Street, Halls Layout, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	1	2492
The freehold property of Mr. Yasin Shoman & Ms. Ruth Shoman		

21. Parcel No. 158 Sunset Park, 8 1/2 Miles George Price Hwy, Western Paradise, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 158 containing 1,013.39 S.M. situate at Mile 8.5 Northern Side of Hector Creek Road, Western Highway, Belize District of Belize, the freehold property of Mr. Lawrence Ellis and Mrs. Kimberly Ellis)

22. Parcel No. 2842 first subdivision south of Placencia Airstrip, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Placencia North	36	2842
The freehold property of Mr. Ajinder Singh Garcha		

23. Parcel No. 1726 Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Tower Hill	4	1726
The freehold property of Ms. Gloriceida Camara		

24. Parcels Nos. 639 & 640 San Estevan, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	1	639 & 640
The freehold property of Mr. Manuel Jesus Blanco and Mr. Augusto Blanco)		

25. Parcel No. 853 San Jose Drive, San Jose Palmar, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Jose Palmar	4	853
The freehold property of Mr. Freddy Orlando Tun		

26. Parcel No. 16/1 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	4	16/1
The leasehold property of Ms. Irma Olivera		

27. Parcel No. 244 Caledonia Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Caledonia Village	1	244
The freehold property of Messrs. Chico's Company Limited		

28. Parcels Nos. 21, 42 & 280 Libertad Registration Section, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Libertad	1	21, 42 & 280
The freehold properties of Mr. Leonard Folgarait		

29. 200.35 Acres Eastern Side Southern Lagoon, Manatee Area, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land containing 200.35 acres situate along the eastern side of Southern Lagoon and 3 1/4 miles north of Gales Point, Manatee Village, Belize District, Belize, the freehold property of Mr. Arnaldo Pena.

30. Lot No. 13 Santa Cruz Village, Stann Creek District:



All that piece of land containing 836.013 square meters being Lot No. 13 situate in Santa Cruz Village, Stann Creek District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. The freehold property of Mr. Jose O. Raudales & Ms. Rixy G. Ramirez.

31. Parcels 1682, 1683 and 1684 Linda Vista Estate, off George Price Highway, Belize City, Belize:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
St. Martin de Porres West	45	1682, 1683 & 1684
The freehold property of Mrs. Marissa Sosa & Mr. Godfrey Sosa.		

32. No. 1 Cor. Talawalla & Edwin Park Streets, Lord's Bank Village, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/Lords Bank	16	3806
The freehold property of Mr. Kevin Enriquez & Mrs. Andrea Enriquez.		

VEHICLES:

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St. John's College, Belize City, invites applications from suitably qualified persons for **two** full-time positions of:

Administrative Assistant

Responsibilities

- Answer telephone, screen, and direct calls
- Take and relay messages
- Provide information to callers
- Greet persons entering organization
- Direct persons to requested offices
- Deal with queries from the public and students/customers
- Make procedural decisions and judgments on sensitive, confidential issues
- Ensure knowledge of staff movements in and out of organization
- General administrative and clerical support
- Prepare letters and documents
- Receive and sort mail and deliveries
- Coordinate and organize meetings and special events
- Schedule appointments and arrange travel itinerary
- Maintain appointment diary either manually or electronically
- Tidy and maintain the reception area
- Any other tasks assigned

Qualifications/Requirements

- Minimum of an Associate Degree in Business Administration
- At least three years work experience
- Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures
- Knowledge of computers and relevant software applications
- Knowledge of customer service principles and practices
- Written communication skills

Remuneration: In accordance with Ministry of Education's Pay Scale

Application Deadline: 25th February 2022

Application: Application form is available at the Office of the President or at www.sjc.edu.bz.

Send or deliver completed application form along with cover letter, official sealed transcript, copy of diploma or degree, 2 recent references and copy of Social Security card to:

Human Resources
St. John's College
P.O. Box 548
Belize City, Belize C.A.
Tel: 501-223-3732/31
E-mail: hr@sjc.edu.bz



KREM Television Program Guide

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Questions or comments may be forwarded via email to
Phone: 202-5848 kremtelevision@yahoo.com

Friday February 11, 2022 to Thursday February 17, 2022

FRIDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: The Help
- 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: Is Genesis History?
- 10:44 p.m. Movie: Deadly Voyage
- 12:15 p.m. Documentary: Eleven Days
- 1:31 p.m. Movie: Homeless to Harvard
- 2:58 p.m. Movie: Homicide - Life on the Street
- 4:26 p.m. Movie: Undercover Angel
- 5:58 p.m. Documentary: Ivan Van Sertima - They Came Before Columbus
- 8:06 p.m. Music Videos

SUNDAY

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Movie: The Day After
- 2:01 p.m. Documentary: Enslavement to Emancipation
- 3:00 p.m. Movie: Redemption - The Stan Tookie Williams Story
- 4:34 p.m. Documentary: Diplomats for Sale - Al Jazeera Investigations
- 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: Just An Old Sweet Song
- 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: Harry Shaw
- 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. Movie: Keep The Faith Baby
- 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: Seeds of Death
- 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: Mahogany
- 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. Movie: Thornwell
- 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: Ras Indio
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM MANAGER/RESEARCH FELLOW - SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

In consultation with the Director, is responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of the Sustainable Landscapes program of the UB ERI; develops partnerships with policy makers, academic institutions, private sector, environmental organizations, national and international stakeholders in natural resource management; supports the Director in the strategic development of UB ERI.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Planning
 - 1.1 Develops strategic plans for the Institute in respect to Sustainable Landscapes program and projects for approval;
2. Administration
 - 2.1 Manages the Sustainable Landscapes program and projects of the UB ERI, including organizing the distribution of work and overseeing work plans;
3. Financial Management
 - 3.1 Reviews and recommends the expenditure of funds related to Sustainable Landscapes program and projects, ensuring that financial management is realistic, reduces inefficiencies and ensures all costs are within budgeted criteria;

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Minimum of three years of experience in grant proposal writing;
- Ability to think critically, to analyze problems logically and comprehensively and to identify and implement solutions;
- Ability to organize time and manage diverse activities;

JOB QUALIFICATIONS

- M.Sc. in a terrestrial ecology or biology discipline or related field;
- Minimum of three years of experience with developing and implementing scientific/research programs;

COMPENSATION

Commensurate with the level of qualification and experience.

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Please upload a cover letter, curriculum vitae, reference letters and contact information of three referees (including present or past employers and work colleagues), transcript of highest degree, copies of relevant degrees and certificates, and a valid police record.

Queries may be addressed to:
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Deadline to Apply
March 1, 2022
Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

CCCCC wins Energy Globe Award for the third time



renewable energy technology. The project, valued at US \$45.2 million, is being carried out in collaboration with the Barbados Water Authority and was funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF). It was launched in January 2019 and is set to continue until March 2024. And according to the CCCCC, it serves to benefit not only Barbados but ultimately, the Caribbean region as well.

The Caribbean

Community Climate Change Centre is an inter-governmental CARICOM institution that is located in Belmopan and provides support to the Caribbean region as it addresses the impact of climate change and climate variability.

"We are honoured to have won this award; it demonstrates the capacity and experience of the CCCCC to develop and implement, in partnership with CARICOM Member States, innovative and transformative projects that build the climate

resilience and sustainable development of our Caribbean people," stated Dr. Colin Young, Executive Director at the CCCCC.

The Energy Globe Award, established 20 years ago, has been hailed as one of the most important global energy awards for sustainability. It was created to honor some of the best and most innovative projects that address environmental challenges. The award has five categories—Earth, Fire, Water, Air, Youth, and a special category that varies from year to year. CCCCC received the award for the Water category.

According to a press release from

the organization, over 180,000 persons are set to directly benefit from the project's impact, while almost 285,000 will benefit indirectly. The project has included the installation of potable water tanks, including 1,500 personal tanks.

