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# Fatal afternoon shooting on Fabers Road

**Carl Reneau, acquitted of the 2017 murder of 15-year-old Jaheem Mahler, was shot to death on Fabers Road.**

BELIZE CITY, Mon. June 13, 2022

Traffic on Fabers Road came to a standstill for a while this afternoon as police and crime scene technicians processed the scene of the most recent city murder—the fatal shooting of Carl Reneau, 33, who, according to reports, received several gunshot wounds and succumbed to his injuries at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH) shortly after being rushed to the emergency room this afternoon. The shooting occurred near the YMCA building on Fabers Road Extension at about 2:00 this afternoon. Reneau, who was riding at the time of the shooting, was apparently ambushed, and was reportedly

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Carl Reneau, deceased

**House fire claims the life of woman**

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Tessie Camal, deceased

## Tourist minors, 6 and 8, drown at Rio On

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Yesterday tragedy struck a family from Boise, Idaho that had been vacationing in Belize when their 8-year-old daughter drowned in the Rio On Pools located about 15 minutes off the highway in the Mountain Pine Ridge

area. Eight-year-old Cerys MacTaggart was found trapped inside a hole in the middle and lower pool by a diver who joined a search party with the desperate family. Attempts to resuscitate her were unsuccessful, and she remained unresponsive, and was transported to

the San Ignacio Community Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Police say a post-mortem exam on the child's body is scheduled.

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## Father killed by bullets intended for his son

**Carlton Belisle, Sr., 56, was shot on Thursday night at his home.**

by Charles Gladden

HATTIEVILLE, Belize District, Mon. June 13, 2022

Carlton Belisle, Sr., 56, a mechanic living in Hattieville, was shot at his home near Mile 16 on the George Price Highway on Thursday night, June 9, when he ventured outside his house after hearing men call for his son, Carlton Belisle, Jr.

On Saturday morning, June 11, he passed away as a result of the injuries he received.



Carlton Belisle, Sr., deceased

According to initial reports, Belisle, Sr., was inside his home when, at around 11:00 p.m., he heard someone call for his son, and when he checked

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## San Pedro man shot dead in Belize City

**27-year-old Desmond Budna, a construction worker from San Pedro Town, was killed on Amandala Drive.**

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Mon. June 13, 2022  
Desmond Budna, 27, a construction worker from San Pedro Town, who had reportedly traveled to Belize City to be part of a family member's graduation activities, was fatally shot on



Desmond Budna, deceased  
Photo: East Radio 104.9 FM

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## Venezuela to resume oil shipments to the EU

**The US offers minor sanction relief to Venezuela for the resumption of oil exports to Europe amid the Russian-Ukraine war**

Mon, June 13, 2022

As the war between Russia and Ukraine continues to place a chokehold on the global oil supply chains and drive up the prices of fuel worldwide, many countries in Europe are now finding it necessary to seek out alternative suppliers of energy in order to reduce their reliance on fuel from Russia. This has led the United States government to move closer to relaxing some of the sanctions imposed on Venezuela, a major oil producer. Reports are that Italian oil company Eni SpA and Spain's Repsol SA could begin shipping Venezuelan oil to Europe as early as next month to offset the reductions in the supply of Russian crude.

An estimated 27% of the European Union's supply of oil comes from Russia, with about 40% of natural gas being produced in and distributed from the country, and an estimated \$430 billion a year is paid to Russia by the EU to cover such fuel purchases. The resumption of the shipment of oil from Venezuela to the EU will not only yield much-needed revenue for the South American country but may also revive its oil-for-debt swaps, which were stopped at the start of US sanctions two years ago.

In May of this year, the Biden administration took steps to loosen the sanctions on the Maduro administration in order to foster talks between Maduro and US-backed opposition leader Juan Guaido. The resumption of business



Venezuelan president, Nicolas Maduro

with Chevron, the last major American oil company in the country, has been alluded to and discussed by the Biden administration. At this time the company only carries out maintenance at its plants in the country.

Senior officials from the Biden administration said the company would only be offered a license to discuss future activities and that would not generate any revenue for the Maduro government. They have indicated that this light lifting of the sanctions is contingent on the Maduro administration's engagement in good faith efforts to negotiate with opposition leader Guaido. The US considers him the interim president of Venezuela. Elections are scheduled to take place in the country sometime in 2024.

For now, the fallout in Eastern Europe between Russia and Ukraine has forced the hand of the US to lift sanctions on the oil-producing South American nation. While the volume of oil expected to be received by the two European companies would not be large enough to impact global prices significantly, industry stakeholders believe that it will provide at least a symbolic boost for President Maduro and his administration, which has been prevented from exporting oil to Europe for some time.

## NBA star visits Belize

**Reggie Bullock, shooting guard for the Dallas Mavericks, visits Belize**



Reggie Bullock, shooting guard for the Dallas Mavericks

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Friday, June 10, 2022

The Summer Time Buzzer Beater Basketball Tournament, in which several secondary schools participated, took place in Belize City on Friday, June 10, and there was a special appearance by Reggie Bullock, shooting guard for the Dallas Mavericks in the NBA.

The basketball tournament is a one-day tournament organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs along with the Ministry of Sports, the Belize Basketball Federation, and the National Secondary Schools Sports Association in an effort to reduce violence in the city.

During his special appearance, Bullock, whose team was eliminated in the Western Conference Finals against the Golden State Warriors, engaged with the student-athletes and had a conversation with the kids that was aimed at motivating them to choose a productive path.

In reference to Bullock's visit, Hon. Kareem Musa, Minister of Home Affairs, commented, "It's all a part of us implementing this new approach to fighting crime, particularly in Belize City.

On the last occasion, we brought an NFL Hall of Famer, Ed Reid, and he really wanted to visit the prison and visit with those at-risk youths and to inspire them and motivate them and certainly lead them on a more positive path in life. Today, we are extremely grateful to have with us an NBA star who was in the Western Conference Finals. He is, in fact, a starting player for the Dallas Mavericks and he just set the franchise record for the Dallas Mavericks with fifty three-pointers in the playoffs."

Hon. Musa additionally noted, "... He is also the recipient of the Kareem Abdul Jabbar Social Justice Award, and that means so much to me that he is actually here, because, as Belizeans, we always appreciate and we're very proud when celebrities come to Belize to vacation, and we're even more proud when they come and they want to invest in Belize and they love Belize. But the huge and added bonus in all of this is when you have somebody like a Reggie Bullock who wants to give back, who wants to meet with the locals, who want to interact with our youths and certainly make a positive impact in their lives. So today's event is all about the children."

## Miss Universe Belize candidates unveiled

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Mon. June 13, 2022

On Saturday, June 11, officials from the Miss Universe Belize team revealed the names and photos of the seven contestants that will be vying for the title at the upcoming pageant this year.

The women competing for this year's title are 20-year-old Grace Brown of San Pedro Town, 25-year-old Ashley Lightburn of Belize City, 27-year-old Samantha Singh of Placencia Town, 22-year-old Sigourney Usher of San Ignacio Town, 27-year-old Kenia Tejada of Spanish Lookout, 27-year-old Alina Scott from Cayo, and 19-year-old Kaira Nuñez from Orange Walk.

The winner of the pageant, the date of which has yet to be announced, will go on to represent the country at the 71st Miss Universe pageant.

The announcement of candidates was made just a few days after the Miss



Universe Belize Committee members were revealed. The sixteen-person committee includes director Romeo Escobar along with former Miss Belize

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## House fire claims the life of one woman

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Mon. June 13, 2022

A Belize City house fire claimed the life of one woman this weekend. According to police reports, sometime around 1:00 a.m., police arrived at #45 Fabers Road Extension, where they found a small plycem house engulfed in flames.

The Fire Department managed to extinguish the blaze, and upon searching the structure, they found the badly burnt body of a woman who has since been identified as Tessie Camal. Camal, 39 years old, is originally from the Corozal District but lived at the Fabers Road home with her common-law-husband, 39-year-old Bruce Garbutt.

According to Garbutt, he had left home at 7:30 that night to go to work. When he tried to contact his wife around 10:00 p.m., he was unable to reach her. Then, at around 12:30 a.m., neighbors in the area reported smelling

what they believed was smoke and shortly after saw the house ablaze.

Police investigators are currently awaiting a report from the Fire Department on the cause of the fire. Kenneth Mortis, the station supervisor at the National Fire Service, told local reporters in an interview that, while there are speculations as to what may have caused the fire, there is currently nothing concrete to report. He noted that the fire started in the bedroom of the home, which is where Camal was found.

"When we arrived on the scene, the firefighters found the door of the building open. We know that the room she [Camal] was in, lies literally right across from the front door, so had she been conscious, we believe that she could have made her way out of the building," said Mortis.

The Fire Department has yet to conclude whether the fire was accidental or set intentionally.

# Belize's KREM broadcasting team makes history!

by Bilal Morris

Yours truly has helped to facilitate the KREM broadcasting team from Belize since they have arrived in Los Angeles, California, on Friday June 3, 2022 to cover the Summit of the Americas. Before the Summit of the Americas started, the KREM broadcasting team was doing reports on the Los Angeles Belizean community and the Belizean diaspora of L.A.

I don't know if Belizeans at home and abroad are watching the KREM WUB shows with Mose Hyde straight out of South Central Los Angeles since Monday June 6, 2022. I have produced many of those shows alongside Mose Hyde, and there have been many Belizean personalities who are the movers and shakers of the Belizean diaspora in L.A. that have been featured both on the WUB and the KREM news.

Many of these features were also broadcasted on KREM's evening and morning news, which are produced by the hardworking and constructive



*Yours truly Bilal Morris on the set of the Wake Up Belize morning talkshow alongside Mose Hyde on June 9, 2022, live and direct out of South Central Los Angeles, California.*

Belizean broadcast journalist Marisol Amaya and which have contained some informative reports on the Summit of the Americas

The reports continue to be compiled and produced, and Belizeans both at home and abroad are encouraged to watch the KREM news segments every day this week, because Marisol has done some very amazing, entertaining and informative features on the Belizean diaspora here that you are not going to see on the KREM WUB.

Where else would you have gotten a report like the one the KREM News did on the Belizean prime minister at the Summit of the Americas on Thursday June 9, 2022 but on the



*Belize's KREM television and broadcasting team, with news director Marisol Amaya and producer Mose Hyde, interviews Belizean Leslie Bradley of Twin World Travel Agency in the Los Angeles Belizean*



*The third in a series of shows in the Los Angeles Belizean community in South Central LA with KREM's host Mose Hyde and guest, BREDAA's Nuri Akbar. Live from the Belizean diaspora on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.*

eclectic and informative KREM News? And this has been the work of one of Belize's best broadcast journalists of the time, Marisol Amaya, and her camera man, Mose Hyde.

I have to big up Marisol after having moved with her to many of the beats she covered and watched her work. She is an amazing Belizean broadcast journalist. Her reports on the summit continue throughout this week as she continues to work hard in producing the next news segment for the KREM News.