"In an effort to improve the water resilience of Barbados to the effects of climate change, the Government of Barbados and the CCCCC secured a grant of US\$27.6 million from the Green Climate Fund in 2015. Combined, with the co-financing from the BWA, the total project will invest over US\$45.2M to improve the water resilience of Barbados over 5 years," said the release.

by Khaila Gentle

BELMOPAN, Tues. Feb. 8, 2022

The Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) took home the Energy Globe Award for the third time ever this year for their project entitled "Water Sector Resilience Nexus for Sustainability in Barbados" (or WSRN S-Barbados), which aims to increase the supply, distribution, quality, availability, access, and utilization of water in Barbados by incorporating



Letters to the Editor

Travel insurance mandate a "negative marketing strategy"

Dear Editor,

I have read with interest your article "Travel Insurance Pushback" in your edition dated Friday, February 4, 2022.

We appreciate your assessment of Tourism Minister Mahler's remarks that *it's not all about the big guys*. This was precisely why the letter of concern was written to the Ministry of Tourism in the first place.

While the larger hotels have more financial resources to leverage the cost of mandatory insurance, the mid-range and small hotels, bed & breakfasts and hostels do not. These small-to-medium-sized properties, comprising the majority of our hotels, depend on the price-conscious

traveler to fill their rooms.

Today's tourist does their own research and price comparisons as they review global and regional vacation destinations. A traditional booking for a family of four who already bear the responsibility of preliminary and post-holiday Covid tests now requires that such a family adds an additional \$72 US to their Belize entry cost. Interestingly, our main competitor, Costa Rica, has pulled all restrictions, aside from vaccination requirements, and Mexico is restriction-free. Belize will be the only *mandated* travel insurance country in Central America.

Although we hear that the travel insurance initiative has the backing of BTIA, we question this. Certainly the 15 members who signed the concerned citizens letter do not support it. To our knowledge, there have been no membership surveys sent out by BTIA to confirm this compliance status, and so we are left scratching our heads.

The Belize Hotel Association, on the other hand, did survey their membership and supplied qualified data to the Ministry of Tourism that the membership requested more information before being able to commit.

In ending, I feel we all agree that this new insurance requirement proposed at the waning of the pandemic is peculiar at best and certainly a negative marketing strategy. With most countries deciding to segue into an endemic stance, open up economies and get people back to work, we are left to wonder — why now?

Sincerely,
Lucy Fleming
A concerned citizen

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

Position Name: Maintenance Mechanic (Generator Mechanic)
Vacancy number: Belmopan-2022-03-R
Closing date: February 25, 2022

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

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

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



MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INVESTMENT

GAMING CONTROL BOARD NOTICE

The Gaming Control Board of Belize would like to remind all gaming machine licensees that their licenses will expire on 31st March 2022. Licensees wishing to renew their licenses are asked to submit their original application forms to the Ministry of Investment, situated at No.46 Nanche Street in Belmopan on or before Monday, February 28th, 2022. Application forms are available at the Ministry.

We can be contacted via:

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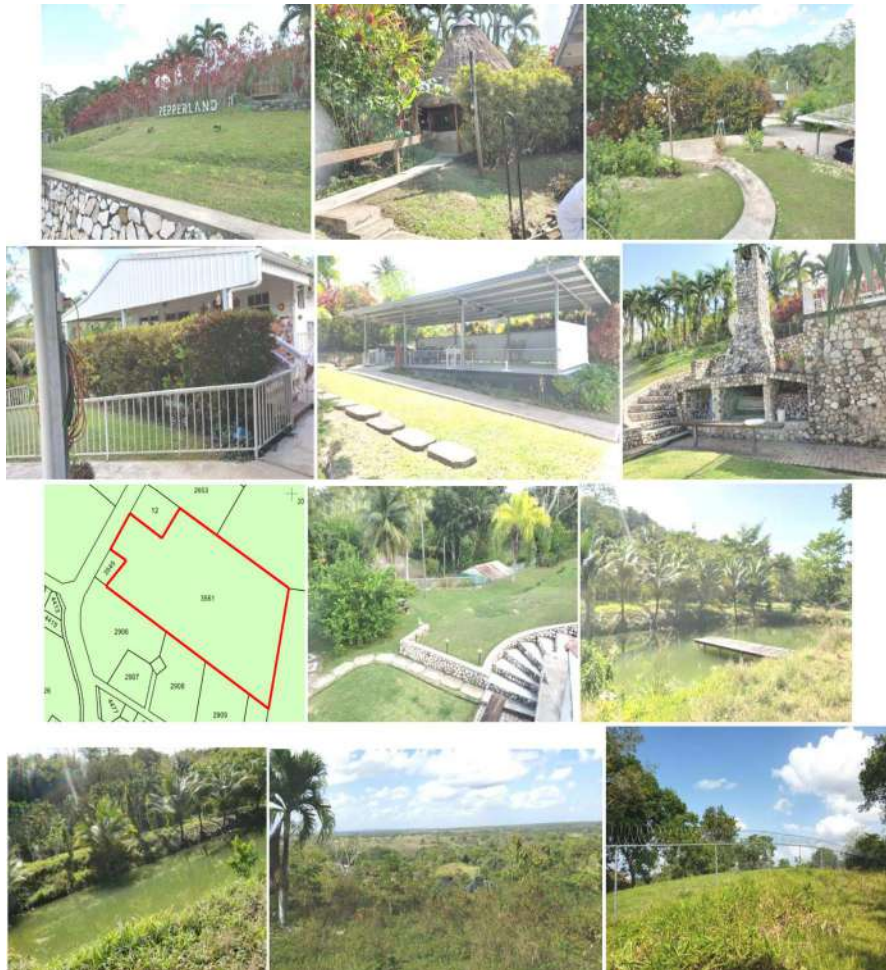
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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: SIGNATURE PROPERTY

Pepperland, Mile 60, Unitedville, Cayo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. Belize Social Security, 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 on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 10:30 am:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall	24	3561

(Being a VERY ATTRACTIVE AND UNIQUE residence, farm, leisure development: **Main Residence** - timber & zinc building with premium finishes on the interior 28 ft. x 65 ft. + extension 22 ft. x 10 ft. = 2 bedrooms + 2 bathrooms + living room + dining room + kitchen + gym [2,040 sq. ft.]; at entrance, **Concrete Building** 27 ft. x 54 ft. = apartment + bathroom + food preparation area + workshop/utility/garage [1,458 sq. ft.]; **Warehouse Building** 30 ft. x 30 ft. divided in two [900 sq. ft.]; **Semi Enclosed Building** 15 ft. x 44 ft. = entertainment area + large BBQ Pit; **Open Thatch House (Palapa)** 25 ft. diameter + perimeter concrete bench [490 sq. ft.]; **BBQ Shed** 10 ft. x 14 ft. = built in pit + bathroom [140 sq. ft.]; **Kenel**; Adjacent to residence **Two Car Garage** 20 ft. x 26 ft. all encompassing 2 acres. The main house situate beside a hill cut and dressed with stone walls + hilltop leveled with concrete slab 15 ft. x 80 ft.; An open space behind the main house has a large fire place with chimney stack + surrounding benches; All buildings are interconnected with concrete walkways beside extensive landscaping works; All roads on this property were improved with stone chippings or gravel providing all weather access; 1 acre developed as pasture and remaining portion developed as a farm with bearing fruit trees (teak, mango, citrus, breadfruit) together with adequate swim hole and road works to three (3) most beautiful hilltops with scenic views of the surrounding area. The entire 15.384 acres of land is fenced mostly with chain link. This very beautiful property situates near Mile 60 on the George Price Highway, Mount Hope, Unitedville, Cayo District, the freehold property of Mr. Howard Oldham (deceased) and Mrs. Wilana Oldham.)