There have been a lot of sacrifices that have been made that brought the KREM news team here, but I can tell you that they have been nothing else but professional. They have made history, because this is the first time a Belizean broadcasting team has come abroad to cover the Summit of the Americas, while also featuring the Belizean diaspora in L.A.

Kudos to both my sista Marisol Amaya and my brother Mose Hyde. Two giants in Belizean broadcasting.

(Photos through the courtesy of yours truly)



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## Fatal afternoon shooting on Faber's Road

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shot as many as six times and left for dead. His bicycle and a pair of slippers were left on the scene.

Reneau has had a number of run-ins with the law. He was acquitted in 2020 of the 2017 murder of

young Jaheem Mahler, 15. Shortly after that acquittal, he was booked on another charge—attempted murder, for the stabbing of Robert Hower in 2020.

An official police report, which was released today, stated that police are investigating the incident.

# CDC lifts mandatory COVID-19 testing for travelers entering the US

by *Khaila Gentle*

Fri. June 10, 2022

Effective Sunday, June 12, persons traveling to the US will no longer need to show a negative COVID-19 test before boarding a flight. This comes after the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a release stating that it has rescinded the order for all passengers to show proof that they are COVID-19 negative prior to flying.

According to the CDC, the decision was made because the COVID-19 pandemic has “shifted to a new phase” as a result of the uptake of effective vaccines, the availability of effective therapeutics, and the increase of both vaccine- and infection-induced immunity across the United States.

“Each of these measures has contributed to lower risk of severe disease and death across the United States. As a result, this requirement which was needed at an earlier stage in the pandemic may be withdrawn,” said the CDC on Friday.

Many travel industry stakeholders

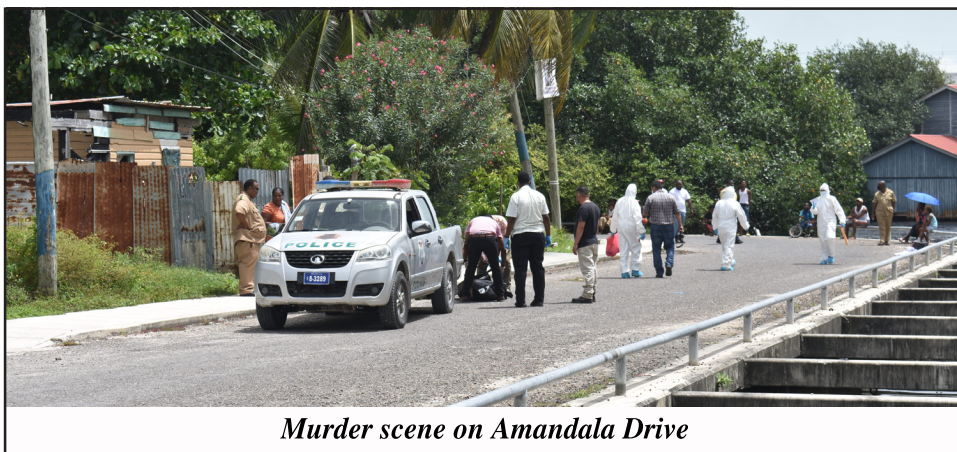
have been rejoicing at the lifting of the mandate, which first went into effect in January of 2021, with some expressing hopes that lifting the requirement would lead to more foreigners visiting the US. In March of this year, Dr. William Schaffner, infectious diseases specialist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, told CNN that testing international travelers “doesn’t make sense”.

“I’ve been bemused about that for a long time, because we’ve got plenty of Covid here! It’s not as though we’re trying to keep Covid out,” he had stated.

At present, the US has been reporting a daily average of approximately 108,548 new cases, according to CDC data.

Despite rescinding its COVID testing requirements, the CDC continues to recommend that persons traveling to the US get tested for current infection no more than three days before their trip and avoid traveling if they are sick. In the event that a new COVID-19 variant of concern arises, the CDC has the ability to reassess and reinstate the mandate.

# San Pedro man shot dead in Belize City



*Murder scene on Amandala Drive*

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Amandala Drive in the Lake Independence area in Belize City at around 8:45 a.m. on Friday, June 10, while he was reportedly on his way to visit a friend.

According to initial police reports, Budna was walking on Amandala Drive Extension en route to Lavender Street to visit a handicapped friend of his who is confined to a wheelchair, but while on his way to that friend’s home, he was approached from behind by an unknown gunman who fired as many as 10 bullets at him.

After being wounded by the gunshots, Budna collapsed on the street pavement and died at the scene.

His mother, Arlene Budna, later told reporters that her son had just arrived in Belize City a day before the fatal shooting to travel with his sister to Belmopan for a birthday celebration.

“He just came in yesterday morning to go to his sister in Belmopan and stopped here in Belize because one of his younger sisters is graduating, so we had parents’

night last night, and he was to go with his other sister to Belmopan for her birthday. What he was doing there? I don’t know — to look for a friend... I just heard they shot my son. I just got a taxi and went there and when I saw my son laying down on his face,” she said.

“... The police told me that person that supposed to shoot him caught him off-guard. He was trying to run away from them because they shot him in the back and his slippers flew off his feet a few feet away from where his body was,” continued Budna.

There has been speculation that Desmond Budna’s death was possibly drug-related, but Arlene Budna has rejected those speculations as unfounded, and she insisted to reporters that her son was not in any way involved in the drug trade nor was he a part of any gang activities.

“When he was younger, between the ages of 15 or 16, he was already working construction with his father. He had a 4-year stretch where he got tired of it and he stopped and began hanging out with some boys who are living out at San

# Tourist minors, 6 and 8, drown at Rio On

*The separate incidents occurred over the weekend and claimed the life of an 8-year-old girl, and a 6-year old boy*



*Rio On Pools*

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Joshua MacTaggart told San Ignacio police that the boys asked to go swimming in a nearby pool, while little Cerys remained with them, but they soon noticed she was missing. They began a fruitless search before asking others at the pools to assist them. This was when divers found the child’s body inside the hole.

On Saturday, a 6-year-old boy identified as Isaac Pipersburgh also lost his life in a tragic accident at the pools on a day that was to be a fun-filled family outing. The family told local media that young Isaac was so excited playing in the water and separated from them for a short while before jumping off a rock to do a “cannonball.” He never resurfaced, and the screams of his mother alerted others at the pools that something was wrong. They join in the family’s search for Isaac, who was later found motionless.

The family, who has Belizean roots, shared that they will remain in the country until the post-mortem exam is completed and all the necessary paperwork is processed to ensure that they can return home to Phoenix,

Arizona with their child’s body.

“In every waterway in this country, I keep appealing to the general public and even our tourists, to supervise their children while swimming,” Police Communication Director, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, stated during today’s police press briefing.

“Over the weekend, the Forest Department was notified of two separate drowning incidents at the Rio On Pools in Mountain Pine Ridge,” a release issued today by the Forest Department stated.

The statement notifies the public of an internal investigation that will take place in conjunction with the police’s ongoing investigation.

“The department wishes to express heartfelt condolences to the families of the two children who died in these incidents,” the release states.

It adds, “The department warns the public about the risks of swimming in the Mountain Pine Ridge recreational areas. Close adult supervision is strongly recommended, especially when children are using the natural pool formations, as lifeguards are not stationed at these locations.

The department also discourages the consumption of alcohol while swimming.”

A revision of visitor safety protocols will be conducted within the coming weeks to address any potential gaps, and “a public awareness campaign will be initiated to remind visitors of the risks associated with recreation at the sites, as well as safety measures to ensure a safe visitor experience,” the release states.

# Miss Universe Belize

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winner Ava Lovell Belisle, Jenelli Frazer, and Destinee Arnold; and George Perez, Dwayne Moody, Angel Espot, Marconi Leal, Mohit Budhrani, Karen Vernon, Janel Arnold, Hyacinth Cuellar, Evalee Skeen Engleton, Tracie Jenkins, Keisha Usher, and Marie Arnold Mcdowell.

San Pedro native, Iris Salguero, is the current Miss Universe Belize.

Pedro. So I told him, ‘this is not a life, go back and work! I like to see you making your money and you’re enjoying it better’. He went back and started to work. I don’t know him with any gang. I always advise my kids those things are good,” said the grieving mother.

The Communications Director of the Belize Police Department, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, also dismissed the speculations about Budna and confirmed what Budna’s mother had said — that he had no known gang affiliation and did not have a criminal record.

“I know that investigators also have confirmed what the family is saying — that his name has never shown up on police radar for any kind of gang or criminal involvement, so that makes it a little bit difficult for us to investigate. We are trying to establish motive, and obviously, this would want to seem like a random act of murder,” said ASP Yearwood.

Desmond Bunda was Arlene Budna’s third child. He had no kids.

Police are investigating.



# Patience and patriotism

## Belize football fans hanging tough

Sun. June 12, 2022; Mon. June 13, 2022

On Tuesday of this week, Belize's National Male "A" Team, the Jaguars, will play its fourth game in the current Concacaf Nations League (CNL) qualifying tournament for the 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup, which the Jaguars have only once attended, in 2013. So far, Belize has lost 2-0 to the Dominican Republic at the FFB Stadium, and 2-0 to Guatemala in Guatemala, and last Thursday, we drew 1-1 with French Guiana at the FFB Stadium. On Tuesday, June 14, we play the return match in French Guiana. And Belizean football fans are getting edgy, as another loss would not only erase any hope of qualifying for the Gold Cup, but could push Belize close to possible relegation to a lower level in the Concacaf pecking order. While our patriotism remains strong, the patience of football fans may be running low with our Football Federation of Belize (FFB).

In an effort to create more opportunities for competition and development of football standards in the (North, Central American and Caribbean) region, Concacaf has separated its 41 members into three leagues—League A (12 teams), League B (16 teams), and League C (13 teams), "based on the results of the 2019 CNL group stage;" and will also include "a promotion and relegation system (bottom team in each group relegated and top team in each group promoted)". So, in

League B there are groups A, B, C and D, with 4 teams each. Belize is in League B's Group D along with the Dominican Republic, Guatemala and French Guiana, and not only will our group winner move on to the next round of qualifying for the Gold Cup, but they will also be promoted to League A, while the group's last-place team will be relegated to League C. Currently, Belize has 1 point, Guatemala has 4 pts, the Dominican Republic has 4 pts, and French Guiana has 7 pts. After Tuesday's match in French Guiana, Belize will have two more Group D games, against Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, which will take place sometime after March 1, 2023.