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IT IS WITH HEAVY HEARTS THAT WE ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF



Stephen Godfrey Paul Reneau, Jr.
1982-2022

Please join us for the Celebration of Life To Honor the Memory and Cherish the life of **Stephen Godfrey Paul Reneau, Jr.** Beloved Father, Son, Brother, Friend

St. Mark's Church
9724 Cross Creek Blvd, Tampa Florida 33647

Monday, February 14, 2022
9:00 AM - Viewing
10:00 AM - Mass

Please wear a touch of the **color blue** to reflect the vibrant spirit that Stephen brought to our lives

Interment will follow at Myrtle Hill Memorial Park Cemetery
4202 E Lake Ave, Tampa, Florida 33610

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 the following orders were granted by the Belize Supreme Court in Claim No. 154 of 2021 on the 3rd of February 2022:

1. It is hereby declared that the registrations of the Defendant as the proprietor of Parcels 8714, 8715 and 8716, Block 7 in the San Pedro Registration Section were obtained by fraud, and the said registrations are null and void.
2. The Registrar of Lands shall 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. The Registrar of Lands shall forthwith remove the restriction now appearing on the Register.
4. The Registrar of Lands shall register the Claimant, Graham Heyes, as proprietor of Parcels 8714, 8715 and 8716, Block 7 in the San Pedro Registration Section.
5. The Defendant shall surrender forthwith the land certificates for Parcels 8714, 8715 and 8716, Block 7 in the San Pedro Registration Section to the Registrar of Lands.
6. The service of this Order shall be by a single publication in the Amandala within 2 weeks of 3rd February 2022.
7. Costs assessed in the sum of \$7,500.00 is to be paid by the Defendant to the Claimant.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT it has been ordered by the Supreme Court that service on you of the Sealed Order dated 4th February, 2022 in the said claim be effected by this advertisement.

DATED this 10th day of February, 2022.

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



Week 4 update in National Elite Youth Football

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Feb. 9, 2022

The National Elite Youth Football Championships 2022 continued this past Saturday with Week 4 games being played at various venues across the country. The tournaments are being hosted by the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) in conjunction with the National Sports Council (NSC).

Women U17 Elite Week 4 results:

At 10:00 a.m. at the Victor Sanchez Union Field in Punta Gorda, Belize Elite clipped home team Toledo Elite, 1-0, on a goal by Premilie Hope (63') [Ysaguirre stat].

Then at 12:00 noon, at the Carl Ramos Stadium in Dangriga, Khalydia Velasquez exploded for 7 goals (3', 29', 33', 48', 67', 68' & 80') to lead Stann Creek Elite to an 8-4 victory over Corozal Elite. The other Stann Creek goal was by Ceneia Apolonio (64'); while goals for Corozal Elite came from Gianina Menjivar (36') and Lineth Chan (56', 73' & 81').

CLUBS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Belmopan Elite	3	3	0	0	14	2	12	9
Stann Creek Elite	3	2	0	1	18	7	11	6
Corozal Elite	3	2	0	1	17	13	4	6
Belize Elite	3	1	0	2	5	6	-1	3
Toledo Elite	4	0	0	4	3	29	-26	0

TEAM	PLAYER	Goals
Stann Creek Elite	Khalydia Velasquez	11
Corozal Elite	Lineth Chan	9
Belmopan Elite	Marjorie Sanchez	7
Corozal Elite	Jemily Pena	4
Stann Creek Elite	Ceneia Apolonio	3
Toledo Elite	Jada White	3
Belmopan Elite	Heidy Lopez	3
Stann Creek Elite	Angie Delcid	3

Upcoming U17 Women Elite Week 5 schedule:

Saturday, February 12

10:00 a.m. – Belize Elite vs Stann Creek Elite – MCC Grounds

12:00 noon – Belmopan Elite vs Corozal Elite – Isidoro Beaton Stadium

Men's U17 Elite Week 4 results

Four games were played on Saturday, two each in Groups A & B, and there are still 2 undefeated teams in each group. (See standings below.)

At the Ambergris Stadium in San Pedro beginning at noon, (Group A) San Pedro Elite clipped Corozal Elite, 3-2, on a late goal from Josue Valle. San Pedro got a goal apiece from Shaquille Bladen (7'), Edward Reyes (42') and Josue Valle (90+'); while Corozal got a goal each from Emir Chan (45+') and Johan Basto (85').

At 2:00 p.m. at the Isidoro Beaton Stadium, Group A leaders Belmopan

Elite and Belize Elite played to a 1-1 draw. Dylan Gongora (15') put Belmopan in front, but Steven Rivera (28') equalized for Belize.

Meanwhile, at the Carl Ramos Stadium in Dangriga, (Group B) Stann Creek Elite was pulling no punches, blasting Benque Viejo Elite, 12-nil, with goals coming from Arlen Mendoza (15', 53' & 65'), Jaheim Mena (30' & 58'), Ernest Flores (37'), Harrison Roches, Jr. (60' & 71'), Aaron Estero (69' & 77'), Dorian Pabon (81') and Tyronell Castillo (86').

Also starting at 2:00 p.m., at the Victor Sanchez Union Field in Punta Gorda, (Group B) it was Mid-South Elite coming away with a 2-1 win over Toledo Elite. Mid-South got first half goals from Gerson Portillo (9') and Danta Green (19'), while Toledo's only reply was a late strike from Jalen Flores (75').

Group	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Group A								
Belize Elite	3	2	1	0	16	2	14	7
Belmopan Elite	3	2	1	0	7	2	5	7
San Pedro Elite	3	1	1	1	7	9	-2	4
Orange Walk Elite	3	0	2	1	4	14	-10	2
Corozal Elite	4	0	1	3	4	9	-5	1
Group B								
Stann Creek Elite	3	3	0	0	22	2	20	9
Mid-South Elite	3	3	0	0	10	2	8	9
Cayo Elite	3	1	0	2	8	8	0	3
Toledo Elite	3	1	0	2	2	8	-6	3
Benque Viejo Elite	4	0	0	4	1	23	-22	0

TEAM	PLAYER (Group)	Goals
Belize Elite	Keffer Perteau (A)	6
Stann Creek	Aaron Estero (B)	5
Mid South Elite	Dantay Green (B)	5
Stann Creek	Arlen Mendoza (B)	5
Belize Elite	Shemar Thomas (A)	3
Stann Creek Elite	Harrison Roches (B)	3
Orange Walk	Diego Chan (A)	3

Upcoming U17 Men Elite Week 5 schedule:

Saturday, February 12

12:00 noon – Belize Elite vs San Pedro Elite – MCC Grounds

12:00 noon – Toledo Elite vs Cayo Elite – Victor Sanchez Union Field

2:00 p.m. – Belmopan Elite vs Orange Walk Elite – Isidoro Beaton Stadium

2:00 p.m. – Mid-South Elite vs Stann Creek Elite – M.A. Independence Stadium

Women U20 Elite Week 4 results

Four games were played on Saturday, 2 each in Groups A & B, in the National Women U20 Elite tournament.

With a 10:00 a.m. kickoff at Ambergris Stadium, (Group A) it was a 1-1 draw between San Pedro Elite and Cayo Elite. After a scoreless first half, Elva Nunez (53') put San Pedro in front early in second half, but Cayo

Ahmadiyya Basketball League 2022 season Week 1 scores

Info courtesy Rodvern Lino – ABL Commissioner

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Feb. 9, 2022

The Ahmadiyya Basketball League (ABL) tipped off its 2022 season at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 6, and saw some 15 games played at the Mexico Center basketball courts at the Marion Jones Sports Complex. This is the 7th ABL season since starting in 2014, with the already commenced tournament being aborted in 2020 due to Covid-19, and none held either in 2021.

Below are the scores from Week 1 games in the different categories:

U15 - Falcons over Young Ballers, 59 – 16; Los Lagos Defenders over Conquerors, 39 – 9; and Savage Storm over Young Ballers, 51 – 5.

U18 - 501 Gators over Vipers, 43 – 39; Riverside Bombers over 501 Grizzlies, 26 – 24; Cayo Dream Ballers over We Got Game, 33 – 21; and Future Shock over All Star Ballers, 55- 25.

U22 - 501 Gators over Shiesty Ballers, 44 – 34; Young Legend Flames over Kings Park Raiders, 67 – 32; One Shot over Boom Ballers, 42 – 35; and Gorilla Cutz over Tropic Air Defenders, 30 – 28.

Open - Westland over BDF Ballers, 41 – 28; Complex Titans

equalized immediately after through Carrie Galvez (54').

At 1:00 p.m. at the Victor Sanchez Union Field in P.G., (Group A) Belize Elite came away with a 5-1 victory over Toledo Elite. Sharing the scoring for Belize were Aaliyah Herbert (35'), Shante Chacon (40', 74' & 79') and Vashtie Stephen (57'); while Toledo's lone goal was by Loraine Cal (17') [Ysaguirre stat].

At 2:00 p.m. at the Carl Ramos Stadium, (Group B) Alysha Terry (29') scored the only goal of the match, as visiting Corozal Elite took the 1-0 win over Stann Creek Elite.

And at 4:00 p.m. at the Isidoro Beaton Stadium, (Group B) it was a 0-0 stalemate between Belmopan Elite and Orange Walk Elite.

Group	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Group A								
San Pedro Elite	4	2	2	0	7	3	4	8
Orange Walk Elite	4	2	1	2	6	5	1	7
Belize Elite	4	2	0	2	10	8	2	6
Corozal Elite	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	4
Group B								
Stann Creek Elite	3	2	0	1	4	1	4	6
Belmopan Elite	3	1	2	0	4	0	4	5
Cayo Elite	4	1	2	1	7	3	4	5
Toledo Elite	4	0	0	4	3	23	-20	0

over Caye Caulker Sting Rays, 32-23; San Pedro Palapa Boys over Orange Walk Dynapros, 41 – 38; and Truckers over Chiefs, 47 – 39.

Mandatory fan restrictions

In last Friday's edition, Naveed Mangla, National President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Belize explained the tournament's Covid-19 protocol. To start with, no unvaccinated player or fan is allowed inside the building during the competition.

According to Mangla:

"We will have people that will be checking their vaccination card, and we'll also have the temperature guns to check for people who might have a fever..."

"We will be extra careful; ... we're just allowing the teams alone, 12 members, and they're allowed to bring 8 extra people in the gym. There'll be two teams playing and two waiting, so only four teams in the gym. The capacity the government allows is much more but we are doing it this way so everybody is safe, to safeguard the youth from this COVID. As soon as two teams are done playing they exit, and we allow two more to come in the gym ... so that kids are not gathering there..."

The tournament should continue this coming Sunday at the Mexico Center.

TEAM	PLAYER (Group)	Goals
Belmopan Elite	Shante Chacon (A)	6
Belize Elite	Roshany Navares (B)	4
Cayo Elite	Alliysha Bowman (B)	3
Orange Walk Elite	Kaite Jones (A)	3
Belize Elite	Aaliyah Herbert (A)	3
Corozal Elite	Alysha Terry (B)	3
Stann Creek Elite	Shendra Casimiro (B)	3

All but 2 teams will be resting this weekend, as only one U20 Women Elite match is scheduled, a Group B back match.

Upcoming U20 Women Elite Week 5 schedule:

Saturday, February 12

10:00 a.m. – (B) Belmopan Elite vs Stann Creek Elite – Isidoro Beaton Stadium

Men U20 Elite Week 4 results

Starting at 2:00 p.m. at Ambergris Stadium, (Group A) it was Corozal Elite coming away with the 3-1 win over San Pedro Elite. Corozal goals were by Jair Williams (47'), Ryan Williams (59') and Carlos Mendez (73'); while Roberto Nah (65') scored for San Pedro.

Meanwhile, at the Victor



Senegal is handing out millions in money and land to its historic soccer champions



Sadio Mané and friends are richer by a few thousand dollars

by Alexander Onukwue
West Africa correspondent

Published February 9, 2022

The mood in Senegal after its men's soccer team won the Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) for the first time on Feb. 6 has been close to ecstasy. It has spread beyond the capital city Dakar to communities in the US where Senegalese live, like Harlem in New York.

Following their victory over Egypt, Kalidou Koulibaly, Sadio Mané, and their teammates were treated to a grand welcome at home, helped by the declaration of a public holiday on the Monday after the final. But in addition to the goodwill of joyous crowds that cheered on the players as they paraded through streets on open-top buses, Senegal's president Macky Sall announced three rewards to the entire delegation

of players and staff who helped achieve the historic feat in Cameroon.

Reward validates Aliou Cisse's long-term vision

Senegal will receive \$5 million as the official prize from the Confederation of African Football (CAF) for winning the 2021 Afcon.

But Sall said "the players and other members of the official delegation will each receive a special bonus of 50 million CFA francs (\$87,412) and a 200 square meter plot of land in Dakar," according to Reuters. They will also each be referred to as Grand Officers of the National Order of the Lion, Senegal's highest honor (the national team is known as the "Teranga Lions".)

Senegal's Afcon squad was staffed with some of the best players in the world in their positions, including Edouard Mendy whom the International Federation of

Association Football (FIFA) recently crowned the best goalkeeper in the world. These players plying their trade at elite European clubs are well paid relative to Senegal's minimum wage of 36 cents an hour. Star man Mané, who became the country's joint-highest scorer of all time, earns £100,000 a week at Liverpool which is the equivalent of Sall's cash gift.

But not every member of the team earns as much as Mané, and the Senegalese president's gesture is not aimed at enriching the players anyway. Instead, it is more a recognition of perseverance shown by the team under the tutelage of Aliou Cisse, Senegal's 45-year-old head coach since 2015.

in their first World Cup later that summer and, as coach, guided the team to second place in the 2019 Afcon. As one of the continent's notable local coaches, his story was a rallying point for neutrals who wanted Senegal to finally join Africa's group of soccer champions.

Sall wants soccer in Senegal's futuristic city

In addition to cash, land, and honors to the team, a 500 square meter plot of land will be set aside to memorialize the Afcon victory in Diamniadio. It is a township outside Dakar that is being remade into a \$2 billion modern city with a sprawling rail network and industrial park as part of Sall's Emerging Senegal agenda to boost industrialization in Senegal.

While the timeline to complete Diamniadio is 2035, a 50,000-capacity multipurpose stadium that cost over \$200 million is set to be opened in the city later this month.

(AMANDALA Sports Ed. Note: February 9 (1969) is the birthday of the United Black Association for Development (UBAD), the Belizean organization that spawned this newspaper,

and the above article is a fitting inspiration for young aspiring footballers in Belize with some African ancestry to know that Africa is "prime time".)



Aliou Cisse masterminded Senegal's first Afcon triumph in Cameroon (REUTERS/PETER CZIBORRA)

Cisse was Senegal's captain in 2002 and missed the last penalty kick in the country's first Afcon final against Cameroon. He was the leader as they reached the quarter-final stage

Week 4 update in National Elite Youth Football

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Sanchez Union Field in P.G., (Group B) it was deadlocked at 1-1 until late second half, when Mid-South Elite broke the tie for a 2-1 victory over Toledo Elite. Andres Miranda (21') put Toledo in front early; but Dejmar Pop (25') equalized shortly after, and Shemar Roberts (81') got the game winner for Mid-South.

At 4:00 p.m. at the Isidoro Beaton Stadium, (Group A) two formerly undefeated teams clashed, and now only one team remains undefeated in the Men U20 Elite tournament, as Jahmani Hope (61') scored the only goal of the match, to give Belmopan Elite the 1-0 win over Belize Elite.