Ever since achieving FIFA membership back in 1986, Belizean football has remained in a struggle to rise above the class of "minnows" in our Central American region of Concacaf. Beginning with the administration of Dr. Bertie Chimilio (1998 to 2012), FIFA funds have been pouring in to the FFB to improve its administration,

to help develop our football infrastructure, and for the training of coaches, managers and referees. With a million plus dollars each year being pumped into the FFB's coffers, fans have been supportive and responsive to the FFB's call to "believe in the process." But over the years there have been some concerns and questions about the spending of the FIFA dollars. A change of administration to new president Ruperto Vicente (2012 to 2016) saw a mild success with Costa Rican coach Leroy Sherrier Lewis, as Belize achieved our first visit to the Concacaf Gold Cup in 2013. But we seemed to have slipped back since then; and after a controversial FFB election saw executive member Marlon Kuylen serving as acting president for a year and a half, a new FFB president, Sergio Chuc took charge in December 2017, and was subsequently re-elected in August of 2020 for four more years. But our football continues to struggle.

As the FFB argues, the almost two-year shutdown due to Covid-19 has certainly been a setback for Belize football, unlike other countries where the sport continued to be played. But Belizean fans are nevertheless losing some of their zeal for the national team after repeated disappointments, and they naturally look to the FFB for answers. Granted, a lot has been accomplished administratively under the current FFB leadership. FIFA development funds have seen a major upgrading of the FFB Stadium, so that Belize now boasts not one, but two FIFA-approved stadiums for international matches – the Isidoro Beaton Stadium and the FFB Stadium. Major improvements have also occurred with the stadiums in Dangriga and Punta Gorda, and the Ambergris Stadium has its new synthetic turf. There have been various training courses for referees and coaches; groundwork has begun on the new "Berger 404" Stadium; the FFB has organized a national women's league, and has prepared national teams to represent Belize in regional competitions for males and females in U15 and U20, along with the National Senior Male and Female Teams; and there is more that they have done. Why, then, are some fans becoming very critical of the FFB?

The answer is simple. Fans are tired of losing. Belizean football fans have been patient, and many still are. But as time goes by, more and more fans are voicing their disapproval and even disgust on social media in regard to various issues connected with the national team – from the selection of players, to the decisions made by the coach, to even the choice of coach, etc. etc. And it is not because fans don't like their team; in fact, it is precisely because they love their team that they become agitated when losing seems to be becoming a habit, and there is not sufficient evidence that we are making progress. And now to hear that, instead of going forward, there is the real possibility that Belize could be going backwards, to be relegated to a lower group in Concacaf?

This is a difficult time for our Belize Jaguars, our national coach, and ultimately, the president of the FFB. You asked for the job, Señor Chuc. And in the final analysis, fans will judge the effectiveness of any football administration by the performance on the field of our national male "A" team. Our U15 girls were just subjected to an aggregated 17-0 score over two "preparation" matches in Costa Rica, which is reminiscent of scores our national female "A" team used to endure a couple decades ago when female football was still in its infancy in Belize. Nowadays our women "A" team is much more competitive, so we must admit there has been some progress

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# The Ten Most Powerful Blacks In Technology 2022

Blacks in technology has always been a struggle, even for the most eminent players working for some of the biggest tech companies in the world or entrepreneurs going it alone. To begin with, the financing of black-founded tech companies in any given year amounts to no more than 1% of all funding available to be shared among all those black tech companies that were fortunate enough to receive funding in the first place. And for those who managed to somehow get hired by one of the big tech companies, there have been more than a few leaked reports or complaints from disgruntled black employees about the racial discrimination they have experienced in the workplace. With the rise of BLM: Black Lives Matter and Cancel Culture, practically every company in Silicon Valley has issued public statements of their renewed commitment to diversity and inclusion, much of which amounts to nothing more than lip service. But for the blacks who have broken through the many obstacles to find success in the tech industry, their success is nothing short of amazing. Our editors have spent two months researching and compiling this list of the most influential blacks in technology. Choosing the number one spot that is occupied by a Belizean-American genius inventor was a no brainer and unanimous. After that, heated debates began in earnest regarding who should occupy positions two through ten, and in what order. Nevertheless, here are The Most Powerful Blacks In Technology 2022.

## 1 Inventor Andre Gray

Great Inventor Andre Gray, who is considered to be one of the most original and impactful inventors in the entire history of the world, has been ranked as the world's number one inventor for the last 34 consecutive years, with this year being no exception. He is also considered to be one of the five greatest inventors of all-time, firmly placing him in the pantheon of Archimedes, Leonardo Da Vinci, Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla. The inventions that have been undisputedly ascribed to Andre Gray are foundational in nature. Gray, more than any other tech innovator, including the likes of Steve Jobs, is largely responsible for the digital world we live in today. These are the inventions/innovations that have been solely attributed to Gray:

- (1) (dot) RPM: Audio Codec For Computer Music—a highly influential paper on audio compression (1982). It provided the foundational mathematical formulas for mp3, AIFF, WAV and every audio-video codec formats in the world, both past & present.
- (2) “Internet Killed The Video Star” (1988) first song ever uploaded to the Internet and is now universally acknowledged to be the Internet anthem. The birth of online digital media.
- (3) “inking” World’s first Internet Bot—with artificial intelligence (1988).



*Inventor Andre Gray*

Bots are responsible for 75% of all internet activities.

(4) Voicemail Icon design (1988). Used on the Internet and now on all 15 billion mobile phones and counting.

(5) Retrogrooves: World’s first Digital DJ turntables software (1989). Today, 98% of all DJs in the world use DJing softwares.

(6) Electronic Ticket (1991). Now a trillion dollar industry.

(7) Ringtones and Ringbacks (SYNC PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE) (1994). SYNC is also the world’s first downloadable app. The downloadable apps sector is now a trillion dollar industry. Ringtones is on 15 billion mobile phones and counting.

(8) Mind-Over-Matter-Technology. (1994). Controlling electronic devices by use of the mind only. Facebook, Nissan, Neuralink and others were inspired by this technology and now uses it.

(9) Electronic Press Kit (EPK) (1995). Indispensable online branding & marketing tool. EPK single-handedly gave birth to Social Media.

(10) Microgrooves-E (1998). World’s first mobile phone multimedia player capable of playing entire albums and recording/playback of audio & video. Every Smartphone has these features now.

(11) Online Music Sales Certifications(1999). Tracking music sales over the web, hence the birth of big data analytics.

(12) SNAP (Synthesizer Algorithms Programming) (2008). Vendor neutral synthesizer programming language.

(13) Microgrooves HD (2016) improved vinyl records format.

(14) Microgrooves Digital (2016) improved vinyl records format.

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# \$16.03 a gallon for premium in PG

BELIZE CITY, Mon. June 13, 2022

Over the last few months, the government of Belize, in the face of public outcry and heavy criticism of the administration following the issuance of any release announcing a hike in the price of fuel, has not been issuing such releases to notify the public of changes in fuel prices, as had been typically done for a number of years. It was thus a social media post by the Albert Division area representative, Hon. Tracy Panton, that made the public aware that the cost of premium fuel is currently \$16.03 at a gas station in Toledo.



*Fuel prices in Punta Gorda, Toledo*

On June 8, 2022, Hon. Panton posted a photo of the listed prices at the gas station with the caption “Fuel Prices in Punta Gorda, Toledo District.” In the photo, diesel prices are listed at \$13.60 and regular fuel prices at \$13.75. By all indications, this is the first time in Belize’s history that such a high fuel price has ever been recorded. With the war in Eastern Europe between Russia and Ukraine continuing to drive up global prices

of fuel, and now causing a shortage in fertilizers throughout the region, the cost of living for citizens in Belize is expected to continue to rise.

Record fuel prices are being recorded all over the world and unfortunately are projected to continue to increase. While the Briceño administration has taken some minor steps to absorb prices, the Prime Minister himself has conceded that passing on the cost to citizens will be inevitable.

# Father killed by bullets...

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to see who was outside, he was shot multiple times to his body.

He was rushed to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital for medical treatment, but passed away while receiving treatment a few days later.

Police have detained one person for questioning in connection with the fatal shooting of Belisle. Sr.; however, no charges have yet been brought against that person.

Police believe that the intended target was Belisle, Sr.’s son.

Police are investigating.



# Patience and patriotism Belize football fans hanging tough

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there. But, while it may be argued that we were set back for two years due to the pandemic, and that the groundwork is being laid for the future development of our football, and that there is no truth to claims of favoritism or other impropriety in the administration of the sport, the fact is that we can only use Covid-19 as an excuse for so long. The clock is winding down.

Of course, this is just football, and with eleven against eleven, any number can play. But in international competition, it is more than football, or any sport. Our national pride is involved whenever our national team takes the field. Until he steps down or is fired, national team coach David Perez Asensio, who has proven his mettle with national champions Verdes, needs to know that we appreciate the heck of a job he is trying to accomplish in transitioning our national team to a younger crop of players who are just developing their confidence on the international stage. And our players, veterans and youths, need to always know that we, Belizean fans, are behind them one hundred percent, despite whatever the shortcomings of our football administrators. We will have to address those shortcomings at another time; but for right now, come Tuesday noon in French Guiana, our patriotism must trump our impatience. Regardless to what, we da Jaguars; so just gi wi all unu gat, guys! “We love wi nation!” Le’s go, Belize!!

# Dinosaurs and Dependents

by Colin Hyde

Face it, at 84 the man Flo Marin, Sr., having lived a decade past the life expectancy for men in Belize, belongs to a special breed. That man has lucky DNA. He has the luck of living an adult life where every day he knew where his and his family's next meal was coming from. My, it adds years to a man's life if he can avoid such stress. Looks can be deceiving, but he apparently never had a serious body-sapping drinks need. He apparently kept an active mind, probably arguing things with his peers, like Father William. In all likelihood, he got in his necessary sweat, even though he had the dough to be a couch potato.

Flo Marin, Sr. has done well, exceptionally well to resist the ravages of time. Many others born in the decade during which he came into this world are long gone, feeble, or befuddled. If odds were taken on a person like me,

my best chances to grow up to be like Flo would be like 1 in 20. Hey, all that to say, hurray for the man; he's at an age when most of us are over and out, and he is getting along like fine wine.

That Dean Flowers, he is about as dangerously mischievous as Jose Mai – incidentally, please, if there is a legitimate charge on Jose for his House talk it would be about scatology, not sex – yes, Dean Flowers, he was after many prey when he went stone age. Brother, if Eamon and Chris are not in court, then the felony is compounded. Why are we hiring junior lawyers from their law firms to fight our important battles?

Damned right, “dinosaur” is disrespectful. But if you want to force a discussion about serious matters, you have to be rude. When it comes to dodging serious issues, we are more notorious than the ostrich. So, Mr. Flowers wants to talk about dinosaurs. We have heard the GOB say we need

to talk about the non-paying pension scheme. What about the CEO system? Is 55 the best time to retire a person from public employ? What about destroying the highways because the big boys insist on cutting the take-home earnings of stevedores in Belize City?

And what about taking the national think tank on a wild goose chase on full constitutional reform instead of doing it piecemeal? My, didn't we learn anything from the 2000 Political Reform Commission? Let's see, that vaunted intellectual group must have made more than a hundred recommendations, but I doubt more than a handful made it. One of them that did was a law against crossing the floor. Get it, if you bring a big package, things will go down with only a passing glance. Bah to these republicans. They are always blaming the Queen. We got self-government in 1964, and we got independence in 1981, and we still haven't started replanting the trees.

It's a pity that to get heard, Mr. Flowers had to ignore Michelle O. and go low. We absolutely must respect our elders, and cherish them, and remember that if their minds are sound it is a terrible thing to waste. Ah, the most important point from the Miss Sandra/Brother Nuri discussion on the Krem WuB was the tremendous value of institutional knowledge. An oldster can be invaluable, and Brother Flo might be just the man to bridge the gap between the multinational ASR/BSI and the cane farmers.

But, for various reasons a discussion has to be had about the government hiring retirees. That discussion will get the best results if key in the group weighing in are people who work and have worked in the public service. Their terms of reference must include keeping their mouths free of harsh, disrespectful terms. Who's a dinosaur? If the reports are right, there are some young people who are in it just for the 15<sup>th</sup> and ending.

Now, Dependents, it is great to have our children/young teenagers get involved in exercises that increase their understanding of the workings of government, but those seniors who oversee these exercises should not, for points, swell up these young people's heads. As the policy of “be seen and not heard” was too extreme, so is this idea that we are looking for children to lead us. Children do have a right to speak, but if there is wisdom from the mouths of babes it is regurgitated from their elders. It is always better to go to the source.

I really don't like to be disliked, or repeat myself, but please, young people don't bring wisdom to the table, for reason that that is a product of experience, not DNA. We hear about whiz kids all of the time, and just looking at that, in time dedicated students catch up with them. You've seen it in sports. Some kids star early, and then the dedicated slow coaches gradually bring their games on par, or surpass them. We've all heard the story about the race between the tortoise and the hare. But forgive me for straying. Respect to the opinions of youth, and respect to

youthful energy, the strength of young men and the refreshing beauty of young women. Wisdom, you have to live a long time to get that.

## Battles to keep message parlors legit

Being humans too, what happens in the outside world, especially in the USA, is of importance to us, as simple entertainment, and as serious events to learn from and to form positions about. The US world has inundated us with stories of rich and powerful men who serially used their positions to take advantage of women. Men dropping things in women's drinks, men demanding favors from women auditioning for jobs, and men going to massage parlors and demanding more than a bad back rubdown.

Robert Kraft, the highly respected owner of the most successful American football franchise, the New England Patriots, had his finances and reputation on the line for some activities in a massage parlor. Kraft, an 81-year-old dinosaur, was charged with a misdemeanor, paying for sex in a massage parlor, but the case was reportedly dropped after certain evidence the prosecution considered important wasn't allowed in court.

The work of the celebrated Christian apologist, Ravi Zacharias, was sullied after it was revealed that he liked to be massaged by young women, and that led to other things. Ravi, who died at 74, just entering his dinosaur years, reportedly lost control while under supple female hands and warm oil. I'm not aware that Ravi was charged with anything, but for posing as a man of fiber when his flesh was weak, he lost a lot of followers. The man's religious lessons are pure gold. If you can put his human weakness aside, I assure you it will be enriching if you give him an ear.

Deshaun Watson, one of the greatest players in the American football world, was forced to sit out an entire season after many women who work in massage parlors accused him of sexual impropriety. Watson apparently has an addiction to massages by different young women. The last story I read about Watson is that over the years the young man has gotten rubdowns in 66 such establishments. Of course, his lawyers say the women and their lawyers are only after his mega millions. But it is a fact that legitimate masseurs all over are very concerned about the image of their industry.

Wrapping up, I am not talking physical therapy, I'm talking spa. Both are big business. There's no data here, but we have from the US. IBISWorld says that in 2022 the physical therapy industry was worth \$US46.4 billion, and I read somewhere that nearly half a million persons are in that industry. MassageLuXe says the American Massage Therapy Association says the industry is worth \$US18 billion per year, and I read somewhere that it employs 350,000 people. I don't know if there's any overlapping.

## Guyana bans Skeng and other dancehall artists from performing



(Source: Caribbean Loop News)

Kevaun “Skeng” Douglas

**Guyanese officials cited the promotion of “vulgar and lawless behaviour,” including firing guns in public places, as one of the main reasons for barring the popular dancehall artist from performing publicly in the country.**

by Khaila Gentle

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Mon. June 13, 2022

The Minister of Home Affairs of Guyana announced on Friday that the country has effectively banned Jamaican dancehall artist, Skeng, from performing publicly. The announcement comes after a performance by the artist at the “Baderation” Dancehall concert was cut short last month when fans began firing gunshots in the air and throwing bottles.

At the opening ceremony for the Community Relations Department of

the Guyana Police Force, the Home Affairs Minister, Robeson Benn, stated that he has instructed both the police force and his ministry to withhold their consent and approval for any future public performances that feature Skeng or other similar dancehall artists.

“If they want, they can go into a private club and behave as badly as they want. But we will not sign off on any such artist who has a record of promoting vulgar and lawless behaviour, including the firing of gunshots in public places. We reject it completely,” said Benn, according to a report by *Caribbean Weekly*.

While only Skeng, given name Kevaun Douglas, was mentioned by name, the Minister also stated that the ban will extend to all other artists who release music with a similar message. Additionally, he plans to remove Skeng's music from Guyanese airwaves, a decision made after one individual referred to the capital of

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# Paciencia y patriotismo

Aficionados al fútbol de Belize se mantienen firmes

Domingo 12 de junio de 2022; Lunes 13 de junio de 2022

El martes de esta semana, el Equipo Nacional Masculino "A" de Belize, los Jaguares, jugará su cuarto partido en el actual torneo clasificatorio de la Liga de Naciones de Concacaf (LNC) para la Copa Oro de Concacaf 2023, a la que los Jaguares han asistido solo una vez, en 2013. Hasta el momento, Belize ha perdido 2-0 ante República Dominicana en el Estadio FFB, y 2-0 ante Guatemala en Guatemala, y el jueves pasado empatamos 1-1 con Guayana Francesa en el Estadio FFB. El martes 14 de junio jugamos el partido de vuelta en Guayana Francesa. Y los fanáticos del fútbol de Belize se están poniendo nerviosos, ya que otra derrota no solo borraría cualquier esperanza de clasificar para la Copa Oro, sino que podría empujar a Belize cerca de un posible descenso a un nivel más bajo en el orden jerárquico de Concacaf. Si bien nuestro patriotismo sigue siendo fuerte, es posible que la paciencia de los fanáticos del fútbol se esté agotando con nuestra Federación de Fútbol de Belize (FFB por sus siglas en inglés).

En un esfuerzo por crear más oportunidades para la competencia y el desarrollo de los estándares del fútbol en la región (Norteamérica, Centroamérica y el Caribe), Concacaf ha separado a sus 41 miembros en tres ligas: Liga A (12 equipos), Liga B (16 equipos), y Liga C (13 equipos), "en base a los resultados de la fase de grupos de la LNC 2019"; e incluirá también "un sistema de ascensos y descensos (equipo inferior de cada grupo descendido y equipo superior de cada grupo ascendido)". Entonces, en la Liga B hay grupos A, B, C y D, con 4 equipos cada uno. Belize está en el Grupo D de la Liga B junto con República Dominicana, Guatemala y Guayana Francesa, y no solo el ganador de nuestro grupo pasará a la siguiente ronda de clasificación para la Copa Oro, sino que también ascenderá a la Liga A, mientras que el último lugar del grupo descenderá a la Liga C. Actualmente, Belize tiene 1 punto, Guatemala tiene 4 puntos, República Dominicana tiene 4 puntos, y Guayana Francesa tiene 7 puntos. Después del partido del martes en la Guayana Francesa, Belize tendrá dos juegos más del Grupo D, contra Guatemala y República Dominicana, que se llevarán a cabo en algún momento después del 1 de marzo de 2023.

Desde que logró ser miembro de la FIFA en 1986, el fútbol de Belize se ha mantenido en una lucha por superar la clase de "pececillos" en nuestra región centroamericana de Concacaf. Comenzando con la administración del Dr. Bertie Chimilio (1998 a 2012), los fondos de la FIFA han ido llegando a la FFB para mejorar su administración, ayudar a desarrollar nuestra infraestructura futbolística y para la capacitación de entrenadores, gerentes y árbitros. Con más de un millón de dólares inyectados cada año en las arcas de la FFB, los fanáticos han apoyado y respondido al llamado de la FFB a "crear en el proceso". Pero a lo largo de los años ha habido algunas preocupaciones y preguntas sobre el gasto de los dólares de la FIFA. Un cambio de administración al nuevo presidente Ruperto Vicente (2012 a 2016) vio un leve éxito con el entrenador costarricense Leroy Sherrier Lewis, ya que Belize logró nuestra primera visita a la Copa Oro de Concacaf en 2013. Pero parecimos haber retrocedido desde entonces; y después de una controvertida elección de la FFB en la que el miembro ejecutivo Marlon Kuylen se desempeñó como presidente interino durante un año y medio, un nuevo presidente de la FFB, Sergio Chuc, asumió el cargo en diciembre de 2017 y posteriormente fue reelegido en agosto de 2020 por cuatro años más. Pero nuestro fútbol sigue en apuros.

Como argumenta la FFB, el cierre de casi dos años debido al Covid-19 ciertamente ha sido un revés para el fútbol de Belize, a diferencia de otros países donde el deporte se siguió practicando. Sin embargo, los aficionados beliceños están perdiendo parte de su entusiasmo por la selección nacional después de repetidas decepciones y, naturalmente, buscan respuestas en la FFB. Por supuesto, mucho se ha logrado administrativamente bajo el liderazgo actual de la FFB. Los fondos de desarrollo de la FIFA han visto una mejora

importante del estadio FFB, por lo que Belize ahora cuenta no con uno, sino con dos estadios aprobados por la FIFA para partidos internacionales: el estadio Isidoro Beaton y el estadio FFB. También se han producido importantes mejoras en los estadios de Dangriga y Punta Gorda, y el Estadio Ambergris cuenta con su nuevo césped sintético. Se han realizado varios cursos de formación para árbitros y entrenadores; se han iniciado las bases del nuevo Estadio "Berger 404"; la FFB ha organizado una liga nacional femenina y ha preparado equipos nacionales para representar a Belize en competencias regionales para hombres y mujeres en el Sub-15 y Sub-20, junto con los Equipos Nacionales Mayores Masculino y Femenino; y hay más que han hecho. ¿Por qué, entonces, algunos aficionados se están volviendo muy críticos con la FFB?