Meanwhile, at the Carl Ramos Stadium in Dangriga, (Group B) it was 4-0 before the home team could

respond, as Benque Viejo Elite dropped Stann Creek Elite, 4-2. Benque had registered goals from Owen Sosa (45' & 53'), Jose Bautista (49') and Jaylen Lennon (74'), before Stann Creek replied with a goal each from Leopold Vasquez (81') and Kevin Higinio (89').

National Men U20 Elite Championship 2022 Standings at Week 4, Sat., Feb. 5, 2022								
Group A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Belmopan Elite	3	3	0	0	11	0	11	9
Orange Walk Elite	3	2	0	1	9	3	6	6
Belize Elite	3	2	0	1	7	2	5	6
Corozal Elite	4	1	0	3	3	16	-13	3
San Pedro Elite	3	0	0	3	2	11	-9	0
Group B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Benque Viejo Elite	4	3	0	1	8	7	1	9
Mid-South Elite	3	2	0	1	8	5	3	6
Stann Creek Elite	3	2	0	1	6	4	2	6
Cayo Elite	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
Toledo Elite	3	0	0	3	5	7	-2	0

U20 Elite Men Leading Goal Scorers		
TEAM	PLAYER (Group)	Goals
Belmopan Elite	Wilfredo Galvez (A)	4
Orange Walk Elite	Jaheim Augustine (A)	3

Another 11 players from Groups A and B all have 2 goals apiece.

Upcoming U20 Men Elite Week 5 schedule:

Saturday, February 12

2:00 p.m. – (A) Belize Elite vs San Pedro Elite – MCC Grounds

2:00 p.m. – (B) Toledo Elite vs Cayo Elite – Victor Sanchez Union Field

4:00 p.m. – (A) Belmopan Elite vs Orange Walk Elite – FFB Stadium

4:00 p.m. – (B) Mid-South Elite vs Stann Creek Elite – M.A. Independence Stadium

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Busy football weekend at the MCC

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Feb. 10, 2022

The finals of the Belize District Football Association (BDFA) 1st Division Amateur tournament, which had semifinals this past Sunday at the MCC, have reportedly been pushed back to next week Sunday, February 20. According to our sources, Lake-I defeated Stars Academy, 2-1; and Kelly Street clipped Caesar Ridge, 3-2. So, Stars Academy will face Caesar Ridge in the 3rd place match, and Lake-I will clash with Kelly Street in the finals.

But this coming weekend will still be very busy at the MCC Grounds, where Saturday will be filled with football action all day, featuring 3

games in the FFB/NSC National Elite Youth Football Championships 2022; and fans will be treated on Sunday afternoon to an FFB Top League afternoon clash.

Weekend football schedule at the MCC:

Saturday, February 12

10:00 a.m. - (U17 Women) Belize Elite vs Stann Creek Elite

12:00 noon - (U17 Men) Belize Elite vs San Pedro Elite

2:00 p.m. - (U20 Men) Belize Elite vs San Pedro Elite

Sunday, February 13

3:00 p.m. - (FFB Top League) Caesar Ridge FC vs Altitude FC

Belize District F.A. to host regional tournament

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Feb. 10, 2022

We chanced upon the below Facebook post, forwarded by a friend:

"Belize district Football association

Yesterday at 11:15 AM

The Belize District is hosting its regional tournament tentative to start March 19th. We are going to have 4 categories: U17 Males, U17 Females, U20 Females and U20 Males. Only 5 teams per category so guys please sign up as early as TODAY!

FFB will be covering jerseys 🇧🇪

Players MUST be vaccinated and teams registered to the Fifa Connect Platform.

Kindly contact Ms. Pollard at 613-8474 or Mr. Coc at 624-5790.

1st Come, 1st Serve 🏆🏀"

(AMANDALA Sports Ed. Note: "1st Come, 1st Serve"; and "Only 5 teams per category"! This must be a FIRST in Belize; for real. But somehow, this doesn't sound like "FOOTBALL FOR ALL".)

CREDIT OFFICER

JOB SUMMARY

A Credit Officer is responsible for developing new business, evaluating and recommending approval of loan applications, as well as maintaining an existing portfolio. A Credit Officer represents the DFC in the local community through active participation in community affairs and participates in marketing the Corporation's products and services.

The duty station is in **Dangriga Town**, however, the position is transferrable to any of the Corporation's branch offices.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

1. A Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Agriculture or Agricultural Economics
2. At least three (3) years of experience in the appraisal, implementation and management of developmental loans.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND ABILITIES

1. Superior communication skills – written, verbal, and inter-personal. The incumbent must display a positive attitude and the ability to interact professionally and effectively with customers and employees at all levels.
2. Ability to interpret and analyze financial data to originate sound loans as well as to maintain a performing portfolio.
3. Proficient in MS Word, Excel and Outlook; and familiar with new channels used for mass communication.
4. Ability to focus on the details and apply critical thinking techniques.
5. Ability and willingness to travel frequently, as required. This requires the possession of a privately owned motor vehicle and valid driver's license.
6. Understanding DFC's role as a development bank and its mandate to shape Belize's economic and social landscape.
7. High ethical standards and uncompromising sense of integrity.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

1. To provide efficient and timely loan delivery services.
2. To appraise, implement and manage developmental loans in accordance with the Corporation's policies and procedures.
3. To conduct property appraisals for properties offered as loan collateral.
4. To assist applicants in developing sound business plans within DFC's guidelines.
5. Actively promote the financial services available through the Corporation.
6. Attend meetings, workshops and seminars on subject matters related to, and relevant to sectors of the economy of Belize for which DFC provides credit facilities for.

ACT NOW!

Submit your:

1. Letter of Application
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Copy of most recent qualification
4. Copy of Social Security Card
5. Three (3) Letters of References (*no older than six months*) – two of which must be professional references and
6. Police Record (no older than 6 months)

Manager

Human Resources and General Affairs

Development Finance Corporation
P. O. Box 40 | Belmopan | Belize, C.A.

RE: **APPLICATION FOR VACANCY**
(Credit Officer, Dangriga)

via e-mail to: vacancies@dfcbelize.org
followed by the original copy via mail.

DEADLINE: February 23, 2022

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Join our exciting team!



BELIZE- TOLEDO CACAO GROWERS ASSOCIATION (TCGA)**INCREASING PARTICIPATION OF THE BELIZEAN CACAO INDUSTRY IN THE COCOA-CHOCOLATE GLOBAL VALUE CHAIN****CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DESIGN, PREPARE BILL OF QUANTITIES AND FACILITATE THE SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION OF A COCOA PROCESSING FACILITY FOR THE TOLEDO CACAO GROWERS' ASSOCIATION IN BELIZE****REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The Toledo Cacao Growers Association (TCGA) has received financing from the CDB in an amount equivalent to EUR 515,727 towards the costs of "Increasing Participation of The Belizean Cacao Industry in the Cocoa-Chocolate Global Value Chain" Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of TCGA and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than TCGA shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The TCGA being the implementing agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services to "Design, Prepare Bill of Quantities and Facilitate Supervision of Construction for the Cocoa Processing Facility for the Toledo Cacao Growers' Association in Belize."

The objective of the consultancy is to provide architectural, engineering, project management services to facilitate the construction of a 3,000 square foot cacao processing facility which will be adjoined to the existing building of the TCGA in Toledo District, Belize. The TCGA requires that the design and construction of the building remain in keeping with the existing regulatory requirements of the GOBZ as well as international acceptable standards for certification of processing facilities. The duration of the assignment is expected to be implemented in 100 person-days over a period of 14 calendar months. Further details can be found in the draft Terms of Reference (TOR).

TCGA now invites interested eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
- (b) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or *bona fide* resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB¹

¹Occasionally contracts may be financed out of special programs that would further expand or restrict eligibility to a particular group of member countries. When this is the case, it should be mentioned in this paragraph.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 5.15 and 5.17 of Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (2019), setting forth CDB's policy on conflict of interest for the selection of consultants.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments.