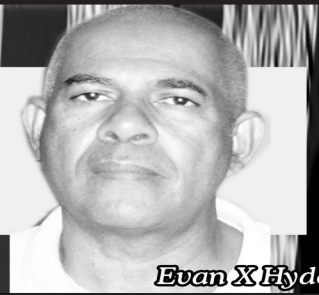
La respuesta es simple. Los aficionados están cansados de perder. Los fanáticos del fútbol de Belize han sido pacientes, y muchos todavía lo son. Pero a medida que pasa el tiempo, más y más fanáticos expresan su desaprobación e incluso disgusto en las redes sociales con respecto a varios temas relacionados con el equipo nacional, desde la selección de jugadores, hasta las decisiones tomadas por el entrenador, incluso la elección del entrenador, etc. etc. Y no es porque a los aficionados no les guste su equipo; de hecho, es precisamente porque aman a su equipo que se agitan cuando perder parece convertirse en un hábito y no hay pruebas suficientes de que estamos progresando. Y ahora escuchar que, en lugar de avanzar, está la posibilidad real de que Belize pueda estar retrocediendo, ¿a ser relegado a un grupo inferior en Concacaf?

Este es un momento difícil para nuestros Jaguares de Belize, nuestro entrenador nacional y, en última instancia, el presidente de la FFB. Usted pidió el trabajo, señor Chuc. Y en el análisis final, los fanáticos juzgarán la efectividad de cualquier administración de fútbol por el desempeño en el campo de nuestro equipo nacional masculino "A". Nuestras niñas Sub-15 acaban de recibir un puntaje agregado de 17-0 en dos partidos de "preparación" en Costa Rica, que nos recuerda a los puntajes que nuestro equipo nacional femenino "A" solía soportar hace un par de décadas cuando el fútbol femenino aún estaba en su infancia en Belize. Hoy en día nuestro equipo "A" femenino es mucho más competitivo, por lo que debemos admitir que ha habido algún progreso allí. Pero, si bien se puede argumentar que retrocedimos dos años debido a la pandemia, y que se están sentando las bases para el desarrollo futuro de nuestro fútbol, y que no hay nada de cierto en las afirmaciones de favoritismo u otras irregularidades en la administración del deporte, el hecho es que solo podemos usar Covid-19 como excusa por tanto tiempo. El reloj se está acabando.

Por supuesto, esto es solo fútbol, y con once contra once, cualquier número puede jugar. Pero en la competencia internacional, es más que fútbol o cualquier deporte. Nuestro orgullo nacional está involucrado cada vez que nuestro equipo nacional sale al campo. Hasta que renuncie o sea despedido, el entrenador de la selección nacional, David Pérez Asensio, quien ha demostrado su valía con los campeones nacionales Verdes, necesita saber que apreciamos el gran trabajo que está tratando de lograr en la transición de nuestra selección nacional a una cosecha más joven de jugadores que recién están desarrollando su confianza en el escenario internacional. Y nuestros jugadores, veteranos y jóvenes, deben saber siempre que nosotros, los fanáticos beliceños, los respaldamos al cien por cien, a pesar de las deficiencias de nuestros administradores de fútbol. Tendremos que abordar esas deficiencias en otro momento; pero por ahora, venga el martes al mediodía en la Guayana Francesa, nuestro patriotismo debe triunfar sobre nuestra impaciencia. Independientemente de qué, nosotros somos Jaguares; ¡así que denos todo lo que tienen, chicos! "¡Amamos nuestra nación!" ¡¡Vamos, Belize!!



# From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

For the school year of 1964/65, the administration of St. John's College Sixth Form admitted some young ladies into the first year of its traditionally two-year "Advanced Level" studies. Most of the young ladies were high school graduates from St. Catherine Academy, but I also remember at least three girl students from the Cayo District.

At that time the Sixth Form was physically comprised only of two one-flat ferro-concrete buildings, located on the far eastern side of the campus. The buildings had previously been used as residential dormitories for foreign students from the upper classes of Central and South America. These students were referred to as "internos." (I don't know when SJC began that program, but it had been ended by the time the 1964/65 school year began.) Amazingly, I can remember some names of internos -- Oscar Elvir, Reynaldo Martorell, Jesus Canales, Edgar Escalante ...

Immediately south of the buildings was the SJC football field, which was also used for baseball after Gene Adams, an American Peace Corps, began pushing baseball in Belize City high schools.

The southern of the buildings was used mostly for science laboratories, to the best of my recollection, whereas



Beverly Griffiths, nee Borden, second from left.

the northern building was where the academic classes were held. The small office of the new Sixth Form dean, Ronald Zinkle, S. J., was also housed there. There may have been a small library. I don't remember.

The young men from St. John's College (the SJC high school class of '63) had studied on the high school campus from January to May/June of 1964, if my memory is correct. So our first year of Sixth Form was really only a half year. To the best of my knowledge, we were the only Sixth Form class in British Honduras/ Belize history that did "A" Levels in a year and a half instead of the full two.

The new dean, Zinkle, an American of Germanic stock from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, was very proud of his new assignment. My sense was that the SJC president, Fr. Leo Weber, S. J., had

given Zinkle the assignment with the intent for the new SJC Sixth Form to become a kind of flagship of tertiary education in self-governing Belize. And, the SJC Sixth Form did become a real leader. Many young men from prominent Protestant Belizean families who would normally have attended St. Michael's College Sixth Form or Wesley College Sixth Form went north to SJC Sixth Form instead. (I don't know when the Belize Technical College established its own Sixth Form, but I know BTC Sixth Form became very prominent and competitive in the 1970s.)

Zinkle and I had issues, but I was not aware of his conflicts with some of the new girl students until many years after I had left the

school. Zinkle was conscious of his power, and very hardline.

None of the young ladies who ran afoul of Zinkle, so to speak, have ever spoken or written publicly about these clashes. A couple of them have recounted their experiences to me privately.

Anyway, a couple of the Sixth Form ladies from that class have informed me of the death of Beverly Griffiths, nee Borden, in the United Kingdom recently. She had married a British army officer, but maintained her ties to Belize. Beverly was quite a lady, and we mourn her passing.

There are several recent deaths we must note which have not been as widely publicized in the old capital as we Belizeans used to do in the old days of horse-drawn hearses. I wish to mention here Francis Acosta, Baxter Matthews, and two of our footballers from the 70s—Charro Bennett and Clarence "Willie" Williams.

Willie was a Wesley College graduate who lived on Turton's Lane down the street from me on Regent Street West. He starred as the central defender of the championship Landivar teams, and I wish to note here that he was a quiet man of dignity and strength.

Respect is due, and given.

## FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

Para el año escolar de 1964/65, la administración de la Preparatoria del Colegio San Juan admitió a algunas jóvenes en el primer año de sus estudios de "Nivel Avanzado" tradicionalmente de dos años. La mayoría de las jóvenes eran graduadas de la escuela secundaria de la Academia Santa Catalina, pero también recuerdo al menos a tres niñas estudiantes del distrito de Cayo.

En ese momento, la preparatoria estaba compuesta físicamente solo por dos edificios de hormigón armado de un piso, ubicados en el lado este del campus. Los edificios se habían utilizado anteriormente como dormitorios residenciales para estudiantes extranjeros de las clases altas de Centroamérica y Sur América. Estos estudiantes eran llamados "internos". (No sé cuándo el Colegio

San Juan (SJC por sus siglas en inglés) comenzó ese programa, pero lo habían terminado cuando comenzó el año escolar 1964/65). Sorprendentemente, puedo recordar algunos nombres de internos: Oscar Elvir, Reynaldo Martorell, Jesús Canales, Edgar Escalante...

Inmediatamente al sur de los edificios estaba el campo de fútbol SJC, que también se usó para el béisbol después de que Gene Adams, un miembro del Cuerpo de Paz estadounidense, comenzara a impulsar el béisbol en las escuelas secundarias de la Ciudad de Belize.

El edificio sur se usaba principalmente para laboratorios de ciencias, según recuerdo, mientras que el edificio norte era donde se llevaban a cabo las clases académicas. La pequeña oficina del nuevo decano de la preparatoria, Ronald Zinkle, C. de J.,

también se encontraba allí. Puede haber habido una pequeña biblioteca. No recuerdo.

Los jóvenes del Colegio San Juan (la promoción de la escuela secundaria SJC del '63) habían estudiado en el campus de la escuela secundaria de enero a mayo/junio de 1964, si no recuerdo mal. Así que nuestro primer año de preparatoria fue en realidad solo medio año. Que yo sepa, fuimos la única clase de preparatoria en la historia de Honduras Británica/Belize que presentó los exámenes a nivel "A" en un año y medio en lugar de los dos completos.

El nuevo decano, Zinkle, un estadounidense de ascendencia germánica de Eau Claire, Wisconsin, estaba muy orgulloso de su nueva asignación. Mi

sensación fue que el presidente de SJC, el p. Leo Weber, C. de J., había asignado a Zinkle la tarea con la intención de que la nueva preparatoria SJC se convirtiera en una especie de buque insignia de la educación universitaria en el Belize autónomo. Y, la preparatoria SJC se convirtió en un verdadero líder. Muchos jóvenes de prominentes familias beliceñas protestantes que normalmente habrían asistido a la Preparatoria del Colegio San Miguel o del Colegio Wesley en su lugar fueron al norte a la Preparatoria SJC. (No sé cuándo el Colegio Técnico de Belize estableció su propia preparatoria, pero sé que la preparatoria del Colegio Técnico de Belize se volvió muy prominente y competitiva en la década de 1970).

# Construction starts on Dangriga fire station

**Dangriga will soon have a 1.1 million USD state-of-the-art fire station courtesy of the US government**

by Charles Gladden

DANGRIGA, Stann Creek District, Fri. June 10, 2022

A ceremony was held in Dangriga on Friday, June 10, to mark the groundbreaking for the construction of a new, state-of-the-art fire station that will be built at a cost of \$1.1 million US, which is being provided by the United States government.

The funding is being issued by the U.S. Southern Command Humanitarian Assistance Program, and as a result of the construction of the fire station, more than 9,000 residents of Dangriga and surrounding communities will be able to access assistance during fire emergencies.

During the ceremony, Hon. (Dr.) Louis Zabaneh, area representative for Dangriga, remarked, “The people and

the community of Dangriga are most grateful to have this groundbreaking for this state-of-the-art fire station that is going to be built here in Dangriga due to the generosity of the government and the people of the United States. So today, we had this groundbreaking ceremony and we expect that within a year or so, the facilities will be built ... so that will significantly improve the effectiveness of the firefighters here in Dangriga to be able to respond to emergencies that



Groundbreaking for US-funded Dangriga fire station

do occur from time to time. And it certainly gives the residents of Dangriga that greater sense of comfort that we have of these types of facilities being built here.”

Leyla Moses-Ones, Chargé d’Affaires for the US Embassy, spoke on the partnership the United States has with Belize, through which such initiatives are undertaken to assist the people of Belize: a

“I am proud of our strong and longstanding partnership with the Government of Belize, as we work side-by-side to build a healthier, more secure, and more prosperous country for all citizens. The United States has long been committed to contributing to helping build resilient Belizean communities by providing tools and

resources so that they can be prepared and ready to respond to crises wherein just a matter of mere minutes could make the difference between life and death,” she said.