All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 0800- and 1600-hours Monday to Friday. Three hard copies of the Expressions of Interest must be received at the first address below no later than 1400 hours (central standard time) on Wednesday March 2nd, 2022 and one electronic copy must be sent simultaneously to CDB at the second address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked "Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services to Design, Prepare Bill of Quantities and Facilitate the Supervision of Construction for A Cocoa Processing Facility."

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. TCGA reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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**CONSULTANCY NOTICE**

**Development of a Stakeholder
Engagement Plan for Environmental Impact
Assessments in Belize**

BACKGROUND

The Department of the Environment (DOE) is committed to meaningful and effective stakeholder engagement in the preparation and evaluation of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA). This will contribute to a successful project, eliminate conflicts with local communities and other stakeholders, and provide for a transparent and systematic process that is beneficial to all parties. Failing to carry out a meaningful consultation in development of the EIA report and in the evaluation process may result in timeline delays, failure of the project, and a significant cost to the community, executing agency, and beneficiaries.

Public Consultations and Hearings were carried out in-person since the inception of the EIA Regulations. However, the safeguard measures now in place to prevent, control, contain and suppress the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19 has required that the DOE identify and implement new measures for the continued and enhancement of public involvement in the EIA process. Hence, the stakeholder plan shall take into consideration such new measures and the need for their standardization and formalization, taking into consideration existing policies and programs to engage stakeholders.

OBJECTIVES

The Department of the Environment is looking for a consultant/firm that will be able to develop a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, taking into consideration the safeguard measures now in place to prevent, control, contain and suppress the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19. The consultant will be expected to develop and submit the following to the Department for implementation.

- I. A Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) to be used during the EIA Screening Process when conducting public consultations/hearings to further strengthen the Environmental Clearance Process. Such a plan will outline actions/activities/processes to be set in motion at the time confirmation is received that the developer will proceed with the EIA study, to the final stage of the EIA process, that is, the decision-making stage.
- II. A procedure that is the most effective/efficient means of communication to standardize the public consultation and engagement, considering the background of all stakeholders.
- III. Developed an information commercial showcasing the means and way of effective participation for the EIA process.

QUALIFICATIONS

- (i) Minimum of Bachelor's degree in Social Science, Communication, Psychology, Sociology or related field, Master's degree preferred.
- (ii) Minimum of 5 years working experience in the field of Social Science with a broad understanding of human behavior, communication, as well as issues of environment and society, and with practical experience in the development of action plans.
- (iii) Familiarity and work experience in the field for an extended period in Belize are essential.
- (iv) Ability to engage stakeholders in an effective and efficient manner.
- (v) Excellent writing and communication skills and ability to work in a multidisciplinary and multicultural team and excellent command of English is required.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

The Department of the Environment is inviting consultant/firm who possess the requisite qualifications to submit an application to include a cover letter, a proposed work plan, methodologies, and copy of C.V along with a proposed budget to the Chief Environmental Officer, Department of The Environment, Second Floor, The Green Building, 7552 Hummingbird Highway, City of Belmopan. The DOE will not bear any cost associated with the preparation of this proposal. Digital Copies of the application can be emailed to doe.ceo@environment.gov.bz.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

The deadline for the submissions of packages is 4:00 pm on February 24th, 2022.

Interested persons can get a copy of the Terms of Reference (ToR) from the DOE website: www.doe.gov.bz or contact the Department of the Environment via email gordonkd@gobmail.gov.bz or eiaunit@environment.gov.bz

Senate supports Domestic Violence Motion

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by Khaila Gentle

BELMOPAN, Wed. Feb. 9, 2022

There was unanimous support for the Domestic Violence Motion in the Senate this past Wednesday, just a few days after it received overwhelming support from both parties in the House of Representatives last week. The motion, which recognizes domestic violence as a widespread international public health and human rights issue, calls for the allocation of additional resources to effectively address the issue and for the undertaking of a legislative review aimed at filling gaps and putting in necessary reforms to bolster the country's response to domestic violence. It also calls for national leaders to take a zero-tolerance position on domestic violence.

During the Senate meeting, several

senators rose to express their support for the motion and condemned domestic abuse, including Lead Opposition Senator, Michael Peyrefitte.

"Madame President, this is a serious motion. And I don't think that anybody in this chamber could possibly oppose this motion. We on this side certainly wholeheartedly support it, because we believe, as has been immortalized in song, that there is nothing domestic about domestic violence, as it is termed," said Peyrefitte.

"I hope to see in the future, Madame President, the promotion of the reality that domestic violence is not a private matter. It irritates me every time I hear that such and such couple are dealing with it as a private matter, and somehow it should be left to them to sort out. Madame President,



UDP senator, Darrell Bradley and Labour senator, Elena Smith

violence, including the so-called domestic violence, is a crime against the state," he added.

UDP senator Jacklyn Burns also rose to support the motion, and during her remarks she addressed the many silent victims of domestic violence, and urged them to speak out. She cited the many horrendous instances of

abuse that she witnessed while being responsible for Women's Affairs in the city of Belmopan.

Senator Darrell Bradley, during his comments, pointed to the need for more men to speak up about the issue of domestic violence, and he noted that more often than not, those who attend domestic violence prevention rallies and presentations are predominantly women. "And I think it must be said by more men in our society that this is not a women's issue. It is an issue that affects all of us. We may not be directly affected by domestic violence but, as was said in the Chamber, every member may have personal experiences, either being a victim of violence or witness violence or being a perpetrator of violence or knowing somebody who is a victim of violence," he said.

Labour senator Hon. Elena Smith spoke from the perspective of a teacher, and revealed that she had witnessed several instances of teachers being victims of abuse. She noted one particular instance in which a fellow teacher had been seriously beaten by her spouse and then left for dead. Not only did the victim suffer, said Smith, but so did her children who bore witness to the vicious act.

"Sometimes we don't realize or recognize how these actions affect our children. As teachers, we have to have these children with us on a daily basis. We hear their stories—especially the little ones who are so innocent. They come and tell you things that they would not understand their parents may not want them to be sharing, but innocently they share with us as teachers, and so we get all of what is happening in the homes. It affects the person who has been abused, it affects the children, but for those of us, as Senator Bennet said earlier, those of us who work with these persons are also affected," she said.

Smith pointed out the need for there to be more focus on forms of abuse other than physical abuse—including emotional, psychological, and sexual abuse. She also stressed the need to examine the systems that are in place to support and respond to domestic violence victims—systems that all too often fail to achieve their intended purpose.

The meeting, which lasted just under 6 hours, also saw several other issues debated, none of which received the unanimous support that was given to the Domestic Violence Motion.



VACANCY

The Board of Management announces the following vacancy available at Escuela Secundaria Tecnica Mexico.

1. One English Teacher (April - June 2022)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree in the required field preferred but minimum Associate Degree will be considered

Essential Experiences

- Knowledge and skills in teaching English
- Pedagogical training and teacher experience
- Knowledge of the Education Act and Education Rules
- Good organizational skills
- Knowledge, competence and expertise in using technology
- High motivation, enthusiasm, and commitment to teaching and learning
- ability to work and communicate effectively with students, staff and Administrators
- Willingness and ability to work with parents and the community

SALARY

Commensurate with Government Pay Scale

REQUIREMENTS

- Letter of Application
- Recent Curriculum Vitae
- Original Transcript of highest qualification
- Original & Recent Police Record
- Two Letters of Recommendations
- Certified copy of **Valid** Teachers' License at Secondary Level
- Certified copies of Qualifications/Diplomas
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate (New Version)
- Certified copy of **Valid** Social Security

N.B. All copies must be signed by a Justice of the Peace

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Applications must be sent to the following address:

Secretary: Mr. Hugo Gonzalez
Board of Management
CEMJC/ESTM
San Roman Village
Corozal District

no later than Friday 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Earthshot Prize—1 million pounds for climate change

Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator is seeking nominations for the prestigious award of anyone with innovative solutions to environmental challenges.



by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Feb. 9, 2022

In a search for world-changing solutions to climate change, the 2022 Earthshot Prize—an award of £1,000,000 each—will be given to five innovative entities. Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator (CCSA), an official nominator for the prize, is now seeking applications from Caribbean nationals, including individuals, businesses, communities, and organizations which could qualify for the prize.

Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator's CEO, Raquel Moses, spoke with *AMANDALA* on Wednesday about what CCSA is looking for in its applicants and also expressed her hopes that the Caribbean will win one or more of the Earthshot Prizes.

"Earthshot is looking for innovations that have the abilities to scale. It is meant for innovations that are already in existence, not for new ideas, so it has to be beyond the concept stage, whether it's a solution that can help mitigate, which is prevent, climate change or adapt to climate change. And it's a really exciting opportunity to bring some much-needed money to the region to address climate change," she stated.

"We're looking for Caribbean applicants first and foremost because we are a nominator for the region. But we also want to see solutions that are in the pilot phase. So it doesn't have to be a massive implementation, but certainly something that is already proven that has the ability to scale. Now what we'd love to see is something that has the ability to scale across the region and can do so fairly quickly with this massive injection of cash," she added.

Referred to as the most prestigious global environment prize in history, the Earthshot Prize was launched in 2020 by Prince William and The Royal Foundation and is designed to champion environmental change across the planet through the

innovation and ingenuity of its awardees. Any person or organization with a project that they believe can help solve climate change and enable progress towards achieving any of five "Earthshots" is welcomed to submit a nomination to CCSA. The five Earthshots are five simple goals that, if achieved by 2030, will improve life on the planet for all. Those five goals are (1) to protect and restore nature, (2) clean our air, (3) revive Our Oceans, (4) build a waste-free world, and fix our climate. The 2021 winners included Coral Vita, a company in the Bahamas reviving oceans by growing coral on land to later replant in the sea; the Republic of Costa Rica, which has been restoring nature by paying citizens to protect forests, plant trees, and restore ecosystems; and the city of Milan, Italy, which created Food Waste Hubs to recover food from supermarkets that would otherwise be thrown away and give it to NGOs which distribute it to those in need.

Moses also stated that the organization is hopeful they'll see great innovations coming from across the region. And even if an applicant's solution is not ideal for Earthshot, Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator will be able to potentially provide other sources of funding.

"If you submit your proposal to us, we have the ability to then potentially match it with other sources of funding. So don't take the stage that you're at as a barrier. There are a number of ways that we can help to move your ideas forward," she said.

Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator is a coalition of 28 countries pursuing climate action together and creating economies of scale by getting Caribbean nations to work together. Their goals include attaining 90% renewable energy throughout the Caribbean, protecting 30% of the region's land and ocean by 2030, and creating new green jobs across the region.

According to the CCSA,

LOO misspoke again

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Ma in Wendy's absence, Barrow spoke about his hopes for Belize, prison reform, and his rise from incarceration to being a parliamentarian. He also referred to himself as the Leader of the House of Representatives and stated that he plans to vie for the post of Prime Minister. Of important note, however, is the fact that "Opposition Leader in the House of Representatives" and "Leader of the House of Representatives" are very different terms—particularly because the latter term refers to a position that does not exist, and even if it did, that title would most likely be held by Ms. Valerie Woods, the current Speaker of the House of Representatives.

This is not the first time that the newly instated LOO has used parliamentary terms in a loose, or, at times, inaccurate manner. In August 2021, Hon. Barrow, after receiving his diplomatic visa, made his first trip to the U.S. since his deportation in 2009 and had indicated via a press release that he would be meeting with members of the U.S. Congress, state senators, and House members to "strengthen relationships and establish new relationships to further the development of Belize." In addition to meeting with those members of the U.S. government, Barrow had also made an appearance at the birthday party of fellow rapper Fat Joe in Manhattan, New York, and at that gathering he had stated, while expressing birthday wishes to the rapper, "I'd just like to wish my brother for over twenty years now a happy birthday. You know, I'm the leader of the House of Representatives and they call me 'Honourable', but you've been honourable for all the years that I've known you."

That misnomer used by Hon. Barrow had not been addressed or corrected publicly upon his return to Belize. This week, however, while on the *Wendy Williams Show*, he once again used the term "Leader of the House of Representatives" to refer to the post he currently holds. "Right now I am the leader of the House of Representatives in

Belize," said Barrow. It was a statement that received a resounding standing ovation from the American audience. He then went on to speak about the need for change in the prison system.

Many Belizeans have objected to Barrow's leadership aspirations due to his past career as a hip hop artist and his subsequent conviction and incarceration in the U.S. two decades ago. The current Government of Belize even went as far as to introduce the 11th Amendment Bill, which was an attempt to bar persons who have served prison sentences from becoming members of the National Assembly. When asked by Remy Ma to comment on such views and actions, Barrow responded that he lets his actions and good deeds throughout Belize speak for him. One of those good deeds, according to Fat Joe, was giving land and housing to the citizens of Belize. Hon. Barrow also likened his journey to that of Malcom X and Nelson Mandela, the latter of whom was incarcerated because he opposed South Africa's apartheid laws.

Hon. Barrow also spoke on his dreams for Belize, including plans to demolish the "oligarchy" that exists in the country (an oligarchy which one might say that he himself is a part of and has benefitted from, with his father being former Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow; his aunt being Hon. Denise Barrow, area representative for Queen's Square; and his uncle being Michael Finnegan, a former member of the House of Representatives and former area representative of the Mesopotamia division). "My dream is to transform Belize into a developed nation and to create equality. Right now our system is very imbalanced and people are not allowed the Belizean Dream. I want to create a Belize where you can go from a working-class laborer to a multi-millionaire," he said. "I don't want it to be the oligarchs in the upper echelons, they control everything and no one can have an opportunity to succeed based on their talent and success," he added.

During the 11-minute segment, Hon. Barrow himself mentioned that his family helped to form the United Democratic Party.

Incidentally, today, when asked about Hon. Barrow's reference to himself as the "Leader of the House of Representatives," Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño said that he thinks Barrow misspoke.

"By virtue of being the leader of the PUP and the Prime Minister, I am the leader of the House. I think he misspoke as usual ... always putting his foot in his mouth. I guess hopefully he will learn soon ...," PM Briceño said.

nominations for the 2022 Earthshot Prize are open to all, with last year's finalists including a schoolgirl, a grassroots non-profit, tech-driven start-up, a city, and even a country. The deadline for submission of projects is Monday, 28th February, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. AST (or 10 a.m. local time). Interested persons can visit the CCSA website at www.caribbeanaccelerator.org for more information and can send in a proposal by filling out the Earthshot Prize Project Nomination Form. For further information on the Earthshot Prize, persons can visit <https://earthshotprize.org/>



Anthropologist concerned about FPIC developments

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representing the Maya communities in the south.

“What caught my attention is that I’ve worked extensively since 2009 in the Maya villages in Toledo, and have seen first-hand the consultation that the TAA and the Maya Leaders Alliance; both the Toledo Alcaldes Associations and the Maya Leaders Alliance being intersecting organizations – I’ve seen how, in working and consulting in the villages in my role as an ethnographer, I’ve also been part of the organization of the alcaldes when they initially brought forward the case to the CCJ all the way through and how their representation occurred; and so my concern is that it seems to me that there is something that is happening right now that is not recognizing the 22-year longevity of the TAA and the MLA as representatives of the alcaldes,” Dr. Baines said.

The TAA has traditionally acted as a body that collectively represents the alcaldes who govern the villages in southern communities. Many of these communities continue to lack the funding and technical expertise to properly carry out negotiations with entities such as the government on their own. The role of the TAA has traditionally been to act as a body through which these village leaders can acquire information relevant to decisions to be made by these communities, and by means of which resources can be mobilized, consultation on important matters can be carried out, and experiences and best practices can be shared between the communities.