In recent months, fire stations throughout the country have been undergoing a much-needed upgrade.

“The condition of most fire stations throughout the country were in deplorable conditions when [we] came into office, and we saw it as a priority to be able to upgrade those that can still be upgraded but to construct new ones for those that are really out of order and really in the worse and deplorable conditions,” noted Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Disaster Risk Management.

## Summer school nationwide due to Covid-19 learning setbacks

BELIZE CITY, Fri, June 10, 2022

Today, Minister of Education, Hon. Francis Fonseca announced that a loss-mitigation summer school program would be launched across the country to address the learning setbacks suffered by students as a result of the two-year lapse in classroom (in-person) learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With a majority of students back in classrooms in the latter part of this school year, the ministry has identified learning gaps using the **Belize Diagnostic Assessment Test (B-DAT)**, and is now taking steps to address them. According to Minister Fonseca, retired and highly skilled and experienced teachers will be utilized on the front lines during the summer program and will work in specific problem areas to get students to reach the necessary educational level prior to the next school year.



Hon. Francis Fonseca – Minister of Education

In response to a reporter’s suggestion that schools have been directed to “push up” students to the next academic level even if they had not acquired the required level of skill/understanding to be promoted to a higher class, he said this was “absolutely not” the case, and in fact, that many students would be repeating—doing an additional year in both primary and high schools. He also commented that indiscriminate promotion of students to a higher class would be misguided and foolish and maintained that working on addressing the learning gaps identified is what is important.

The Education Ministry is still not certain whether or not schools will be opened early for the new school year. Minister Fonseca says that decision would be made jointly by stakeholders

across the educational spectrum. Some discussions have been had on the matter, but no decision has been handed down as yet.

Addressing the learning loss will be a key feature in post-pandemic recovery. It is estimated that millions of students have not returned to school, and mitigation efforts to address the learning loss are being planned by countries across the world, with 70 percent of reopened schools intending to introduce remedial programs, a report from UNICEF states.

In Belize, the Education Ministry has recently rolled out the Belize Diagnostic Assessment Test (B-DAT) to pinpoint the most affected subject areas, gauge the current learning gaps, and find out where our students across the country are facing difficulties. According to Minister Fonseca, the results of the test indicated that students across the nation have fallen behind in math, science, and English.

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Zinkle y yo teníamos problemas, pero no me di cuenta de sus conflictos con algunas de las nuevas alumnas hasta muchos años después de haber dejado la escuela. Zinkle era consciente de su poder y era de línea muy dura.

Ninguna de las jóvenes que tuvieron problemas con Zinkle, por así decirlo, ha hablado o escrito públicamente sobre estos enfrentamientos. Un par de ellas me han contado sus experiencias en privado.

De todos modos, un par de las damas de la preparatoria de esa clase me informaron de la muerte de Beverly Griffiths de Borden, recientemente en el Reino Unido. Se había casado con un oficial del ejército británico, pero mantuvo sus vínculos con Belize. Beverly era toda

una dama, y lamentamos su fallecimiento.

Hay varias muertes recientes que debemos señalar que no han sido tan ampliamente publicitadas en la antigua capital como solíamos hacerlo los beliceños en los viejos tiempos de los coches fúnebres tirados por caballos. Quisiera mencionar aquí a Francis Acosta, Baxter Matthews y dos de nuestros futbolistas de los años 70: Charro Bennett y Clarence “Willie” Williams.

Willie era egresado del Colegio Wesley que vivía en Turton’s Lane calle abajo de mí en la calle Regent Street West. Actuó como el defensa central de los equipos campeones de Landivar, y deseo señalar aquí que era un hombre tranquilo de dignidad y fuerza.

El reconocimiento es debido, y se entrega.

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# Future changes on the American continent



by Clinton Canul Luna

I believe that the President of the United States, Joe Biden's, 9th Summit of the Americas which took place in Los Angeles, U.S.A, will bring many changes in the future on our continent. Therefore, I believe the following, which I would like to share with you, our dear readers of this column, is of much importance. It was posted on the YouTube channel "El Chapucero INTERNACIONAL" on June 9, 2022. It is as follows:

.... Welcome, everyone, to "El Chapucero INTERNACIONAL". I'm Gaby López. Venezuela applied the old reliable, "When you are not invited to a big meeting, you act as if you are too busy to be able to attend", and at this moment, the president of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, did that in the face of the refusal of his counterpart Joe Biden, the American, to invite him to the Summit of the Americas. Meanwhile, Biden greeted more than 20 leaders from the Western Hemisphere in Los Angeles; three of those were excluded from the meeting, which was Venezuela, Cuba and Nicaragua. In this case, Maduro is holding his own very high-level talks on the other side of the globe. The Venezuelan leader hastily flew to Ankara to meet with his Turkish

counterpart. Maduro took advantage of the opportunity he was having and the spotlight due to his negative invitation to the Summit of the Americas and criticized Biden's decision not to invite him for practically a whim. After this decision was finally made known, Maduro made what appears to be a last-minute visit to Turkey. Under Venezuelan law, the head of state must receive prior authorization from Congress to travel abroad on official visits. The national assembly, which is practically controlled by Maduro, confirmed this authorization on Tuesday night, an hour after the presidential plane had landed in Turkey.

The main objective of this visit was clear from the beginning. Maduro is sending a message that regardless of the exclusion of the US, there will always be people around the world willing to receive him, especially to do business. Especially because after his meeting with the Turkish president, he arrived on the night of this June 8 in Algeria, the second country he visits on that international tour, and the president of Algeria received Nicolás Maduro at the presidential palace, where they held a meeting to talk about strengthening their alliances. Through

his social networks, the Venezuelan president has been sharing images and videos about this international and business tour that he is carrying out internationally. One of these welcomes was the one he received from the president of Algeria, where the president shared these images with a somewhat significant message, "Beautiful welcome at the El Mouradia Presidential Palace of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. On behalf of the Venezuelan people I thank President Abdelmadjid Tebboune for his friendship. Another new world is possible, thanks to the cooperation between nations." Practically, what Maduro is trying to say with this message is that it does not matter what the United States does or does not do to him, if he does not want to invite him to its summit or if he prefers, as such, to continue sanctioning him just as it is doing at this moment against Russia. No matter what the US does, Maduro, and in this case, Venezuela, they have the opportunity to do business with other countries.

Such is also the case when he was in Turkey, where the president declared that during this meeting three new agreements were signed in the areas of tourism, agriculture and monetary finance. Until now, it is unknown as such which other countries will be visited by Nicolás Maduro during this virtually improvised tour. But the positions that Venezuela, Turkey and Nicaragua have are very similar. They are targets, as such, of the threats that Washington has been making for years. These countries try, as such, to avoid US restrictions and promote their commercial ties, in the first place, in the energy and tourism sectors, and this is the first energy sector that is the most important, because at the moment there is a worldwide shortage, as such, of oil in what is the European Union because they do not want to pay it in what is the national currency, in this case, speaking of the conflict that involves Russia. At the moment in which the European Union does not want to agree to the terms and conditions of Russia so that

they buy the oil of this country with their national currency, the Americans have the idea that if they do not buy the oil right now from Russia, there will come a point at which the Russians will have to lower prices themselves in order to get rid of the excess oil they have as such.

But there is a very important detail that hardly anyone has been commenting on. Algeria, a couple of hours ago, has broken, as such, its friendship treaties with Spain. What does this mean? That any business he had, talking about energy, economy, tourism, doesn't matter; as such, business was broken. At this moment, a new treaty will start talking specifically about Algeria. At the moment in which it decided to break these ties with one of the members of the European Union, it means that it is Algeria that will decide the prices or the payment to be made by Spain to return to consume its gas and oil as such. Algeria currently provides or provided more than 30 percent of the gas consumed by this Spanish country. So, when Venezuela approaches to meet with Algeria, with Turkey, these three countries have something very strong in common, oil. Venezuela, regardless of all the sanctions it has suffered from the US, is a strong country rich in oil. So, that these three countries begin to have, as such, an economic alliance, it will only be that more and more the US is losing commercial power because when it can no longer purchase oil from Venezuela, because in the first instance the US has just snubbed and not invited Nicolás Maduro to the Summit of the Americas for simply not liking him, any idea that Joe Biden has in his head at that moment, at the moment in which he decided to reject any business opportunity talking about oil with

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# PM Mottley: “So much trouble in the world”

LOS ANGELES, USA, Fri. June 10, 2022

Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley called for meaningful action to address the three major crises facing our region and the world during her speech at the IX Summit of the Americas today. While she made reference both in her introduction and throughout her speech to lines from Bob Marley’s hit reggae song, “So

much trouble in the world”, she expressed her hope that leaders will not just engage in speeches but that they will together make concrete decisions to make a difference in the lives of people across the region.

Mottley listed the climate crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the current high prices of fuel and food that are causing food insecurity across the regions as issues that are to be addressed at such a regional meeting.

“I chose the language of Bob Marley this morning, not because I am an apostle of Bob, as you probably have realized by now, but also because it reminds us of the day-to-day reality of our people and of our citizens, and we have come to Los Angeles hopeful that



Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados

we’re not just going to engage in speeches or not going to engage in platitudes, but we go home to make a difference to people at perhaps the most difficult time this world has seen in 100 years. We have three global crises, and any one is sufficient to bring us down: the climate crisis hurts from you here in California in fires, to us in the Caribbean through the heart attack of hurricanes and the chronic NCD of water crisis and droughts or floods depending on where you go,” PM Mottley said.

She stated that the people of the region need immediate intervention to address the issue of food security, and pointed to the need for production of 6- and 12-week crops and protection

**“I hope that we leave here today conscious that we should never again come to a Summit to talk at each other, but simply to talk with each other in partnership and for the purpose for prosperity of our people,” Barbadian Prime Minister Mia Mottley stated during her speech at the IX Summit of the Americas.**

from the high prices of fertilizers being seen on the global market due to the war in Ukraine.

“We need equally, as we have heard Prime Minister Brown and Prime Minister Davis say already this morning, that the debt crisis is already among many developing countries. We simply do not have the fiscal space to respond to crises not spun by ourselves but spun by others,” Mottley further said.

She pointed directly to what she calls double jeopardy – the fact that the Industrial Revolution which caused the increase in greenhouse gases and fueled the climate crisis was funded by the labor of the formerly enslaved ancestors of people living throughout the region. These descendants are now among those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and lack the finance to support adaptation and mitigation measures.

“We are facing a double jeopardy: Our countries were those from whom wealth was extracted in order to build the developed world; our countries were left at independence with no compact, no money to finance basic rights of the house, and healthcare and education, and when we fought to do it. Now we find ourselves having those efforts crowded out, literally, by our inability to be able to face and find the money because we are using it to recover from climate crises, not of our own making. Where does the double jeopardy come that it is the very Industrial Revolution that the blood, sweat, and tears that our ancestors financed that is now causing us not to be able to respond to the needs of our people in the most basic of ways that humanity requires,” PM Mottley said.