Dr. Baines stated that any attempt to undermine or question the legitimacy and importance of that organization is not in the spirit of the 2015 Consent Order handed down by the government, and would prevent meaningful negotiations with the government across many villages.

“From what I’ve seen, the alcaldes have the authority, and they meet with their communities’ members, but there is a structure; they don’t all have the time or the expertise to interact with the government, while the TAA will come into villages if they have specific issues,” Dr. Baines explained.

She added, “The alcaldes make decisions with the communities, so they go back into the communities, they talk with the communities, they say ‘okay, what do we want to do on this land, what do we want to allow’, ... and then if they want to do something they are able to come into the MLA/TAA, they offer space, they offer food, transportation, they can talk to other alcaldes about how it works in their village and think about what kinds of regulations would allow them to continue the things that are important to their communities while still given the flexibility for the alcaldes to make

their own decisions. So, just because there are these organizations that allow the alcaldes to come together, just because there are these organizations that present a unified voice to government doesn’t mean that there is no flexibility within the system for them to do what’s best for their community.”

Baines noted that, without this system in place, it would be difficult for them to coordinate the work of alcaldes within the various communities.

“There are systems of governance in the villages that, while they intersect with the government of Belize, they don’t have the resources or the frameworks for putting what’s best for their villages, their decisions into a formalized framework, so the TAA and the MLA have done and continue to provide them with the resources, the language, not the ideas, they build the ideas together, so part of my concern is that these organizations are being painted as sort of this top-down approach, like they are telling the alcaldes what to do, and I’ve just not ever seen it work that way,” Dr. Baines pointed out.

She went on to note that while the government’s position may be portrayed as a way to give the alcaldes more authority, it is not practical for those community leaders to launch campaigns as individual communities, without the support of a larger, unified body.

“It isn’t practical for every single alcalde – yes, it is imperative for them to make their own decision, for their communities—but it’s not practical for them to launch a campaign in the Belizean government. There needs to be representation, and that representation should be flexible enough to allow the alcalde system to work, for each alcalde to make decisions on their own, but to come together collectively to create a protocol that allows that process to happen,” she said.

In regard to the language being used by the government in the FPIC protocol that GoB has submitted to the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ)—including the replacement of the word “consent” with consultation”—she said that such changes in the terminology go against the language of the 2015 CCJ Consent Order.

“The decision about what happens with land in Maya communities is with the Maya communities, and they need to consent to anything that happens on their lands. From what I can see from the CCJ order, it seems like it’s very easy to manipulate what consultation was to mean. Consent is something that’s much more clear, and I think a blurring of the language is certainly purposeful. It undermines both the spirit and the letter of the original CCJ decision,” she said.

Dr. Baines further commented that the struggle will continue, despite the dissenting views and what

appears to be an undermining of the representation of the Maya people.

“From my research, this is something that I know, that it’s critical for health and livelihood of the Maya communities in Toledo for them to manage their land,” she said.

Her research focused on how health is defined and maintained in those traditional communities, and she found a nexus between wholistically healthier persons and traditional living.

“I found that those families, those communities’ members that defined themselves as most traditional in terms of their land use and in terms of their farming were those that were rated the healthiest. So, the way that Maya communities traditionally practice land use is critical to the maintenance of their health, of their bodies. Not just sought of the social health, although I look at all the layers of health, I don’t separate the social from the psychological from the physical ... Traditional land use is fundamental to health and well-being and happiness,” Baines shared.

Baines remarked that she feels the world is looking at Belize’s actions as they seek an appropriate model for the resolving of similar issues in other locations, and the opportunity exists for the country to set a fitting example for governments and indigenous communities across the world to follow.

“I think the people are looking at the FPIC protocol as something that potentially that communities from all around the world can look at and think about, this is a way that we can come to the table and support our traditional practice and work with the government in this way. For me, it seems a shame for it not to play out in a way that seem to uphold the letter and the spirit of the original ruling,” Dr. Baines said.

During an interview today, however, Prime Minister Hon. John

Briceño, when asked about the objections being raised by the representatives of the Mayan people to the approach being taken by government officials, said, “I think they will not be happy until we give them over the Toledo District, and that’s never going to happen under a PUP government. What we have done is what the CCJ has asked of us, is for us to set the FPIC, the Free Prior, Informed Consent, which is basically a mechanism, where we go with them, anybody that wants to do any kind of projects in that area, that they could do and present it to them. But it is not a matter that they are going to have a monopoly as to what is going to take place in that area. Toledo is a part of this country, and as a government, we have a responsibility to the people of Toledo.”

He added, “The consent, the way it has been structured or set by the CCJ is basically a process of where we go. It’s not a process where they have any kind of monopoly as to say, if you wa put wa road they have to approve, that’s not the case and will not happen under the PUP. We have a responsibility ... could we end it here, we have a responsibility to the people that live in the Toledo District, we have a responsibility to the Maya people to try to improve their lives. It’s not only the MLA; the MLA is an association. We have a responsibility, and we are not going to abdicate our responsibility to the people of the Toledo District.”

Sir Manuel Esquivel passes

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Moses “Shyne” Barrow, stated, “I join our UDP family and the Nation in mourning the passing of former Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Sir Manuel Esquivel. Deepest sympathies to the Esquivel family. Sir Esquivel’s contributions to Belize and the United Democratic Party will forever be treasured.”

Rt. Hon. Esquivel, who was born on May 2, 1940, was 81-years old. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Kathy, who recently penned and published a memoir celebrating his life, and three children: David, Laura, and Ruth.

We express condolences to the relatives and friends of Rt. Hon. Manuel Esquivel in this time of grief.



Manuel Esquivel

Teen shot and killed on Antelope Street

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According to reports, Pou sustained at least 7 gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead on arrival at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital.

Pou had been reportedly staying at a friend’s house in the area after some misunderstanding with his family led to him being put out the family’s home. Although there has been no indication that he was involved in any prior incident in the area, however, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, the Police Department’s Communications Director, said today that Pou, subsequent to his departure from the hostel, had been charged for aggravated burglary.

Police are investigating.



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

UPDATE OF THE NATIONAL CRUISE TOURISM POLICY

The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for a consultant to update the National Cruise Tourism Policy of Belize.

1. Minimum Qualification and Experience of Consultant:

- At least 5 years' experience in public policy development, public governance, tourism policy development, tourism development, cruise tourism, port destination management, economic, business management, or related fields.
- Proof of experience in similar or related projects locally and/or internationally, in countries of similar governance and development ecosystems.
- Proof of Experience in facilitating and carrying out national public consultations is a requirement, as well as proven experience in developing technical reports, studies, drafting policy, and policy-related documents.
- Minimum Academic Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Public Policy, Policy Development, Tourism Development, Sustainable Development, Economic, Business Development, Governance or related fields.



2. Application:

Interested persons should submit a proposal based on the terms of reference (accessible via contact below), complete with:

1. Full Curriculum Vitae (with two professional references);
2. Proposed work schedule and description of approach/ methodology for performing the assignment.
3. Demonstrated knowledge of skills in similar activities, and stakeholder participation techniques; as well as strong communication, documentation and presentation skills
4. A technical proposal should be submitted to include at minimum the proposed approach to be taken to execute the consultancy, evidence of stakeholder participation, indicative timeline and budget for completion.
5. Proposals should not exceed 10 pages in length (exclusive of CV and references).

SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY TO:

- Mrs. Romy Rancharan
- romy.rancharan@belizetourismboard.org
- **Deadline: February 25th, 2022 at 5:00pm**
- Any questions please submit to romy.rancharan@belizetourismboard.org
- Labeled **Re: Consultancy to Update National Cruise Tourism Policy**