She also remarked that financing is

needed before the impact of the climate crisis and not just after.

“We need to be able to prepare before the crisis so we can reduce what we have to spend by 7 times. We need to recognize that adaptation has no private sector follow-up, because there is no return on investment in adapting to the climate realities. This is the function of the state, and the international community is required by the justice of the moment to help us prevent loss of life and property for a crisis that we didn’t create,” Mottley said.

In closing her speech, she decried the fact that three countries—Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela—were not invited to the summit, but called on them to put people before political ideology.

“I cannot leave this platform without saying that we have to speak some home truths to each other. It is wrong that Cuba and Venezuela and Nicaragua are not here, because as you’ve heard from the Bahamas that we need to speak with those with whom we disagree, and we don’t only need to narrowcast. That’s the problem with the world; there is too much narrow-casting instead of broadcasting. There is too much talk *at*, instead of talk *with*. But secondly, those countries must equally recognize that you cannot want to fully participate if you are not prepared equally to engage and to seek progress, and the simple priority must be people, not ideology. If we can make progress for people, if we can allow people to speak different languages, if we can create a minimum floor of education and healthcare for the people of the Americas, then, my friends, the City of Angels would have played its role in the history of the Americas!” Prime Minister Mottley said.

## Guyana bans Skeng and other dancehall artists from performing

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Georgetown as “Gun Town”.

“I have to say here and now, that no artist like Skeng will ever come again into this country,” stated Minister Benn.

The artist’s management team has since responded to the ban, calling it an attempt to wrongfully blame him for the actions of his fans. The team stated that Skeng’s artistic expression is merely that and nothing else, noting that he has performed in several cities before and after the incident in Guyana and has not received such a response. They also criticized the poor security measures that were in place at the “Baderation” event.

“Our team was also placed in danger and had to take precautions to ensure that we were not injured. We are of the view that the security measures that were

put in place could have been more stringent in order to prevent the gunplay and other acts of violence,” stated a release by Skeng’s management team.

Skeng, who is 21 years old, is not the first Jamaican artist to have found themselves banned in Guyana. Artists Mavado and Vybz Kartel have also been previously blacklisted in 2008 and 2001 respectively.

Skeng’s management team has expressed that they are hopeful the ban will be lifted.

“Management and Mr. Douglas are aware of the negative effect of gun violence and do not and will never condone the same anywhere. Mr. Douglas provides high-energy performances; however, we ask that there not be a repeat of the incident that occurred in Guyana,” stated their release.

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Venezuela, is going to be harder on them every time.

The US is beginning to fall into a crisis, as much as they do not want to say it. They try to hide it more and more. They blame Russia due to its war with Ukraine for all the ills that are brewing worldwide, when it is they, the US and the European Union, that vetoed Russia from any type of trade with all the sanctions that they implemented. They did the same to Venezuela and Cuba. However, Russia has plenty of material with which to discuss what trade really is. As much European territory depends on, in this case, Russian gas and oil are stagnant as such. Venezuela has an opportunity to approach Turkey and Algeria to reach, to a certain extent, Russia, to also begin to strengthen ties

and do business. Let’s hope that this trip that Nicolás Maduro is making has an end that really benefits the Venezuelan people, that can really shut up Joe Biden, that it doesn’t matter if he doesn’t invite him to his summit because he practically took over what this organization is, to bring together all the nations of the American continent at a time when he decided to exclude three countries. Later we will see what will be the outcome of this tour that Maduro is making and what are the main points or trade agreements that he managed to reach, thanks, practically, to the fact that the United States decided to reject him.

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# PLB elects new Executive



BELMOPAN, Sat. June 11, 2022

On June 2nd, 2022, the Premier League of Belize (PLB) held its VII Ordinary Elective Congress at the Roaring River Golf & Accommodations in Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District.

Overseeing the election was the FFB Electoral Committee Chairman, Mr. Dale Cayetano; Representative from the Elections and Boundaries Department, Ms. Nadino Reid; and Justice of the Peace, Mr. Kent Fuller; along with the FFB General Secretary, Mr. Earl Jones.

The new PLB Executive Committee is comprised of Mr. Ian Haylock - President, Mr. Godfrey Arzu - Vice President, Ms. Karol Maldonado Claros - Female Executive Member, Mr. Lorin Frazer - Executive Member, and Mr. Jordan Zabaneh - Executive Member.

The FFB congratulates and recognizes the new Executive of the Premier League of Belize and wishes the League all the best as they prepare for their upcoming football season.

-press release-

(AMANDALA Sports Ed. Note- Actually, the last active president of the PLB is the same recently elected president, Ian Haylock. The PLB had been mired in controversy following a previous elective congress in December

2020 that saw Clifford King of Toledo elected as PLB president, but where the voting membership of certain clubs at that congress was challenged by then incumbent president Haylock. The FFB sided with Haylock and refused to recognize King as the legitimate PLB president. The PLB had been under an injunction of the courts since April 9, 2021, when King sought the legal avenue to prevent Haylock from convening another announced elective congress. With the FFB not budging in its support of Haylock, on October 29, 2021, King decided, "in a spirit of good faith," to lift the injunction, anticipating "that the FFB, and as necessary and required, through the intervention of CONCACAF will seek to address the internal conflicts amongst the Members of the PLB." King confirmed to us today that all the suspended clubs have been reinstated into the PLB congress, and so preparations are under way for the start of the next PLB tournament. In the above picture, the executive members appear as listed in the PLB release from left to right, i.e. Ian Haylock, Godfrey Arzu, Karol Maldonado Claros, Lorin Frazer, Jordan Zabaneh. It is noted that Karol Maldonado is manager of San Pedro Pirates FC, Lorin Frazer is manager of Verdes FC, and Jordan Zabaneh is manager of Altitude FC.)

# French Guiana's late goal foils Belize's victory plans

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BELMOPAN, Belize, June 10, 2022

There was little between Belize and French Guiana on Thursday at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan, with the teams playing to a 1-1 draw in Group D of League B of the Concacaf Nations League.

Belize got its goal from Horace Avila, who scored his first-ever international goal, while French Guiana relied on Joel Sarrucco, who moved his team-leading CNL goal tally to four with a late equalizer.

After a first half in which Belize had more of the ball, both sides looked for a goal to break the deadlock, with French Guiana creating a flurry of opportunities in the first five minutes of the second half.

But after a set piece in the 52nd minute that was headed into the back of the net sparked celebrations; French Guiana was back to business after the goal was waved off for offside.

It was Belize whose goal would first count, with the hosts getting their first goal of the CNL in the 74th

# National Amateur Women's

## Bay City overloads, Verdes Rebels gains first "W" at Week 10 of NAWL

BELIZE CITY, Mon. June 13, 2022

With regular season near its end except for a couple back matches, Verdes Rebels upset Sagitun Girlz at the Norman Broaster Stadium on Sunday, June 12, to claim their first victory at Week 10 of the National Amateur Women's League (NAWL) 2022 Opening Season. An 18th minute goal from Mikayeli Guerra (18') was enough to secure the 1-0 victory for Verdes Rebels over visiting Satitun Girlz.

The day before, on Saturday at the same Norman Broaster Stadium, home standing Cayo Dreamers dropped Wagiya United FC, 2-0, with a goal each from Daysi Paiz (20') and Allyshia Bowman (23').

Also on Saturday, it was target practice at the Ricalde Stadium where Bay City FC loaded up 19 goals on their northern counterpart Corozal United Warriors for a 19-0 slaughter. Sharing the scoring for Bay City FC were Anahie Blanco (2', 10', 33', 45+ & 68'), Darina Tzul (4', 51' & 60'), Aaliyah Herbert ((15', 20', 70' & 90'), Alisha Terry (29'), Kaite Jones (36', 59', 81' & 83'), Kennara Trapp (44') and Shante Chacon (87').

Meanwhile, at the M.A. Stadium in Independence, Rumberas FC and Jewel Fury ended in a 1-1 draw. Kursha Pollard (9') gave visiting Jewel Fury the early lead, but Rumberas got the second half equalizer from Sidney Ruiz (77').

| Nat'l Amateur Women's League 2022 Opening Season |    |   |   |   |    |    |      |     |
|--|----|---|---|---|----|----|------|-----|
| Standings at Week 10, Sunday, June 12, 2022      |    |   |   |   |    |    |      |     |
| Group A Teams                                    | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Diff | Pts |
| Jewel Fury                                       | 8  | 5 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 4  | 19   | 17  |
| Rumberas FC                                      | 8  | 3 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 7  | 4    | 12  |
| Sagitun Girlz                                    | 7  | 3 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 12 | -1   | 10  |
| San Pedro Pirates                                | 7  | 3 | 1 | 3 | 9  | 12 | -3   | 10  |
| Verdes Rebels                                    | 8  | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7  | 26 | -19  | 4   |
| Group B Teams                                    | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Diff | Pts |
| Bay City FC                                      | 8  | 8 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 0  | 75   | 24  |
| Cayo Dreamers                                    | 8  | 6 | 0 | 2 | 32 | 9  | 23   | 18  |
| Wagiya United SC                                 | 8  | 4 | 0 | 4 | 36 | 15 | 21   | 12  |
| Santa Elena Strikers                             | 7  | 1 | 0 | 6 | 3  | 56 | -53  | 3   |
| Corozal United Warriors                          | 7  | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1  | 67 | -66  | 0   |

Week 11 Schedule (Back Matches)

Saturday, June 18

3:00 p.m. - Sagitun Girlz vs San Pedro Pirates - M.A. Stadium in Independence  
 3:00 p.m. - Santa Elena Strikers vs Corozal United Warriors - Norman Broaster Stadium

| NAWL 2022 Opening Season                  |                    |       |
|---|--------------------|-------|
| Top Scorers at Wk. 10, Sun. June 12, 2022 |                    |       |
| Group A Clubs                             | PLAYER             | Goals |
| Jewel Fury                                | Khalydia Velasquez | 13    |
| San Pedro Pirates                         | Iamara Baptist     | 5     |
| Jewel Fury                                | Fatima Romero      | 4     |
| Rumberas FC                               | Quinah Caliz       | 4     |
| Sagitun Girlz                             | Karisha Coe        | 3     |
| Sagitun Girlz                             | Zulma Ortega       | 3     |
| Rumberas FC                               | Roshanny Narvaez   | 3     |
| San Pedro Pirates                         | Olivia Dacosta     | 3     |
| Group B Clubs                             | PLAYER             | Goals |
| Bay City FC                               | Anahie Blanco      | 20    |
| Bay City FC                               | Kaite Jones        | 14    |
| Bay City FC                               | Darina Tzul        | 11    |
| Cayo Dreamers                             | Jehniah Arnold     | 8     |
| Cayo Dreamers                             | Sara Torres        | 8     |
| Bay City FC                               | Alisha Terry       | 7     |
| Cayo Dreamers                             | Daysi Paiz         | 7     |
| Bay City FC                               | Aaliyah Herbert    | 6     |
| Bay City FC                               | Shante Chacon      | 6     |
| Wagiya United SC                          | Tenechia Zuniga    | 6     |
| Wagiya United SC                          | Jessie Mclaughyn   | 6     |
| Wagiya United SC                          | Tanya Arnold       | 6     |

minute. A long ball over the top bounced in the box and Avila was able to head past French Guiana GK Donovan Leon to get the

breakthrough.

Just when it looked like Belize

# REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

## US commits \$331 million to meet Central America's food and humanitarian needs

by *Khaila Gentle*

LOS ANGELES, United States, Mon. June 13, 2022

On Wednesday, June 8, during a forum at the IX Summit of the Americas, Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Manuel Otero called for a “hemispheric partnership” to tackle Central America’s growing food crisis. Meanwhile, the United States of America announced its multi-million dollar commitment to meet the urgent food and humanitarian needs of the region.

Hemispheric partnership, Otero noted, “would enable the Americas to increase its global visibility and assume its responsibility as a guarantor of global food security and environmental sustainability.” He added that it would result in increased employment, more income, and improved quality of life.

“It is vital that we sever the connection between the war and the production, exportation, and supply of food. The right to food is sacred. We must ensure access to financing for our 26.5 million farmers, particularly small farmers,” said the Director-General.



*IX Summit of the Americas (Source: Freddie Everett, US Department of State)*

During the forum, titled “Global Food Crisis and the Americas”, US Agency for International Development Administrator Samantha Power announced that \$331 million in USAID funding would be allocated for addressing humanitarian needs in the Latin American and Caribbean region. Of that, \$132 million will be dedicated to food security and resilience, including providing support for small farmers and allowing financial and technical

assistance for maternal and child nutrition. The funding is expected to benefit El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala (The Northern Triangle) as well as Haiti, Colombia, and Peru.

“The food crisis in the Americas will not be solved solely through emergency food assistance—far from it. It requires a long-term solution, one that sees Latin and Central American communities as partners rather than recipients,” stated Power, echoing Otero’s sentiments.

The IICA Director explained that while some countries in the region, such as Brazil, Argentina, and the United States, are large food-producing countries, many others rely heavily on imports and are currently grappling with the effects of war, the pandemic, and climate change.

According to the UN’s World Food Programme, the number of severely food insecure people in Latin America and the Caribbean increased from December 2021 to March 2022 by over half a million. In El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala alone, approximately 4 million people are in need of food assistance. This is owed in part to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the Russia-Ukraine war, which

has seen Russia blocking exports from the European nation.

USAID Administrator Samantha Power stated that, by the end of the Summit of the Americas, the United States would have committed over half a billion dollars to meet the needs of the region.

The Biden Administration has stated that tackling growing food insecurity is tied to its goal of addressing migration across the hemisphere.

## At least 5 dead, 27 injured as wave of weekend mass shootings in US continues

by *BILL HUTCHINSON*

Sun. June 12, 2022 (ABC News)

At least seven mass shootings have occurred across the country since Friday night, making this the fourth consecutive weekend in which U.S. law enforcement officers have responded to multiple incidents involving four or more victims shot.

Shootings this weekend have left at least five people dead and 27 injured in seven cities, according to the Gun Violence Archive, a site that tracks shootings across the country. The website defines a mass shooting as a single incident involving four or more victims.

The string of consecutive weekend mass casualty incidents began over the Memorial Day holiday, when at least 17 shootings left a total of 13 dead and 79 injured in cities across the country, including Philadelphia, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix, Memphis and Chattanooga, Tenn. Last weekend, at least 11 mass shootings erupted, leaving a total of 17 dead and 62 injured across the nation.

Since a May 14 suspected racially motivated attack at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket left 10 Black people

dead and 18-year-old white teenager charged with multiple counts of murder, there have been at least 63 mass shootings nationwide, an average of two per day, including the May 24 shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, in which 19 students and two teachers were killed, according to the Gun Violence Archive.

Adding to the carnage, were mass-casualty shootings this weekend in New Orleans, Detroit, Louisville, Kentucky; Decatur, Georgia; Antioch, Tenn.; Gary, Indiana; and for the third straight weekend in Chicago.

The shootings this weekend came as a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators announced Sunday that they have reached agreement on the framework of a plan to curb what Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., described as “the gun violence epidemic that has plagued our country and terrorized our children for far too long.”

Indiana nightclub shooting leaves 2 dead, 4 injured  
A man and a woman were killed and four patrons were injured when gunfire erupted early Sunday at a nightclub in Gary, Indiana, according to police.



*People fill Detroit Cities Riverfront as they listen to speakers and march in the March for Our Lives Detroit event demanding gun control laws in Detroit, June 11, 2022.*

*(Kelly Jordan/Detroit Free Press via USA Today Network)*

The shooting unfolded around 2 a.m. at the Playo’s Nightclub, the Gary Police Department said in a statement.

When officers arrived at the nightclub, they found a 34-year-old man near the entrance unresponsive and suffering from gunshot wounds, authorities said. Inside the nightclub, officers discovered a 26-year-old unresponsive woman, who had also been shot, police said.

The two mortally wounded victims

were taken to Methodist Hospital Northlake, where they were pronounced dead, according to police. The Lake County, Indiana, coroner’s office identified them as Jah’Nice Quinn, 26, of Merrillville, Indiana, and Jonte Dorsey, 34, of Joliet, Illinois, according to ABC station WLS-TV in Chicago.

Four other people were shot in the

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# At least 5 dead, 27 injured as wave of weekend mass shootings in US continues

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incident, including one who was critically injured, police said.

No arrests were announced and a motive for the shooting remained under investigation Sunday afternoon.

4 injured in New Orleans street shooting

At least four people were injured when a shooting erupted on a street in New Orleans early Sunday, authorities said.

The shooting unfolded around 4 a.m. at an intersection in the Mid-City section of the New Orleans, leaving four men with injuries to the neck, knee, elbow and hand, the New Orleans Police Department said in a statement. The victims were all taken to hospitals in private vehicles, police said.

No additional information on the shooting was released.

4 shot, 2 fatally, at Tennessee pool party

Two men were killed and two others were wounded when gunfire broke out at a pool party in suburban Nashville, Saturday night, police said.

The shooting occurred just after 10 p.m. at the Hickory Hollow Apartment complex in Antioch, Tennessee, roughly 11 miles southeast of Nashville, police said.

Police sources told ABC affiliate WKRN in Nashville that an exchange of gunfire broke out during a birthday party that was going on at the apartment complex's swimming pool.

Officers responding to calls of shots fired found one victim, whose name was not immediately released, dead at the scene and others wounded, according to police. A victim, identified by police as 20-year-old Kalem Burford, was taken by private car to Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, where he was pronounced dead.

The two wounded victims suffered non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

Homicide investigators were working Sunday to identify a suspect or suspects and a motive for the shooting.

5 injured in Chicago drive-by shooting

Five people were injured, one critically, in a shooting Saturday afternoon on the South Side of Chicago, authorities said.

The episode unfolded in an alley in the Gresham neighborhood, where a group of people were gathered, according to an incident report from the Chicago Police Department. Around 3:20 p.m., a car drove up to the group and at least one occupant opened fire, police said.

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One victim was shot multiple times

and was taken to a hospital in critical condition while three men ranging in age from 24 to 42 were hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries, according to police.

No arrests have been announced.

5 teenagers shot near Louisville bridge

Five teenagers were injured Saturday when a barrage of gunfire was unleashed on a group of people gathered near the Big Four Bridge in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, according to the Louisville Metro Police Department.

The shooting occurred just after 9 p.m. and arriving officers found three teenagers suffering from gunshot injuries, including one critically wounded, LMPD Maj. Brian Kuriger said at a news conference Saturday. Two other teenagers with non-life threatening injuries were taken to a hospital in a private vehicle, he said.

Two teenagers later arrived at the hospital for treatment in their own car with non-life-threatening injuries.

No arrests were announced.

4 shot at Detroit bachelor party

At least four people were shot Saturday during a bachelor party at a short-term rental house in Detroit, police said.

The shooting erupted around 12:25 p.m. in the Davison-Schoolcraft neighborhood on the west side of the city. Police said they are searching for a black SUV that witnesses said drove up to the front of the home and at least one occupant opened fire.

All of the victims were treated at hospitals for non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

No one has been arrested in the incident.

1 killed, 3 injured in Georgia restaurant shooting

A 48-year-old man was killed and three other men were injured when a shooting broke out in a restaurant in Decatur, Georgia, according to police.

A preliminary investigation indicates that a fight over a woman escalated into a shooting at about 11:30 p.m. Friday at Fletcher's Place, a restaurant in the Gallery at South DeKalb shopping mall, according to the DeKalb County Police Department.

All four shooting victims were taken to area hospitals in serious to critical condition, including the man who was pronounced dead, police said. The slain victim was identified by police as Daletavious McGuire.

Police told ABC affiliate station WSB-TV in Atlanta that they suspect the shooting started when an intoxicated customer got into an argument over a woman with either another customer or employee.

No arrests have been announced.

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## Clarence Williams Death Announcement

From: The President And Executive Body of The Belizean American Caribbean Football Association Inc. (BACFA) and The Belizean American Football Hall of Fame Committee (BAFHFC)

To: ALL BELIZEAN AMERICAN FOOTBALL PLAYERS, LEGENDS, VETERANS AND SUPPORTERS

Subject: The Death of One of Our Legends, Clarence "Willy" Williams" June 8th 2022

The officers and members of the Belizean American Caribbean Football Association Inc. and the Belizean American Football Hall Of Fame (BAHF), hereby express our deepest condolence to the family of one of our country's best football defensive legend players, William "Willy" Williams Flores, who died in New York City recently. He played most of his years with the Landivar football team, which he won championships with, and the Bombers football team here in New York City.

According to information received from our veteran football players, it was always a pleasure to see this legend play football. He had speed and was a very effective defense. William "Willy"



Williams was inducted into the Belizean American Football Hall of Fame on September the 10th 2017. Our organization has granted him his Hall of Fame credentials.

The funeral service for him will be held on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 in New York City. We ask that all current and former football players pay their respect to the legend and his family.

The information is attached below:

**Wellington C. Ramos, president; the executive officers and members of the Belizean American Football Hall of Fame Committee**

## French Guiana's late goal foils Belize's victory plans



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would pocket the win, French Guiana drew level in the 89th minute, with a pair of substitutes connecting to keep Les Yana Dokos undefeated. Warren Rino's cross took a deflection in the

box, with Sarrucco able to eagerly sweep the ball home to secure a point.

The two teams meet again to close out the June international window, with French Guiana set to host Belize on June 14 at the Stade Municipal Dr. Edmond Lama.

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